

# Connections



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## Change In Circulation Policy Regarding Borrowing Periods and Renewals Submitted by Steve Hammel

In the past, items checked out from the North Dakota State Library had different circulation periods. Most were four weeks with one renewal. As part of the reorganization of our collection, library management decided to make all circulating periods the same length. Therefore, as of January 1st, 2023, all items checked out from the North Dakota State Library have an eight-week circulation period with no renewals. Patrons involved in longer-term research projects may be granted a renewal from the Patron Services Director upon request.

Please note that items borrowed from another library through Interlibrary Loan (ILL) will be subject to the lending library's loan period, which may be shorter. ILL materials may or may not be renewable and are determined by the lending library.

### Beanstack Reading Challenges

#### 100 Books Before Graduation (Ongoing) (Ages: 6th-12th Grade)

The more you read, the more you know! Join this challenge and read 100 books before graduating! Log your reading in Beanstack, and earn a new set of badges!



#### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (Ongoing) (Ages: 0-5)

Enjoy reading 1,000 books with your little ones! Log reading and earn badges all along the way. Encourage a lifetime love of reading for your child.



#### 500 Books Before Middle School (Ongoing) (Ages: K-6th Grade)

Can you read 500 books before middle school? You bet you can! Join this challenge and work towards new badges along the way!



#### Financial Literacy Challenge (April 1-30) (Ages: Everyone)

April is Financial Literacy Month! Grow your financial interest with this month's challenge. Complete activities related to financial literacy to earn your badges.



#### Spring Into Reading (April 1-30) (Ages: Everyone)

Spring into reading with your community! Log your reading throughout the challenge to earn a new set of colorful badges.

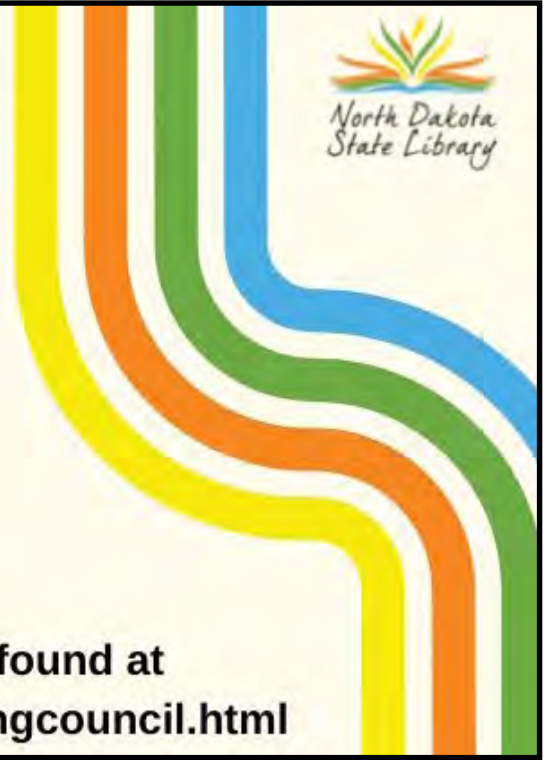


Sign up today at <https://librarynd.beanstack.org/reader365>.

# Library Coordinating Council Vacancies

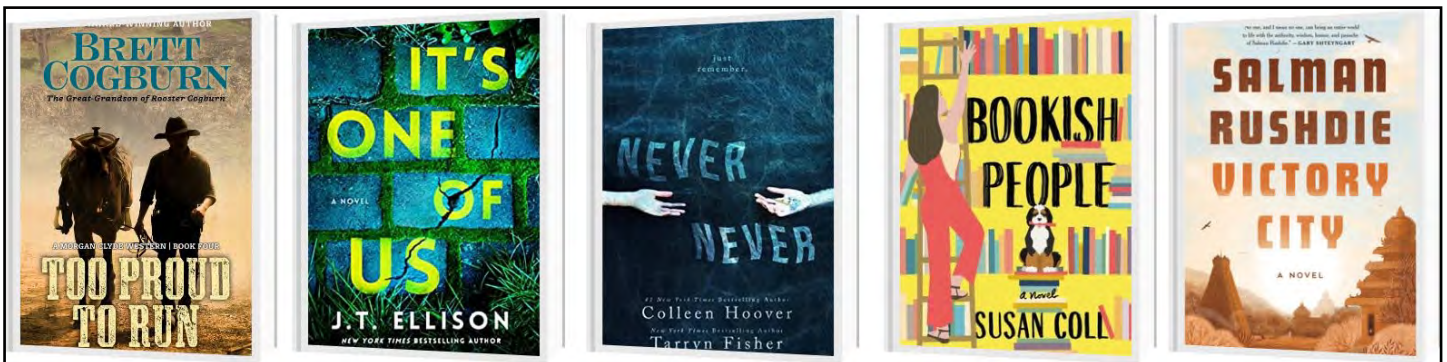
## At-Large Seat Public Library Seat

More information can be found at  
<http://library.nd.gov/coordinatingcouncil.html>

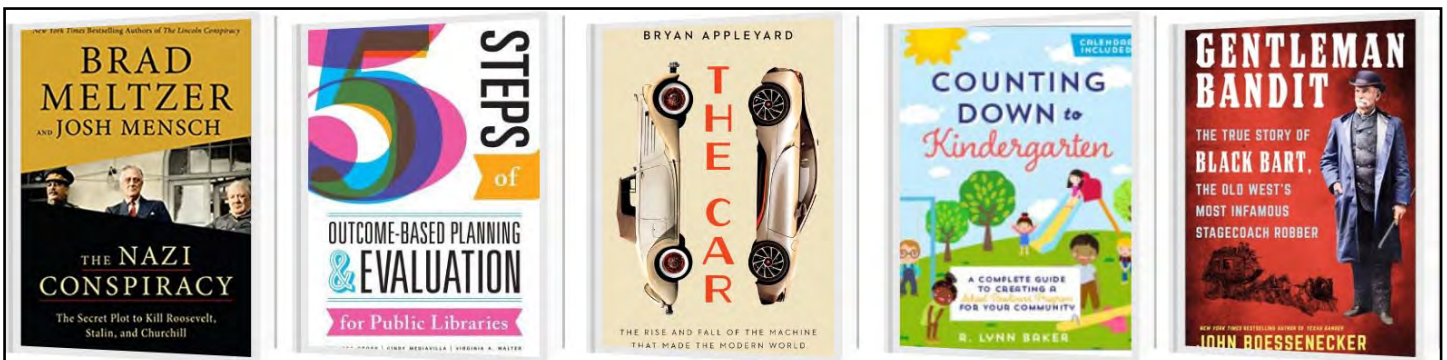


## New Items At The North Dakota State Library

### Fiction Books



### Nonfiction Books



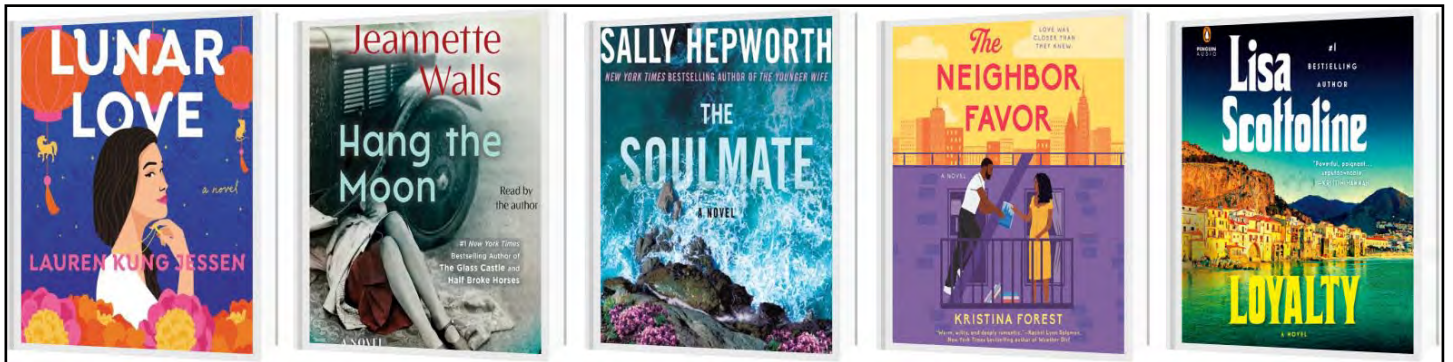
**Fiction E-Books**



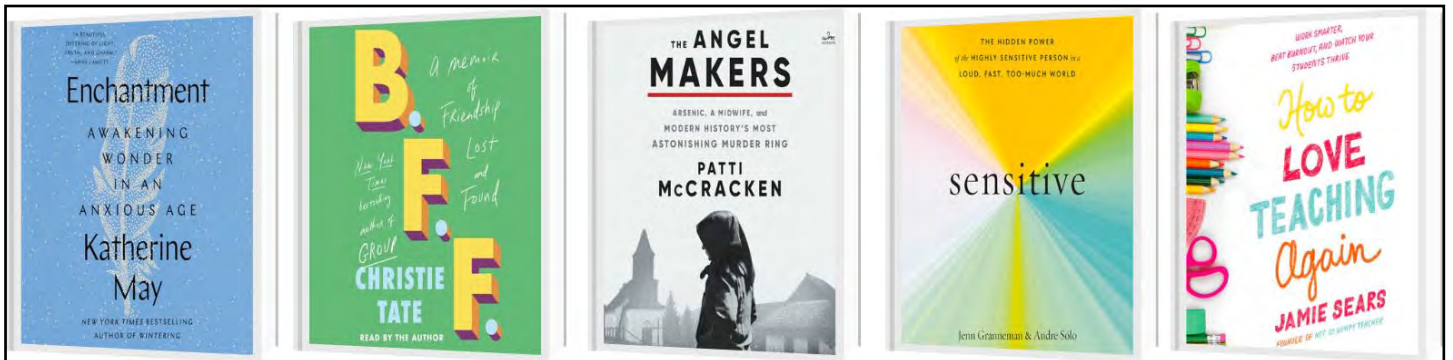
**Nonfiction E-Books**



**Fiction E-Audiobooks**



**Nonfiction E-Audiobooks**



## E-Magazines



## Introduction to Gardening



Self-Paced, Online Class

+ Join this Course

North Dakota State Library

11

Lessons

25

Exams & Assignments

6

Hours average time

0.6

CEUs



Video Audit Available

## Introduction to Gardening

### Submitted by AI Peterson

Are you starting to get that gardening itch despite all the snow? Are you interested in gardening and looking for advice on how to get started? Do you want to take charge of your own food security and provide fresh fruits and vegetables to your family, plus add beauty to your life with fresh flowers? The easiest way to make this decision is to take Introduction to Gardening in Universal Class, a course that will guide you step by easy step through the process of deciding what kind of garden you wish to start, where to place it, how to be certain that the soil is ready and good for growing, and how to know what to plant and where to plant it.

Introduction to Gardening will take you from the basic plant parts and why they are important all the way to the production of fruit. You will discover the importance of having good soil, including what that means and how to correct it in your yard. You'll discover that a gardener's best friend is the composter and why making your own compost is such an important skill. Other learning outcomes include pest and disease control, garden maintenance, difficult gardening, and creating beautiful and fruitful flower, vegetable, and herb gardens. All told, there are eleven lessons in this course designed to make you a better gardener.

Check out this and other gardening courses available in Universal Class at  
<https://www.universalclass.com/northdakotastatend.>

## New Items Added to Digital Horizons

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

### Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection

- Plane at the Bismarck airport, 1939
- Plane at the Minot airport, circa 1940



### North Dakota Histories

- The Norwegian Farmers in the United States

### North Dakota Memories

- Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and By-laws of the North Dakota Wheat Growers Association, 1922
- North Dakota State Capitol, Bismarck, N.D., circa 1915-1930
- Portrait of James Robinson, circa 1919
- Portrait of Minnie Clarke Budlong, circa 1919
- Portrait of U.S. Senator Gronna, circa 1911-1921
- Portrait of Walter C. Taylor, circa 1913 [ND Insurance Commissioner]
- Portrait of William Nuessle, circa 1919
- Tangsruds with their Model T, Divide County, N.D., 1927
- Women attending Mayville State Teachers College, circa 1906



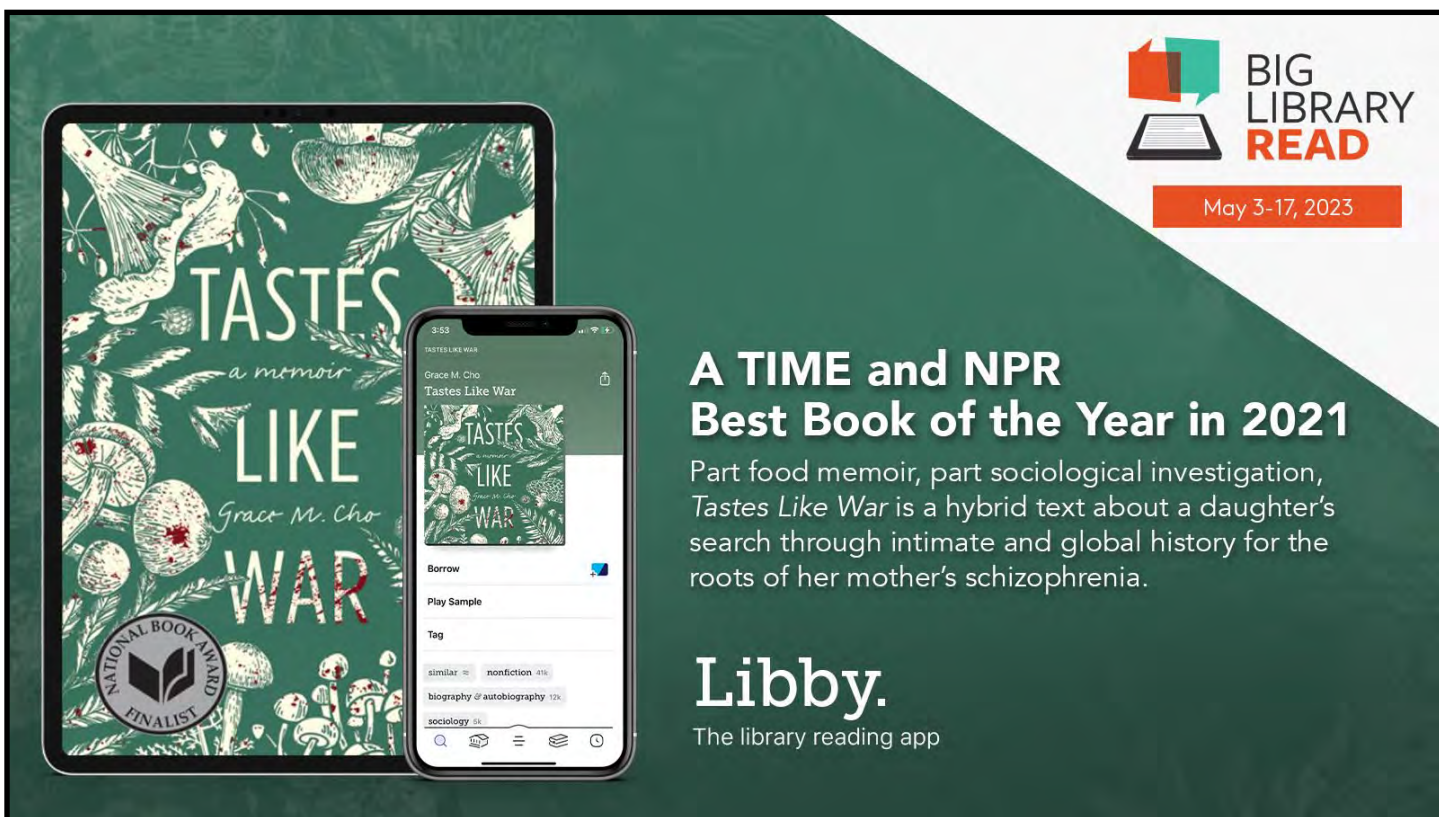
### North Dakota State Documents

- A Brief Survey of the Public Library Commission of the State of North Dakota, 1919
- Report of the ND Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, 1889-1890
- Reports of Cases Decided in the North Dakota Supreme Court (volumes 47-50)

### Political Prairie Fire

- Biting on League Granite, 1918 [political cartoon]
- Fired! [political cartoon - IVA and NPL]
- Intense Feeling Marks Closing Sessions of Legislative Assembly, 1919 [article from the "Jamestown Weekly Alert"]
- Old Doc Gang Prescribes a Sugar-Coated Pill, 1916 [political cartoon]
- Our Socialist Autocracy: Some of the Things They Have Done or Attempted in North Dakota Under the Guise of "The Farmers Program"
- Portrait of James R. Waters, circa 1919
- Portrait of Frederick W. Cathro, circa 1919
- Scandinavian American Bank advertisement, Fargo, N.D., 1915
- Swat the Fly! [politician cartoon - IVA and NPL]
- The Bank of North Dakota: An Experiment in Agrarian Banking
- The Farmer Alights at Bismarck [political cartoon - IVA and NPL]
- The Record of North Dakota's State Industries, 1920
- The Story of the Nonpartisan League: A Chapter in American Evolution, 1920
- The Ventriloquist [political cartoon - IVA and NPL]
- What Makes More Noise Than a Pig Under a Gate? [political cartoon - IVA and NPL]





**BIG LIBRARY READ**  
May 3-17, 2023

**A TIME and NPR  
Best Book of the Year in 2021**

Part food memoir, part sociological investigation, *Tastes Like War* is a hybrid text about a daughter's search through intimate and global history for the roots of her mother's schizophrenia.

**Libby.**  
The library reading app

## Next Big Library Read Coming May 5-17

Readers in North Dakota can enjoy a National Book Award Finalist novel during Big Library Read, the world's largest digital book club. From May 3 to 17, book lovers with a valid library card from the ND State Library or other participating libraries can join thousands of others around the globe in borrowing Grace M. Cho's evocative memoir. *Tastes Like War* will be available for simultaneous use in ebook and audiobook formats between May 3 and 17 on the Libby app or by visiting <https://ndlibrary2go.overdrive.com/>. During the program, facilitated by OverDrive, readers can participate in engaging online discussions about the title.

*Tastes Like War* tells the story of Grace M. Cho who grew up as the daughter of a white American merchant marine and the Korean bar hostess he met abroad. They were one of few immigrants in a xenophobic small town during the Cold War, where identity was politicized by everyday details—language, cultural references, memories, and food. When Grace was fifteen, her dynamic mother experienced the onset of schizophrenia, a condition that would continue and evolve for the rest of her life. Part food memoir, part sociological investigation, *Tastes Like War* is a hybrid text about a daughter's search through intimate and global history for the roots of her mother's schizophrenia.

The title can be read on all major computers and devices through Libby, including iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets and Chromebook™ without waitlists or holds. The title will automatically expire at the end of the lending period, and there are no late fees.

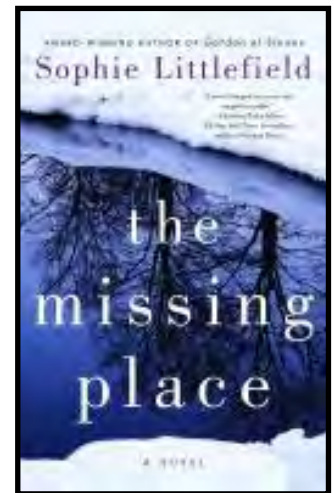
Download the Libby app or visit <https://ndlibrary2go.overdrive.com/> to get started.

For more information, contact the State Library at [statelib@nd.gov](mailto:statelib@nd.gov) or 701-328-4622.

# Book Club Kit

## “The Missing Place” by Sophie Littlefield

“The booming North Dakota oil business is spawning “man camps,” shantytowns full of men hired to work on the rigs, in towns without enough housing to accommodate them. In such twilight spaces, it’s easy for a person to vanish. And when two young men in their first year on the job disappear without a trace, only their mothers believe there’s hope of finding them. Despite reassurances that the police are on the case, the two women think the oil company is covering up the disappearances -- and maybe something more. Colleen, used to her decorous life in a wealthy Massachusetts suburb, is determined to find her son. And hard-bitten Shay, from the wrong side of the California tracks, is the only person in town even willing to deal with her -- because she’s on the same mission. Overtaxed by worry, exhaustion, and fear, these two unlikely partners question each other’s methods and motivations, but must work together against the town of strangers if they want any chance of finding their lost boys. But what they uncover could destroy them both.”



This kit includes 10 books, a discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.

Reserve it today at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org>.

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