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State Library Booth at the ND State Fair - Minot

September
Library Card Signup Month

September 29 - October 2
ND Library Association Annual Conference - Grand Forks

October 12-13
ND Library Coordinating Council Bismarck

Reference Corner

Have visitors? Have time to show them more than your local attractions? The Department of Parks and Recreation now administers the Scenic Byways and Backways program. There are currently 10 designated scenic routes, ranging from 11.5 to 108 miles, with most in the 20-65 mile range. Guidebooks with maps and points of interest are available at most state Tourism offices and Convention and Visitors Bureaus, as well as on the agency website at www.parkrec.nd.gov/byways/find/index.html.

State Librarian to Retire

After eight years in the position, Doris A. Ott has announced her intention to retire as North Dakota State Librarian with her last day being November 5, 2010. She came to the State Library in 1986 and has held various positions at the State Library and was named to her present assignment in 2002.

Mrs. Ott is a native of Carson, North Dakota, graduated from Dickinson State University, and earned her Master of Library Science degree from George Peabody College (now Vanderbilt University) in Nashville Tennessee. She started her professional librarian career as an Assistant Professor of Library Science at Dickinson State University, was the first librarian at Magic City Campus in Minot, and held positions at a school library and a public library in Indiana prior to returning to North Dakota in 1986.

Some of her accomplishments while with the State Library include:

- Creating a Master of Library Science scholarship program for North Dakotans of which thirty-four persons have been recipients
- Development of a program that so far has added sixty North Dakota libraries to WorldCat (the worldwide library catalog)
- Served on the Library of Congress Long-Term Planning Committee for digitization of the Talking Book Program
- Supervised the operation of the North Dakota Talking Book Program since 1995
- Coordinated the efforts to successfully increase State Aid for Public Libraries funding by fifty per cent
- Since 1995, has been an active member of committees that have developed the long-range plan for North Dakota libraries (Library Vision 2004, Library Vision 2010, and Library Vision 2014)
- Through a partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, provided computers to public libraries

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- Began collecting and preserving North Dakota state documents that are born digitally
- Served in a leadership role in creating the current state-of-the-art interlibrary loan system that exists in North Dakota

A highlight of her career as the State Librarian was an invitation to the White House from President and Mrs. Bush. She received a personal request from Mrs. Bush to attend the one-hundred fiftieth birthday celebration of Theodore Roosevelt's birth. The event was held at the White House on Monday, October 27, 2008.

Her plans for retirement include spending time with granddaughter Alexandra in Fargo, golfing with husband, Rich, and expanding her image and color consulting avocation.

North Dakota Library Coordinating Council Highlights

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) met on June 16 and 17 in Bismarck for their annual planning meeting. Ann Pederson, representing Special Libraries, was re-elected Chair for FY 2011, and Mark Holman, representing Private Higher Education Institution Libraries was re-elected vice-chair.

The Council finalized the *Library Vision 2014* document for publication. The Council has worked on rewriting the document, starting with statewide focus groups, since last year. The document will be mailed in paper form to libraries and be available on the State Library website. Library Vision 2014 provides a blueprint for future library services by all types of libraries throughout the state through 2014.

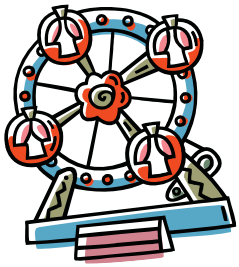
The Council members will be making site visits in August and September to libraries who have received grants during 2006 - 2009. The next Council meeting will be held in Bismarck on October 12 & 13 with the main agenda item to review and make decisions on grant applications. A list of the Council members and who they represent is available at www.library.nd.gov/councilmembers.html. Librarians and citizens are encouraged to contact their Council representative for input or ideas on library issues.

Dwyane Wade Leads Charge for Library Card Signup Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month and there's a familiar face promoting library card usage this year - NBA Champion and Olympic gold medalist Dwyane Wade. Library Card Sign-up Month has been celebrated since 1987 and is a time when the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country remind everyone that a library card is the smartest card of all.

If you're interested in more information about Library Card Signup Month, visit ALA's website at http://bit.ly/9pRWv9. You'll find sample PSAs, press releases, proclamations, and more that you can use to promote library card signup and usage in your community.

Visit the State Library booth in Commercial Building II at the North Dakota State Fair, July 23-31!



Dickinson Public Library Director Retires

With a long list of accomplishments, Cheryl Tollefson, the director of the Dickinson Area Public Library is stepping down. During her time as director, she has been instrumental in expanding the services of the library in southwestern North Dakota.

Some of the highlights during her years of service include:

- A 5400 square foot addition which increased the library's storage and seating capacity, added an elevator, community meeting room, work space and stacks.
- With help from the Dickinson Eagles, the library bought a bookmobile and added Billings County to its service area.
- During 1989 - 1990 a two-phase renovation project was completed which involved replacing desks, history cabinets, landscaping, restoring the dome and leaded glass, painting, carpeting and electrical work.
- The residents of Stark County began receiving library service and bookmobile service beginning 1990.
- In 1994, the new "Page Coach" bookmobile was acquired with funding from Billings County and Stark County and various other donations.
- The Billings County Resource Center in Medora was completed in 1999.
- In September 2004, an expansion and renovation project began that added an additional 14,272 square feet to the main library.
- In 2005, Slope County was added to the Dickinson Public Library service area, which includes three additional rural bookmobile routes.
- Cheryl was awarded the North Dakota Library Association 2005 Librarian of the Year award.
- In 2009, a new ThomasBuilt bookmobile was purchased to replace the one acquired in 1994.

Cheryl has always worked tirelessly serving library patrons in this area and will continue to do so in an advisory role for several months during the transition.

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Libraries: A Census
North Dakota Library Association Annual Conference

The 2010 North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) Annual Conference will be September 29 - October 2, 2010, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. This year's keynote speaker will be Joe Raiola, comedian and senior editor of Mad Magazine. Once again, continuing education credit at the conference will be offered through Valley City State University. Make plans to attend this wonderful opportunity for education, networking, and fun!

For more information, visit the NDLA website at www.ndla.info/Conference/10conf.htm.

New Arrivals in Library Science

Elementary battle of the books

Burn this book : PEN writers speak out on the power of the word

Survival Spanish for library staff [sound recording (CD)]

Welcome to your library [videorecording] = Ku soo dhawoow maktabadaada [in Somali]

Crash course in cataloging for non-catalogers : a casual conversation on organizing information

ShanachieTour : a library road trip across America

Public libraries survey : fiscal year 2006

Historical fiction II : a guide to the genre

Hooray for Reading Day! [juvenile fiction]

Shelf life [videorecording]

Digital barbarism : a writer's manifesto

Reading the media : media literacy in high school English

Beyond heaving bosoms : the smart bitches' guide to romance novels

The Wikipedia revolution : how a bunch of nobodies created the world's greatest encyclopedia

The war in words : reading the Dakota conflict through the captivity literature

Making dictionaries : preserving indigenous languages of the Americas

Enchanted hunters : the power of stories in childhood

Classic books (Our freedom to read, v.1)

Coming-of-age fiction (Our freedom to read, v.2)

Outsider fiction (Our freedom to read, v.3)

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