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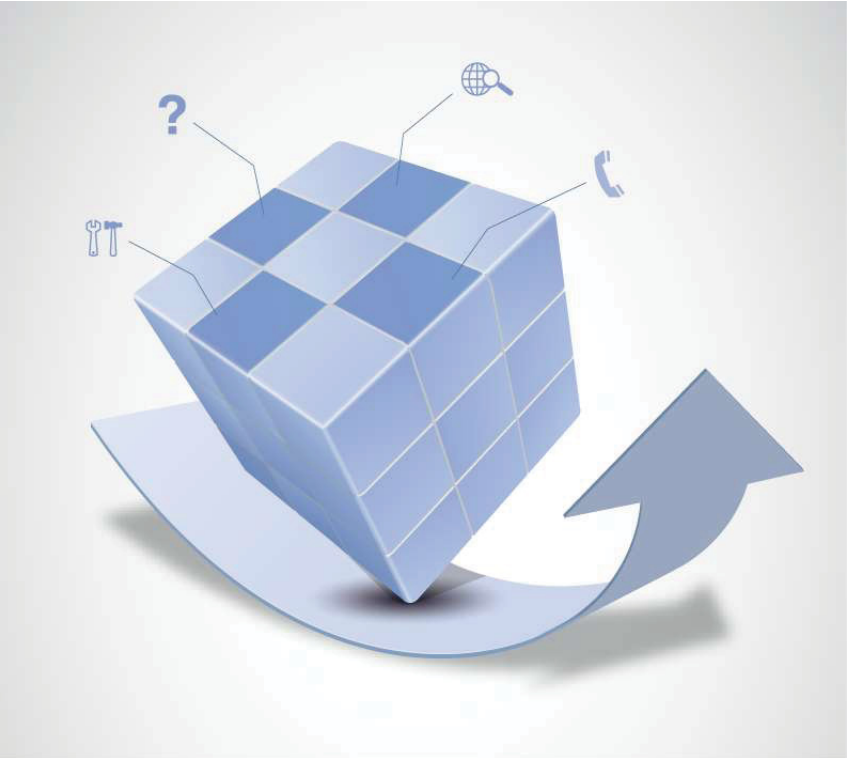
Kicking the Tires of Technology

The deadline is fast approaching for North Dakota public libraries to apply for the Mini-Technology Grant program. The grant, offered as an initiative of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, is one of the biennium's last remaining funding opportunities and offers funding up to a maximum of $500. Applicant libraries are required to provide a 10% match of new money that may not be taken from the normal operating budget of the library. The new money match may be acquired via a donation from local business interests in the community (grain cooperative, oil company, service profession, etc.) or through bake/craft sales; dance contests; music festivals; book sales - indeed, public libraries are encouraged to be really creative in raising their local match. With a low match requirement, it is hoped that many small public libraries will participate. Any costs of a proposal beyond the match required and the maximum award of the program is the responsibility of the applicant library. First priority applicants will be all ND public libraries that offer either night or weekend public service hours; the second priority will be public libraries open to the public more than 15 hours per week. The third priority will be all other legally established North Dakota public libraries. All grant application requests must be sent to the ND State Library and be postmarked by March 31.



The Mini-Technology Grant program is designed to help public libraries learn about new technologies and to experience the use of these technologies in the library. Examples of technology that might be acquired would be: a Google Chromebook; an iPad or Ultrabook; the new Kindle Fire or Google Nexus; products that feature second-screen technologies; a new wireless speaker system; solar USB chargers; meeting room projection machinery; a light-field camera that can refocus photos; or Smartpen technology for drawings or conversations. Countless other examples of new technology are eligible so that public libraries can be familiar with what is available and how it works and how the use can impact library services.

Public libraries that need aid in the completion of the Mini-Technology Grant application are encouraged to contact their Field Services representative at the State Library. Remember the deadline is March 31. Now, each public library can participate, in a small way, in the understanding and use of new technology that you have read about in the profession's literature. The application may be accessed online at http://1.usa.gov/YmXIK2.

New News and Thoughts...

from State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins

Believe it or not, there was a time, not too long ago, when our populace enjoyed anonymity. As a group we enjoyed privacy to do analysis - nothing too secret or too pervasive - just privacy to test new thoughts with the "what if" doctrine prior to the glare of the public light. As individuals, we thought in terms of one's need to mind their "own business" and the need to abide by the concept that if one needed additional opinion, then one would ask for such. Privacy was valued; privacy was important.

Little more than ten years ago, in 2002, the U.S. Navy created a security program called "Tor" which, acting like an anonymizer, performed the task of masking an individual computer terminal user's IP address. "Tor" used an onion routing system that traveled through a randomly selected group of computer servers so as to achieve the act of hiding information from specific groups and hiding both the author and recipient of the information. Today, the use of the "Tor" program is greatly limited because it is now perceived that anonymity is bad. Indeed, many now believe that because anonymity restricts the disclosure of the author of comments, anonymity is not desirable because it is very difficult, without full disclosure, to "weigh the value and importance" of informational comments. Disclosure is believed to allow a value system to be used regarding information with the result being that the user can then discern a "quality factor" for the information made available.

In 2013, the majority of our populace does not pursue privacy for their thoughts and considerations either in the group setting or as individuals. Today, our populace enjoys all the forms of social media they can access as they share their stories, their concerns, and their feelings. Today's populace seems willing to share everything. This sharing is done, more and more, without the use of pseudonyms because the populace now both craves and demands transparency.

So, if that is what is wanted - transparency without anonymity - let's provide such!

The North Dakota Legislature is presently considering funding options for the forthcoming biennium. Part of these considerations is the decision of how government shall fund libraries. The North Dakota Legislature does not want anonymity from library users or library supporters; they want to hear directly from these groups. The Legislature wants to know what are the needs of libraries in the state and how the funding of those needs can improve the lives of the state's citizenry; how funding can make a difference to the state's workforce; and, how the Legislative support of libraries shall help facilitate the educational success of the state. The improvements that can be made in North Dakota libraries with increased state aid; with additional research information via databases; the further development of the state's tutor program; the continuance of an ILL program that provides an equality of information to all communities of the state; and the enhancements that further developments of technology can make in library facilities - these are the messages to be shared in an effort of transparency. So, now is the time to share the message of need and the message that our libraries need the support of our Legislators.

If you have not spoken with your individual Legislator (House and Senate), now is a grand time to have this conversation. You need to bring the message of appreciation for support that brought past success and the desire for further enhancements to fully develop the state's future. Share your comments. After all, anonymity is a trait of the past!

Sue Black to be Featured at Spring Workshops

The North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops will feature Sue Black, a storyteller, teaching artist, and certified bullying prevention trainer. She will present two workshops on Monday, April 8th. The first is titled, "It Takes a Village" and will focus on bullying prevention. Sue's workshop is based on the latest research and best practice in bullying prevention. The workshop will feature stories, songs, drama, and more in an effort to raise awareness, shape attitudes, change behaviors, create memorable learning, and communicate a shared vocabulary. The second session, "Storytelling? You Can Do It!" will explore the unlimited potential for using storytelling in your library. A 2010 Storytelling World Resource Award winner, Sue combines her passion for storytelling with her delight in teaching people to write and tell stories. You may view her biography at http://bit.ly/VCVdRq.

The Spring Workshops will be April 8th (Monday) and April 9th (Tuesday) at the Bismarck Comfort Inn. Other sessions planned include social media identity and security; census and demographic facts from the State Data Center; Literati Public/Credo Reference, a new online resource; crafts in the library; and open source software.

Registrations are now being accepted via check, PayPal, or credit card. Please visit http://bit.ly/123XUSf to register. For additional information, including a schedule and detailed workshop descriptions, please visit http://1.usa.gov/115Im0c.

Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th!

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world, with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons, bring the best to you and yours!

State Library Hosts Summer Reading Workshops

Librarians from Valley City Barnes County Public Library, Casselton Public Library, James River Valley Library System, and Maddock Community Library discuss ideas for the upcoming summer reading program.

The North Dakota State Library hosted summer reading workshops throughout the state in February. Workshop attendees had the opportunity to connect with other librarians, share ideas for summer reading programs, and have fun learning ideas related to the 2013 themes. The upcoming summer reading themes are Dig Into Reading! (Children), Beneath the Surface (Teens), and Groundbreaking Reads (Adults).

Most attendees agreed that the idea sharing and program suggestions would add significant value to their upcoming summer reading programs. "I love the networking opportunity. Being able to visit with other librarians and share ideas encourages me to host a really great summer program," reported one librarian.

Save the Date!

The 2013 edition of the North Dakota State Library Summer Breeze library management seminar is coming to a location near you. This year's program will be all about long range planning. Please plan to attend one of the following sessions, which will feature the same content in all locations.

August 5 - Bismarck Public Library

August 7 - Dickinson Public Library

August 8 - Minot Public Library

August 13 - Grand Forks Public Library

August 14 - Leach Public Library (Wahpeton)

August 16 - Alfred Dickey Public Library (Jamestown)

Stay tuned for additional details to come in a future issue of the *Flickertale*!

LIDGERWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

In February, the Lidgerwood Public Library hosted the Lidgerwood Public School Sophomore and Kindergarten classes. Mrs. Guenther's Sophomores entertained Mrs. Kuzel's Kindergartners by reading them stories and then helping them with a craft project. Each high school student was assigned a kindergarten student and found books to the younger student's interest. The Sophomore class came to the Public Library two weeks ago to pick out books to read to the Kindergarten Class, and they also made heart headbands for the kindergartners. The Library Board had a heart craft for all to do and served juice and homemade heart cookies, made by Mrs. Dathe's class. This event was held to help the Lidgerwood Public Library celebrate its 100th year and to encourage reading.

North Dakota Public Library Happenings

- Christine Kujawa, of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library, was recently awarded the Gordon M. Conable Award by the Public Library Association. This award honors her work in leading intellectual freedom education and advocacy on local, state, and national levels. Christine is the Chair of NDLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee.
- Three new computers and a copier were recently donated to the Walhalla Public Library by a generous individual who requested to remain anonymous.
- The Lake Region Public Library was the recipient of a grant from the Devils Lake Area Foundation.
- The Fargo Public Library was awarded a Muslim Journeys Bookshelf collection from the National Endowment for the Humanities. They received two complete sets of materials, one for their main location and one for the Dr. James Carlson Library.
- The Velva School and Public Library along with the North Dakota Humanities Council recently sponsored a Dakota Discussion on the book *March* by Geraldine Brooks. The discussion was led by Dr. Margaret Sherve from Minot State University.
- Voting for the ND Library Association Flicker Tale Children's Book Award is underway. The deadline for voting is April 1st. Ballots are available for download from the NDLA website at www.ndla.info. Click on "Flicker Tale Book Award" and then scroll down to the bottom and click "ballots." For more information, please contact Linda Austin at 701-667-5365 or laustin@cdln.info.
- The Minot Public Library has started offering free one-on-one computer instruction by appointment. In addition to the Tech Tutors program, they've also been offering free Tech Talks on topics like eBay, digital music, Facebook, Etsy, blogging, Snapfish, and Craigslist.

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY SPONSORS LEGO TEAM

The Grand Forks Public Library sponsored a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) team that competed at the North Dakota FLL Championship Tournament at the University of North Dakota Memorial Union on Saturday, February 2nd. The children designed and programmed an autonomous robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS NXT.

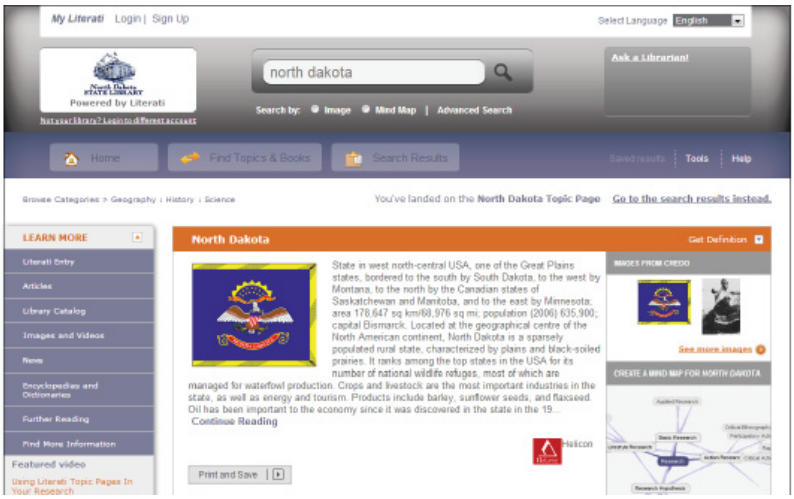
- The West Fargo Public Library is currently hosting a ham radio class conducted by the Red River Radio Amateurs.
- The Grand Forks Public Library recently hosted "The Bridges of North Dakota" Traveling Interpretive Exhibit from the State Historical Society. The exhibit features 17 North Dakota bridges dating back to 1872.
- Another of the State Historical Society's Traveling Interpretive Exhibits was recently at the Harry L. Petrie Public Library in Linton. This one was appropriately titled "Winter Memories: Having Fun and Keeping Warm" and it featured photos and stories spanning the past 100 years of North Dakota winters. While the exhibit was in town, Librarian Carla Frison invited people to donate gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for the homeless shelter.

Did You Know?

The most recent acquisitions at the North Dakota State Library may be viewed at http://1.usa.gov/YPx4qb. All of the items are available for you to check out. If you don't have a NDSL card, visit www.library.nd.gov/libcardapp.html for more information and an application form. You may also subscribe to an RSS feed that will send you a monthly list of the ten most popular new items at the State Library. Visit http://bit.ly/15AvL4C to subscribe.

An Introduction to Literati Public

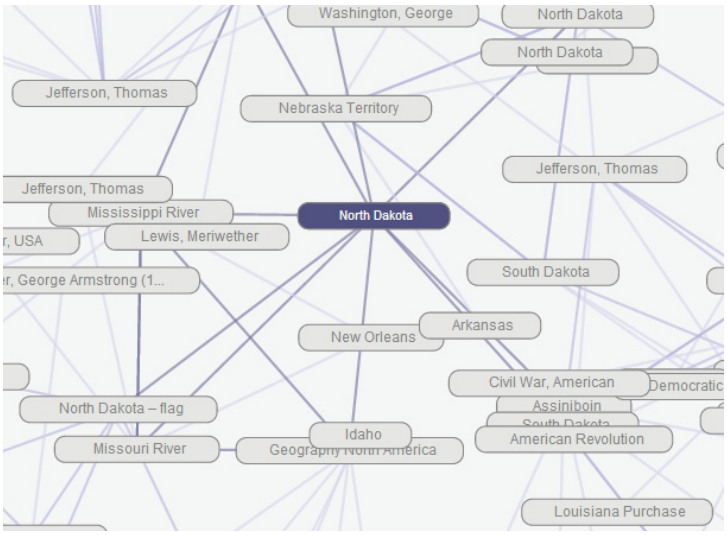
Literati Public is the new educational research tool provided by the North Dakota State Library.



The core reference collection of Literati Public consists of over 400 full text ebooks from over 80 publishers. Content includes encyclopedias, handbooks, dictionaries, animations, videos, audio clips, high resolution images, and research aid tutorials.

Every major subject area is covered and new titles are added automatically. Reference results are cited in MLA, APA, Harvard, and Chicago citation formats. Every title, subject, or search result has an unique URL, so teachers and librarians can create study guides.

One of the most exciting features of the Literati platform is discovery searching. What is discovery searching? Basically, when a Literati search is conducted, results consist of: Literati reference titles, North Dakota State Library catalog items, and articles from the subscription databases (Gale, EBSCO, ProQuest, etc.). One search box (shown above) taps into all the library's resources.



Visual learners will like Mind Map (shown at left) searching, which displays the connections between search results in a visual and interactive format. Students can use mind maps to see how information is linked or to find topics for papers or research projects.

Connecting to Literati Public from school or a public library requires no login. From home, you can use your library card or the Remote Access Number assigned to your school or public library. Or, use Geo IP recognition (which requires no login). Just enter from web address: http://public.literati.credoreference.com and select "North Dakota State Library." You can also bookmark the URL for easy access from home.

If you have questions about Literati Public, or would like more information about North Dakota's latest educational resource, contact Steve Axtman at saxtman@nd.gov.

Scholarships Available for Library and Information Technologies Students

Valley City State University and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has announced the availability of scholarships for Master's degree candidates enrolled in the VCSU M.Ed. Library and Information Technologies concentration (LIT). The award is for tuition and fees in the range from $3,000 to $10,000. For additional information or an application, please visit http://bit.ly/Ze4E9Z. For questions, contact Donna James at donna.james@vcsu.edu or 701-845-7275. The scholarship application deadline is March 15, 2013.

New Library Science Publications at the State Library

A reader on reading

Quick and popular reads for teens

Patience & fortitude : wherein a colorful cast of determined book collectors, dealers, and librarians go about the quixotic task of preserving a legacy

More technology for the rest of us : a second primer on computing for the non-IT librarian

Fundamentals of library supervision

Graphic novels and comics in libraries and archives : essays on readers, research, history and cataloging

Introducing RDA : a guide to the basics

Web-based instruction : a guide for libraries

Multicultural programs for tweens and teens

Librarian on the roof! : a true story [juvenile]

Copyright law for librarians and educators : creative strategies and practical solutions

Can I bring Woolly to the library, Ms. Reeder? [juvenile fiction]

Frequently asked questions : an Unshelved collection [webcomic]

Reader's advisory : an Unshelved collection [webcomic]

The storytelling animal : how stories make us human

Location-aware services and QR codes for libraries

Strategic planning for social media in libraries

Cloud computing for libraries

User experience (UX) design for libraries

Drupal in libraries

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.

Library Director Orientation

The State Library's Field Services department is available to conduct orientations for library directors throughout the state. Eric Stroshane recently travelled to the Mott Public Library to take their enthusiastic new director, Kimberly Herring, through a library director orientation. You can read more about it at http://bit.ly/YTtKwc. The session ran around 4.5 hours.

What does such a session cover? Here's a full rundown of our orientation checklist:

- **State Library Services**
- **Public Library Data and Statistics**
- **Library Boards and Library Law**
- **Library Planning**
- **Library Foundations**
- **Hiring Employees**
- **Library Policies**
- **Weeding**
- **Bookkeeping and Budgets**
- **Technology**

In addition to meeting Kimberly, Eric also encountered a few gnomes that will be taking part in the Mott Public Library Summer Reading Program.

If you need a refresher on any of these topics or would be interested in the full session, don't hesitate to contact your Field Services librarian at http://1.usa.gov/zgZR03.

National Library Week 2013

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use.

All North Dakota libraries are encouraged to celebrate National Library Week April 14-20 using the national theme "Communities matter @ your library." The 2013 National Library Week Honorary Chair is Caroline Kennedy.

For more information about National Library Week, including event planning tips and customizable promotional materials, please visit http://bit.ly/10vf4Vh and http://bit.ly/TKu01K.

Top Circulating Items at the North Dakota State Library for 2012

TOP ADULT NON-FICTION

1. *Mrs. Kennedy and Me* – Clint Hill
2. *Unbroken: A World War II Airman's Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* – Laura Hillenbrand
3. *A Stolen Life: A Memoir* – Jaycee Dugard
3. *A Child Called It: One Child's Courage to Survive* – David Pelzer (tie)
3. *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* – Jeannette Walls (tie)
6. *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* – Erik Larson
6. *The Heroin Diaries: A Year in the Life of a Shattered Rock Star* –Nikki Sixx (tie)
8. *Fort Clark and Its Indian Neighbors: A Trading Post on the Upper Missouri* – W. Raymond Wood
8. *Through My Eyes* – Tim Tebow (tie)
8. *Heaven Is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven* – Todd Burpo (tie)
8. *Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man* – Steve Harvey (tie)
8. *90 Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Death & Life* – Don Piper (tie)
8. *You Were Born Rich* – Bob Proctor (tie)
8. *The Ultimate Evil: An Investigation into America's Most Dangerous Satanic Cult* – Maury Terry (tie)

TOP AUDIOBOOKS

1. *Unbroken* – Laura Hillenbrand
2. *Fifty Shades of Grey* – E.L. James
3. *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* – Stieg Larsson
3. *The Hobbit* – J.R.R. Tolkien (tie)
5. *Ruby* – Lauraine Snelling
5. *The Shadow Rising* – Robert Jordan (tie)
5. *1st to Die* – James Patterson (tie)
5. *The Girl Who Played With Fire* – Stieg Larsson (tie)
5. *The 6th Target* – James Patterson (tie)
5. *Valley of Dreams* – Lauraine Snelling (tie)
5. *Fifty Shades Darker* – E.L. James (tie)

TOP ADULT FICTION AUTHORS

1. Lauraine Snelling
2. Nora Roberts
3. Karen Kingsbury
4. Louis L'Amour
4. James Patterson (tie)
6. Beverly Lewis
7. John Sandford
8. Terri Blackstock
8. Danielle Steel (tie)
10. Stuart Woods

TOP JUVENILE FICTION AUTHORS

1. Suzanne Collins
2. Ellen Hopkins
3. Rick Riordan
3. Erin Hunter (tie)
3. Sara Shepard (tie)
6. James Patterson
7. Christopher Paolini
7. Jeff Kinney (tie)
9. Laura Joffe Numeroff
10. Melanie Nilles (North Dakota author!)

Continuing Education Opportunities

The following webinars are free, 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.

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

Connexion Client Module 02: Basic Bibliographic Searching (Minitex)

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 1-3 PM (Central Time)

This online 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 online at http://bit.ly/TYd6LN.

NDSL Online Tools for the Job Search (ND State Library)

Thursday, March 28, 2013, 10:30-11:30 AM (Central Time)

The ND State Library offers several online resources to help with the job search, updating your resume, writing effective cover letters, or preparing for standardized job skills tests. This webinar will focus on job search tools found in TutorND, Learning Express Library, and Business Source Premier. ND Government online resources to help business entrepreneurs will also be surveyed. Register online at http://bit.ly/WN1oYw.

Literati Public (ND State Library)

Thursday, March 28, 2013, 3:30-4:30 PM (Central Time)

Literati Public is a reference orientated database that links a core collection of over 400 full-text reference titles, the ND State Library Catalog, and the subscription databases (Gale, EBSCO, etc.). Basically, one search box searches all our resources. This webinar will navigate Literati Public, explore the content, and use traditional and unique searching methods. Register online at http://bit.ly/WN1jnC.

Personalize (and Share!) Your News Experience with ProQuest Newsstand Complete (Minitex)

Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 12-12:30 PM (Central Time)

With over a thousand different news sources offering a wide range of perspectives, you can personalize the world's news with ProQuest Newsstand Complete. In this brief webinar join Minitex Reference Outreach & Instruction staff to learn how to customize your news on the topics that interest you. Any topic in the news you can follow and, if you wish, share with others. Register online at http://bit.ly/11lclCl.

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.*

Connecting Presidential Collections

The Theodore Roosevelt Center is pleased to announce its participation in a pilot project, Connecting Presidential Collections. This new website offers a single source for discovering the digital collections of multiple presidential sites and libraries, including the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, Sixth Floor Museum at Deasley Plaza and the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library. Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and developed by the University of Virginia's Miller Center, the successful beta website demonstrates the power of single-source searching for presidential materials. The Connecting Presidential Collections website is the culmination of a year-long IMLS grant which included convening a summit meeting with experts in the fields of archives, libraries and digital humanities. For additional information or to search the collection, please visit http://presidentialcollections.org.

Library Technology Blogs

In a recent post for *State Tech*, Jimmy Daly puts forth six "indispensable" library technology blogs. If you're involved with technology at your library, you might want to check out the article and list of blogs at http://bit.ly/XUYEWI.

Tips for Celebrating Preservation Week at Your Library

There are many things you can do to promote preservation at your library. Preservation week is April 21-27, 2013. Here are a few suggestions for ideas to promote the concepts of preservation.

1. Do just one thing - it doesn't need to be big.
2. Invite a speaker to talk about a preservation topic.
3. Show book repair or conservation treatment at a public table for a day.
4. Invite a local collector or community organization in to exhibit.
5. Provide handouts featuring preservation topics and tips to library patrons.
6. Host a story hour or family workshop.
7. Create a small temporary exhibit that features conserved items from your collection.
8. Invite users or visitors to share a personal story about personal items they have preserved.
9. Host a film screening or a book group to discuss preservation.

Responsive Web Design

Ellyssa Kroski in iLibrarian (January 23 issue) writes that "Responsive Web Design" is all about designing your website so that it can be optimally viewed on a wide range of devices such as tablets, smartphones, or laptops. The idea is to design and maintain one website that can be viewed on all. Responsive Web Design revolves around three core features: media queries, a fluid grid, and flexible images. The website of the North Dakota State Library has recently been updated to give a responsive design and is one of the first state library websites nationally to complete this task. For the full comments of Ms. Kroski, visit http://bit.ly/XorijA.

A Search Tool for Students

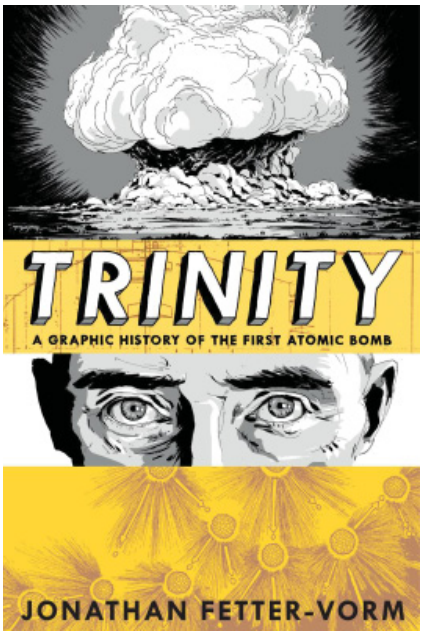
Yolink, which powers many website search boxes, has a browser add-on for Firefox, Internet Explorer, Chrome and Safari. The browser add-on allows students to search within websites, highlight selections of a website, and even send those highlighted changes to their Google Drive cloud storage account. To download the browser extension, please visit www.yolink.com/yolink/browser.

YALSA List of Great Graphic Novels for Teens

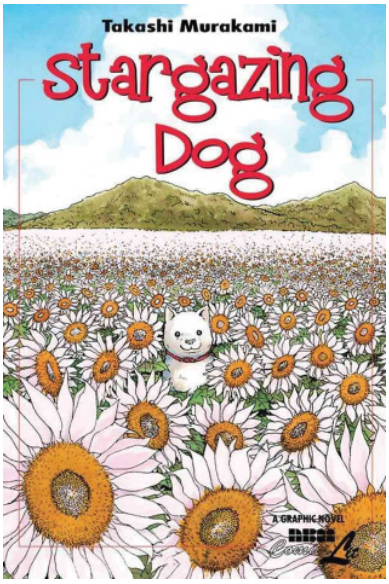
YALSA, the American Library Association's teen services division, compiles an annual list of Great Graphic Novels for Teens. These titles are recommended for ages 12 to 18. This year's list, which includes only books published in 2012 or late 2011, is 55 titles - 47 fiction and 8 nonfiction. Recognizing that most libraries have both limited space and limited budgets, the committee also publishes the following "Top Ten" selections. For the full list of titles, please visit http://bit.ly/YDgFrT.

FICTION

- *Ultimate Comics Spider-man*, v. 1 – Brian Michael Bendis and Sara Pichelli
- *Friends with Boys* – Faith Erin Hicks



- *A Flight of Angels* – Alisa Kwitney, Rebecca Guay, and others
- *The Silence of Our Friends* – Mark Long, Nate Powell, and others
- *Stargazing Dog* – Takashi Murakami
- *Drama* – Raina Telgemeier
- *Daredevil* – Mark Waid, Paolo Manual Rivera, and Marcos Martin



NONFICTION

- *My Friend Dahmer* – Derf Backderf
- *Trinity: A Graphic History of the First Atomic Bomb* – Jonathan Fetter-Vorm
- *Annie Sullivan and the Trials of Helen Keller* – Joseph Lambert

Contest for Original Video Games Now Open

The annual National STEM Video Game Challenge, presented by the Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop and E-Line Media is now accepting student submissions of original video games and game designs. As a new national community Challenge sponsor, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will expand opportunities for libraries and museums to support Challenge participation in their communities.

The 2013 National STEM Video Game Challenge is accepting entries from U.S. students in grades five through twelve, through April 24, 2013. Students can enter as individuals or in teams of up to four students. Entries can be created using any game-making platform such as Gamestar Mechanic, Microsoft's Kodu, GameMaker, Scratch, or a written game design concept document.

Each individual winner and each member of a winning team will receive an AMD-powered laptop computer that will include game design and educational software. The winners' sponsoring school or an organization of their choice will receive a cash prize of $2000. For additional information, please visit http://stemchallenge.org.

Library Grant Opportunities

KIDS NEED TO READ

Deadline: Ongoing

Kids Need to Read provides books, periodicals, and literacy resources to schools, libraries, and other organizations that administer literacy programs to children and adolescents. Kids Need to Read places a heavy emphasis on assisting disadvantaged children. Because the foundation serves children of all ages, submissions are encouraged from literacy programs that focus on middle readers and young adults. The goal of this grant program is to help stressed populations, such as juvenile offenders, children and adolescents living in impoverished communities, and youth faced with learning challenges. It is the intent to assist educators who are devoted to helping such children overcome the odds and succeed through worthwhile literacy programs.

Visit http://community.kidsneedtoread.org/?page_id=1916.

FEEDING IMAGINATION

Deadline: Ongoing

Feeding Imagination is an educational program that provides reading books to children in grades K-6, especially in areas with a high degree of poverty and need.

Visit http://gohugos.com/about-our-store/feeding-imagination.

NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK, BRIMSTONE AWARD FOR APPLIED STORYTELLING

Preliminary application deadline: April 30

The grant supports a model storytelling project that is service-oriented, based in a community or organization, and to some extent replicable in other places and situations. It is the hope that projects receiving this award will have impact beyond their own communities, organizations, or clients, inspiring excellence in applied storytelling work and communicating to new audiences the humanitarian possibilities of storytelling. Many different sorts of projects can be considered for the award, including community, organizational or institutional programs, curricular activities, short residencies, and projects combining complementary art forms. Projects may involve various kinds of stories, including traditional tales and myths as well as personal and ad hoc narratives. Although oral storytelling should be central to the project, the work need not be conducted by professional storytelling performers.

Visit http://www.storynet.org/grants/brimstone.html.

WELLS FARGO

Deadline: Ongoing

Wells Fargo supports organizations that work to strengthen communities. Through the volunteer efforts of enthusiastic team members and contributions, Wells Fargo shares its success with local communities. The company strives to assist communities by supporting non-profit organizations that provide human services, community development, educational, artistic, cultural, civic and environmental programs.

Visit https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/nd_guidelines.

Grants To Support Financial Literacy

Just in time for tax season, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation and RUSA have announced $1.12 million in grants to 14 recipients as part of the Smart Investing @ Your Library initiative. The program funds library efforts to provide patrons with effective, unbiased educational resources about personal finance and investing. Now in its sixth year, the program has awarded a total of $7 million to public libraries and library networks nationwide. For additional information, please visit http://smartinvesting.ala.org.

Tech Tips:
Saving YouTube Videos to Your Computer

Have you ever wanted to save a YouTube video on to your computer? This is an extremely handy thing, especially if you have to show a YouTube video as part of an off-site presentation and you're not sure if there's an Internet connection available. There are many programs available that can save YouTube videos for you, but the following method is extremely simple and doesn't require dedicated software.

First, go to YouTube and navigate to the video that you want to download. Then look at the address bar in your browser - it should have something like this typed in it "http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9NF2edxy-M." To begin the process of saving the video, type the word "save" before the word "youtube" so it looks like this: "http://www.**save**youtube.com/watch?v=d9NF2edxy-M" and then hit enter. This will take you to another website that will give you a few options concerning what format you want to use to save your video. Then you will see a yellow window come up within your browser asking you to save. This website makes money from advertising revenue so it might prompt you for other things to download. Also, please note that this website uses Java, so you will need to have the latest version of Java installed on your computer.

OCLC Releases Library Spotlight Program

How easy is it for users to find your library on the Internet? The folks at OCLC argue: "Finding a library on the Web should be as easy as finding a coffee shop." To that end, the OCLC Library Spotlight Program is being offered as a centralized resource for global library information that easily plugs into online searches, other directories, discovery services, and your own website.

If you'd like to have an Internet presence, but don't have the time or expertise to build your own website, Library Spotlight is a great place to start. To begin, you'll need to create a WorldCat account (if you don't already have one). Then, search for and "claim" your library at http://bit.ly/15zLMaP. Once you've done so, you can input your library information, such as contact info, specific map location, operating hours, library photo, and more. The process is straightforward and shouldn't take more than a few minutes.

While the Library Spotlight Program is aimed primarily at libraries without an Internet presence, all libraries can benefit from setting up a page. For those that already have a library website, the Library Spotlight page allows for links to your main website and provides another avenue for library users to learn more about the services your library provides.

To learn more about Library Spotlight, visit http://bit.ly/YCISiz. To view a completed Library Spotlight page, visit the North Dakota State Library page at http://bit.ly/16bbNyC.

North Dakota Sights and Scenes : Salem Sue

She was built to honor and advertise the dairymen of the area, their superior herds, and the production of high quality milk. Salem Sue, situated on a hill in New Salem, North Dakota, is the largest Holstein cow in the world. Local dairymen, farmers, businessmen, dairy industry leaders, and residents of the area all contributed the $40,000 that it took to build this roadside attraction in 1974. Motorists on Interstate 94 can't miss Salem Sue - she measures 50 feet long and stands 38 feet tall. The community of New Salem keeps Salem Sue well-maintained and continues to promote its dairy heritage. Indeed, the high school sports teams are named "Holsteins" and the "Ballad of the Holstein" succinctly explains the community pride surrounding Salem Sue:

Her presence shows that New Salem grows,
With milk-producers' yields.
We've got the cow, world's largest cow,
That looks across our fields.

New Salem is located 30 miles west of Bismarck, ND.

Photo by Wikipedia user Bobjgalindo.

Mozilla Debuts Online Video Tool

Popcorn Maker is an online tool, developed by Mozilla, that allows users to enhance, remix, and share web video. Users can also integrate audio and other web content such as text, maps, links, pictures, live video feeds and more. Popcorn Maker is a browser-based application that has many potential uses, including a new way to present book reviews or a unique method for librarians to curate and present Internet content. The intuitive drag-and-drop interface makes creating a video presentation a very efficient process. Librarians, educators, and parents should check out Popcorn Maker at https://popcorn.webmaker.org.

If the coconut family is out, can spring be near?

Did Curiosity Really "Kill the Cat?"

Have you ever wondered what the expression "curiosity killed the cat" really means? The real saying goes back to the 17th century English playwright Ben Jonson, who wrote a play (http://bit.ly/13I0a2h) containing the phrase "care kills a cat." Not "care" as in somebody took too much care of it, but "care" as in "worry." This expression was popularized by Shakespeare who, in *Much Ado About Nothing*, referenced Jonson's phrase in the line "Though care killed the cat, thou hast mettle enough in thee to kill care." In both cases, it wasn't curiosity that killed the cat, but worry. We still don't know why it was specifically a cat that worried itself to death. But in any event, the intended meaning was that stewing about things would lead to an early death, which makes more sense than claiming that curiosity, for cats or humans, is fatal. Over time, the meaning of "care" has often been misinterpreted as something closer to inquisitiveness. So, now you know that the originators of the phrase didn't really blame "curiosity" for a cat's untimely demise. If you give the matter some thought, you will probably agree that curiosity is a good thing and can be a source of great motivation!

Books That Shape

In 2012, the Library of Congress, with public response, created a listing of the most influential books that shaped America (http://read.gov/btsa.html). The titles featured had a profound effect on American life. Some of the titles included have been the source of great controversy, even derision, yet they nevertheless shaped Americans' views of their world and often the world's view of the United States. The Library of Congress encouraged the reading of the listed titles as a way to explore the extraordinary breadth and depth of America's literary tradition - a tradition that the Library of Congress is dedicated to preserving for the immediate and long-term future of our nation. Presently, the Library of Congress is developing a list of great books that have affected the world throughout history. You can help choose the books that will go on that list by taking the short survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BTSW2013.

Pavlov's Dog

Have you ever wondered about the breed of Pavlov's dog? Well, it seems that Pavlov, in reality, had several dogs. To see the dogs, check the site of the Smithsonian at http://bit.ly/XYzwvb.

One of Pavlov's dogs is preserved in the Pavlov Museum in Russia.

Top Book Cover Designs of 2012

It seems there is a "top list" of almost everything in the literary world. The *New York Times* brings yet another list to the public's attention with selections made by graphic designers to note for 2012 the best of the year's Book Cover Designs. See the list, with graphics, at http://nyti.ms/12xlNTS.

YALSA Partners With Best Buy

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has announced a partnership with Best Buy to administer donations that will expand programs and improve digital services for teens in libraries across the country as teens are afforded opportunities, through technology, to develop 21st century skills. This partnership with Best Buy will allow YALSA to direct resources toward closing the digital divide for teens. When Best Buy Mobile opens new locations across North America, YALSA will identify a nearby public or school library to receive a $2000 donation from Best Buy to fund digital library resources for teens. For more information on this partnership visit http://pr.bby.com/community-relations/overview.

16 Great Library Scenes in Film

Just days ago, the Academy Awards were a discussion topic. And recently it was announced that Dan Brown's next novel will center upon a mystery surrounding *Dante's Inferno*. Just for fun, writer Jeff O'Neal, the editor of Book Riot, shared his opinion of 16 great library scenes in cinema at http://bit.ly/YbaA2U.

Did You Know ?

- The free download of personal development e-books are available at http://personalexcellence.co/free-ebooks. The downloads feature inspirational quotes, ideas for overcoming procrastination, and things to do before you die.
- Users of the Amazon Kindle iOS app should not download the latest update due to a bug that can delete users' existing libraries and settings. More info is available at http://on.mash.to/ZtZOHe.
- Six quotes from Theodore Roosevelt can change your life. See http://bit.ly/16bCLWP.
- You can know how Google really works if you review the data on Google's new infographic at http://bit.ly/14yjIlT.
- The next round of the Ezra Jack Keats Mini-grant Program for Public Libraries that provides $500 for projects that foster creative expression, working together, and interaction with a diverse community has a March 15, 2013 deadline. For more information, visit http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/minigrant-program.
- You don't have to leave your home to participate in course instruction provided by instructors from Princeton, Duke, Caltech and other schools (33 total) as they teach online classes on everything from math to music, complete with video lectures, quizzes, and homework. See https://www.coursera.org.
- The graphic presentation of Stephen Abram examines the care one should have regarding online postings affecting one's online reputation. See http://bit.ly/13J3HxV.
- Just like the number spelling "F-I-R-E" is used to call fire departments, your phone number might have a similar phone-word combination as well. In order to find out what it actually is, you can utilize the PhoneSpell service at http://www.phonespell.org.
- If you want to know 10 common mistakes made on Twitter, visit http://bit.ly/YPdA4M.
- The next Annual Conference meeting of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) will be September 25-28, 2013, in Omaha, Nebraska. Visit http://arsl.info/category/conference2 for more details.
- If you want to discover the value of the U.S. dollar from 1913 to the present day (and estimates for the years of 1800 to 1913), check the site provided by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis using the Consumer Price Index at http://www.minneapolisfed.org/community_education/teacher/calc/index.cfm?.
- Freeware and shareware is linked together at http://www.freebyte.com.

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Top Children's Books of 2012

Publisher's Weekly children's books column, ShelfTalker, has compiled a list of the best 2012 children's (and YA) books based on the number of starred reviews. Nonfiction titles are included.

Top titles, with 7 stars:

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Seraphina by Rachel Hartman

Six-starred reviews:

Ask the Passengers by A.S. King

Jimmy the Greatest! by Jairo Buitrago

This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen

Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham

To view the complete list, which is a useful resource for booksellers, librarians, teachers, and readers, please visit http://bit.ly/W236Ug.

World Book Night to be Celebrated April 23

World Book Night is an annual celebration dedicated to spreading the love of reading, person to person. Each year on April 23, tens of thousands of people go out into their communities and give half a million free World Book Night paperbacks to individuals that don't own or have easy access to books.

World Book Night is about giving books and encouraging reading in those who don't regularly do so. But it is also about more than that: It's about people, communities and connections, about reaching out to others and touching lives in the simplest of ways - through the sharing of stories.

Members of the public can apply to personally hand out 20 copies of a particular title in their community. The selected "givers" choose a local participating bookstore or library from which to pick up the 20 copies of their book, and World Book Night delivers the books to these host locations. For additional information, please visit http://bit.ly/Z2Mrhk.

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