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Section 7 of the Annual Report

When completing Section 7 of your annual report, you may a dramatic change in the number of accessible items for RBDigital downloadable audio: From 8,835 in 2019 to just 988 in 2020. This is because we use December's numbers for each year and December 2020 coincidentally was when RBDigital was absorbed by Overdrive. That 988 is the inventory remaining for RBDigital at that point in the transition; most of the titles were transferred to Overdrive and will be reflected in that section (7.11 vs 7.12).

If you have any questions while filling out your annual report, please contact Michele at **mballiet@nd.gov** or 701-328-3499.

Summer Reading Program Grant

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, in partnership with the North Dakota State Library, is pleased to announce a Non-Competitive Library Vision grant round. The Summer Reading Program grant will support public libraries as well as eligible school libraries in enhancing their summer reading program. The maximum grant award is $1500.

Funds can be used to hire program presenters, purchase equipment to enhance access to library programs, books that support the theme, and program supplies related to the Summer Reading program.

Grant applications are due March 15, 2021, and all funds must be expended by May 31, 2021. Applications must be submitted in Counting Opinions, and the guidelines are available on our **website**.

Free Webinars

Getting Started with Libby
OverDrive
Wednesday, March 10
10:00 AM CT

Surface Statistics Within Gale in Context
Gale, a Cengage Company
Wednesday, March 17
1:00 PM CT

Building Youth Financial Capability
FDLP Academy
Thursday, March 18
1:00 PM CT

Curate Content Sets for Research Projects with Gale Resources
Gale, a Cengage Company
Wednesday, March 24
1:00 PM-1:15 PM CT

Create News Alerts in *Gale OneFile* Periodical Resources
Gale, a Cengage Company
Wednesday, March 31
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM CT

Happy Belated **Public Domain Day** (a.k.a. New Year's Day)! Every new year, the copyright on certain works expires and they enter into the **public domain**. On January 1, 2021, this consisted of works copyrighted in 1925 (notably including The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald).

Speaking of copyright, it has been in the news a lot lately, from the **lawsuit** against the Internet Archive to the passing of the controversial **CASE Act**. Also, the U.S. Copyright Office (USCO) had a milestone this last summer: 150 years of service. According to **their website**, copyright was "first centralized within the Library of Congress 150 years ago in 1870." In the **September/October 2020 issue of its magazine**, the Library of Congress celebrated this anniversary by taking an in-depth look at various aspects of copyright.

It's an interesting read (truly). The article is also full of tidbits. For example, the USCO might be 150 years old, but federal copyright law has existed in the U.S. much longer, ever since President George Washington signed the **Copyright Act of 1790**.

The **Digital Initiatives** (DI) department at the North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is also joining in on the copyright fun. Why? Why not! 2020 is not a distant memory yet, so is a special reason to celebrate really needed?

Read More!

Virtual Library Marketing Group

Are you in charge of marketing at your library? Would you like to chat with others about how you are promoting your libraries and programs? What tools and resources people are using? How to reach the intended audience?

The North Dakota State Library would like to host a virtual library marketing meeting. If you are interested in joining this group of people, please fill out **this form** to indicate how often you would like to meet and what you would like to discuss.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov** or 701-328-4656

Digital Initiatives Survey

Libraries, the Digital Initiatives Department needs your help! Please take a few minutes to fill out this brief and anonymous **survey** about your library's digitization efforts and plans. Your responses will help Digital Initiatives plan and implement appropriate services.

Libraries of all types (academic, public, school, special, etc.) are encouraged to provide feedback. Your responses are greatly appreciated.

Other News:

14 tips for getting the most out of Libby - OverDrive

Libby has been designed to ensure that readers of all technological skill levels can quickly and easily start reading or listening to digital books instantly. Whether you're a developer yourself or a complete novice...

Read more
company.overdrive.com

National Library of Medicine Citizen Science Month Mini...

Anyone, anywhere can plan a Citizen Science Month program or effort, but we have a new opportunity for additional support! Libraries and library systems are invited to submit applications for the Citizen Science Month (CSM) Mini Grants of $5,000...

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blog.scistarter.org

First ever National Library Outreach Day to take place...

(CHICAGO) - Libraries across the country will observe National Library Outreach Day on April 7, 2021. Formerly known as National Bookmobile Day, communities will celebrate the invaluable role library professionals and libraries continuous play in ...

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www.ala.org

DiscoverE Challenge: Slow It Down

Joan Higginbotham, an electrical engineer for Collins Aerospace and retired NASA astronaut, has a mission for you. Take the "Slow It Down" engineering challenge! Design an aircraft that falls as slowly as possible before landing on a target.

Read more
www.youtube.com

Promoting your library's readers services | NoveList

Are you looking for creative ideas to promote your readers services? We've collected some of our favorites here to get you started or help give you a refresh! Chances are you're operating under some different circumstances...

Read more
www.ebsco.com

Creating and Sustaining Reading Challenges: Lessons from ...

Over the last several months, educators across the country faced an overwhelming amount of challenges, and yet, you all continued to move forward and do best by your students. For this, we simply want to say thank you. We also want to call out...

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www.beanstack.com

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