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Library Legislative Day

by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

I recently attended the 42nd annual National Library Legislative Day in Washington D.C., where I met with aides for Congressman Cramer and Senators Hoeven and Heitkamp. It is always inspiring to walk around the Capitol and run into library supporters from across the country. Many states send multiple delegates. I would love to flood the Capitol next year with ND library supporters, so start thinking now about ways that you could raise the funds to join me! The American Library Association provides an optional orientation for new attendees on Sunday night and Monday is an all-day briefing session. This year, we asked our Senators to support the appointment of Dr. Carla Hayden for Librarian of Congress. We believe that the person leading the Library of Congress should be a Librarian and Dr. Hayden is a great candidate. She has already had her committee confirmation hearing, which went well. The next step is the confirmation hearing with the full Senate. Other issues included copyright, broadband for libraries, especially rural, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services budget. IMLS is the agency that supports libraries and museums at the federal level and is the source for our federal funding, which helps to support a variety of programs at the State Library, including database purchases and our Talking Books program.

We also sponsored, in partnership with the ND Library Association and the ND Library Coordinating Council, our first annual Local Library Legislative Day. State Senators Dever, and Oban attended, along with aides from all three Congressional offices. We also had several librarians attend along with members of the Coordinating Council. We are pleased at how successful the event was and thank all who participated! NDLA President Wendy Wendt gave a wonderful speech about the importance of libraries and the difference they make in people's lives. We look forward to growing our event in 2017.

Public Information Coordinator, Kristin Byram, created a wonderful infographic from the public library annual reports to be shared at both events. The infographic illustrated that 1 in 3 North Dakotans have a library card, which showcases how important our North Dakota libraries are to the people that they serve.

Snapshot from the first annual Local Library Legislative Day, held at the North Dakota State Library.

Library Science Student and Jamestown native, Jessica; Congressman Kramer's aide, Alex McIntyre; DC Librarian and Pembina County native Kari; and State Librarian Mary Soucie met in Washington to discuss North Dakota Libraries.

Snapshot from the first annual Local Library Legislative Day, held at the North Dakota State Library.

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

Libraries are serving their communities in both new and traditional ways. It is more important than ever to engage with our communities and to "toot our own horns". The traditional method of putting a press release in the newspaper and waiting for our patrons to come to us is no longer the only method we need to be using. We need to continue to use newspapers as a viable source for marketing our programs and services, but we need to move beyond newspapers. Social media is one way to connect with our patrons and especially with non-library users. Facebook is the most common one and many North Dakota libraries now have active Facebook accounts. Twitter is another great venue for connecting with patrons and advertising programs, news and book releases. If you are using Twitter, please consider using #NDLibraries and #ndlibchat on posts. Some libraries are also using Instagram and Snapchat to connect with patrons. We need to get outside of our traditional boundaries and meet people where they are; bringing our library to the community.

One fun way to do this is to participate in "Outside the Lines". Sponsored by the Colorado State Library and Colorado library marketers, Outside the Lines challenges libraries to prove that they are still relevant and that libraries have changed. Last year, I told the House Budget Committee "that if you haven't been to a library recently, then you haven't been to a library". I really believe that is true and Outside the Lines is our opportunity to prove it. This year's event will take place September 11-17. The Outside the Lines website states that in order to participate, libraries need to host one event or campaign that:

1. Gets people thinking – and talking – about libraries in a different way.
2. Showcases the library out in the community as well as in the library.
3. Highlights how your library is relevant to people's lives.
4. Represents your local community.
5. Is active versus passive – gets people engaged.
6. Is extraordinary and unexpected.
7. Most importantly, is fun!

This is a great opportunity for your library to showcase to the community the many new and interesting ways the library is stretching to meet their needs.

Visit http://www.getoutsidethelines.org/ for more information and to sign up. We only had a few libraries from North Dakota participate last year. Let's see how many of you accept my challenge to increase that number dramatically.

Drop me a line at msoucie@nd.gov once you've signed up. Invite the State Library to your event; we'll attend as many as we can. Share your events via the North Dakota Library Association and your library's Facebook page. Email Kristin Byram at kbyram@nd.gov so she can include your events in the Flickertale's monthly library roundup.

It is more important now than ever before for libraries to showcase their relevancy and this is an excellent and fun opportunity to do so. I invite and challenge you to join the North Dakota State Library in going "Outside the Lines" to showcase all that your library does.

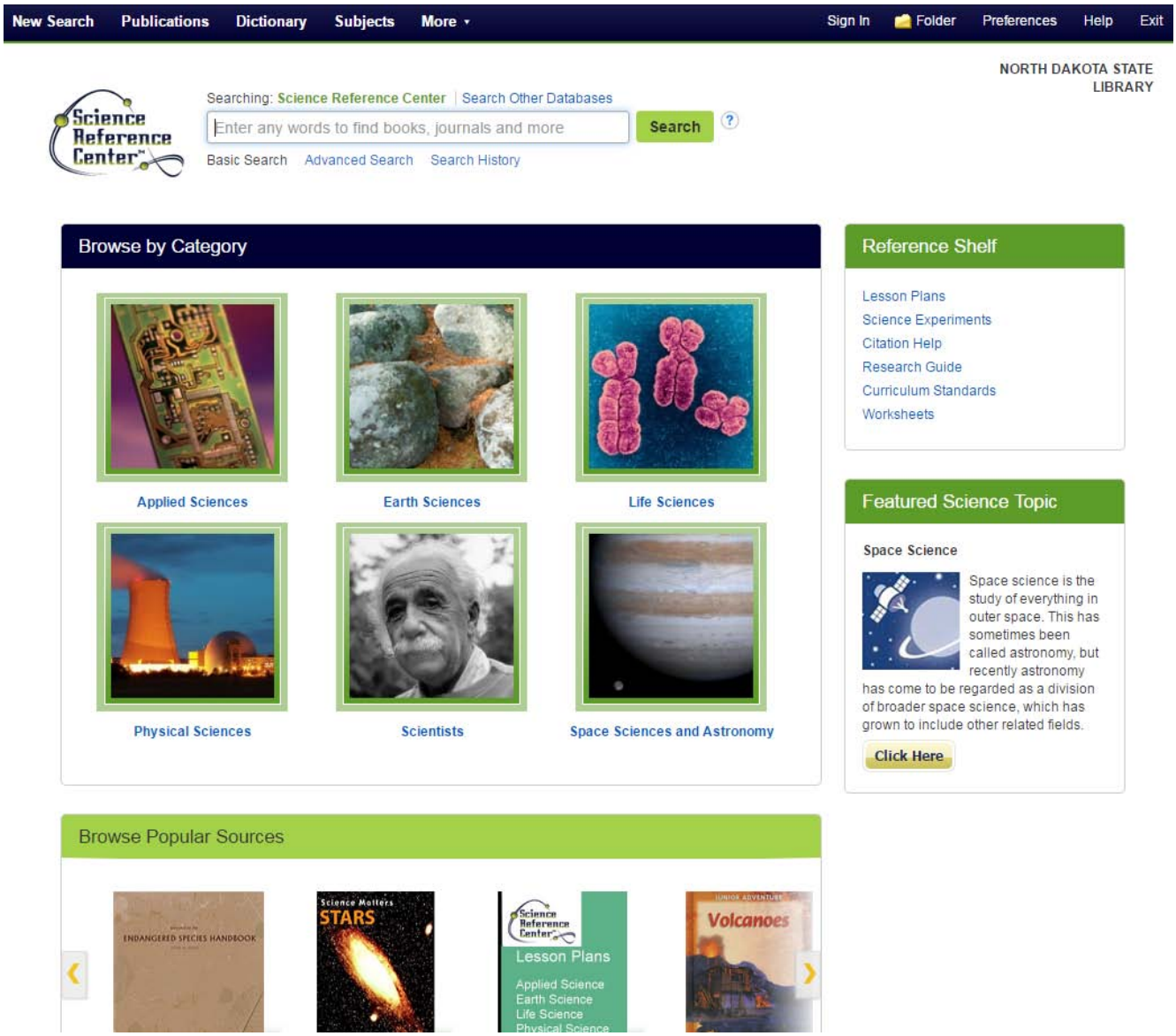
ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

SCIENCE REFERENCE CENTER

Designed specifically for junior and senior high students, Science Reference Center is a reliable source for information on life sciences, physical sciences, math, and technology. Here you will find full-text articles from over 200 science periodicals, including Scientific American, Discover, and New Scientist. This online library resource has high-quality science images from Nature Picture Library. You will also find biographies, science essays, videos, animations, and quick access to science experiments. Browse topics by category, listen to articles via the text-to-speech feature, and use the citation tool to note your sources. Science Reference Center contains a wealth of informational texts as well as real-world examples of the application of mathematical concepts in scientific research.

More information:

- 1-800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov
- North Dakota State Library card: http://www.library.nd.gov/librarycard.html



TEEN VIDEO CONTEST WINNER

This year, we had three entries from two North Dakota libraries in the CSLP Teen Video Challenge!

- "Get in the Game, Read" from Maya Bachmeier - Minot Public Library
- **"Read in the Summer" from Nolan Mathews - Minot Public Library**
- "Get in the Spirit" from Skye Avka, Racheal Couture, and Andrea McCubbin - Valley City Barnes County Public Library

"Read in the Summer" was chosen as the winning video from North Dakota. Nolan and the Minot Public Library will receive prizes from CSLP and Upstart. All participants received a certificate and a book from the North Dakota State Library for participating. Thank you to all the 2016 participants!

SPORT THEMED READ ALOUDS

- Trouble on the T-Ball Team By Eve Bunting
- Get up and Go by Nancy Carlson
- The Basket Ball by Esmé Raji Codell
- Game Changer: John McLendon and the Secret Game by John Coy
- Midnight Madness at the Zoo by Sherryn Craig
- Silly Sports: A book of Sports Jokes by Jill Donahue
- This Book's Got Game: A Collection of Awesome Sports Trivia by Hans Hetrick
- Going, Going, Gone! And other silly dilly sports songs by Alan Katz
- Take me out to the ball game by Maryann Kovalski
- Froggy Plays Soccer, Froggy Plays T-Ball, Froggy Learns to Swim by Jonathan London
- The Baseball Player and the Walrus by Ben Loory
- H.O.R.S.E: a Game of Basketball and Imagination by Christopher Myers
- Karate Hour, Baseball Hour, Soccer Hour by Carol Nevius
- Amelia Bedelia Shapes Up by Herman Parish
- Stone Thrower by Jael Ealey Richardson
- Chip and the Karate Kick by Ann Rockwell
- The Three Ninja Pigs by Corey Rosen Schwartz
- Cheetah Can't Lose by Bob Shea
- Kid Athletes: True Tales of Childhood From Sports Legends by David Stabler
- The Tortoise and the Hare by Janet Stevens
- Randy Riley's Really Big Hit by Chris Van Dusen
- Dino-Basketball, Dino-Football, Dino-Boarding, Dino-Soccer, Dino-Swimming, etc. by Lisa Wheeler
- Can I Play Too? by Mo, Willems
- Watch me throw the ball! by Mo Willems
- Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse by Tamera Will Wissinger

LIBRARIAN FOR THE DAY VISITS MCVILLE AND DICKINSON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Someone recently asked me what my favorite part of my job is. There are many things that I love about being the North Dakota State Librarian, but without hesitating my answer was "visiting our libraries through our Librarian for a Day (L4D) program." Each library in North Dakota is unique and serves their community, whether that's a city, a county, a school, or an academic campus, in different ways. I am always honored when a library invites me to visit, whether it's for L4D, a special event, or some other reason. I never know what I'm going to be asked to do during a visit, which is part of the fun for me.

Recently I visited two libraries as part of the L4D program. In mid-April, I visited the McVille Community Library. McVille is a small community of about 800 people. I was greeted by Library Trustee Patt Czarnik and given a tour of the library. The building that the library is housed in is a really cool historical building that once served as the location for town dances, among other things. The library is located in the basement. In addition to a small children's area and a "stage" where the public computers are located, the library has a full kitchen that can be used for library programs. I met the local knitting group that meets at the library. As many libraries do, McVille relies on fundraising in addition to the levy support that they receive from the city. They invited me to help with their fundraiser. What an opportunity to get to see firsthand the community support for the library! The fundraiser included a vendor fair, free will donation for sandwiches and a bake sale.

Later in the month, I visited Dickinson Area Public Library. I was invited to present at Tiny Tots Story Time. I also assisted in circulation, using a movie case lock/unlock machine for the first time, and using RFID for the first time. For a library nerd, that was more fun than it should have been. I also assisted with some quick shelving of materials. In addition, I met with Library Director Rita Ennen to discuss strategic planning, staff development, and a few other topics.

Any library in North Dakota can invite me for Librarian for a Day. Contact Kristin Byram at kbyram@nd.gov to schedule or for more information about the program. I look forward to visiting your library soon.

State Librarian Mary Soucie reading at the Dickinson Area Public Library's Tiny Tots Story Time.

State Librarian Mary Soucie standing outside the McVille Community Library.

State Librarian Mary Soucie helping a patron at the McVille Community Library.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE AT THE LIBRARY

During the school year, many children receive free lunches at school. When school lets out for the summer, that often means kids go hungry. That's where the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) steps in. During the summer, children ages 0-18 can eat lunch at an SFSP site. Public libraries make ideal sites, since they are natural gathering places for children during summer reading programs! As a meal service site, libraries do not prepare the food, they simply offer a place for children to eat.

Libraries host summer reading programs to encourage kids to read over the summer, but being well-nourished is an important component of being ready to learn. Libraries can be involved in helping kids get the nutrition they need to maintain their reading skills over the summer by promoting and sharing the location of meal sites, partnering to provide activities at meal sites, or serving as a meal site in eligible areas (no food preparation required).

In North Dakota, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) administers the Summer Food Service Program. Kaye Knudson, the School Nutrition Program Manager in charge of the SFSP, wants to help you feed kids in your town! If you are willing and eligible to be a meal site, Kaye can connect you with sponsors in your area. If no one in town is yet acting as a sponsor, she will help set up partner meetings with other key organizations in town. If you have an event to kick off your summer reading program, Kaye would also love to attend and share information with your community. She can provide you with information on the sites in your area.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Kaye at ksknudson@nd.gov or 701-328-2275.

DIGITAL HORIZONS & THE HUMANITIES COUNCIL-CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Sense of Place issue of On Second Thought magazine, is an annual collection of essays, poems, and stories showcasing some of the best writing from or about North Dakota. For the 2016 Sense of Place issue, writers are invited to focus on images from Digital Horizons (digitalhorizonsonline.org). Articles may focus on a specific image of the author's choosing from the Digital Horizons library. Submissions can include historical analysis, critical reflections, or other approaches to understanding or interpreting images of the Northern Plains over time. The NDHC will pay $250 for selected pieces. Please direct all questions to Brenna Gerhardt, 800-338-6543 or visit: http://www.ndhumanities.org/submit-an-article.html

THE FORM 471 WINDOW HAS BEEN EXTENDED

Submitted by Al Peterson

Based on delays associated with the implementation of the EPC portal, USAC has provided a two part extension. For all applicants, the new deadline for Form 471 is May 26, 2016. A second window extension will open after May 26th for libraries and library consortiums. This window will extend until July 26, 2016.

This means that not only do libraries have more time to file their Form 471, but also, if you missed the opportunity to apply for E-rate this year, you have one more shot to file a Form 470 and have the necessary 28 days for a fair and open bidding process.

If you have any questions or would like to get started on E-rate and take advantage of the file extension, please contact Al Peterson at (707) 328-4021 or alpeterson@nd.gov

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NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Remarkable books about young people with special needs
- The high-performing preschool: story acting in Head Start classrooms
- Every child ready to read @ your library (2nd ed.)
- Making a collection count: a holistic approach to library collection management (2nd ed.)
- How to conduct surveys: a step-by-step guide (6th ed.)
- Storytelling for grantseekers: a guide to creative nonprofit fundraising (2nd ed.)
- Story smart: using the science of story to persuade, influence, inspire, and teach
- The new breed: understanding and equipping the 21st century volunteer (2nd ed.)
- Club programs for teens: 100 activities for the entire year
- Young adult fiction core collection (2015 ed.)
- Makerspaces in libraries
- Our enduring values revisited: librarianship in an ever-changing world
- The backchannel: how audiences are using Twitter and social media and changing presentations forever
- Fic: why fanfiction is taking over the world
- The librarian stereotype: deconstructing perceptions and presentations of information work

FREE TRAINING WEBINARS

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

School Librarian's Workshop: Federal Government Resources for K-12 (FDLP)

REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1SPaoFR

Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM CT

Are you a school librarian? Do you work with school librarians or children? This Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) webinar will explore agency sites which provide information appropriate for elementary and secondary school students. Teachers and school librarians will learn about resources for best practices in the classroom.

Connexion Client (Module 01): WorldCat, MARC, and Client Basics (Minitex)

REGISTER: http://bit.ly/26B4aAA

Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 1:00-3:00 PM CT

Module 01 provides basic information about the WorldCat bibliographic database and the MARC record format. It introduces you to the Connexion Client and gives setup and navigation information. OCLC strongly recommends that new copy catalogers take all three modules. These sessions will provide a solid foundation to successfully work with Connexion Client.

Connexion Client (Module 02): Basic Bibliographic Searching (Minitex)

REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1Ta9ukr

Thursday, June 2, 2016, 1:00-3:00 PM CT

Module 02 provides instruction on performing basic bibliographic searches using OCLC's Connexion Client cataloging software. Learn how to conduct WorldCat searches and evaluate whether a given record matches the item to be cataloged, or if an original record should be created. This webinar is designed for new catalogers who have little or no previous experience with Connexion Client.

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

REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1r2AcES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 1:00-3:00 PM CT

Module 04 provides instruction on how to perform numerous searches and record actions using the efficiency of batch processing. You will learn how to use Connexion's tools to manage online and local save files effectively. This webinar is intended for catalogers who already use Connexion, but want to learn how to manage numerous records by batch processing.

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.

2016 Summer Class for 1 graduate credit:

Do you need graduate credits for your library or teaching credentials?

The North Dakota State Library is offering a summer class for one graduate credit on July 7 & 8, 2016. The class is 15 hours long and lasts two days. It will be held at the North Dakota State Library in Bismarck. Although it is not required, please feel free to bring a laptop or tablet as the classroom has access to a wireless (Wi-Fi) local network.

Description:

Research Toolbox

This course will focus on research as a process of inquiry and resource evaluation. An Internet search engine, like Google, may be the right tool for some information needs. However, there is no quality control mechanism on the Internet; consequently, learning how to judge online information is an essential literacy skill. Library databases are most appropriate for academic research. Information retrieved in a database search is cited, more manageable, and will often give opposing viewpoints.

Note: The content for the 2016 class has been revised, so feel free to register, even if you have previously taken the North Dakota State Library summer course.

- Credit is available for Library Media Specialists from VCSU
- Credit for the summer class is available for teachers from MSU, NDSU, and UND
- The cost for the credit is $50.00 (payable to the university granting the credit)
- The class can also be taken for no credit, free of charge

For more information, please visit http://library.nd.gov/traininglibraries.html
or contact Cheryl at 1-800-472-2104 or ndsltrain@nd.gov.

Summer SUMMIT

Coming August 2016

On Tap

Join us for a public library director boot camp featuring conversations on:

- **Working better with your board**
- **Recognizing & motivating different personality types**
- **Honing in on standards compliance**
- **Shaping our next Library Services and Technology Act Plan**

Locations

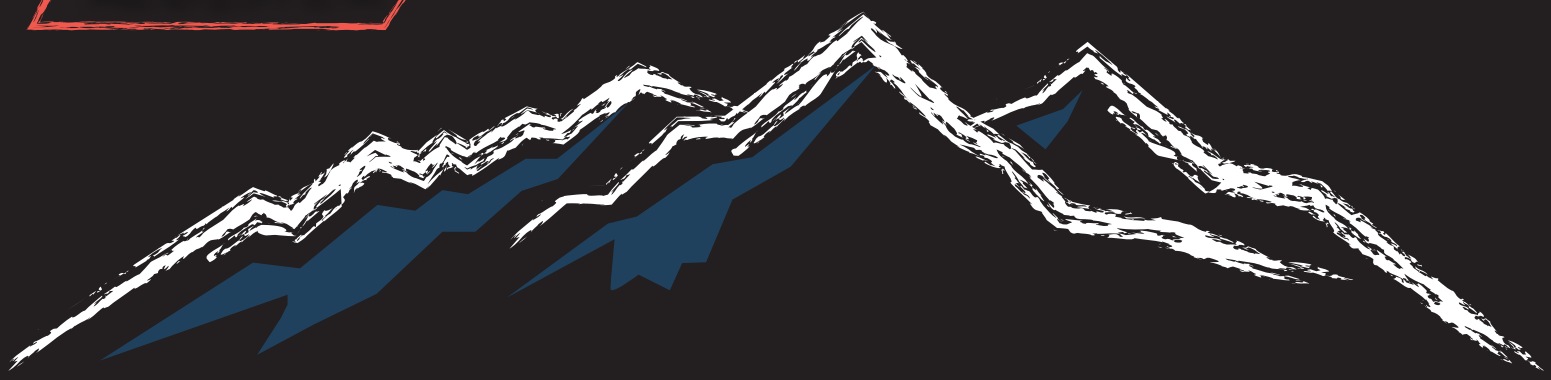
August 22: Grand Forks

August 23: Bismarck

August 23: West Fargo

August 24: Minot

REGISTER **http://bit.ly/w3pTgC**



SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

BEST BUY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANTS — DEADLINE: JULY 1

The Best Buy Foundation is on a mission to provide teens with places and opportunities to develop technology skills that will inspire future education and career choices. They are providing Community Grants to local and regional (within 50 miles of a Best Buy location) nonprofit organizations that provide teens with places and opportunities to develop 21st century technology skills, including: computer programming, digital imaging, music production, robotics, and gaming and mobile app development. The average grant amount is $5,000 and grants will not exceed $10,000.

You can review their criteria, take the eligibility quiz, and apply at: http://bit.ly/1dZ64UT

FIRST BOOK — DEADLINE:ONGOING

First Book is a nonprofit providing free and discounted books and educational resources to schools and programs serving children from low-income families. Registration is required to ensure only qualifying organizations participate.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at http://bit.ly/1ZG1Rqw

MAZDA FOUNDATION — DEADLINE: JULY 1

The Mazda Foundation awards grants to programs promoting education and literacy, environmental conservation, cross-cultural understanding, social welfare, and scientific research. Organizations are required to have a 501(c)(3) designation.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at http://bit.ly/1o5lMBh

NORTH DAKOTA HUMANITIES COUNCIL QUICK GRANTS — DEADLINE: ONGOING

NDHC Quick Grants ($1,500 or less) support direct program costs of humanities projects that bring historical, cultural, or ethical perspectives to bear on issues of interest in our communities. They support events that engage participants in thinking critically, promote better understanding of ourselves and others, are conducted in a spirit of open and informed inquiry, provide multiple viewpoints, and which involve partnerships between community organizations, cultural institutions, and scholars in the humanities.

Read their guidelines and apply at http://bit.ly/1ZG1Vqt

KINDER MORGAN FOUNDATION — DEADLINE: ONGOING

The Kinder Morgan Foundation's mission is to provide today's youth with opportunities to learn and grow. Their goal is to help today's science, math, and music students become the engineers, educators, and musicians who will support diverse communities for many years to come. They fund programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people in the cities and towns where Kinder Morgan operates. Grants range between $1,000 and $5,000.

Eligibility requirements and application forms are accessible on their site: http://bit.ly/1Qr1Wyh

If you have applied for a grant you found in The Flickertale and received it, please let us know!

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Valley City Barnes County Public Library received the 2016 Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce Community Image Award
- Connie Brown is the new director of the Carrington City Library; Lenore Franchuk's last day as director was April 28th
- North Dakota Poet Laureate Larry Woiwode read from his latest chapbook Land of Sunlit Ice at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library; NDSU students printed the book using antique letterpresses at the Braddock News Letterpress Museum
- Dickinson Area Public Library featured award-winning actress Qurrat Ann Kadwani performing her solo play "They Call Me Q"
- West Fargo Public Library installed a book vending machine at their local Cash Wise Foods
- Fargo Public Library hosted a workshop for aspiring entrepreneurs age 50 and older, featuring presentations conducted by AARP and Small Business Administration members
- The State Bank of Bottineau donated 250 book bags to the Bottineau County Library emblazoned with the motto "Today a Reader… Tomorrow a Leader!"
- Lake Region Public Library (Devils Lake) received a $700 grant from The Arts Council of the Lake Region in support of their Summer Reading Program
- Hebron City Library received $600 from the Hebron Community Foundation to hire a magician for their Summer Reading Program wrap-up
- Stanley Public Library celebrated National Library Week with a LEGO building contest, in which kids were challenged to build a character or scene from a book they read
- Maddock Community Library is selling flowers throughout the month of May as a fundraiser
- Carrington City Library received a donation from the Carrington Lions Club to support their Summer Reading Program
- New England Public Library drew in school-age children with a bounce house one afternoon during National Library Week
- Grand Forks Public Library is now supported by a 501(c)(3) Library Foundation helping raise funds for a new building
- James River Valley Library System started a seed library this year where anyone can come in for a packet of seeds for vegetables or herbs; the project was supported by the Jamestown Community Gardens, Alpha Industries, and master gardeners throughout Stutsman County
- Velva School and Public Library celebrated reading month in April choosing "Peace, Love, Books" as their theme and holding literacy-enhancing games, a book fair, and a reading party
- Bernice Ferguson Community Library (Michigan) has been featuring works from a different local artist each month since February; exhibits so far have featured handcrafts, photography, paintings, and wire art
- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library held a community health fair for American Indian children and families in partnership with the Sacred Pipe Resource Center, Health Care Navigators, the Dakota Center for Independent Living, Healthy Steps, Cancer Prevention and Control, Mental Health Association, Women's Way, and the Standing Rock Diabetes Program

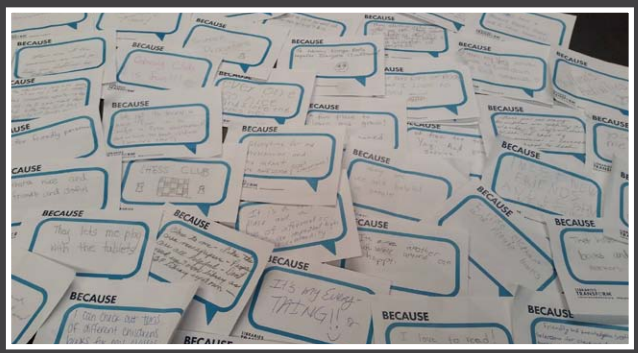
National Library Week Fun

Submitted By the Grand Forks Public Library

The Grand Forks Public Library had it going on for National Library Week! What a better way to show who we are than by a display of LIBRARY T-SHIRTS! All years, all colors, all sizes, some old, and some new! It was an awesome way to show the years of our transformation!

Mike Jacobs, former editor of the Grand Forks Herald, came to talk to a large group about his Pulitzer Prize winning articles in the Herald during the 1997 flood!

Libraries Transform! We asked for submissions from the public about how the library has transformed them and we got loads of comments! We are feeling the love!



Arthur Visted the Library

Submitted By the Valley City Barnes County Public Library

Friday, April 15th, at 10:30, Marc Brown's "Arthur" came and visited kids at the Valley City Barnes County Public Library. Kids listened to an "Arthur" Story and then were able to give high fives, hugs, and take pictures with Arthur.

A New Bookmobile for McLean-Mercer County

Submitted By the McLea-Mercer Regional Library

The McLean-Mercer Regional Library (MMRL), Riverdale, ND, purchased a new bookmobile earlier this year. After looking at other bookmobiles in the state, the library board put together specifications for a new bookmobile and sent them out to prospective bidders. The low bid was received from OBS, Inc., of Canton, Ohio. After many calls and emails between OBS & the library, the new bookmobile was finally finished and delivered to MMRL on January 18, 2016. Late last summer, MMRL held a contest for students aged 10-18 living in McLean and Mercer counties to create graphics & lettering for the bookmobile. The board chose the picture of the children with the wagon full of books drawn by Sophie Sparrow of Mercer. The board then picted the lettering design submitted by Stephanie Bingham of Max. They opted to have a local company print and install the lettering & picture on the sides and back of the bookmobile. The first route for the new bookmobile was March 1, 2016.

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State Historical Society of North Dakota

May is the time of graduations. This picture shows Dr. Anne Carlsen with a graduating class in the 1950's.

Credit Line: State Historical Society of North Dakota (11078-3926)

Check out Digital Horizons at http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/

DIGITAL HORIZONS

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