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Free 'Keeping Governance on Track' Webinars
March 29 and 31

Library boards are facing an increase in disruptions during board meetings, often making it difficult to conduct necessary board business. With the rise in challenges to library materials and programs, boards can be impacted internally (conflict/dissent among board members) and externally (public comment and disruptions from meeting observers).

In "**Keeping Governance on Track**," professional parliamentarian **Nancy Sylvester** will share actions, training, and preparation boards and library directors can take now to be ready for problems and issues, and tips/best practices for handling in the moment problems/issues in board meetings.

The March 29 webinar will address actions, training, preparation, etc. boards and library directors take to be prepared for problems/issues. The March 31 webinar will be a mock board meeting. This series is made possible by the Jack Neal Fund. **Register now**.

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 **http://bit.ly/NDSLTownHall3**.

Download Your History From the OverDrive App

Submitted by Shari Mosser

The time has come for the retirement of the Overdrive app. By the end of 2022, OverDrive app users will need to migrate to Libby. However, you can take your history with you – in a way. You can save a list of titles you've downloaded to OverDrive's app for Fire tablets, Android, Chromebook, or iOS. You can keep the list for your records, but you won't be able to restore it if it's ever lost or deleted.

Please note that the app history only includes titles you downloaded on that specific device.

To see all the titles you've borrowed from your library, go to your history page in the library's digital collection. For information on finding your history for different device types, please go to **How to export your history of downloaded titles from the OverDrive app**.

Prairie Memories: The Vietnam War Years

"Prairie Memories: The Vietnam War Years" is a year-long region-wide initiative aimed at inspiring North Dakotans and Minnesotans to remember and share stories, recognize bravery, honor those lost, express reasons for dissent, and foster understanding of the lasting impact of war. The collection consists of scanned memorabilia and embedded YouTube videos of interviews conducted for the project.

The collection is an initiative of Prairie Public and the State Historical Society of North Dakota, and it is accessible on **Digital Horizons**.

Did you know that The National Library Service (NLS) has designed two types of digital players for listening to NLS recorded digital books? There's a standard model and an advanced model.

One digital player (either standard or advanced) is provided to each Talking Book patron, free on loan, to listen to books loaned by the North Dakota Talking Book Library. Technical support and replacement are provided for these players.

Headphones can be issued to patrons who require them for reading talking books where speakers are not permitted, as in nursing homes and hospitals.

Digital books (DB) are on a flash memory cartridge about the size of a cassette tape that fits into the front of the digital player. One end of the cartridge has a round finger hole, so the cartridge can easily be extracted from the player. The cartridge is inserted into the digital player in the opening above the handle of the player. It is not necessary to rewind the cartridge before returning it to the library.

For more information or to apply for the program, contact us at 1-800-843-9948 | **tbooks@nd.gov** or visit **www.library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html**.

Passive Library Programs for Tweens and Teens

Tweens and teens live very busy lives and typically do not have designated library times in school. This combination can make it difficult for middle and high school librarians to hold programs. Enter PASSIVE PROGRAMS! Passive programs are informal and interactive and typically last for a pre-determined length of time, such as a week or month. Students may participate in passive programs when doing so fits into their schedules. Passive programs are typically not difficult to plan and execute. Many of them also require few materials. *As a side note, this is not to say that passive programs cannot work for elementary grades, as well. However, unless your elementary library operates a mostly (or entirely) flexible schedule, students would be quite limited as to when they could come to the library to take part in such activities.

How to Measure Success of Passive Programs

Part of programming is the evaluation of its success. Some passive programs will entice a lot of participation; some will only bring in a small group of students. This is all part of discovering what interests your learners.

How do you know if your program was successful? Some passive programs lend themselves to easier data collection than others. If materials need to be checked out, that's easy to count. For incentivized programs, prize entries are an easy way to count participation. For non-incentivized programs, note how many supplies were used; for example, if you print word games and leave them on a student table, keep track of copies made and how many times materials were refilled. Get creative with technology, too, such as keeping track of hits to your school's social media platforms when conducting online programs.

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North Dakota Library Tidbits

Board to set retreat to discuss library system's future

The James River Valley Library System Board will set up a date for a retreat to figure out what the library should be in the future. The Jamestown City Council approved a one-year extension to the memorandum of agreement between Stutsman County...

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Minot Public Library restarting decades-old homebound...

After taking a break during the pandemic, the Minot Public Library will start making deliveries to the homebound soon. The library has been delivering books and other materials to those in need since 1974. Volunteers or library staff deliver...

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Williston Community Library challenges kids to read...

Reading is a fundamental part of development, and the Williston Community Library is challenging families with youngsters to foster the love of reading early by challenging them to read 1,000 books before kindergarten. The 1,000 Books Before...

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Minot Daily News

Minot Public Library offers environmental discussion series

The Minot Public Library and the Environmentally Minded People of Minot, a Minot community group, are partnering to offer a free discussion program on Environmental Justice today at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the library. Environmental...

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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).

THE ALA COVID LIBRARY RELIEF FUND

ALA

The American Library Association (ALA) announced on March 16 that it will make available $1.55M in emergency relief grants to more than 75 libraries that have experienced substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic. The ALA COVID Library Relief Fund invites public, school, academic, tribal, and correctional libraries across the United States and US Territories to apply for grants of $20,000.

These funds are intended to bolster library operations and services, including broadening technology access, developing collections, providing digital instruction, staffing, and expanding outreach, as well as maintaining and amplifying existing service strategies or adding new ones to extend impact through the end of 2022. Grant applications will be accepted online through April 21, 2022, via the **ALA website**.

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Baesler Seeks Grant Applications for Community Learning

State School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler on Tuesday announced the start of a competition for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLCs) grants for the 2022-23 school year. The 21st Century CCLCs provide opportunities, outside of regular ...

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Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

New Tutorials and Pathways Added to Niche Academy

Library 101– Inclusion, Diversity, Equality, and Accessibility
A new pathway, Supporting Transgender Patrons, was added. Tutorials for this pathway discuss basic terms, pronouns, nouns, providing inclusive spaces, and being an ally.

Library 101– Adult Programming
Two new webinars, Adult Learning in the Library and Small-Scale ESL Programs for your Library, were added.

Library 101– Youth and Children's Library Programming
A new tutorial, Middle School Book Talks and Readers' Advisory with Katie Thomas, was added.

Library 101– Library Directors
A new tutorial, Dealing with Complaints and Challenges for Directors, was added.

Check out these and other great tutorials and pathways in the Niche Academy at **https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary**.

While most of us still have not traveled much in the past couple of years, our books have. In the same way that we have requested items for you from all over the United States, we also lend our items all across the United States and even scan items for other countries. Australia, Denmark, and Japan are just a few of the places we have scanned articles for this past year. Wouldn't it be fun to travel with our books all over the country!

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

March Book Battles

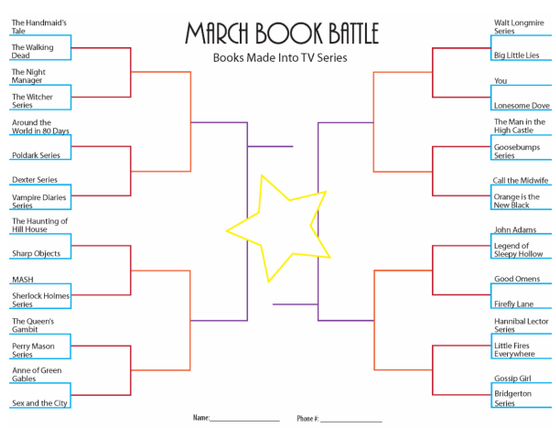
Voting is underway for the 2022 Book Battles. Check the State Library's **Facebook** and **Twitter** pages for the link to vote.

Titles that are still in contention to win include:

- Bridgerton Series
- Handmaid's Tale
- Dexter Series
- The Queen's Gambit
- Anne of Green Gables
- Little Fires Everywhere

Some of the favorites that have already been defeated include:

- The Walking Dead
- MASH
- Perry Mason Series
- Sex and the City
- Good Omens
- Walt Longmire Series



Standards for Public Libraries and Your Library's Website

You may have noticed that there are website requirements included in the North Dakota State Library Standards for Public Libraries that your library needs to meet to reach the different tiers.

Developing Libraries need to note their location, hours, contact information, and services, along with providing access to the North Dakota State Library and statewide databases on their websites.

Along with the above requirements, **Excelling Libraries** need to include their library's policies on their websites.

Along with the above requirements, **Future-Focused Libraries** need to include a unique and recognizable logo incorporated on their websites.

If you need assistance with adding any of these elements to your library's WordPress website, contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov** or 701-328-4656.

Conflict in Ukraine LibGuide

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) has published a new resource on LibGuides: **Conflict in Ukraine**. The purpose of the guide is to provide access to reliable information and increase understanding of the conflict.

The guide is largely a compilation of links to books, databases, articles, etc., from reliable sources that provide more in-depth context and information on the conflict. Resources available from NDSL are also shared. Additionally, the guide provides links to organizations that are asking for assistance in helping the people of Ukraine, as well as information about North Dakota's ties to the country.

News, Grants, and Webinars

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Webinars

Climate Change Library Lab: Climate Preparedness in Your ...

Climate change and associated natural disasters are a growing issue for libraries. The Climate Change Library Lab team will discuss what you and your library can do to be prepared for climate disasters, how to educate your community, and how

Little Free Library launches a mobile app

Need to find a free book, fast? Now there's an app for that. Little Free Library (LFL), the local nonprofit behind those neighborhood book boxes that span the world, launched a mobile app on Tuesday to help bookworms locate their next read - or...

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Webinar: 2022 NoveList Summer Reading Kickoff | NoveList

Join us on April 6 for the 2022 Summer Reading Kickoff event as we take a tour of all the ways NoveList can help you plan, promote, and produce your best summer reading yet! Stops along the way include:

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Rural Public Library Grants

Children's Book Project Program Grants Rural public libraries in the United States that have suffered loss and damage due to recent natural disasters (flooding, fire, hurricanes, etc.) may be eligible for special non-matching grants: Disaster...

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Libraries Build Business Webinar for Global Library ...

All libraries, no matter the size of their staff or budget, have a role to play in their community's small business ecosystem. Libraries Build Business (LLB) is an initiative of the American Library Association intended to build capacity in...

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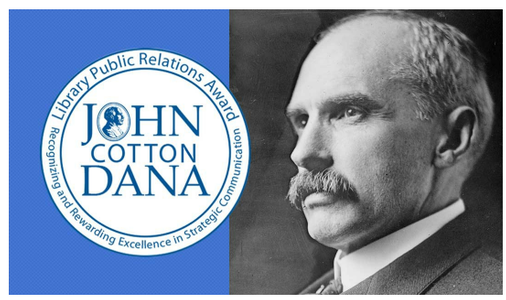

John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award | EBSCO

Honoring outstanding library public relationsThe John Cotton Dana Award honors outstanding library public relations, whether a summer reading program, a year-long centennial celebration, fundraising for a new college library, an awareness ...

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National Library Workers Day

NLWD is a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. Nominate a stellar library worker!Nominations may come from library users, students, children, ...

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EBSCO Solar | EBSCO

EBSCO Solar is a grant program that funds solar installations at libraries. This year, we are providing $300,000 in grants to libraries looking to fund a solar project to offset electricity costs. Applications will be accepted until April 29, 2022...

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New Consumer Health Complete™ interface and content coming

We are pleased to inform customers that, in Spring 2022 (Northern Hemisphere), EBSCO will release several new enhancements to its Consumer Health Complete database product. In addition to an infusion of new and updated content, the dedicated ...

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