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State Library Joins OverDrive Consortium

Submitted by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

As you are hopefully aware, the company that owns Recorded Books purchased OverDrive last year. The two companies are merging, and RBDigital will be eliminated. The State Library is pleased to be joining the Library2Go OverDrive consortium. All e-book and e-audio titles that are in our collection will be added to the OverDrive collection on December 17th. Magazines will be transferred in either January or February 2021. We will have access to a much larger collection of magazines, and limits that we had on the prior collection will be removed.

OverDrive is making some positive changes to the pricing structure for libraries that belong to the consortium. The fees for being a member are below. I have included the current price and the new price that will be effective on July 1, 2021. Libraries that join the consortium now as new members will not be billed until the contract is renewed in July. Public Library Specialist Abby Ebach will be reaching out to public libraries that are not currently a member of OverDrive to answer questions and provide the paperwork that will need to be completed to join the consortium. One thing to note that is different between how RBDigital functioned and how OverDrive will function is that patrons of public libraries that are not a member of the consortium will have to get a State Library Card to access the e-materials. Local public library cards from member libraries will be able to access the resources directly with their card.

The fee structure as of July 1, 2021, is as follows and is based on the population served.

Old Tiers		New Tiers	
Below 5,000	$1,500	Below 999	No Fee
5,001 – 30,000	$3,000	1,000 – 5,000	$800
30,001 – 60,000	$6,000	5,001 – 20,000	$2,000
60,001 +	$9,000	20,001 – 40,000	$4,000
		40,001 – 60,000	$5,600
		60,001 – 90,000	$7,200
		90,001 +	$9,000

We hope that all public libraries will consider joining the Library2Go consortium. We believe that the new partnership with the consortium and with OverDrive is a win-win for all North Dakota citizens, and we are excited about the next pages in our e-book chapter.

2021 Book Lottery

2021 is almost here, and one of the North Dakota State Library's resolutions is to slim down by offering our weeded materials in a special book lottery. Starting in January and going until March, librarians can receive grab bags of materials from our weeded large print, juvenile nonfiction, oversized, and reference collections.

This will be a blind lottery, so there won't be a massive list of titles available to browse. Fill out **this survey**, and we'll try to get you materials that fit your needs. Please note that books donated by the State Library cannot be sold.

Apply for a Grant!

American Dream Literacy Initiative
American Library Association
Deadline: January 29
Amount: $5,000

H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant
American Library Association
Deadline: February 1
Amount: $3,500

Library of the Future Award
American Library Association
Deadline: February 1
Amount: $1,200

Gale, A Cengage Company Financial Development Award
American Library Association
Deadline: February 2
Amount: $2,500

Libraries Transform Communities Grant
American Library Association
Deadline: February 5
Amount: $2,000

The Peggy Barber Tribute Grant
American Library Association
Deadline: February 5
Amount: $2,500

Virtual Library Visits

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One of my favorite parts of my job is visiting North Dakota libraries. This is hard to do right now of course. I recently had a chance to visit with James River Valley Public Library Director, Joe Rector, virtually. Public Library Specialist Abby Ebach and I learned about several exciting projects that the library is undertaking or planning to undertake in the future. It was really awesome to hear about all the wonderful things happening, especially right now. Any bright spot is a welcome one. Later that same week I had a chance to visit with Carrington Public Library Director, Michele Seil, about a specific question and then we chatted about the library and what's happening there with COVID-19 and other topics. I enjoyed that visit as well.

These experiences have led to a reimagining of our *Librarian for a Day* program. Hopefully, we will be able to resume in-person library visits sometime in 2021. We'd like to invite you to participate in our new outreach program, *Virtual Library Visits*. In a *Virtual Library Visit*, we can chat about library happenings, any questions or concerns that you have, do a virtual library tour, and many other things. You set the agenda, length of time for the meeting and who you'd like to participate. The State Library will invite you to a Teams meeting (an online platform similar to Zoom through Microsoft.) It's as simple as that. You can contact Administrative Assistant Cheryl Pollert at **cjpollert@nd.gov** or me at **msoucie@nd.gov** to schedule a visit. I am looking forward to visiting libraries of all types and sizes across the state.

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**! If you cannot attend it will be recorded. Please register to receive that link in the future.

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

Also, the CSLP store can be found at **https://www.cslpreads.org/cslp-store/**. Orders are shipped in the order they are received, and they have been arriving quickly! The warehouse states that if there is a high volume they will adhere to the following:

Order by / Receive by:
January 1 / April 1 March 1 / May 1

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**.

Service Recognition Awards

This year's service recognition award ceremony looked a little different since we couldn't meet in person. Congratulations to:

Angela Houser (not pictured) for 3 years
Carmen Redding for 3 years
Marlee Seibold for 3 years
Abby Ebach for 3 years
James Murphy for 5 years
Stephanie Baltzer Kom for 15 years
Al Peterson for 20 years
Stacey Goldade for 20 years
Cynthia Clairmont-Schmidt for 40 years

Health Literacy

Health literacy is the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. The National Library of Medicine (NLM) helps with that by providing programming for libraries to use in the education of their patrons.

Read More

Chat & Snack Open Discussion

Join the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) on December 17 at 12:00 PM CST for an open discussion session titled **Chat & Snack: Supporting Teens During Difficult and Challenging Times**.

Come listen, learn, and share your thoughts about how teens are adjusting to the "new normal," post-election media, and other challenging aspects of 2020. This is a great opportunity to come together to share stories, ask questions, and support each other as we strive to serve and support teens to the best of our ability.

This session is open to everyone, so please feel free to share with your colleagues and network.

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