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State Library Newsletters

With the Flickertale now coming out weekly and being geared toward librarians, we understand that there are some for whom this is no longer a relevant publication. If this sounds like you, please know that you have options!

The State Library also publishes a monthly newsletter called ***Connections*** that is full of information for patrons, state employees, and others, including new books, online resources, State Library programs and booths.

If you would prefer to receive the Connections newsletter or would like to add it to what you are already receiving, please fill out this short **form** - it'll take less than 2 minutes to complete.

Remote Access Barcodes

There has been an issue for some libraries when using their remote access barcodes. This issue may be due to the migration from Aleph to Polaris.

To help remedy the situation, NDSL Circulation has reset all the passwords for remote access barcodes. The reset should be the same as the old password.

If any libraries have difficulties using their account, please contact us a t **statelib@nd.gov** or 701-328-4622.

Grant Opportunities

2021 Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant Application (ALSC)
Deadline: November 15
$3,000

Baker & Taylor/YALSA Collection Development Grant (YALSA)
Deadline: December 1
$1,000

YALSA's Great Books Giveaway Competition (YALSA)
Deadline: December 1
3,000 newly published books, videos, and CDs

ALA Grants - Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries
Deadline: December 2
$3,000

Science Kits for Public Libraries
Deadline: January 17
$2,000

Library Vision Grant Opportunities

This is a reminder that there are currently two Library Vision grant opportunities open until October 31. We are offering a second COVID-19 Response Grant, which has been expanded to now allow equipment to assist libraries with virtual programming. Libraries that received a round one COVID-19 Response Grant are eligible to apply for this grant round.

The Professional Development Grant is intended to assist libraries of all sizes with obtaining professional development for staff. Conferences, webinars, workshops, and other types of professional development will be considered. Libraries can also apply to bring a speaker in for a staff development day. A library can apply on their own or partner with other libraries. We encourage virtual learning but are leaving this to the library's discretion.

All publicly funded libraries are eligible to apply for the grants. We encourage you to review the **scoring rubric** located on the State Library's website prior to submitting your grant application. You may reach out to Library Development or Deputy Director Cynthia Clairmont-Schmidt with questions or for assistance with your grant application.

Ancestry Library Edition Is Now Available at Home

Under normal circumstances, **Ancestry Library Edition** is a database that is only available inside the library walls. However, ProQuest and Ancestry have temporarily made this database available at home to anyone with a library card through December 31, 2020.

Search through Census records, the Social Security Death Index, immigration records, city directories, church records, and more for free!

The State Library provides bookmarks for libraries to give out to their patrons to promote this online resource; fill out the order form to request these or any of the other promotional materials we are offering. We will fulfill the orders as soon as possible.

Library Community Meetings

Submitted by State Librarian Mary Soucie

Shortly after the pandemic started, the State Library began holding semi-weekly Library Community meetings. In August, we switched to biweekly meetings, alternating between 11:00 on Tuesdays and 2:00 on Thursdays. I think the meeting helped librarians connect with their colleagues who served as a resource for each other. The meetings are open to all library staff in the state. In September, we added a biweekly meeting for school librarians.

The idea for meetings like this dates back to Greta Guck's NDLA Presidency. Greta proposed that NDLA subscribe to Zoom for several purposes, one of which was to host quarterly meetings for librarians. The NDLA Board discussed meetings by region, by library type, and general meetings. This idea did not come to fruition although the use of Zoom for board meetings had a huge impact on the organization, and being able to utilize Zoom for portions of this year's virtual conference was very beneficial to NDLA.

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Free Webinars

How to Reach Your Readers: Keys to Marketing Your School Library
Booklist
October 23
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Coding and Robotics for Deeper Learning
edWeb
October 29
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Community Dialogues to Support Equitable Programming, Access, and Action in YOUR Library
StarNet
October 29
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Reading Graphic
Booklist
November 3
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Conversations with School Librarians

Every other Wednesday, school librarians will have an opportunity to share ideas and discuss some of the obstacles they are facing. How do librarians collaborate with classroom teachers, present their lessons, offer storytime, promote digital literacy, provide students with access to books, etc.? Find out what other school librarians are doing and bring your ideas to Conversations with School Librarians.

Register for these bi-weekly meetings. The next meeting is on October 28 at 4:00 PM.

ND Library Tidbits

The Friends of James River Valley Library System received a $20,000 donation in honor of Madeline Bellows to provide meeting room audio-visual equipment for Alfred Dickey Library and a 3D printer for Stutsman County Library, with the remainder of the funds to be used as needed.

Carnegie Regional Library is staying in the spooky spirit by hosting a Halloween costume contest at the library on Friday, October 30th.

Carnegie Regional Library had a display of local artist George Tibert's art in their community room. The artist was present for the two days to answer questions.

Carrington City Library held a workshop on Creating Vibrant Visuals for businesses, clubs, or organizations.

Casselton Public Library is popping fresh popcorn for patrons every Wednesday in October in honor of National Popcorn Poppin' Month.

Griggs County Public Library held a showing of the 23rd Annual Film Festival Manhattan Short.

Hankinson Public Library began a book club called Donuts and Dialogue, where everyone is welcome to come and talk about any book they want.

Eddy-New Rockford Library has gone fine free!

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and Morton Mandan Public Library are competing to see who can get more new members in their Friends Boards.

Join Skype in the Classroom, the Roald Dahl Story Company, and Penguin Young Readers to celebrate the world's favorite books — with activities perfect for Halloween.

Kids will explore their favorite Roald Dahl stories with host Francesco Sedita, the President and Publisher at Penguin Workshop, Penguin Young Readers, and author of The Pathfinders Society! Classroom activities will include chapter storytime with The Witches, imaginative activities with the latest Matilda release, and Mad Libs from other favorites such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and much more!

Register for the Skype in the Classroom Roald Dahl Event today.

NaNoWriMo

It's hard to believe, but November 1 is right around the corner. It is that time of the year that can be the most rewarding and the most stressful for every writer. **NaNoWriMo** is here again. Time to get inspired! Time to get writing! But if you are wondering how to get your mind in the right space to do all of that, Emily Martin from **Book Riot** has some books to help prep you or your patrons for NaNoWriMo.

North Dakota Libraries and Story Walks

Fargo Public Library put up a permanent Story Walk at Brunsdale Park in south Fargo as part of a partnership with the Fargo Park District and the Fargo Park District Foundation.

McVille Community Library set up a Halloween Story Walk for the book *A Very Brave Witch*. At the end of the walk, there is a take-home craft so kids can create a Halloween lantern.

October is Health Literacy Month!

Since 1999, organizations around the world have been observing October as Health Literacy Month. It is a time to create awareness of the importance of making health information easy to understand as well as making the health care system easier to navigate.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) and the American Library Association (ALA) have provided the **Libraries Transform Health Literacy Toolkit** to help librarians raise awareness of how libraries provide trusted health information to their communities.

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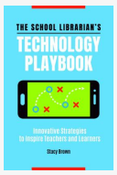
"The School Librarian's Technology Playbook" by Stacy Brown



Using concrete examples, The School Librarian's Technology Playbook offers strategies for school librarians to initiate and support innovative practices throughout their school community.

Digital Dimension

Black Women's Suffrage Digital Collection

The **Digital Public Library of America** (DPLA) has recently announced its new Black Women's Suffrage Digital Collection is now live. The impressive collection provides a user-friendly portal to freely access nearly 200,000 digital items (images, objects, documents, and oral histories) pulled from the thousands of institutions across the country that contribute content to DPLA.

The collection, according to its website, documents "the roles and experiences of Black Women in the Women's Suffrage Movement and, more broadly, women's rights, voting rights, and civic activism between the 1850s and 1960."

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