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New Loan Periods For State Library Items

Beginning September 1, the North Dakota State Library will begin circulating all materials in the collection for eight weeks. Patrons can have up to 20 items checked out.

“The State Library is updating our circulation periods so that it is easier for patrons to utilize our collection,” says North Dakota State Librarian Mary Soucie. “No matter what type of material they check out, the item will be due back in eight weeks. We recognize that sometimes that still might not be long enough, so we are allowing one renewal as well. We believe this will better meet the needs of the library community, state agencies and North Dakota citizens across the state.”

Whether you are checking out regular print books, large print books, state documents, book club kits, or any of the other items from the State Library's collection, you will get eight weeks to enjoy them.

Electronic materials available through the Libby app or on OverDrive will still have a checkout period of 14 or 21 days, depending on your settings.

For more information or assistance, contact the State Library's Information Desk at 701-328-4622 | 800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov.

Changes To STEM And Book Club Kits

Beginning September 1, all STEM and book club kits will be available to reserve through our online catalog at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org/>. The catalog link is also at the top of our homepage at <http://library.nd.gov>.

You can search by title if you know the name of the kit you would like to reserve.

If you do not know the name or want to see all the available kits, use one of the following two search terms: ndsl stem or ndsl book club. Either upper or lower case works, but make sure you put a space between book and club.

For more information on how to request/reserve kits, please visit our Kits FAQs page at <http://library.nd.gov/kitfaqs.html> or contact us at 701-328-4622 or statelib@nd.gov.

There will also be a webinar on how to request kits on September 8 at 3:30 PM. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wjnMcFvjRSqYPrm42od9MQ.

September Reading Challenge

NASA's Artemis Project: To The Moon, Mars, and Beyond

NASA is readying the first mission of the Artemis spaceflight program! In ancient Greek mythology, Artemis was the goddess of the Moon and twin sister to the sun god Apollo. Much like NASA's Apollo program, which took humans to the Moon in the 1960s and 1970s, the Artemis program will take humans back to the Moon and prepare us for traveling to Mars and beyond for the first time.



Learn more about the Artemis program and NASA's plans for a new generation of crewed spaceflight by completing the activity badges in this reading and activity challenge!

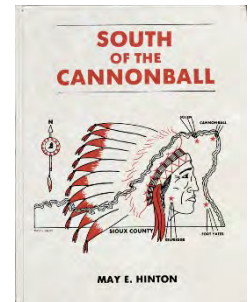
Register today at <https://librarynd.beanstack.org/reader365>.

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

Here is a highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

North Dakota Histories

- Ramsey County, North Dakota: 1883-1983, Volume 3
- South of the Cannon Ball: A History of Sioux, the War Bonnet County



ND Memories

- Baptismal certificate of Lawrence Fandrich, 1933
- Driving tour video of New Rockford, N.D., 1991
- Friedenstal Church interior, Bessarabia
- Glueckstal Lutheran Church, Kidder County, N.D., 1983
- Glueckstal Lutheran Church parade float, Tappen, N.D., 1966
- National Guard exercises, New Rockford area, N.D., 1950s
- Report card of Hedwig Tiede, Napoleon, N.D., 1942
- St. James Academy graduation, New Rockford, N.D., 1953
- Threshing scenes, New Rockford area, N.D., 1950s
- Trinity Lutheran Church commemorative plate, Napoleon, N.D., 1987



North Dakota State Documents

- The Nodak Guardsman
 - 1954-1957, 1966-1972, 1992

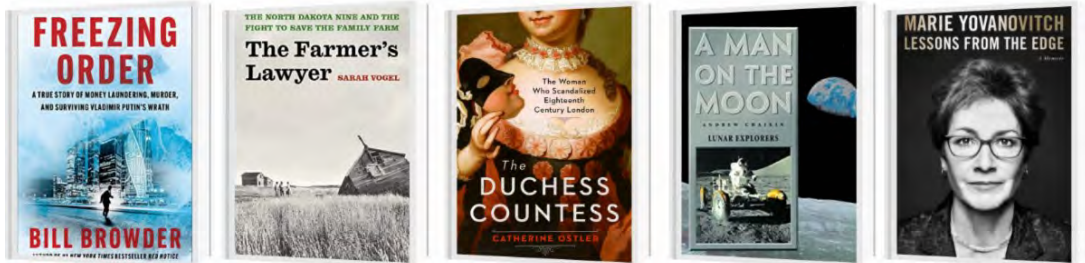
Find thousands of images, documents, videos, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today at <http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/>.

New Items Available at the North Dakota State Library

New Fiction Books



New Nonfiction Books



New Fiction E-Books



New Nonfiction E-Books



New Fiction E-Audiobooks



New Nonfiction E-Audiobooks



Book Club Kit

"Daughter of a Daughter of a Queen" by Sarah Bird

Though born into bondage on a "miserable tobacco farm" in Little Dixie, Missouri, Cathy Williams was never allowed to consider herself a slave. According to her mother, she was a captive, destined by her noble warrior blood to escape the enemy. Her chance at freedom presents itself with the arrival of Union General Phillip Henry "Smash 'em Up" Sheridan, the outcast of West Point, who takes the rawboned, prideful young woman into service.



At war's end, having tasted freedom, Cathy refuses to return to servitude and makes the monumental decision to disguise herself as a man and join the Army's legendary Buffalo Soldiers. Alone now in the ultimate man's world, Cathy must fight not only for her survival and freedom, but she also vows to never give up on finding her mother, her little sister, and the love of the only man strong enough to win her heart.

This kit comes with ten books, a discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.

Book Club kits can be checked out for eight weeks. Request it today at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org/polaris>.

Team Management and Leadership

Self-Paced, Online Class

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North Dakota State Library

15
Lessons

16
Exams & Assignments

10
Hours average time

1.0
CEUs

Video Audit Available

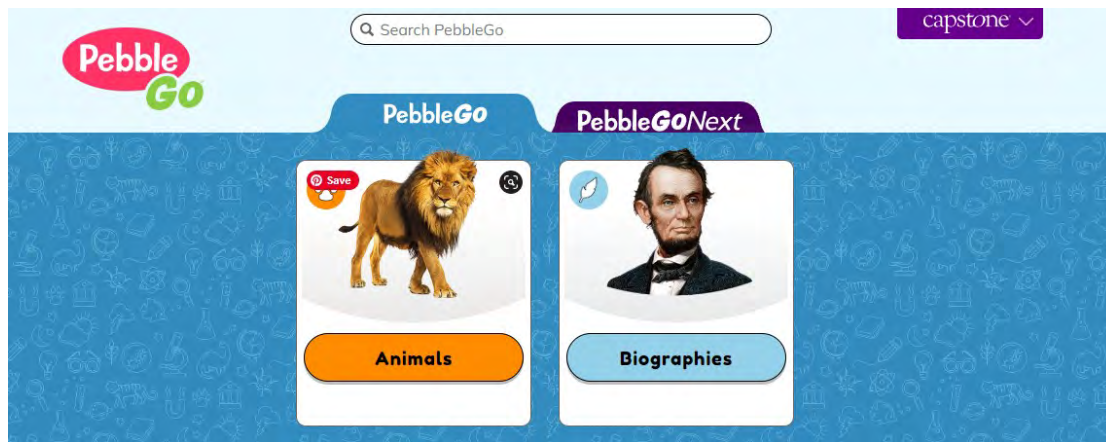
Team Management and Leadership

Submitted by Al Peterson

The second full week of September celebrates National Compassionate Leadership Week to create a more compassionate world. Our lives can become unpredictable due to constant disruption in our daily routines. As we shuffle our family life with our professional life, we often feel overwhelmed and uncertain. We often turn to our colleagues for leadership and guidance.

Team Management and Leadership through Universal Class can guide you to become the transformative leader needed to guide your team through difficult times. This course teaches the skills that all leaders need: communication, delegation, management, and coaching. It also includes an in-depth look at how leaders manage during a transition and the skills they need to get their team through a crisis.

This 15-lesson, self-paced course is available through Universal Class and can be found at <https://www.universalclass.com/northdakotastatend>.



Online Library Resource

PebbleGo

Are you looking for an online library resource specifically geared toward the needs of K-2 learners? PebbleGo helps your child learn foundational research skills and provides critical early-reader support with audio voiceovers and text highlighting.

The easy navigation makes it inviting for kids to discover new information. With features like videos and fun games, kids are kept engaged and learning skills and fun facts.

Your State Library card gives you access to two PebbleGo modules – Animals and Biographies.

The Animals module includes information on the habitat, food, life cycle, and fun facts about amphibians, birds, fish, insects and spiders, invertebrates, mammals, and reptiles. There is also information on dinosaurs, pets and farm animals, animal classification, and more.

The biography module includes information on the early life, life's work, later years, and contributions of actors, artists, astronauts, athletes, explorers, history makers, scientists, and more.

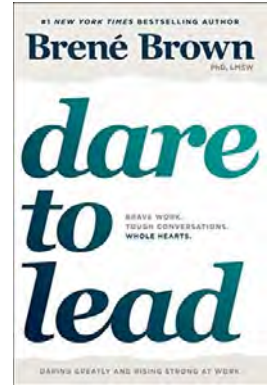
If you have questions or need assistance accessing PebbleGo or any other online library resources, contact the State Library Information Desk at 701-328-4622 | 1-800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov.

Book Review

"Dare To Lead: Brave Work, Tough Conversations, Whole Hearts" by Brené Brown

Reviewed by Carmen Redding

"Dare to Lead" is a thought-provoking, leadership-shaping book written by the passionate, feisty author Brené Brown. She affirms that people aren't necessarily born leaders, but rather, anyone can grow to be a leader.



Brown recognizes that everyone has vulnerabilities, including herself. She addresses those vulnerabilities by leading the reader through myths they have grown to accept and the shame and guilt that drives potential leaders to be less than they really are.

Brown teaches all leaders the value of empathy, how to momentarily set aside their own need to be heard, and instead empower others and, in doing so, empower themselves.

This book shares, what I believe, to be some naked truths about the human psyche. As I read this book, I felt uncomfortable as I recognized and worked through my own shortcomings to grow as a person and leader. Brown uses language that is raw at times. But don't allow that to cloud the messages we all need to hear.

"Dare to Lead" is available in multiple formats. Request it today at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org/polaris> or on the Libby app.

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