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North Dakota State Library FLICKERTALE

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Did You Know?

North Dakotans performed over 5.4 *million* searches using Online Library Resources during 2007 - 2008. That's more than eight searches for every citizen of North Dakota!

DATES

January 23-28, 2009
ALA Midwinter Meeting - Denver

March 23-24, 2009
Spring Workshops - Bismarck

March 26-27, 2009
Spring Workshops - Fargo

June 1, 2009
Statewide Summer Reading Kickoff

Reference Corner

There is no denying it–budgets are tight and reference books are expensive. The good news is that the North Dakota State Library continues to circulate reference books to in-state libraries for in-house use. If you can't justify the purchase of *Cattle Breeds: an Encyclopedia*, then please, turn to the State Library. If you need help deciding where your reference budget should go, browse through the latest edition of *Recommended Reference Books for Small and Medium-sized Libraries and Media Centers* for ideas. Just call 328-4622 or 1-800-472-2104 and the friendly reference staff will be happy to assist you.

Federal Library Representative Makes North Dakota Visit

North Dakota had a visitor this summer. He left at the end of the week completely impressed with the state, the people, local library services, and the food.

Robin Cabot, Senior Program Officer for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) came to evaluate the impact of IMLS funding on library services in North Dakota. The North Dakota State Library receives Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding through IMLS for library services to North Dakotans. (See the *Grants* column on page 3 for a specific example of the type of funding that North Dakota libraries receive.)

Robin observed that funding provides information and inter-library loan services to North Dakotans, talking books for persons with disabilities, grants to libraries for computer purchases to search the Online Library Resources and ODIN, and connectivity for schools and public libraries to the state's electronic library catalog.

Robin made site visits and met with the library directors from the Minot Public Library, the Velva School and Public Library, the Dickinson Area Public Library, the Bowman Area Public Library, and the Morton Mandan Public Library. Robin discussed the importance of public library board members and the expanding need for teen services and was amazed by the level of technology available in rural North Dakota libraries. He learned just how good library services can be at small libraries and how far a dollar can stretch.

Mrs. Laura Bush attends the North Dakota Community Leaders Dinner with North Dakota State Librarian Doris Ott in Bismarck, North Dakota on Oct. 2, 2008.

White House photo by Chris Greenberg

Having been the first person in eight years to visit North Dakota from IMLS, Robin saw first hand how federal funding can improve library and information services to citizens and the value of continuing to support LSTA funding.

North Dakota State Library Attends National Book Festival

"When you sell a man a book you don't sell him just 12 ounces of paper and ink and glue - you sell him a whole new life." – Christopher Morley

More than 120,000 people must agree with this statement. In spite of the threat of rain and the oppressive humidity, they came to share their enthusiasm for the written word at the National Book Festival. The festival, hosted by the Library of Congress and Laura Bush, took place on September 27, 2008 on the Capitol Mall in Washington D.C.

The National Book Festival, held each year to celebrate the book, is free and open to the public. This year's festival featured many popular authors including Neil Gaiman, Philippa Gregory, Sandra Brown, Geraldine Brooks, Steven Kellogg, Katherine Paterson, R.L. Stine, Salman Rushdie, and many others. The authors read from their latest books, took questions from the audience, and signed books for those dedicated enough to wait in impressive lines.

The all day event featured several tents dedicated to different literary genres along with the Library of Congress tent, Book Sales tent and the Pavilion of States tent. The Pavilion of States tent had a booth for every state and U.S. territory. Children of all ages went to each booth and collected stamps on a U.S. map. Those who completed the map received a prize from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. North Dakota's booth was represented by Stephanie Kom and Janet Jury and featured the beautifully illustrated children's book *Gift Horse: a Lakota Story* by S.D. Nelson.

For more information about the National Book Festival including podcasts of author presentations, go to: www.loc.gov/bookfest. You can also bring this experience home with the Young Readers' Toolkit for 2008, available at http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/2008/toolkit/.

Summer Reading @ Your Library

The 2009 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) reading manuals are now available for purchase. The 2009 children's theme is "Be Creative @ Your Library" and the teen theme is "Express Yourself @ Your Library". If you purchase the manual, you will also receive two CDs which include graphics for use in promotional and programming materials. The manual itself is packed full of programs, activities, bibliographies, promotional ideas, and planning tools to help you provide a fun-filled summer reading program.

Governor Hoeven will once again be requested to proclaim Monday June 1, 2009 "Summer Reading Kickoff Day @ Your Library". A summer reading kickoff event is a great way to attract community and media attention to your library!

Manual order forms have been sent to all public libraries in North Dakota. To order your 2009 summer reading manual, please complete and return the order form. If you have questions about the CSLP manual or anything related to summer reading programs in North Dakota, please contact Adam Emter at 701-328-4656 or aemter@nd.gov.

State Library debuts Web-based Training

The North Dakota State Library is now offering a new avenue for receiving training—webinars. State Library training staff will also continue to travel and present trainings in person. These new online trainings were designed to reach librarians who have limited time and travel budgets for conferences, workshops, and professional development. Online training will offer librarians more flexibility in their daily schedules for attending professional training without having to travel. For instance, the State Library can schedule online trainings in the morning before libraries are open, or trainings can be scheduled at night after hours. Online courses can also be taken at home. A toll free number is provided for the accompanying teleconference. The software does allow for voice over IP (VoIP); however, it's only a one-way conversation. The State Library recommends using either a speakerphone or a set of headphones with a microphone. This allows for a hands-free environment without trying to balance the phone receiver during the training.

Currently, the State Library is offering webinar training for E-rate technology plan writing and an overview of the E-rate program. A webinar describing State Library services for school librarians is also being offered. Registration information and a schedule of webinars is located on the State Library website under "Training Opportunities". Development will continue for other types of web-based training, including Online Library Resource training and other library-related topics.

If you have any questions about webinars offered by the State Library or if you have a suggestion for a webinar, please contact Al Peterson at alpeterson@nd.gov or 1-800-472-2104.

FYI: Gates Foundation Update

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has included North Dakota in its Round 3 advocacy initiative. It will be working with the North Dakota State Library and eligible public libraries in North Dakota during 2009/2011. Further details will be posted as they become available.

Save the date!

The North Dakota State Library 2009 Spring Workshops are scheduled for March 23-24 in Bismarck and March 26-27 in Fargo. The theme is *Destination: Library* and the workshops will focus on the importance of libraries in communities. Mark the dates on your calendar and join us for another year of quality library-related workshops.

Spring Grants Awarded

The North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council awarded seven public and school libraries $18,404 in May, 2008 to purchase computers and printers, using Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding. The staff of the libraries receiving the grants will provide training to their patrons in the use of this technology for access to the numerous Online Library Resources available and to the statewide online library catalog.

New Arrivals in Library Science

The Accidental Technology Trainer : a guide for libraries

Women Engaged in War in Literature for Youth : a guide to resources for children and young adults

Multicultural and Ethnic Children's Literature in the United States

Library 2.0 and Beyond : innovative technologies and tomorrow's user

The Academic Library and the Net Gen Student : making the connections

What's the Alternative? : career options for librarians and info pros

Responsible Librarianship : library policies for unreliable systems

Readers' Advisory Service in North American Public Libraries, 1870-2005 : a history and critical analysis

Storytimes for Two-Year-Olds

Library Challenges & Opportunities. Tools of Engagement: attracting and engaging library users [videorecording]

Crash Course in Reference

The Library Book Cart Precision Drill Team Manual

Babies in the Library!

Minders of Make-Believe : idealists, entrepreneurs, and the shaping of American children's literature

Managing Electronic Government Information in Libraries : issues and practices

Sex, Brains, and Video Games : a librarian's guide to teens in the twenty-first century

1001 Books You Must Read Before You Die

1001 Books for Every Mood

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