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North Dakota Library Coordinating Council Vacancies

The ND Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) serves as the State Library's advisory board. The NDLCC assists with the creation and implementation of the Library Vision strategic plan, the awarding of Library Vision grants and serves as the external database review committee. The Governor appoints NDLCC members according to Century Code.

The State Library is accepting nominations to fill vacancies in the Public Library and At-Large Librarian seats. Both positions must be filled by a practicing North Dakota librarian; library staff at all levels are encouraged to apply.

Nominations, including self-nominations, may be sent to the NDSL Administrative email at **ndsladmn@nd.gov** by July 23. The State Library will compile the list of applicants and forward it to the Governor's office. Nominees will also need to complete an **application** found on the Governor's office website.

This is an interesting and exciting opportunity to help shape library services in your state, so please consider applying. If you have questions about the NDLCC, please contact State Librarian Mary Soucie at (701)328-4654 or **msoucie@nd.gov**.

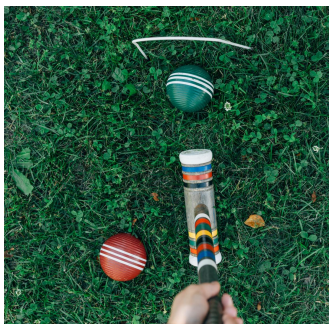
Network of the National Library of Medicine Funding Opportunities

The Network of the National Library of Medicine, Region 4, is seeking proposals for professional development, program improvement, and engagement and outreach funding. Proposals are due by August 6.

Network member organizations in Region 4 are eligible to apply. Membership is free and open to libraries, community-based organizations, clinics, public health departments, and other organizations that provide or distribute health information.

Learn more and apply today at **https://nnlm.gov/mcr/funding**.

NDSL Kit of the Month



As of July 1, STEM and Display kits are again available from the State Library for checkout by libraries. Kits are a popular program at libraries of all types. Today we will highlight Outdoor Games: Blue.

This kit comes with three outdoor games designed to help patrons of all ages hone their math and science skills by keeping score, measuring probability, and mentally calculating angles, distance, force, and momentum. Games help develop new brain cells, assist with number and shape recognition, grouping, counting, visual perception, hand-eye coordination, and manual dexterity.

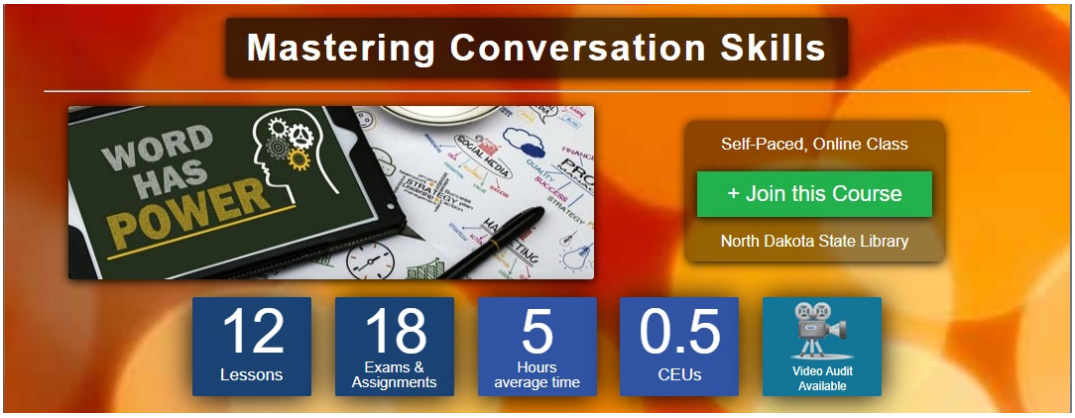
Outdoor Games: Blue contains the games Rollors, Bocce Ball, and Croquet, which highlight different skills at different difficulty levels. To learn more about NDSL's STEM kits, visit the **STEM Kit LibGuide**.

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 kit is next available, check out **KitKeeper**.

New Niche Academy Pathway

A new pathway was recently created in the **Grant Writing and Management Category** of Niche Academy. The Grant Management Pathway picks up where the tutorials in the Grant Writing Pathway left off. The tutorials in this collection - Accepting the Grant, Communication Plans, Records and Reporting, and Financial Management - cover the steps needed to take after you get the great news that your grant was accepted.

You can find these tutorials and others like them in the North Dakota State Library Niche Academy. Niche Academy can be found under the databases tab, listed under Continuing Education.



Do you need to brush up on your interpersonal communication skills? Universal Class offers a course titled Mastering Conversation Skills.

This self-paced course, consisting of twelve lessons, will review and strengthen the skills needed to communicate effectively in social and business settings. Mastering Conversational Skills starts with an overview of the building blocks of communications and explores such skills, such as active listening, empathy, and non-verbal communication. Additional topics include speaking like a leader, initiating conversational flow with any person in any setting, and managing anxiety in a social environment.

Check out this course through Universal Class if you want to polish your conversation skills a t **https://northdakotastatend.universalclass.com/start.htm**. If you have any questions, contact the State Library at 701-328-4622 or **statelib@nd.gov**.

North Dakota Libraries in the News

JRVLS Plans Little Libraries Across Stutsman County

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - A goal of the James River Valley Library System (JRVLS) is to expand the accessibility of reading to everyone. Stutsman County Library Branch Manager Nichole Greshik says over the summer, the Bookmobile will...

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Bismarck Library LEGO Club operates virtually

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library's LEGO Club has been operating virtually because of COVID-19. Children of all ages participate in the club by building LEGO creations with their own blocks and submitting...

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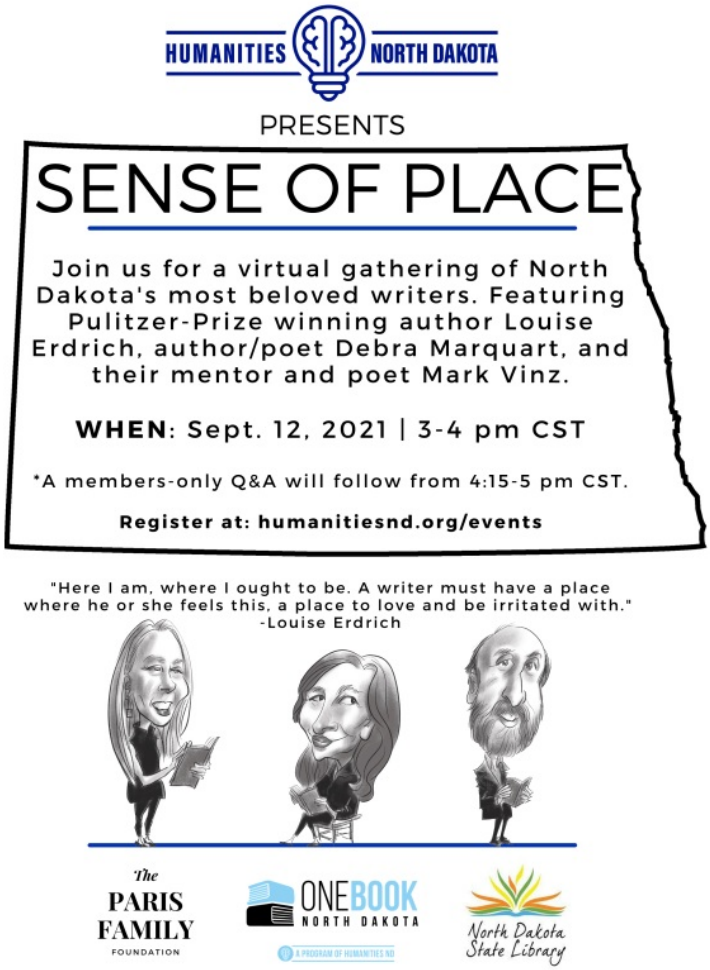

Other News, Grants, and Webinars

Apply Now: Round 3 of Libraries Transforming...

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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Assisting Library Patrons with Legal Questions: Legal...

Do you ever feel panicked when someone asks you a legal reference question? Are you not sure if you can answer or how much information you can provide? What can libraries actually do to assist self-represented litigants?

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www.nicheacademy.com

Free Webinar: Libraries Bridging the Justice Gap

In this webinar explore effective and creative library programming that connects patrons to the civil legal resources and 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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National Leadership Grants for Libraries

The National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program (NLG-L) supports projects that address critical needs of the library and archives fields and have the potential to advance practice in these professions to strengthen library and archival ...

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