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Homework Help For Students Grades K-5

The North Dakota State Library and numerous public and school libraries across the state offer online resources that give students quick access to credible sources covering common topics. These educational resources can be used for homework help, projects, and learning at home. Plus, with integrated tools, users can easily save, share, and download content from many of these online library resources.

Here are resources geared toward students in grades K-5:

<u>Britannica School</u> includes encyclopedias, e-books, magazines, websites, news, biographies, and other trusted sources. Learning is interactive with videos, games, graphics, and animations to make it fun.

<u>Explora Primary</u> provides students with easy-to-use features and age-appropriate content from the world's leading magazines and reference books.

<u>Gale In Context: Elementary</u> provides credible information with full-text proprietary content from top publishers to help grade-schoolers become comfortable researching.

<u>PebbleGo</u> and <u>PebbleGo Next</u> help your student learn foundational research skills plus provides critical early-reader supports like audio voice-overs and text highlighting.

You can find these resources under the Students section on the <u>State Library's Online Resources</u> <u>webpage</u>. Check with your local school or public library or contact the State Library at 701-328-4622 or <u>statelib@nd.gov</u> for more information.

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John Lewis Autobiography

With the passing of John Lewis, this month we would like to highlight his graphic novel autobiography - March. This award-winning, three-volume series is available in the State Library's <u>print collection</u> and on <u>RBdigital</u>.



E-Audiobook Series: Mystery (Part 1)

For maximum escapism, here are the series with the highest number of available e-audiobook titles. And they are all set to unlimited simultaneous usage, so no holds! Check them out <u>today</u>!

- Number One Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith (14 vol.)
- Southern Sisters Mysteries by Anne George (7 vol.)
- Charlotte and Thomas Pitt by Anne Perry (12 vol.)
- Joe Pickett by C.J. Box (20 vol.*)
- Aimee Leduc by Cara Black (14 vol.)
- Sarah Booth Delaney by Carolyn Haines (23 vol.)
- Sookie Stackhouse/True Blood by Charlaine Harris (15 vol.)
- Aurora Teagarden by Charlaine Harris (8 vol.)
- Bryant & May by Christopher Fowler (13 vol.)
- Longmire by Craig Johnson (16 vol.*)



- Goldy Culinary Mysteries by Diane Mott Davidson (7 vol.)
- Mrs. Pollifax by Dorothy Gilman (14 vol.)
- Benni Harper by Earlene Fowler (6 vol.)
- Amelia Peabody by Elizabeth Peters (12 vol.)
- Rabbi David Small by Harry Kemelman (12 vol.)
- Dave Robicheaux by James Lee Burke (7 vol.)
- Irene Kelly by Jan Burke (11 vol.)
- Hannah Swenson by Joanne Fluke (16 vol.*)
- Donovan Creed by John Locke (8 vol.)
- Prey/Lucas Davenport by John Sandford (14 vol.*)
- Virgil Flowers by John Sandford (7 vol.*)

* Later titles in the series are not unlimited simultaneous use

New Items At The North Dakota State Library

The North Dakota State Library will mail out items from the collection to anyone in North Dakota who has a State Library card. If you don't already have a library card with the State Library, fill out an <u>online application</u> and a card will be sent to you.

New E-Audiobooks



New E-Books



NoveList

Have you ever finished a great book and wanted to find more just like it? Or wanted to help your child find just the right book to read? The NoveList database is a helpful resource to help readers match up with the books that are right for them.

NoveList connects readers to their next book by making recommendations for what to read next.

One of the most popular elements is read-alikes. This feature suggests titles that are "just like" other titles. You can also use the read-alike feature for authors and series.

By identifying the right books for every reader, it helps younger readers achieve reading success. Parents, teachers, and students can search by age, reading level, grade, and more.

If you have any questions, please contact the State Library at <u>ndsltrain@nd.gov</u>.

The Russian Revolution: A New History by Sean McMeekin

Reviewed by Aaron Severson

For readers with a passion for history, Professor Sean McMeekin's *The Russian Revolution: a new history* is, in my opinion, essential reading. This 350+ page tome contains a fascinating examination of the events leading up to and after one of the most sweeping political upheavals in the modern era. The machinations of the Tsarist regime, the Russian radicals, and outside political influences are all critically assessed, often with new focus on previously unexplored resources. This is McMeekin's wheelhouse; his seventh book on an era and geographical range that is clearly his passion.

My only complaint (a minor one), is that the cast of characters is so vast, I often found myself back-tracking to remind myself of their relevance to the playing out of this history.



Ultimately, I found this to be a fast-paced, thorough, and incredibly rewarding read. This isn't just a recitation of facts and analysis; this is a dynamic narrative of complex, intriguing, and often tragic events.

Course of the Month: ProQuest U.S. Newsstream



This month's course will take a look at some short lessons on our database US Newsstream. The introduction will cover some of the major newspapers that this database has access to. The local newspapers that are available are the Bismarck Tribune and the Grand Forks Herald. This course will continue with lessons on how to search the database, some searchable fields, and even show some sample searches so that the users know they are doing it correctly. This course and others are available on our database Niche Academy.

If you have any questions, please e-mail us at ndsltrain@nd.gov.

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