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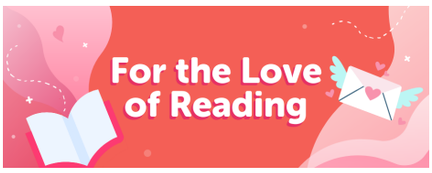
2022 Beanstack Challenges

January – Read for a Better World, Read Anything

From January 1 to January 31, North Dakota libraries are participating in Beanstack's Fifth Annual Winter Reading Challenge, sponsored by Lerner Publishing Group. **"Read for a Better World"** encourages readers of all ages to explore diversity, empathy, and action through literature. Our community has unlimited access to Lerner's "Read for a Better World"-themed books for the month of January through the challenge activities!

February – For the Love of Reading



This month, share the love of reading with fun activities and book recommendations. Check out some of our favorite reads for all ages here at Beanstack! Log your reading and complete activities to earn badges all month long.

We challenge our patrons to read during the month and keep track of their reading on our Beanstack site.

Thousands of libraries and schools across the nation are encouraging their communities to read a target number of minutes and books. Happy reading, North Dakota!

2021 Public Library Staff and Diversity Survey

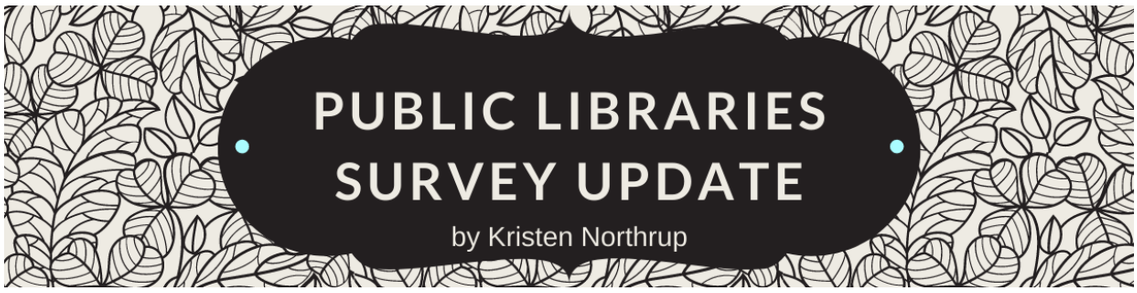
The 2021 Public Library Staff and Diversity Survey is a survey that asks the most pressing questions of librarianship today: how diverse are our staff, what are libraries doing to recruit and retain diverse staff, what do libraries pay our directors and new librarians, and what staff roles exist in our nation's public libraries? If we do not know the baseline answers to these questions, we simply cannot measure progress on our goals for equity, diversity, and inclusion in the library field.

This survey was developed by the Public Library Association's Measurement, Evaluation and Assessment Committee in response to the field-wide discussions and demand for actionable data about evolving staff roles and diversity and inclusion in staffing efforts.

Please take a small portion of your time to fill out this survey to help move librarianship forward.

To complete the survey, log in to your library's *free* **Benchmark** account at **librarybenchmark.org**. Click on "Surveys" in the menu, and you will see this survey listed under "Open Surveys."

All public library directors should have received an invitation with login details; if your library did not or if you have any questions, please contact **plabenchmark@ala.org**. Please submit your library's responses by January 14, 2022.



Synchronous (Live) Programming Questions

This week is all about live library programs, now known as Synchronous on the survey. Beginning this year, the same programs are tracked two different ways – by age and by location.

As previously mentioned, the age groups have been expanded. They are now Children Ages 0-5, Children Ages 6-11, Young Adults Ages 12-18, Adults Ages 19 or Older, and General Interest.

After the age-related program questions, there are now also location-related program questions for both the number of programs and for the program attendance. The categories are In-Person Onsite, In-Person Offsite, and Virtual.

Onsite programs take place at library facilities, including on the library grounds or in front of the bookmobile. Offsite programs occur at places like nursing homes, public schools, or farmer's markets. If there is no programming element, like a library card sign-up booth at a fair or a float in a parade, that is outreach instead. Virtual sessions are live-streamed.

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Public Domain Day

At the start of each year, on January 1st, a new crop of works enters the public domain. Items that are in the public domain are free for anyone to enjoy, share, and reuse for any purpose. This year creative works, including books, music, and artwork, published in 1926 will finally achieve public domain status.

A few items scheduled to join the public domain include the following:

- My Mortal Enemy by Willa Cather
- The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie
- Soldiers' Pay by William Faulkner
- The Sun Also Rises and The Torrents of Spring by Ernest Hemingway
- Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne
- Seven Pillars of Wisdom by T.E. Lawrence

If you're interested in seeing what else will be on offer, take a look at the Wikipedia pages for **'1951 in literature'** (specifically, deaths that year) and **'2022 in public domain'**.

WebJunction: Eviction Resources for Libraries

Housing insecurity and evictions across the country are becoming widespread. WebJunction has taken this issue on and is providing resources for libraries to use to help patrons on the verge of going through eviction and possible homelessness. Libraries are in a good position to provide access to legal information that is particularly helpful during the early phases of the eviction process. Eviction Resources for Libraries, provided by WebJunction, gives librarians some tools they can use when helping patrons and building community partnerships with legal services, specializing in eviction cases.

If you have noticed that your community is seeing an increase in evictions, please check out these resources and find out how libraries can become an information clearing center to help people facing eviction and homelessness at **https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/eviction-resources.html**.

Have you heard of Wikipedia? Sure you have. It's been around for 20 years and has become the go-to online encyclopedia for the world. **Wikipedia** is "a free content, multilingual online encyclopedia written and maintained by a community of volunteers through a model of open collaboration, using a wiki-based editing system." It's run by the **Wikimedia Foundation**, a nonprofit that "provides the essential infrastructure for free knowledge."

Wikipedia is an online juggernaut, with over 55 million articles in hundreds of languages (over 6 million are in English alone). According to **The Economist**, Wikipedia is the "biggest and most-read reference work ever," and it's ranked by a web-analysis firm (Alexa Internet) as "the 13th-most-popular site on the internet, ahead of Reddit, Netflix and Instagram."

It has become an integral part of our lives. It's part of the way we search for knowledge and learn. But what does all of this have to do with the North Dakota State Library (NDSL)? Allow me to answer my own question.

It all started with the **Digital Public Library of America** (DPLA). In late 2019, DPLA announced that it had formed a **partnership** with the Wikimedia Foundation. Through this program, DPLA works with its partners to upload their public domain contributions to Wikimedia Commons. The partners can then sort through the contributions and insert files into applicable Wikimedia articles. DPLA's program has resulted in **over 2 million items added** to Wikimedia Commons and **millions of views**.

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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.

Please contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov** for more information.

Children in Trauma Bibliography

The **Children in Trauma Bibliography** was created by Dr. Megan McCaffrey, assistant professor in the Division of Education at Governors State University. Categorized by theme, the bibliography includes books that address traumas such as domestic abuse and bullying; general grief and loss; illness, anxiety, and depression; pandemics; poverty; and more.

How to Navigate the Bibliography: Books in the bibliography have been listed in six thematic groups on the left menu. Clicking on a group opens a box where books are listed under individual themes.

Last week, I discussed mindfulness and some ways to use it in your libraries. For week six, our focus is on a secondary grades resource.

Content-Area Collaborations for Secondary Grades by Liz Deskins aligns lessons from middle and high school grades 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, as needed. Hint: These types of units could be great ideas to take to your teachers and work on establishing collaborative partnerships.

One example falls under the foundation of **Explore**:

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Summary: Castle Cranshaw, called Ghost by everyone, has been running from things his entire life. He wants to be the next star basketball player; track has never been on his mind. One day, Ghost is watching a track practice and challenges a sprinter to a race. When Ghost wins the race, the coach wants him on the team. Ghost has a lot to run for and a talent for running. However, he also has a lot to overcome to prevent his past from catching up to him.

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North Dakota Library Tidbits

Local Libraries Giving Back for the Holidays

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - The James River Valley Library System (JRVLS) is finding unique ways to give back to the community this holiday season. For the last 7 years, the Alfred Dickey Library has been home to the mitten tree, where...

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'Bucks for Books' raises $4,000 for Grand Forks school...

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (Valley News Live) - Young professionals in the Grand Forks area raised more than $4,000 to help restock the bookshelves at Grand Forks Public Schools. The Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals (GGFYP) partnered with local...

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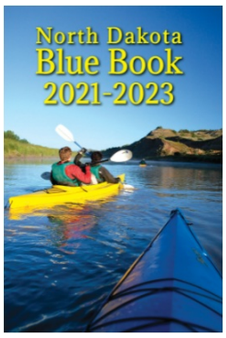
North Dakota Blue Books



Since 1889, North Dakota Blue Books have been published by the North Dakota Secretary of State. These books have been published every biennium since 1995. The Blue Book exists as a glossary of the state with information that can be hard to find in other sources, including the state's political, economic, social, cultural and environmental history, and its current status.

The State Library assists in the publication of the Blue Book by writing articles and editing chapters.

Copies of the current book, which highlights the North Dakota Department of Parks and Recreation, can be found at the State Museum for $20.

Summer Reading LibGuide

For those of you who missed the State Library's Summer Reading Idea Exchange and/or the CSLP's Summer Symposium, you can now find links for each program on the NDSL libguide at **https://library-nd.libguides.com/SummerReading2022**.

Also on the Summer Reading libguide is the Performer's Showcase! The State Library contracted with Rick Brammer to find performers that would be willing to travel to North Dakota or present virtually. So peruse the performers and feel free to contact them. Hopefully, you can find someone that will do an AWESOME performance for your library!

Other News, Grants, and Webinars

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Interested In Literacy? Help Write Library Standards

BISMARCK, N.D. (NDDPI) - North Dakota State School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler is inviting library specialists, educators, and other experts to participate in revising the state's Library and Technology academic content standards for grades...

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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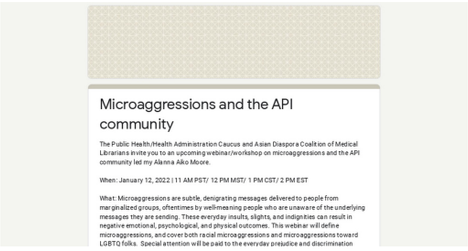
Microaggressions and the API community

The Public Health/Health Administration Caucus and Asian Diaspora Coalition of Medical Librarians invite you to an upcoming webinar/workshop on microaggressions and the API community led my Alanna Aiko Moore.

When: January 12, 2022 | 11 AM PST/ 12 PM MST/ 1 PM CST/ 2 PM EST

What: Microaggressions are subtle, denigrating messages delivered to people from marginalized groups, oftentimes by well-meaning people who are unaware of the underlying messages they are sending. These everyday insults, slights, and indignities can result in negative emotional, psychological, and physical outcomes. This webinar will define microaggressions, and cover both racial microaggressions and microaggressions toward LGBTQ folks. Special attention will be paid to the everyday prejudice and discrimination

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