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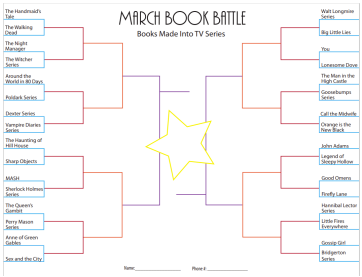
Book Bracket



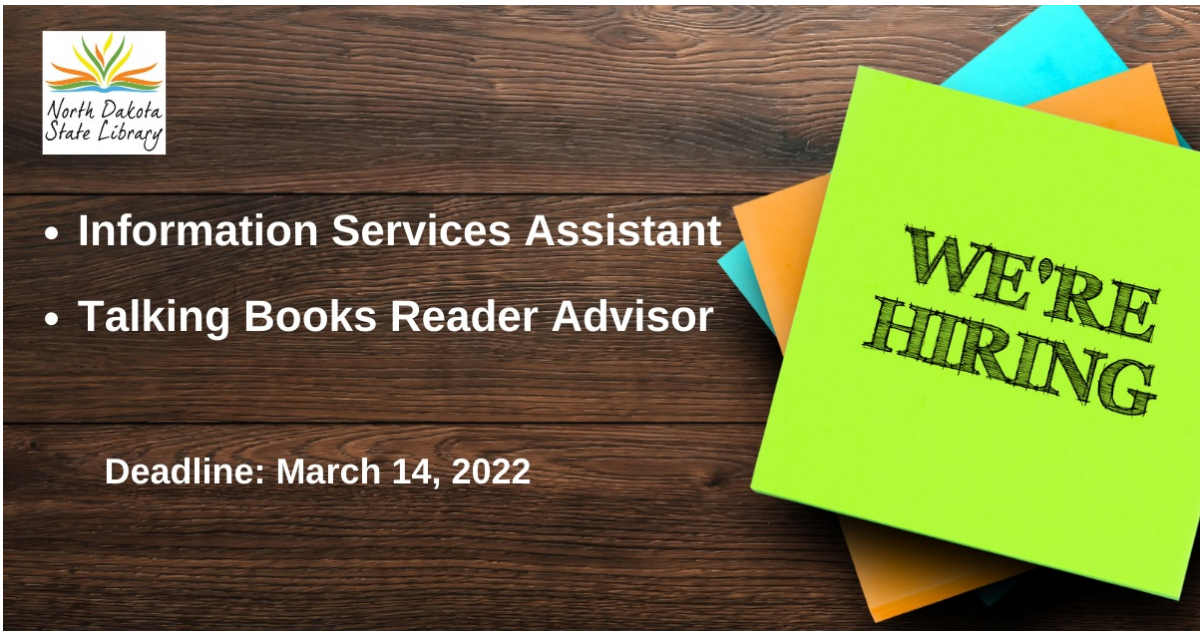
Book titles go head-to-head to battle it out for the coveted "Best Book Turned Into a TV Series" title.

To participate, fill out the **bracket** and send it to **ndslpa@nd.gov** or mail a copy to the State Library at 604 E Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505 before Monday, March 14.

The voting will begin on Tuesday, March 15. A link to the battles will be posted each morning on the State Library's **Twitter** and **Facebook** pages. Although the brackets can only be filled out by North Dakota residents, voting is open to everyone.

There is a limit of one vote per person per battle.

There will also be a booth at the Capitol across from the Capitol Cafe on Wednesday, March 9 (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM), where you can pick up and drop off paper brackets and learn about the services the State Library provides.



Virtual Town Halls

Join the North Dakota State Library in two Virtual Town Halls on Monday, March 28, 2022.

North Dakota Residents
Monday, March 28, at 7:00 PM CT

This hour-long discussion will include the services and resources available through the State Library. There will also be time for questions and comments.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Book Club Kits
- Digital Horizons
- Electronic materials
- Interlibrary Loan
- Online Library Resources
- Reading Challenges
- Talking Books Program

Come with questions and leave with the knowledge of what the State Library offers residents of North Dakota.

Register at
http://bit.ly/NDSLTownHall

North Dakota State Employees
Monday, March 28, at 10:00 AM CT

This hour-long discussion will include the services and resources available through the State Library. There will also be time for questions and comments.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Book Discussions
- Continuing Education Courses
- Digital Initiatives
- Inside Mail
- Interlibrary Loan
- Online Library Resources
- State Documents

Come with questions and leave with the knowledge of what the State Library offers North Dakota state employees and their agencies.

Register at
http://bit.ly/NDSLTownHall2

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

Talking Book Services

Patrons of the Talking Book Program are eligible to subscribe, free of charge, to magazines on digital cartridges. Choose from about 50 national magazines, including Good Housekeeping, National Geographic, Money, People, Martha Stewart Living, Seventeen, Cricket, and Bon Appetit. Many magazines are also available via digital download from Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD).

The program also provides free subscriptions to several North Dakota magazines, including North Dakota Living, North Dakota Outdoors, North Dakota History, and North Dakota Horizons. Magazines from the Talking Book Program contain the text of articles; advertisements are not included.

Administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the Talking Book program offers an array of services for North Dakota residents who are unable to read standard print materials due to a visual, physical, or reading disability.

For more information or to apply for the program, contact us at 1-800-843-9948 | **tbooks@nd.gov** or visit **www.library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html**.

New Online Reading Challenges

Three new online reading challenges are available to North Dakota residents of all ages. Track your reading and receive virtual badges with Beanstack at **https://librarynd.beanstack.org/reader365**.

Spring Into Reading
Put some spring in your step and get reading! Log your reading to earn colorful badges all month long. Ready, set, bloom!

Newbery & Caldecott
Dive into incredible books from 2022's Newbery and Caldecott award-winning authors and illustrators. Log your reading to earn badges all month long.

Oscar-Worthy Reads
The book may be even better than the movie! Check out the list of books that were made into or inspired by Oscar-winning films, with stories that explore the often complex and beautiful landscape of the human experience. Log your reading to earn badges throughout the challenge.

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.

While most of us still have not traveled much in the past couple of years, our books have. In the same way that we have requested items for you from all over the United

States, we also lend our items all across the United States and even scan items for other countries. Australia, Denmark, and Japan are just a few of the places we have scanned articles for this past year. Wouldn't it be fun to travel with our books all over the country!

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

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

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

North Dakota Atlases and Plat Books

- Dunn County Atlas-Directory, 1934

North Dakota Memories

- Boys helping with branding, Forthun ranch, McKenzie County, N.D., 1963
- Ray Tangsrud swathing wheat, Divide County, N.D., 1962
- Tangsruds harvesting in Divide County, N.D., 1952

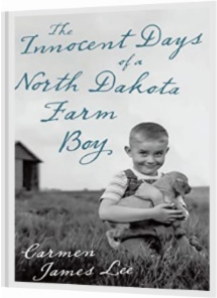
North Dakota State Documents

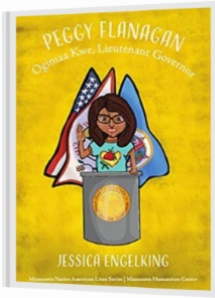
- Biennial Report of the N.D. Water Commission, 1937-1938
- Report of the N.D. Tuberculosis Sanitarium, 1912-1914
- Report of the N.D. Tuberculosis Sanitarium, 1920-1922
- Report of the N.D. Tuberculosis Sanitarium, 1936-1938

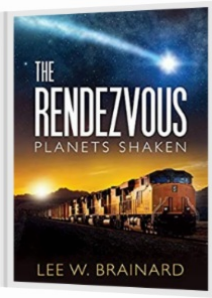
Find thousands of images, documents, videos, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today at **http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/**.

New Items Available at the North Dakota State Library

North Dakota-Related Books







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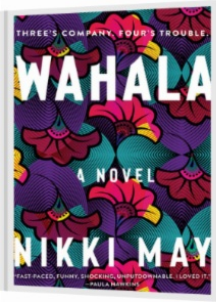

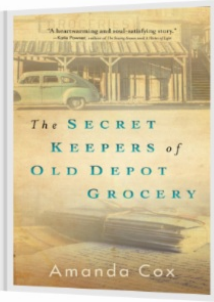

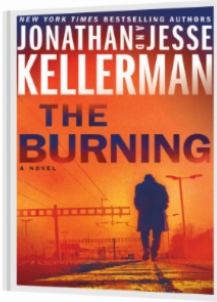

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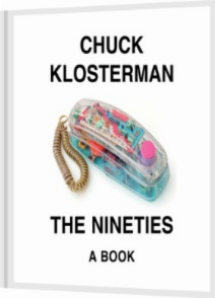

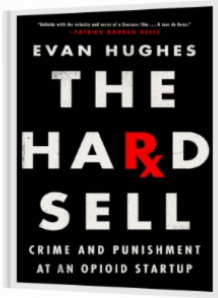

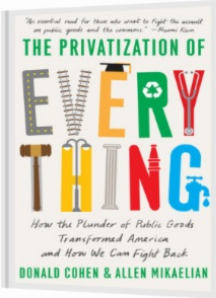

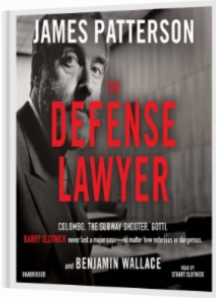

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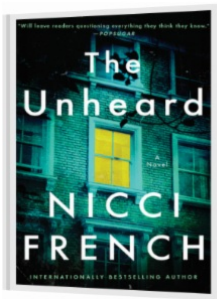

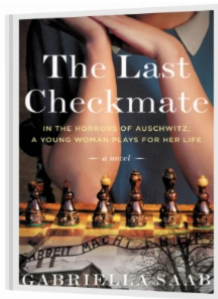

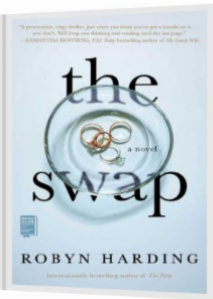

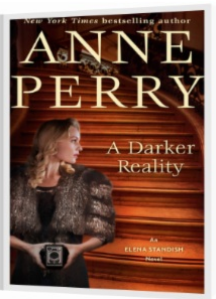

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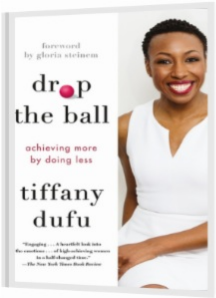

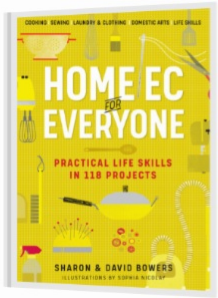

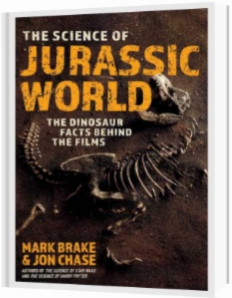

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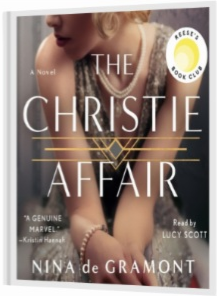

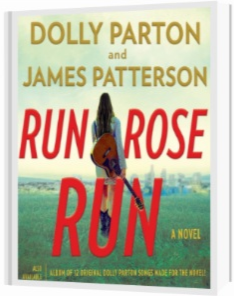

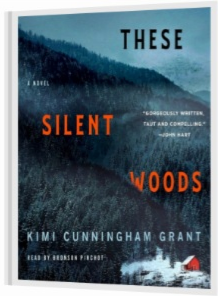

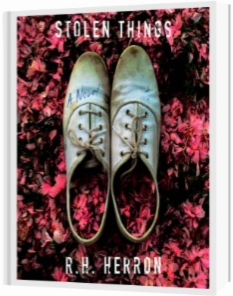

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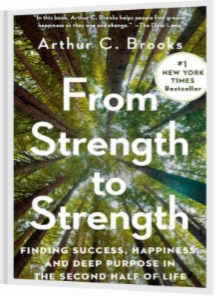
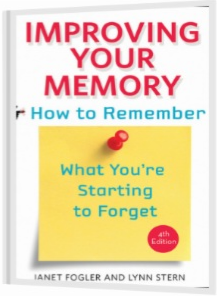
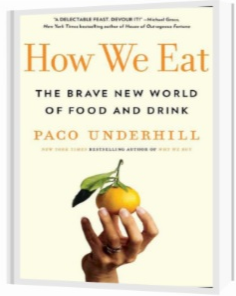
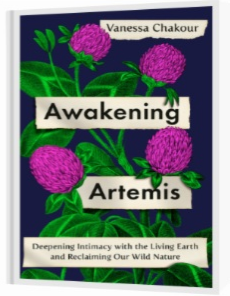
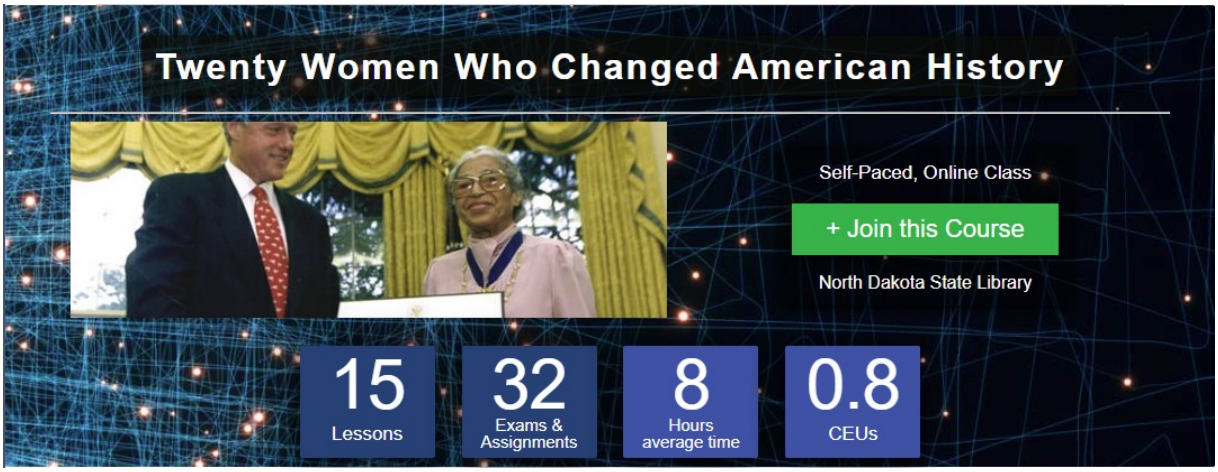










Twenty Women Who Changed American History

March is Women's History Month, and Universal Class offers a course examining the lives of twenty influential women who helped shape the history of the United States.

From the American Revolution to modern times, this course examines women who played a role in not only fighting for the rights of women, but also championing the causes of the blind, mentally ill, worker's rights, civil rights, Native American rights, and economic justice. This course takes a look at such luminaries as Abigail Adams, Susan B Anthony, Helen Keller, Sojourner Truth, Fannie Lou Hamer, Sandra Day O'Connor,

and many more.

Each of the 15 lessons contains supporting articles as well as the main article, along with additional articles and exams.

Check out this course and others at Universal Class at **https://northdakotastatend.universalclass.com/**.

Book Review

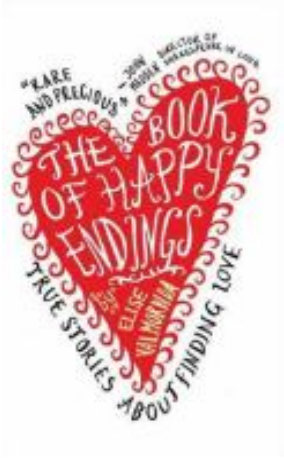
***"The Book of Happy Endings: True Stories About Finding Love"* by Elise Valmorbida**

Reviewed by Stacey Goldade

This book contains true stories, but it's written more like fiction since Valmorbida explains, "I have faithfully quoted the words of others, but I have liberally used my own."

There's one story that is sprinkled throughout the book, so watch for the chapter headings that indicate that. That story is told by letters written between the main characters. There are stories of

love despite 20 year age differences and love after divorce.



I felt the book got better as it continued, but aside from the one story that continues, you could skip around if you'd like. This attractive little book also has a variety of black and white photographs, not of the couples, but of things like a field of flowers and fireworks.

"The Book of Happy Endings" is available in the North Dakota State Library's **collection**.

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