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NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

2021 21st CCLC Grant Competition Information

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) is accepting applications for a three-year 21st CCLC grant from school districts, REAs, consortiums, non-profit agencies, city or county government agencies, faith-based organizations,...

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$7 Million in Grants to Support Small and Rural Library Accessibility Efforts

A rare opportunity for grant funds to support building renovations will become available in November 2022. The American Library Association announced today that its Libraries Transforming Communities project will offer more than $7 million in grants to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities. This is an excellent way to upgrade portions of your library's facilities to make them ADA compliant or increase accessibility.

The **full press release can be found on the ALA website**.

Copyright Discussion Today (March 3) at 2:00 PM Central Time

Join today's discussion with Shari Mosser, Literacy Specialist at the North Dakota State Library, as she discusses copyright, Creative Commons, and using photos of people, especially as they relate to social media posts. There will be time for questions.

Register to get the link at **https://bit.ly/3oS9Eqz**.

Virtual Town Hall Event For ND Libraries
March 29, 2022, at 2:00 PM Central Time

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is hosting a live virtual town hall on Tuesday, March 29, at 2:00 PM Central Time to discuss the services that NDSL provides to libraries of all types. This hour-long discussion will include time for questions and comments.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- STEAM/STEM Kits
- Talking Books
- Online Library Resources
- Interlibrary Loan
- Librarian for the Day
- Digital Horizons
- Professional Development Opportunities

If you would prefer to ask your questions or comment anonymously, you can fill out the form at **https://forms.office.com/g/bNa656w3H2**.

Register to attend at
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsduioqDwpH9Uq_RaBOrUGpdm8jHV3FT_P.

NDSL Kit of the Month
Cozmo

The State Library offers a variety of kits for checkout—STEM, robot, NASA, outdoor, storytime, book club, and display kits are all available. Kits are a popular program at libraries of all types for both passive and active programs.

The Cozmo Robot kit is a small, artificially intelligent, programmable robot with personality, facial recognition, and a penchant for playing games. Users can use the three included cubes to play games, train, and do tricks with Cozmo. To learn more about this kit and NDSL's other available STEM kits, visit the **STEM Kit LibGuide**.

This kit is recommended for ages 8+ and requires a compatible device running at least iOS 9, Android 5 (Lollipop), or Fire OS 5. A full list of compatible devices can be found on the **Anki support website.**

The Cozmo Robot Kit comes with six Cozmo Robot cases. Each case includes one Cozmo Robot, three Power Cubes, one Charging Station, and charging adaptors for each robot along with a Quick Start Guide, Overview, Coding Challenges and Solutions, Inventory, and a statistics sheet.

Kits can be checked out for eight weeks and reserved up to one year in advance. No more than three kits can be checked out at one time. This kit can only be checked out to libraries and educational institutions and are not for individual circulation. Kits for schools or classroom use need to be checked out by the Library Media Specialist. To see when this kit is next available, check out **KitKeeper**.

Material and Decorative Displays

For Week 16 of my Teaching Tidbit, I am going to keep things light. Today's topic is displays in the library! Whether you love to create displays, or they are a task you would much rather pass off to others, book and decorative displays do add interest to a library space. Additionally, they can bring materials to the attention of students and staff, especially items that tend to otherwise be lost in the shelves. (On that note, one of my favorite displays is "Forgotten Books," where materials that have not

been checked out for quite some time are displayed. Some titles become winners with patrons; others end up heading towards the weeding pile.)

Things to Keep in Mind with Book Displays

Mainelibraries.org (n.d.) highlights things to keep in mind when creating displays:

1. Books displays should reflect your patrons' interests and not your personal interests. This is not to say you should not use displays to introduce your students and staff to new things. Instead, make sure "new concepts" are tied into current learners' curiosities. For example, if your students are highly interested in manga, place some nonfiction books about Japan and Japanese culture in the exhibit.
2. Use attractive and easy-to-read signage, but make sure the materials for checkout are the primary focus. A main goal of displays entails increasing circulation. You want the students to really "see" the volumes instead of just the pretty background.

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North Dakota Library Tidbits

GRHC Shares Compassion for People of Ukraine

February 25, 2022 This week brought tragic news of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which hit close to home for our Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC) staff and friends. The GRHC has offered ancestral heritage tours to Ukraine since...

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NDSU Librarian Featured in National Newsmagazine on ...

Tina Gross, NDSU Libraries Metadata and Cataloging Librarian, recently wrote " Search Terms Up for Debate: The Politics and Purpose of Library Subject Headings" for Perspectives on History, the newsmagazine of the American Historical Association ...

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Minot Daily News

Save Big Money at Your Library

Who wouldn't like to save money? Would anyone turn down an opportunity to receive something at no cost? Surprisingly, it seems some people would pass on saving big because your local library can offer plenty of services at no cost, but not...

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The Future of the James River Valley Library System...

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - The James River Valley Library is aware that as technology gains popularity and the jobs of libraries worldwide change, they're hopeful a study will give them necessary insight to grow with the needs of the area.

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March Madness bracket at the North Dakota State Library

State Librarian Mary Soucie joined Studio 701 to talk about the 2022 March Book Battles. This year's theme is Books Made into TV Series. Voting begins on March 15, so get your brackets in before then to be eligible for a small prize.

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www.kxnet.com

Used book sale set at Bismarck library

The Friends of the Bismarck Public Library group is holding its Spring Used Book Sale next Thursday through Saturday, March 3-5. There will be more than 50,000 used books for sale, at $1 per pound. CDs, DVDs and other items are priced separately. ...

Read more
bismarcktribune.com

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).

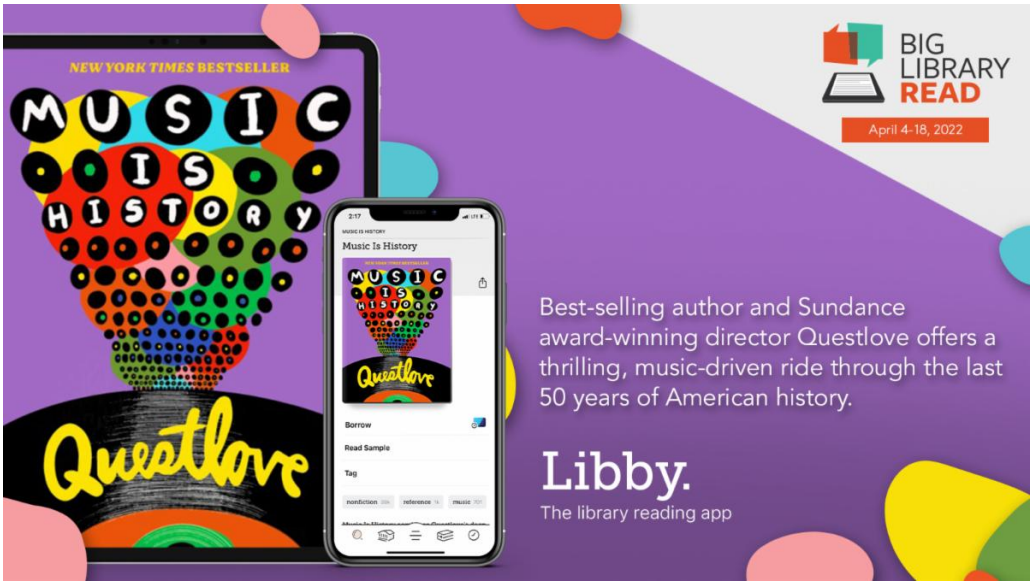
Read Across America

Read Across America was March 2nd. However, feel free to celebrate throughout National Reading Month in March.

The nation's largest celebration of reading was launched in 1998 by the National Education Association. This year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources that are about everyone, for everyone.

Readers who feel included, recognized, and a part of the world are engaged readers. Use Read Across America's resources to daily promote the message there is room in our community for all readers.

Find out more at **https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/read-across-america**.



Other News, Grants, and Webinars

Celebrate World Water Day on March 22nd at Your Library!

What is World Water Day? World Water Day is an annual celebration of water started by the United Nations in 1993. This campaign seeks to raise awareness of the 2 billion people on our planet currently living without access to safe water. This...

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www.starnetlibraries.org

Free Webinar: Our Blue Planet: EARTH (March 23)

Whether or not your library is participating in the Collaborative Summer Library Program's 2022 theme "Oceans of Possibilities" this webinar can help prepare you to engage your patrons in discussions about the future of our planet, and even worlds...

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2022 Southeast Collaborative Conference Registration

The 2022 Southeast Collaborative Online Conference is a collective effort ... to offer innovative and useful online learning experiences for library staff at all levels through a convenient online conference.

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whova.com

Creating a Sustainable, User-centered Website for Academic

Making time to craft and manage usable, relevant web content has never been more important. The COVID19 pandemic and hybrid virtual/physical nature of academic library services necessitate web content accuracy and usability. 1. Strategies for...

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