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State Library Launches New Website

The North Dakota State Library is excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website, which went live on Tuesday, June 6! This website is more streamlined and, hopefully, easier to navigate.



<https://www.library.nd.gov>

The Passport to Everywhere

By State Librarian Mary Soucie

Summer is a time for relaxing, connecting with family and friends, going to baseball games, picnics, or spending time at the lake or on the river. I love to enjoy a quiet summer evening on our back deck with a dog at my feet, a cold glass of water on my side table and a book in my hand. Of course, I enjoy the same thing in the winter, just in front of my fireplace instead of on my deck.

Summer is also a great time to visit your local library to grab a book to read, movie to watch, or music to listen to. In addition to the physical collection, North Dakota libraries of all types provide access to eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines. Many of our public libraries now circulate games and puzzles. Want to try a new kitchen appliance, technology tool or craft? The library can help with that as well.

If you don't have a local library to visit, you can get a library card from the State Library and we'll bring the library to your doorstep, with assistance from the United States postal service. Any citizen of North Dakota can apply for an NDSL library card from our website. You can choose to have your card mailed to you or to pick it up from the State Library. You can have library materials mailed to your house, even if you live in the Bismarck area or opt to pick them up during regular business hours. The State Library is open Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:00. The borrower is responsible for return postage or may return materials to the State Library. We have two bookdrops for afterhours returns.

Your library card is a passport to opportunities. Books, movies, music and library programs expand your knowledge and lead you to other locations, real and imagined. Your library card includes access to our online library resources (OLRs). You can learn a new language with Mango Languages; take a self-paced course in Universal Class; research family history with Ancestry or do a deep dive into a topic with our research databases. Universal Class has over 500 courses, everything from cooking to scrapbooking to basic accounting. All of these resources are available remotely except Ancestry. If you are looking for assistance with an OLR, visit our YouTube page for tutorials.

Your library card opens up a world of possibilities, whether it's from NDSL, a local public library, or your academic library. You can borrow materials from across the United States and we can assist you with finding many titles that aren't available locally. If you haven't visited a library recently or if your library card has expired, stop by a library today to renew your card and begin your journey to somewhere.

8 Fun Secrets in the Libby App & How to Find Them

While there's no hidden text in Libby (in fact, hopefully, you know about the [options to make text easier to read!](#)), there are some little-known gems that may surprise even a super user. The developers of Libby are constantly working on updates and improvements so readers can more easily access digital content. Along the way, they've created some ways to customize the app, save time or just have a little fun. Keeping readers top of mind, the goal has always been to make reading simple, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone.

[Find Out More](#)

State Document Depository Program

Are you looking for a state agency's annual report, newsletter, handbook, or other publications from years past? These documents are accessible via the State Library's online catalog as part of the State Document Depository.

The State Library collects, preserves, and disseminates all North Dakota state government documents produced for public use. In addition to paper copies, the online catalog also includes the electronic versions when available.

[Find Out More](#)

Talking Book Update

The Many Faces of BARD Online Event

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled's (NLS) Patron Engagement Section offers The Many Faces of BARD online event on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM. Each monthly event covers one aspect of the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service and is open to all.

The topic for June 8, 2023, Many Faces of BARD program will be BARD: Advanced Search Tips from an Expert. The program will be recorded and last for one hour.

For this session, the presenter will be Catherine O'Connor, a Collections Development Section librarian with more than 30 years of experience. Internally, she is the go-to person for search tips and tricks at NLS. After the presentation, they will answer questions about the presentation or any general BARD questions.

You can join the session by going to <https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1612807633?pwd=bG9TSXdYTG5oaWxlclg2bGtxM2k3QT09>.

For more information about the North Dakota Talking Book Program, please call 701-328-1408 or send an e-mail to tbooks@nd.gov.

Beanstack Reading Challenge

Summer 2023: CSLP All Together Now

June 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023

Ages: Everyone



Read all together this summer! Log the books you read to earn badges and rewards. Check out your local public library for more summer reading events!

[Sign Up Today](#)

The poster for 'Summer Reading Kickoff' has a vibrant blue sky background with white clouds. At the top, the word 'SUMMER' is written in red, spaced-out letters, followed by 'READING' in large, bold, red letters with a blue shadow. Below that, 'Kickoff' is written in a yellow, cursive font. The event details are listed: 'WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21-1:00-6:00 PM' and 'CAPITOL LAWN, BISMARCK'. Three main activities are highlighted: 'FREE BOOK WHILE SUPPLIES LAST (LIMIT ONE PER STUDENT)', 'MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT & ART SESSIONS By Jessie Veeder', and 'MEET NORTH DAKOTA AUTHORS'. A central illustration shows a girl with red hair reading a purple book on a wooden bench, with two books (yellow and blue) on the ground. The bottom of the poster features logos for 'College SAVE Bank of North Dakota's 529 Plan', 'NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION', and 'North Dakota State Library'.

New Items At The ND State Library

Fiction Books



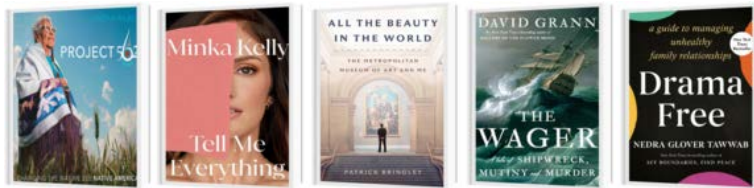
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Nonfiction E-Books



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Whether you are completing research for a school project or just looking to satisfy your curiosity about a topic of interest, Explora can help you achieve your goals. This online library resource offers reliable information on thousands of topics covering a wide range of subjects, including art and music, literature, language arts, geography, history, social studies, world cultures and languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and health and sports.

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- Get research tips on identifying relevant sources, citing them properly, and avoiding plagiarism.

If you have any questions, contact the State Library at statelib@nd.gov or 701-328-4622.

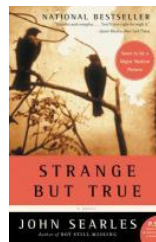
[Access Explora](#)

Book Club Kit

"Strange But True" by John Searles

"After a mysterious fall from his New York City apartment, Philip Chase has moved back home with his mother, Charlene, a bitter woman who has never fully accepted the death of her younger son, Ronnie, five years earlier. Surrounded by memories of the family he no longer has and trying to forget the reasons he left New York, Philip is in stasis. But everything changes late one windy February night when Ronnie's high school girlfriend shows up on their doorstep. A sad young woman who still bears the scars of the accident that took Ronnie's life, Melissa is nine months pregnant.

The father, she claims, is Ronnie. Now Philip and his mother must confront not only Melissa's past but also their own: the secrets each has buried and the lies each has told."



[Request A Book Club Kit](#)

Digital Delight

Boat landing at Chautauqua, Devils Lake, N.D., circa 1883-1908



A large group of people stand along the shoreline of Devils Lake watching the steamboat Minnie H arrive at the Chautauqua grounds. There is a large group of passengers visible on the boat. 'U.S. Mail' and 'Minnie H' is painted on the side of the steamboat. A large crowd of people line the shore to watch the boat. People also wait to board the Maria Theresa and Rock Island.

Courtesy of Digital Horizons (North Dakota Memories Collection, ND State Library)

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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

- North Dakota History and People: Outlines of American History (volumes 1-3)

North Dakota Memories

- Irene Hardt by civic center building, Wishek, N.D., 1940s
- K. E. Leighton, District Judge, Minot, N.D., circa 1913
- Portrait of Rath brothers, Logan County, N.D., circa 1910
- Portrait of William Laist, circa 1919
- W. F. Crewe, N.D. State Veterinarian, circa 1919
- Wedding portrait of Helen and Edwin Rath, 1949



Irene Hardt by civic center building, Wishek, N.D., 1940s



Portrait of Rath brothers, Logan County, N.D., circa 1910



Wedding portrait of Helen and Edwin Rath, 1949

North Dakota State Documents

- The New Day in North Dakota: Some of the Principal Laws Enacted by the Sixteenth Legislative Assembly, 1919
- Journal of the Impeachment of John F. Cowan, 1911 (parts 1 & 2)

Political Prairie Fire

- A Great Upheaval (parts 1-6), 1917 [article series on the NPL from the "Country Gentleman" magazine]
- All this junk where we want it, 1919 [political cartoon]
- Board of Administration's recommendation to abolish Superintendent of Public Instruction
- George E. Wallace, N.D. Tax Commissioner, circa 1919
- Gov. Nestos speech on the Home Building Association, 1925
- J.F.T. O'Connor, N.D. state legislator, 1910s
- J.F.T. O'Connor for U.S. Senate advertisement, 1922
- Home Builders Association law, 1923
- North Dakota State Capitol, Bismarck, N.D., circa 1915
- North Dakota Supreme Court, 1919
- Obert Olson, N.D. State Treasurer, circa 1919
- Portrait of Jerry D. Bacon, circa 1913
- Portrait of S. J. Aandahl, circa 1919
- Sen. Frazier and Rep. Lemke review documents, 1936
- The Bubble-Blower, 1919 [political cartoon]
- Teamwork! [1917 - political cartoon]
- Townley Stamps Revolt Leaders in North Dakota
Cowards, Fools, Traitors:
Nonpartisan League Chief Accuses Four State Officials of Selling Out the League Cause - Offending Officials Intimate Townley Rule Must Go [newspaper article - Ward County Independent, 1919]
- Townley's taxes stop his machine, 1919 [political cartoon]



North Dakota State Capitol, Bismarck, N.D., circa 1915



Sen. Frazier and Rep. Lemke review documents, 1936

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Diversity Training 101



Self-Paced, Online Class

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Lessons	Exams & Assignments	Hours average time	CEUs	Video Audit Available

Submitted by **Al Peterson**

As we enter the month of June, which includes celebrations of both Pride Month, recognizing the LGBTQIA2S+ community, and Juneteenth, to commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation and the end of slavery, this may be a good time to brush up on some diversity training.

Universal Class offers *Diversity Training 101*, an eleven-lesson course on promoting an atmosphere of respect and acceptance in the workplace. Diversity training is not a new concept, but one that many organizations have been implementing into their training programs. The idea is that when employees are exposed to different cultures, individuals with different sexual preferences, and people with various personalities, conflict may occur. Diversity training is designed to assist people in dealing with these various situations so that civil rights violations do not occur. This course explores not only the acceptance of people of color, but also the acceptance of women, homosexuals, and aging individuals in the workplace. When companies embrace diversity, they can benefit from the range of perspectives, experiences, and skills that a diverse workforce brings.

[Enroll in a Course Today!](#)

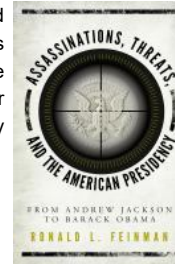
Book Review



"Assassinations, Threats, and the American Presidency: From Andrew Jackson to Barack Obama" by Ronald L. Feinman

Reviewed by Tammy Kruger

In this literary work, Feinman digs into the directly attempted (and sometimes successful) assassinations of 14 United States presidents or presidential hopefuls. Each chapter discusses the victims' political and social backgrounds, potential motivations for people to want to kill them, details about the assassins, and any conspiracies that revolve around these tragic events.



Some nuggets of interest include:

1. How (on numerous occasions) poor medical treatment was ultimately what killed victims and not the (usually) bullet wound itself,
2. What finally set in motion presidents and presidential hopefuls having Secret Service around 24/7,
3. Ku Klux Klan influence,
4. Political rivalries and their potential links to such acts of violence,
5. And the role of mental health.

This title would be ideal for those interested in American history! The writing is fast-paced but detailed. It is sprinkled with well-known and barely known facts about United States politicians, as well as the likely mindsets of those who want to take such people in power down.

This title is available as a physical book in the State Library's collection.

[Check It Out!](#)

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