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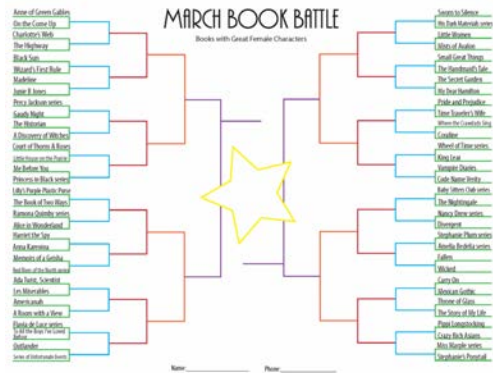
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Book Battles

It's March, and that means the State Library is excited to announce this year's theme for the Book Battles - Books With Great Female Characters. This list is full of both fictional and real women/girls

The book list and the bracket can be found [here](#). Once you have the entire bracket filled out with whom you believe is going to win, send a picture, scan, or saved copy to ndslpa@nd.gov or through the mail to ND State Library, 604 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND 58505.



Battles will take place on Facebook or through e-mail - if you would like to vote via e-mail, please include that with your bracket.

All North Dakota residents can participate with a bracket. Anyone can vote.

If you have any questions, please contact BreAnne at ndslpa@nd.gov or 701-328-4622.

Introduction to Gardening

Self-Paced, Online Class

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North Dakota State Library

11

Lessons

25

Exams & Assignments

6

Hours average time

0.6

CEUs

Video Audit Available

Does the recent spring-like weather make you want to get her hands in the soil and plant? Have you always wanted to start a garden but just were not sure how to start?

In addition to the many print resources and state documents that the North Dakotas State Library has in its collection, [Universal Class](#) also has an Introduction to Gardening class available free of charge for anyone with either a State Library card or card from a public library in North Dakota. Introduction to Gardening will take you from identifying the basic plant parts all the way to the production of fruit or flowers. You will learn about soil, garden maintenance, pest control, as well as how to grow herb, vegetable, and flower gardens.

This course is broken down into 11 courses and will take approximately 6 hours to complete. It can be found under the Crafts & Hobbies section. Afterward, you get your green thumb on and get into gardening!

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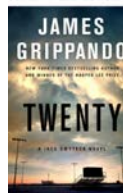
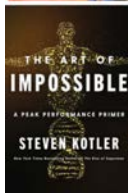
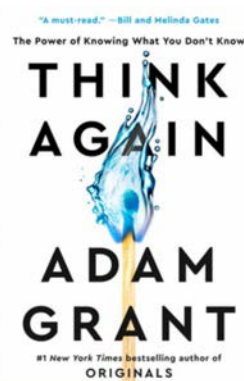
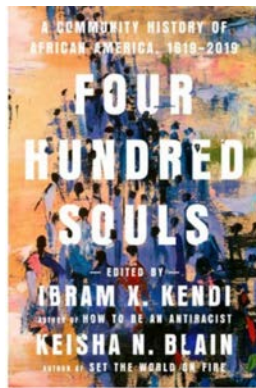
Are you using the Mango database to learn a new language? Create and upload a video where you explain why you're learning a language and why you love Mango for a chance to win a #LanguagesAnAdventure Kit. The kit includes a hiking backpack, hat, water bottle, power bank, 15 function multi-tool, and more!

Upload your video at <https://bit.ly/3b32DNc>.

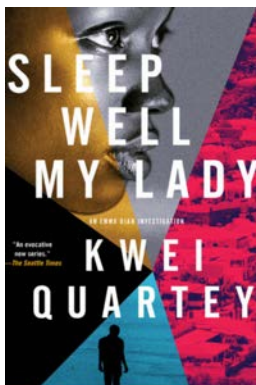
[Mango Languages](#) is available with your library card.

New Items Available at the North Dakota State Library

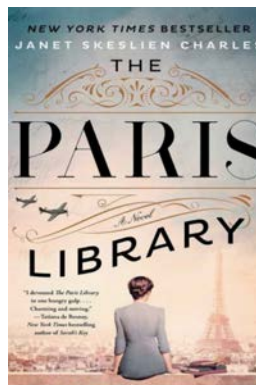
New Nonfiction Books



New E-Books



New E-Audiobooks



New North Dakota Books



New E-Magazines



Over 3,000 magazine titles, including *National Geographic*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *Vanity Fair*, are now available without waitlists or holds on the [Libby app through OverDrive](#). At the end of the checkout period, the magazines will be automatically returned, but you can check them out again right away.

Users will need to have an active library card and a PIN - if you are using a State Library card, your PIN is your last name, all lowercase.

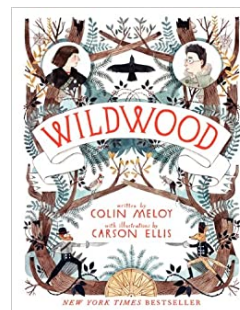
Book Review

"Wildwood" by Colin Meloy, with illustrations by Carson Ellis

Reviewed by Amanda Person

Imagine an American city that is bordered by an 'Impassable Wilderness' – an untouched forest into which no one enters and about which the adults of the city never speak.

Prue McKeel lives in the city on the edge of this wild wood, and as the book begins, is witness to her baby brother being abducted by a murder of crows – the flock simply carries young Mac into the Impassable Wilderness one afternoon. So begins Prue's journey to bring her brother home. A not-quite-friend, Curtis, follows Prue as she crosses the border, and each character has many adventures in this strange land. We learn more about the wild wood, and the people, bandits, and talking animals living there.



This richly imagined story is reminiscent of 'The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe', in that children enter a strange place and take sides in an ongoing civil war before quite understanding what the fighting is all about. With dozens of simply lovely illustrations throughout the book, including several full-page color plates, this richly imagined and whimsical story makes Wildwood a place you will want to return to, which you can, as this book is the first in a trilogy!

"Wildwood" is available in [regular print](#) at the State Library and as an e-audiobook in [OverDrive](#).

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