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State Library to Present Summer Breeze Colloquium

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The North Dakota State Library will be hosting the second-annual Summer Breeze Colloquium, August 7-8. This year's programming lineup will address several core topics of library management. The first day will allow attendees to focus on library policies. In the program "Writing Policy," NDSL Field Services staff will work with attendees to consider the issues and challenges behind good library policies and work on drafting ones that address the situations that make them essential. Librarians will collaborate to create brand new model policies for core library practices, such as circulation, internet access provision, and material selection. The second day workshops will highlight the basics of hiring employees and how to start a tax-exempt foundation in support of your library. The morning session, "Strategies for Hiring Success," will provide attendees with guidelines, strategies, and best practices to make the hiring process successful, and help libraries hire the right candidate for the job. Topics include: interview questions to ask and interview questions to avoid; tips and best practices for conducting an interview; evaluating candidates; job descriptions, job postings, and applications; and, recruiting and selecting library volunteers. The final afternoon workshop will assist attendees interested in starting a tax exempt 501 (c) (3) foundation in support of your library. Lisa Chaffee, CPA, of Eide Bailly will present the workshop.

The colloquium will be held at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck, Tuesday, August 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, August 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Blocks of rooms at the state rate are reserved at both the Comfort Inn (701-223-1911) and the Comfort Suites (701-223-4009) which is located next door to the conference site. To make your reservation at either hotel, ask for "ND State Library Summer Breeze Block" by July 20th.

Conference registration is available at www.library.nd.gov/fieldservices.html#tab_3. A stipend of up to $200 may be provided for participants who need financial assistance to attend the sessions. The stipend may cover the $15 registration fee, mileage at 30 cents per mile, lodging at or below state rates (a receipt must be attached for lodging), and/or the expense of hiring a substitute worker to keep your library staffed during the conference.

Please contact your NDSL Field Services representative with any questions or inquiries regarding the 2012 Summer Breeze Colloquium. Contact information is available at www.library.nd.gov/fieldservices.html.

The 2012-2013 school year will begin soon. Check out www.tutorND.com and be prepared to tackle even the toughest homework problems!

New News and Thoughts...

from State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins

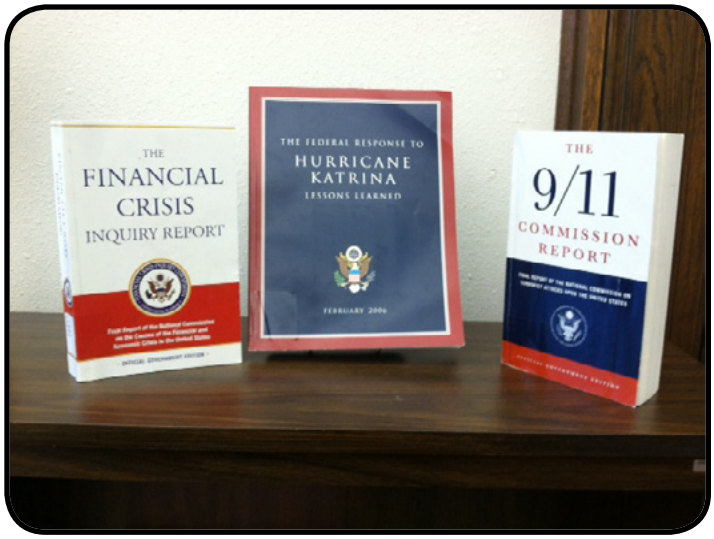
You've probably heard the expression "you cannot tell the players without a program." Obviously, the idea behind the expression is that many players either look alike or their actions, as players, seem so very similar. Many in the library profession may feel much the same regarding ebooks - ebook acquisitions, ebook collections, ebook accessibility, and, of course, ebook policies. So, let's check our program to see what might be new.

As a point of reference, a review of ebook opportunities might be of interest as noted in the article "What I'm Learning About ebook Use" by Cheryl LaGuardia in the June 1, 2012 issue of *Library Journal*. It is available online at http://bit.ly/MqLbxw. A nice follow-up article provides comments regarding the ebook options available to libraries in the article titled "Ebrary finds public niche" by Michael Kelley, June 15, 2012 issue of Library Journal. Herein, several ebook providers are described and compared. Both of these articles provide a follow-up to the May/June 2012 e-content digital supplement issue distributed by the American Library Association. The supplement provided six articles considering the issues of ebook future-casting; ebooks and users rights; and a publisher's perspective. The supplement can be found online at http://bit.ly/LVw9k4. These writings fit well with the considerations of the Pew Internet study released earlier this year. The Pew study titled "The Rise of E-Reading" is available at http://bit.ly/NhJKWE. Special note should be made regarding Part 5 of the Pew study entitled "Where and how readers get their books." Noted in part 5 are the opportunities and challenges facing libraries in their efforts to fill in service and marketing gaps.

Also noteworthy is a manifesto regarding ebooks that was issued this month (July, 2012) by the Colorado State Library and authored by Jamie LaRue and Colorado State Librarian Gene Hainer. This manifesto, available online at http://bit.ly/OkGS6d was composed at the request of public library directors in Colorado. Addressed in the manifesto are visions for the future as well as an opinion of what libraries should do now regarding ebook collections. Comments regarding the challenges of experimenting with products like Freegal and Freading; checking out ereaders with bundled titles; and even hosting the works of independent publishers, including many Colorado authors, are included.

In addition to the previously cited articles, librarians should know that OCLC is launching a new project titled "The Big Shift: Advancing Public Library Participation in Our Digital Future." The purpose of the project, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is to more fully understand the challenges that US public libraries face in providing ebook content to borrowers, and to ensure that all Americans continue to have access to commercially-produced content through their local public libraries, even as formats change. More information on the project may be gained at http://bit.ly/NhLkaR.

Meet the Collection : Federal Documents



The North Dakota State Library provides access to federal government publications through its participation in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The FDLP was established by Congress to ensure that the American public has access to government information. Since 1813, depository libraries have safeguarded the American public's right to access information by and about their federal government. The North Dakota State Library's print Federal Document collection contains United States government publications on a wide variety of topics, including North Dakota and regional census information, agricultural statistics, and health and consumer information.

Featured federal documents include:

The Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned
http://ufind.odin.nodak.edu/vufind/Record/006153352/Holdings

The Financial Crisis Inquiry Report: Final Report of the National Commission on the Causes of the Financial and Economic Crisis in the United States
http://ufind.odin.nodak.edu/vufind/Record/006930518/Holdings

The 9/11 Commission Report: Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States
http://ufind.odin.nodak.edu/vufind/Record/006000586/Holdings

In addition to the print documents held in the State Library collection, the FDLP also provides access to a vast amount of federal government information on the web. Check out the State Library's online catalog at http://ufind.odin.nodak.edu/vufind/catalog/NDS, the Federal Depository Library Program page on the State Library website at www.library.nd.gov/technicalservices.html?tab=1#tab_1, and the U.S. Government Printing Office FDSys portal at http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/. FDSys is a free collection of digital content from all three branches of the federal government.

New Library Science Publications at the State Library

Gentle reads : great books to warm hearts and lift spirits, grades 5-9

Popular series fiction for K-6 readers : a reading and selection guide

Unpacking my library : writers and their books

Scary, gross, and enlightening : books for boys grades 3-12

Library services to the incarcerated

Building blocks for planning functional library space

The possessed : adventures with Russian books and the people who read them

Libraries in the information age : an introduction and career exploration

Small public library management

State Library Staff Attend ALA Annual Conference

Submitted by Stacey Goldade
Head of Statewide Catalog Development

If you're ever lucky enough to attend a large conference like the American Library Association annual conference, here's a helpful tip: read the *Cognotes*, which is a daily newspaper printed during the conference. There is valuable information to be found, as I learned firsthand when I attended ALA in June. On Saturday, I was planning on attending a session in which three teenagers would be speaking about their projects and their books. I learned in the *Cognotes* that Gaby Rodriguez was ill and wouldn't be attending and since I was most interested in her project and not as interested in the other two, I decided to attend my second choice program during that time slot. I also learned of a new event by reading the *Cognotes*.

The Freedom to Read Foundation organized a screening of the movie *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* that won't be in theaters until September. This event was not in the initial schedule, so I believe it was organized at the last minute and was not publicized much beyond the small article in the *Cognotes*. The movie was directed by Stephen Chbosky, who is also the author of the book, which is frequently challenged for its content, which include sexual themes, drug use, and suicide. The movie stars Emma Watson and the director was available afterwards for questions and a book signing. Chbosky said this was the first screening of the movie for a real audience, as previously it was only shown to critics. Since I'm a big movie buff, this event was exciting for me to be a part of. Shown in a standard movie theater near the convention center, the theater was not completely full because not many people noticed the article about it in the *Cognotes*.

I also attended sessions about how to get published, YA fiction, floating collections, and heard from authors such as Dan Rather and Jodi Picoult. I'm not a reference librarian, but I even had a reference question while standing outside my hotel! A man asked me if there was a grocery store nearby and I was able to point them to a convenience store I had noticed the day before. If you ever have a chance to attend ALA, or PLA, I encourage you to attend. Then be sure to grab a copy of the *Cognotes* each morning to get the latest information so you can make the most use of your time there.

Submitted by Stephanie Kom
Statewide Catalog Development Librarian

This was my first time attending the annual ALA conference. It was also my first time in California and it was a bit overwhelming. There were programs for every kind of librarian and a large number of authors giving readings and doing signings. Among the several presentations I attended, there were two workshops that dealt with digitization projects and how each group was able to start and sustain their projects. There can be a fair amount of issues in these projects including buy-in, copyright, and sustainability.

One of the conference highlights for me was the Young Adult author coffee klatch. This gathering was a bit like speed dating but with authors. Each author sat at a table for approximately four minutes and the table could ask questions of each author and get to know more about them. My table got to meet Ken Oppel, Julie Helpern, Andrew Smith, Margarita Engle, Stacey Jay, Jessi Kirby, and Meghan Sayres. There were so many fantastic authors, I wish there had been time to meet all of them!

MORTON MANDAN PUBLIC LIBRARY DEDICATES NEW BOOKMOBILE

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Morton Mandan Public Library's new bookmobile was held at the library on May 31st. The new bookmobile, a 29 foot 2011 Explorer III Stepvan with ADA accessible lift from OBS, Inc. Specialty Vehicles of Canton, OH, began making its regular rounds to 35 locations in seven communities around Morton County at the beginning of June. Congratulations!

JOSEPH LINNERTZ 1941-2012

Joseph C. Linnertz of Bismarck, passed away June 24, 2012. He was a graduate of Minot State University and received his master's in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota. In his early years he was a newspaperman for the Velva Journal, the Drake Register and the Ambrose Progress in McHenry County. In 1985, Joe began his career with the Department of Public Instruction, in which he served in several capacities, including deputy and acting State Librarian for the North Dakota State Library in 1991, 1995-1996, and 2000-2001.

The above photo was taken at Mr. Linnertz's retirement party in 2004. Pictured L-R are : Joseph Linnertz, State Superintendent Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead, and former State Librarian Doris Ott.

NDSL Awards Continuing Education Grants for ARSL Attendance

The North Dakota State Library is pleased to announce that Bonnie Krenz, Director of the Griggs County Public Library, and Beth Reitan, Director of the Bottineau County Public Library, have been awarded a Continuing Education Scholarship grant. Each individual grant provides for attendance and participation at the national meeting of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) conference. (Visit www.arsl.info for details of the upcoming September, 2012 conference.) The grant award is for a maximum amount of $2,000. The funds are made available by the State Library with the aid and assistance of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (Washington D.C.).

The announcement of the Scholarship awards was recently made by Hulen E. Bivins, North Dakota's State Librarian, who commended the past work of both librarians and expressed great pleasure that two very dedicated directors had been chosen to represent the state. Bivins noted, "The simple gathering of information regarding library services is not enough; it is the ability of librarians to make a link between the information gained and the practical use of the information that is so important. In the selectees, North Dakota has two exceptional public library directors that will be able to enlighten other librarians with information regarding new programs and procedures." Bivins also expressed great appreciation for the aid of Susie Sharp, Director of the New Rockford Public Library, who participated in the selection of the grant recipients. Ms. Sharp represented North Dakota last year at the ARSL conference.

North Dakota Library-Produced Documents Recognized

Bismarck Public Library Children's Librarian Traci Juhala (left) and State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins (right)

The Library Leadership Administration and Management Association (LLAMA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), announced the winners of the "Best of Show" awards for public relations materials at the recent ALA conference in Anaheim, California.

Traci Juhala of Bismarck Public Library accepted an award for "Honorable Mention" for Social Media Integration for the Bismarck Public Library produced "Monday Night" video at http://youtu.be/ned_NzZI9OE. The Bismarck Public Library posted the video on its Facebook page to let families know about an upcoming storytime schedule change. Librarians were able to have fun and use their imaginations to create the video. Using Facebook, the library is able to create a forum for communication and ongoing conversation.

State Librarian Hulen Bivins accepted the North Dakota State Library "Best of Show" award for its *2009-2011 Biennial Report*, which is available online at http://www.library.nd.gov/publications/biennialreport.pdf. The annual Best of Show awards recognize the very best public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year. This year's competition recognized original materials produced during the 2011 calendar year. Entries were judged on content, originality, design format and effectiveness, by a team of experts in public relations and marketing. For the complete list of 2012 winners, please visit http://bit.ly/Ng2IdV.

Bismarck Public Library hosted a very successful Friday the 13th "Mini Golf @ Your Library." Fifty teens attended the event, which was sponsored by Verizon, Central Market, Walmart, and Bismarck Parks and Recreation.

Photo courtesy of Mike LaLonde
President of the Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc.

Look for the State Library at the North Dakota State Fair, July 20-28 in Minot!

Daphne Drewello, director of the James River Valley Library System, retired on June 29th after 33 years of service to the Alfred Dickey Public Library and the James River Valley Library System. Lynn Krueger, library board member, presented the service award. North Dakota State Library Field Services representative Eric Stroshane attended the retirement celebration, along with librarians and members of the Jamestown community.

CALENDAR

August 7-8
NDSL Summer Breeze Workshops
Bismarck

September
Library Card Sign-up Month

September 19-22
NDLA Conference - Fargo

September 27-29
ARSL Conference - Raleigh, NC

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- The Tioga Community/Central Elementary School Library position was separated into two positions on July 1st. Dorothy Placek ended public library duties but will continue on as the full-time elementary school librarian. Maureen Omar assumed the public library duties. The public library's e-mail address has been changed to tiogacommunitylibrary@gmail.com. The public library location is the same and the phone number will remain 664-3627. The school library phone number is 664-3441.
- Wahpeton's Leach Public Library was recently awarded a $109,925 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation. The money will be used to provide building and grounds repairs and renovations.
- The Grand Forks Public Library would like other North Dakota libraries to utilize their "Book Club in a Bag" services. Bags may be checked out for six weeks, but can't be renewed. A list of titles is available at http://bit.ly/NoTMTO. For more information, please call 701-772-8116.

Measure Two Article Published by NDACO

The North Dakota Association of Counties has published an article titled "Measure 2 Rejected - Now What?" The article may be useful for future discussions related to property tax reform and funding for local services, including those provided by libraries. To read the article, please visit http://bit.ly/Mf6nW2.

Sheila Craun is the new director of the Heart of America Library in Rugby.

Welcome, Sheila!

North Dakota Sights and Scenes - *Small Town Centennials*

Whitman, North Dakota, recently celebrated its 100th year. So what's the big deal, you ask? Well, Whitman isn't just any small town. With a population of two, it's a very small town.

In spite of the population decline, more than 300 well-wishers showed up on July 6th to have a party for the town. Festivities included a parade, live music, pig roast, and a street dance.

Nearby Dahlen, North Dakota, also celebrated 100 years on July 7th. According to the 2010 census, Dahlen's population stands at 18 individuals.

To read the Huffington Post article online, please visit http://huff.to/LIzXJO.

Public libraries in the vicinity include the Michigan Public Library, the A.M. Tofthagen Library in Lakota, and the Park River School and Public Library. Stop by for a visit when you're in the area!

Agnes Soto, left, and Doreen Gerstner of the class of 1943 wave to the crowd on Main Street in Whitman, ND, during the centennial parade.

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MPLA Professional Forum at MPLA/NLA/NSLA Conference

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) announces a call for papers for the MPLA Professional Forum, an event of the MPLA/NLA/NSLA Joint Conference in La Vista, Nebraska, October 17-19, 2012. The Professional Forum is designed to present new ideas, innovations, and case studies in librarianship that would benefit the profession.

Papers of 2-6 pages need to be sent electronically to the committee to be peer reviewed with select authors chosen to present. Of those chosen, a cash prize of $300.00 will be awarded to the winning paper presentation and a one-year membership to MPLA will be awarded to the remaining participants. The presentations will be given on Thursday, October 18, starting at 7:30 am. All librarians are encouraged to participate. Research methodology is encouraged, but not essential.

For detailed guidelines, please visit http://www.mpla.us/events/mpla2012.pdf.

Please submit North Dakota library news and Flickertale "subscribe" or "unsubscribe" requests to ndslpa@nd.gov.

North Dakota State Library volunteer Diane Weber was recently recognized by Governor Jack Dalrymple, State Superintendent Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead, State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins, and former Acting Director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Ruth Scovill. Ms. Weber has donated over 2,200 hours of volunteer service to the State Library.

Great Websites for Kids Updated

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, has added more recommended websites to Great Websites for Kids, its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children.

Some of the newly added sites include :

- All About Birds - www.allaboutbirds.org
- Judy Schachner - www.skippyjonjones.com
- Poptropica - www.poptropica.com
- Seymour Simon - www.seymoursimon.com
- We Give Books - www.wegivebooks.org

Great Websites for Kids features links to websites of interest to children 14 years of age and younger, organized into diverse subject headings such as dinosaurs, authors and illustrators; games and entertainment; U.S. history; astronomy and space; and music. There is also a special section with sites of interest to parents, caregivers and teachers. Each site entry includes a brief annotation and a grade-level rating. Visit www.ala.org/greatsites.

Books Similar to 50 Shades of Grey

If you're a huge *50 Shades of Grey* fan, you probably know that a movie inspired by the series is in the works. Although work on the movie is still in the early stages, rumors are rampant about who might play the lead characters, Christian Grey and Ana Steele. Given the tremendous popularity of the *50 Shades of Grey* books by E.L. James, many library patrons/readers are asking for suggestions of similar erotic fiction novels. The following list provides erotic/romance novels titles that fans of the *50 Shades of Grey* trilogy might enjoy.

Suggestions include :

- *Beautiful Disaster* by Jamie McGuire
- *Bared to You: A Crossfire Novel* by Sylvia Day
- *Poughkeepsie* by Debra Anastasia
- *Thoughtless* by S. C. Stephens
- *Love Unscripted* by Tina Reber
- *Gabriel's Inferno* by Sylvain Reynard
- *Hearts in Darkness* by Laura Kaye

Google Introduces Indoor Maps Service for Libraries

Indoor Maps, a service that was recently made available for libraries, is a Google product that gives users a peek inside buildings. The Portland Public Library, ME, and the Hingham Public Library, MA, are on the service and approximately 100 additional libraries have signed up.

The service is available to mobile devices with Android 2.2 or above. For additional information or to upload your library's floor plan, please visit http://bit.ly/LIvPtt.

Microsoft Announces Free Cloud-Based Education Suite

Office 365, which Microsoft introduced last year, is now available *free* for use by students, teachers, and educational faculty. The suite seems to be direct competition for Google's Apps for Education (http://bit.ly/NkBG3N).

Check out Office 365 at http://bit.ly/OcJEue.

Measure Your Library's Social Media Success

Social Media guru Mallory Woodrow recently wrote "4 Ways to Measure Social Media Success With Free Tools" for the SocialMedia Examiner.

The four main points include:

1. Track Actions Visitors Take
2. Identify Social Actions Generating the Most Traffic
3. Find Out if Your Social Promotion Grew Legs
4. Get Real-Time Alerts

If you're using social media for your marketing or promotion, these tools might be helpful to gauge the success or failure of your efforts.

Read the full article and detailed list of suggestions online at http://bit.ly/LlrE5g.

Link Shortening Basics

If you are an Internet junkie, Twitter addict, or regular reader of this newsletter, you've probably noticed funny looking links such as bit.ly, goo.gl, ow.ly, and 1.USA.gov. These are all examples of link shortening services.

What is link shortening?

According to Wikipedia, it is "a technique on the World Wide Web in which a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) may be made substantially shorter in length and still direct to the required page." Basically, it allows users to morph a long link, such as *http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/al_focus/photos/world-without-libraries* into a shorter link, like *http://bit.ly/NfU2q5*.

What are the benefits to link shortening services?

Link shortening allows users to create cleaner-looking text and to use fewer characters in their message (very important to Twitter users). Some link shortening services also provide simple analytics data, including "clicks" and basic demographic information about the individuals clicking links.

Are shortened links safe?

That depends greatly upon the source of the shortened link. Spammers can use link shorteners to conceal the true domain of their malicious links. Consider the source of the shortened link - if it's in an unsolicited e-mail, be wary. If it comes from a trusted friend or organization (such as the ND State Library), you're safe.

State Name Origins

MentalFloss contributor Matt Soniak recently blogged "How All 50 States Got Their Names."

Of North Dakota, he writes, "North and South Dakota both take their names from the Dakota, a tribe of Siouan people who lived in the region. No detailed etymology of Dakota is widely accepted, but the most common explanation is that it means "friend" or "ally" in the language of the Sioux.

Read the full text and discover the origin of your state's name at http://bit.ly/MYHks4.

Pew Releases E-Book Study

The Pew Research Center, a nonprofit "fact tank" conducted a survey of almost 3,000 Americans to discover the new terrain of e-reading and people's habits and preferences.

Findings include :

- 12% of readers of e-books borrowed an e-book from the library in the past year.
- 53% of all tablet computer owners say they do not know if their library lends e-books.
- Among library card holders, 47% purchased their most recent book, while 20% borrowed it from a friend, 20% borrowed it from the library, and 12% got it another way.

Visit http://bit.ly/M0YJTr for the summary of findings and the complete report.

Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence Winners Announced

The first-ever winners of the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction were announced at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim on Sunday, June 24.

2012 Fiction Winner:

The Forgotten Waltz by Anne Enright

2012 Nonfiction Winner:

Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman, by Robert K. Massie

2012 Fiction Finalists:

Lost Memory of Skin by Russell Banks; and, *Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell

2012 Nonfiction Finalists:

The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood by James Gleick; and, *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* by Manning Marable

The Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction were established in 2012 to recognize the best fiction and nonfiction books for adult readers published in the U.S. the previous year.

We never really grow up,
we simply learn how to act in public.

A Deadhead's Delight

With the June launch of an online archive, Deadheads and music aficionados now have a new resource for all things Grateful Dead. Previously, former band members Bob Weir and Mickey Hart had announced (in 2008) that the band would donate its archives to the University of California at Santa Cruz. The Grateful Dead Online Archive features thousands of images and materials, including a timeline marking milestones in the band's 30-year career. Visit the Grateful Dead Archive Online at www.gdao.org.

Eighty-Eight Books That Shaped America

The Library of Congress has selected 88 books that shaped America that are written by American authors. The first was published in 1751, and the most recent in 2002. Each author is represented only once, with one exception - Benjamin Franklin, who landed three books. The list includes poetry, novels, nonfiction, plays, a polemic, books of science and grammar, cookbooks, and children's books. More information and the full list may be found at http://1.usa.gov/MnD5am.

Bowker Releases Publishing Report

Bowker, a global leader in bibliographic information, released its annual report on U. S. print book publishing for 2011, compiled from its *Books In Print* database. Based on preliminary figures from U.S. publishers, Bowker is projecting that traditional print book output grew six percent in 2011, from 328,259 titles in 2010 to a projected 347,178 in 2011, driven almost exclusively by a strong self-publishing market.

"Self-publishing is a true legitimate power to be reckoned with. Coupled with the explosive growth of e-books and digital content – these two forces are moving the industry in dramatic ways," said Kelly Gallagher, Vice-President, Bowker Market Research.

For more information, including the full statistical report, please visit http://bit.ly/N3cYIF.

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant Given to Allen Memorial

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has recently announced 32 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grants totaling $10.4 million. Recipients are matching these awards with $6.6 million in non-federal funds. The Allen Memorial Library at Valley City State University (VCSU) is one of the national grant awards.

The Allen Memorial grant is to address the continuing need for professional educators in rural areas. VCSU will use its grant to offer scholarships for 15 Master's degree candidates in the school's online Library and Information Technologies Master of Education (M.ED./LIT) concentration. Additionally, the grant will allow the university to offer four face-to-face summer institutes within the M.Ed./LIT program, providing full tuition scholarships for up to 120 students, librarian mentors, and faculty to meet for on-site field experiences, professional collaboration, and training in 21st century library leadership skills.

10 Things That Don't Exist

Adrienne Crezo in MentalFloss writes: "Facts are hard to copyright - impossible, actually and this is problematic for people who deal in information since any reference material is factual, and therefore difficult to protect from dirty, lying thieves who want to steal your work. That's where fictitious entries come in: facts become very easy to copyright when they aren't true. Here are 10 people, places, and things that exist only on paper, solely to thwart would-be infoburglars." Check them out online at http://bit.ly/N63lto.

Did You Know?

In all of Shakespeare's works, only one word starts with an "X" - Xanthippe, Socrates wife. He uses her name in *The Taming of the Shrew*.

North Dakotans celebrated Independence Day on the state capitol grounds on the evening of July 4th. Speakers included Governor Jack Dalrymple, Senator Kent Conrad, Senator John Hoeven, and Congressman Rick Berg. Music from the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra and a fireworks display rounded out the celebration.

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