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Legislative Wrap-Up
by State Librarian Mary Soucie

The biennial legislative session ended on April 30 in the early hours of the morning. There were over 1,000 bills filed this session between the two chambers. The State Library's budget was included in HB1013 and was the base case scenario. While the State Library did have to eliminate one position, State Aid for public libraries and the Library Vision program were both funded at the same levels as the last two bienniums. We are grateful to the Legislative bodies for recognizing the importance of supporting libraries.

The State Library, in partnership with the North Dakota Library Coordination Council, worked with Senator Erin Oban on SB2157, which amended the seats on the Council. There will now be one higher education seat that can be filled by anyone from a public or private entity. There are now two at-large librarian seats that can be filled by anyone working in a North Dakota library; in addition to the conversion of the former private higher education seat, the seat that had been dedicated to special libraries was changed to an at-large position as well. We are hopeful that this will make it easier to fill the seats when there is a vacancy.

The NDLA Legislative Committee tracked bills and kept the library community informed about the session. One bill that I gave testimony on for both NDSL and the larger library community was HB1349, which amends several sections of the Open Meetings Act in Century Code. The areas of most interest to the library community are the changes to 44-04-19 Access to public meetings. After August 1, 2021, libraries will need to include a link for how to access all online public meetings. You may not instruct members of the public to call the library for the link. You may, however, post the link for how to register for the meeting and then send the link for the meeting to those who register. You must also make sure that a meeting has the capacity to hold the expected number of attendees, whether the meeting is held in person or online. You may view the bill in its entirety at **https://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/67-2021/documents/21-0723-04000.pdf**.

Overall, this session was a positive one for libraries, and we are thankful for the support of the Executive and Legislative branches.

May 2021 Webinars

Support Summer Reading with Gale in Context
Gale Cengage
Wednesday, May 12
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM CST

Getting Started with Libby
OverDrive
Thursday, May 13
10:00 AM-11:00 AM CST

Prioritizing and Promoting Self-Care to Avoid Burnout
WebJunction
Tuesday, May 18
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST

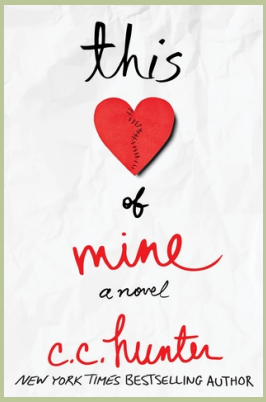
15 Minutes to Mastery: Prevent Learning Loss with Your Gale In Context Resources
Gale Cengage
Wednesday, May 19
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM CST

Three Must-Have Genres for Your Summer Collection
OverDrive
Thursday, May 27
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST

The Summer Reading Kickoff is fast approaching. We had a wonderful time featuring your programming talents last year and are excited to partner with you again. As we work on the schedule, we are in need of more craft activities, storytimes, puppet shows, skits, storytelling, etc.

If you participated last year, we'd love to have you join us again. If you're new to this, throw your fears out the window. All you need is to be a kid at heart. Help make this summer of *Tails and Tales* a success. Contact Shari at **ssandwick@nd.gov**.

New Book Club Kit
This Heart of Mine by C.C. Hunter



This month, we are highlighting one of the State Library's newest book club kits: *This Heart of Mine* by C.C. Hunter.

C.C. Hunter is a beloved Young Adult author known more for her fantasy novels than contemporary ones. However, with *This Heart of Mine*, Hunter sticks closer to realism—a girl receives a heart transplant from a boy at her school after he supposedly kills himself. While it would be tempting for many to dwell in the darker and more emotional aspects of this story, Hunter paves the way forward to look at the mystery of dream connections, first love, and the grief of a family all infused into a teen mystery thriller.

"Maybe I'll just keep this to myself. My secret. The one I'll take with me to the grave," —C.C. Hunter.

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**.

Your library's summer reading program just got better with the College SAVE Summer Reading Champions program. Every North Dakota youth completing their library's summer reading challenge can receive a contribution to a new or existing College SAVE account. New account owners receive $25; existing account owners receive $10. The avid readers will be entered for a drawing for one of 10-$529 scholarships to a College SAVE account.

Register by May 7, 2021, so your library can participate.

North Dakota Libraries / Librarians in the News

Face-to-face story times with Miss Sparkles return to...

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - When the pandemic hit North Dakota, it put many of our routines on pause. Now, as things are reopening, life is slowly getting back to a new kind of normal. That's true even at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.

Read more
www.kfyrtv.com

Valley City Barnes County Public Library Protocol Update

VALLEY CITY, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - The following is a news release by Valley City Barnes County Library Director Steve Hammel. "The library remains committed to using accurate and up-to-date information as part of the decision-making process....

Read more
www.newsdakota.com

Hebron Public Library Receives Grants and Donations

Submitted by Dawn Perrin-Ramos, Director of Hebron Public Library

The Hebron Public Library was recently blessed with donations and grants totaling $6,850! We first received a letter from the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Coordinating Council announcing the approval of our Library Vision Summer Reading Grant in the amount of $1,145. We also received a grant from the NoDak Sportsmen's Club for $3,000! We sent out 35 donation request letters in the mail and received 12 donations so far totaling $2,705! The Sunflower Wind Project/Onward Energy is sponsoring the Hebron Public Library's Summer Reading Program and donated $2,000 to our library. We cannot thank all of these wonderful donors enough! All glory to God for our many blessings!

Grant Opportunities:

DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION

Youth Literacy Grants

Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Deadline to apply: May 20, 2021 (by 10 pm CST)

Read more
www.dgliteracy.org

The ALA COVID Library Relief Fund

The ALA COVID Library Relief Fund will assist public, school, academic, and tribal libraries across the United States and US Territories that are experiencing substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has impacted ...

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www.ala.org

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