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School Library Month

While school librarians advocate for library services year-round, April is a special month during the academic year. It's School Library Month! April 2022 marks the 37th observance of this celebration. On top of that, April 3-9, 2022, is National Library Week and April 4th is National School Librarian Day (Hopkins, 2022). Take this time to celebrate your awesome selves and your fabulous programs!

History of School Library Month

School Library Month began in April 1985. The original name was "School Library Media Month." This title would be changed in 2010 to its current title of "School Library Month." The first theme for celebrating the school library was "Where Learning Never Ends: The School Library Media Center." On the west steps of the U.S. Capitol, New York Senator Daniel P. Moynihan delivered the keynote, telling school librarians, "I want to thank you for what you do. I hope you know how important your work is. You change lives for the better. You touch people while they can still be touched" (School Library, n.d.).

Why are School Libraries and Librarians Important?

While the stereotypical role of the school librarian entails conducting read-alouds and expecting students to quietly check out materials, the reality of this job involves so much more. The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) gives a sample job description for school librarians. The complete document can be found at **https://standards.aasl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SL-Job-Description_3-30-2020.pdf**. Expectations include duties such as "championing for equity, access, and intellectual freedom for users," "fostering exploration, discovery, creation, and innovation in a growth mindset," and "teaching all members of the learning community (this includes other educators) to engage with and use information in a global society."

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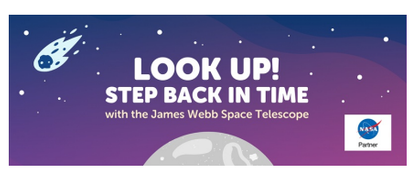
Upcoming Online Reading Challenges Through Beanstack

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2022
May 01, 2022 - May 31, 2022

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated each year from May 1–31. Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander voices through recommended books and activities. Log your reading and activities here to earn badges all month long.

Look Up! Step Back in Time with the James Webb Space Telescope [NASA]
May 01, 2022 - May 31, 2022



Welcome to the Look Up! Step Back in Time with the James Webb Space Telescope challenge. This challenge is designed to help you explore the science behind NASA's newest space telescope mission, the **James Webb Space Telescope** (JWST), now in orbit around a point in deep space known as the second Lagrange point, or L2. JWST is the most advanced infrared space telescope ever launched and allows scientists to look deeper into time and space than ever before! Read books about space science, watch videos, and complete activities to complete this challenge.

Next Discussion:
Thursday, April 7 at 2:00 PM CT

On the first Thursday of each month, the North Dakota State Library hosts a Zoom meeting for people to discuss ways to market and promote their library's services and resources. It is open to people from all library types and positions.

The next discussion will be on April 7, 2022, at 2:00 PM CT. Register at **bit.ly/NDLibraryMarketing**.

A new feature is the North Dakota Library Marketers Facebook Group where people can discuss an array of library marketing topics. Join the group by going t o **www.facebook.com/groups/ndlibrarymarketers/**.

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

US Newsstream

Are you tired of being stopped by paywalls when trying to read news articles from the Washington Post, The New York Times, Bismarck Tribune, or The Wall Street Journal? Check out US Newsstream on the **State Library's Online Library Resources webpage**.

US Newsstream enables users to search current U.S. news content, as well as archives that stretch back into the 1980s. It features top newspapers, wires, broadcast transcripts, blogs, and news sites in full-text format.

If you are interested in learning how to conduct basic and advanced searches, there is a course available through **Niche Academy**.

If you have any questions about US Newsstream or any of the other online library resources available, contact the State Library at **statelib@nd.gov** or 701-328-4622.

North Dakota Library Tidbits

JRVLS Committee Continues Exploration of Space Needs

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - James River Valley Library System (JRVLS) knows the role of the public library is changing and they want to make sure they're changing with it. One of these ways is expanding their online services. Library...

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Williston Herald

Williston Community Library celebrates National Library Week

Williston Community Library is inviting the public to come celebrate reading during National Library Week, April 3 to 9. Getting back to their regular annual tradition, the Library is hosting an open house on Tuesday, April 5. Free and open to...

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Williston Community Library to host Second Annual...

The Williston Community Library is hopping into Spring with the second annual Community Egg Hunt March 31 in Williston. Held at Davidson Park, the egg

Sanford Health introduces new way of seeing for...

FARGO, N.D. (KVRR) - A Fargo woman struggling with macular degeneration is looking for devices to make her life easier. Roberta LeClerc was diagnosed with macular degeneration in 2019 and simple

hunt will be split into two times, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m.

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tasks have become impossible as her vision...

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Fargo Library commemorates 25th anniversary of 1997...

FARGO - To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the historic 1997 flooding in the Red River Valley, the Fargo Public Library is hosting a series of kid-friendly events related to local author Elizabeth Raum's 2021 middle-grade novel "Storm Warning" .

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Bismarck library partners kids with dogs to increase reading

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - There's a reason why dogs are often called "man's best friend." They are always happy to see you and great listeners. The Bismarck Public Library and these dogs are ready to give kids a bit of a confidence boost through...

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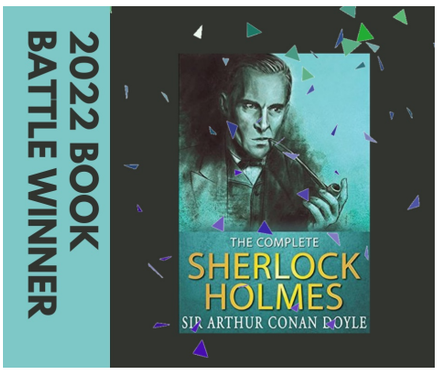
2022 Book Battle Winner



The winner of the 2022 ND State Library Book Battles is Sherlock Holmes! Thank you to everyone who participated!

The battle to the top was not an easy one, but the Sherlock Holmes series received enough votes to beat MASH, Sharp Objects, The Queen's Gambit, The Handmaid's Tale, and the Bridgerton Series to win the title.

This annual competition takes place each March to coincide with the March Madness Basketball Tournament. If you have ideas for next year's theme, please send them to **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

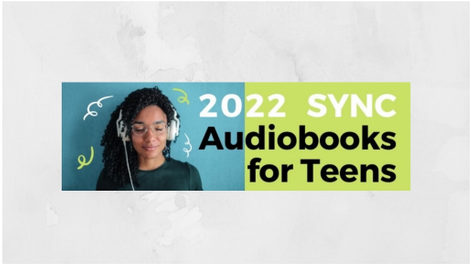
Engaging People Living with Dementia with Library Materials Webinar

Save Thursday, April 28, at 1:00 pm CT for a free webinar entitled “Engaging People Living with Dementia with Library Materials.” This webinar will give practical advice about how to choose books and other reading materials that are uniquely suited to each individual, following the tenets of person-centered care. In addition, ideas for developing group programming will be shared, based on successful programs held in libraries and memory cafes across the country and around the globe.

Speakers include Mary Beth Riedner, creator of Tales & Travel; Tami Hurst, outreach staff member for Olathe (KS) Public Library; and Christine Damon, gerontologist and consultant.

Sponsored by the Library Services for Dementia/Alzheimer’s interest group (LSDA/ODLOS/ALA). More information about free registration and the link will be coming soon.

News, Grants, and Webinars



Promotional Tools for SYNC Supporters

Digital Collections at Your Library: Community, Culture,

Digital collections at your library can

All the library staff, teachers, youth group facilitators, and others who make sure to get out the word about SYNC at the local level are essential to the program's successful delivery.To support your local efforts, we have released this year's...

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preserve local histories and artifacts at risk of being lost. They offer an opportunity to represent the diversity of stories and voices in your community likely missing from your physical collection. But...

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Shake Up Your Shelves: Examining AAPI Representation in ...

Now more than ever, it is important for teachers and librarians to include culturally authentic books in curricula and library collections that uplift and center Asian-American and Pacific Islander voices.

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CSLP Youth Mental Health & Libraries Webinar Series

The CSLP's Child and Community Well-Being Committee (CCWB) is excited to announce a new video series about library programming in support of youth mental and physical health. This series was developed to share successful well-being-focused ...

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