

Big Library Read

The nights are growing longer during this magical time of year. To get into the spirit of the season, enjoy a “coming-of-age story of family and the supernatural” for free during [Big Library Read](#), the world’s largest digital book club. From now until November 16, you can join thousands of others around the globe in borrowing Olivia Stephens’s *Artie and the Wolf Moon*. Both e-book and audiobook versions are available without waitlists or holds on the Libby app or by visiting <https://ndlibrary2go.overdrive.com/>.



In the award-winning *Artie and the Wolf Moon*, Artie Irvin sneaks out against her mother’s wishes and spots a massive wolf—then watches it don a bathrobe and transform into her mom. Thrilled to discover she comes from a line of werewolves, Artie asks her mom to share everything—including the story of Artie’s late father. Her mom reluctantly agrees and recruits some old family friends to help Artie figure out her own wolflike abilities. Artie thrives in her new community and even develops a crush on her new friend

Maya. But as she learns the history of werewolves and her own parents’ past, she’ll find that wolves aren’t the scariest thing in the woods—vampires are.

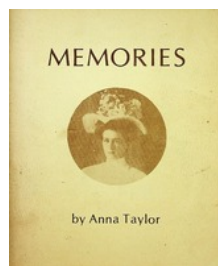
Big Library Read is an international reading program that connects readers around the world with an e-book through public libraries. *Artie and the Wolf Moon* is the 32nd selection of this program which began in 2013 and takes place three times per year.

Artie and the Wolf Moon was published as an e-book and audiobook by Lerner Publishing Group. The title can be read without waitlists or holds on all major computers and devices through Libby or libbyapp.com, including iPhone®, iPad® and Android™ phones and tablets. Through Libby, readers can also “send to Kindle®” [U.S. libraries only]. The title will automatically expire at the end of the lending period, and there are no late fees.

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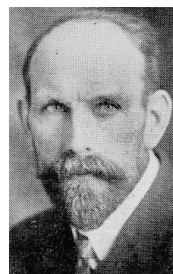
New Items Added to Digital Horizons

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



North Dakota Histories

- Brief History of Old Pembina, 1818-1932
- Memories by Anna Taylor
- Sweetbriar Dam Project : concerning a cooperative project among federal, state and local agencies resulting in creation of an impoundment adjacent to Interstate Highway 94 in central North Dakota



Political Prairie Fire

- Nonpartisan League ticket, N.D., 1920
- North Dakota Leaguers Need Help [newspaper article, 1921]
- North Dakota Politics Very Badly Mixed [newspaper article, 1919]
- Portrait of A. A. Liederbach, circa 1919
- Portrait of Joseph A. Kitchen, circa 1921
- Portrait of Sveinbjorn Johnson, circa 1921

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Battelle Climate Challenge

If you are a 9-12th grade student in the United States, your challenge is to research past and future impacts of climate-related hazards in your community, including drought, wildfire, flooding, and extreme heat, then develop a proposed action to help build a more resilient community. Your entry must be original and include a written explanation of your proposed climate action (200 words max) and an image (max 3GB) of a "poster" that supports your climate action. The poster can be a digital design or a photo of a hand-made poster. Your climate action should explain at least one way your community can prevent, withstand, respond to, or recover from a climate-related event. The grand prize winner will present their poster at the [Innovations in Climate Resilience Conference](#) in Washington, D.C., and receive a \$5,000 STEM grant for a U.S. nonprofit organization, public library, or public school. The 2nd - 5th place finalists will receive a \$1,500 STEM grant for a U.S. nonprofit organization, public library, or public school.

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Beanstack Reading Challenges

November is National Native American Heritage Month. Celebrate the rich cultural traditions, histories, and contributions of Indigenous peoples in North America. Read books written by Indigenous authors. Log your reading and activities throughout the month to earn badges.



[Log Your Reading and Activities](#)

Book Club Kit

"Windfall: The Prairie Woman Who Lost Her Way and the Great-Granddaughter Who Found Her" by Erika Bolstad

"Author Erika Bolstad was shocked to learn she had inherited mineral rights in North Dakota in the throes of an oil bonanza. Determined to unearth the story behind her unexpected inheritance, she followed the trail to her great-grandmother, Anna, who her family had painted to be a courageous homesteader who paved her way in the unforgiving American West. But, Bolstad discovers a darker truth about Anna than her family had ever shared. With journalistic rigor, she unearths a history of environmental exploitation and genocide as well as the modern-day consequences of the Great Plains Dream: we could be rich."



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

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New Items At The ND State Library

Fiction Books



Fiction E-Books



Nonfiction E-Books



Fiction E-Audiobooks



Nonfiction E-Audiobooks



E-Magazines





Featured Language

(Mango and Rocket)

By BreAnne Meier

Hindi

Sunday, November 12, was Diwali (Deepavali), also known as the Festival of Lights, which marks the Hindu New Year. It is the largest holiday in the Hindu calendar and celebrated primarily in India but is also observed in other Asian nations and the United States in Hindu communities. For more information about this Festival, check out Tammy Kruger's Diwali blog post from October 23 at <https://ndstatelibrary.wordpress.com/2023/10/23/diwali/>.

Mango teaches you the basics of the Hindi language, from common phrases all the way to more advanced concepts. Culture notes on etiquette, body language, and gestures provide a backdrop to learning material and let the Hindi culture come alive to forge a deeper connection. Critical thinking and memory-building exercises blend new vocabulary into lesson progress. Use the voice comparison tool to tone your accent against native speaker audio.

Rocket Languages takes you to the heart of the Hindi language and gives you the information you need to understand the language and the culture like a local with seven modules and a survival kit. This language course is available for beginners to intermediate (level 1).

References:

Britannica Library, s.v. "Diwali," accessed October 20, 2023, <https://library.eb.com/levels/referencecenter/article/Diwali/30695>.

[Start Learning a New Language](#)



"Dragon Wing" by Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman

Reviewed by Trevor Martinson

Roughly twenty years ago, I first read *Dragon Wing*, book one of *The Death Gate Cycle*, after finding it in the small library at my grandfather's house. Why the book was there remains a mystery. It's certainly not something my grandfather would've read. He maintained a strict reading regiment of only newspapers.

Having been an enthusiast of all things fantasy fiction since an early age, I read the book and thoroughly enjoyed it. Now, twenty years later, the book holds some nostalgia for me. Imagine my surprise and delight when I stumbled across it on [Library2Go](#).



The book, published in 1990, is co-authored by Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman. Both are well-known in fantasy. They have written prolifically for decades, and they've collaborated with each other on-and-off since the 1980s. Arguably, they are most known for creating the *Dragonlance* series.

Dragon Wing has all the components of a traditional fantasy: dwarves, elves, wizards, dragons, and an enticing backstory. But the book also has atypical elements to set it apart, like airships and machines (think factories). It has moments of humor and lightheartedness; mystery and suspense; and violence (but the authors keep things "PG-13").

The plot is original and easy to follow. Eons ago, two factions of god-like sorcerers clashed. Gaining the upper hand, the Sartans locked the Patryns in a magical prison. Then, the Sartans severed the world and inexplicably vanished. Now, one of the realms, which is the setting for this book, has numerous airborne islands, where water is precious and continuously coveted and fought over.

The book follows the paths of several characters, all on a collision course with each other: a skillful assassin, hired by the king to murder the prince; a curious dwarf who asks too many questions—questions that challenge everything; a devious wizard, enacting his plan for domination; and an apprentice, sent by his shadowy master, to create chaos.

Dragon Wing is available as an audiobook through Libby.

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