



ND State Library Seeks Feedback

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is reaching out to the North Dakota community for input. Through an online survey, NDSL is hoping to gather feedback and insight from residents and patrons.

"This survey, which includes North Dakota residents, library staff, and state employees, will provide valuable insights into how the State Library can best meet the evolving information and personal enrichment needs of the patrons and the communities that we serve," says State Librarian Mary Soucie.

Survey responses will be collected through April 30. Each survey is slightly different, so please fill out the one that best describes you/your role.

[ND Library Staff](#)

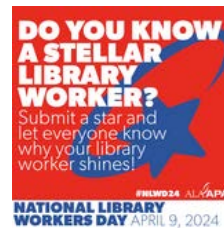
[ND Residents](#)

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National Library Workers Day

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, is National Library Workers Day, a time to recognize library professionals for their expertise and leadership skills in transforming lives and communities through education and lifelong learning.

To show appreciation for North Dakota library workers and the work they do throughout the year, patrons are invited to Submit a Star and provide a testimonial about a favorite library employee.



[Submit a Star](#)

Call for NPL Items

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

The [Digital Initiatives Department](#) at the North Dakota State Library needs your help. We are looking for items relating to the Nonpartisan League (NPL) or the Independent Voters Association (IVA), circa 1910s to the 1930s, to add to the [Political Prairie Fire](#) digital collection. "Items" can include photos, cartoons, documents, books, memorabilia, etc.

"Political Prairie Fire" is the newest digital collection from the State Library. It's available online via Digital Horizons. The collection is dedicated to the NPL/ IVA era of North Dakota history, and includes many images, documents, videos, books, and cartoons relating to this time of political strife in the state.

We have a good start on the collection, but more content is needed to tell the full story.

Contact Trevor Martinson with any questions at ndsl-digital@nd.gov or 328-4629.

[Learn More](#)

New Items At The ND State Library

Fiction Books



Fiction E-Books



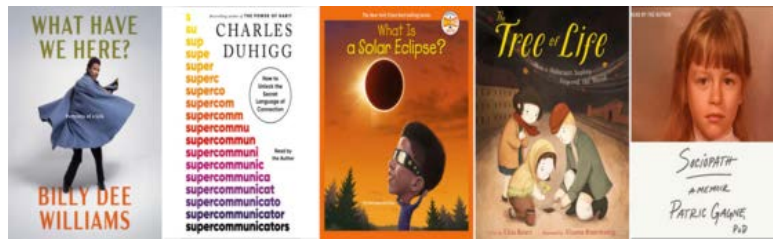
Nonfiction E-Books



Fiction E-Audiobooks



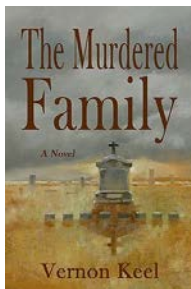
Nonfiction E-Audiobooks



E-Magazines



2024 Book Bracket Winner



This year's Book Bracket was comprised of books by North Dakota authors, including this year's winner "The Murdered Family" by Vernon Keel.

This novel is based on the true story of the brutal murders of the Wolf family and their hired boy just north of Turtle Lake, North Dakota, in April 1920. It includes the investigation, confession, appeals, and more.

"The Murdered Family" is available in regular print, e-book, and as a book club kit from the ND State Library.

[Check It Out](#)



English (Shakespearean)

William Shakespeare's birthday is observed on April 23 (actual date of birth is unknown). English poet and playwright, he is responsible for introducing hundreds of invented words into the modern English language.

If you'd like to learn more about Shakespearean vocabulary, check out Mango Languages! This quick course includes 9 lessons that will go through parts of "Romeo and Juliet" to teach you some Shakespearean language.

Reference

"William Shakespeare." In *Gale In Context Online Collection*. Detroit, MI: Gale, 2017. *Gale In Context: College* (accessed April 1, 2024).

https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/MYSDSE471056565/CSIC?u=ndpubl_58505znds&sid=bookmark-CSIC&xid=d32cc2e7.

[Learn A New Language](#)

Celebrate Diversity Month LibGuide

Initiated in 2004 by ProGroup, Inc., and Diversity Best Practices, Celebrate Diversity Month recognizes and honors the diversity of the world around us.

Goals of Celebrate Diversity Month:

- Understand our differences, including gender, race, ethnicity, faith, etc.
- Encourage a deeper understanding of others
- Increase diversity in the workplace
- Promote inclusivity and understanding
- Honor unique cultures, backgrounds, and rich traditions
- Boost cultural awareness
- Celebrate individual uniqueness
- Recognize the value of different perspectives

Resources:

- "April Is Diversity Month! Celebrate a World of Differences." Stomp Out Bullying. Accessed March 27, 2024. <https://www.stompoutbullying.org/blog/diversity-month>.
- "Celebrate Diversity Month." Holiday Calendar. Accessed March 27, 2024. <https://www.holidaycalendar.io/holiday/celebrate-diversity-month>.
- "Celebrate Diversity Month." National Today, October 21, 2022. <https://nationaltoday.com/celebrate-diversity-month/>.

[LibGuide](#)

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 School for the Deaf](#)

- Hayek family, Devils Lake, N.D., circa 1967-1981
- North Dakota School for the Deaf Biennial Report, 2019-2021
- Portrait of Alan J. Mealka, circa 1986-1990
- Portrait of Allen J. Hayek, circa 1967
- Portrait of Dennis J. Fogelson, 2000s
- Portrait of Gary L. Holman, 1980s
- Portrait of Jaime D. Galloway, 1990s
- Portrait of Rocklyn Cofer, circa 1998-2005



[Political Prairie Fire](#)

- Cathro gives money to McGovern [political cartoon, 1919]
- Journal of the North Dakota House, 1917
- Journal of the North Dakota Senate, 1919
- Laws Passed by the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, 1923
- Portrait of C. K. Gummerson, circa 1919-1920



Digital Horizons

Elections 101: Valid ID for Voting

Submitted by Misty Curn
Communications Director at the ND Secretary of State Office

North Dakota is the only state without voter registration as our robust Voter ID Law requires a valid form of ID to vote. North Dakota's voter ID laws are simple to follow and are one of the tools that ensure voters are only voting once in an election.

To qualify as a voter in North Dakota, you must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and have lived in North Dakota and your precinct for at least 30 days before an election. Your ID verifies this information. Valid forms of ID include a ND driver's license, ND non-driver ID, long-term care certificate, tribal ID or tribal letter.

Your ID must have your current address so you receive the correct ballot. If you have moved since your ID was issued, you should update it before Election Day to make voting easy. The North Dakota Department of Transportation allows you to [update your address and make appointments online](#) to update your ND driver's license or non-driver ID. If you have a tribal ID, it needs to be updated through your tribal office.

If your address is not current on your ID, you can still vote and have two options for casting a ballot.

- Option 1 - You can show your non-updated ID along with supplemental information showing your new address. The supplemental information can be shown electronically or in hard copy and examples include a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government document.
- Option 2 - You can vote a set-aside ballot. This means after you vote, your ballot is securely set aside until the County Canvassing Board meets. You have 13 days after the election to present your updated ID to your county auditor in person or electronically. Once you provide updated valid identification or supplemental documentation, the county auditor will submit your ballot to the County Canvassing Board for review and inclusion in the tabulated results.

To stay informed about elections information, check out the ND Secretary of State on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X \(Twitter\)](#). Election officials and the North Dakota Secretary of State are your trusted sources for election information. If you have questions about [forms of voter ID](#) or other elections-related topics, visit vote.nd.gov, email soselect@nd.gov, or call 701-328-4146.

Learn More About Voter ID Requirements

Book Review



"Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850" by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Reviewed by Tammy Kruger

In 1845, a disaster struck Ireland. A mysterious blight overcame the potato crops, the main source of food in that country, causing them to rot within the fields! It would later be discovered that a powerful fungus, *Phytophthora infestans*, was to blame. At the time, however, all sorts of other sources were accused, including fairies, an act of punishment from God, and the English overlords. With advice from scientists, the Irish people attempted to eat these potatoes, only to often experience extreme illness or even death. This attack on their main food source continued to occur over the next several growing seasons.



In her book, "Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850," Susan Campbell Bartoletti highlights how the Irish people handled this dire situation, through whatever means necessary, as well as what social programs developed as a result of this dreadful phenomenon. (This famine was also a time of great Irish emigration to Canada and the United States. If you have Irish ancestors, ask them when their families moved continents!)

I would recommend this title for those who are curious about Irish history and are not looking for a happy-go-lucky read. (This is little good luck of the Irish between these covers!) The author drew upon various primary sources to supplement this text, including historical drawings and quotations from those who experienced this tragedy first-hand. The text itself is a quick read, but packed full of information.

This title is available as an e-book through Libby.

[Check It Out](#)

Spring Into 2024

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Spring is all about new life and new growth! Bring that new energy into your reading choices. This month's challenges are all about springing into something new with our Spring into 2024 challenge.

April is also National Poetry month. While poetry is not usually my cup of tea, I am challenging myself to read one poem a day. To make it easier on myself, I am utilizing the Library of Congress's [Poetry 180](#). Originally designed so students could hear one poem every school day, this program makes it very easy to integrate some poetry into everyday life.

March proved to be another month of great reading from across the state with over 24,000 minutes read! Here are last month's stats:



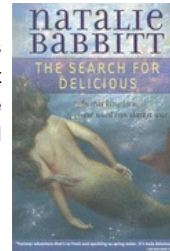
[Sign Up For A Beanstack Reading Challenge](#)

Book Club Kit

"The Search for Delicious" by Natalie Babbitt

Gaylen, the King's messenger, a skinny boy of twelve, is off to poll the kingdom, traveling from town to farmstead to town on his horse, Marrow. At first it is merely a question of disagreement at the royal castle over which food should stand for Delicious in the new dictionary. But soon it seems that the search for Delicious had better succeed if civil war is to be avoided.

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



[Reserve This Kit](#)

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