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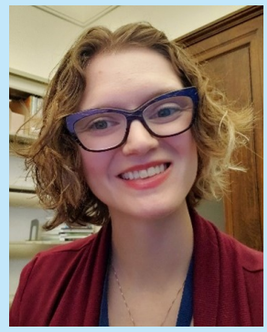

Hello! My name is Tammy Kruger. I am the new School Library Specialist at the North Dakota State Library (NDSL). My educational background includes a BA in Elementary Education with an LM02, and an MEd, Concentration in Library and Instructional Technologies. I am currently working on my MLIS. As far as employment is concerned, I have worked as an early childhood educator, a school librarian, a school librarian assistant, a tutor, a medical librarian, and a circulation associate at a public library. Basically, libraries and education are in my blood at this point!

My role at NDSL is to assist school librarians in making their jobs easier and more fulfilling. I can help locate and share resources, answer questions about standards and licensing inquiries, and act as a type of sounding board for bouncing programming ideas. I am here for YOU, school librarians! If a question is asked I do not know the answer to, I will certainly find someone who does know.

Each week, I will be publishing an article in the Flickertale about school librarians and school libraries called “Tammy’s Teaching Tidbits.” These articles will highlight trends in school libraries, teaching resources, and materials for checkout at NDSL.

Thankful November

Submitted by State Librarian Mary Soucie

It’s the time of year that we turn to focus on gratitude. As I’ve shared the last few years, every year in November, I participate in #ThankfulNovember on Facebook, where each day I post something I’m grateful for. I will admit to struggling to stay on top of my daily posts this year; although I have gotten one thing posted for each day, sometimes I am posting multiple ones together. As I have done the last few years, I’d like to share my #librarygratitude with you.

For our profession: I am grateful to be a librarian; I have always felt that my profession is also my vocation. This week, I will celebrate my 27th year of being a professional librarian beginning with my employment in a library during my teens. I have seen many changes to the library field during my decades of being a librarian. One thing that has remained constant is our commitment to meeting the needs of the community that we serve in traditional and innovative ways and serving all members of the community in an equitable and caring manner.

For my library peeps: I have so many people that have started as colleagues and become friends, and my life is blessed beyond measure by my library tribe. I literally have contacts in every state and several territories that I can reach out to for just about anything. I am so grateful to have this rich circle of people to rely on and connect to.

For my COSLA colleagues: Sometimes, being the State Librarian is a hard job; I am one of 50 other state librarians plus DC and three territorial librarians. I am so incredibly grateful for the network of state librarians. We often say, “if you’ve seen one state library, you’ve seen one state library,” and that statement is so incredibly true. But it is also true that this small group of colleagues are the people most likely to be able to provide information on our shared experiences or to provide assistance when needed. Every time I have had to call on a COSLA colleague, they have gone above and beyond to help, listen, and support. I am honored to start my term as a board member for this amazing organization.

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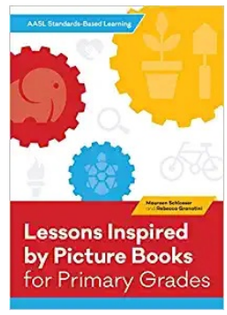
Lessons Inspired by Picture Books for Primary Grades

Submitted by Tammy Kruger, School Library Specialist



For our first week, I am highlighting a book in NDSL's collection:

"**Lessons Inspired by Picture Books for Primary Grades** " by Maureen Schlosser and Rebecca Granatini

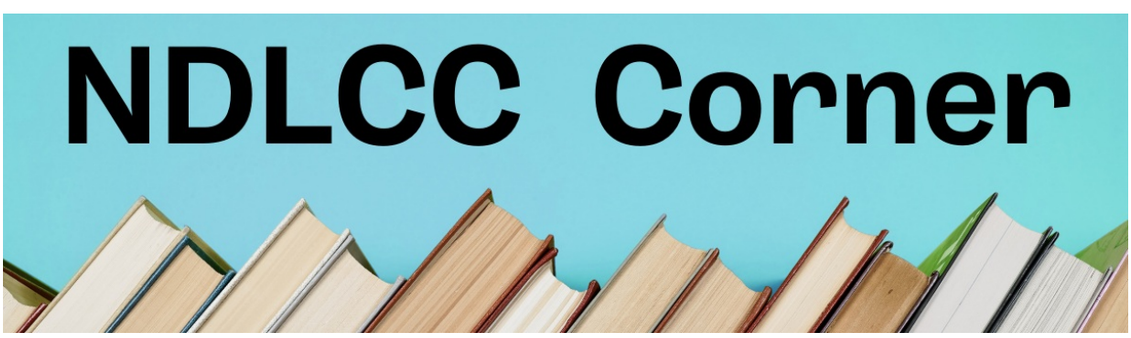
This book aligns lessons from picture books with AASL's Shared Foundations of Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, and Engage. Each lesson is set up as a collaborative effort between the teacher-librarian and classroom teacher. However, these lessons could also be modified to be conducted strictly in the library over the course of two or three library days.

One example from the book under the foundation of Inquire:
"Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade" by Melissa Sweet.

Summary: If someone told you to build something for a parade, what would you make? What obstacles would you need to consider? Puppeteer Tony Sarg tackled these questions as he thought about the Macy's Parade. He wondered how he could make puppets large enough for everyone to enjoy. Sarg worked through a design process to create colossal helium balloon puppets, much like we see in the parade today.

This unit contains four learning objectives, lasting about a span of five or six instructional sessions to complete. A pre- and post-assessment are available, as well as graphic organizers and worksheets to help guide the unit along.

Both "Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story" and "Lessons Inspired by Picture Books for Primary Grades" are available for checkout at the North Dakota State Library.

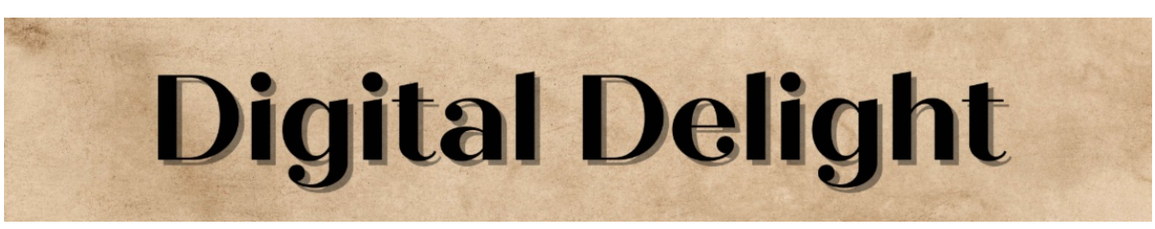


The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) met on November 8th. The Council welcomed Steve Hammel, the Library Director at the Valley City Barnes County Public Library, who was appointed by Governor Burgum to the open at-large librarian seat.

The Council reviewed grant applications and awarded $141,893 in Library Vision grants in three categories: Collection Development, Local History, and Marketing Plan categories. The Council discussed a few changes that need to be made to the grant application and guidelines, as well as the scoring rubric. Those changes will be submitted to the Council for review at their next meeting, along with updated report forms.

The NDLCC reviewed guidelines for a Libraries of Things grant opportunity and then what should be included in the grant guidelines for the Marketing Phase II Grant. These grants will be released in the Fall of 2022, with details to be released at a later date and time.

The next meeting of the NDLCC will be during the first quarter of 2022.



Military Portrait of Robert Stanley, WWI Era

This studio portrait of Robert Lee Stanley in a military uniform and hat was taken between 1917 and 1919. The insignias on the collar of the uniform are for the United States Army from the World War I era. The insignia on the arm appears to be an aviation mechanic patch.

Robert Lee Stanley was born in Carrington in 1888. He enlisted into military service in Fargo on August 10, 1917, and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He served in the 92nd, 139th, and 27th Aero Squadrons. He was discharged at Taliaferro Field, Hicks, Texas, on January 18, 1919, at the rank of private.

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Courtesy of Digital Horizons (North Dakota Memories Collection, ND State Library)

Book Club Requests

The North Dakota State Library currently has 182 book club kits available for checkout through **KitKeeper**, but if your School or Library has a different title in mind, let us know. Our Interlibrary Loan Dept. will request up to 10 copies of a book that is available in-state for your Library. If you need large print or audiobooks to go with your requested Book Club Kit, we can do that too!

If you have any ILL requests or questions, please contact our ILL Dept at **ndslill@nd.gov** or 701-328-3252.

North Dakota Library News

Minot Daily News

Arts in the City-Sundays at the Library concert, visual arts

Arts in the City – Sundays at the Library is back for a November concert featuring the Dakota Drifters. The Minot Public Library and Minot Area Council of the Arts will present the November concert, the second in their monthly concert series, on ...

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www.minotdailynews.com

Williston Community Library welcomes new Mobile Library...

The Williston Community Library has welcomed a new Mobile Library Coordinator to the team, with the hopes to expand the Bookmobile's reach and services. Tori Lee joined the Library crew in September, and has already been making a lot of positive...

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www.willistonherald.com

United for Libraries

Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations

North Dakota State Library is excited to announce statewide access to **United for Libraries**—an ALA division dedicated to supporting board members, advocates, and friends and foundation groups.

Anybody in North Dakota has free access to resources including **Short Takes for Trustees**, the **Trustee Academy**, Live and on-demand **webinars**, and tip-sheets to help develop, grow, and inspire boards, friends, and foundations.

In order to access these extensive resources, please follow the directions below:

1. Create an account through ALA using **this form**. If you already have an ALA login, proceed to the next steps.
2. Visit **https://www.ala.org/united/nd** and select, "Yes, I have a login to the ALA website" near the bottom of the screen
3. Fill out the form and use **729ND1637** as your code.
4. After a 1-day processing period, you'll receive an email from ALA with a unique signup code (check junk folders if you don't see it).
5. Go to **https://elearning.ala.org/**, log in using your ALA account, and input your signup code into the box at the top of the screen.
6. Enjoy access to all of the United for Libraries resources!

Funding for this partnership is provided by IMLS using LSTA funds. Contact Abby at **aebach@nd.gov** or 701-328-4680 with questions.

Grant Writing and Management

As many of you are wrapping up your 2021 Library Vision grants, you may be looking for more training available in writing grants and managing grants.

Niche Academy has a category titled, "**Grant Writing and Management**" that has more resources on learning grant writing and grant management. Currently, there are three pathways, which are collections of tutorials, and a single tutorial on grant writing from the Pioneer Library System, which serves counties around Oklahoma City.

Grant Writing Basics is a seven-part series of tutorials exploring the grant writing process.

Grant Management Basics is a four-part series that discusses the activities that happen after you are awarded a grant.

The **2021 NDLCC Library Vision Grants** pathway houses the recordings of the three webinars presented in October as well as other resources tied to these grants. If you are new to grant writing or need a refresher, I recommend checking out this category in Niche Academy.

Niche Academy can be found listed under the Continuing Education category on our Online Library Resources page at **http://library.nd.gov/onlineresources.html**.

Other News, Grants, and Webinars

ARSL
THE ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL & SMALL LIBRARIES

Penguin Random House Grants for Small & Rural Libraries

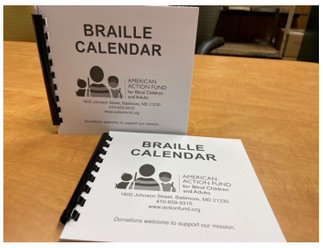
Grants will be awarded for up to $2,500.This is a rolling grant application, with batches of applications going under review every 8 weeks beginning December 17, 2021. Applications will be submitted until all available grant funds are distributed.

Read more
www.arsl.org

Tips and Tricks from an Accidental Advocate

Communicating and interacting with elected officials is not something you learn in library school, yet is a fundamental part of the job of many library leaders. Join Larry Neal, director of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library and Policy Corps...

Read more
www.nicheacademy.com



Braille Calendars

Every year, the American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults provides, free of charge, more than 10,000 Braille calendars to blind and deafblind people throughout the United States. These pocket calendars are an invaluable tool for everyday ...

Read more
www.actionfund.org

Mini Programming Awards | NNLM All of Us Program

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) All of Us Mini Programming Awards will provide funding to library and community-based organization programs to meet the following goals: Raise awareness of , the National Institutes of Health ...

Read more
allofus.nnlm.gov

The Myth of the Work/Life Balance for Small Library...

Being the director of a small library means that you often can, and do, do it all! It can be a challenge to find the balance between your personal and professional life, but organization, planning and creativity can all help make time for what's...

Read more
www.webjunction.org

Goodreads Choice Awards: Vote in the Opening Round of 2021!

The Goodreads Choice Awards are the only major book awards decided by readers. Check out the nominees in 17 categories now!

Read more
www.goodreads.com

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