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# North Dakota State Library Volunteer Recognition

> *"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."*
>
> ~ Winston Churchill

The North Dakota State Library hosted a volunteer recognition event on May 4, 2012 to acknowledge the efforts of its many dedicated volunteers. Speakers at the event included: State Superintendent, Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead; State Librarian, Hulen E. Bivins; and Amber Kraft, a North Dakota Talking Books patron, who gave an inspirational talk regarding personal achievement.

*State Superintendent Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead presents volunteer Diane Weber with a certificate of appreciation.*

*Amber Kraft, Talking Books Patron*

A student at Bismarck High School, Amber Kraft shared her experiences with vision loss. She has had a total vision loss since 2009, but that didn't stop her from excelling with academics, sports, or reading. Kraft enjoys listening to Talking Books and thanked the volunteers in attendance for their efforts to assist her and others with vision loss.

Volunteers contributed 3,754 hours to the North Dakota State Library during the period of April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. The majority of those hours were within the Talking Books department of NDSL, which offers services for individuals with physical and visual reading impairments. The State Library currently has 95 volunteers, of which 31 are new within the past year.

Volunteer positions at the North Dakota State Library include radio announcers, book and magazine narrators, and circulation assistants.

*State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins*

*About 50 volunteers and guests attended the volunteer recognition event.*

*Volunteer Lilian Wilson has given over 3,300 lifetime hours of service to the North Dakota State Library!*

# New News and Thoughts...

*from State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins*

More and more, the libraries in our state are receiving requests for ebook materials as the new format gains popularity, especially with younger (you are left to define the "younger" word) library patrons. While several sources are available for a fee or via a contract of services made by a library in behalf of their library's users, it is important to note, some free sources are available to help locate book titles of interest and there are some free sources where book titles can be acquired.

A good beginning is **InkMesh** (http://inkmesh.com). InkMesh is a search engine that crawls multiple on-line sources searching for free ebooks. The site allows for both title and author searches. **Project Gutenberg** (http://www.gutenberg.org) offers more than 39,000 free ebooks with the ability to choose among free epub books, free kindle books, download them or read them online; no fee or registration is required, but if you find Project Gutenberg useful, donations are requested. The University of Pennsylvania Libraries offers many online books that are free to read on the internet at the **Online Books Page** (http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu). A collection of free e-books, mostly classics, that you can read on your computer, smart phone, or Kindle are available at **Open Culture** (http://www.openculture.com/free_ebooks); included are great works of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Gizmo's (http://www.techsupportalert.com/free-books-children) is a beginning place to look for children's ebooks; also, check **Kids World Fun** (http://www.kidsworldfun.com). For those who might be interested in trading a previously acquired ebook title, **eBookFling** (http://ebookfling.com) is a site that gives free loans in a trade format using Nook and Kindle file sharing. To stay up-to-date with all things ebook, go to **The Digital Reader** (http://www.the-digital-reader.com) for news and reviews; it is suggested that you should especially note the section on "Tips and Tricks."

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As many of library patrons are now looking for the enhanced and/or the quick way to accomplish tasks, librarians need to be aware of the website **MakeUseof Cheat Sheets** (http://www.makeuseof.com/pages/downloads) that gives short-cuts for Twitter, YouTube, Outlook, Skype, Dropbox, iTunes, Photoshop, plus Linux, Mac and Windows shortcuts.

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NDSL, as noted in the last issue of the *Flickertale*, is now in the final stages of work on a new plan for the use of federal dollars during the years of 2013-2017 and the use of state funds in the next biennial budget. Ideas and concepts of services that might be undertaken continue to be welcomed and their submission to the Administration of NDSL by May 30 is encouraged.

## State Library 2009-2011 Biennial Report Receives Award

The Library Leadership and Management Association, a division of the American Library Association, recently granted the "Best of Show" award to the North Dakota State Library 2009-2011 Biennial Report.

Holly Flynn, co-coordinator for the award, wrote, "Our panel of judges was very impressed with your work. With several hundred entries, the competition was fierce, so you should be very proud of this accomplishment!" The award will be presented on June 24th at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California.

The full report may be found online at http://www.library.nd.gov/publications/biennialreport.pdf.

# Meet the Collection : Audio CD's

One of the missions of the North Dakota State Library is to collect works produced by North Dakotans. The State Library CD collection reflects the diverse musical culture found in North Dakota - from the bone-crushing heavy metal of Fargo's Sons of Poseidon, to the images of the prairie landscape eloquently described in the folk songs of Chuck Suchy. The audio collection also includes CDs from a diverse list of North Dakota artists such as Ben Suchy, Mylo "the Silo" Hatzenbuhler, Jessie Veeder, Johnny Lang, Lawrence Welk, Peggy Lee, The Blenders, Richard Torrance, Zwarte, and Chris Sand (aka Sandman the Rappin' Cowboy). The State Library also collects Native American music from artists such as Kevin Locke, Keith Bear, and Lakota Thunder.

Why do we include rapper Wiz Khalifa in the collection? He was born on the Minot Air Force Base in 1987. Blue Cheer, the seminal psychedelic garage band, is included in the collection because its bassist and founding member Dickie Peterson is originally from Grand Forks. If you have suggestions or information about North Dakota musicians, contact the State Library with details. You may search the NDSL collection for your favorite North Dakota musicians at http://goo.gl/1McgL.

## Getting Started With E-Books and E-Readers

E-readers seem to be everywhere these days. From the ever-present television commercials, to doctor's office waiting rooms, to airports and everywhere in between, e-reader sightings have become commonplace in communities large and small. The recently released report "The Rise of E-Reading" from the Pew Internet & American Life Project paints an interesting picture of e-reader adoption in the United States. Their February 2012 survey found that 21% of American adults had read an e-book in the past year. Additionally, ownership of e-book readers rose from 10% in December 2011 to 19% only one month later. Overall, 29% of Americans age 18 or older owned some kind of e-reading device, either a dedicated e-reader or tablet computer.

As the percentages reported in these statistics continue to rise, we realize that e-readers and e-books are reshaping how we think about books and reading, and in turn, how we think about providing services in libraries. With so many different e-reader devices and different options for obtaining e-books, it can be overwhelming to think about providing assistance to library users who come to us for help. If you're interested in learning about e-readers and are not sure where to begin, the North Dakota State Library has developed a series of "Getting Started" guides for the most popular types of e-reader devices. They can be found online at http://1.usa.gov/JBRkHG. These guides provide assistance with setting up, managing, and navigating various e-reader devices, purchasing and downloading e-books, as well as links to video tutorials on a variety of help topics.

The North Dakota State Library does not lend e-books, but for those who are interested in obtaining free content for their e-readers, there are a number of places online to find and access free e-books. A guide to free e-books on the web can be found at http://1.usa.gov/IUgWge.

If you are interested in learning more about e-readers and e-books and options for providing access to them and assistance with them in your library, contact your NDSL Field Services representative: Eric Stroshane (328-4661); Sarah Matusz (328-4663); or Elizabeth Jacobs (328-4680).

## ASCLA Elects Board Members

The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), recently conducted its national elections of new board members for the forthcoming year. The newly elected members are: Vice-President/President-Elect Sara G. Laughlin, Monroe County (Indiana) Public Library; Secretary Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer, New Jersey State Library; and Division Councilor Liz Bishoff, The Bishoff Group. Three individuals were elected in the category of Director-at-Large, including Martha L. Goddard, San Francisco Public Library; Lisa Ann Priebe, Colorado Library Consortium; and Hulen E. Bivins, North Dakota State Library.

Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead, Superintendent of North Dakota's Department of Public Instruction, stated, "The election of North Dakota's State Librarian is a reflection of the accomplishments of Bivins and is a reflection of the progress and promise of the North Dakota State Library in both new programs and strategies. It is truly a job well-done!"

## Bismarck and Mandan Libraries Kick off Summer Reading Programs

"Dream Big - READ!" is the theme at the North Dakota Heritage Center and the North Dakota State Library as the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library and Morton Mandan Public Library kick off their summer reading programs. This year these groups, and many more, will join together Friday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The North Dakota Heritage Center and state capitol grounds will be full of information and entertainment during that day for Dream Big READ. Throughout the day, children will be encouraged to sign up for the summer reading program on the plaza of the North Dakota Heritage Center. Representatives and bookmobiles from both Bismarck and Morton Mandan public libraries will also be on hand. Sack lunches, featuring a peanut-butter-and-jelly or turkey sandwich with chips, fruit, and juice will be available for three dollars. If the weather is good, activities will be held both inside and outside of the Heritage Center and the State Library, and adjacent the Capitol Mall.

Kicking off the day at 10 a.m. will be a puppet show with the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and Morton Mandan Public Library in the Heritage Center Outdoor Amphitheater. That will be followed at 10:15 a.m. by a featured storytime read by First Lady Betsy Dalrymple. In the State Library Reading Room, celebrity readers will entertain children with their favorite stories. North Dakota Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Wayne Sanstead, Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley, Bismarck Mayor John Warford, Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle, State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins, Bismarck Public Library Director Kristi Harms, and others from the Bismarck and Mandan libraries will perform storytime readings.

A special feature this year will be the Star Lab (a portable planetarium) that will host tours starting every 20 minutes. The Geological Survey paleontologists will be on hand with fossils and will do fossil identification for those who bring specimens. Emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and police cars will be available for children to get a closer view, and their operators will be present to answer questions. Celebrity characters such as Smokey Bear, St. Alexius' Alex the Cat, Medcenter One's Meddy Bear, Bismarck Forestry's Forrest von Flikentale, and various story book characters will delight youngsters as they move from one activity to another.

Scheduled activity times and additional details are available online at http://1.usa.gov/KWrZGr.

## ND Library Tidbits

- The McVille Community Library hosted an Elder-speak program on March 22nd. "Country Schools" was the theme for the event, which gave attendees the opportunity to learn, laugh, and reminisce. Over forty community members attended the program.
- A Grand Forks couple recently held a baby shower and requested that friends and family donate to the Children's Department of the Grand Forks Public Library in lieu of gifts. Over $1,000 was donated! Thanks to the donations, the Children's Department purchased a puppet theater, Edushape EduBlocks, jumbo magnetic letters and numbers, a Learning Rug, and a LEGO Cinderella Castle and LEGO Deluxe Train Set.
- The Heart of America Library in Rugby and Hebron Public Library recently worked with the North Dakota State Library to get a presence on the Internet. Check out the new sites at www.rugbyndlibrary.com and www.hebronndlibrary.com.
- The Impact-Cando Connection Fund recently awarded a $5,800 grant to the Cando Community Library. The grant will allow the library to build new shelves for its children and teen rooms, add weekly story time activities, and create a homework/reading room for teens. Cando-area student Hannah Alto, along with assistance from library board members, will lead the projects, which will provide the basis for her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Please submit North Dakota library news to Adam Emter at ndslpa@nd.gov.

### State Library Staff Update

*Ryan Kroh has been hired as Information Technology Coordinator at the State Library.*

*Welcome, Ryan!*

### CALENDAR

**June 1**
*Bismarck/Mandan Summer Reading Kickoff*
*Bismarck*

**June 21-26**
*ALA Annual Conference - Anaheim, CA*

**August 7-8**
*NDSL Summer Breeze Workshops*
*Bismarck*

## ODIN Discovery Tool News

The North Dakota University System has recently concluded an agreement for the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) to implement the Primo discovery and delivery solution and the SFX OpenURL link resolver. Tony Stukel, ODIN Director, reported that the new Primo and SFX software will expand the discovery capability of the current ODIN public interface and closely integrate with the current Aleph 500 library system.

At this time ODIN is working with vendor Ex Libris to upgrade its hardware by moving ODIN's current Aleph 500 library system installation to the Ex Libris cloud. With the new configuration Ex Libris will provide the hardware and the operating system support for ODIN. ODIN will continue to provide first line support of the Aleph 500 library system software for ODIN libraries. The hardware upgrade is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month, May 2012.

On the completion of the hardware upgrade, ODIN will be meeting with Ex Libris to outline the work plan to implement the Primo and SFX. Updates on progress and the project outline will be made available to all libraries as they are developed.

## Collections Care Workshops Offered

Staff, board members and volunteers from museums, libraries and archives are invited to attend free hands-on workshops hosted by the Dakota Collections Care Initiative (DCCI) this summer.

Workshop Locations :

- May 16-18: Griggs County Historical Society, Cooperstown
- May 23-25: Ox Cart Trails Historical Society, Drayton
- June 6-8: Northwest Art Gallery at Minot State University, Minot
- June 13-15: Lewis and Clark Trail Museum, Alexander
- June 20-22: Stoxen Library at Dickinson State University, Dickinson
- June 27-29: Pioneer Trails Regional Museum, Bowman

Registration for each workshop closes one week prior to the start date. The workshops are free, but registration is required. Register online at http://dcciworkshops2012.eventbrite.com.

A detailed schedule for the three-day workshops is available at http://history.nd.gov/dcci/index.html.

For questions, contact Dana at clearfour@btinet.net or Jackie at clearfive@btinet.net or call 701-355-4458.

The Dakota Collections Care Initiative (DCCI) is a partnership between collections care professionals at museums, libraries and archives in North Dakota and South Dakota to improve collections care and emergency preparedness and response for small and mid-sized collecting heritage institutions across the two states. The project is made possible by a two-year Connecting to Collections implementation grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

## Discover Earth: Hands-on Activities

The Lunar and Planetary Institute is pleased to announce the release of "Discover Earth: Hands-on Activities," a module to support hands-on Earth science explorations in libraries and other places of community learning. Educators are invited to download the activities, supporting reading games, and facilitator resources, all free for educational use, at www.lpi.usra.edu/explore/discoverEarth. For questions or comments relating to these materials, please contact the Explore program team at explore@lpi.usra.edu.

The Discover Earth activities focus on Earth science topics close to home — such as local weather and the plants, animals, crops, and environmental features unique to your region — as well as a global view of our changing planet. There are icebreaker activities, science investigations, weather observations, crafts, and more! The activities are designed to be easy to implement, and they require readily available, and generally inexpensive, materials. The activities are designed for use with audiences in the following four age ranges: 5 to 7, 8 to 9, 10 to 13, and teens. Reading games, customized for ages 5 to 9, 10 to 13, and teens, combine book lists and reading logs into take-home adventures that support the hands-on activities. The reading games and reading lists can even be customized to suit your institutions' resources and needs! The Facilitator's Resources packet includes background information, resource lists, and other information designed to assist you in facilitating the activities.

Librarians, scientists, engineers, educators, museum staff, and others are invited to join the STAR_Net online community! The website fosters collaboration among professionals who want to provide or support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning experiences in libraries. Please join the online community at http://community.discoverexhibits.org to share your experiences implementing the Discover Earth activities with your colleagues. For more information, contact Keliann LaConte at 281-486-2166 or laconte@lpi.usra.edu.

## New Library Science Publications at the State Library

**Mobile technology and libraries**

**Next-gen library catalogs**

**Gaming in libraries**

**Library videos and webcasts**

**Search patterns**

**The librarian's book of lists**

**Public libraries going green**

**The anywhere library :** a primer for the mobile Web

**The readers' advisory handbook**

**The encyclopedia of Christian literature**

**Go get that grant! :** a practical guide for libraries and nonprofit organizations

**The inside-outside book of libraries**

**No shelf required 2 :** use and management of electronic books

**Teaching information literacy :** 50 standards-based exercises for college students

**Crash course in genealogy**

**Copyfraud and other abuses of intellectual property law**

**Dogs in books :** a celebration of dog illustration through the ages

**Reading at home A to Z :** 26 family reading habits

**Life stories :** a guide to reading interests in memoirs, autobiographies, and diaries

**The black belt librarian :** real-world safety & security

## North Dakota Sights and Scenes - *World's Largest Hamburger*

On June 26, 1982, hundreds of people gathered in the small town of Rutland, North Dakota to witness a record-setting feat. On that day, leaders of the Rutland Community Club secured a spot in the *Guinness Book of World Records* by frying and flipping a 3,591 pound hamburger.

Beef for the gigantic burger was hauled using refrigerated trucks and was weighed at a grain elevator before being brought to a pasture just outside of town for cooking. Spectators, along with local news media, gathered to watch as two giant burners heated up the homemade, 16-foot frying pan. The burger was flipped using a crane with chains attached. For more information about the colossal burger, visit http://bit.ly/Jn0dUX or http://bit.ly/KQOv3z.

Nine miles northwest of Rutland is Forman, North Dakota. The Forman Public Library is open Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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*www.heritagerenewal.org*

## Promote Your Library With This New Resource From ALTAFF

"School libraries are the foundations of our culture - not luxuries." - Laurie Halse Anderson

"A library is the home for an imagination." - Lisa Scottoline

"Sharing education, sharing a book - that's what changes the world." - Brad Meltzer

Quotes from well-known personalities on the importance of libraries and what libraries mean to them are great tools to help advocate for your library in your community. The Association for Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF), a division of the American Library Association, along with ilovelibraries.org, presents the Library Quotes database, a collection of quotes about libraries, reading, books, literacy, and more, by authors, celebrities, politicians, historic figures, activists, philanthropists, and other well-known people. These quotes are available for use by librarians and advocates to promote the library's role in the community. Library Quotes can be searched by keyword, or by name, quote, or source. Visit http://www.libraryquotes.org to get started!

The Library Quotes database was developed as part of ALTAFF's Authors for Libraries program, which was instituted to foster a partnership between authors and libraries, friends groups, and library foundations to promote the importance of libraries in communities and to keep authors informed about issues concerning libraries. For more information on ALTAFF and its valuable resources for library friends groups, trustees, and foundations, visit http://www.ala.org/altaff.

## Memorial Day : A Quiz

With Memorial Day being observed on May 28, your library patrons may want to try out their ability to answer a few questions taken from the U.S. Naturalization Test. Let them test their knowledge by answering the following ten questions. The answers are given below. Have a great Memorial Day, and **please remember the reason for the holiday**.

1. How many amendments does the U.S. Constitution have?
2. What is the economic system in the United States?
3. Name your U.S. Representative and your state's Senators.
4. What are two Cabinet-level positions?
5. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?
6. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
7. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name ONE of the writers.
8. What is ONE thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
9. Before he was President, Dwight Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?
10. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

*Answers:*

1. *27*
2. *Capitalist economy/market economy*
3. *Congressman Berg, Senator Conrad, and Senator Hoeven*
4. *Any two: Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Education, Secretary of Energy, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Secretary of Homeland Security, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Labor, Secretary of State, Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Attorney General, and Vice President*
5. *John Roberts*
6. *Native Americans/American Indians*
7. *James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Publius*
8. *U.S. diplomat, oldest member of the Constitutional Convention, first Postmaster General of the United States, writer of "Poor Richard's Almanac," purveyor of the first free libraries.*
9. *World War II*
10. *Fought for women's rights/civil rights.*

## Essential Steps to Thinking Strategically

It's amazing how many decision-makers don't think about their strategy regarding a question or issue. The following three suggestions will help incorporate the process of strategic thinking.

First, evaluate the situation. As you do your research leading to your final evaluation you should look for and give consideration to alternative and diverse sources of information. Next, connect the dots with the goal being to piece together the right information from a variety of sources to generate new insights. The final step in the evaluation phase is to take time to discern what has been learned from the new information. Remember, the new learning may be positive or it may be negative. Regardless, such information can be used to avoid a problem, in the present or in the future.

Second, devise a strategy for execution. Be sure that your strategy is flexible and that it allows you to be proactive while maintaining specific objectives. With this accomplishment complete, be sure to communicate the strategy to all members of your team and supporters. In other words, make sure everyone's on the same page.

Finally, allocate your resources wisely as you use your insights, not just raw information, to make decisions. Remember to prioritize your actions and delegate tasks to those who are capable of executing the planned strategy.

Taken from "3 Essential Steps to Thinking Strategically" by Lauren Perkins in the April 19, 2012 issue of *Inc. Magazine*. Read the full article at http://bit.ly/ISt4jk.

## Did You Know?

In 1846, the *Daily News* became London's newest newspaper. Its editor-in-chief was none other than author Charles Dickens.

## 12 Great Small Press Books Recommended by Literary Insiders

As reported in an article by Emily Temple on *Flavorwire* (http://bit.ly/KrumEl), 12 great small press publications have been named. The list was prepared with the recommendations of publishers, editors, and publicists of small presses as they examined the works of their peers. Their recommendations included novels, short story collections, works of poetry and works in translation to add to our ever-growing list of must-read books. One cited work is the novel *Nazareth, North Dakota* by Tommy Zurhellen.

*Nazareth, North Dakota* is effortlessly funny and totally original. The novel turns the Biblical story of the Messiah on its head, setting it in the 1980s Badlands of North Dakota (acid wash jeans included). It's here that the reader meets Zurhellen's cast of characters inspired by Biblical figures like Mary (a woman on the run), John the Baptist (her hippie nephew), King Herod (the corrupt Mexican sheriff) and, of course, the Big Man himself. What's brilliant about this novel is how subtly the author works with his scriptural frame–at the end of the day, this is an honest story of a less-than-traditional family who's constantly learning what it means to go against the tide in a small town that is set in its ways. Coming in the late Summer of 2012 will be a sequel titled *Apostle Islands*.

## John Cotton Dana Awards

Eight libraries were selected for the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award, which recognizes and honors outstanding achievement in library public relations. The John Cotton Dana (JCD) honor has been awarded continuously since 1946 and is sponsored by EBSCO, the H.W. Wilson Foundation and the Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

For additional information about each of the eight libraries awarded the prize, visit http://bit.ly/JXYULu.

## Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Annual Awards

The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services, an affiliate of the American Library Association, offers annual awards that recognize outstanding service or support for conference attendance to this year's upcoming ABOS annual conference that will take place in Richmond, Virginia from October 10-12.

### JOHN PHILIP AWARD

The ABOS John Philip Award, with a cash reward of $300, is given to recognize outstanding contributions and prominent leadership by an individual in Bookmobile and Outreach Services.

### CAROL COMBS HOLE TRAVEL GRANT

This grant is named after Carol Combs Hole, who provided exemplary leadership on behalf of libraries, bookmobile and outreach services throughout her 32 year career as a professional public librarian. The award provides three $500 travel grants that includes free conference registration and a stipend for expenses and/or accommodations for the October conference. The winners automatically will be registered for the conference. Carol Hole Award winners will be notified by August 7, 2012.

Application deadline for all awards is August 1, 2012. Check out the awards and application details on the ABOS website at www.abos-outreach.org/ABOSawards.html.

## YA Books Featuring Strong Families

Jessica Miller recently wrote in YALSA's *The Hub* blog:

These days it seems like a major complaint about young adult fiction is usually to do with the parents. Either they are absent, making it easier for the teen main characters to go out and conquer the world or find love or even join the circus, or the parents are abusive, neglectful, or in some cases are unable to take care of themselves, let alone their children. So is it too much to ask for examples of strong and loving parents and families in YA books today?

I decided to hunt around through the books I'd read recently for examples of strong families and was pleased to find some great reading choices! These are books in which the parents care and are actively involved in their children's lives and books with families made stronger by obvious and open love between parents, children, and siblings.

Discover the complete list of selections featuring strong families online at http://bit.ly/JnrK8N.

## OCLC Control Number Expansion

Did you know that OCLC numbers are assigned to WorldCat bibliographic records, including Institution Records and that the OCLC Control Number is anticipated to reach one billion after July 1, 2013? At that point, OCLC will increase the length of the number to accommodate a variable-length number string. You may need to implement changes to ensure your systems will be able to successfully handle the longer OCLC number. Now you know!

If you want to know more, please contact the NDSL Technical Services Department at 800-472-2104.

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## Bodleian and Vatican Libraries to Digitize Texts

The University of Oxford's Bodleian Libraries and the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana in Rome have announced a new collaborative digitization project with the objective to make 1.5 million pages from their remarkable collections freely available online to researchers and the general public.

The initiative was made possible by a grant from the Polonsky Foundation. The digitized collections will be in three subject areas: Greek manuscripts, 15th-century printed books (incunabula), and Hebrew manuscripts and early printed books. More information is available at http://bit.ly/Mg5BwJ.

## Ten Tricks Built Into Gmail

Do you know about the shortcuts, settings, and features built into Gmail? There are quite a few tricks you might not know about (and some that Google didn't even intend). Here are ten clever Gmail tricks, as noted on April 21 in *Lifehacker* at http://lifehac.kr/Je3REy.

## Ten Things You Should Know About Genealogy

Diane Boumenot, a hobby genealogist researching the ancestry of her mother's four grandparents, created a list of the first ten things to learn about genealogy. The full list is available on her blog, *One Rhode Island Family* at http://bit.ly/JsQjF8.

Also, remember that the North Dakota State Library provides the Ancestry.com database as part of the electronic resources of ODIN. It may be accessed within any ND library at www.odin.nodak.edu/authgate/?db=AP1.

## 2012 Irma Black Award

Thousands of children voted for the selection of the 2012 winner of the Irma Black Award. The winner is *What Animals Really Like*, written and illustrated by Fiona Robinson. Each year, the Irma Simonton Black and James H. Black Award for Excellence in Children's Literature is presented to an outstanding book for young children in which text and illustrations are inseparable. For additional information about the award and the 2012 selection, visit http://bit.ly/J6mHwd.

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