

Summer Reading

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

WOW! What a great turnout for summer reading! Throughout ND, readers of all ages read over 155,000 minutes! That is the equivalent of 107 days! Congratulations to all those who participated in your local library summer reading program.

But just because summer reading is over, doesn't mean YOUR summer reading is over! After all, it may be August, but it's still summer! The August Back 2 School Reading Challenge is up and ready for you. This month's goal is to read 300 minutes.



Don't forget about our ongoing challenges: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 500 Books Before Middle School, and 100 Books Before Graduation. Finishers of these challenges will get a certificate of completion signed by the State Superintendent and State Librarian.

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Changing Stereotypical Beliefs Through Books

How are stereotypes formed? Do these beliefs influence how we react to or interact with individuals? Can stereotypical beliefs be changed? These are questions that have come to my mind as I have served the Academic, Special, & Tribal libraries over the last several months.

According to [Amy Morin's](#) article [Harmful Psychological Effects of Racial Stereotyping](#), we all create mental shortcuts, split-second judgments, when we encounter others. While these judgments help determine if an individual is safe, trustworthy, or a source of risk, the quick analyses are usually inaccurate and create bias and stereotypical assessments. Generalizations are usually based off an individual's experiences formed during the foundational years of their life. Things such as what we hear others say, how they treat other people, what we read in text, view on TV, social media or movies, the heroes presented in sports, or celebrities in society are just a few examples that influence how we as adults will interact and respond to others. If these learned stereotyping behaviors are not recognized and acknowledged, such discriminatory behavior will continue to occur and negatively impact others around us.

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Lego Manuals on the Internet Archive

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

The Internet Archive is "a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more." Their mission is to provide "Universal Access to All Knowledge."

This mission is broad enough to include the access and preservation of texts (like [books](#), [government documents](#), [patent and trademark documents](#), [copyright records](#), and [Super Nintendo manuals](#)), audio (like [audiobooks](#), [old time radio](#), [live music](#), and everything [Grateful Dead](#)), software (like [classic PC games](#), [arcade games](#), and [graphing calculators](#)), video (like [TV news](#), [movies](#) and [feature films](#), and [political ads](#)), images (like [USGS maps](#), [NASA images](#), and [images from American libraries](#)), and billions of webpages (via the invaluable [Wayback Machine](#)).

The Internet Archive has something for everyone. And now, this also extends to Lego enthusiasts, especially for those enthusiasts who are missing manuals. The Internet Archive features [a collection](#) containing over 6,800 Lego instruction booklets. From castles to automobiles and Harry Potter to Star Wars, this collection has you covered. These instructions can also be [downloaded](#) for offline viewing. And if you can't find what you're looking for, this is another, yet smaller, [Lego manual collection](#) on the Internet Archive.

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Nonfiction E-Audiobooks

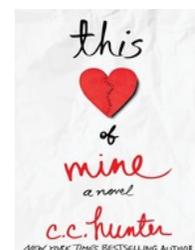


E-Magazines



Book Club Kit

"This Heart of Mine" by C.C. Hunter



Seventeen-year-old Leah MacKenzie is heartless. An artificial heart in a backpack is keeping her alive. However, this route only offers her a few years. And with her rare blood type, a transplant isn't likely. Living like you are dying isn't all it's cracked up to be. But when a heart becomes available, she's given a second chance at life. Except Leah discovers who the donor was — a boy from her school — and they're saying he killed himself. Plagued with dreams since the transplant, she realizes she may hold the clues to what really happened. Matt refuses to believe his twin killed himself. When Leah seeks him out, he learns they are both having similar dreams, and he's certain it means something. While unraveling the secrets of his brother's final moments, Leah and Matt find each other and a love they are terrified to lose. But life and even new hearts don't come with guarantees. Who knew living took more courage than dying?

This book club kit includes ten books, one discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.

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New Items Added to Digital Horizons

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



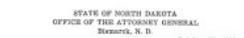
[North Dakota Histories](#)

- A Century of Area History: Pierce County and Rugby, North Dakota, 1886-1986
- Acorn to Oak



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- 55th Legislative Assembly, N.D. Senate, 1997
- Bird's-eye view of Forman, N.D., 1902
- East side of Main Street, DeLamere, N.D., circa 1916
- George Ivanov threshing crew, Logan County, N.D., circa 1940
- Report card of Edgar Krenz, 1928-1929



[Political Prairie Fire](#)

- Hagen freed from prison, 1927 [newspaper article]
- IVA ticket for North Dakota, 1920
- IVA Voters Guide
- Letter from William Langer to P. E. Halldorson after his dismissal, 1919
- North Dakota to have recall election: Momentous decision announced Friday, 1921 [newspaper article]



- Old member of state examiner staff is fired, 1919 [newspaper article]
- On the Road to Success [political cartoon]
- P. E. Halldorson, N.D. Deputy State Examiner, circa 1919
- Portrait of F. B. Wood, circa 1922
- Portrait of Halvor J. Hagen, circa 1913
- Sovietians: Wreckers of Americanism
- Townley Quits as N. P. Head, 1922 [newspaper article]
- United States Sisal Trust advertisement, 1919
- Verdict in Halvor J. Hagen trial [political cartoon]

[Prairie Recipes](#)

- Deplazes Family Cookbook, 1980



"One to Watch" by Kate Stayman-London

Reviewed by Lexi Whitehorn



"I'm excited for all the little girls who are going to watch this and think, *She looks like me.*"

Kate Stayman-London's debut novel *One to Watch* will leave you wishing it wasn't her only!

Bea is a plus-size fashion blogger who hasn't always had the best of luck in dating or in love. So, when her former work-besie (and current crush) Ray asks to spend the night with her, she thinks maybe her luck is changing. Fast forward six months later, he still hasn't called or returned any of her emails. Bea is bound and determined to get over him and let her crush be just that; however, it's just not that easy. After watching her favorite reality tv show *Main Squeeze* (think *The Bachelorette*) with her best friend and perhaps too many glasses of wine, Bea writes a scathing editorial calling out the lack of diversity and inclusion in the show's contestants. Soon after, Bea finds herself as the next season's main squeeze where she will be the one vying for the love of 25 eligible men with the hopes of forgetting Ray, and maybe, just maybe, actually finding true love. As the season of *Main Squeeze* progresses, Bea's sense of self-worth grows as she learns love and affection must start with herself.

Stayman-London perfectly captures all that is reality tv while carefully, yet poignantly, addressing the fatphobia that consumes American society. Through Bea, we get a tiny glimpse of the comments, side looks, and ridicule that many plus-sized people often get. While I personally, would have liked to see Bea be more confident in her decisions and how she feels about her body, I know that to be able to do that takes practice, courage and a strong sense of self.

The style and format of the book take the reader almost "behind the scenes" of what reality TV is like. From interview transcripts, editorials, and text transcripts to even delivery receipts and Tinder messages, the formatting choices keep the reader engaged while making the book almost feel non-fiction. Not being a fan of the real *The Bachelorette* or *The Bachelor*, I was a little hesitant to start this book. But I absolutely loved it. Bea's wit and charm quickly won me over as did the romance and heartache she experiences.

One to Watch would make a perfect book club addition as the discussion could be led through a variety of topics: reality TV, romance, plus-size community, fatphobia, relationships, fame and more. *One to Watch* is currently available to check out through Libby.

[Check It Out](#)

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