

Connections



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Blind Date With A Book Program Coming Soon

The North Dakota State Library will be holding the annual Blind Date with a Book Program. The books will all be wrapped up, so you won't know what title you are checking out. The only information you will be given is the first line of the book, whether it is fiction or nonfiction, and the format (large print, regular print, audiobook). Be adventurous and read a book that you may not have checked out otherwise. Who knows, maybe you'll find your new favorite book/author!

If you would like to participate, please fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/3vH8cKQ>, and we will send a selection to you the week of January 16.

In order to be eligible for a small prize, you will need to return the "Rate the Date" card (included in the book) to the State Library by Monday, March 6, 2023.

State Library staff will be up at the Capitol across from the Capitol Café on Wednesday, January 18, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Be sure to stop by, check out a book (or multiple books), and learn about the services we provide. Don't have a library card? We'll have applications at the booth or you can fill one out online at <http://library.nd.gov/librarycard.html>.



New Items Added to Digital Horizons

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

[Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection](#)

- Anderson-Landers picnic, 1947
- Fourth of July picnic, Belfield, N.D., 1942
- Gordon Anderson stands by Sanish Picnic Grounds sign, 1942
- Picnic at Taskers Coulee, N.D., 1940s



[North Dakota Memories](#)

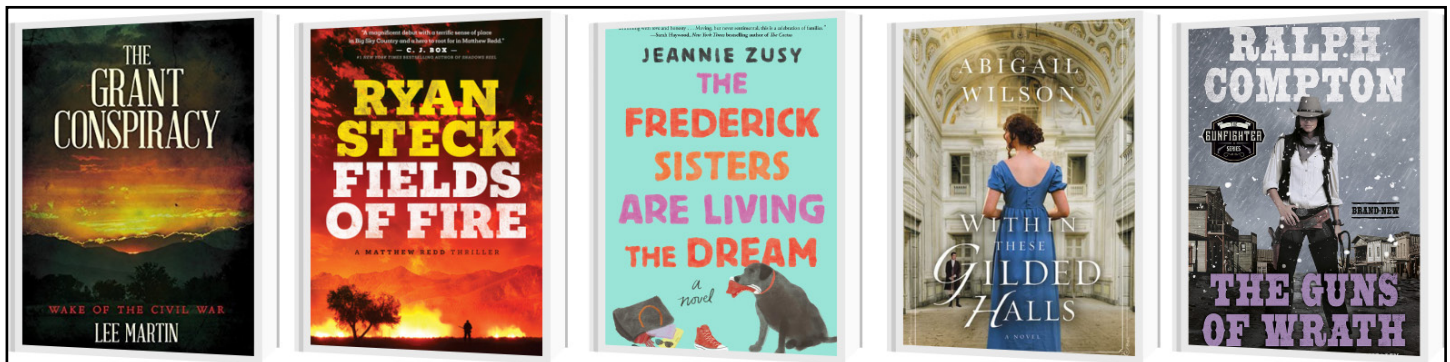
- Dinosaurs on the Prairie threshing machine collection, Napoleon, N.D., 1988
- Grenz farm, Logan County, N.D., 1943
- Harley Grenz picking rocks, Logan County, N.D., circa 1953
- Spring planing on Grenz farm, Logan County, N.D., circa 1955



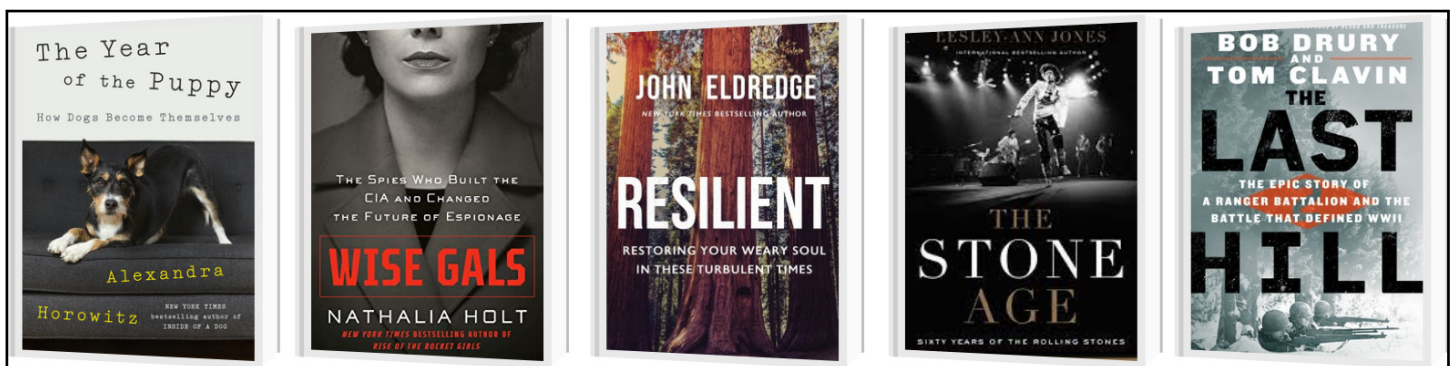
Digital Horizons is an online resource for thousands of images, documents, video, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today. Find a fascinating snapshot of the lives, culture, and history of the people who shaped life on the prairies at <https://digitalhorizonsonline.org/>.

New Items At The North Dakota State Library

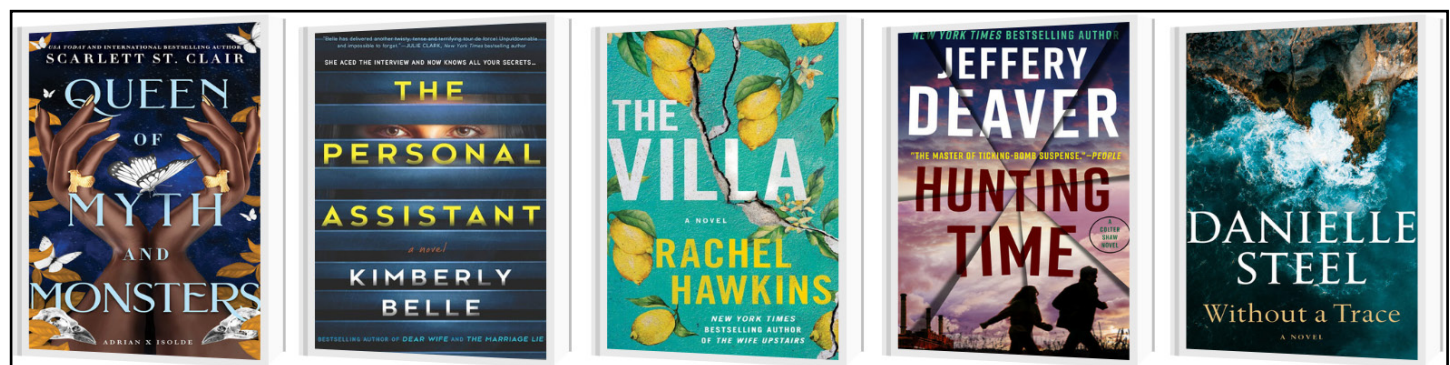
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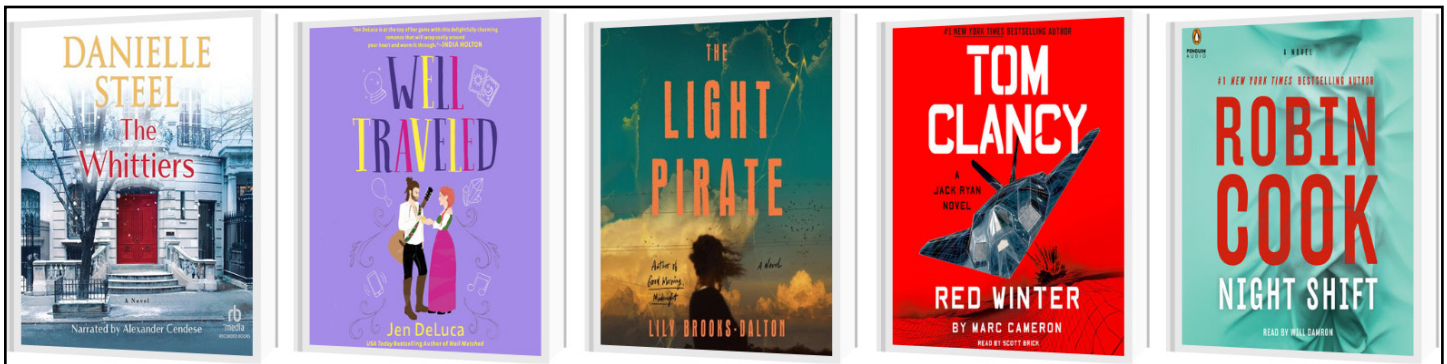
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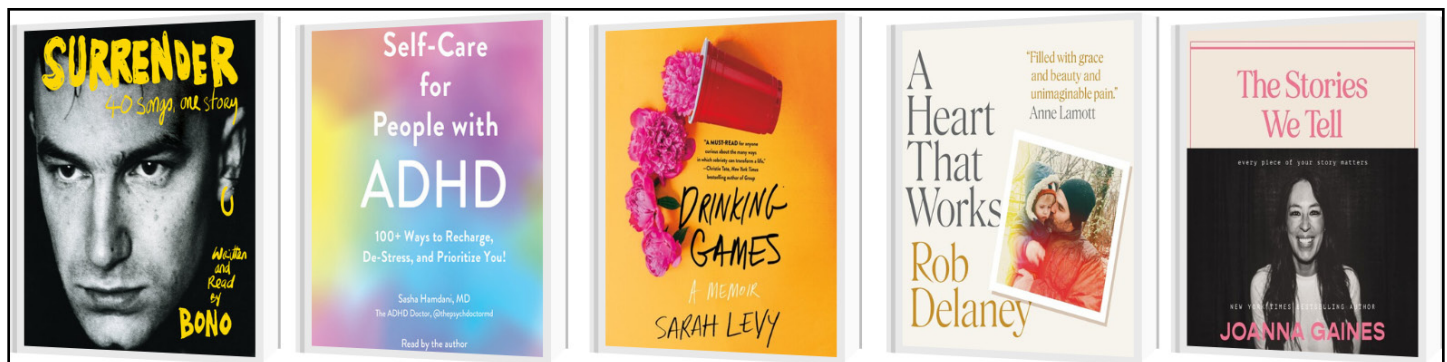
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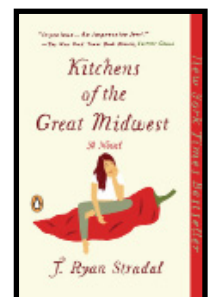


The ND State Library will mail out items from the collection to anyone in North Dakota who has a State Library card. If you don't already have a library card with the State Library, fill out an [online application](#) and a card will be sent to you. State employees can receive items through inside mail. Visit the Libby app to check out electronic materials, including e-magazines!

Book Club Kit

“Kitchens of the Great Midwest” by J. Ryan Stradal

When Lars Thorvald's wife, Cynthia, falls in love with wine—and a dashing sommelier he's left to raise their baby, Eva, on his own. He's determined to pass on his love of food to his daughter starting with puréed pork shoulder. As Eva grows, she finds her solace and salvation in the flavors of her native Minnesota. From Scandinavian lutefisk to hydroponic chocolate habaneros, each ingredient represents one part of Eva's journey as she becomes the star chef behind a legendary and secretive pop-up supper club, culminating in an opulent and emotional feast that's a testament to her spirit and resilience.



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

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

How to Be Your Own Life Coach



Self-Paced, Online Class

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North Dakota State Library

12

Lessons

26

Exams & Assignments

7

Hours average time

0.7

CEUs



How to Be Your Own Life Coach

Submitted by AI Peterson

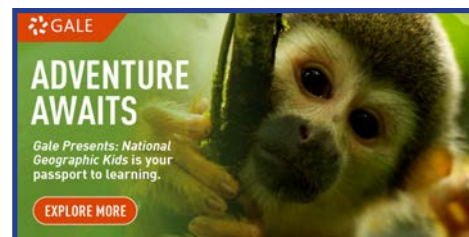
Did you make a New Year's Resolution? Do you make one every year, only to come up short of reaching your goal? You are not alone. Everyone wants to improve something: be a better parent or spouse, be happier, more peaceful, and more fulfilled. Self-help books fly off the bookshelves, and call-in radio shows answer questions one at a time to share knowledge and instruction, yet we continue to veer off course and find ourselves not fulfilling our goals and not living up to our potential. A life coach will provide great motivation, encouragement, and hopefully wisdom, but at the end of the day, it is still just you who will need to do the work in order to live the life you always wanted.

What if you could become your own life coach? Universal Class has a twelve lessons course called How to Be Your Own Life Coach. Becoming your own life coach enlightens and empowers you to find, capture, and live the life that is meant for you and you alone. Through this course, you will be able to assess your strengths, curtail your weaknesses, and discover all the possibilities within yourself.

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

Gale Presents: National Geographic Kids

Gale Presents: National Geographic Kids puts kids at the helm, allowing them to benefit by taking an active part in their learning. They can journey to the depths of the ocean and venture to the surface of the moon. They can trek across the globe and soar into outer space. The adventure opportunities are endless when kids virtually explore the world around them.



Immersive, digital content engages kids. This resource puts books, videos, award-winning images, and high-quality informational texts at their fingertips. It's simple for kids to dive into full issues of National Geographic Kids magazine or watch Amazing Animals videos. They will be transported as they go on adventures in science, history, technology, geography, culture, and everything in between.

Visit www.library.nd.gov/onlineresources.html to start exploring this and other resources today!

“Cinder” by Marissa Meyer

Reviewed by Tammy Kruger

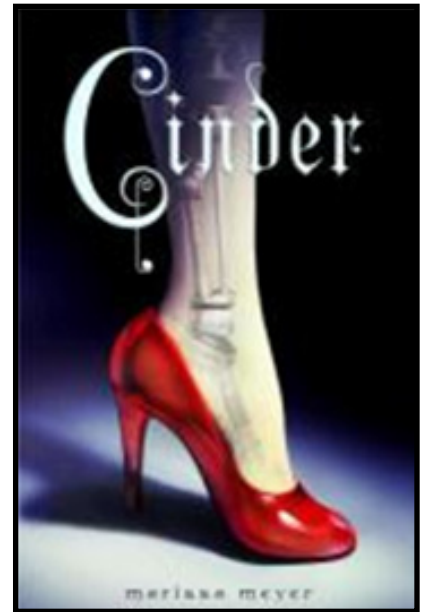
Are you a fan of twists on classic fairytales? If so, I have a book for you! Cinder by Marissa Meyer combines science fiction, fantasy, and elements of the classic tale of Cinderella (for some history about Cinderella, [click here](#).)

Cinder, a second-class citizen and cyborg, tries to keep a low profile in New Beijing. However, a horrible plague is taking over Earth. Unknowingly, Cinder holds the power to stop the disease and bring back order to this planet, as well as the universe. With the help of Prince Kai and a handful of other friends and foes along the way, Cinder unlocks the secrets of her past. Could these answers help lead to her (and the world’s) future?

Cinder is a young adult novel and is the first in the Lunar Chronicles series. It addresses topics including social classes, stepfamilies, extraterrestrial beings, romance, and bravery. This book is full of adventure, some comic relief, and references that will be well-understood by fans of the classic Cinderella story.

I adore twists on classic fairytales! Nearly anything Beauty and the Beast is likely my favorite. However, I find myself turning to the Lunar Chronicles time and time again. This series addresses Cinderella, Snow White, Rapunzel, and Little Red Riding Hood. This story is fun! It keeps me on the edge of my seat and balances fairytale elements and science fiction well. The main characters are multi-dimensional. Also, while Cinder certainly could be a damsel in distress type, she is far from one! This is a slightly larger novel—at just shy of 500 pages—however, it is set at such a pace that the story flows quickly. One of my favorite aspects of this book is the banter between Cinder’s android friend, Iko, and other characters. Iko provides quite a bit of comic relief.

This series is available in multiple formats. Check them out on the Libby app or through the online library catalog at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org/>.



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