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ND Library and Technology Standards Writing Committee Members Needed

In collaboration with the North Dakota State Library, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) seeks qualified individuals from K-12 districts and schools and higher education institutions to serve as content specialists to review and revise the state's current K-12 Library and Technology content standards.

The standards development committee will review the 2012 library content standards and draft revisions to improve the structure and content. The committee will submit the revised library standards to the state superintendent for final approval and adoption of the new library standards to guide local curriculum development.

The content standards development process will begin in February 2022 and include approximately four separate meetings, concluding by Fall 2022.

More information regarding the library content standards development activities can be found on the NDDPI website (**https://www.nd.gov/dpi/districtsschools/k-12-education-content-standards**).

The deadline to apply is **January 12, 2022**.

Library Standards Writing Committee Application
https://www.nd.gov/dpi/sites/www/files/documents/Academic%20Support/Library%20Standards%20Application.docx

If you have questions regarding the library standards development, contact Davonne Eldredge at **deldredge@nd.gov**.

EDI Resources in LibGuides

The North Dakota State Library's available LibGuides have been steadily growing for two years. Recently, NDSL added subject headings to make searching for guides easier. From the main **LibGuides page**, you can click the **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion subject heading** to find a compiled list of guides related to various aspects of EDI. Right now, most of the guides in this list are information about national celebrations of marginalized communities, but the **Disability Awareness Guide** also has resources for employers that need to provide accommodations to their employees, as well as information for libraries as it pertains to accessibility and service animals.

If you're looking to diversify your library's collection, consider conducting a diversity audit or reading up on the importance of EDI in the library at **https://bit.ly/3F3xpSV.** This list of resources will hopefully inspire conversations at the local level to create more welcoming collections, programming, and libraries.

Mindfulness

It's already halfway through December; 2022 will be here before we know it! This week, I'm taking a deep breath and talking about mindfulness.

What is mindfulness?
According to mindful.org, mindfulness is "the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by what's going on around us" (Getting, n.d.).

What are the benefits of mindfulness?
Benefits of mindfulness include decreased stress and anxiety, increased concentration and engagement, better sleep at night, better recognition of personal emotions, enhanced decision-making and problem-solving skills, increases in communicating feelings verbally, instead of physically, and increases in empathy and compassion (Cassie, 2017).

Why practice mindfulness in the library?
Mindfulness can be a great way for students (and educators) to recenter. It helps create calm in their minds and bodies and can assist in focusing on the task at hand. I know many of you, if not all, have experienced at least one student who just cannot keep focused. Maybe this child/preteen/teenager wants to touch friends? Maybe this individual wants to dominate group discussions? Maybe this person just seems to exist in their own little world? Whatever the action, mindfulness can be an excellent reaction!

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WordPress Domains

It has come to our attention that libraries with WordPress websites are once again receiving letters in the mail saying they need to pay a company to keep their domain. Please do not send money to these companies. Your WordPress domain is paid for each year by the State Library.

If you have any questions about your WordPress website or any costs associated with it or if you've received one of these letters, please contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

The ND Library Marketing discussion will be on Thursday, January 6, at 2:00 PM Central Time. Librarians from all types of libraries are welcome! If you have any questions or want to talk about library marketing or programming, please join this informal and fun discussion.

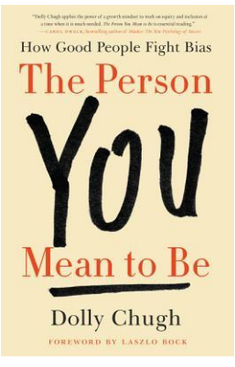
Register at:
https://bit.ly/NDLibraryMarketing.

These discussions are not recorded.

If you have any questions, please contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Book Recommendation

The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias by Dolly Chugh



Many of us believe in equality, diversity, and inclusion. But how do we stand up for those values in our turbulent world? "The Person You Mean to Be" by Dolly Chugh is the smart, "semi-bold" person's guide to fighting for what you believe in. Dolly Chugh, a social psychologist and professor at the New York University Stern School of Business, reveals the surprising causes of inequality, grounded in the "psychology of good people."

Using her research findings in unconscious bias as well as work across psychology, sociology, economics, political science, and other disciplines, she offers practical tools to respectfully and effectively talk politics with family, to be a better colleague to people who don't look like you, and to avoid being a well-intentioned barrier to equality. Becoming that person we mean to be starts with a look at ourselves.

This title has been used frequently for book clubs with State Employees. If you are looking for a great book to help you start the journey of understanding bias and how to overcome it one step at a time, this book is for you. It is available through the North Dakota State Library and OverDrive/Libby, both as an e-book and e-audiobook.

North Dakota Library Tidbits

Fargo Public Library and the New NASA Telescope...

On December 22nd, the scientists at NASA are sending something on an extraordinary journey through the stars. And they're inviting kids to join it every step of the way.... and even win a free portable refractor telescope too. It's part of a new...

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Pet Therapy Holiday Hangout

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ODIN Training is Now Available in Niche Academy

A new pathway was created in Niche Academy for librarians using the Polaris system, whether you are new to using the Polaris system or you need a review of the training received from the ODIN office.

The ODIN Polaris Training Pathway, which includes links to the ODIN trainings for the Acquisitions and Serials, Cataloging, Circulation, and Holds and ILL Modules, can be found under the ODIN Polaris: LEAP and PAC category. It includes video tutorials, online and printable instructional guides, links to user group archives, and canned demonstrations using the reports programs.

The ODIN Polaris: LEAP and PAC category also has two tutorials on Simply Reports and a pathway for the Public Access Catalog (PAC). This pathway will walk you through using the catalog, which you can access from the North Dakota State Library homepage.

Check it out at **https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary?category=10226**.

Holidays can be expensive, but one way you can save some money this year is by using your library card. In addition to lending items from our collection, we also offer items from other libraries all over the country through Interlibrary Loan (ILL). The only cost to you is getting the items back to the ND State Library. So, go ahead and treat yourself to your perfect winter read.

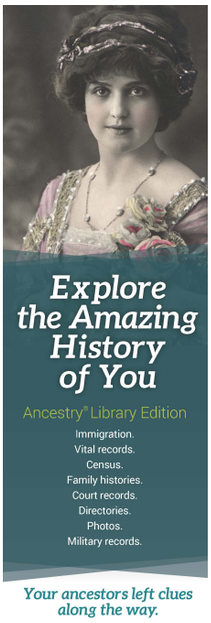
If you have any ILL requests or questions, please contact the ILL Department at **ndslill@nd.gov** or 701-328-3252.

New Library Materials from PBS Masterpiece

MASTERPIECE on PBS has developed programming ideas and created promotional assets to excite library patrons with news of upcoming literary adaptations. In January 2022, the drama series airs ***Around the World in 80 Days*** starring **David Tennant** beginning January 2 at 7:00 PM Central Time, and ***All Creatures Great and Small*** returns on January 9 at 8:00 PM Central Time.

The designed and ready-to-use materials, along with a “Suggested Use Doc” may be **accessed here**.

Ancestry Library Edition



Ancestry Library Edition is an online library resource that gives you access to a wide range of unique resources for genealogical and historical research. With billions of historical documents and millions of photos, this resource offers the most comprehensive genealogical information available online. Search through immigration, census, family histories, court records, directories, military records, photos, and more to discover new things about your ancestors.

As of January 1, 2022, this resource will go back to being only available in the library. Patrons who have been accessing Ancestry Library Edition at home will lose their access at that time.

For more information about Ancestry Library Edition and to learn about the promotional materials, tutorials, training, and data usage that are available to you, there is a short guide available at http://library.nd.gov/publications/ancestryguide.pdf.

To request bookmarks to promote this resource to your patrons, please fill out the form found at https://bit.ly/ndslpaform.

Other News, Grants, and Webinars

Libby.
The library reading app

Announcing accessibility enhancements in the Libby app - ...

To support your library's mission to serve every reader in your community, we've been working to improve the accessibility of the Libby app. Recent updates make Libby more accessible for all readers, including users with a diverse range of...

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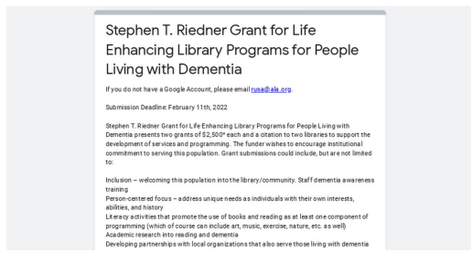
Stephen T. Riedner Grant for Life Enhancing Library Programs for People Living with Dementia

If you do not have a Google Account, please email rusa@ala.org.

Submission Deadline: February 11th, 2022

Stephen T. Riedner Grant for Life Enhancing Library Programs for People Living with Dementia presents two grants of $2,500* each and a citation to two libraries to support the development of services and programming. The funder wishes to encourage institutional commitment to serving this population. Grant submissions could include, but are not limited to:

Inclusion – welcoming this population into the library/community. Staff dementia awareness training
Person-centered focus – address unique needs as individuals with their own interests, abilities, and history
Literacy activities that promote the use of books and reading as at least one component of programming (which of course can include art, music, exercise, nature, etc. as well)
Academic research into reading and dementia
Developing partnerships with local organizations that also serve those living with dementia

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Native American Library Services Basic Grants Available...

Native American Library Services Basic Grants Available for 2022 Application Deadline is March 1, 2022 Washington, DC-The Institute of Museum and Library Services is now accepting applications for Native American Library Services Basic grants...

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Library Signage: Effective Crisis Communications

Good signage in the library helps to create clarity and build awareness, while bad signage can lead to frustration and confusion. Has your library had to implement COVID-related signage? Has there been a review of other temporary and permanent...

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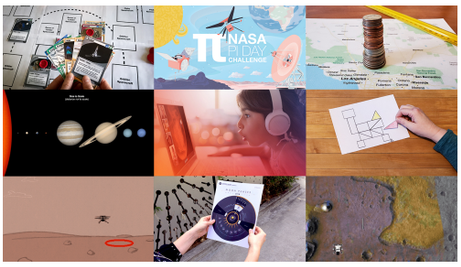

The Best New STEM Education Resources from NASA-JPL in...

In 2021, we added nearly 80 STEM education resources to our online catalog of lessons, activities, articles, and videos for educators, students, and families. The resources feature NASA's latest missions exploring Earth, the Moon, Mars,...

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www.jpl.nasa.gov

"Let's Talk Race" Toolkits

Talking openly about race with kids can dramatically improve their racial literacy-but adults often don't know where to start! Staff from the Salt Lake City Public Library (SLCPL) will share how they built picture book-based kits to give...

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