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State Library Welcomes Mary Soucie

There's a new face at the North Dakota State Library. Mary Soucie began the duties of State Librarian on January 6th. Mary is replacing former State Librarian Hulen Bivins, who moved to South Carolina.

Mary moved here from Illinois, where she was born and raised. She received her undergraduate degree from Illinois State with a Bachelors of Science in Education with a Minor in Reading. Later, Mary went on to receive her MLIS from the Dominican University in Illinois. Throughout her career she has served as a Youth Services Librarian, School Librarian, a Youth Service Consultant for School and Public Library Systems, Library Director for two different libraries, and taught a course on Readers Advisor and Adult Programming.

Mary's passion for libraries started young. As a child, her visits to the library were so frequent that the Librarian got sick of checking out books for her. At the age of ten, the Librarian taught her to use the Gaylord machine to check out her own books. She began volunteering at the library at the age of 12, and by 18 was leading story time. She also spent school breaks volunteering at her library. Mary said her passion for libraries is in her blood; her mother was a reference librarian for 19 years.

Mary and her family are excited to move to North Dakota. She said she was drawn to the family values and sense of community that North Dakota has to offer. Mary has family in the Bismarck area and has spent significant time visiting North Dakota in the last few years. On a personal level, Mary is looking forward to exploring some of the raw beauty that North Dakota offers and building new relationships. On a professional level, Mary is looking forward to the opportunity to work with new libraries. "I love sharing my passion for libraries and building new connections with people."

"Although the role of the public library continues to change, I think libraries are pivotal to the community. We have become more a community center or meeting place and if we keep meeting the needs our patrons, libraries will always have an important role in the future."

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: Little Women & Harry Potter

Q: What is your favorite genre?

A: Closet romance reader

*I will give anything but horror a chance

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Reading, scrapbooking, crafting and fitness

Q: Favorite vacation?

A: Family trip to Australia & Bahamas

Q: E-reader or paper book?

A: Both, they each have a time and place

Q: What are you going to miss the most?

A: Family, friends and colleagues

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: Holly (11 year old Lhasa Apso) & Comet (5 year old Husky)

News and Thoughts...

from State Librarian Mary J. Soucie

Last year's Summer Breeze workshops focused on strategic planning. (Watch for information on this year's workshop, renamed Summer Summit.) If you're like me, sometimes you come back from a workshop/conference/class all fired up with every intention of implementing a new service or program only to have real life set in. Perhaps you took the information you learned on Strategic Planning and used it to begin the process of developing a plan for your library. Maybe you started a plan but didn't finish it. Or perhaps you were too overwhelmed and are not sure where to start.

There are many options and methods for strategic planning from very basic to very involved. One method is to start with a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis. This is an environmental scan that starts with the larger community you serve and then narrows down to the library. The library chooses a few priorities in each area and then figures out how the library can best support the strengths and take advantage of opportunities while improving the weaknesses and avoiding or eliminating the threats. If a library wants to start smaller, they can do an internal SWOT. This can be very helpful if the library is trying to add new services or programs and needs to eliminate something in order to do so. I facilitated a SWOT analysis with my library board at the last library I worked for. I also facilitated a SWOT analysis with the library board that I served on. It was interesting to see the differences and similarities. At Three Rivers Library (where I last worked), we also had the staff do a SWOT analysis and compared it with the one done by the Library Board. It was very interesting to see the differences, especially in the Strengths and Weaknesses areas, and more importantly the similarities between the two.

Another method is to bring in focus groups. There is a lot of value in this method since it brings in different segments of the community that you serve to give you feedback. The PLA's (Public Library Association) Planning for Results uses this methodology. I really like the Results series from PLA and think it's applicable to all types of libraries. The newest version is Strategic Planning for Results by Sandra Nelson. The book is full of helpful information on creating a plan and includes many helpful forms. If you don't want to pay a facilitator to help you out, you may be able to ask the director of a neighboring library or someone in your community who has good leadership skills to facilitate for you.

A very simple Strategic Planning method is one that the Three Rivers Board employed. In January of each year, we would come together for one hour before the board meeting. The Board would have a brainstorming session to identify 3-4 goals for the year. I would then report every other month or so on the progress towards meeting the goals in my monthly board report. It was a very simple process but very powerful as it identified exactly what the Board wanted the staff to focus on that year. Those goals were also then incorporated into the annual goals I set for myself that the Board approved.

If you need a refresher on strategic planning, please visit the guide put together by our Field Service Reps. It can be found at http://www.library.nd.gov/strategicplanning.html. You will find templates for planning, information on creating a mission and vision statement as well as sample plans you can refer to.

I have quite a bit of experience with strategic planning so if I can be of service in anyway, please don't hesitate to email me at msoucie@nd.gov

Let's get our Geek on together.

Register today for a North Dakota-focused Geek the Library informational webinar hosted by the Geek the Library team. You'll learn all about the campaign and how Geek the Library can help you increase awareness in your community about the value of the library and the community's role in library funding. The webinar will last approximately 30 minutes and will include time for your questions.

When: January 30, 2014 2:00 pm CDT

Register here: http://bit.ly/1aXDjiX

Geek the Library is a free community awareness campaign for public libraries brought to you by OCLC and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. When you enroll, OCLC will provide free materials (including posters, stickers and t-shirts), access to an online campaign management center with templates and tips, and ongoing field support for the length of your campaign.

Whatdoyougeek?

Book Review Program

Thanks to everyone who participated in the first round of our book review program! The reviews are now available on the Field Services page of the State Library website. Check out the reviews to see what your colleagues thought of popular young adult, middle grade, and picture book titles. If you are interested in receiving free hard cover books to add to your collection, be sure to participate in the next round, which will be announced shortly on the Public Library listserv. If you have questions about the program, please contact Sarah Matusz at 1-800-472-2104.

Talking Books Program

Talking Book patrons may now download audio and Braille books to their iPhone, iPad or iPod touch, if they are registered at the North Dakota State Library for the Library of Congress free library service. The BARD Mobile app is now available through the Apple App Store. The app, which is free, allows readers to download audio and Braille books from their NLS BARD accounts. The android app for Talking Books will soon be available.

http://www.library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html

Online Library Resource Corner: **LearningExpress**

Learning Express is a great educational resource database for patrons of all ages. This is a database of standardized tests and skills building resources. It contains tests, courses, and ebooks to help you prepare for most standardized exams like the ACT, GRE, or Commercial Driver's License (CDL). It will also support your job search with resume and cover letter help.

This time of year is a great time to start highlighting SAT and ACT preparation courses available through LearningExpress. It is never too early to start preparing for college. This online library resource is full of valuable learning opportunities. Take a few minutes and browse through the website to see what they have to offer.

If you are feeling a little uncomfortable with a database; free training is available remotely and at your library or school. If you have questions or would like training on any of the databases, contact us at statelib@nd.gov or 1-800-472-2104.

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

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

Thursday, January 23, 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.

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 10:30 – 11:30 AM 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.

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

Thursday, January 30, 2014, 3:30- 4:30 PM 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.

Zinio (NDSL) REGISTER:http://bitly/1cMOSsV

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

Access over 100 popular full color e-magazines via computer or mobile device. There are no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. Learn how to connect, browse, create two accounts, and add magazines to your personal collection.

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

Thursday, February 6, 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.

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SPRING WORKSHOP

Hosted by the North Dakota State Library

April 7th & 8th

Featured Speaker

The featured speaker will be Jamie LaRue, a librarian, author, speaker, musician, actor and poet. He has been the director of the Douglas County Libraries, Colorado since 1990. Jamie will present two workshops on Monday, April 7, 2014:

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

Second Day Schedule

On Tuesday, April 8, 2014 there will be a two-track format: one for public librarians and one for school librarians. Planned sessions include: LEGO Robotics & Your Library, Grant Writing, iPads in Education, North Dakota Studies, PowerSchool & the Common Core, and more.

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

Program details for the 2014 Spring Workshops are being finalized. Look for the program link very soon on the ND State Library website. Questions? Contact us @ 1-800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov

New Audio Books at NDSL

The State Library has recently added most of Rick Riordan's phenomenally popular fantasy books to its audiobook collection. Audiobooks can be a way to help reluctant or struggling readers engage with stories. Now available are all five titles in the series Percy Jackson & the Olympians, all four titles in Heroes of Olympus, the two Olympian short story collections, and all three titles in The Kane Chronicles (Egyptian mythology).

Most Popular Items of 2013

Most Popular Large Print
Gone Girl – Gillian Flynn
The Round House – Louise Erdrich
10th Anniversary – James Patterson
Any Sunday – Debbie Macomber
Inferno – Dan Brown
Notorious Nineteen – Janet Evanovich
Safe Haven – Nicholas Sparks

Most Popular Young Adult
Catching Fire – Suzanne Collins
Insurgent – Veronica Roth
Mockingjay – Suzanne Collins
The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins
The Host – Stephenie Meyer
Fallout – Ellen Hopkins
Divergent – Veronica Roth
Destined – P.C. Cast
City of Bones – Cassandra Clare
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian – Sherman Alexie

Most Popular Nonfiction
Killing Lincoln – Bill O'Reilly
Killing Kennedy – Bill O'Reilly
Prairie Silence – Melanie Hoffert
The Glass Castle – Jeannette Walls
Mrs. Kennedy and Me – Clint Hill
The 48 Laws of Power – Robert Greene
You Were Born Rich – Bob Proctor
Color Blind – Tom Dunkel
The Heroin Diaries – Nikki Sixx

Most Popular Juvenile
The Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan
The Mark of Athena – Rick Riordan
The Sea of Monsters – Rick Riordan
The Son of Neptune – Rick Riordan
Inheritance – Christopher Paolini
The Lost Hero – Rick Riordan
The Titan's Curse – Rick Riordan
The Battle of the Labyrinth – Rick Riordan
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis

Most Popular Authors
Lauraine Snelling
Debbie Macomber
James Patterson
Nora Roberts
Rick Riordan
Karen Kingsbury
Agatha Christie
Louis L'Amour
Janet Evanovich
Sue Grafton

2013'S Most Circulated Library Resources:

Building blocks for planning functional library space, 3rd ed.

Liven up your library: creative & inexpensive programming ideas

Marketing your library: tips and tools that work

Pre- & post- retirement tips for librarians

Recharge your library programs with pop culture and technology: connect with today's teens

Teen-centered library service: putting youth participation into practice

Teen spaces: the step-by-step library makeover, 2nd ed.

E-rate: The Next Phase

by Al Peterson

If you have decided to participate in the E-rate process and have filed the Form 470, the next step is to enter into contract, which is done by filing a Form 471. As a refresher, your FCC Form 470 and your Request for Proposals (RFP), if you issued one, must both have been publicly available for the same 28-day period as the FCC Form 470 before you can close your competitive bidding process. After the 28 day waiting period is over, you can respond to all the bids you have received.

If you have received more than one bid, you must evaluate the bids you have received and choose which bid is most cost effective and best fits your needs. Decide what factors you want to consider in your evaluation and how important each factor is to you. However, you must include the price of the eligible products and services as a factor and that factor must be weighed more heavily than any other single factor. You can use as few or as many evaluation factors as you like, and you can assign percentages or points to the factors you use to reflect their relative importance. For example, if you prefer using a local vendor as opposed to a national vendor, you must factor cost the highest, but you can make the local vendor the second highest.

Price of the eligible products and services	30%
Prior experience	20%
Ineligible cost factors	10%
Management capability	15%
Local Vendor	25%
Total	100%

After you have determined what factors you want to use to evaluate your bids, measure each vendor based on your matrix. Remember, each bid must be evaluated even if you only want to use your local or state vendors. For example:

Factor	Weight	Vendor #1	Vendor #2
Price of the eligible products and services	30%	18	18
Prior experience	20%	5	20
Ineligible cost factors	10%	10	5
Management capability	15%	15	15
Local Vendor	25%	0	25
Total	100%	48%	83%

Clearly, vendor #2 would be the one you have ranked higher and therefore, you would be entering into contract with to provide your services. Once you have completed this evaluation, put a copy of the matrix in your E-rate files.

If you received one bid, and that bid is cost-effective, you should memorialize that fact with a memo or email for your records. If you did not receive any bids, you can solicit bids by asking your current provider to submit information in response to your FCC Form 470.

After you have selected the vendor, you can file the Form 471 Description of Services Ordered and Certification Form. The FCC Form 471 application filing window for Funding Year 2014 will open at noon EST on Thursday, January 9, 2014 and will close at 11:59 pm EDT on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. The filing window will be open for 77 days.

If you have any questions about E-rate, feel free to contact me at 701-328-4021 or alpeterson@nd.gov.

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What the North Dakota State Library is working on for the 2014 year:

- The Marketing Department will be working with public libraries on Geek the Library, producing and circulating the historical displays for the 125th anniversary of the state, working with the public libraries to create a website for improved communication and traveling around the state to help promote libraries.
- The Statewide Catalog Development department will focus on finishing the cataloging for the Harvey Public Library and the Walhalla School Library and will then begin the cataloging projects for the most recent WorldCat grant recipients: Carnegie Regional Public Library (Grafton), Lakota City Library and McVille Community Library.
- In 2014, the Training Department will conduct free onsite and online trainings for North Dakota schools and public libraries. Several featured training events include: the 2014 Spring Workshops in April and the Summer Course for graduate credit in June.
- The Field Services Department will continue to assist North Dakota public libraries and librarians. We will once again host workshops in August focusing on library improvement. We also hope to continue developing programming options for libraries.
- The IT Department at the State Library is gearing up for a grant initiative that will provide libraries with wireless connectivity. The libraries that apply for the grant will receive a wireless router, complete with set up and installation at their library.
- The Digital Initiatives Department will continue to scan North Dakota county and town histories in order to make them available for online viewing through Digital Horizons as well as trying to expand the digitization program statewide.
- The Administrative Department sent out the forms for State Aid to Public Libraries electronically, for the first time this year, on January 8, 2014. They will be sending the forms for the public library statistical report Electronically by the end of January. Beginning in March 2014 department staff will begin writing the 2015/2017 agency budget, which will include any recommended increases to State Aid to Public Libraries. Your public library will be contacted by the NDLA public library chair this spring for your recommendations on what to request beyond the current budget.
- The Interlibrary Loan Department processed around 27,000 loans during 2013. We will continue to fill requests even though the Head of the Department will be out on maternity leave February through May. However, we will still be able to answer questions and handle any problems that come up! Feel free to give us a call or email if you need any assistance.
- Talking Books Department is looking forward to new ways to engage patrons in 2014. With new applications and technologies available, Talking Books will continue to adapt new ways to help serve all talking book patrons.

LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS — DEADLINE: AUGUST 15

The North Dakota Community Foundation was formed by a group of citizens who were interested in establishing an efficient way of meeting some of the needs in North Dakota in the educational, charitable, arts, scientific, and health areas. They are a tax-exempt, nonprofit, autonomous, publicly supported, nonsectarian philanthropic institution. NDCF makes grants only to 501(c)(3) organizations and government agencies. Grants normally do not exceed $5,000. To apply: http://bit.ly/1epWEM1

In addition to their statewide grant, they also have active community funds throughout the state. You can locate these and get more information about grants available to your community here: http://bit.ly/1ihoOvF

THE BIG READ — DEADLINE: JANUARY 28

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. The Big Read provides organizations with grants and comprehensive resources that support their efforts to inspire their community to read and discuss a single book or the work of a poet. Eligible organizations may apply for a grant ranging from $2,500 to $20,000. Grants must be matched 1 to 1 with nonfederal funds. Grant funds may be used for such expenses as book purchases, speaker fees and travel, salaries, advertising, and venue rental. To apply: http://bit.ly/1eTGxI8

AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION — DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, MAY 1, AUGUST 1

The American Honda Foundation's mission is to help meet the needs of American society in the areas of youth and scientific education by awarding grants to nonprofits, while strategically assisting communities in deriving long-term benefits. Their funding priority is youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, the environment, job training, and literacy. The grant range is from $20,000 - $75,000. To apply: http://bit.ly/ZQbcko

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS — DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, APRIL 4, JUNE 6

MPLA sponsors a professional development grants program to improve library services in the Mountain Plains region by supporting continuing education and research experiences for individuals employed in the library or related professions. Grants are awarded to support formal course work leading to an advanced degree in library science or a related discipline; formal course work not leading to an advanced degree but directly related to an individual's library position; attendance as a participant or presenter at a library or scholarly workshop, seminar, or conference, including the MPLA annual conference; visits to another library to receive or provide significant advanced training in library services or procedures; and library related research projects. Applicants must be members of MPLA. Awards are up to $600. To apply: http://bit.ly/1kqSACt

Summer Reading Corner

Fizz..BOOM..Read!

Summer Reading Workshops

Summer Reading Workshops will be held in February at six locations around the state:

- Minot - Tuesday, February 11
- Dickinson - Thursday, February 13
- Bismarck - Friday, February 14
- Grand Forks - Wednesday, February 19
- Wahpeton - Thursday, February 20
- Jamestown - Friday, February 21

You can register online at http://bit.ly/1ecciye. There is no charge to attend this event. Each event will run from 10AM-4PM (Mountain time in Dickinson, Central time in all other locations). An hour and a half will be provided for lunch, which will be on your own.

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://library.nd.gov/videocontest.html.

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.

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 off books we have in our collection, agency/organization willing to participate in this project, and resources available to NDSL. Each display will be a little different. They will come with five books from the NDSL collection, handout resources, a childrens activity and a list of additional books that relate to that topic. Most of the displays will have some sort of visual pop-up display, access to S.E.N.D. trunks (from the historical society http://1.usa.gov/HSKL7o) and additional display items.

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 and will be available at the end of the conference for any library to take with them. This program is run 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 Byram at ndslpa@nd.gov

Retirement Party

Bismarck Public Library held a retirement party for Jennifer Jones, who dedicated 37 years of service as the Head of Technical Services at Bismarck Public Library. Assistant State Librarian, Cynthia Clairmont-Schmidt was on hand to present a certificate for all of her years of dedicated service to public libraries in North Dakota.

Nutcracker

Submitted by Grand Forks Public Library

The North Dakota Ballet danced into Toddler Story time at the Grand Forks Public Library! Leah told the story of the Nutcracker and taught some ballet dance moves to the children. Magical!

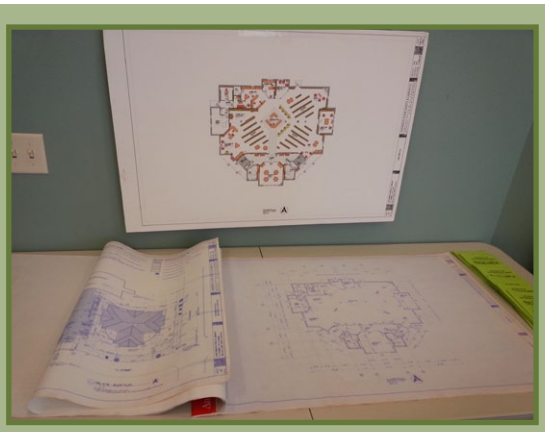
WorldCat Grant

The library staff at Carnegie Regional Library, Lakota City library, and McVille Community Library have begun photocoping the title page from each item and sending them to the ND State Library, where staff there will add them to the ODIN online catalog and add the library's call number and barcode number.

Pictured above are staff members at the Carnegie Regional Library getting started on this grant.

North Dakota Tidbits

- On December 31, 2013 the St. Alexius Medical Center Library closed their doors for good. They will no longer have any library resources available. As of early January they were still listed on ODIN but they are not open for ILL Requests.
- The Grand Forks Senior Center presented the library with a Christmas Flash mob! They flew in with jolly tunes and a dance routine that had everyone cheering and shouting Merry Christmas!
- Greta Guck is the new director of the Leach Public Library in Wahpeton. Greta previously worked as the Technology Coordinator for the Minot Public Library. She is succeeding Bonnie MacIver who retired on December 31st.
- On December 29th, the Underwood Public Library hosted a Remote Control Vehicle Event. Anyone who wished to participate could bring in an RC vehicle and race it against others' vehicles. Concessions were sold to benefit the library.
- The North Dakota Community Foundation recently awarded the Eddy-New Rockford Library a $3,000 grant to help fund its Meeting, Reading, and Quiet Room renovation project.
- The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library will resume its search for a director this month in hopes of having the position filled by early March.
- The Michigan Library, will now be known as the Bernice Ferguson Community Library, after the local librarian, in honor of her 31 years of dedicated service.
- Grafton Community Library received a surprise donation from a man in Oklahoma. The donation was given to the library, from the man, because of the great service they provided to him when he stopped in.



Devils Lake Celebration

The Lake Region Public Library recently celebrated their 10 year anniversary of their library's new location and building. Members of the Lake Region Library Board, members of the Devils Lake Chamber of Commerce, and community members attended an open house celebrating the library's milestone. Lake Region Library is also participating in Declaration for the Right to Libraries, a nationwide campaign to help promote public libraries.

Reader Meets Author

It was an exciting holiday season in the Talking Books Department. One of the volunteers, Tanya Moe (sitting), who records books for the Talking Books Program got the opportunity to meet the author of the book she was recording. Candace Simar (standing), author of her Minnesota-based historical novels, Abercrombie Trail, Pomme De Terre; Birdie; and Blooming Prairie, dropped by the State Library and talked with Tayna who is currently recording the book Pomme De Terre.

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