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Connecting with the Community

Submitted by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

It is more important than ever for libraries to find ways to connect with their communities. During our weekly Library Community meetings, we've heard great examples from some North Dakota libraries. The Fargo Public Library outreach department instituted Dial-a-Story for seniors. Dial-a-story isn't a new concept by any means. In fact, it is something that libraries did back when I was a kid. For those not familiar with the concept, you dial a number and listen to a story being read to you. The Fargo twist was aiming the stories at adults rather than kids.

Another example is the Kidder County Public Library's annual fundraising event. Each year, they have a purse auction and house walk. The house walk couldn't be included this year, and they did the purse auction via Facebook. They still wanted to give the community a way to participate, so they also had a picnic table decorating event where patrons took pictures, and the library shared them on Facebook.

The Cooke County Library in Gainesville, Texas, has found a neat way to connect with their community. They have a new video series called Beyond the Cover. The series will focus on local businesses and topics, mainly about agriculture. Their first video focused on the corn harvest and can be viewed on the library's YouTube page.

One of the benefits of belonging to associations like the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) or the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) is that you learn so much from your colleagues. I've heard of so many different ways that libraries are connecting with their community. I encourage you to consider joining an association as it is a great way to make connections across library land.

Library Tidbits

Lisbon Public Library raised $2,359.80 at their annual Mums & Yums bake sale and mums sale.

The LaMoure Public and School Library has taken over as the director for the Imagination Library Program for LaMoure County.

Carnegie Regional Library had Spoiler Blend Coffee Co. in the library to serve coffee and hot chocolate with all proceeds benefitting students' needs at Grafton Public Schools.

Carrington City Library celebrated Library Card Sign Up Month by giving out of town patrons a discount on getting a library card.

Casselton Public Library celebrated National Ice Cream Cone Day by handing out ice cream cone cupcakes to everyone who checked out items that day.

Minot Public Library received $200 for Summer Reading from Ameriprise Financial.

Morton Mandan Public Library held a groundbreaking ceremony for the building expansion.

Fargo Public Library has gone fine free.

ALA to Award $2 million to Small and Rural Libraries

The American Library Association (ALA) invites libraries in small and rural communities to apply for grant funding to help them address issues of concern in their communities.

Up to 650 U.S. libraries in small and rural communities will receive $3,000 each to tackle issues ranging from media literacy to COVID-19 safety to unemployment. Grants will be awarded in two waves in 2020 and 2021.

Applications will be accepted from Sept. 21 to Dec. 2, 2020.

Find out if your library is eligible and apply online at https://bit.ly/3jFNPpR.

Recovery Reinvented Online Event

The fourth annual Recovery Reinvented is right around the corner! Governor Doug Burgum and First Lady Kathryn invite you and your connections to participate in this special day-long online event on Oct. 28, 2020, at RecoveryReinvented.com.

This year's event will be headlined by media personality and addiction specialist, Dr. Drew Pinsky, and New York Times best-selling author, David Sheff, writer of the novel, "Beautiful Boy," a fiercely-candid memoir and major motion picture that brings immediacy to the emotional rollercoaster of loving a child who seems beyond help.

We are bringing together state and national stakeholders to reinvent recovery by eliminating the stigma of addiction, supporting innovation in virtual recovery support services and telehealth, illuminating the connection between mental health, addiction and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and inspiring employers to create recovery-friendly workplaces.

Recovery Reinvented is **free** and **open to everyone**.

Click here to learn more or register today.

2021 School Librarian of the Year Award

Nominate an amazing librarian with the 2021 School Librarian of the Year Award! This award honors a K-12 library professional for their outstanding achievements and their exemplary use of 21st-century tools and services to engage children and teens toward fostering multiple literacies.

The 2021 School Librarian of the Year will receive:

- A $2,500 cash award and $2,500 in-kind digital and/or print products for their library.
- A Scholastic Book Fairs “Mr. Schu's Picks” collection of books.
- A visit from John Schumacher, the Ambassador of School Libraries for Scholastic Book Fairs, including a book giveaway for every student in the school.
- A feature profile in the April 2021 issue of School Library Journal.

The deadline to submit is Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

Learn more at **www.slj.com/schoollibrarianoftheyear**.

Voting information from the Secretary of State

Are you or your patrons looking for credible information about voting? Then consider checking out the **North Dakota Secretary of State's website**. Features on their website include 2020 voting options, tribal voting, absentee or mail-in ballots, election results, and a host of other election information. You can also find out where your voting location is, what types of ID are accepted, where the drop boxes are located, or you can apply for an absentee ballot.

The full text of the measures that are on the ballot is posted on the ND Secretary of State's website. Also included is information on starting a ballot initiative and running for office in North Dakota.

I Love My Librarian! Award

Has a librarian made a difference in your life? Nominations for this year’s "I Love My Librarian" Award are open until November 9, 2020. Ten amazing librarians from public, school, and college/university libraries will win $5,000 each in recognition of their outstanding service to their communities.

If you know a librarian who has gone above and beyond, especially during the pandemic, submitting a nomination is the perfect way to thank them. Learn more and submit a nomination at **ilovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian**.

Dream - Build - Create Engineering Program

Public libraries are invited to participate in an exciting virtual engineering experience this coming November called Dream – Build – Create, an introduction to engineers and engineering for people of all ages, especially families and children.

Librarians can **register** for a passcode to gain free access to **Dream Big**, which can be shared with families, your Teen Advisory Group, K-12 teachers, and school districts that you collaborate with. You can also post it on your library's Facebook page.

Free Virtual Music Workshops

Bridging Education & Art Together (BEAT) is a New York City-based non-profit that provides unique Hip-Hop based arts education programs to youth in schools and public institutions -- including students with disabilities. BEAT is offering **free Virtual Music Production & Lyricism** workshops to libraries across the country.

If you are interested in bringing this program to the youth you serve, please contact the Program Director, **Brittany Wilson**, to learn more.

Free Webinars

The American Indian Youth Literature Awards: Discussion and Reflection (ALA)
October 22 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Pre-Application Webinar for Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries (ALA)
October 22 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Audiobooks Made Easy: Why They Are Better Than Ever and Can Work With Your Students (edWeb)
October 26 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Managing Library Teams in Complex Times (AASL)
October 27 (5:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

Mad About Middle Grade! (Booklist)
October 30 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Who Are We Designing for and Why? Service Design Techniques for Responsive Libraries (WebJunction)
November 19 (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM)

Moon Pod Essay Contest

Take remote learning a little further — as in 250,000 miles further. NASA collaborated with **Future Engineers** to create the Artemis Moon Pod Essay Contest.

The contest, open to U.S. students in grades K-12, launched on Tuesday, September 15, and runs through December 17, 2020, challenging participants to imagine leading a one-week expedition to the Moon's South Pole.

Challenge Details

Legal Research Resources for Civil Protection and Restraining Orders

Submitted by Catie Palsgraaf, Acting North Dakota Supreme Court Law Librarian

A frequently requested legal research topic by self-represented patrons of the North Dakota Legal Self Help Center is how to obtain, or defend against, a civil protection or restraining order.

Following are legal research and other resources for civil protection and restraining orders in North Dakota.

Read More

Digital Delight

This photograph was taken of a football game on October 10, 1964, between North Dakota State University and Augustana.

It appears that NDSU has the ball and is poised to score in front of many spectators.

Credit: Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection, North Dakota State Library.

Check out Digital Horizons at **https://bit.ly/3jIK96z**

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