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2021 Virtual Renewal and Development Conference

The 2021 Renewal and Development Conference has been scheduled for April 12 and 13! Each day will include the same four sessions to make it easier for everyone to attend.

Sessions include an opening address from State Librarian Mary Soucie and sessions on Intellectual Freedom by Rita Ennen, Community Gardens from the United Tribes Technical College, and Wildlife from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

This conference is free of charge. Register today for the **April 12 sessions** or the **April 13 sessions**.

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**.

WebJunction

Are you searching for more professional development that can fit your busy schedule? WebJunction has been providing librarians with online training since 2003, and has helped more than 140,000 learners build the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to deliver transformational services to their communities.

WebJunction helps build the knowledge, skills, and confidence of library staff to power strong libraries that are the heart of vibrant communities. A program of OCLC Research, WebJunction is free and open to all libraries to use, regardless of size, type, or location. Check out what training and webinars that WebJunction offers **here**.

Kit-ing Around
Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J. Ryan Stradal

This month, we are highlighting one of the State Library's newest book club kits: *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal.

Character-driven and full of recipes, *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* follows the story of Eva Thorvald as she grows from a baby into a talented chef. Each chapter is told by a different narrator—a father, an ex-boyfriend, a rival, etc.—which gives the novel the feel of a collection of short stories that highlight the locations, eccentricities, and cuisine of the Midwest. The book balances the tropes of both "foodie" novels and contemporary fiction, and Stradal's voice lends humor and gentleness to both genres that are a breath of fresh air for all readers.

"After decades away from the Midwest, she'd forgotten that bewildering generosity was a common regional tic."—J. Ryan Stradal.

This kit comes with ten books, one discussion guide, and one 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**.

TALK STORY
sharing stories, sharing culture
a joint project of the american indian library association and the asian/pacific american librarians association

Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture is a literacy program that reaches out to Asian Pacific American (APA) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) children and their families. The program celebrates and explores Asian Pacific American (APA) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) stories through books, oral traditions, and art to provide an interactive, enriching experience. Children and their families can connect to rich cultural activities through Talk Story in their homes, libraries, and communities. This grant is aimed to give financial support to libraries and community organizations that want to introduce a Talk Story program, focusing on APA or AIAN cultures.

The Grant Information and Application are can also be accessed on the **Talk Story website**.

Deadline: April 1, 2021
Grant Amount: $750
Grants Offered: 4 total; 2 by each organization
Grant Period: May 1, 2021 - November 30, 2021

Other News:

Intellectual Freedom News 2/26/2021 - Intellectual...

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Tales as Old as Time | American Libraries Magazine

Sheri Czulno, head library clerk at Chicago Public Library (CPL)'s Vodak-East Side branch, says she doesn't consider herself much of a reader-but when she was asked to take over the branch's Masterpiece Book Club in 2012, she knew she had to...

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2021 Rural Child Hunger Summit

No Kid Hungry's third annual Rural Child Hunger Summit will occur as a virtual event, held over Zoom for two days on March 23-24, 2021.

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bestpractices.nokidhungry.org

Strengthening Communities: Food Access at Your Library

Libraries across the country are increasingly working to address food insecurity in their local communities. Presenters from the South Carolina State Library, University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health SNAP-Ed program, and...

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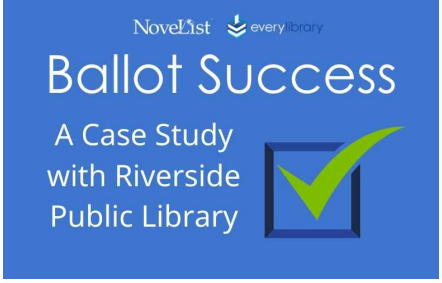

Webinar: Ballot Success: A Case Study with Riverside...

Is your library considering an upcoming ballot measure? Or do you have one in a forthcoming election? Either way, get guidance about the process, from initial planning to post-election follow-up. In March 2020, Riverside Public Library (IL) had a ...

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