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Ancestry Library Edition Update

Thanks to ProQuest and Ancestry, remote access to Ancestry Library Edition will be available until March 31, 2021.

Ancestry Library Edition gives you instant access to a wide range of unique resources for genealogical and historical research. With billions of historical documents and millions of historical photos, this resource offers the most comprehensive genealogical information available online. Search through immigration, census, family histories, court records, directories, military records, photos, and more to discover new things about your ancestors.

A press release will be going out to newspapers across the state early next week. If you would like Ancestry Library bookmarks to advertise this resource, please fill out this **order form**, and we will send them to you as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at **statelib@nd.gov** or 701-328-4622.

Conversations with School Librarians

The next School Librarians' Meeting will take place Wednesday, December 8, at 4:00 CST and will continue into the next hour for school librarians in Mountain Standard Time. During these bi-weekly meetings, school librarians will have an opportunity to share ideas and discuss some of the obstacles they are facing. **Register today**

Apply for a Grant!

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest
December 13
Prize valued at $2 million in technology and supplies

NEA Big Read Grants
Deadline: January 27
$5,000 - $20,000

ALA American Dream Literacy Initiative Grants
Deadline: January 29
$5,000

Will Eisner Graphic Novels Grants for Libraries
Deadline: February 7
$4,000

Snapdragon Book Foundation Grant
Deadline: February 14
$1,000 - $20,000

Summer Reading Workshop 2021 – Tails and Tales

Join Shari Mosser on December 16 (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST) to explore the “summer slide” and how Public Libraries are in a unique position to combat it!

We’ll also be looking at this year’s Tails and Tales Summer Reading manual and how to apply it to pre-readers, kids, teens, and adults. Come prepared with any questions you might have as well as any recommendations and tips to share with your fellow librarians! **Register today**!

Request your online manual today by filling out **this form**.

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**.

Free Webinars

The Efficient Library
Niche Academy
Wednesday, December 9
1:00 PM CST

Behind the Scenes of Word of the Year 2020
Oxford Languages
Thursday, December 10
2:00 PM CST

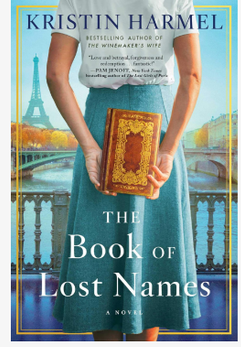
Simplify Student Research with Gale
Gale, a Cengage Co.
Wednesday, December 16
2:00 PM CST

Proactive Advocacy and Communication for Library Trustees & Staff
WebJunction
Wednesday, January 13
2:00 PM CST

Making Sense of Numbers: Understanding Risks and Benefits
Network of the National Library of Medicine
Thursday, January 14
12:00 PM CST

Marketing eResources and Demonstrating Their Programming Potential
Niche Academy
Wednesday, January 20
1:00 PM CST

Kit-ing Around



This month, we are highlighting one of the State Library's newest book club kits: *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel.

Harmel writes a thought-provoking, historical fiction novel based on the true story of a woman who helped children escape from France to Switzerland during World War II by forging identity documents. However, during the process, she forged a code in The Book of Lost Names to help preserve the real names of the young children she was helping erase. Now, 65 years later, Eva is reunited with the book that went missing after the war and revisits the memories she thought she had left behind. Told with an emotional dual-timeline and heartfelt voice, this novel is a character-driven World War II novel that will capture the hearts and minds of your book club.

"You can't judge a person by their language or their place of origin—though it seems that each new generation insists upon learning that lesson for itself." — K. Harmel.

This kit comes with ten books, one discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.

Kits can be checked out for eight weeks and reserved up to one year in advance. Book club kits can check out to libraries or individual patrons; no more than three kits can be checked out at one time. Kits for schools or classroom use need to be checked out by the Library Media Specialist. To see when this book club is next available, check out **KitKeeper**.

TeachingBooks access open through January 24, 2021

Submitted by Ray Roushar, Director of Operations & Business Development of TeachingBooks and Book Connections

North Dakota schools and libraries have an extended trial to TeachingBooks -- a literacy service that brings to life the trade books we use, PreK-12. On TeachingBooks, you'll find book performances and passages that support distance learning connections. You'll find video and audio interviews with favorite authors. And you'll find resources about the books students are reading that work directly in Google Classroom and learning management systems, on any device, anywhere. **Watch a 3-minute overview here**.

Freely sign in at **TeachingBooks.net/NorthDakota**.

Once you complete the profile, I'd suggest:

1. Looking up a favorite book
2. Exploring and enjoying the resources available
3. Sharing the resources you find with a colleague

If you have insights or questions, freely reach out via the **Contact Us form** or e-mail **hello@TeachingBooks.net**.

On behalf of all of the TeachingBooks team, thanks for taking a look at these book connections.

You also might enjoy the new Chrome Extension, which will both identify and connect you to children's and YA book titles and resources for every Google search. Freely download this extension **https://teachingbooks.net/ChromeExtension**.

Shelf Awareness

Shelf Awareness is a free e-newsletter for independent bookstores rather than libraries, but with the same focus on upcoming in-demand titles. It is run by a longtime Publishers Weekly editor, with a similar format.

They actually have two editions. If you ever shop at Ferguson's Books in Grand Forks and Bismarck, you've probably already received Shelf Awareness for Readers in your email, forwarded by the store to all their customers.

The daily Shelf Awareness Pro is directed at the booksellers themselves. It is noteworthy in the fact that it includes information on which authors are

Six Copyright Concepts

The Library of Congress, with the U.S. Copyright Office, has assembled six points to remember when teaching students about copyright.

Incorporating copyright concepts into your lesson plans can help engage a student's creativity and foster an appreciation for the importance of protecting creative works.

discussing new titles on that week's major television programs and radio shows.

When a patron comes in and only remembers parts of the interview and, unfortunately, not the title, it becomes much easier to help them identify the book.

Learn more about the six concepts that will help students better understand copyright on the **U.S. Copyright Office blog**.

Space Planning Resources for Renovations and New Libraries

The Massachusetts Libraries Board of Library Commissioners released a brand-new resource for library space planning. **Library Space: A Planning Resource for Libraries** specifically focuses on the step-by-step process of public library design and includes illustrations of seating, room types, shelving, and more. It empowers librarians, administrators, and designers with the tools for planning and redesigning public libraries.

For years, libraries have used the resources put together by the **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction** and the **Connecticut State Library** to estimate the space needs of their library based on their collection size and population. These are still excellent resources for space planning, but the new guide brings in the expertise of a global design firm alongside case study libraries and a focus group of library directors to develop the best practices presented.

If your library is reaching to meet the **NDLCC's Standards for Public Libraries'** Future-Focused level standard F15, "Library board and director conduct a space needs assessment every 3-5 years and make a report of findings to primary funding entity," these guides are an excellent place to start. Further resources and examples of completed assessments can be found **here**.

Conducting a space needs assessment allows library stakeholders like the staff, board, city or county commissioners, and community to look at how library space is currently being used and if it can be changed to better serve the needs of the community.

If you need help conducting a space needs assessment or have any questions, contact Abby Ebach at 701-328-4680 or **aebach@nd.gov**.

Recommended STEM Books

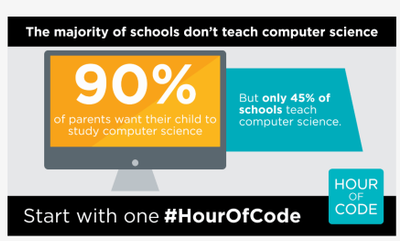
STEM is a core element of contemporary K-12 education, as well as Governor Burgum's Transforming Education initiative. The leading library and publishing magazines all regularly publish lists of their favorite current or upcoming STEM books to help guide purchasing decisions. But an additional resource is the scientists themselves.

Many science organizations are also producing lists of the books they think will best prepare students for science and technology careers, developing both skills and enthusiasm. One such **list** is released annually by Perdue University, one of the top engineering schools in the country. They have an entire Research Institute for Pre-College Engineering to help promote STEM education, and the institute produces an annual holiday gift guide of toys, games, puzzles, apps, kits, and **books**.

Hour of Code

With technology changing every industry on the planet, computing knowledge has become part of a well-rounded skill set. But fewer than half of all schools teach computer science! The good news is that we're on our way to change this. If you heard about the Hour of Code last year, you might know it made history. One hundred million students have now discovered how accessible and fun computer science can be by doing just one Hour of Code.

The Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Learn more, discover new activities, and register your Hour of Code event today at **http://HourOfCode.com**.



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!**

Diversity in STEM Calendar

A posting from Susan Hahn (Big Deal Media)

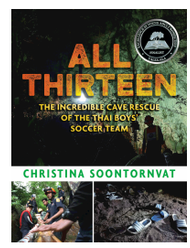
First Book, in partnership with the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), has created the **2020–2021 Diversity in STEM Calendar**, a *free* tool designed to help educators bring amazing moments of innovation to life and showcase the incredible contributions of diverse STEM pioneers with children across the country.

The calendar highlights the game-changing contributions of women and people of color to science, medicine, space exploration, artificial intelligence development, and more. It includes fascinating facts, religious and cultural observances, and notable dates of cultural, historical, or inclusive significance in STEM fields. In addition, the calendar includes instructions for science investigations that require minimal materials and no special equipment. The *freely* downloadable 2020–2021 Diversity in STEM Calendar is available in English and Spanish.

2021 Nonfiction Award Finalists Announced

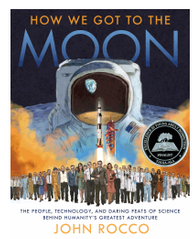
The 2021 Nonfiction Award finalists have been announced. These books were published for young adults (ages 12-18) during a November 1 to October 31 publishing year.

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team
By Christina Soontornvat



The Cat I Never Named: A True Story of Love, War, and Survival
By Amra Sabic-El-Rayess with Laura L. Sullivan

How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure
By John Rocco



The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh
By Candace Fleming

You Call This Democracy?: How to Fix Our Democracy and Deliver Power to the People
By Elizabeth Rusch

The winner will be announced virtually at the Youth Media Awards on January 25, 2021, during ALA's Midwinter Meeting.

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