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Flickertale

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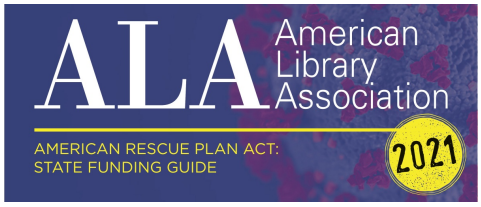
Cindy Clairmont is Retiring

Cindy Clairmont will be retiring on June 30. Cindy has had an immense impact on libraries across the state during her 41 years of service. She has been a resource for grants, State Aid and other finance issues, legal questions and more. Cindy has always been a strong advocate for our libraries when talking with local officials as well as state legislators.

She is currently the longest-serving LSTA Coordinator; in that role, she oversees the Federal funds that our agency receives to provide services to the North Dakota library community.

Please join me in extending a huge thank you to Cindy for her years of service and for being a champion for North Dakota libraries for so many years. We will miss her humility, her quiet leadership and her wonderful laugh.



Emergency Connectivity Fund

The **American Rescue Plan Act** (ARPA) of 2021 includes $7.17 billion for the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program. The ECF will provide funding for public and tribal libraries and K-12 schools to purchase connected devices and broadband internet connections for use off of library and school grounds by library patrons, students, teachers, and staff who otherwise do not have internet access.

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STEM Kits Update

Beginning July 1, STEM kits will be available for check out again. These kits circulate to all libraries in the state to be used in Makerspaces, programming, STEM clubs, coding clubs, and other events to spread the love of STEM. From robots and chemistry to telescopes and lawn games, there is sure to be a STEM kit for every age, skill level, and interest.

For more information about the available kits, visit the **State Library's LibGuide**.

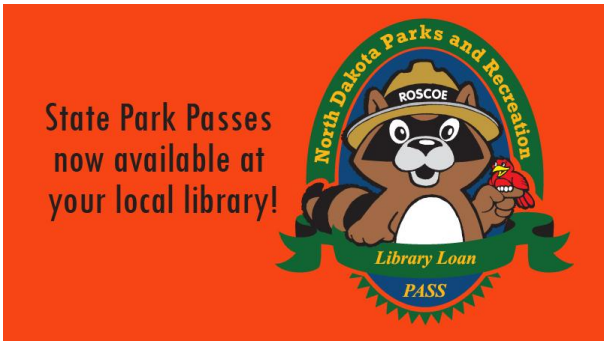
You can start reserving kits through **Kitkeeper** starting July 1.

New LibGuide on Consumer Health

The North Dakota State Library is now publishing a consumer health LibGuide to help the public with consumer health research. This guide has sections on general health information, evaluating health information, multilingual resources, drugs, supplements, vaccines, mental health, crisis resources, and Covid-19 information. More sections will be added over time and updated regularly.

The guide can be found at **https://library-nd.libguides.com/consumerhealth**.

Please feel free to use it as a resource at your local North Dakota libraries.



State Park Pass Backpack Program

The State Library is looking into providing backpack kits with the state park passes that your library can check out to library cardholders. To ensure that the backpacks meet the needs of your patrons, please fill out this **quick survey**.

If you have any questions, please contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

Digital Initiatives Survey

The Digital Initiatives survey has closed. The feedback was helpful and greatly appreciated.

Responses were received from all types of libraries, but the majority were from public libraries. Most respondents indicated that they currently have some sort of scanning equipment in their libraries, either for patron or staff use. This is encouraging. Having access to a scanner (for library staff or patrons) is a step in the right direction.

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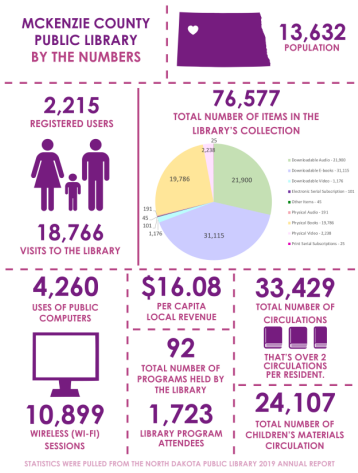
North Dakota Library Marketing Group

The North Dakota Library Marketing Group will not be meeting in July.

The next meeting will take place at 2:00 PM Central Time on Thursday, August 5. The discussion will be on how to promote awareness days and months.

If you are in charge of marketing your library to the community or want to learn more about what other libraries are doing, register today at **https://bit.ly/3j6Pt6h**.



Public Library Infographics

For the past few years, the State Library has offered personalized infographics for public libraries with statistics based on their answers on the Public Library Survey/Annual Report.

This year, we'd like to hear from the public libraries. Let us know what statistics you would like included in the infographic by filling out this **survey**.

If you would like to request an infographic for your public library, please contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

SCREAM Evaluation Survey

Strategic plans aren't meant to sit on the shelf and collect dust. Please assist in the research regarding staff and board engagement with strategic planning. The purpose of the research study is to 1) determine the extent of knowledge service-oriented organizations have of the SCREAM evaluation tool, and 2) determine if the gender of the respondent impacts the perceived focus of the organization (service-driven or market-driven).

To participate in this research study, please click on the link below.
https://forms.gle/UAQX3pLkV5z6A9jy7

North Dakota Libraries in the News

New York Pop Artist and author to host collage workshops ...

The James Memorial Art Center and the Williston Community Library are partnering to bring a renowned artist and author to Williston to host free workshops at the James. The "Modern Pop Art Experience" with New York artist Michael Albert on...

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Fargo Public Library Offers Virtual Penguin-Themed Events

Preschool age and older children are invited to attend two virtual events featuring Dyan Denapoli, also known as "The Penguin Lady," Wednesday, June 23rd, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. as part of the Fargo Public Library's "Tails and Tales" Summer Reading...

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WebJunction's 2021 Satisfaction Survey

Please take a few minutes to share your opinions on WebJunction and areas for improvement. This survey has been designed with busy schedules in mind and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The more feedback WebJunction receives, the better they can prioritize services and resources to meet the needs of libraries now and in the future. Take the survey now at **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJsurvey2021**.

Apply Now: Round 3 of Libraries Transforming...

Webinar: How to access maximum ARPA funds: A live

ALA invites library workers to apply for round 3 of the Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Focus on Small and Rural Libraries grant. Up to 100 libraries will be awarded in this round of grantmaking, part of ALA's longtime community...

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keynote

By now, we're all aware of the ILMS funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Act. But ILMS is just a small piece of the package. Join us for a live keynote with John Chrastka of EveryLibrary as he explains where else to look for library...

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Going Beyond Language: Mango Specialty, Indigenous & Enda...

From Spanish for Librarians and Pirate courses to endangered and Indigenous languages - join us for a discussion on why we developed these specialty courses and how they help your library reach more of your community and keep them engaged.

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Webinar: Service Design in Rapidly Changing Libraries

Services and the way we deliver them are changing very quickly and unpredictably. Being intentional about what and how we do is what we mean by service design. Digital, physical, and even philosophical: it's all about service.

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Free Webinar: Libraries Bridging the Justice Gap

n this webinar, explore effective and creative library programming that connects patrons to the civil legal resources and

Bookmobile Grant Program

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation awards grants to organizations that operate a lending bookmobile that travels into neighborhoods populated by underserved youth. The grants are for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade 8

information they need. "Justice for all" is a core American value, and yet access to legal assistance is not guaranteed by ...

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I Love My Librarian Award

The I Love My Librarian Award invites library users like you to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, college, community college, or university librarians. Each year, 10 librarians are selected to receive a $5,000 cash...

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