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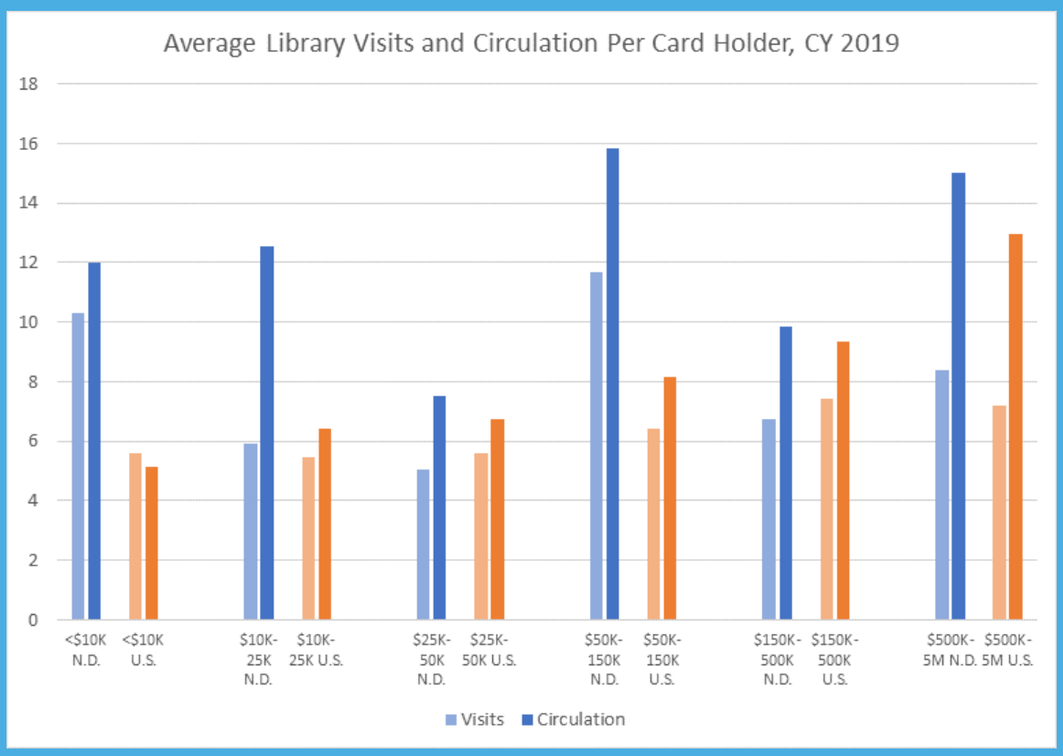
Average Library Visits and Circulations Per Card Holder Statistics

North Dakota loves its little libraries. Public libraries with an annual operating budget of $25,000 or less had double the circulation and patron visits in 2019 of public libraries in the rest of the United States with the same budget. Libraries in this budget area generally serve a population of 1,000 or less. Patrons averaged eight visits apiece between January and December 2019 and checked out an average of 12 items or a new book every month.

These numbers are from the annual Public Libraries Survey. Nationwide numbers for 2020 are not yet available.



Simpler Certification for Those With Reading Disabilities

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The National Library Service (NLS) has recently implemented a long-awaited change: simplifying the certification requirements for potential patrons with reading disorders.

Estimates indicate that up to 15% of Americans have a reading disability, which can take many forms: dyslexia, dysgraphia, hyperlexia, alexia, trouble with word decoding, or another data processing disorder. Until recently, potential patrons interested in receiving Talking Book services due to a reading disability were required to obtain a signature from a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, proving that their disability was “the result of organic dysfunction.” This created an additional barrier to obtaining services, especially since a 2016 Government Accountability Office report noted that it is now widely accepted that a medical diagnosis is not necessary to determine if a person has a reading disability.

Over the past several years, NLS has worked to amend its legislative language in order to broaden the scope of who can sign as a certifying authority for individuals with reading disorders. Now, NLS is pleased to announce that all requirements have been met. Several new categories of certifying authorities that work in K-12 and academia are able to sign off on the application, including certified reading specialists, psychologists or school psychologists, librarians or school librarians, speech pathologists, and other types of professional educators.

If you know someone with a reading disability, please invite them to visit **http://www.library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html** to complete an application for library service.

iSpy a Winner!

Kerrianne Boetcher is the winner of the recent iSpy Challenge! In case you couldn't find it, it was hiding on the **National Data and Resources page** of the Annual Report (Public Library Survey) LibGuide.

Kerri has been the director of the Ward County Public Library since January 2012. The library serves the 30,804 residents of Ward County and Mountrail County with the main building in Minot, a branch in Kenmare, and the Ward County Bookmobile. They are a Developing Library on the NDLCC Standards for Public Libraries, have a collection of nearly 105,000 items, and a staff of 5.21 FTE working to serve their patrons.

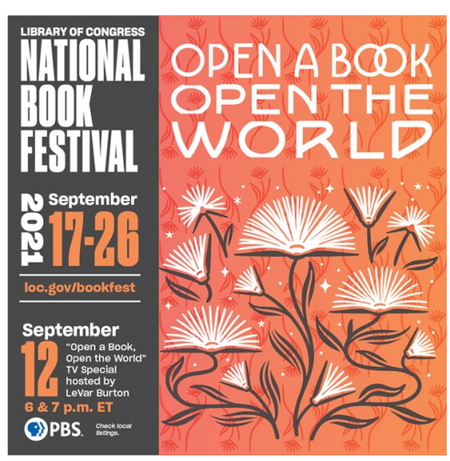
Kerri says the best thing about the library is the variety of people seen on a daily basis, "From our regulars who have been coming in for years to our veterans who come over just to have someone to chat to, each day is different." Throughout the pandemic, the library was closed for 12 weeks and then resumed evening and weekend hours a bit later in the year. Through it all, she says the community and staff have been wonderful. Library patrons regularly called to check on the staff and make sure everybody was OK, and students returning to school nearby the library building have been excited to come and visit again now that COVID restrictions have been lifted.

The Ward County Bookmobile has won the NDSL Wheelie Award for three consecutive years when judged on circulation, stops, and mileage when compared to the other bookmobiles in the state. After a slower year in 2020 due to the pandemic, they recently started up their school-year schedule with 100% of the schools back on their route. The bookmobile serves 10 schools and three daycares as well as community stops throughout the counties. The bookmobile recently celebrated its 60th year of service. Since its anniversary was in 2020, the excitement had to be muted, but have no fear—Kerri plans on really doing it up for the bookmobile's next milestone.

Recently, Kerri has been busy. The library has started the process of a community engagement survey to see how they can best serve their patrons. This summer, as a part of the library's Summer Reading Program, some star readers read over 3,000 minutes independently, and they even had Representative Armstrong visit their bookmobile (She made a special point to say, "People should be an advocate and email their state and national legislators. It is super easy and not hard to do.")

Want to have your library be highlighted in a future Flickertale? Peruse the **Copyright** LibGuide for the hot air balloon and email **ndslpa@nd.gov** where you spotted it.

National Book Festival Schedule Announced



The 2021 Library of Congress National Book Festival will feature more than 100 authors, poets, and writers in a range of formats — all celebrating the festival theme, "Open a Book, Open the World." The 2021 virtual festival programs will roll out over ten days in an extended schedule September 17-26.

The kickoff day will include a virtual Live Conversation with LeVar Burton, the actor and literacy advocate who is the host of the television special "Open a Book, Open the World: The Library of Congress National Book Festival" on PBS. Burton will join Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden to discuss the power of reading, story, and connection on Sept. 17 at 6:00 PM.

The schedule of programs is now available on **loc.gov/bookfest**.

Library Wishlist

Many libraries use Amazon Smile in order to get financial support for their institutions, but it can be difficult to convert people away from supporting other causes or to constantly remind them to support the library. So how about leveraging the community's goodwill in another way?

If you're familiar with Amazon, you might know about the ability to create wishlists. Using this feature, the library can create a public list and include items from Amazon or other sites for library programs, crafts, Makerspaces, or a Library of Things. Patrons and community members can purchase these materials for the library as a donation and have them delivered directly to the library if they would like.

In order to set up a wishlist, log in to the library's Amazon account and select "Create a List" under the account tab. Once the list is named, double-check that it is set to 'Public.' From there, search Amazon's catalog and select "Add to List" on the item's page or **add items from other websites** to the list. Then, share out with your patrons! This is a great way for communities to show their commitment to the library instead of waiting for the next fundraiser. What are you waiting for? Start wishing…

NDSL Kit of the Month

As of July 1st, 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 **Fairy and Folk Tales: Rapunzel.**

This kit is a part of a set of kits designed to enhance storytimes and STEAM clubs alike. This kit boosts hands-on learning for young children. Read the book and have kids follow along with the figurines and tower assembly or encourage their inner engineer to help build a ladder to aid in Rapunzel's escape.

Fairy and Folk Tales: Rapunzel comes with story wants, character figurines, a tower assembly, ladder pieces, an activity guide, student cards, a teacher's card, and a story card. To learn more about this kit and the State Library's other available 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**.

Public Access Catalog Tutorials

If you are having trouble navigating the public access catalog (PAC), please take the time to view our Public Access Catalog tutorials found in the State Library's YouTube Video Tutorials playlist **http://bit.ly/ndsltutorials**.

Introduction to the PAC is a good overview of how the PAC functions and how to sign in. Searching the PAC explores all the searching options available and looks at how to narrow down your search results.

Requesting an Item will show you how to request materials.

Requesting Materials That Are Not Found in the PAC describes how to submit an interlibrary loan request either through the PAC, your e-mail, using WorldCat, and other sources.

Requesting E-books and E-Audiobooks will show you how to checkout an E-book or E-Audiobook through the PAC. Also included in our video tutorials are videos on some of our databases.

If you have any questions on the PAC, please feel free to contact us at 1-800-472-2104 or 701-328-4622. You can also e-mail your questions to us at **statelib@nd.gov**.

Library Upgrade

Officials at Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College in New Town turned a pandemic closure

DPI to update library media standards

North Dakota's Department of Public

into a positive, updating the school's community library and moving all student services together in one location that's more convenient.The Singing Spring Library ...

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Instruction will be working on updating library media standards. State school superintendent Kristen Baesler said those standards have not been updated in about 9 years. Baesler said that's part of the...

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2022 CSLP Committee Membership

Consider joining a Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) committee! Sign-ups for 2022 are open until October 8th. While the duties vary, committee obligations generally run for one calendar year. All committee work is done virtually - either through email or through phone or online meetings. Attending the CSLP Annual Meeting is not required.

For more information, please visit **https://www.cslpreads.org/join-a-cslp-committee/**.

Webinars and Other Information

Free Webinar: Soft Skills: The Tools Every Librarian Should

Being a successful librarian means more than knowing how to catalog, read a MARC record, or find resources for a student writing a paper. It means having soft skills that fill in gaps when theory and technical knowledge don't answer patron...

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Consumer Advisory: FCC Warns Public of Emergency Broadban...

The FCC recently became aware of a website purportedly run by “WiFi Freedom USA” that mimics the legitimate Emergency Broadband Benefit enrollment site, GetEmergencyBroadband.org. This website falsely claimed to administer the FCC’s Emergency ...

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Five Million Households Enrolled in Broadband Discount ...

FCC Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel announced today that over five million households have enrolled in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program since its launch in mid-May. Coinciding with this milestone, the agency also began releasing more ...

Hometown Grant Program: Revitalizing Small Towns | T-Mobile

We're invested in helping communities across America thrive. That's why we're committing $25 million to small town grants over the next five years-and it starts with you. We've partnered with Smart Growth America and Main Street America, two...

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Free Webinar: International Pandemic Perspectives ...

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged many cultural institutions to reimagine their practices. Partnerships, programming, and services have all shifted to meet the public's new and changing needs. Some of these changes have been temporary, and...

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NSN Webinar Series: Prepare for International Observe...

Join the NASA Night Sky Network on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00pm Pacific Time (9:00pm Eastern) to hear Andrea Jones help folks prepare for this year's act...

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WebJunction

Free Webinar: CFPB's Your Money, Your Goals: Financial ...

Whether you're talking to patrons about Covid-19, searching for a job, going to college, or deciding where to live, money is often a key concern. Guiding patrons through a complicated financial landscape can be challenging and confusing, and can ...

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