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Trustee Training Recordings Now Available

In February, the State Library hosted an eight-part series that covered the various roles and responsibilities of library board members in North Dakota. The short, 20–30 minute sessions were recorded and posted on NDSL's **YouTube Channel** and **Public Library Board of Trustees LibGuide**. Topics included in the trainings are a general overview of the board, governance, library ethics, budget and finance, planning, policies, human resources, and advocacy.

The recordings can be used to assist in training new board members or as a refresher for all board members that may have questions about their roles in a variety of processes.

Whether you attended the sessions live or view the recordings, please fill out **this survey** to let us know how the series went or if there are areas that could be improved or other topics for future trainings.

If you have further questions about the board and its roles and responsibilities, please contact Abby Ebach at **aebach@nd.gov** or 701-328-4680.

Digital Dimension

Continuing with our copyright series, this month, we'll take a look at free and legal stock images.

Finding the perfect picture to put on your website, brochure, or Facebook page can also be tricky. It gets even more difficult if you're making sure your images are legal to use. Wait, we can't use any image that we find online? That's right! Because of copyright, you legally cannot use any online image, like those found on Google. On Google, since we're on that topic, you'll notice a disclaimer when you click on an image. It will say something like, "Images may be subject to copyright. **Learn More**."

Using these images opens your library up to possible lawsuits for copyright infringement. Instead, look for images that fall into Public Domain or have a Creative Commons license.

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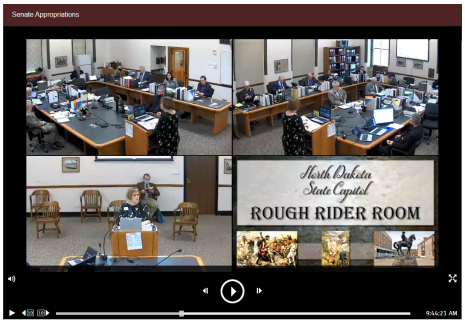
State Librarian Mary Soucie Gives Testimony to the Senate Appropriations Committee

On Wednesday, March 24, State Librarian Mary Soucie provided testimony to the Senate Appropriations Committee for House Bill 1013 - the budget bill for the State Library. If you would like to watch a recording of the testimony, it is available **online**.



OverDrive Usage Reports

One benefit of the transition from RBdigital to OverDrive is that participating libraries may run their own usage reports. You can find instructions on the **Marketplace Help webpage**.

If you have any questions beyond what is available on the Marketplace site, please contact **Andrea Placher** of the Library2Go consortium.

Because of this access, Overdrive statistics will not be on the **State Library's Database Usage Statistics webpage**, but all other database usage will continue to be updated there on a monthly basis.

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, Library Director at the Dickinson Area Public Library, 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**.

Native American Library Services Basic Grants Now Available

IMLS is now accepting applications for Native American Library Services Basic grants through April 16, 2021. Native American Library Services Basic grants are noncompetitive 1-year grants of $6,000 to $10,000, which can include up to $3,000 in ...

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North Dakota Libraries in the News

Leach Public Library eager for recovery funds

Libraries are eligible for billions of dollars in recovery funding, the Wahpeton City Council learned Monday, March 15. Melissa Bakken, director of Wahpeton's Leach Public Library, shared an update on the $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan....

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Minot Public Library adopts new ways of doing business...

Minot Public Library found different ways to deliver existing and new services in adjusting to a pandemic in 2020. "It was definitely a different year," Library Director Janet Anderson told the Minot City Council in her annual report Monday...

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Fargo Public Library launches books by mail service |...

FARGO - The Fargo Public Library is offering a books by mail option to its offerings to assist community members who are homebound and unable to visit the library due to illness, disability or visual impairment.

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Renovations at the Mandan Library

Renovations are underway at the Morton Mandan Public Library. Jackie Hawes is joining us to tell us about the major project...

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Williston Community Library using Electrostatic Sprayer...

It's not ghosts they're busting between the stacks at the Williston Community Library, it's germs, and it's for your protection. It's called an Electrostatic Sprayer, and it's adding an extra layer of protection, and convenience, for library...

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"Library of Things", Renovations at Stutsman County Library

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - James River Valley Library System (JRVLS) Library Director Joe Rector says many projects are underway within the Stutsman County Library. He says their new "Library of Things" is beginning to take shape....

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Other News, Webinars, and Grant Opportunities:

Homeschooling on the Rise During COVID-19 Pandemic

It's clear that in an unprecedented environment, families are seeking solutions that will reliably meet their health and safety needs, their childcare needs and the learning and socio-emotional needs of their children. The U.S.

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Library Link of the Day

The Library Link of the Day provides you a daily link for keeping up to date with the library profession. Destinations include the latest library news, good reads on the web, and other valuable resources that a library knowledge worker should...

The next Big Library Read is almost here! - OverDrive

Our global ebook club will soon be returning with "The Art of Taking it Easy" by Dr. Brian King. From April 5 - April 19, 2021, readers will be able to check out the ebook of The Art of Taking it Easy without waitlist or holds. In his laugh-out-lo...

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www.tk421.net

Gaming 4 Science Day - SciStarter

Join us from wherever you are around the world for a day of Gaming 4 Science, as part of Citizen Science Month! Featuring Stall Catchers, Eterna and Neureka, participate in game play to advance scientific research.

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scistarter.org

Titles for tough times: How books can help educators support

A global pandemic. Civil unrest. Racial injustice. These are just a few of the tough topics educators have had to address in their virtual or in-person classrooms over the past year. Often, it can be difficult to find ways to talk about sensitive ...

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Smart Spaces are Community

Booklist Middle-Grade Panel

Booklist is celebrating all things middle grade with a special author panel on Tuesday, April 13 at 1 PM CT! Join us as we chat with Sharon Draper, author of OUT OF MY HEART (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing); Barbara Dee...

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Webinar: Crash Course in Gentle Reads | NoveList

Do you have a go-to strategy for helping readers with gentle reads? Whether your readers are fans of likeable ensemble casts or heartwarming stories about characters coming home again — let NoveList and LibraryReads break down the best gentle fict...

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AudioFile & OverDrive Present: SYNC Audiobooks for Teens

SYNC is an annual program that gives individuals 13+ who register two complete audiobook downloads per week-including new and favorite listens-each week for 14 weeks during the summer. It's free and available worldwide.

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resources.overdrive.com

Places

Transforming physical spaces and library programs into active learning hubs is a powerful opportunity to strengthen the library's connection to the community. Through WebJunction's Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces project, a range of free...

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Mental Health First Aid and Trauma-Informed Approaches...

The mental health impacts of the pandemic are taking a toll on our communities, often compounding the physical and emotional effects of trauma experienced by many, including library patrons and staff. With increased understanding of mental health ...

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