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The North Dakota State Library is Hiring!

The North Dakota State Library is hiring for the position of Academic, Special, and Tribal Library Specialist. This position will:

- Provide development, assessment, collaboration and technical assistance to academic, special, and tribal libraries throughout North Dakota
- Assist librarians and administration with developing plans, policies, and procedures
- Provide guidance on library services and trends unique to these constituencies
- Develop resource materials for librarians, library staff, administration, patrons, and communities
- Provide professional development training for academic, special, and tribal libraries
- Identify and facilitate grant opportunities and provide grant writing assistance
- Work scheduled rotations staffing the ND State Library reference desk

Applicants must possess an ALA-accredited MLIS and have two years of professional library experience. **Learn more and apply today!**

ND Department of Health

The Coronavirus is still with us, and with the rising number of cases in deaths, comes a rising amount of disinformation and false narratives about the virus and the pandemic.

The North Dakota Department of Health has many resources about the Coronavirus on their **website**, including information on what to do if you have been identified as a close contact or if you tested positive for COVID-19.

While you explore this website, be sure to check out the North Dakota Dashboard for daily information about the progression of the virus in our state. The dashboard includes the day's current positivity rate and the cumulative rate, COVID-19 trends, and state-level information.

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Small Change, Big Outcome

Digital Initiatives recently decided to make a slight change to the metadata procedures for the North Dakota State Library's (NDSL) digital collections. It was a small change with a big outcome.

Over the past few years, Digital Initiatives has partnered with several organizations (like libraries, museums, and historical societies) via ScanDays and other events. Through these partnerships, Digital Initiatives either digitized materials for the organization or the organizations digitized their materials themselves and then submitted them to Digital Initiatives for inclusion in NDSL's digital collections.

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Star and Wheelie Award Winners Announced December 17th!

16 North Dakota libraries will be honored at the December 17th Library Community meeting at 11:00 AM.

The Star award is an annual award given out to North Dakota libraries in recognition of the administrators and staff that provide exceptional service to communities of all sizes. Libraries are divided into tiers based on their operating expenditures, and the top 3 libraries in each tier have performed the highest on a number of metrics amongst their peers. The metrics that are considered for the Star awards are total circulation per capita, central branch service hours per week, program attendance per capita, and combined computer and WIFI use per capita.

The Wheelie award highlights the bookmobile that excels in the following areas: total circulation per capita, number of stops, and miles traveled.

Please come and celebrate these libraries with us! Register to attend the meeting **here**.

TeenTober Feedback Survey

Did your library celebrate TeenTober this year?

Although celebrating was likely different this time around, YALSA would like to gather your **feedback** to help them improve and tailor future TeenTober related resources to the needs of the library community.

If you have 8-10 minutes to spare, please take our **TeenTober Feedback Survey** by Dec. 7.

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 until December 2.

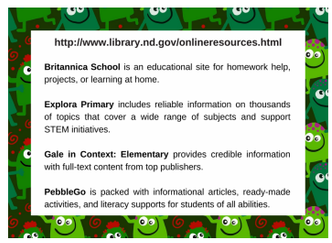
Find out if your library is eligible and apply online today!

Elementary and Middle School Postcards

The State Library has brand new postcards for elementary and middle schools! There are three new postcards available - one for grades K-3, one for grades 4-5, and one for grades 6-8.

Each postcard has information about online resources that are suitable for the age range to help students with homework, research, and learning for fun.

To request these or other promotional materials (including postcards for high school students), **fill out this form** and we will send them out to you as soon as possible.


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

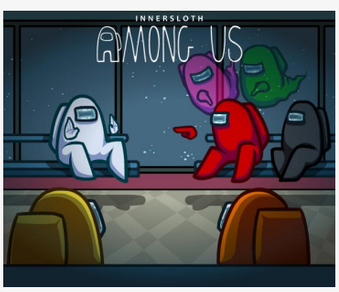
Britannica School is an educational site for homework help, projects, or learning at home.

Explora Primary includes reliable information on thousands of topics that cover a wide range of subjects and support STEM initiatives.

Gale in Context: Elementary provides credible information with full-text content from top publishers.

PebbleGo is packed with informational articles, ready-made activities, and literacy supports for students of all abilities.

Among Us



Are you looking for a way to connect with your patrons virtually where you can all have a great time? All you need is Zoom and nine other people to host a game night!

Zoom has several options, but the cheapest version costs about $150 per year. Having Zoom allows you to connect all your participants virtually in the same room. Next, pick your game! The first game we recommend is Among Us because it can be free and it is quick to pick up.

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Participate in a Makerspace study!

Calling all public librarians. Dr. Amelia Anderson and Dr. Abigail Phillips are preparing a study about accessibility in public library makerspaces. They would like to talk to public librarians about their experiences in hopes of creating more inclusive libraries. If you'd like to participate (and receive a $30 Amazon gift card), you can volunteer by filling out **this form**.

CSLP Summer Meals

The Child & Community Well-Being Committee just released its latest resource - a one-page **CSLP Summer Meals Talking Points flyer**. This flyer includes brief talking points and a quick to-do checklist. It's an easy-to-digest introduction for summer meals advocates to share with coworkers, library administration, Board, community officials, and prospective partners. It's now available for download on the **CSLP website**.

Whatever summer 2021 is going to look like, meal sites will be needed, and state administering agencies for the Summer Food Service Program are going to start recruiting very soon. If you are in need of support and other information, please go to the **CSLP Libraries and Summer Food how-to guide**.

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