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Summer Reading Kickoff

On May 31st, the North Dakota State Library, the North Dakota Heritage Center, and the North Dakota State Capitol were filled with children gathered together to celebrate reading, as the Bismarck and Mandan public libraries kicked off their summer reading programs. It was a full day of fun and activities for children in the Bismarck/Mandan and surrounding communities. Despite the rain, over 2,300 children attended the event. This year's summer reading theme is "Dig Into Reading!" and many of the participants tailored their activities to involve digging!

The day kicked off with a wonderful story time with First Lady Betsy Dalrymple, a magic show by magician Jeff Quinn from Nebraska, and a presentation on dinosaurs by State Paleontologist John Hoganson. In the State Library Reading Room, guest readers read their favorite stories to children. Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley, Secretary of State Al Jaeger, Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle, and State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins all read stories throughout the day.

Cash Wise Foods provided low-cost sack lunches for attendees, and activities were provided throughout the day by Gateway to Science, Geological Survey, the ND Forest Service, the ND State Water Commission, Shade Tree Players, St. Alexius Medical Center, Barnes and Noble, Dakota Zoo, the Bismarck/Mandan Genealogical Society, Action Jackson Comics, Knife River Indian Villages, the Bismarck Police and Fire Departments, RDO, and many more.

Additional photos are posted on page 4. For even more photos of the Bismarck/Mandan kickoff event, please visit the State Library Flickr set at http://bit.ly/13DH36b.

New News and Thoughts...

from State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins

This column recently highlighted services that the North Dakota State Library (NDSL) provides to foster improvements in education for both children and youth. Some of these services are delivered to the schools directly and some of these services are delivered by the local public library as they work in conjunction with NDSL. The local public library, however, serves much more than the local K-12 schools. The public library serves the pre-school age child; the home schooled; the technical school and college student; business interests (accountants to farmers to ranchers to zoologists); local, state and federal governmental entities; ESL groups; special populations with disabilities of different types; and senior citizens --- just to name a few groups. In all of these public library services, the North Dakota State Library is an assisting partner.

The North Dakota State Library provides local public libraries access to a professional staff that aids in each community's assessment of needs; the development of budgets and strategic, long range planning documents; aid in the creation of by-laws; the formation of collection development and weeding programs; the adoption of disaster relief plans; the formation and sustainment of friends groups; the development of legally compliant foundations; help in grant source identification and in grant application preparation; and, explanations of new technologies and the enhancements that are associated as these new technologies are adopted for use and made available. (For assistance, telephone NDSL at: 1-800-472-2104).

NDSL provides for the continuing education of public library workers with: a Spring Workshop and the annual Summer Breeze series of trainings (see page 3); grant opportunities like that for the Rural & Small Libraries conference (see page 10) and Masters' degree in librarianship grants; through webinars developed by NDSL and national partners; the delivery of local in-library trainings, especially for the understanding and use of the many databases available to the public libraries; and, direct consultation.

While many states have statewide database collections, NDSL is hyper-active in teaching "best use" practices. NDSL is also annually reviewing the usefulness and current nature of each database. Databases that have low use and those that are not being updated by the database suppliers are being replaced by better selections. These better selections enhance the services of the public libraries of North Dakota.

Aid in the cataloging of the local public library's collection of materials and aid in the selection and use of the local library's lending system are also provided by NDSL along with a strong ILL program that draws materials from both in-state and out-of-state sources. Beyond the local collection, public libraries may borrow from the collection of NDSL and avail themselves of the reference services staff of NDSL. Also, available to the public libraries are the federal and state documents collection of materials at NDSL.

Other services provided to the public libraries by the North Dakota State Library are: a statewide tutoring program; talking book services; book boxes for reading groups; a juvenile/young adult book review program; a digital services program; tech petting zoos available for 3 month checkouts; literacy programs; library building consultation; and the statewide summer reading program. Additionally, the North Dakota State Library works to procure from state government sustainable support for all public libraries in the form of state aid dollars ---- dollars that shall increase approximately 17% in the new Biennium.

Working for schools and working especially for public libraries, the North Dakota State Library does a lot to aid the growth of knowledge, showcase culture, as well as encourage both exploration and discovery. If you know of other ways NDSL can help any of the state's public libraries, you are encouraged to let us know. But, NO we cannot do anything about getting an NCAA National Hockey Championship for the state…..believe us, if we could, we would!

Skype Military Program

On Wednesday June, 19th, North Dakota State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins held a press conference here at the North Dakota State Library to announce the launch of the "Military Family Contact" program. Wilbur Stolt, Director of the Chester Fritz Library at the University of North Dakota, spoke on behalf of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council about the program. Colonel David Thiele also spoke on behalf of the North Dakota Army National Guard expressing his support of the program. Also in attendance were members of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, the North Dakota National Guard, US Marine Corps, Bismarck Public Library Assistant Director Christine Kujawa, and the Morton Mandan Public LIbrary Director Kelly Steckler.

Back Row: Sergeant John Duprik, Judy Ringgenberg, Beth Reitan, Ted Smith, Hulen E. Bivins, Colonel David Thiele **Front Row**: Wilbur Stolt, Heidi Danielson, Al Peterson, Kelly Steckler, Christine Kujawa

The North Dakota State Library, in a joint effort with the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, established the grant for the "Military Family Contact" program. The program is providing 38 libraries in North Dakota, including the North Dakota State Library, with laptop computers equipped with video conferencing capabilities dedicated for use by military families to contact loved ones proudly serving in our military forces around the world. These computers will be available for use during each library's normal hours.

2013 SUMMER BREEZE COLLOQUIUM

Registration is now open for the 2013 Summer Breeze Colloquium! Library directors and board members are invited to attend this free, one day workshop. The topic this year is long range planning. The Colloquium will run from 10 am - 4 pm.

It will be held in six locations during the month of August.

August 5th - Bismarck Public Library
August 7th - Dickinson Public Library
August 8th - Minot Public Library
August 13th - Grand Forks Public Library
August 14th - Leach Public Library (Wahpeton)
August 16th - Alfred Dickey Public Library (Jamestown)

Choose the date and location that works best for you, and view the calendar to register online at http://bit.ly/ZK2Rhj

There is no cost to register. If you have any questions, please contact your Field Service representative:

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BSC Pottery

Chief Justice
Gerald VandeWalle

Morton Mandan
Public Library

Snap Shots from the Summer Reading Kickoff

Lieutenant Governor
Drew Wrigley

Geological Survey

State Librarian
Hulen Bivins

Secretary of State
Alvin Jaeger

Knife River

First Lady
Betsy Dalrymple

Public Library Annual Reports Are Done… What Are You Doing With the Numbers?

Yes, 2012 annual reports are finished….but now what are those stats you collected telling you and what do you do with them? Reviewing and comparing stats can teach you a lot about tailoring your library's policies and programs, planning for future purchases and making changes in the library's schedule.

Has your library been drastically impacted by the "oil boom"? Are you struggling to meet demands of increased populations and looking for ways to serve non-residents in your area? Maybe it's time to review the library's policies and make considerations to be able to provide service (if even on a limited basis) to those individuals who may be working in the area but who have not established permanent residency.

Program attendance can be a great indicator of what programs are most popular to residents of your community. Always consider, though, whether or not your programs have been effectively publicized before using attendance to make determinations on future programming.

If your programs are extremely well attended, is having enough space always an issue…maybe this warrants that your library look at the possibility of planning additional programming.

Do you continually have patrons coming in and inquiring about e-reader devices and what's available…then work with the State Library to offer a free training session on e-readers (at your library).

Look into offering a summer reading program for children in the community…as most school's libraries are not available to children over the summer… it may be worthwhile to devote funding to develop a summer program to promote library service and prevent the "summer slide" that many children and their parents struggle with over each summer break from the education system.

Material circulation stats and the number of uses (sessions) of public Internet computers can be used to aid your library in making decisions on future purchases of online resources, e-books and downloadable materials, additional computers and providing wireless access.

Are your patrons consistently requesting use of a specific online resource or downloadable materials and e-books?

Is the number of computers the library has available to the public meeting the demand, or do patrons often end up waiting to use a computer that is already occupied?

Has computer use increased or decreased significantly when compared to last year…could this be due to policy changes that the library has made…if so, maybe a formal review of the policy(ies) is relevant?

The frequency of library visits can show you what days are busiest and what times you need to adjust the library's schedule to meet the needs of your patrons. If the library is busiest on days when it is open after 5 p.m. (generally when people are off work) then maybe increasing evening hours will boost visits, circulation and computer use. If your library does make modifications to the hours open; it is strongly suggested that this information be made public knowledge – publish an article on the website or in the local paper, post signs/flyers, send out postcards letting area residents know when the change will occur and what the new hours will be.

Always take into consideration the fact that patrons are your customers and that if the library is not able to meet their needs, that this in itself may justify change. As statistics do and will continually fluctuate, we, as librarians, need to be cognizant of these changes and look at the reasons as to why they may be occurring. Please feel free to be in contact with your field services representative at anytime throughout the year to discuss increases and decreases in statistics and what course of action you can implement to combat these from becoming a detriment to the services you provide.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CHOICES

These webinars are free, live, and interactive. You will be connected to audio using a headset or speakers. If you do not have a microphone, you can use chat to ask questions.

Connexion Client Module 04 - Save Files, File Management, and Batch Processing (Minitex)

Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 1-3 PM CT

This module provides instruction on using Connexion Client to perform high volumes of searches and record actions using the efficiency of batch processing, including the use and management of Save Files. This course is intended for learners who already use Connexion client but want to use Connexion client's batch processing features to increase their efficiency in processing large numbers of records.

REGISTER: http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Training/Details.aspx?SessionID=409

CatExpress: Copy Cataloging with CatExpress (Minitex)

Thursday, July 11, 2013, 1-2:30 PM CT

This live online course provides instruction on copy cataloging using the CatExpress interface. We will cover the copy cataloging workflow including searching, holdings maintenance, exporting and downloading records. After completing this course, the learner will be prepared to fully utilize the CatExpress service. This course is intended for users who are new to, or have limited experience with, the CatExpress service. It will also be beneficial to existing users who may not be making full use of the service

REGISTER: http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Training/Details.aspx?SessionID=244

Connexion Client Module 02: Basic Bibliographic Searching (Minitex)

Thursday, July 11, 2013, 1-3 PM CT

This module provides instruction on performing basic bibliographic searches using OCLC's Connexion Client cataloging software. After completing this web-based training, learners will be able to conduct basic searches for bibliographic records in WorldCat, and evaluate whether a given record matches the item to be cataloged. This is the second part of a three module series designed to enable basic copy cataloging work in Connexion Client. This course is designed for learners who have little or no previous experience with Connexion Client, and who may be new to library work.

REGISTER: http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Training/Details.aspx?SessionID=387

Library Social Media Use (WebJunction)

Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 1-2 PM CT

Over half of the world's 2 billion internet users interact with social media tools to create, share, and exchange information and ideas while online. Libraries are using these tools to market programs and services, and to connect and engage with their communities beyond the library walls. Join us as we explore Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest as examples of tools that are being used successfully by libraries.

REGISTER: http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/Library_Social_Media_Use.html

DISCLAIMER: The ND State Library highlights third-party webinars as a way to alert the library community to training opportunities. By doing so, we are not endorsing the content, nor promoting any specific product.

New Library Resource Publications at the State Library

Now read this II: a guide to mainstream fiction, 1990-2001

What they don't teach you in library school

Risky business: taking and managing risks in library services for teens

Cataloging correctly for kids: an introduction to the tools

Running the books: the adventures of an accidental prison librarian

Everyone plays at the library: creating great gaming experiences for all ages

Academic Librarianship

Winning Grants: a how-to-do-it manual for librarians with multimedia tutorials and grant development tools

Banned books: challenging our freedom to read

Assessing service quality: satisfying the expectations of library customers

Building mobile library applications

Fundamentals of managing reference collections

IM and SMS reference services for libraries

Making sense of business reference: a guide for librarians and research professionals

Marketing your library: tips and tools that work

Defending professionalism: a resource for librarians, information specialists, knowledge managers, and archivists

Semantic Web technologies and social searching for librarians

Complete copyright for K-12 librarians and educators

Instructional strategies and techniques for information professionals

Organizing knowledge: an introduction to managing access to 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.

North Dakota State Library News

The North Dakota State Library has introduced a number of new services to support public libraries throughout the state, including:

- Book Club Kits that circulate for 8 weeks, each containing 10 books, sign in sheets, instructions, and discussion questions.
- Technology Toolkits that allow librarians the hands-on opportunity to learn to use and play with common e-readers and tablets, so that they can better answer their patrons' questions, and make informed purchasing decisions for their libraries. The kits include an iPad, an iPod Touch, a Nexus 7, a Kindle Fire HD, a Kindle Paperwhite, and a Nook SimpleTouch, as well as instructions and learning objectives for each device. NDSL Field Services staff pre-loaded the devices with select books, magazines, apps, videos, games, and music (where applicable), and have begun delivering the kits to libraries that request them, and providing personalized instruction. The kits loan out for three weeks, at the end of which a Field Services librarian will pick up the kit and offer a training session for the public.
- A Community Vision and Assessment tool that public libraries can use for strategic planning: http://1.usa.gov/103h5Kd
- The State Library's Field Services Department has also started a new blog, providing news and tips, and resources to anyone who deigns to read it: https://ndslfieldnotes.wordpress.com/

In addition, the State Library recently awarded Technology Mini-Grants (of up to $500) to 37 public libraries in the state. The grants are being used to purchase tablets, e-readers, desktops, laptops, projectors, printers, routers, software, digital signs, televisions, barcode scanners, and a bilingual early literacy computer station.

The State Library's Spring Workshops were recently completed. This year's workshops featured an exciting lineup of programs including sessions on storytelling, bullying, free and Open Source software, crafts, social networking safety skills, and presentations on the Ancestry Library Edition, TutorND, and Literati Public databases. The workshops were well attended, enthusiastically received, and the archives of the presentations are available: http://library.nd.gov/workshoparchives.html.

Book Review Program

The North Dakota State Library is pleased to announce a new book review program for public libraries in North Dakota! You will be able to request FREE hard cover copies of picture books, middle grade novels, and young adult novels to review and then add to your collection.

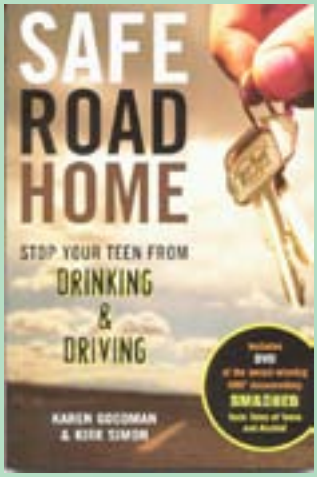
These titles are provided by the publishers to the State Library as promotional titles. In order to promote them, we are asking for librarians who would be willing to review them. Reviews will be compiled and made available to North Dakota public and school librarians as well as the publishers.

There is no set schedule for this program, as the availability of books will be dependent on when we receive them from the publishers. The request process will be similar to our regular book lottery. When books are available, an email will be sent to the library director's listserv and you will have two weeks to respond with requests.

Reviews should be approximately 150-200 words in length for picture books, and 200-250 words in length for middle grade and young adult titles. They should be written by a librarian or library staff member, and they must address the relevance of the book to a North Dakota audience, or the Great Plains/Midwestern region.

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Sarah at smatusz@nd.gov or 328-4663.

New Teen Drinking & Driving Resources



The State Library has recently added three books (and one DVD) on the consequences of drinking and driving. Two are written for teens and one for their parents/teachers.

- **Frequently Asked Questions About Drinking and Driving**

- **Drinking and Driving: Now What?**

- **Safe Road Home: Stop Your Teen From Drinking & Driving.**
This one is a companion to the 2004 HBO documentary *Smashed: Toxic Tales of Teens and Alcohol* and includes the DVD.

New Educational Databases

The North Dakota State Library's Database Review Committee is pleased to announce new online resources that will be added to the list of databases available to all ND citizens through school and public libraries. Britannica School, NoveList, and Zinio will be coming in July 2013. These online educational resources are made possible through state and federal funding.

Britannica School is the new updated version of Britannica School Edition. It is designed for K-12 students and has content for elementary, middle, and high school reading levels. The elementary level also contains the Learning Zone, which is for PreK-2 learners. Britannica School is currently available to all ND libraries.

NoveList is one of the best reader advisory tools online. If you want to know what title comes next in a series, or maybe you are looking for titles or authors in your favorite genre, NoveList is the 24/7 place to consult. The K-8 version, which we are also getting, has fiction and nonfiction book lists for all grade levels. Both versions of NoveList will soon be available to all ND public libraries and their patrons.

Zinio is a multi-platform online magazine service. Users can access issues of more than 100 popular magazines from numerous publishers via computers, tablets, or smart phones. Popular e-magazines cover news, sports, entertainment, travel, fashion, art, and more. The 2013 Best App Ever Awards voted Zinio "Best Magazine App." Zinio will soon be available to all ND public libraries and their patrons.

In order to cover the subscription fees for the new databases, Opposing Viewpoints and Health & Wellness Resource Center will go away. However, Points of View and ProCon.org sufficiently cover the loss of Opposing Viewpoints; and, Consumer Health Complete, Medline Plus, Alt Health Watch, and Health Source Nursing/ Academic cover the loss of Health & Wellness.

The North Dakota State Library will offer onsite and online trainings to help you discover these new resources. For more information or if you have any questions about these exciting new educational resources, please contact the State Library staff: statelib@nd.gov; 701-328-4622; or 800-472-2104 (within North Dakota).

North Dakota State Library
Association for Rural and Small Libraries

The Association for Rural and Small Libraries, Inc. (ARSL) is a network of persons throughout the country dedicated to the positive growth and development of libraries. ARSL believes in the value of rural and small libraries and strives to create resources and services that address national, state, and local priorities for libraries situated in rural communites. The objectives for ARSL are:

- To organize a network of members concerned about the growth and development of useful library services in rural and small libraries;
- to provide opportunities for the continuing education of members;
- to provide mechanisms for members to exchange ideas and to meet on a regular basis;
- to cultivate the practice of librarianship and to foster a spirit of cooperation among members of the profession, enabling them to act together for mutual goals;
- to serve as a source of current information about trends, issues, and strategies;
- to partner with other library and non-library groups and organizations serving rural and small library communities;
- to collect and disseminate information and resources that are critical to this network; and,
- to advocate for rural and small libraries at the local, state, and national levels.

ARSL Continuing Education Grant

The North Dakota State Library offers a CE grant award for the attendance of two public librarians to the annual meeting of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) conference. Each award will be for an amount not exceeding $2,000. The funds provided by the CE grant may be used to cover the costs of registration, travel, hotel and meals (per diem). Eligible costs shall be payable based on the travel cost policies of the State of North Dakota. Funding for the two awards is made possible through the use of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) received by the North Dakota State Library. The grant award amount will be paid post conference and reimbursement will be based on the provided copies of qualifying expenses. Selection for the award of the CE grant will be made based on an essay submitted by the applicant. For more information on the CE grant and to download a copy of the application please go to: http://library.nd.gov/grants/ARSLgrant.pdf.

The awarded applicants must meet the minimum criteria specified on the application. For full consideration, applications for the CE award must be received by the North Dakota State Library before July 19, 2013. Announcement of granted awards will be made no later than August 1, 2013.

See: http://bit.ly/176n9Hq for details of the upcoming September 25-28, 2013 conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

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

LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

KNIGHT FOUNDATION — DEADLINE: ONGOING

The Knight Foundation supports transformational ideas that engage communities. They believe that democracy thrives when people and communities are informed and engaged. To help sustain healthy communities in a democracy, Knight aims to increase the ability of individuals to engage in change. Knight fosters initiatives that develop in people a strong sense of belonging and caring, timely access to relevant information, the ability to understand that information, and the motivation, opportunity and skills to take sustainable action on a range of issues throughout their lives.

Visit http://www.knightfoundation.org/what-we-fund/engaging-communities

CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION — DEADLINE: ONGOING

The Mott Foundation's Pathways Out of Poverty program supports initiatives around the U.S. that promote learning beyond the classroom especially for traditionally underserved children and youth — as a strategy for improving public education.

Visit http://www.mott.org/

KINDER MORGAN FOUNDATION — DEADLINE: 10TH OF EVERY MONTH

The Kinder Morgan Foundation believes that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and their mission is to provide them with opportunities to learn and grow. Their goal is to help today's science, math and music students become the engineers, educators and musicians who will support our diverse communities for many years to come. To accomplish this goal, they fund programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people in the many cities and towns across North America where Kinder Morgan operates.

Visit http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km_foundation_guidelines.cfm

AMERICA'S HISTORICAL & CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS PLANNING GRANTS — DEADLINE: AUGUST 14, 2013

America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Grants support the following formats: exhibitions at museums, libraries, and other venues; interpretations of historic places, sites, or regions; book/film discussion programs; living history presentations; other face-to-face programs at libraries, community centers, and other public venues; and interpretive websites. Planning grants support the early stages of project development, including consultation with scholars, refinement of humanities themes, preliminary design, and audience evaluation.

Visit http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/americas-historical-and-cultural-organizations-planning-grants

TECHSOUP — DEADLINE: ONGOING

TechSoup is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a clear focus: connecting your nonprofit, charity, or public library with technology products and solutions, plus the learning resources you need to make informed decisions about technology.

Visit http://www.techsoup.org/

ALERUS FINANCIAL — DEADLINE: ONGOING

Alerus Financial is proud to Connect to the Community by donating countless employee volunteer hours and tens of thousands of dollars annually to organizations making our communities great places to live and work. Alerus Financial makes donations to non-profit organizations, groups and activities that enhance education, support self-sufficiency among the disadvantaged, and promote the business and civic interests of the local communities.

Visit https://www2.alerusfinancial.com/alerusSecure/SubSection.aspx?catID=553

North Dakota Sights and Scenes : The Enchanted Highway

One of the best parts about summer is taking long road trips with family and friends. Here in North Dakota, just off Interstate 94, we have The Enchated Highway, a sight worth stopping for. This 32 mile stretch of highway is home to some of the worlds largest scrap metal sculptures. The artist is a local man from Regent, North Dakota named Gary Greff. It has been said that Greff started this to help bring more people into his home town of Regent.

Greff has created at least 6 large metal sculptures that can be seen along the Enchanted Highway. One of the sculptures "Geese in Flight" holds the Guinness World Record for the Largest Scrap Metal Sculpture in the entire world. The Enchated Highway is also home to "World's Largest Tin Family," "Teddy Rides Again," "Pheasants on the Prairie," "Grasshoppers in the Field," "Deer Crossing," and "Fisherman's Dream".

Greff is planning on continuing his work and adding more metal sculptures in the next couple of years. So the next time you are taking a drive along Interstate 94, take a slight detour and experience one of North Dakotas most unique treasures.

The Enchanted Highway begins about 85 miles west of Bismarck, ND and 20 miles from Dickinson, ND.

Geese in Flight
Photo by North Dakota Tourism/Jim Gallop

North Dakota Legislative News

North Dakota's 63rd Legislative Session has drawn to a close. The Senate and House came to a very late concurrence regarding the Department of Public Instruction's budget (which includes the State Library's budget). The version passed included an increase in State Aid to Public Libraries of $266,500. This will benefit all citizens of North Dakota and our legislators are to be applauded for their support of public libraries.

Public Library Directors' Discussion List

Did you know that all public library directors in North Dakota are on a listserv that was set up especially for them? The list allows directors and State Library professionals the ability to communicate with one another, share information, discuss issues, brainstorm, troubleshoot, scheme, and plot.

To send an email to the list, simply direct it to NDSL_NDPUBLICLIB@nd.gov

A Summer Must Read

2013 Flicker Tale nominee The Apothecary from Author Maile Meloy, now has a sequel, coming out in this month: The Apprentices.

http://www.mailemeloy.com/mailemeloy/The_Apprentices.html

New North Dakotan Biography

NDSU's Institute for Regional Studies recently published The Coach and the College, a profile of storied Jamestown Football Coach Rollie Greeno.

Copies are available for ILL from the State Library. Your library's own copy can be purchased from NDSU or Barnes & Noble.

North Dakota Library Tidbits

Gerry Wagness
Lakota City Library

- After over 30 years of dedicated service, Gerry Wagness has retired as director of the Lakota City Library. The new library director is Angela Spanier.
- Steven Hammel is the new director of the Valley City-Barnes County Public Library.
- First Lady Betsy Dalrymple visited the Jamestown Middle School to promote the Stutsman County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The United Way has donated $10,000 to support the program and other donors have collectively contributed over $7,000 more.
- The Gackle Public Library will celebrate the grand opening of their new location on July 4th.
- The Fargo, West Fargo, and Moorhead public libraries and the Plains Art Museum are engaging in a summer-long celebration and exploration of Herman Melville's great novel Moby-Dick; or, The Whale. The community is encouraged to read the book along with Ahab's Wife: or, The Star-Gazer by Sena Jeter Naslund. A series of book discussions and related events are scheduled over the next five months, including the opening of T.L. Solien's "Toward the Setting Sun" exhibition at the Plains Art Museum.
- The Forman Public Library recently won a Libri Grant to add an assortment of new books for young readers to their collection.
- The Ellendale Public School Library will be making e-books available to faculty, students, and parents of students, paid for in part through a grant from the Ellendale Public School Foundation

Expanded Opportunities for Library Trustees

The North Dakota State Library is pleased to announce that 83 libraries in our state have been enrolled as members in "United for Libraries." NDSL is hopeful that the resources made available in the program are of benefit and aid the professional development of libraries, library wokers, and library Friends groups, especially the small and rural public libraries across the state. Membership includes newsletters, tool kits, and digital products which are designed to help train trustees and help trustees to better help their local libraries. The 12-month membership enrollment begins July 1, 2013. Libraries in North Dakota with a current membership shall receive a credit. More information is available at: http://bit.ly/11o7EWW. NDSL is happy to provide this resource to aid the professional development of libraries, library workers, and library Friends groups.

Lidgerwood City Library's Centennial Celebration

On May 16th, the Lidgerwood City Library celebrated their 100 year anniversary and it was my great pleasure to be in attendance. The library was established by the members of the Woman's Club and Auxiliary Club of Lidgerwood, who raised funds by putting on plays and entertainment, and by donating to the project personally. In 1913, the women raised $1,040.15, which was enough to get started. The library opened to the public on June 3, 1913. When it first opened, the library was on the second floor of Lidgerwood's original City Hall. In 1942, the library moved into the building on Wylie Avenue, between the current dental office and Southeast Medical Center. In July, 1982, it moved into its current location: the Movius building. The Movius building was originally a bank and you can still see the old vault door in the library. The building was temporarily closed for renovations to clean up heavy smoke damage suffered from the fire that consumed Dee's Bar and Grill in March of 2009. During that period, limited library services were offered through the library's unofficial fourth home, Dakota Estates Retirement Center.

While the population of Lidgerwood has declined about 35% since the Lidgerwood City Library opened, the library's collection has expanded to fifteen times its original size. They started with a humble 800 volumes and the library now offers an assortment of 11,938 catalogued volumes, as well as current periodicals, local newspapers, movies, audio books, a publicly available computer, and free Wi-Fi. They also have story times throughout the summer and they recently hosted their first game night. Community events, including art, quilt and flower shows are held there, and the library building is home to city offices and meeting rooms.

Nine librarians have served throughout Lidgerwood City Library's history: Zdena Trinka (1913-1916), Lenora Bailey (1916-1917), Marion Eckes (1917-1919), Clara McKisson (1919-1922), Elizabeth King (1922-1957), Alice Biewer (1957-1998), Orva Krause (1998-2011), Kathy Mojica (2011), and Cherry Riley (2012-). The hard work and dedication of these librarians and of every former and current board member is evident. Grants, donations, memorials, and the efforts Friends of the Library group help ensure the library continue to serve Lidgerwood well.

Current & former board members of the Lidgerwood City Library

Left to right: Diana Marohl, Bruce Elsner, Sue McCullough, Bonnie Bubach, Shirley Elsner, Shelby Dallmann, Jolene Podliska, Elaine Wisnewski, and Romelle Oster.

RDA On-Site Training in North Dakota

Minitex has added another in-person "RDA Basics" workshop to its training schedule: June 21, 2013 in Bismarck at the North Dakota State Library. This session is geared toward experienced catalogers who are new to RDA and focuses on copy cataloging the more common formats like books, videos, and sound recordings. A detailed workshop description and other registration information are available by following the link below.

- RDA: The Basics for Bismarck

Science Resources For Children's Librarians

As summer science camps grow in popularity around North Dakota, here are some activities and related resources for both you and your younger patrons.

- Summer Learning page for the American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Acitives for 6-12 year olds
  Scientific American posts activies every Thursday.
- Bill Nye the Science Guy's For Kids & Teachers page

From an article by Rebecca Vnuk in Booklist Online, May 20

Argo

2012's Best Picture winner, Argo, is now available at many North Dakota libraries.

For patrons who are interested in learning more about the 1979 Iranian Hostage Crisis, the North Dakota State Library has three memoirs by those actually held hostage:

- The Ayatollah in the Cathedral by Moorhead Kennedy

- The Destined Hour by Barbara and Barry Rosen

- Inside and Out by Richard Queen (the hostage who was released early for medical reasons)

The State Library also has an assortment of third party accounts of the crisis, as do most ODIN libraries.

Any library who is putting together a display (of any sort) and would like to hold a book beyond NDSL's standard four-week window is welcome to contact us with their request.

North Dakota Library News

- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library named Christine Kujawa as their new Assistant Director after a highly competitive selection process.
- North Dakota State University donated a collection of books focused on the heritage and culture of Germans from Russia in North Dakota to the Harry L. Petrie Library in Linton.
- Valley City-Barnes County Public Library has renamed its multipurpose room the Mary E. Fischer to honor their long-time director who passed away last September.
- The James River Valley Library System's Library Board (Jamestown) hired a development director to raise funds for a new library building.
- Lake Region Public Library (Devils Lake) is forming a Friends of the Library group.
- Garrison Public Library's new Lego Club has met with great and enthusiastic attendance.
- Hebron Public Library now has a web site – www.hebronndlibrary.com.
- Minot Public Library commenced loaning Kindles, Nook HDs, and iPad 4s to their patrons.
- Harry L. Petrie Library (Linton) held a "Seeds of Victory" exhibit, showcasing vintage liberty garden and victory garden posters from WWI and WWII. They also solicited donations of items to benefit U.S. troops serving in the Middle East.
- Valley City-Barnes County won a Libri Foundation Grant for 70 non-fiction children's books.

Reading for Rugrats

This spring, Minot State University students in COMM 324: Community Relations developed and implemented **Voicebook: Reading for Rugrats**. They first involved the larger Minot community by placing book donation bins with local businesses. Over 200 books were donated in February and March. They then worked with parents at Minot Air Force Base, making professional-grade recordings of them reading the books. The recordings were edited and burned to discs, for the soldiers' children to listen to during deployments. Each family was also able to keep the original book. The program may be continued, and possibly extended to parents at Ward County Correctional Facility. Additional coverage: http://1.usa.gov/ZK7Cr3 and http://bit.ly/194Xz2J

ESEA Reauthorization

The Strengthening America's Schools Act, a bill that would reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), was, on June 4, introduced in the US Senate. This legislation for school libraries implements the Improving Literacy and College and Career Readiness Through Effective School Library Program. This program defines a school library as staffed by a state-certified or licensed school librarian. The bill recognizes the role that school library programs play in student learning. More information at: http://bit.ly/173oeQf

Windows 8.1 Unveiled

The May 31 issue of Extreme Tech (see: http://bit.ly/16eZUH6) details that Microsoft has published an official first look at Windows 8.1. As expected, the Start button is making a return (but the Start menu isn't); you can boot straight to the desktop; and, you can now view multiple Metro apps side-by-side. However, if you are a Desktop user, don't get too excited: The primary focus of Windows 8.1 is improving the Metro experience." Watch the Microsoft's YOUTUBE demo at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQb5caeSo00

How to Sign Electronically

If you need to place your "John Hancock" on a document to be sent via email, you have an alternative to the need to print out the document, sign it, and then scan it back in and email it. Rather, you can add your signature to any PDF document, saving it as a standard PDF file that can be read anywhere. Electronic signatures are just like traditional ink signatures, but applied electronically to documents without any printing or scanning required. Want to learn how? See: http://bit.ly/14xmwTi

After a Breakup

One of the most unusual book reading lists is provided in the May 29 edition of the Huffington Post. Provided are recommendations for good reads when you're curled up on the couch with a spoon of ice cream in one hand and a box of tissues in the other. In other words, when you're going through a relationship breakup, it is suggested that rather than pouring your heart out to Ben and Jerry, how about bonding with a few authors who can relate? Check out eight great books to read when you're going through a breakup at: http://huff.to/173okr6

Genealogy Apps for Android

Many genealogy apps display data originally stored in a desktop or laptop genealogy program and some apps allow you to access genealogy data that has been stored on a web server. Now, more robust apps that allow you to store and retrieve your family tree information are available. Learn more at: http://bit.ly/10cMEDC

Did You Know ?

- Twitter has upgraded the "list" functionality. See: http://bit.ly/13DUiDM
- Pinterest users will now be able to search within their own pins. See: http://bit.ly/194ZmVo
- Google Maps has some new features. See: http://bit.ly/1bwZQmA
- Using "social media" can create anxieties. See: http://nym.ag/11an8gW
- You can lessen contact with "spam" when searching on the web. See: http://nyti.ms/18yqVK9
- Flickr has a more modern and fluid display with a generous free account storage allowance. See: http://bit.ly/16f20H6

John Lennon Collection at British Library

"She Said" and "In My Life" were recently donated to the British Library by Beatles' biographer Hunter Davies. The collection of tattered scraps of paper, some picked up half a century ago from the floor of the Abbey Road recording studios before they were thrown away as rubbish, are valued at just under £1 million ($1.5 million US). The full story at: http://bit.ly/17HKONP

Study Shows Heavy Library Use

The Pew Research Center in Washington, DC recently released a new study titled "Parents, Children, Libraries and Reading." Summary findings of the study noted that a majority of parents of children younger than 18 feel libraries are very important for their children. The ties between parents and libraries start with the importance parents attach to the role of reading in their children's lives. Half of parents of children under age 12 (50%) read to their child every day and an additional 26% do so a few times a week. Those with children under age 6 are especially keen on daily reading with their child: 58% of these parents read with their child every day and another 26% read multiple times a week with their children. Furthermore, the importance parents assign to reading and to knowledge shapes their enthusiasm for libraries as may be noted in the study's data. The data indicates:

- 94% of parents say libraries are important for their children and 79% describe libraries as "very important." That is especially true of parents of young children (those under 6), some 84% of whom describe libraries as very important.
- 84% of these parents who say libraries are important say a major reason they want their children to have access to libraries is that libraries help inculcate their children's love of reading and books.
- 81% say a major reason libraries are important is that libraries provide their children with information and resources not available at home.
- 71% also say a major reason libraries are important is that libraries are a safe place for children.

It is interesting to note that, 70% of parents report their child visited a public library in the past 12 months and 55% say their child has his/her own library card. Those children who are library visitors did the following:

- 87% visited the library to borrow books.
- 55% went to do school work — and 77% of the children ages 12-17 went to the library for this reason.
- 46% went to attend a library event — and 53% of the children under age 12 went to the library for this reason.
- 37% went to use the internet — and 43% of the children ages 12-17 went to the library for this reason.

To review the full study conclusions, see: http://bit.ly/13EesiL

Bite the Bullet

Often, in literature, a character is told to "bite the bullet." The history of this expression is that a person who 'bites the bullet', without any sign of fear, acts with great courage in the face of adversity. The phrase recollects a dangerous army practice in the 1850s. Soldiers were often equipped with the British Enfield rifle. Prior to using it, they had to bite off the head of the cartridge to expose the explosive to the spark which would ignite it. The procedure was fraught with danger, particularly so in the heat of battle. It needed firmness and courage, as even the slightest deviation or hesitation would endanger the soldier. And, now you know the history of the expression!

The Bank Street Center for Children's Literature has released their annual list of The Best Children's Books of the Year.

From their website: THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COMMITTEE at the Bank Street College of Education strives to guide librarians, educators, parents, grandparents, and other interested adults to the best books for children published each year. In choosing books for the annual list, reviewers consider literary quality and excellence of presentation as well as the potential emotional impact of the books on young readers. Other criteria include credibility of characterization and plot, authenticity of time and place, age suitability, positive treatment of ethnic and religious differences, and the absence of stereotypes. Nonfiction titles are further evaluated for accuracy and clarity.

There are actually five lists, by age group : Under 5, 5-9, 9-12, 12-14, and 14 and up. Subcategories in each list include Outstanding Merit, Read Aloud, and Graphic Format.

All lists: http://bit.ly/15ZxNel

Where the Buffalo Roam

The newsletter of the Connecticut State Library recently featured "Surprises Found at the State Library" and one of the surprises was a photo of Governor Raymond E. Baldwin with two buffalo. Obviously, the roaming range of the plains animals was far greater than might be anticipated. The photo prompts wonder of how many ND citizens have been to Connecticut and how many CT citizens have been to ND……but, we do indeed know that two buffalo went to Hartford! Thanks to the Connecticut State Library for sharing. See: http://bit.ly/14yCUTE

North Dakota's Southwest Water Authority has recently added a kids page to their website : http://swwater.com/kids. It includes educational videos, online games, experiments, and fun facts. Many links go to federal and university websites.

Babies on the Move

One year and two babies later the Library is busling wtih babies! Since December of 2010, the NDSL staff baby count is now up to 11. That is quite the number of young readers!

Bottom Picture: Ryan (Cameron); Krista (Riley); Matt (Benjamin); Stephanie (Jack); Shari (Roland); Kristen (Raymond); Carmen (Zane) ; and Al (Owen)

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