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Frequency Asked Questions about the Emergency Connectivity Fund

What Is the Emergency Connectivity Fund?

- The **Emergency Connectivity Fund** is a $7.17 billion program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to help schools and libraries support remote learning. The Program will provide funding to schools and libraries for the reasonable costs of eligible equipment and services that can be provided to students, teachers, and library patrons who lack connected devices, such as laptop or tablet computers, and/or lack broadband access during the pandemic.
- The Federal Communications Commission unanimously adopted a Report and Order on May 10, 2021, establishing the rules and procedures for the **Emergency Connectivity Fund Program**.
- The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is the program administrator.

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Upcoming Webinars

Supporting STEM Education in Rural Communities
edWeb
Monday, July 19
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CDT

Pre-Application Webinar for LTC: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries Round 3
Libraries Transforming Communities
Wednesday, July 21
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CDT

Exploring the SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results) Model
WebJunction
Thursday, August 5
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CDT

OurStoryBridge: Creating Community Through Stories
WebJunction
Tuesday, August 17
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CDT

ND 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**.

NASA@ My Library STEM Kits

There are now six NASA@ My Library STEM Kits for libraries to reserve:

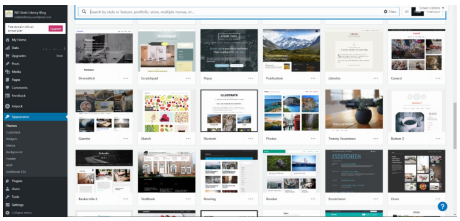
- **Be A NASA Detective** focuses on activities and experiences that help patrons and library staff be more comfortable using tools of science and making predictions based on their observations.
- **Expedition: Earth** focuses on activities and experiences that teach patrons and library staff about the weather and magnification.
- **Fun With Coding** uses robots, games, and activities to teach participants how to code in a fun way.
- **Sun-Earth-Moon Connections** focuses on activities and experiences that better help patrons understand their place in space, and how the Sun and Moon impact our planet.
- **The Way The World Works** studies engineering and mathematics.
- **To The Moon and Beyond** uses a telescope and/or binoculars to observe the Moon and other parts of the solar system.

Each kit comes with books, activities for all ages, and crafts. Beads, chenille sticks, crepe paper, paper plates, etc., are provided for crafts and are not expected to be returned. Please only use what you need, though.

To find out more about the kits, check out the **STEM Kits LibGuide** or go to **KitKeeper** to reserve them.

If you have any questions about the NASA@ My Library Kits, please contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

WordPress Help - Themes



Many public libraries have a website through WordPress that was set up by the State Library. During the initial setup, we used a simple theme to get you started. If the current theme is not meeting the library's needs, there are many others from which to choose.

After logging in with your WordPress account, go to Appearance and click on Themes on the left-hand side of the screen. This will bring you to a screen of recommended themes. If none of those look like they

will suit the library's needs, click on All Themes. On the right-hand side of the screen, you will see a box that says All, Free, and Premium. If you haven't purchased an upgraded plan, click on Free to see your available options.

If you see a theme that you are interested in, click on the three dots and click on Try & Customize or live demo to see how it would look. When you find the theme you like, click on Activate & Save.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your library's WordPress website, please contact BreAnne at 701-328-4656 or **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

North Dakota Libraries in the News

Some libraries checking out more than books this summer

If you're looking to go fishing this summer or visit a state park, your local library might be able to help with that. The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library checks out fishing poles, tackle boxes, state park passes and even life jackets.

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www.kxnet.com

BPS opens all school libraries to community

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - For the first time Bismarck Public Schools is opening all of its libraries to area families this summer. People can attend any of the locations during the designated times for literacy activities and to check out...

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www.kfyrtv.com

Fiction, North Dakota stories lead Bismarck-Mandan...

National bestsellers and North Dakota stories are leading local library patrons' top reads so far this year. Some authors are trending in both Bismarck and Mandan, according to circulation data from the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library,...

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bismarcktribune.com

Minot Public Library hosting summer STEAM Camps for kids

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PRESENTS

SENSE OF PLACE

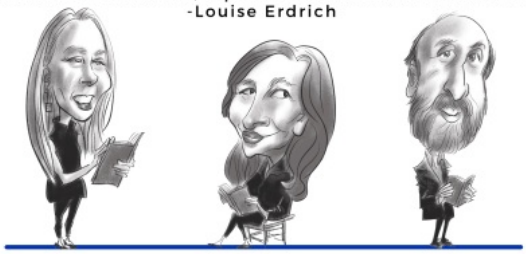
Join us for a virtual gathering of North Dakota's most beloved writers. Featuring Pulitzer-Prize winning author Louise Erdrich, author/poet Debra Marquart, and their mentor and poet Mark Vinz.

WHEN: Sept. 12, 2021 | 3-4 pm CST

*A members-only Q&A will follow from 4:15-5 pm CST.

Register at: humanitiesnd.org/events

"Here I am, where I ought to be. A writer must have a place where he or she feels this, a place to love and be irritated with."
-Louise Erdrich



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Other News and Grants

Home - Emergency Connectivity Fund - USAC.ORG

The Emergency Connectivity Fund Program will reimburse schools and libraries for the reasonable costs of eligible equipment and broadband connections used to help students, staff, and patrons who otherwise lack access to be able to engage in...

Read more
www.emergencyconnectivityfu...

B&T to Offer 'Diversity Analysis' Tool for Library...

Baker & Taylor announced this week that it will offer a tool to help public libraries analyze the diversity of their collections. Powered by B&T's collectionHQ technology, Baker & Taylor's "Diversity Analysis" tool will help identify...

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www.publishersweekly.com

I Love My Librarian! Award

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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www.ilovelibraries.org

Funding

The Network of the National Library of Medicine, Region 4 (NNLM Region 4) invites applications seeking funding for health information outreach, programming projects, and professional development opportunities. The mission of the Network of the...

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nnlm.gov

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