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Classes for Credit - Minot

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ALA National Conference
Washington D.C.

State Document Spotlight

The North Dakota State Data Center receives most of its attention when there is a new census, but they are producing useful facts and figures every month of every year. Along with a wide range of special research projects, the Data Center produces two monthly publications. *Economic Brief* covers topics such as health care coverage, household income, oil production, and construction. *Population Bulletin* covers demographics, high school student test performance, population change, and salaries. Both titles can be browsed online by both subject area and publication date at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/sdc/publications.htm.

2010 Spring Workshops

It's not too late to register for the 2010 North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops! The workshops will be held in Fargo on April 12th and 13th, and in Bismarck on April 15th and 16th. The locations for Fargo will be the Best Western Doublewood Hotel and the Fargo Public Library. The Bismarck locations will be the Radisson Hotel and the Bismarck State College Library.

The State Library has a great lineup of workshops including technology workshops in both locations. Topics for this year's workshops include: developing a Friends of the Library group, utilizing social media tools, and summer reading programs. Round table discussions on various library related topics will again be a part of the workshops. Technology workshops will feature representatives from EBSCO, Gale, and the State Library who will demonstrate and explain the new Online Library Resources. A new program being added this year is a panel discussion by community leaders. The discussion will give valuable ideas about increasing the library's role in your community.

Look for printed flyers sent in the mail, information on the North Dakota State Library website at www.library.nd.gov, and e-mails for registration information. We look forward to seeing you at the 2010 State Library Spring Workshops!

ND Library Coordinating Council Working to Finalize Updated Library Vision 2014

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council has completed a draft of Library Vision 2014, the vision and mission statement for the North Dakota community of libraries. In an effort to solicit feedback on the draft document from the North Dakota library community, the Coordinating Council requested input regarding the document. Respondents were encouraged to send comments to the North Dakota State Library. The Coordinating Council also hosted a public hearing on March 11th at the State Capitol. Community feedback will be evaluated and a finalized document will be available in the coming months.

For more information about the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council or Library Vision, please visit the State Library website at www.library.nd.gov or contact the North Dakota State Library at 800-472-2104.

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 on June 14-15 and at Minot State University, Old Main building in Room 316 on June 16-17. The Advanced Online Research class will explore basic and advanced searching methods for the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) catalog and Online Library Resources. This class is designed for public librarians, teachers, and school library media specialists who have a basic familiarity with the online resources.

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.

Online registration links for the Minot State University, University of North Dakota, Valley City State University and North Dakota State University continuing education programs are available from the North Dakota State Library Training Department page, www.library.nd.gov.training.html. The fee for the workshop is $10.00. If you are taking the courses for credit, an additional $50.00 fee will apply. You may pay the workshop fee and the credit fee on the first day of class (you will need to write separate checks for the credit fee and for the workshop fee). Recertification credit for Library Media Specialists must be taken from Valley City State University.

For more information, please contact Steve Axtman or Al Peterson at 1-800-472-2104. Any individuals with disabilities or other special needs who need special accommodations should share those concerns with the instructor as soon as possible.

New Arrivals in Library Science

The end of patience : cautionary notes on the information revolution

Evidence explained : citing history sources from artifacts to cyberspace

True enough : learning to live in a post-fact society

A picture book primer : understanding and using picture books

Reading is funny! : motivating kids to read with riddles

Graphic novels : a genre guide to comic books, manga, and more

Reality rules! : a guide to teen nonfiction reading interests

The real story : a guide to nonfiction reading interests

The race between education and technology

The Hollywood librarian [video] : a look at librarians through film

Simply super storytimes : programming ideas for ages 3-6

Battle of the Books and more : reading activities for middle school students

Fun-brarian : games, activities, & ideas to liven up your library!

The boy who was raised by librarians [juvenile fiction]

Differences between FirstSearch WorldCat and worldcat.org

WorldCat is the world's largest library catalog, detailing over 1.5 billion holdings from thousands of participating libraries around the world, including many North Dakota libraries. For librarians, WorldCat is a boon for cataloging, interlibrary loan, reference, and collection development operations. For library users, it's a means of discovering resources or creating a bibliography for a school paper. With this in mind, two separate interfaces were created to access the information in WorldCat.

FirstSearch WorldCat, accessible on the ODIN website at www.odin.nodak.edu, is a robust tool that is most often employed by librarians and academic researchers. And while it is a subscription database, the State Library covers membership costs for every library and citizen in the state. On the other hand, worldcat.org is a graphic-rich interface notable for its accessibility (it is on the free web), ease of use, and integration of social features like reviews, ratings, and tags. Every library that subscribes to FirstSearch WorldCat and has its holdings cataloged through OCLC can configure their own worldcat.org portal to further simplify discovery and access for their patrons. An example of this is available at www.ndstatelibrary.worldcat.org/libraries/56836.

ALA Library Support Staff Certification Program

ALA-APA is currently accepting applications from potential candidates interested in achieving the Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC). The LSSC Program is the first national, voluntary certification program for library support staff. Over forty candidates have already applied since the program opened January 25, 2010.

This new certification program will help library support staff achieve recognition for current and new skills and abilities, and increase access to continuing education opportunities. ALA and ALA-APA President Camila Alire affirms, "This certification program was much needed for support staff in libraries across the country. Along with support staff, I am excited that it has finally come to fruition. I encourage library administrators and support staff to take advantage of this program."

ALA-APA will award the LSSC to candidates who demonstrate achievement in six sets of competencies by completing approved courses or submitting portfolios that demonstrate their achievement. Candidates have four years from acceptance to complete the program. The LSSC program is open to any library support staff person with a high-school diploma or equivalent and the equivalent of at least one year of full-time experience in a library within the last five years. The application fee is $325 for ALA members and $350 for non-ALA members.

A certification program was sought for many years by library support staff. In 2003, the ALA Congress on Professional Education III asked ALA to study LSS certification. ALA responded by including planning for a certification program in ALA's strategic plan, ALA2010. Funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, ALA developed the LSSC over the past three years. More information about the LSSC program is available online at www.ala-apa.org/lssc.

Ashley Public School on WorldCat

In 2008, the Ashley Public School received a grant to add its items to WorldCat, an international library catalog that includes 127 North Dakota libraries. The Statewide Catalog Development Department of the State Library recently finished the cataloging phase, which means that 7,700 titles in WorldCat and worldcat.org now have an indication that they are owned by the Ashley Public School. The elementary school owns 4,200 of these and the remaining 3,500 are high school items. WorldCat and worldcat.org can be accessed at www.library.nd.gov.

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Stanley Public Library

The Stanley Public Library hosted an Open House on February 11th to showcase the new library building. "Our grand opening was a big success," reported Librarian Kelly Kudrna. North Dakota author Dean Hulse gave a reading from his book *Westhope* and visited with those attending. The Main Street Bookstore from Minot was at the library to sell Hulse's autographed books as well as books by other North Dakota authors.

While Kudrna and library board members gave tours, children filled the new children's room, new computers buzzed with use, and refreshments were served. Over 100 people attended the four-hour event, which also included a used book and video sale. "We received many positive comments. Our patrons are very pleased with the new library," Kudrna said.

State Librarian Doris Ott visited Stanley in October to offer assistance to the Stanley Public Library staff and board.

Kelly Kudrna, Stanley Librarian; Doris Ott, State Librarian; and Ardis Loock, Stanley Library Board President

Photo by Delores Bratton, Stanley Library Board Member

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