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# ND Library Association 2012 Annual Conference Roundup

This year's North Dakota Library Association annual conference was held September 19-22 in Fargo. The conference included two full days of workshops and a half-day pre-conference workshop and half-day post conference workshop. Workshop presenters covered a wide variety of topics relevant to libraries and librarians.

*Wendy Wendt, director of the Grand Forks Public Library, presented a standing-room-only workshop on the topic of time management.*

Fargo Public Library graciously hosted an opening reception and tour at the new Fargo Public Library New Main building. Judy Drescher, past president of the Public Library Association, presented the opening keynote, while the "Unshelved" guys, Gene Ambaum and Bill Barnes, presented the comical "Surviving the Public" closing keynote.

*ND Department of Public Instruction Superintendent Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead was chosen as "Major Benefactor of the Year" by the North Dakota Library Association.*

Authors Kathryn Otoshi and Chris Rylander were featured guests at the Friday awards luncheon. Otoshi's book *One* and Rylander's book *The Fourth Stall* were selected as 2012 Flicker Tale Children's Book Award Winners by the North Dakota Library Association.

ND Department of Public Instruction Superintendent Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead was chosen as "Major Benefactor of the Year." The award was given to Dr. Sanstead for his "aid to and support of the North Dakota State Library since 1989." Christine Kujawa, Head of Circulation Services at Bismarck Public Library, was selected as the "Librarian of the Year." The award recognizes Ms. Kujawa's "many years of leadership to the success of NDLA."

*Christine Kujawa, Head of Circulation Services at Bismarck Public Library, was chosen as the 2012 ND Library Association "Librarian of the Year."*

The 2012 NDLA conference provided quality workshops, enlightening speakers, networking opportunities, and entertaining events for all attendees. The work of the NDLA organization and its individual members and officers provides ongoing support for North Dakota's libraries and librarians. Please continue to support NDLA through your membership and involvement. Finally, make plans to attend the 2013 NDLA/SDLA/MPLA Tri-conference September 25-27, 2013, in Sioux Falls, SD.

# New News and Thoughts...

*from State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins*

In *Field of Dreams*, the Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella says, "Until I heard the voice, I'd never done a crazy thing in my whole life." The voice told Kinsella to "go the distance" with the task to build a ball field. The reward was to be the satisfaction achieved because if he were to build it (the ball field), then "they will come."

So, having already seen most of the fall leaves cascade to the ground and having already experienced the first snow of the season, maybe it is time for a quick assessment of library services in the state provided by the North Dakota State Library (NDSL) - what NDSL is attempting to do and what NDSL is planning to do. Ray Kinsella was just like us. And we need to be like him and go the distance with the assurance that if we build it . . .

At the North Dakota State Library a new database with a new interface for quicker searches of the other ODIN databases is being brought online. The package from Credo expands the abilities of all ND libraries and helps to support the informational needs of the bustling economy of our state. The Tutor ND program continues to aid all of our citizens, K-adult. By virtue of the contract that the State Library has with MINITEX, myriad training opportunities exist. These training sessions are prepaid by NDSL with the expectation that school and public librarians, among others, can avail themselves of the various webinars at no-charge after registering with NDSL's training coordinator. Also, because of the MINITEX contract, ILL materials are immediately available with vast resources fulfilling informational needs.

The North Dakota State Library is moving forward in the agency's budget request for the forthcoming 2013-2015 biennium. The request will ask for a 22-cents per capita increase in state aid for public libraries, the creation of a renovation and repair program for public library facilities, and the continuation of present programs. Among the present programs is the work of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) which provides grant opportunities, using state dollars, for the inclusion of library holdings in the statewide catalog of library materials as well as grants for technology that help libraries in the state meet new challenges and embrace new opportunities. Other NDLCC actions include work on public library standards and participation in the mentoring program of the ND Library Association.

Work is ongoing in the preparation of digital material initiatives; the expansion of Field Services' programs; the development of expanded children and youth projects; plus, support activities regarding supplemental funding using foundations and outside grant sources. As always, if you have ideas for new programs and services at NDSL, let us hear from you.

A lot is going on. As we construct our "ball field" let us all remember the goals put forward and further remember to measure success not by outputs, but, rather by outcomes. Working together, much can be achieved.

## Library Staff Changes in ND

### INCOMING

Mercedes Sayler - Garrison Public Library

Joe Rector - James River Valley Library (Jamestown)

## Mary Fischer 1935-2012

Mary Fischer, director of the Valley City Barnes County Public Library died September 20, 2012.

Mary E. Fischer was born on February 14, 1935 at Buffalo, ND, the daughter of Patrick and Sarah Killoran. She started school at the Buffalo country school by her family farm, then attended St. Catherine's boarding school in Valley City until her graduation in 1952 as Valedictorian. In 1952 she married Clair A. Fischer and settled in Valley City, where they raised a large family.

After Clair passed away in 1967, Mary went back to college at Valley City State College and received her degree in education with a double major in biology and English and a minor in library science. She was employed at the Valley City Barnes County Public Library from 1979 until present and worked as the director for several years.

In 1995, she married Donald Anderson and they resided in rural Valley City until his passing in 2002.

Mary was very active in her community and church throughout the years. She was a 4-H leader for over 25 years. She was a member of the parish counsel, head of the CCD program, and lector at St. Catherine's church, as well as a member of the Catholic Daughters. She loved gardening, reading, and raising her children.

## ND Library Tidbits

- Rachel Kercher, originally from West Fargo, recently became the children's librarian at the Leach Public Library in Wahpeton. Kercher, a 2001 graduate of Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., previously worked at the West Fargo Public Library.
- The North Dakota Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee created a video in celebration of Banned Book Week. The video may be viewed on YouTube at http://youtu.be/SxMWYe5S8YI.
- The Mayville Public Library has partnered with the North Dakota Humanities Council to present "Dakota Discussions" for the Mayville community. The group will discuss *Westhope* by Dean Hulse. Mr. Hulse is also the facilitator of the discussion group.

Tutor ND was recently featured in the ND Department of Commerce *Youth Forward* newsletter, which is available online at http://1.usa.gov/OaYnM5. The newsletter is put together by a group of state agencies for parents of middle and high school students. It features information such as financial aid deadlines, scholarship information, the inside scoop on high demand careers in North Dakota, and new degrees and programs being offered at North Dakota college and universities.

To sign up for electronic delivery of the newsletter, visit http://1.usa.gov/Tmldxg.

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# FREE Classroom Instruction for Students

The North Dakota State Library is offering in-classroom training for students. Using Online Library Resources, students can find grade-specific information on a wide range of subjects. Students can expect reliable information, easy searching, customizable results, and 24/7 access. Contact us today to schedule student training at your school!

- The training will focus on content and demonstrate effective searching techniques.
- Students will learn how to properly cite resources, using easy and accurate methods.
- Trainings can be adapted to fit class schedules and multiple sessions can be presented on the same day.
- There is no charge for training sessions. The only requirement is an Internet connection.
- Online Library Resources provide information for all grade levels. Each training session will be tailored to the specific audience.

For more information about this training and other available trainings, please contact Steve Axtman at the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 or saxtman@nd.gov.

## A Commitment to Childhood Literacy Belongs in Your Long Range Plan

One thing the State Library's Field Services staff have noticed while visiting libraries, is that many have no current long range plan. Field Services staff would like to see that change and they would love to help you do it!

If your library hasn't done any long range planning lately, it should be considered. The future is rife with risks and uncertainties. A plan will provide you with structure as your library moves forward, clear goals to work toward accomplishing, objective measures by which to gauge your success, and activities to carry out.

Here's a basic example of the sort of thing that can and should be in your library's long range plan:

Goal 1 – The _____ Public Library is committed to supporting childhood literacy and children's programming.

**Objective A** – The _____ Public Library will have a summer reading program.

Activities:

- Raise funds for summer reading event entertainment and reading prizes
- Acquire CSLP Summer Reading Manual from the State Library
- Attend the regional Summer Reading workshop in February

**Objective B** – The _____ Public Library will have regular children's programming throughout the year to promote childhood literacy, readership, and education.

Activities:

- Attend the 2013 Spring Workshops themed around children's librarianship
- Plan a weekly story time, including books, crafts, games, etc.
- Promote and publicize your story time
- Increase interest in children's books by reviewing the collection, weeding according to CREW, and ordering new materials

Want more help with your long range plan? Don't be shy about contacting your Field Services representative! Visit http://1.usa.gov/zgZR03 for more information.

Your North Dakota State Library Field Services representative will work with you, in your library.

Call 800-472-2104 for more information or to schedule a visit.

## Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference Report

This year the North Dakota State Library offered two scholarships to attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. Beth Reitan, director of the Bottineau County Public Library and Bonnie Krenz, director of the Griggs County Public Library were selected to attend.

All sessions at the conference kept focus on rural and small libraries. Some sessions were practical, idea-based workshops, while other sessions zeroed-in on library administration. In small and rural libraries, one person may do story time, purchase materials, set policies for Internet use, and much more. This conference was aimed at that person.

*The ARSL conference brings together librarians from rural and small libraries in an effort to equip them with the necessary skills to grow and thrive within their communities.*

Krenz attended a session on DIY after-school programming where she discovered many ideas for use with her summer reading program. Another session she attended, "Going Google: Using GoogleDocs for Library Communication and Collaboration" illustrated many ways in which libraries can utilize Google products. Krenz hopes to use Google Docs to solve some of the communication and collaboration problems being experienced in her library, where the part-time staff very rarely see each other.

Reitan attended a very informative session on managing library collections. The session detailed how to keep the most relevant and informative items on the shelves, especially when space is at a premium. Patrons are more likely to come in and grab something that they can access, rather than if they must dig through piles of worn out paperbacks, or stacks of books or magazines. Reitan said that by managing her collection to make it more accessible and organized, her library should have an increased number of item circulations.

Other programs dealt with the administrative side of library work. Reitan attended a session dealing with difficult patrons and hostile situations. The presenter gave several examples of how to prevent situations before they become an issue, potential "red flags" to watch out for, what to do in a hostile situation, and when to call authorities. Since many small libraries are staffed by only a few and often only one person, this session was especially useful.

The pre-conference workshop, attended by Krenz, "What do I do Next" offered many ideas about making the library the hub of small and rural communities. The session "Surviving (and Thriving) During Challenging Times" presented the idea that libraries must be ready for the quick changes that occur on a daily basis. The speaker challenged attendees to think about what they do, how they do it, and why they do it. After attending these two sessions, Krenz made the decision to survey her community to see what the library could offer that it currently does not offer.

The "Perfecting Your Presentations" session attended by Reitan was very interesting, and showed various types of slides, hand-outs, and props that can assist in the creation of an effective presentation. Reitan stated, "We all can use more money and a bigger budget, and I feel that after attending this workshop I have a better understanding of how to polish my proposals to community leaders, and ultimately have a successful presentation."

Both Reitan and Krenz felt the conference was particularly effective in being able to connect librarians from small and rural libraries who face many of the same problems they do. To access presenter slideshows, visit http://bit.ly/Ru0QyL.

ARSL annual membership fees range from $9 to $49. To become a member, please visit www.arsl.info. If you would like more info, you can email Beth Reitan at bethdeth@hotmail.com or Bonnie Krenz at gcpubliclibrary@mlgc.com.

# Continuing Education Opportunities

The North Dakota State Library and Minitex are offering free online trainings in November. These webinars are live and interactive. In order to participate, you will need a computer with internet access, a headset or speakers, and a microphone. If you don't have a microphone, the chat feature may be used to ask questions.

A listing of North Dakota State Library webinars and registration information is available at http://bit.ly/2kBbOM.

## MINITEX ONLINE TRAINING

### EBSCO Unique Interfaces

This webinar will take a close look at four EBSCO databases: Student Research Center, Points of View Reference Center, Searchasaurus, and Consumer Health Complete. Thursday, November 01, 2012, 1-2:20 PM. Register online at http://bit.ly/UJjBiD.

### Student Resources in Context

This one-stop K-12 resource provides the content and context students need to develop and strengthen critical thinking skills. The content is based on national curriculum standards and features original reference materials, primary source documents, periodicals, and newspapers. Tuesday, November 06, 2012, 12-12:30 PM. Register online at http://bit.ly/QB64ti.

### Gale PowerSearch

This webinar will take a close look at three of the Gale databases operating with the PowerSearch interface: Expanded Academic ASAP, General Science Collection, and Informe. Thursday, November 08, 2012, 1-2:30 PM. Register online at http://bit.ly/R47snq.

### Gale K12

This webinar will take a close look at three of the Gale databases operating with specialized interfaces specifically designed with students and educators in mind: Student Resources in Context, Kids InfoBits, and Educator's Reference Complete. Thursday, November 15, 2012, 1-2:30 PM. Register online at http://bit.ly/Uow94h.

# Foundation Corner

***Libri Foundation***
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Established in 1989, the Libri Foundation's mission is to foster the development of a love of reading among children in the United States. To support this mission, the Libri Foundation donates new children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children Program. Since its beginning, the Foundation has donated over $5.25 million worth of new children's books to libraries in all 50 states. Congratulations to the five North Dakota libraries that received the Books for Children grant in 2012: Cando Community Library; Cavalier County Library; Hebron Public Library; Mayville Public Library; and Park River School & Public Library. For more information, visit the Libri Foundation's website at http://bit.ly/dfW4xz.

## Dalrymple, Sanstead Name 2013 ND Teacher Of The Year

Gov. Jack Dalrymple and State Superintendent Wayne Sanstead recently named Andrea Noonan, an English language arts teacher at Cheney Middle School (CMS) in West Fargo, North Dakota's 2013 Teacher of the Year.

"Competent and caring teachers make the real difference when it comes to educating our youth and preparing them for the future," Sanstead said. "Andrea is a great example of our teachers who are making a difference in North Dakota's schools."

"North Dakota has one of the best educational systems in the country and that is due in large part to the great work that is going on in classrooms across our state," Dalrymple said. "Andrea exemplifies North Dakota's outstanding teachers who are dedicated to education excellence and to helping our young people achieve their full potential."

Noonan has been teaching at CMS since 2006 and teaches seventh and eighth grade English language arts. She also teaches eighth grade English language arts during summer school. She is a member of the National Council for Teachers of English and was chosen to present WFPS's Common Core State Standards curriculum work at its national convention this November. She participated in a tech camp this past summer where she presented for new and experienced teachers in the Fargo/Moorhead area and was selected to represent all WFPS eighth grade teachers to research Common Core State Standards and create and implement common assessments within the English language arts curriculum. Noonan was named the 2012-2013 West Fargo School District Teacher of the Year and has served as a mentor for new teachers.

The Teacher of the Year program recognizes and honors the contributions of America's classroom teachers. The program is the oldest and most prestigious commendation to focus public attention on excellence in teaching. The state's Teacher of the Year program is sponsored by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction in conjunction with the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Nominations for Teacher of the Year must come from a teacher, school administrator, school district trustee, local education association, student or parent, and are reviewed by an eight-member selection panel. Noonan will advance to the national Teacher of the Year program.

## Social Media Guidelines for Students and Educators

Creating social media guidelines for your school, including its staff and students, can be a daunting task. Steven Anderson, district instructional technologist/independent educational consultant with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools in Winston-Salem, NC, recently collaborated with Facebook to produce the *Edutopia* primer "How to Create Social Media Guidelines for Your School."

The primer helps lead administrators and educators through the process of creating effective social media guidelines. Steps include: examining school culture, organizing a team, researching current and applicable policies, drafting documents, incorporating the school board and school attorneys in the process, introducing the policy to the school, and performing a periodical review of the guidelines.

The four-page document is clear and concise and provides a wonderful starting point for education administrators seeking to provide guidance to school staff and students who engage in social media. You may access the full pdf guide at http://bit.ly/RLBVXY.

## North Dakota Sights and Scenes : Dunseith Wheel Turtle

Very few people have the opportunity or the desire to save thousands of car wheel rims. Dunseith, ND resident George Gottbrecht was one of the few with both the opportunity and desire. In 1982, after 16 years of saving rims from his auto service station, he finally found a proper use for them. With the assistance of local welder Curt Halvorsen, Mr. Gottbreht constructed a giant turtle, to recognize the nearby Turtle Mountains.

The famous Dunseith Wheel Turtle is made from over 2,000 steel wheel rims. It's 18 feet high, 40 feet long, and had a final cost of approximately $5,000. The turtle initially featured a motor that would make the turtle bob its head up and down, but due to risk of injury, that feature was disabled. Read more and check out additional photos at http://bit.ly/SIpmRG.

*The Dunseith Wheel Turtle is a roadside attraction that's hard to miss. The best time to visit is during the winter holidays, when the turtle's head is reportedly covered with a giant Santa Claus hat.*

After your visit to the Dunseith Wheel Turtle, make a stop at the Bottineau County Public Library in Bottineau. You may also visit online at www.bottineaulibrary.org.

## National Friends Of Libraries Week

National Friends of the Libraries Week is October 21-27! United for Libraries is coordinating the seventh-annual celebration, which offers a two-fold opportunity to celebrate Friends groups. The occasion allows libraries to creatively promote your Friends group in the community, to raise awareness, and to promote membership. This is also an excellent opportunity for your library and Board of Trustees to recognize the Friends for their help and support of the library.

Friends groups, library trustees, and library staff can access a variety of online resources to help celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week. These materials include promotional ideas, editable publicity materials, bookmark templates, ideas from past celebrations, and much more. Visit http://bit.ly/THO9W7.

## A New Book Recommendation Tool

LibraryThing and Bowker are now offering BookPsychic, a recommendation tool that gives patrons results just from your own collection. Patrons are not required to create an account to use the service, although they have the option to do so if they want to save their recommendations for later. Similar to Netflix, users rate already-read titles in the library's collection to receive suggestions on what to read next. Try it at www.bookpsychic.com.

For additional information, please read the official Bowker press release at http://bit.ly/T1AG66.

## YALSA Grants Available

### TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM GRANT

YALSA encourages literature-focused, innovative proposals that are inclusive of under-served teens, including but not limited to, teens with disabilities and teens who speak English as a second language. The $1,000 grant, made possible by Dollar General, is to be used to support a reading or literacy focused program. A total of 20 grants are available. Apply online at http://bit.ly/RLl2hZ.

### TEEN SUMMER INTERNSHIP GRANT

YALSA, with funding from Dollar General, will provide 20 libraries with $1,000 each to recruit, train, and compensate teen assistants to help with summer reading programs. Applications are due January 1, 2013. Apply online at http://bit.ly/RLl2hZ.

### TEENS & LIBRARIES SUMMIT GRANT

As part of its year-long National Forum on Libraries and Teens project, YALSA will host a Teens & Libraries Summit Jan. 23-24, 2013, in Seattle. The Summit will explore how library services needs to evolve to meet the needs of 21st century teens. Funds provided by IMLS will cover the cost of travel for 15 applicants who wish to participate in the Summit. Key stakeholders from the areas of libraries, education, technology, adolescent development, and the for-profit and nonprofit sectors are encouraged to apply by November 1, 2012. At the conclusion of the Forum, YALSA will produce a white paper which will provide direction on how library services for teens needs to adapt to better meet the needs of 21st century teens. Learn more and access the application at http://bit.ly/RLl2hZ.

## Book Awards and Recognitions

***BOOKLIST* BEST CRIME NOVELS OF 2012** - http://bit.ly/S00XVc

**2012 CHILDREN'S CHOICE BOOK AWARDS** - http://bit.ly/Ry9JdV

**2012 JAMES BEARD AWARDS** - http://bit.ly/S015nQ

***BOOKLIST* TOP TEN FOOD BOOKS** - http://bit.ly/WqjMTq

**SALLY GARDNER'S TOP TEN BOOKS FOR CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA** - http://bit.ly/TnPj3Z

**PATTERSON HOOD'S TOP 5 ROCK AND ROLL BOOKS** - http://on.fuse.tv/R1mZai

**MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO "BEST BOOKS OF FALL"** - http://bit.ly/Rvgeeh

**DC SPOTLIGHT TOP TEN BOOKS OF OCTOBER 2012** - http://bit.ly/SYmPgj

## League of Women Voters Website Provides Voter Information

The American Library Association (ALA) is encouraging librarians to promote Vote 411, a new tool the League of Women Voters provides that helps people register to vote, and offers voter information specific to individual states. The ALA support of Vote 411 follows passage of a resolution by ALA Council. The Vote 411 service allows users to build an online voter's guide, view political races, compare candidate positions side-by-side, and print out "ballots" that can be used to remind the public to vote on Election Day. The tool also provides visitors with helpful voting information, candidate statements, and details on current issues. For more information, visit www.vote411.org.

## Library of Congress Unveils Congress.gov

The Library of Congress, in collaboration with the US Senate, House of Representatives, and the Government Printing Office, has unveiled a beta version of Congress.gov with a new site for accessing legislative information. Congress.gov features platform mobility, comprehensive information retrieval, and a user-friendly presentation. The site eventually will replace the THOMAS system and the congressional Legislative Information System. To read the full Library of Congress news release, please visit http://1.usa.gov/UnSUp1.

## Money Smart Week Webinar

Librarians are invited to participate in a one-hour webinar on October 18 hosted by ALA and learn how your library can participate with hundreds of others across the country in Money Smart Week @ your library, April 20–27, 2013. This program is a national initiative from ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to help members of your community better manage their personal finances. More information is available at http://bit.ly/WveKnU.

## Turning Wikipedia Articles Into An Ebook

Matthew Roth, Global Communications Manager at Wikimedia Foundation, discusses a new EPUB export feature that has been enabled on English Wikipedia. You can use it to collate your personal collection of Wikipedia articles and generate free ebooks. These can be read on a broad range of devices, like mobile phones, tablets, and e-ink based ebook readers. Roth notes the fact that using an ebook to read Wikipedia articles has a number of advantages. Read the full article at http://bit.ly/OavZK6.

## Free Dust Bowl Resources Available From PBS

The Dust Bowl, a two-part, four-hour documentary series by Ken Burns that will premiere November 18–19, chronicles the environmental catastrophe that destroyed the farmlands of the Great Plains in the 1930s. Libraries interested in developing programming around the series should note that PBS is providing a limited number of clip reels, postcards, and discussion points to libraries. DVDs will be available in October for use in November. For more information, please visit the *Programming Librarian* article at http://bit.ly/RizM5V.

## Nominations Open for PLA Award

The Public Library Association (PLA) is offering nine awards and grants designed to highlight the best in public library service and to honor those bringing innovation, creativity, and dedication to public libraries. Many of the awards include an honorarium. Fill out the PLA award nomination form by December 1. Winners will be announced in February 2013. For more information, please visit http://bit.ly/RGGoNo.

## Library Grants Opportunities

### USIP Public Education for Peacebuilding Support

*Deadline: November 1, 2012*

Up to $2000 in matching funds awarded to up to 250 U.S. public libraries, colleges & universities to support activities and events addressing international peace and conflict resolution.

Visit http://bit.ly/SJQqOF.

### Carnegie Whitney Grant

*Deadline: November 2, 2012*

Grants of up to $5000 available to individuals, libraries, associations or organizations to support the preparation of popular or scholarly reading lists, webliographies, and other guides to library resources.

Visit http://bit.ly/VWecId.

### ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way" Grant

*Deadline: November 15, 2012*

A $3000 grant to assist a library in conducting outreach to underserved populations through a new program or expansion of an existing program.

Visit http://bit.ly/VKx1jf.

### Jostens Community Grants

*Deadline: November 21, 2012*

Support for youth education programs focusing on early intervention, literacy, and post-secondary education preparedness. Open to nonprofit organizations with 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status.

Visit http://bit.ly/UPtN9k.

### Romance Writers of America Library Grant

*Deadline: December 1, 2012*

$4500 awarded to a public library to be used toward the purchase of romance fiction and/or expenses of hosting romance fiction programming.

Visit http://bit.ly/WMHmZV.

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

## October Is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

According to the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, 20% of students nationwide in grades 9–12 experienced bullying in 2011.

The 2008–2009 School Crime Supplement (National Center for Education Statistics and Bureau of Justice Statistics) indicates that, nationwide, 28% of students in grades 6–12 experienced bullying.

In recognition of Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, here are some books on the subject of bullying.

### PICTURE BOOKS

*Bootsie Barker Bites* by Barbara Bottner

*Bully* by Patricia Polacco

*Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes

*Hooway for Wodney Wat* by Helen Lester

*King of the Playground* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

*Pinduli* by Janell Cannon

*The Recess Queen* by Alexis O'Neill

*Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell

### JUVENILE FICTION

*Jake Drake, Bully Buster* by Andrew Clements

*Mean, Mean Maureen Green* by Judy Cox

*The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes

*A Crazy, Mixed-up Spanglish Day* by Marisa Montes

*The Field of the Dogs* by Katherine Paterson

*Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet* by Graham Salisbury

*Cockroach Cooties* by Laurence Yep

*Super Emma* by Sally Warner

### YOUNG ADULT FICTION

*Brutal* by Michael Harmon

*Bullyville* by Francine Prose

*Bystander* by James Preller

*Diary of a Witness* by Catherine Ryan Hyde

*Don't Call Me Ishmael* by Michael Gerard Porter

*Freak* by Marcella Fleischman Pixley

*Shooter* by Walter Dean Myers

*Some Girls Are* by Courtney Summers

### NONFICTION

*Bullies are a Pain in the Brain* by Trevor Romain

*Bullying and Me: Schoolyard Stories* by Ouisie Shapiro

*Dear Bully: 70 Authors Tell Their Stories*

*Girls Against Girls: Why We Are Mean to Each Other and How We Can Change* by Bonnie Burton

*Jay McGraw's Life Strategies for Dealing with Bullies* by Jay McGraw

*Stop Picking on Me: a First Look at Bullying* by Pat Thomas

*We Want You to Know* by Deborah Ellis

## The LIFELINE Program

Do you know that the federal government has a program supported by the Universal Service Fund that provides a discount on phone service for qualifying low-income consumers. The program provides for one discount per household, for wired or wireless service. In order to enroll in LIFELINE, potential subscribers must demonstrate their eligibility by showing either proof of income or participation in a qualifying program. All Lifeline subscribers must annually recertify their eligibility. To check for eligibility, visit http://goo.gl/9WfB2.

## Not a Joke: Calvin Trillin Wins Thurber Prize

Calvin Trillin, author of *Quite Enough of Calvin Trillin: Forty Years of Funny Stuff*, has been named the winner of the 2012 Thurber Prize for American Humor. He won $5,000 in prize money and a crystal plaque.

The prize, awarded annually, was established to honor the legacy of humor writer/cartoonist James Thurber. For more information, visit http://bit.ly/PnCHxQ.

## It's Canadian Library Month for Our Northern Friends

The Canadian Library Association has designated October as Canadian Library Month. The event provides an opportunity to celebrate libraries across Canada and the important contributions they make to Canadian life. This year's theme, "Libraries Connect/ Bibliothèques Branchées," is a great reminder of just how essential libraries are in the interconnected world in which we live.

Read the complete Canadian Library Association news release at http://bit.ly/SRy3D7.

## ASCLA Seeking Award Nominations

The nomination period is now open for annual awards offered by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA). The deadline for nominations is Dec. 15, 2012.

These awards collectively represent ASCLA's diverse areas of member interest and engagement: library services to people with disabilities; the advancement of library services for the blind and physically handicapped; extension and outreach services; and consulting, state library services and library cooperatives.

Access the ASCLA awards webpage for more information about each award and links to nomination forms for each award at http://bit.ly/RGQRZd.

## 10 Tricks for a Fabulous Workday

Geoffrey James wrote in Inc.com about techniques to have the best possible workday. He argues that the process is not nearly as difficult as one might think.

**His ten suggestions are:**

1. Start your day with 15 minutes of positive input.
2. Tie your work to your life's goals.
3. Use your commute wisely.
4. Stick a smile on your face.
5. Express a positive mood.
6. Do what's important first.
7. Avoid negative people.
8. Don't work long hours.
9. Wind down and relax.
10. End your day with 15 minutes of gratitude.

The author writes that if these suggestions are followed, you will be better prepared to deal with challenges and will be less likely to be miserable, which is how most people go through their workday. To read the full article, visit http://bit.ly/SRyYU4.

## Did You Know?

The first novel written on a typewriter was Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

## Great Art on Art.sy

Art.sy is a new site that has indexed thousands of works of art that you can view online. It allows one to browse for artwork according to medium, style, subject matter, movement, or region in which the art is produced. Once you've found artwork that you like, Art.sy can suggest related works. The index serves as a nice supplement to art history and art appreciation courses. Visit www.art.sy and click "Explore Art.sy Without an Account."

## November Is Picture Book Month

The American Association of School Libraries (AASL) will celebrate picture books during the month of November as a partner of the second-annual Picture Book Month. Founded by author and storyteller Dianne de Las Casas, Picture Book Month is an international literacy initiative that celebrates the print picture book in an increasingly digital age. School librarians are encouraged to join the celebration and to check out the month's theme calendar. For more information, please visit http://bit.ly/TVgDLW.

## Schulz Library Creates Banned Comics Section

The Center for Cartoon Studies and the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund (CBLDF) have created a permanent addition of "Banned Comics." This special section is part of the Schulz Library. The new section opens with the celebration of the first anniversary of the CBLDF acquiring the Comics Code Authority's infamous "seal of approval." The new section will highlight the history of censorship in comics and raise patron awareness of enduring First Amendment struggles by grouping popular, yet often challenged comics such as *Maus*, *Watchmen*, *Bone*, *Blankets*, *The Sandman*, *Fun Home*, and *Stuck Rubber Baby*; displaying an oversized reproduction of the now-defunct CCA seal alongside the works it abolished; and promoting the CBLDF with official signage and brochures. More information is available at http://bit.ly/OtYFxK.

## Lost Without Google Maps on Your iPhone?

A recent article in *PC Magazine* explains how to get Google Maps if you've updated to iOS 6 or bought an iPhone 5 (which comes with iOS 6 pre-installed). iOS 6 users no longer have Google's engine powering the Maps app, which is rather unfortunate since Google Maps provides better services and more accurate information than Apple's Maps. Presently, there is no stand-alone Google Maps app to download from the App Store. But, as noted in the article, you can still get Google Maps on your iPhone while continuing to use iOS 6. Check out the article at http://bit.ly/W0A3js.

## The Kindergarten Canon

In a recent blog post at http://bit.ly/Rm6oeL, Michael Petrilli writes that one of the great joys of parenthood is reading to one's children. He notes that it is partly the visceral experience: children curled up on a lap, in their pajamas, soft light overhead, the day winding down, with the evening's sleep coming. But, he says, it's also about the books which are an endless treasure trove of stories to share, pictures to enjoy, and traditions to pass along.

From his experience in reading to his children, he has developed his list of the must-read picture books for preschoolers filled with classics, old and new. He calls his list the Kindergarten Canon. The list is an interesting grouping of classic folk stories, fairy tales, and fables. You might like to compare this list with other worthy lists of great children's books. These include the Caldecott Medal and Honor books; the Core Knowledge Foundation's selection of recommended books for Kindergarteners; the American Library Association's Notable Children's Books list; and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards. Recommendations are also given in The Educated Child, by William J. Bennett, Chester E. Finn, Jr., and John T. E. Cribb, Jr.

## Google Deal With Publishers Not Authors

Several news sources recently reported that the seven-year battle between Google and the publishing industry is drawing to an end. The long-standing disagreement was over Google's creation of a digital library that it hoped would eventually house every book ever published. Google announced the project in late 2004 and began scanning books made available via the cooperation of several major libraries, including the University of Minnesota.

Publishers stated that Google skipped a step in the development of their scanning project. The assertion centered upon Google not obtaining permission from the authors and publishers whose books were being scanned. Publisher trade groups filed a pair of lawsuits against Google in 2005. The issue has been mired in legal battles ever since. Both the Association of American Publishers (AAP) and the Authors Guild reached a settlement deal with Google in 2009, but a judge later overruled that arrangement.

The settlement reached last week is twofold; it deals with the millions of books that Google has already scanned, and it also sets the rules for digitizing materials in the future. For books that Google has already scanned, publishers can choose to contact Google for removal. The settlement "shows that digital services can provide innovative means to discover content while still respecting the rights of copyright holders," AAP president and CEO Tom Allen said in a written statement. Google, however, remains in litigation with the Authors Guild, which is leading a class-action lawsuit. Paul Aiken, executive director of the Authors Guild, has said that "the publishers' private settlement, whatever its terms, does not resolve the authors' copyright infringement claims against Google as Google continues to profit from its use of millions of copyright-protected books without regard to authors' rights, and our class-action lawsuit on behalf of U.S. authors continues." More information may be obtained from news services on the Internet.

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