North Dakota State Library

Flickertale

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The State Library has some new staff that we would like to introduce to the North Dakota Library Community.

In Talking Books, we have two newer staff members. Chels Sorenson joined our team in April and Jenna Peneueta-Snyder joined us in October; both are Reader's Advisors. Talking Books is our program for patrons that cannot read books in the traditional format due to visual, physical or reading disabilities. Local libraries are encouraged to share information with patrons that would be eligible for the service. More information can be found at **http://www.library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html**.

School Library Specialist, Tammy Kruger, joined us in October as well. Tammy is a member of the Library Services Division and is the main contact for school librarians. Kathy Jo Cline joined the Library Services Division in November. Kathy Jo is in the Cataloging Department and is the primary contact for our Statewide Cataloging libraries.

Laural Sehn is our new Fiscal and Administrative Services Division Director. She oversees the Administration and Public Information Offices. Laural will oversee State Aid as well as any payments to the library community. Allie Suko, formerly in our ILL department, is our new Fiscal and HR Clerk. Allie will assist Laural with the State Aid process.

Finally, we have one departure to announce. Patron Services Director Carol Sterenberg will be relocating to Texas to be closer to family. We wish Carol the best with her new chapter and thank her for her service to NDSL.

Coordinating Council Nominations Sought

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 grants, and serves as the external database review committee. The Governor appoints NDLCC members according to Century Code. Due to a vacancy, we are seeking nominations for the Special Populations seat. The person that is appointed by the Governor will serve the remainder of this term which is through 06/30/24. The Special Populations seat must be filled by a librarian or library staff working in a North Dakota Library and represent disabled, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations.

Nominations, including self-nominations, may be sent to the NDSL Administrative email at **ndsladmn@nd.gov** by December 17. 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, which can be found at **https://apps.nd.gov/gov/boards/Application/PersonalInfo**.

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**.

Talking Books Program

The Talking Books program at the North Dakota State Library provides eligible patrons with free access to audiobooks and magazines. It is administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), a division of the Library of Congress.

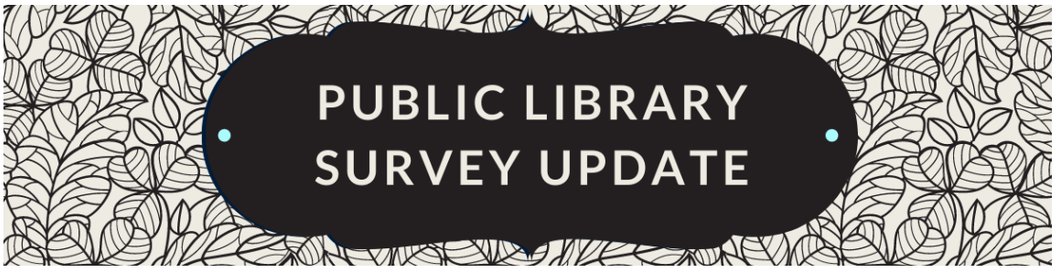
Our Reader's Advisors are available to help patrons fulfill requests, help with players, and answer questions about your account and application. Whether you call or come in to inquire or enlist in our help with Talking Books, you will be met with people who are passionate about the work they perform and the services they provide.

You'll find books about North Dakota as well as ones authored by North Dakotans. There is also a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction, which is sure to please any audience. And, with Duplication on Demand, we can download multiple books onto one cartridge.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Persons who are totally or legally blind
- Persons with visual disabilities who are unable to read standard print clearly and comfortably for a reasonable length of time
- Persons with physical disabilities who cannot hold a book, turn pages, or focus on printed material due to muscle or nerve deterioration, paralysis, or some other disabling condition

If you or someone you know might be eligible to use this fantastic program, please contact us at 701-328-1408 or visit **http://www.library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html**.



COVID-19 Questions That Will and Will Not Be on the 2021 PLS

Questions that will be repeated on the 2021 survey:

11.1 – Were any of the library's outlets physically closed to the public for any period of time due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic?

11.2 – Did library staff continue to provide services to the public during any portion of the period when the building was physically closed to the public due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic?

11.5 – Did the library allow users to complete registration for library cards online without having to come to the library during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic?

11.6 – Did the library provide reference service via the Internet or telephone when the building was physically closed to the public during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic?

11.7 – Did the library provide 'outside' service for circulation of physical materials at one or more outlets during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic?

11.11 – Did the library intentionally provide Wi-Fi Internet access to users outside the building at one or more outlets during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic?

11.12 – Did the library increase access to Wi-Fi Internet to users outside the building at one or more outlets during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic?

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Changes to Minitex Invoices Coming in 2022

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Beginning early next spring, Minitex invoices will have a new look. The University of Minnesota wordmark and logo will be prominently displayed at the top of each invoice and the Regents of the University of Minnesota will be indicated as the recipient of the payment. These changes do not require that any actions be taken at this time by the organizations with whom we conduct business. We are sharing this information now as a convenience and will provide additional details over the coming months.

Please note that these changes will not reflect any change in the availability or nature of Minitex services, but are the result of updates and improvements to our financial systems.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Terry Beseman by phone at 612-624-0322 or by email at **besematc@umn.edu**.

ND Supreme Court Law Library Open By Appointment

The North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library is open for in-person visits by appointment. Appointments are limited to one person in the Law Library lobby for one hour. Time may be extended to two hours if no other patron is waiting.

Please call (701) 328-4496 or (701) 328-4248 or e-mail **lawlib@ndcourts.gov** to arrange an appointment time. Before arriving for an appointment, go to the **North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library webpage** to review the services the Law Library can provide and our public access computer use guidelines.

Law Library staff continue to provide legal research assistance by e-mail and telephone. Staff can also provide legal research assistance to North Dakota inmates. North Dakota inmates may mail their requests for legal research assistance to the North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library at 600 E Boulevard Avenue, Judicial Wing 2nd Floor, Bismarck, ND 58505-0530.

NDSL Webinar:
Placing Holds & Renewing Materials in the PAC

December 14, 2021 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM CST

This webinar will demonstrate how to place holds and renew items through the PAC. Topics will include how to place a hold, how to renew items received from a PAC library, and how to ask for renewals for items from libraries not in the PK12 consortium.

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4kMcl_N7Sxu6HqC6nb3WdA.

Material Challenges

Last week, I dug into researching using primary sources. Week four brings the topic of material challenges.

Challenges to library materials have surged. With this comes uncertainly, particularly in librarians who have had little experience with material challenges in the past. Banned Books Week offers valuable advice on how to handle such challenges (Gomez, 2019):

1) Be prepared. It is usually easier to be proactive than reactive. Make sure your library has a strong Collection Development Policy, complete with a Reconsideration of Material Policy.

2) Remember your community. Part of the role of a library is to cater to the information and entertainment wants and needs of ALL your patrons. Just because one person disagrees with an item found in a library does not mean that all patrons should be denied access to that material.

3) Keep it friendly. In many cases of challenges, the concerned individual simply wants to be heard. Additionally, keeping a calm exterior can help calm the other person down. Even in the case of a formal complaint being filed, keep your emotions professional and kind.

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Repair Your Own Tech Kit!

iFixIt and Library Futures Team are teaming up to provide 100 **Pro Tech Repair Kits** to public libraries. Instead of having people pay companies to fix simple issues on their devices, iFixIt believes in providing the tools necessary for people to do it themselves. 100 libraries will receive these kits to help keep their own computers, tablets, and other machines running or to circulate out to students, patrons, or families that may want to use the kit on their own devices.

Learn more about this opportunity from **their press release** and fill out the **survey to be considered as a kit recipient**.

North Dakota Library Tidbits

Lisbon Fire Department Inc, LFD's gaming organization, is proud to support the Fire Department and projects within the community. LFD Inc recently donated $2,250 to the Lisbon Public Library to

The Cavalier County Library received over 140 bound editions of the Cavalier County Republican. Although some of them are

offset the expense of new computers for patrons of the Library

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very delicate, they are available for perusal.

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The Grand Forks Foundation for Education, Inc. is awarding $14,093 through 17 grants this fall to help fund a variety of enrichment projects in Grand Forks Public Schools. The Mini-Grants have been funded through the Foundation for Education...

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37th Annual HOA Library Mitten Tree … donations of gently used or new hats, gloves & scarves will be accepted through the month of December.

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Digital Delight

Santa visits the ND School for the Deaf in Devils Lake, circa 1950s

In the gymnasium, Santa Claus visits the children of the North Dakota School for the Deaf in Devils Lake. Santa extends his hand to a child sitting in the second row of chairs. A group of children stands behind him.

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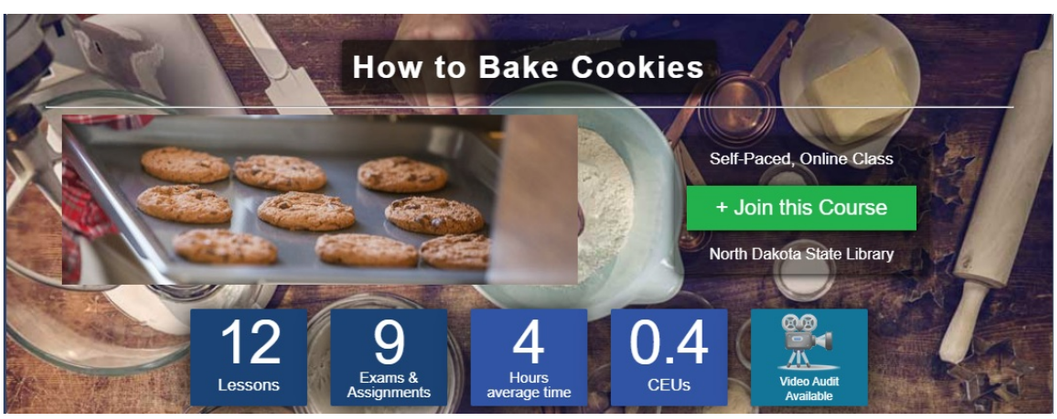
Courtesy of Digital Horizons (North Dakota School for the Deaf Collection, ND State Library)



With the holidays upon us, it's time for holiday cookies! Chocolate chip cookies, peanut butter cookies, sugar cookies, and gingerbread men. Every person has their favorite variety, but most people have a special place in their hearts for cookies and the memories they carry with them. If you are new to baking cookies or want to brush up on your baking skills, check out the “How To Bake Cookies” course featured in Universal Class.

In this course, you will learn how to recapture the spirit of the perfect cookie, how to make them from scratch, and how to share them with family and friends for years to come. The time to complete the entire course is about four hours, and it is broken out into 12 lessons. This course is complete with the support of a few wonderfully delicious recipes to impress any guest.

Let’s Get Baking!

New Library Science Books

"Fundamentals of planning and assessment for libraries" by Rachel A. Fleming-May and Regina Mays
This text provides a guide to responsive and responsible planning and assessment.

"32 virtual, augmented, & mixed reality programs for libraries" edited by Ellyssa Kroski
Ranging from gaming activities utilizing VR headsets to augmented reality tours, exhibits, immersive experiences, and STEM educational programs, the program ideas in this guide include events for every size and type of academic, public, and school library.

"Library programming for adults with developmental disabilities" by Barbara Klipper and Carrie Banks
This book provides a contextualized guide to programming for adults with disabilities and offers a wide variety of implementable program ideas.

Other News, Grants, and Webinars

Apply Now: Peggy Barber Tribute Grant

ALA invites library workers to apply for the second annual Peggy Barber Tribute Grant, a programming grant named after the transformative ALA leader responsible for the creation of National Library Week and the Celebrity READ series.

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Apply Now: Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant

ALA invites library workers to apply for the Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant, an annual award supporting innovative and meaningful community engagement efforts in libraries. Applications will be accepted between December 1, 2021, ...

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Mythbusting with OverDrive

How many times have you heard these reasons for why people aren't using your digital library? Join OverDrive as we share simple, effective tips and resources to encourage all users, from the digital doubter to the tech-savvy teen, to give digital ...

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overdrive.zoom.us

2021 Hershey Heartwarming Project Action Grants

The Heartwarming Project Action Grants are meant to inspire and support youth to create meaningful and inclusive change in their local communities. We highly encourage all applications to be youth-led and focus on youth-driven projects.

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survey.alchemer.com

FINRA Foundation Library Grants Program

Application deadline: March 1, 2022
Purpose: This grant program supports public libraries and academic libraries in their efforts to meet financial and/or investor education needs at the community level by providing high-quality education,...

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Tackling Racism and Bias in the Library Catalog

The Library of Congress Subject Heading (LCSH) "illegal aliens" is viewed as insulting and biased by many immigrants and U.S. citizens alike. Although LCSH recently updated the terminology to "noncitizens" and "illegal immigration," many library...

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