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FLICKERTALE

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TRAVELING HISTORICAL DISPLAYS COMING THIS SPRING

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is in the process of putting together a program to celebrate the 125th anniversary of our statehood. Each topic comes with some sort of visual display. The kit will include five different books from the NDSL collection. The books will not be available for check out but NDSL has a number of copies of each book so you can Interlibrary Loan book requests. The displays will come with a list of additional resources (books, DVD's, audio books, ect.), coloring sheets, craft ideas and more. The Historical Society has also made a copy of each of their S.E.N.D. trunks available for this program (from the historical society http://1.usa.gov/HSKL7o).

Display topics will cover:

- Bismarck: The Capital City
- The Day in the Life of a Homesteader
- Ethnic Heritage
- Early Education in North Dakota
- Farming
- Family Lineage
- The Corps of Discovery: Lewis & Clark
- North Dakota Timeline
- Teddy Roosevelt
- Transportation

These topics were chosen based on books we have in our collection; on agency/organizations willing to participate in this project; and resources available to NDSL.

The program will begin in April and each library will be able to keep these displays for up to 4 weeks. These displays will be showcased at the Spring Workshop April 7 & 8, and will be available at the end of the workshop for any library to take with them. If a library would like to reserve a display, please contact Kristin Byram at ndslpa@nd.gov.

More information and pictures of these displays will be coming soon. Detailed descriptions, pictures and any additional content for this program will be available on our website before the program launches in April.

Displays are available on a first come first serve basis. NDSL will cover the shipping costs of the displays one way and the participating library is responsible for returning them. If you have any questions or would like more information on this project, please contact Kristin at ndslpa@nd.gov

News and Thoughts...

from State Librarian Mary J. Soucie

If you've never been to ALA Midwinter before, it's quite different than most conferences. A majority of the conference is geared towards committee meetings. There were a handful of discussion groups on a variety of topics and a few educational sessions sprinkled throughout the day.

The best part of Midwinter for me was the wealth of authors in the exhibit hall. I was able to meet authors I knew nothing about, as well as some I've been reading for years, such as Donna Andrews. For years, my conference motto for the exhibit halls has been "travel light" so I don't normally collect brochures or catalogs from vendors. This year though the Advanced Reader Copies (ARC) sucked me in and I came home with quite a stack.

I was invited to a vendor sponsored reception at one of the Philadelphia Art Museums. I enjoyed the opportunity to look around the museum as they had some really amazing artwork. I also enjoyed the opportunity to network with colleagues, which really is the reason we go to conferences, workshops and meetings, isn't it?

I learned about the Advanced Workstations in Education (AWE) Video Contest for Libraries. It's an opportunity for libraries to win an AWE Literacy Learning Station. For more information visit: http://bit.ly/1kllH9z

I attended an ALA sponsored session called "Libraries Transforming Communities", which is an ALA Initiative to help libraries connect with their community in new and expanded ways. A few thoughts from that presentation that struck me were:

- Aspirations motivate; so we should begin with our aspirations rather than our needs and wants. That is a powerful shift in thinking.
- We need to be responsive to our communities needs and then market our responses.
- We should identify pockets of change we can take right away and implement them. I think this has the potential to really shift the way we interact with our communities.

Members at the meeting had a chance to give ALA feedback on the changes they believe need to be made. There were a lot of suggestions but a few that really seemed to resonate with people were:

- ALA should have more financially viable options for membership, including an inexpensive patron category as a way for people that love libraries to support them at a higher level;
- Be future thinking while remaining nimble enough to be proactive;
- Have big ideas rooted in practical application. The model they are using for this initiative is "kitchen conversation". In other words, invite people to come together in a group, have a conversation where everyone is free to speak and where intentional listening is practiced.

This is a very replicable model for our libraries. For more information on the ALA initiative, visit http://bit.ly/1ea7ALV.

I also learned more about an opportunity to have an influence in the book arena called "Library Reads". The goal of Library Reads is to connect readers with good books. A secondary goal is to showcase the impact librarians can have on increasing the exposure of both titles and authors through word-of-mouth. Any person currently working in a public library is eligible to participate in Library Reads. More information can be found at http://libraryreads.org/.

Overall I believe the conference was very beneficial. For more information about the conference including conference highlights and information on the next ALA meeting please vist: http://alamw14.ala.org/

Geek out North Dakota

In the last few months the basic information about Geek the Library program has been featured in the Flickertale. As the June deadline approaches, more libraries have been signing up for the program. For those of you still on the fence here is some information that might help:

- This program can be a little or a lot of work and can be run on any type of budget.
- The Marketing and Field Service Staff will be offering tips and ideas to work this campaign into your community.
- If libraries sign up before April 15th the State Library will provide 5 free custom posters and a day of free photography from the Marketing Department.
- If after you sign up you realize that this isn't something you have time for, there are no reprecussions. You can just keep the materials or the Field Services Staff can pick them up.

Below is an archived version of the "Geek the Library – North Dakota" webinar we had at the end of January: http://bit.ly/MbSVcZ

Whatdoyougeek?

Teachers & Librarians: Educational Development Available

The Library of Congress offers professional development, self-paced online modules for teachers, librarians, and administrators. Each module takes approximately one hour and includes a certificate of completion.

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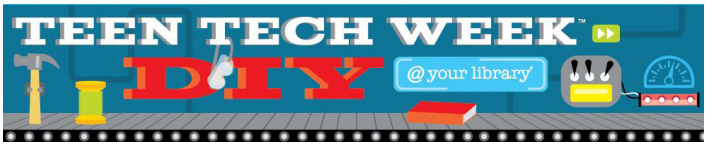
Check with your school administration to see if these Library of Congress self-paced modules will apply towards Continuing Education credit in your school district. Online Modules: http://1.usa.gov/1b29sMm

Teen Tech Week

Teen Tech Week is March 9-15. If you haven't started planning yet, Young Adult Library Service Association (YALSA) has resources to help you get started, including toolkits to help you plan and publicize events. Link: http://bit.ly/LQ0cz7



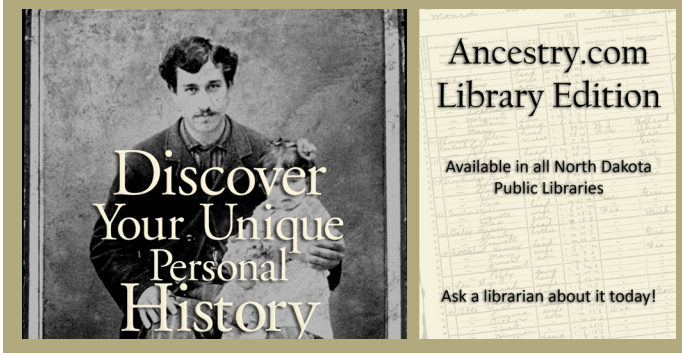
Online Library Resource Corner: **Ancestry.com**

Family history research has gotten easier and faster with this online genealogical tool. Ancestry Library Edition has over 9,000 individual collections like census records, military records, passenger lists, church records, land records, and more. In addition to U.S. records, you will also find records from Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Ancestry Library Edition is free to use in public or school libraries; it cannot be accessed from home. Why? Ancestry.com, the company, also has a subscription version that allows access from home for a fee.

Free trainings are available remotely or at your library or school if you would like an overview of Ancestry Library Edition. If you have questions or would like training on any of the databases, contact us at statelib@nd.gov or 1-800-472-2104.

Marketing materials for Ancestry.com are available at www.library.nd.gov/marketing. If you are looking for something more specific please contact ndspla@nd.gov.



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. You can find more webinars and training opportunities on our Facebook page under the events tab! http://on.fb.me/1gcp68H

Britannica School (Minitex) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1f8KiKc

Friday, February 21, 2014, 8:00-9:00 AM CT

Designed for K-12 students, this resource contains a wealth of content: articles, images, videos, dictionary, thesaurus, world atlas, and recommended websites. Choose from Preschool, Elementary, Middle School, or High School levels, each with a unique student-friendly interface. This webinar will navigate the interface, view site features, and search content.

Literati Public (now includes "Scholarship Info") (NDSL) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1hsWvwv

Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 10:30 – 11:30 AM CT

Literati Public is a reference oriented database that links a core collection of over 500 full-text reference titles, the ND State Library Catalog, and the subscription databases (Gale, EBSCO, etc.). This webinar will navigate Literati Public, explore the content, and use traditional and unique searching methods. The new add-on, "Scholarship Info" will also be explored.

Primo (NDSL) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1bNziwT

Thursday, February 27, 2014, 3:30 – 4:30 PM CT

ODIN's UFind Catalog has been replaced by Primo. Through Primo's discovery search box, patrons can access content from the ODIN catalogs and global resources from the Primo Central index which includes database articles. This webinar will give an overview of Primo, including how to navigate the interface, conduct searches, and request items.

NoveList Plus (NDSL) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1actb9x

Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 10:30- 11:30 AM CT

NoveList K-8 Plus and NoveList Plus are comprehensive reading resources for fiction and nonfiction that help connect readers to books. Content is created by librarians and expert educational specialists. View recommended readings lists by age, genre, fiction, or nonfiction. You can also search by Lexile reading level and Dewey range or find Common Core resources. This webinar is an overview of both resources.

Ancestry Library Edition (NDSL) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1a44vfL

Thursday, March 6, 2014, 3:30 – 4:30 PM CT

Family history research has gotten easier and faster with this online genealogical tool. It contains census records, military records, passenger lists, church records, land records, and more. In addition to U.S. records, you will also find records from Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. This webinar will navigate and search Ancestry Library Edition.

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.

Book Club Kits Update

For about a year, the North Dakota State Library has been offering Book Club Kits as part of our circulating collection. Each kit contains ten copies of a title, an instruction sheet with questions on the back to help facilitate the discussion, sign out sheets, and a mailing label. This was a new project for us and it has been successful. All of our kits have circulated at least 2-5 times, depending on titles. With this success, we are looking at putting more kits out in 2014. One of our goals was to put kits together that feature either a North Dakota author or North Dakota theme. We will still focus on putting more North Dakota related kits together, but we are looking for suggestions on what other books would make a good Book Club Kit.

Please take a moment to take this brief survey, https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MDDR878. Your feedback is helpful to us when we are selecting new Book Club Kit titles.

April 7th & 8th

SPRING WORKSHOP

Hosted by the North Dakota State Library

Featured Speaker: Jamie LaRue

eBooks & Librarians – Swimming Upstream (9am-12pm).
Telling the Library Story: Advocacy/Communications – "Who Better than a Librarian?" (1-4pm)

Registration Fee:

$35 for one day and $55 for two days (fee includes catered lunch)

No Charge for public librarians who bring a Library Board Member (fee waived for both)
No Charge for school librarians who bring a school counselor (fee waived for both)

Register Online: Monday & Tuesday registration Monday only registration Tuesday only registration

More information: http://1.usa.gov/1cQLi61 Contact us @ 1-800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov

E-rate: Applying for Discounts:

by Al Peterson

You filed your Form 470 and waited the required 28 days before negotiating for your telecommunication and Internet services. Now what? If you have selected the service provider that you want to use, you will need to file your Form 471, Description of Services Ordered and Certification Form. A Form 471 can be filed either on paper or online. The Form 471 must be filed within a limited timeframe. That window of opportunity to file opened on January 9, 2014 and will close at 11:59 PM (EDT) on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. Your form 471 MUST be either filed online before the close of the window or, if mailing, postmarked before 11:59 PM on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. A Form 471 is a request for discounts on eligible products and services. Applicants provide information on recipients of services, discount calculations, costs of services, and the service provider. Services and products for which discounts are requested must be described on the Item 21 Attachment. The Item 21 Attachments must also be received or postmarked by the close of the application filing window. Here are a couple of tips:

• In Block 4 of the FCC Form 471, you list the recipients of service – that is, the individual entities that are receiving services – in a worksheet. Some services are provided to the entire school district or library system. For these shared services, you must prepare a worksheet listing all of the individual entities that will be sharing the service. However, if you are a single library, you only are required to provide one entity number to identify the recipient of service. In E-rate terms, these are called site-specific services.

You also will need to enter certain specific information about each recipient of service, including:

• Urban or rural status. You can use the Urban/Rural Status guidance document on the USAC website to determine if an entity is considered urban or rural. If your county is listed in normal type on the Table of Rural Areas by State, your entire county is classified as rural. If your county is not listed on the Table of Rural Areas by State, or if your county is listed in bold type and states, except in the census tract number in which your specific street address falls, you are considered urban (FYI, all of Cass County is considered Urban.)

• Total number of students.- Library outlets/branches use the total number of students in the school district in which the library building is located. Contact your local school administrator to get the number for the total number of students.

• Total number of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).- Library outlets/branches use the total number of students eligible for NSLP in the school district in which the library building is located. Contact your local school administrator to get the number for the total number of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program.

Item 24 on the revised FCC Form 471 (dated December 2013) will help the SLD document the impact of the universal service program for schools and libraries across the country, and compare that impact from year to year.

If you are requesting discounts in either Telecommunications Services or Internet Access for the purpose of providing broadband and other connectivity to schools and/or libraries, you must complete Item 24 for each applicable FRN. Your responses are not a substitute for your Item 21 attachment, but they should be consistent with it.

Remember that you must file online or postmark your FY2014 FCC Form 471 – including your Item 21 attachment(s) – by 11:59 PM EDT on Thursday, March 26, 2014. If you have any questions about E-rate, feel free to contact me at 701-328-4021 or alpeterson@nd.gov.

Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity

The award approved by the ALA Council included this description:

It is the opinion of Lemony Snicket, author, reader, and alleged malcontent, that librarians have suffered enough. Therefore he, with the help of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, will establish a new ALA award honoring a librarian who has faced adversity with integrity and dignity intact.

The prize will be a generous amount of cash from Mr. Snicket's disreputable gains ($3,000 + $1,000 for travel), along with an odd, symbolic object from his private stash, and a certificate, which may or may not be suitable for framing. Watch for details on the ALA Awards & Grants page soon.

More information: http://bit.ly/1iqlUV4

Scholarship Grant For Masters of Library Science Degree

North Dakota school and public librarians are eligible to apply for a grant totaling $8,500 from the North Dakota State Library to pursue their ALA/ Masters of Library and Information Science degree. Applications are taken from March 1 to May 31 each year, with awards made by July 31. Applications may be printed, signed, and mailed to the State Library. The applicant must work in a North Dakota library full-time for 24 months after receiving her/his ALA/MLS degree.

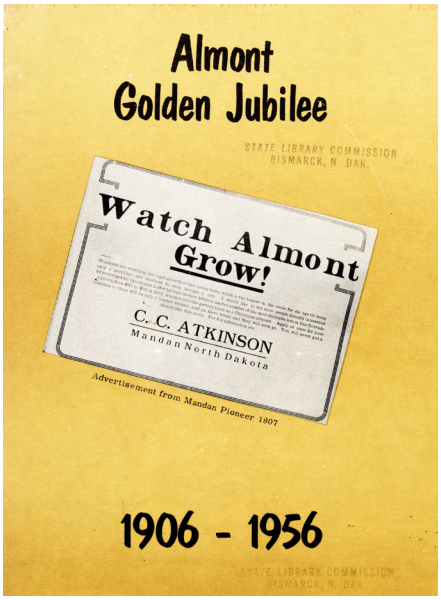
Dozens of North Dakota librarians have taken advantage of this grant opportunity and become professional librarians. They are providing an increased level of library and information service to their students, faculty, administrations, patrons, and communities. You can too!

For more information: http://1.usa.gov/Mteiqe

North Dakota State Library Joins Digital Horizons Consortium

Digital Horizons is an online collection of thousands of images, books, documents, video, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800's to today. The North Dakota State Library is currently adding digitized versions of selected North Dakota county and town histories. There are approximately 50 books uploaded to date and available for full text searching. That's right-FULL TEXT SEARCHING. It will no longer be necessary to pour over every page of a book looking for historical tidbits or an elusive ancestor. The website and software will be updated in the near future so the look, functionality and search options may change. Happy hunting! Contact Stephanie Kom with any questions or comments sbaltzer@nd.gov 701-328-4629

Digital Horizons:
http://www.digitalhorizonsonline.org/index.php.



Standards and Practices

This is a new column designed to provide guidance to North Dakota's public libraries as they work to come into compliance with the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council's Standards for Public Libraries. In this inaugural installment, we'll cover how to conduct an orientation for incoming library board members.

Orientation ensures that new board members are familiar with the library's operation, mission, goals, and challenges, and it clearly delineates the board's responsibilities from those of the library director. A thorough orientation could follow these steps:

1. Promptly send any new board member a packet including:

- The by-laws of the board
- A directory of the board members, indicating terms of office and board officers
- Board committee membership lists
- Calendar of upcoming board meetings
- A chart listing the board's responsibilities and the library director's responsibilities
- A copy of a brochure or other concise information about your library (mission & vision)
- The library's latest annual report
- The library's long-range/strategic plan and current technology plan
- The library's policies
- The library's current and previous year's budget
- The board's meeting minutes for the previous six months
- The director's reports for the previous six months
- The latest monthly statistical report and financial report
- An organizational chart of the library staff with names and titles
- The library board's annual calendar, including legal requirements and deadlines
- Pertinent North Dakota statutes
- NDLCC's Standards for Public Libraries

2. The board president or library director should contact the new board member to schedule an orientation session. The session should include a tour of the library with the director to introduce staff and discuss library programs and services. It should also include a meeting with the director, covering:

- The library's values
- How the library is organized and governed
- How the library is funded
- How the library is operated day to day
- How the library serves the needs of the community

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- How the library is linked to other resources, other libraries, and the library system
- How the library could better serve the community (re: the library's plans)

3. The orientation should also include a meeting with the board president or another designated board member to discuss:

- Library board statutory powers and duties
- Board by-laws, organization, officers, and committees
- Location, schedule, and conduct (rules of order) of meetings
- Responsibilities and expectations of the board
- Library's long-range/strategic plan and the status of activities to meet the objectives of said plan
- Recent library accomplishments
- Board relationship to the library director and library staff

If you need assistance or would like a template document you could work from in Word format, please contact your Field Services librarian! Note: this column was adapted from a post originally appearing on NDSL's Field Notes blog: http://ndslfieldnotes.wordpress.com.

Standards for Public Libraries

by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

I believe that standards are important and I think it's a good thing that the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC), in partnership with the North Dakota State Library (NDSL), adopted standards for public libraries last year. I also believe that standards need to be meaningful and attainable. Finally, I believe they should be manageable.

It is that third point that led me to ask the NDLCC to consider delaying the implementation date for adoption of the standards. I didn't believe that the time frame for adoption was long enough. After a very robust discussion, the Council set July 1, 2017 as the date that libraries will need to meet the standards in order to receive Library Vision grants. Originally, the date for adoption was January 1, 2015.

If you are already working towards adoption of the standards, we applaud you and encourage you to continue to strive to meet the standards. Perhaps you are a library that doesn't currently apply for grants. We still encourage you to work towards meeting the standards. It will raise the bar on the service that our patrons receive across the board, which is the goal of the standards. There may also be different grant opportunities in the future that you may wish to apply for.

We are working on the process for monitoring adoption of the standards; we hope to utilize the annual report for the majority of the reporting. Your NDSL field services librarian may request additional information in the next few years to assist them with evaluating your progress towards meeting the standards. We are also developing definitions for some of the terms that seem too vague or that we've received questions on. We will keep you posted on the process as we develop it.

If you have questions about the standards, please call or email your field rep. To review the standards, visit http://library.nd.gov/publications/NDLCCstandards.pdf.

FREE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) offers in-classroom training for students. Using Online Library Resources, students can find grade specific information on a wide range of subjects. Students can expect reliable information, easy searching, and 24/7 access.

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

For more information or to schedule a training session, please contact Steve Axtman at NDSL: 1-800-472-2104 or saxtman@nd.gov

New Library Resource Publications at the State Library

Inside, outside, and online: building your library community

I found it on the Internet: coming of age online

Forbidden fruit: a history of women and books in art

The horror! the horror!: comic books the government didn't want you to read!

Mentoring in the library: building for the future

Essential documents for school libraries

Library skills

Understanding manga and anime

Readers' advisory for children and 'tweens

Basics of genealogy reference: a librarian's guide

Merchandising made simple: using standards and dynamite displays to boost circulation

The customer-focused library: re-inventing the library from the outside-in

The literature of war

What kids are reading: the book-reading habits of students in American schools. 2013 (5th) edition.

Practical digital preservation: a how-to guide for organizations of any size

The information society: a study of continuity and change. 6th ed.

Technology for small and one-person libraries

Adult programs in the library. 2nd ed.

Library services for youth with autism spectrum disorders

Artsy toddler storytimes: a year's worth of ready-to-go programming

LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

LIBRARIES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES PUBLIC INNOVATOR COHORT — DEADLINE: MARCH 6

The Libraries Transforming Communities Public Innovator Cohort is a professional development opportunity for public libraries which focuses on community engagement. Grants of $8000 will be awarded to teams from ten public libraries in the United States. Through this 18-month structured program of in-person and virtual training and team coaching, participating library teams will develop community engagement plans and learn to direct library efforts outwardly into the community, while building the capacity of librarians as community leaders. Complete guidelines and application instructions can be found at http://ala.org/LTC

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY — DEADLINE: MARCH 1, JUNE 1

Otter Tail Power Company provides financial support for general operating and program expenses to qualifying organizations and activities in the communities they serve. Previous recipients in North Dakota include Lake Region Public Library, Minnewaukan Public Library, and Forman Public Library, and many ND public schools. Further information, a list of communities served by Otter Tail, and online application can be found at https://www.otpco.com/about-us/donations-and-grants/

GREAT RIVER ENERGY — DEADLINE: MARCH 15, JUNE 15

Great River Energy contributes to organizations in the communities they serve and the communities where their employees live. Awards of $500 to $2500 are given to nonprofit organizations focusing on community service, education, environment, and youth. Contributions in North Dakota are targeted to requesting organizations in Oliver, McLean and Mercer counties. More information can be found online at http://www.greatriverenergy.com/cooperativeway/community/contributions.html.

EZRA JACK KEATS FOUNDATION MINIGRANTS — DEADLINE: MARCH 15

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Minigrants of $500 are awarded to public schools and public libraries for projects that foster creative expression, working together and interaction with a diverse community. Proposed programs must be supported solely by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. Further information and electronic application form can be found at http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/how-to-apply-for-a-minigrant/

CITIZENS-SAVE-LIBRARIES GRANTS — DEADLINE: APRIL 15

United for Libraries, with financial support from the Neal-Schuman Foundation, will provide funds for expert advocates to assist friends of the library groups, library directors and trustees in 20 locations with development of advocacy campaigns to restore, increase, or save threatened library budgets. Ten libraries were awarded grants through the Cycle 1 grant application process in 2013. Cycle 2 applications for 2014 are due April 15. Grant requirements and application instructions are available at http://www.ala.org/united/grants_awards/neal-schuman

Summer Reading Corner

Fizz..BOOM.. Read!

Free Science Kits

The Cornell Center for Materials Research offers a Lending Library of Experiments as a resource to teachers and librarians. The Lending Library offers lesson plans and student activity sheets for a wide variety of science topics which can be downloaded in PDF format. Kits, which contain the materials necessary for the activities, are also available upon request. It's a great tie-in to the Fizz Boom Read! science-themed summer reading program, and an easy way to integrate STEM programming into your library! For more information: http://bit.ly/1fZB8AI

2014 Teen Video Challenge

Create a video promoting summer reading in North Dakota and you could win the North Dakota "Spark a Reaction" Teen Video Contest, including a $275 prize for you and a $150 prize for your library! The "2014 Teen Video Challenge" is open to legal U.S. residents aged 13 -18. Each participant or group may submit one video per entry. The deadline to enter is March 3, 2014. For more details on entering, visit http://1.usa.gov/1bFD5hc

Discovery Dome

Are you looking for more science programing and activities for summer reading? Well Dickinson State University offers a portable full-dome theater surrounding students with science. They have a number of shows lasting only about 25 minutes in length. The dome has six shows ranging from preschool age to high school age. The Discovery Dome is free for libraries and schools within a two hour distance from Dickinson; a small fee may be required for libraries and schools outside the two hour mark. For more information please go to: http://bit.ly/1h4G7TE

Below is a personal account of using the Dicovery Dome from Dickinson Area Public Library's Children's & Young Adult Librarian, Lane Heid.

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Dickinson Area Public Library Uses Discovery Dome for Summer Reading

by: Lane Heid

We had the Dickinson Discovery Dome as a special event for our summer reading program at the Dickinson Area Public Library last year and it is was a huge draw! They offer a wide variety of shows with the dome so that you can choose which one is best for specific age groups. We held multiple sessions in the dome last year so that we could have as many kids as possible participate. We showed Earth's Wild Ride and One Earth, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure because we had younger audiences and these show are more interactive with questions for the kids. It's so fun to see how the children respond to it! The older children are quiet with awe and the younger ones are screaming with delight at the sight of Big Bird and Elmo! As long as you set up a few rules for the kids going into the dome they have proven to be very well behaved while inside. It holds their attention so well and is so exciting that they won't think of anything else! We will continue to have the Dickinson Discovery Dome as long as we are able to because our tiny patrons love it and it is great addition to our area!

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Summer Reading Pinterest

If you aren't able to attend the Summer Reading Workshops this month, be sure to check out our Pinterest page for Summer Reading programming ideas! Additional resources will be posted on the NDSL site after the conclusion of the Workshops. If you have any questions about Summer Reading programming, please contact Sarah Matusz at smatusz@nd.gov or 1-800-472-2104.

Summer Reading Supplies

The CSLP Exclusive Vendor, Upstart/Highsmith, has created an online catalog and order website specifically for CSLP members. Log into your CSLP account at http://cslpreads.org/order.html to access the links. Remember to place your order by March 1 to receive your order by May 1. As always, supplies are limited for some products so order sooner rather than later to have the best selection.

Hands on Science

From WDAY TV Online: http://bit.ly/1fpluMC

The James Carlson Library in Fargo sponsored two classes, "Science Mythbusters" and "Great Chemistry for Teens."

The Concordia chemistry team demonstrated the power of science to answer burning questions like, what happens when you add pineapple to Jell-O?

Bryan Westbrook/Middle School Student: "Testing this Jell-O in different matters to see what happens when we mix it, put it outside with the cold, put pineapple juice in see what happens, you know?"

Go on a Blind Date

Submitted by Grand Forks Public Library

Just in time for Valentines day the Grand Forks Public Library is offering a BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK! With a special display, books are wrapped and ready for anyone to take home. You can take one home and love or bring it back with no questions asked! It's a win - win!

Wii Invaded Mandan

During the month of January, Mortan Mandan Public Library hosted a number of Wii gaming nights. They borrowed the Wii gaming system from the State Library and marketed their events throughout December.

Lynda, the childrens librarian at Mortan Mandan, said they had a steady stream of kids coming to the event. They would stay usually about an hour and there was always someone playing on the system. They had a number of requests to host an event like this again!

North Dakota Tidbits

- The Leach Public Library (Wahpeton) is holding a mid-winter reading challenge for children called Olympic Reads. Children participate by reading award-winning books (Caldecott, Newbery, Flickertale, etc.), which earn them "medals" on the progress board in the children's area, and chances to win prizes.
- The Valley City Barnes County Public Library is now offering downloadable ebooks and audiobooks through OverDrive as part of North Dakota's Digital Consortium. There are presently 27 public libraries that have partnered together to make this service available.
- The Hebron Public Library recently borrowed a Wii kit from the State Library and experienced a wonderful turnout of children coming into the library to play together and discover everything else the library has to offer.
- The James River Valley Library System is looking to replace their aging bookmobile with a more compact model. The current bookmobile is wearing down and exceeds the springtime weight restrictions for some of the roads it needs to travel to serve residents throughout Stutsman County.
- Hankinson Public Library started a new book club.
- Bowman Regional Library is home to a newly formed writers group which meets once a month to exchange ideas, encouragement, and feedback.
- The Devils Lake Area Foundation recently awarded a grant to the Lake Region Public Library.
- Ralph Boone Charitable Foundation recently awarded a $2,000 donation to the Grafton Imagination Library Board.
- The Hankinson Public Library recently held a Scholastic Book Fair that raised $918.04 for the library.
- Mayville Public Library received memorial donations in memory of Agnes Skarperud and Maxine Martin.

North Dakota and United for Libraries

All public libraries in the state have access to the American Library Association's United for Libraries until June 30, 2014. This resource provides access to a wealth of information of benefit to library directors, board members, and Friends groups. Directors will be aided by United for Libraries' canned webcasts on engaging today's volunteers to work in libraries and Friends groups. If you're thinking about getting a Friends group started for your library or need guidance on how to revitalize your existing group, the Friends and Foundations Fact Sheets are a great place to turn to. For board members, United for Libraries has a Trustee Academy, consisting of six online courses that will help you become highly proficient in the work you do on behalf of your library and community. There's also a Trustee Zone with a number of tools and resources that will assist you in advocating for your library. Friends groups can plunge into the Friends and Foundations Zone to delve through a collection of Friends and Foundation guides, publications, videos, and toolkits to help you better support the library you love.

If you don't know your login, please email united@ala.org or call the United for Libraries office at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 2161. In the Spring 2014, library directors will be contacted by the North Dakota State Library to see if they want to continue having access to ALA's United for Libraries.

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