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Student Writing Contests

Do you have young authors among your students? If so, there are various opportunities available for them to hone and display their talents!

Prairie Public PBS KIDS Writers Contest
Prairie Public PBS KIDS Writers Contest is taking entries of stories from kindergarten through third-grade students. Tales must be submitted by February 28, 2022. One story per child, and each piece might be written by a single author (no co-authoring). All participants will receive a Certificate of Achievement. Top stories from each grade level will win prizes and be featured on PBS radio and online. For more information, visit **https://www.prairiepublic.org/community/pbskidswriterscontest/**.

Promising Youth Writers Program through the National Council of Teachers of English
This competition is open to eighth-grade students. Each student must submit both a Best Writing and a Themed Writing piece. The theme of 2022 is "Exploring Boundaries." The Best Writing pieces may encompass any theme.
For more information, view **https://ncte.org/awards/promising-young-writers/**.

Carl Sandburg's Home National Historic Site's Annual Student Poetry Contest
The Carl Sandburg's Home invites students grades third through twelfth to submit a poem with this year's theme of "ambition." Poems must be postmarked by March 1, 2022, and winners will be notified in early April.
For more information, see **https://www.nps.gov/carl/learn/news/2022-poetry-contest.htm**.

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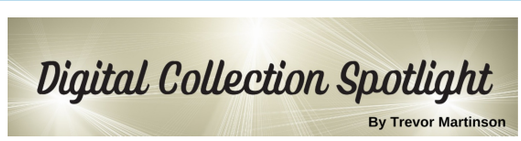
ILL Renewal Request

We all have the best intentions when it comes to returning our items to the Library on time, but life often gets in the way. If you need more time, fear not. Requesting a renewal on your items is the best way to get that extra time with your item.

You can request a renewal by signing into our catalog or contacting the State Library. So, what are you waiting for? Start searching for your next favorite read at **www.library.nd.gov**.

If you have any Interlibrary Loan (ILL) requests or questions, please contact the State Library at **ndslill@nd.gov** or 701-328-4622.



North Dakota Atlases & Plat Books

"North Dakota Atlases and Plat Books," a collection from the North Dakota State Library, consists of historical atlases and plat books from counties in the state, primarily dating from the 1890s to the 1910s. Fifty of the state's 53 counties are currently represented. The atlases contain maps of the townships and cities within the counties. High-resolution copies of the atlases are publicly available online on **Digital Horizons**.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES SURVEY UPDATE

by Kristen Northrup

Public Libraries Survey 2021 - Two Spreadsheets

Two spreadsheets were added to the Resources section of the **Public Libraries Survey LibGuide** this week.

If you have filled out the Public Libraries Survey (PLS) in the past, you are familiar with the first one: **2021 Online Library Resource (OLR) Usage**. This is where you find your library's calendar year usage for the online resources provided via the state, either from the North Dakota State Library or from ODIN. For directors who are newer to the Survey, online library resource is the formal term for database.

If you subscribe to any OLRs directly, such as TumbleBooks, CreativeBug, or Prenda, please remember to add those usage numbers to the total on the spreadsheet.

If you need to access your numbers from prior calendar years, we archive those on the **Database Usage Statistics page** of the State Library's website, under the For Libraries tab. You can also see your library's month-to-month usage numbers here.

The second spreadsheet is a new one: **Legal Service Area (LSA) Populations per 2020 U.S. Census**. The Legal Service Area population field on the PLS is prefilled by the State Library, but we would appreciate

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North Dakota Library Tidbits

West Fargo Library continues lease at Lodoen Education...

WEST FARGO - West Fargo's lone library will continue its lease at the Lodoen Education Center, but it did receive a break on the rent. City Attorney Jon Shockley presented the West Fargo City Commission with the five-year lease at the...

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Mayville Public Library raises $21,000 for repairs on...

MAYVILLE, N.D. - A fundraising effort for building repairs at the Mayville Public Library has raised $21,000 and counting. Library director Margaret Rice gives all the credit to the community. "It's a small city with a big heart," said Rice. The...

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Library system director challenges two board members'...

The James River Valley Library System Board of Directors unanimously approved Wednesday, Jan. 12, adding all board members' evaluations of the library system

Library Furniture Sale 1/26-27

The Morton Mandan Public Library (MMPL) is replacing some of its old furniture. While the library is keeping some pieces of furniture, other pieces have been rehomed to some City departments and many pieces

director and his response to two of them to the minutes of the meeting.

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Has your library made the news? Is something happening in your library that we should know about? Send an e-mail to ndslpa@nd.gov with a link (if applicable).

Beanstack Challenge - Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month! Learn about the history of Black health and wellness in the U.S. and explore mental, emotional, and physical health resources created by and for the Black community. For further reading, check out book recommendations honoring the Black experience.

Log your reading and activities to earn badges all month long at
https://librarynd.beanstack.org/reader365

Can I Share That? Is That True? Is It Time For A Break?

Three new tutorials have been added to Library 101- Information Literacy category in Niche Academy.

- Can I Share That? is a video primer on digital law
- Is This True? is a video primer on why we believe false things online
- Is It Time for a Break? is a video primer on digital health

These tutorials are produced by Digital Respons-Ability, a research-based digital citizenship education for students, parents, and educators. If you are looking for short, informative videos on these topics, watch these tutorials and others on Niche Academy at **http://bit.ly/NDSLNiche**.

Other News, Grants, and Webinars

Fostering Creativity Through Collaborative STEAM...

Join this edWebinar to gain confidence in implementing STEAM with K-8 students. We will focus on pedagogy, the reasoning behind STEAM, and how integrating it into education can build a critical-thinking foundation and problem-solving skills for ...

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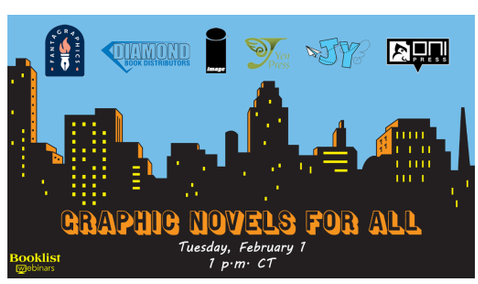

Free Webinar: Graphic Novels for All

Biographies, adventures, history, romances, superheroes-it's all here in our #ReadGraphic webinar on Tuesday, February 1 at 1 p.m. CT! Featuring Fantagraphics Books, Diamond Book Distributors, Image Comics, Yen Press, and Oni Press, attendees...

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National NewsLitCamp: Misinformation

What is NewsLitCamp: Misinformation? NewsLitCamp is an immersive, free professional learning experience primarily for middle and high school educators. It features topical sessions (selected with input from participants) led by journalists and ...

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Love Is A Universal Language: Exploring Romance Languages...

Join us as we explore our Romance courses (Italian, Spanish, French, and Brazilian Portuguese), how Valentine's Day is celebrated in these countries, plus a closer look at Valentine's Day traditions and expressions of love around the world. What...

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How to Turn a STEM Experiment into a Library Public Program

I have been offering Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) related programs to the general public in science museums, continuing education classes, and libraries for over a decade. Many of my library customers call me “The Space Lady”...

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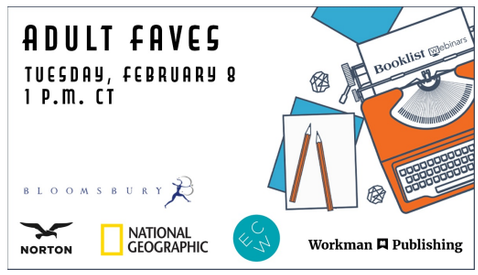

Free Webinar: Adult Faves

Year-end lists, book award season, dazzling 2022 debuts-that's right, it's officially reading season. What better way to pack your TBR list than with a preview of phenomenal adult books coming to a shelf near you this winter and spring. With...

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