Legislative Update

On February 19th, the House passed the State Library budget as part of HB1013 with a vote of ninety-two to zero. The State Library budget includes funding for State Library services, $1.3M for State Aid to Public Libraries, $237,000 for Library Vision 2010, and $320,000 for Online Library Resources.

HB 1013 was heard Thursday, February 26th in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Testimony supported full funding of the State Library budget as passed by the House, and also requested an additional $200,000 for State Aid to public libraries and an additional $80,000 for Online Library Resources.

A subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee was appointed to further study HB1013. The next step is for the subcommittee to make a recommendation to the Senate Appropriations Committee on HB 1013.

You’re Invited!

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) and the North Dakota State Library invite you to participate in a day-long Think Tank to further develop the long range vision for libraries in North Dakota. The Think Tanks will be held in three locations: May 28 in Dickinson at the Days Inn, May 29 in Minot at the International Inn, and June 5 in Fargo at the Doublewood Inn.

Librarians, library staff, students, public library board members, school board members, and all citizens of North Dakota are invited and encouraged to participate in the Think Tanks. The goal to further develop the vision for libraries in North Dakota will be better met with input from a broad section of librarians, board members and the public.

Plan to attend a Think Tank and participate in creating an updated vision for library and information services in North Dakota!
Summer Reading Programs @ Your Library!

The 2009 Summer Reading Program themes “Be Creative @ Your Library” and “Express Yourself @ Your Library” are full of possibilities. The State Library would like to welcome all libraries in North Dakota to participate in the annual Statewide Summer Reading Kickoff. Once again, Governor Hoeven has been asked to proclaim June 1st, 2009 “Summer Reading Kickoff Day @ Your Library.” Plan a kick-off event for your program! A kick-off event is an excellent way to get people in your community excited about summer reading programs. The Bismarck/Mandan kick-off event is scheduled at the North Dakota Heritage Center and the North Dakota State Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 1st.

North Dakota participates in the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) with 45 other states. CSLP develops an annual program theme, a manual, attractive artwork, and engaging educational activities. If you haven’t already purchased your summer reading manual, you may do so by sending your $10 payment to the ND State Library, Attn: Adam Emter, 604 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND, 58505-0800.

Spring Workshops
Destination: Library

The 2009 North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops have some good programming in the line-up! This year’s workshops will be held in Bismarck on March 23rd and 24th and in Fargo on March 26th and 27th. The locations for Bismarck will be the Best Western Doublewood Hotel and Bismarck State College Library. The Fargo locations will be the Best Western Doublewood Inn with the technology classes being taught at the West Fargo Public Library.

The State Library has a great lineup of workshops including technology workshops in both locations. Topics for this year’s workshops include: library marketing, developing programs in your library, basic book repair, summer reading programs, and video gaming in your library. A new addition this year will be round table discussions on various library related topics. Technology workshops will feature representatives from ProQuest, EBSCO, and Gale. Another new program addition is being presented by the UND School of Medicine and Health Science staff. This workshop will present Go Local, an online resource that provides information about health services available to the residents of North Dakota. This workshop will also present Medline, an authoritative information resource from the National Library of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health, and other agencies and health-related organizations.

Look for flyers in the mail, information on the North Dakota State Library website and e-mails for registration information. We hope to see you at the 2009 State Library Spring Workshops!
Summer Classes Offered for Graduate Credit

The North Dakota State Library training staff is offering classes in two locations for one graduate credit this summer. Classes will be in Bismarck at the Bismarck State College in the library computer lab, June 18-19 and Lake Region State College in Room #15 on June 15th and 16th. In addition to a fee for credit, which is $50.00, there is a workshop fee of $10.00. If you choose not to take the course for credit, the cost will be $10.00.

The Advanced Online Research class will explore basic and advanced searching methods for the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) catalog, Online Library Resources, and selected Internet sites. This class is designed for public librarians, teachers, and school library media specialists who have a basic familiarity with the online resources. The content of this course covers the same materials as Electronic Resources Searching Techniques that was taught in 2006.

Credit for Advanced Online Research is available for teachers from Minot State University, University of North Dakota, and North Dakota State University. Credit is available for Library Media Specialists from Valley City State University. Registration will be posted on the State Library’s Web site at www.library.nd.gov, or you may register by calling Sue Clark at 1-800-472-2104.

For credit through Minot State University, the University of North Dakota, and North Dakota State University, there is a $50.00 graduate credit fee, which is due on the first day of classes.

For credit through Valley City State University, you may register directly and pay online through Valley City State University on their website at: https://secure.vcsu.edu/extend/profdev-registration.htm. If you chose not to pay online, you may pay on the first day of classes.

The $10.00 workshop fee in addition to the $50.00 graduate continuing education credit fee is paid to the instructors on the first day of classes (please write separate checks for the graduate credit fee and the workshop fee). Recertification credit for Library Media Specialists must be taken from Valley City State University.

For more information about the workshops, please contact either Sue Clark or Al Peterson at the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 or 701-328-4622. Any individuals with disabilities or other special needs, or who need special accommodations in this course, are invited to share these concerns or requests with the instructor as soon as possible.

The State Library recently completed installation of compact shelving, which allows a more efficient use of space.
New Arrivals in Library Science

Developing and promoting graphic novel collections

The quality library: a guide to staff-driven improvement, better efficiency, and happier customers

From awareness to funding: a study of library support in America: a report to the OCLC membership

Library daylight: tracings of modern librarianship, 1874-1922

Radical cataloging: essays at the front

Questioning library neutrality: essays from Progressive librarian

The impact of electronic publishing: the future for publishers and librarians

Trustee trouble [videorecording]: the misadventures of a new library board member

Reference sources for small and medium-sized libraries

The library security and safety guide to prevention, planning, and response

The public librarian’s guide to providing consumer health information

The librarian’s guide to graphic novels for children and tweens

On these walls: inscriptions & quotations in the Library of Congress

The Library of Congress: the art and architecture of the Thomas Jefferson Building

Obscene in the extreme: the burning and banning of John Steinbeck’s The grapes of wrath