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FLOOR DEBATES

by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

We are living in interesting political times, at all levels. We've seen people getting more involved in the legislative process at all levels as well. When the State Library sent out a request for letters of support to attach to our budget testimony to the Energy and Environment Division of the House Budget Committee, we received more letters than we ever have. We're hoping to see that number increase when we request letters of support to attach when we go before the Senate House Committee. One library even included copies of colorful butterflies that contained all the reasons their patrons loved the library, written during last year's National Library Week celebration. I bet it's the first time that the legislature has received testimony written on butterflies and I loved it!

We have seen a rise in people contacting federal legislators about a variety of topics. Activism has increased around the country in a variety of ways also from the historic Women's March to local protests. As someone who grew up in a household that always engaged in political discussions and debates, I have enjoyed many conversations with people on all sides of a variety of issues during the last political season and in the current political climate. I've found myself paying more attention to bills at the state level, not only from a professional standpoint but a personal one.

Each week, I attend a legislative update meeting at DPI. We examine the bills that DPI, NDSL, ND Vision Services/ School for the Blind and the ND School for the Deaf are following. I have learned so much about the process from attending these meetings.

One thing I recently learned is that anyone with an internet connection can watch debates on the state's House and Senate floors. To listen in, login to the ND Legislative Bill Tracking System at <http://www.legis.nd.gov/legislative-bill-tracking-system>. Once you're logged in, click on the tab "Today's Calendar". Choose "all bills on today's calendar" and press the "select" button. You will see what time the House/Senate will convene. When you click on "House Video" or "Senate Video" you will be taken to the calendar. You can click the event with the camera next to it to watch the testimony. What a great opportunity to be involved without having to make the trek to the Capitol!

Thank you for all you do for your community and for the various ways that you advocate for North Dakota libraries.

The screenshot shows the North Dakota Legislative Branch website. At the top left is the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota. The main header features the text "North Dakota Legislative Branch" in a stylized font. To the right of the header are navigation links: "Home", "Search", and "Contact Us". Below the header is a search bar with the label "Search:" and a text input field. Below the search bar is a field labeled "Send me to Bill No. (9999):" with a text input field. A dark red navigation bar contains the following links: "Legislative Assembly", "Legislative Council", "Legislative Management", "News", "Calendar", and "Video". At the bottom left of the page, there are links for "Home" and "Legislative Bill Tracking System". The main content area displays the title "Legislative Bill Tracking System" in a large, bold font.

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

We are rapidly approaching everyone's favorite time of year. What am I talking about? Summer, of course! With snowdrifts still almost to the top of our fence, you might think I'm just daydreaming or thinking wistfully that we will soon see the trees budding and flowers popping up. We are already to the middle of February though and it seems like Christmas was just a few days ago. This year is flying by and so yes, I can say that summer is almost here.

When I was a Youth Services Librarian, I loved everything about the summer reading program. Is it hectic? Yes. Does it take a lot of work to plan? Oh, yes. Does it feel like Thanksgiving dinner-hours to plan, prep, cook and cleanup from the meal, which is consumed in fifteen minutes? Absolutely! But I still loved it. I felt the same way when I was a library director and I still feel that way as State Librarian. I am so thankful that I still get to participate in a summer reading program, even in a small way.

I have been participating in a summer reading program as a patron ever since I was a little kid. I can still remember how excited I was when I was invited by my Youth Services Librarian to go and pick up the summer reading prizes from the Regional Library System when I was 15 years old. I was thrilled to get this "behind the scenes look" at the RLS and at the summer reading program. (Yes, I was a library nerd even as a teenager.) The first summer reading program that I participated in when I was an adult was planned by my mom. Adults that completed the program had a chance to win a small prize basket. It was a simple program but I loved the fun of participating. I still love to participate and complete the State Library's "Summer Reading Bingo" card every year.

Most of our ND public libraries and some of our school libraries run a summer reading program for kids. A few of our academic libraries have a program for their students. More of our public libraries are also offering reading programs for teens and adults. If your library is not one of them, I urge you to consider adding that element. It does not have to be complicated.

A few years ago, School Library Journal had an article about how the Nashville Public Library in TN had simplified its summer reading program. You can find the article at this link; <http://bit.ly/2kHO5GY>. For me, a big takeaway was the elimination of prizes and the addition of a community goal. I love the idea of encouraging the whole community to reach a certain reading goal and rewarding them with a fine amnesty week. Many libraries offer amnesty at some time throughout the year through a "food for fines" or similar program. Why not offer amnesty as a reward? The 2017 SRP theme is "Build a Better World" which ties in nicely with the idea of amnesty for the community. I encourage you to read about Nashville's success at revamping their summer reading program and to think about whether your summer reading program or other library programs could benefit from a little sprucing up as well.

If you would like me to participate in your summer reading program kickoff or some other part of your program, please contact Kristin Byram (kbyram@nd.gov) or Cheryl Pollert (cjpollert@nd.gov) to schedule a "Librarian for the Day" visit. Feel free to drop me a line and share thoughts about your summer reading program.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

Britannica: Academic, Library, and School Editions

The North Dakota State Library offers three excellent educational resources through Britannica. The Academic, Library, and School editions of Britannica offer instant information to children, teens, and adults.

Britannica Academic is an online learning resource designed for high school and college students. Britannica Library is a resource for general research and it is designed for children, teens, and adults.

Britannica School is an online learning resource designed for grades K-12. Students and teachers can easily search, save, cite, and share content. Britannica School has three learning levels: Elementary, Middle, and High School. Content and interface work together to give the user an experience tailored to their needs. Each article allows you to choose a different reading level. In addition, Britannica School contains resources for teachers that promote reading skills, vocabulary, research, and critical thinking. Use the research aids to build information literacy skills. Teachers can adapt ready-made lesson plans on many subjects or create their own with the Lesson Plan Builder.

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Students, teachers, librarians, parents, and everyone else are encouraged to take advantage of these free educational tools to make learning easier and more fun.



The screenshot shows the Britannica Library website interface. On the left, a dark grey box contains the text: "Welcome to the NEW Britannica Library", "The Award-Winning Resource for Children and Adults", "Easy to use, and easy to find trusted information.", and "Choose a level below to get started!". To the right is a graphic of a human head profile in orange, filled with various colorful icons representing different subjects like science, math, art, and history. At the bottom, there are three search bars with labels: "Children" (orange background), "Young Adults" (grey background), and "Reference Center" (grey background). Each search bar has a magnifying glass icon.



Renewal & Development *Conference*



April 17th & 18th
Baymont Inn & Suites, Mandan

FEATURED SPEAKER

Jay Turner, recognized as one of Library Journal's 2015 Movers & Shakers and former director of continuing education and training for Georgia Public Library Service, will facilitate a day-long program focused on navigating change, that most pervasive and feared existential gadfly.

SECOND DAY

Breakout sessions on the second day will include: hands-on STEM programming practice, Picture Perfect Science Lessons, information literacy in the age of social network news and alternative facts, free online health resources for school and public libraries, an in-depth overview of all that's available through TutorND, digitization training, and recommended reads for young adults.

GRADUATE CREDIT

School library media specialists can get one graduate credit from Valley City State University. Mary Soucie, ND State Librarian, will teach an additional session Monday evening for those who want the credit. VCSU charges \$50 for the credit and you have to register for it separately.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Renewal & Development will be held at the Baymont Inn & Suites. A block of rooms has been reserved—call 701-663-7401 and let them know you're attending the State Library's conference to get state rate (\$81.90 for a single room, \$91 for a double). [Book Here!](#)

REGISTRATION

Cost to attend is \$55 for both days, \$35 for a single day. Register online and pay when you attend or send a check to North Dakota State Library, ATTN: Cheryl Pollert, 604 E Boulevard Ave. – Dept 250, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800. [Register here.](#)

Contact Eric Stroshane at 701-328-4661 or estroshane@nd.gov if you have questions.

Note: Programming subject to change.

AGRICULTURAL LITERACY

by Christy Schafer



In celebration of National Ag Day March 21, 2017, we intend to celebrate our state's longtime leading industry, agriculture!! In the month of March we need your help to highlight agriculture. One way we plan on celebrating agriculture is focusing on Agricultural Literacy.

Agricultural Literacy can be cultivated in any person, no matter the age or experience. Helping others understand the important role agriculture plays in their everyday lives is our goal. We work towards this by focusing on books that are a credible agricultural literacy resource. What better way to learn about agriculture than by reading about it!

So we are asking you to highlight books about agriculture, set up book displays, recommend books that focus on farming and ranching, ask local farmers or ranchers to read a book at your storybook hours, share Ag facts on bookmarks or bulletin boards, and of course take pictures and share on social media, hash tag #NDreadAG. Please feel free to tag ND Agriculture in the Classroom so we can all share our ideas.

For suggested books, please check out the North Dakota Ag in the Classroom link, <http://www.nd.gov/aitc/teachers/AgFavoriteBooks/>. For any promotional items, bookmarks, posters or visual aids please reach out to Ashley Stegeman AITC Specialist at astegeman@nd.gov or call 328-4759.

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Wonderfully wordless : the 500 most recommended graphic novels and picture books
- Family engagement in the digital age : early childhood educators as media mentors
- 1001 comics you must read before you die
- Reading the world's stories : an annotated bibliography of international youth literature
- Sorting things out : classification and its consequences
- Real-world projects : how do I design relevant and engaging learning experiences?
- Connecting your students with the world : tools and projects to make global collaboration come alive, K-8
- Read a rhyme, write a rhyme
- LAUNCH : using design thinking to boost creativity and bring out the maker in every student
- The golden age of murder : the mystery of the writers who invented the modern detective story
- Tiny LEGO wonders : build 40 surprisingly realistic mini-models!
- Some writer! : the story of E. B. White (juvenile nonfiction)
- A poem for Peter : the story of Ezra Jack Keats and the creation of the snowy day (juvenile nonfiction)
- The mermaid's purse (library-themed picture book)
- The librarians. Season one. (DVD; U.S. series)

E-RATE: FORM 470

by Al Peterson

For those who have submitted their Form 470, you probably have been getting offers from all over the country from vendors offering their services. Here are a few tips that help out with the process.

Get all your quotes in writing. Don't engage too much over the phone. You want presented bids in writing.

SAVE ALL THE QUOTES. You need to have proof that you gave every bid due process. Print out and put presented bids in your E-rate folder for this year.

If you haven't submitted a Form 470 and wish to do so, you have plenty of time.

E-rate Funding Year 2017 Application Filing Window

The E-rate Funding Year 2017 Application Filing Window will open on Monday February 27, 2017, at 12:00 Noon EST and close on May 11, 2017, at 11:59 PM EST.

If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact Al Peterson at 701-328-4622 or alpeterson@nd.gov.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – GET WHAT YOU NEED!

by Christy Schafer

Did you know your library can use state contracts to purchase goods and services?

Cooperative purchasing is a FREE service and an effective tool you can use to leverage time and cost efficiencies.

State Contract #900 – Credit Card – Purchasing and Travel Card Services

This contract is for the State Purchasing Card (p-card) which is a credit card program administered by the Office of Management and Budget. This program is available to all political subdivisions. The state's P-card is a MasterCard provided by JPMorgan Chase. There is no fee or cost to participate in the program. The P-card program saves time and money by eliminating unnecessary paper work and costs associated with purchase orders, invoices, and checks. One of the advantages of enlisting in the program is the rebate the state would receive for using the P-card. For more information, you can contact Renae Heller at 701-328-4936 or rrheller@nd.gov.

State Contract #049 – Furniture – Open Office Systems

This contract is for open office systems furniture products which are commonly known as cubicle wall systems. There are seven contractors offering the following brands AIS, Haworth, Herman Miller, HON, Steelcase and Teknion. Design and installation services are also included in this contract. Design services include space planning, installation plans, reconfiguration of existing systems and computerized installation drawings. Installation services include labor required to disassemble, assemble, deliver, set-up and otherwise finish an install or remodel project. The pricing is available by contacting the contractor listed on the OMB website. You can also contact the contract administrator, Jamie Bostyan, at 701-328-4912 or jbostyan@nd.gov.

You can find more information about all the State Contracts on the OMB website at <https://www.nd.gov/omb/agency/procurement/state-contracts>. If you have any questions, please contact the State Procurement Office at 701-328-2740 or infospo@nd.gov.

Let's do more with less!



Library Legislative Day

LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY

Monday, February 13th, the North Dakota State Library, North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and North Dakota Library Association held its second annual Library Legislative Day. We are very appreciative of everyone who was able to take time out of their busy schedules to come to the event. We were very delighted to have Governor Burgum come to our event. He had some very nice things to say about libraries and the important role we play. The day was an overall success. We look forward to another great event in 2018.



NDLCC CORNER

By State Librarian Mary Soucie

The ND Library Coordinating Council will have three seats up for appointment beginning July 1, 2017. A full term is three years and there is a limit of two full terms. The seats that will be available are public library representative, private academic library representative and at-large representative. The at-large position may be filled by either a citizen or a librarian; all other seats must be filled by a librarian currently working at the type of library they are appointed to represent. The members that are currently serving in the public library and at-large seats have both indicated a desire to be reappointed for a full term; they are each completing an expired term. We will forward the names of all interested parties to the Governor. If you are interested in serving on the Council, please forward your name and which seat you are interested in being appointed to serve in by sending an email to Cheryl Pollert at ndsladm@nd.gov by March 15, 2017. Questions about the Council may be addressed to State Librarian Mary Soucie at msoucie@nd.gov.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

LITERACY GRANTS FOR LIBRARIES (BETTER WORLD BOOKS)

DEADLINE: MARCH 31

Projects should address the literacy needs of under-served populations in their community. Literacy needs are defined by broadly identifying, understanding, interpreting, creating, communicating, and computing information to live a more fulfilling and productive life. Libraries may pitch one project each, with a maximum award of \$15,000 per project. Projects that will have a measurable and long-term impact on an under-served population and will continue to operate after grant funds have been utilized will be looked upon favorably.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2k5LpVc>

MASTER OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE DEGREE GRANT (NDSL)

DEADLINE: MAY 31

The North Dakota State Library provides a training grant encouraging North Dakotans to pursue a Master of Library and Information Science degree from an ALA-accredited school (ALA/MLIS) and to work in North Dakota. Applicants must be employed by a North Dakota public school library, a public library, a public academic library, or the State Library. Applicants must be accepted into an ALA/MLIS program prior to the award. Applications may be submitted for a total amount of up to \$8,500.

Find out more and apply at: <http://l.usa.gov/IUYmPiC>

GREAT RIVER ENERGY

DEADLINE: MARCH 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.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/1Oem6UR>

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

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.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/1JHI99I>

EBSCO SOLAR

DEADLINE: APRIL 28

EBSCO Solar is a grant program that will fund two \$100,000 solar installations at libraries around the world. Solar power is the cleanest and most abundant renewable energy source available. EBSCO believes they can make a critical impact on improving the environment and wants to help libraries make the transition to green power.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/1LaiBV7>

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

CONSUMER HEALTH REFERENCE: TIPS FROM A MEDICAL LIBRARIAN

by Erika Fischer

As librarians, we know that uncomfortable situations can arise at the reference desk. It may be a challenge to ease our user's discomfort. At other times, our own discomfort might be difficult to handle. Health and medical questions are definitely on my list of potentially uncomfortable and challenging interactions! Here are some tips for you to use next time you get a tricky medical question.

The user is emotional and concerned about confidentiality.

Tip: Remain calm and provide a comfortable setting for the person. If possible, a private setting is a great option. Be approachable and empathetic as you assure the person that their library use is always confidential.

The user is a man asking about a women's health issue. He expects you to produce a straightforward answer about the best treatment.

Tip: Don't assume that the user is the patient. In this case it's obvious, but it's always a good idea to establish basic information about the patient – age, sex, etc. Explain to the user that you need to ask a few questions to provide the best information, and assure him that you aren't trying to pry. Additionally, you will have to explain to him that medical questions rarely have just one answer. Provide the highest quality information you can find and encourage him to discuss options with the healthcare provider.

The user can't remember the specific name of the condition with which she was diagnosed. She knows it has something to do with her heart.

Tip: Ask questions to determine what the user does remember. Again, you may want to remind her that you are asking questions to provide the best information. Use a medical dictionary to look up terms and make sure that you understand the user's information need.

Your neighbor has stopped by to ask you about the best "home remedy" for depression.

Tip: The most important thing to remember is that librarians are not qualified to give medical advice. Even sharing an anecdote about your aunt who used St. John's Wort could be construed as advice. Provide your neighbor with information about St. John's Wort from a reputable source and encourage her to talk with her health provider about treatment options.

Where will I find all of this high quality information? Do not despair! The medical librarians at the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences have created a LibGuide just for you. Check it out and feel free to contact the librarians if you have questions.

<http://libguides.und.edu/findinggoodhealthinfo>

Content for this article is based on The Consumer Health Reference Interview and Ethical Issues provided by NLM/NNLM. Visit the page for additional information. <https://nmlm.gov/professional-development/topics/ethics>

REFERENCE REQUEST

We would like to remind all school and public librarians who send us requests for materials through the statelib@nd.gov account to please include the name of the library or school along with your requests. It makes it easier for those who may not work the reference desk daily answer your requests. Also, the North Dakota State Library will begin sending out overdue notices through e-mail instead of mailing a paper copy. We are striving to make this happen in February.

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- The interior of the Valley City Barnes County Public Library got a fresh coat of paint in a color scheme which brightens the space while accentuating its Victorian style
- James River Valley Library System's new bookmobile arrived
- Sacred Pipe Resource Center held a visioning session for the American Indian community at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library
- Minot Public Library started Build Minot, a campaign encouraging people to propose community improvements through notes written on large plastic building blocks at select locations throughout the city
- Walhalla Public Library recently held a story time which included horse rides through town, courtesy of Halfinger horses King and Pete. In an unrelated story time, they fired up their old pump organ for a guided tour through some songs of yore
- Leach Public Library (Wahpeton) is resuming their "As Seen on Pinterest" craft sessions and has added Intro to Social Media courses as part of their adult programming
- Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation held a series of forums gathering community input on what should be seen and experienced in the planned library
- Edna Ralston Public Library (Larimore) held a pajama party bedtime story story hour, with games, a pancake relay race, and cereal
- Children built snowmen inside the New England Public Library using coffee filters, construction paper, and pipe cleaners
- Eddy-New Rockford Library held an open house showcasing their new non-fiction collection; all attending were offered treats, coffee, and a chance to win a Kindle
- Jefferson Elementary and Washington Elementary School librarian Jessica Sanden received the Above and Beyond Award from the Valley City School Culture Committee
- Minot Public Library started a new series of nontraditional teen and tween programs, including in-library mini-golf, water bottle challenge videos, and Trivia Mania
- Cavalier Public Library held a "Gallery on the Go" painting party fundraiser
- Lynnette Scheuring is the new director of the Hankinson Public Library
- LaNae Kristy is the new director of the Adams County Public Library
- Arnetta Frueh is the new director of the Margaret Fraase Public Library
- The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library has a Mystery Book Lover's Club. It's a club where people can discuss their favorite mystery books and authors with others.

DIGITAL DELIGHTS



Here is a photograph of the mill and elevator on Milwaukee Railroad in Mott, North Dakota. This photo was scanned as a part of the Mott Roadshow Collection.

Credit: North Dakota Memories Collection

Check out Digital Horizons at:
<http://bit.ly/2jTCtUd>



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