North Dakota State Library
Talking Books

Discovery

Volume 19 Issue 1 Winter 2014

State Library Welcomes Mary Soucie

There's a new face at the North Dakota State Library. Mary Soucie began the duties of State Librarian on January 6th. Mary is replacing former State Librarian Hulen Bivins, who became the State Librarian of South Carolina. Mary moved here from Illinois, where she was born and raised. She received her undergraduate degree from Illinois State with a Bachelors of Science in Education and a Minor in Reading. Later, Mary went on to receive her MLIS from the Dominican University in Illinois.

Mary's passion for libraries started young. As a child, her visits to the library were so frequent that the librarian taught her to check out her own books. She began volunteering at the library at the age of 12, and by 18 was leading story time. She also spent school breaks volunteering at her library. Mary said her passion for libraries is in her blood; her mother was a reference librarian for 19 years.

Mary and her family are excited to move to North Dakota. She said she was drawn to the family values and sense of community that North Dakota has to offer. Mary has family in the Bismarck area and has spent significant time visiting North Dakota in the last few years. On a personal level, Mary is looking forward to exploring some of the raw beauty that North Dakota offers and building new relationships. On a professional level, Mary is looking forward to the opportunity to work with new libraries. "I love sharing my passion for libraries and building new connections with people."

North Dakota Related Books Available

The North Dakota Library Talking Books offers a collection of books, along with the regular collection of books, that are called the North Dakota collection. The books in this collection were either written by a North Dakota author or have some association to North Dakota in one way or another. The genre ranges from homesteading, World War II, humor, history, mysteries, biographies, romance, Christian Novels, and Native American just to name a few. Dedicated volunteers come in on a regular basis to narrate these books for the collection. We encourage you to check out the books in this collection, read about someone or learn something about North Dakota. Included is a list of the most recent books; please call the library to add these to the list of books you would like to read. A catalog is also available, so if you are interested, please call 1-800-843-9948 and one will be sent out to you.

LD00672

Norway 1940

AUTHOR: Francois Kersaudy

Though the peaceful kingdom of Norway was strictly neutral, in April 1940 Britain and France mined Norwegian territorial waters to prevent supplies from reaching Germany. Immediately, the German Reich invaded the militarily weak Norway. Kersaudy depicts the glaring political and military errors of the campaign and goes on to consider large questions about its conduct and consequences. This book contains some violence.1990. Adult Non-Fiction

LD00673

American Daughter

AUTHOR: Era Bell Thompson

In this lively autobiography, Thompson describes the experiences of her North Dakota girlhood and facing prejudice without the support of a large black community. She also discusses the impact of her North Dakota background on her later adventures in St. Paul and Chicago. This book contains some strong language. 1946. Adult Non-Fiction

LD00674

Birch Coulie: The Epic Battle of the Dakota War

AUTHOR: John Christgau

The author's account of the war between white settlers and the Dakota Indians in Minnesota examines two communities torn by internal dissent and external threat, whites and Native Americans equally traumatized by the short and violent war. The book also delves into the aftermath, during which thirty-eight Dakota men were hanged without legal representation or the appearance of defense witnesses, the largest mass execution in American history. This book contains some violence. 2012. Adult Non-Fiction

LD00675

MY LONELY WALK THROUGH HELL: A SOLDIER'S VIEW OF WORLD WAR II

AUTHOR: William E. Eisenbarth

A diverse U. S. army unit of nine soldiers from different parts of the US, together discover that serving their country during World War II was not just a duty, but also an honor and a privilege. Filled with warmth and humor, sadness and extraordinary horror, this is a real soldier's unforgettable story, having been a witness to and a participant in an event as monumental as any in history. This book contains some violence and some strong language. 2005. Adult Non-Fiction

LD00676

The Missile Next Door: The Minuteman in the American Heartland

AUTHOR: Gretchen Heefner

This book tells the story of how rural Americans of all political stripes were drafted to fight the Cold War by living with nuclear missiles in their backyards -- and what that story tells us about enduring political divides and the persistence of defense spending. 2012. Adult Non-Fiction

LD00677

The Hutterites: The Nine: Our Story to Freedom

AUTHOR: Glenda Maendal, et. al.

The story of nine young Hutterites from North Dakota and Manitoba who escaped the rigors of the religion into which they were born. 2013. Adult Non-Fiction

LD00683

Pomme de Terre: Abercrombie Trail Book 2

AUTHOR: Candace Simar

The Sioux Uprising of 1862, the largest Indian war in U.S. history, was over by that fall--or so the government declared. For Gust and Serena, newlyweds and fresh immigrants from Iowa, settling into their farm at Pomme de Terre was challenging as Indian raids continued in the western part of Minnesota. In their camps Sioux men, women, and children also were challenged--by promises by the government that were not met, supplies that failed to come, and starvation. This book contains some violence and some strong language. 2010. Adult Fiction

REQUESTING BOOKS

Our talking books staff would like to remind patrons that they can only check out a maximum of ten books at any given time. Some patrons go through their books very quickly and immediately put them in the mail and call for more; however, it takes time for our staff to receive those returned books and check them in. So, please be patient with us. If your record shows you have ten books checked out when you call to order - even though you may have mailed some of them back - be aware that we cannot immediately process your request. Our Reader Advisors will do their best, however, to fill your needs as soon as your books come back. This process allows us to better manage the number of books in circulation and ensures that all our patrons have fair, adequate and timely access to the titles they want for their reading pleasure.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY TALKING BOOKS — 1-800-843-9948

FREE MATTER
FOR THE BLIND

North Dakota State Library
Talking Books
604 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0800

Reader Meets Author

Candace Simar (standing), author of her Minnesota-based historical novels, Abercrombie Trail, Pomme De Terre; Birdie; and Blooming Prairie, dropped by the State Library and talked with Tonya Moe (sitting) who is currently recording the book Pomme De Terre.

THANK YOU, CONTRIBUTORS!

Donations given to Talking Books

Elizabeth Williamson

Mandan Dacotah Lions