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Blind Date With A Book Program

Participate in this fun program to check out and enjoy a title that you may not have picked for yourself. All the books have been wrapped, so no one knows what title you are checking out. The only information included is the first sentence, whether it is large print or regular print, and if it is fiction or nonfiction. Just fill out the form at **https://forms.office.com/g/Vf8phW62x3**, and your blind date(s) will be on their way to you.

Once you have completed the book, please fill out the "Rate Your Date" card and return it to the library before March 15 to be eligible for a prize.

If you get a dud, please let us know, and we will send another one your way immediately.

If you have any questions, contact the State Library at **ndslpa@nd.gov** or 701-328-4622.

New Online Reading Challenges

Two new online reading challenges are available to North Dakota residents of all ages. Track your reading and receive virtual badges with **Beanstack**.

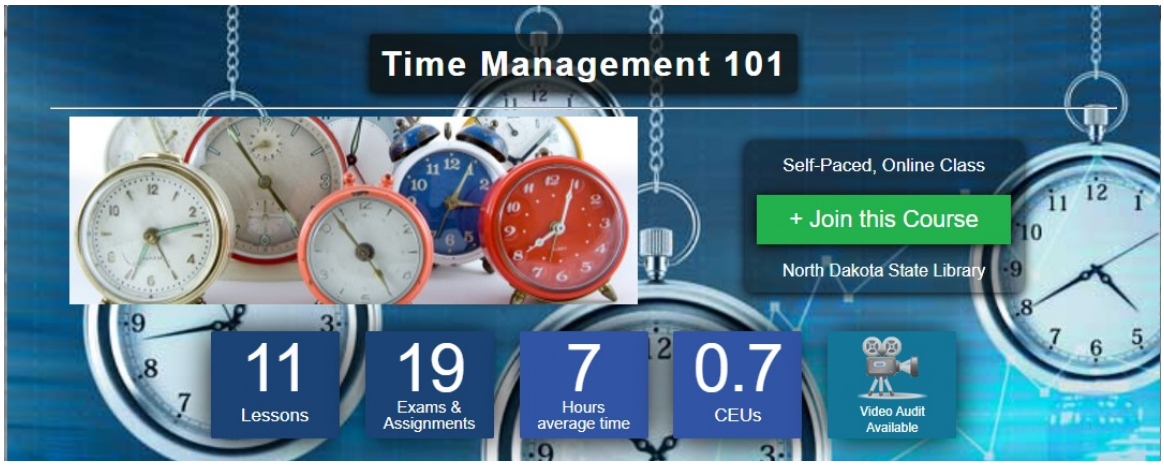
Black History Month 2022
(February 1, 2022 – February 28, 2022)
Celebrate Black History Month! Learn about the history of Black health and wellness in the U.S. and explore mental, emotional, and physical health resources created by and for the Black community. For further reading, check out book recommendations honoring the Black experience. Log your reading and activities to earn badges all month long.

For the Love of Reading 2022
(February 1, 2022 – February 28, 2022)
This month, share the love of reading with fun activities and book recommendations. Check out some of our favorite reads for all ages here at Beanstack! Log your reading and complete activities to earn badges all month long.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the reading challenges, contact the State Library at **statelib@nd.gov** or 701-328-4622.

Interlibrary Loan at the State Library consists of much more than books. By now, we have discussed multiple copy requests, audiobooks, and DVDs, but did you know we can also help with article requests? We have access to hundreds of libraries, and we can ask them to scan a copy of that article that you have been wanting to read or that newspaper article all of your friends are talking about. So next time you need help accessing an article, contact the State Library.

If you have any Interlibrary Loan (ILL) requests or questions, please contact the State Library at **ndslill@nd.gov** or 701-328-4622.



Universal Class Course of the Month

Is time slipping away?

Managing time effectively is fundamental to success, both professionally and personally. Today, we're busier than ever--at work and at home. There just isn't enough time for the important things, things we want or need to do, or even to devote to a special project.

Time Management 101 from Universal Class is a practical "how-to" course that will guide you through the maze of conflicting priorities, self-doubts, disorganization, over-commitments, and limitations that have kept you from successfully managing time in the past. It offers a step-by-step format for achieving a balance between your personal and professional lives. Courses include setting goals and benchmarks, managing projects and commitments, prioritizing your to-do list, and much more.

If you need help managing your time, check out this Universal Class course at **https://www.universalclass.com/i/course/time-management-training.htm**.

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

Here is a highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota

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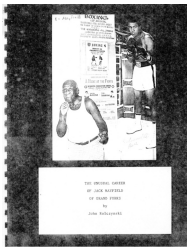
Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection

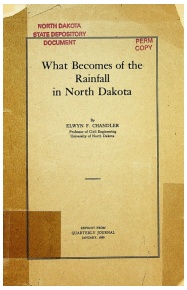


- Anderson boys on Custer Hill, Little Bighorn Battlefield, M.T., 1956
- Fire in Minot, N.D., 1942
- Fort Union Trading Post, N.D., 1998
- National Memorial Arch, Valley Forge National Historical Park, P.A., 1944
- On-A-Slant Indian Village, N.D., 1939
- Theodore Roosevelt statue, Roosevelt Park, Minot, N.D., circa 1924
- Welcome to North Dakota sign, 1964
- Writing Rock, Divide County, N.D., 1954

North Dakota Histories

- The Unusual Career of Jack Mayfield of Grand Forks

North Dakota State Documents

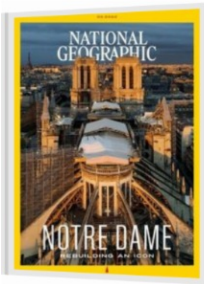


- Biennial Report of the State Board of Health, 1890
- Constitution of North Dakota, 1981
- North Dakota Vehicular Accident Report, 2019
- Precipitation Data for Various Stations in North Dakota, 1930s
- Price list of text books for North Dakota public schools, 1909
- What becomes of the rainfall in North Dakota, 1925

Find thousands of images, documents, videos, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today at **http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/**.

New Items Available at the North Dakota State Library

Popular E-Magazines



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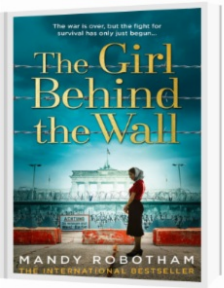

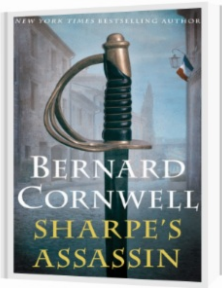

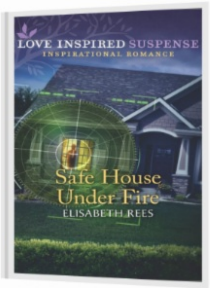

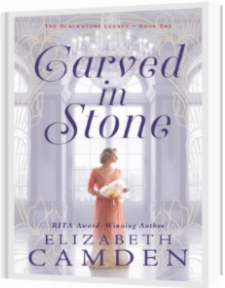

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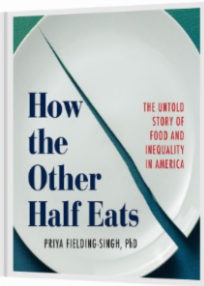

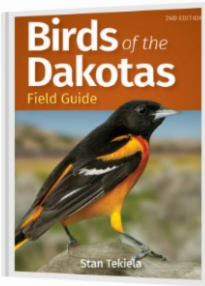

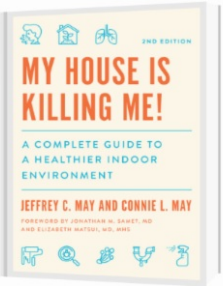

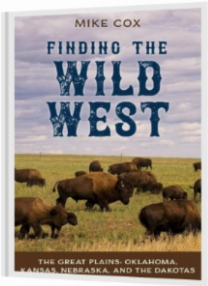

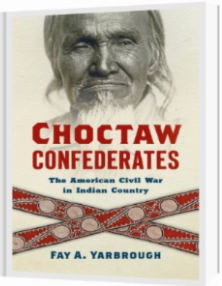

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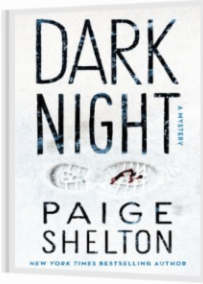

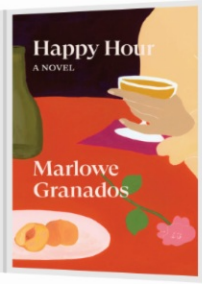

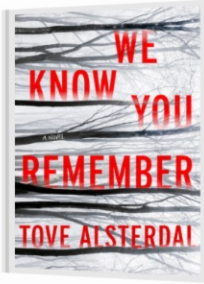

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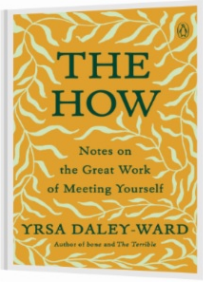

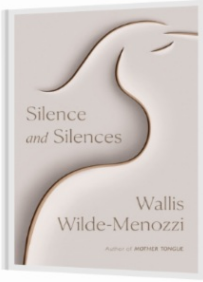

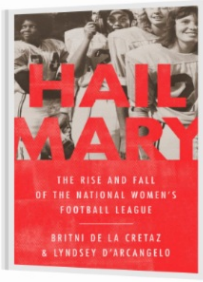

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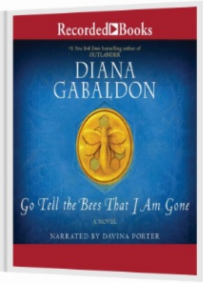

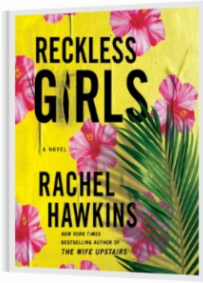

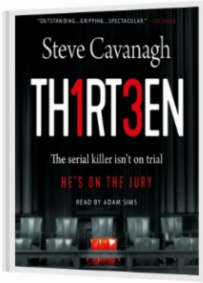

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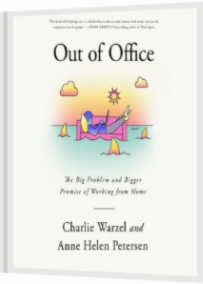
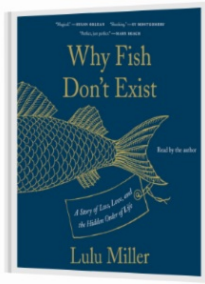
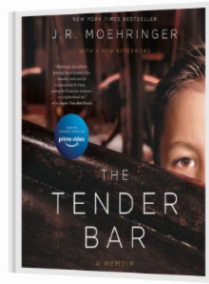
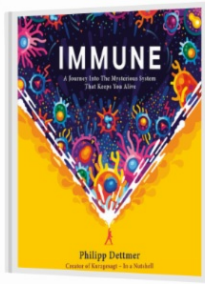








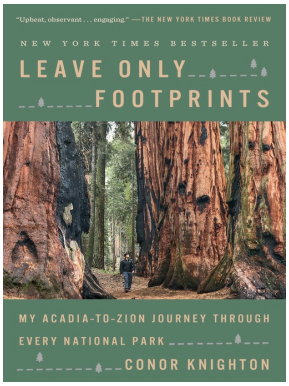
Computers Are No Longer Available at the State Library

The State Library is no longer providing computers for public use. Patrons are still welcome to come to the library to use the WiFi, access our collections, check out materials, and access our reference services. Additionally, people may print materials from a USB (items must be formatted as a PDF). The cost for printing is $0.10/page for black and white and $0.50/page for color copies. Faxing services cost $0.25/page.

Book Review

"Leave Only Footprints: My Acadia-to-Zion Journey Through Every National Park" by Conor Knighton

Reviewed by Shari Mosser



I started watching Conor Knighton when he helped launch Current TV and was the host of infoMania, a weekly round-up of news, pop culture, and politics. The network folded, and he moved around to different jobs. But then he sort of fell off the map. Turns out he was following a much different map of his own.

In 2015, Conor was dumped by his fiancée. Looking at the changes in his life, he pitched an idea to CBS Sunday Morning where he would visit all 59 “official” National Parks during the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. CBS bought the idea of a few stories, but that allowed Conor to visit the rest of the parks on his own. So began his year of living on the road and experiencing the beauty of the National Park system.

This book is a touching, funny tour of the weird and wonderful in the American wild. Whether he’s waking up early for a naked scrub in a historic bathhouse in Arkansas or staying up late to stargaze along our loneliest highways in Nevada, Conor shares an informative and entertaining dispatch from what can be considered the road trip of a lifetime. These are the stories you are not likely to find in any guidebook.

Filled with fascinating tidbits about our parks’ past and reflections on their fragile future, this book is both a celebration of and a passionate case for the natural wonders that all Americans share.

"Leave Only Footprints" is available on the **Libby app** and in the North Dakota State Library's **collection**.

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