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## DATES OF INTEREST

Jan. 14 & 28	Library Technology Workshops (Williston)
17-18	(tentative) Advisory Council on Libraries (Bismarck)
Jan. 21 & Feb. 11	Library Technology Workshops (Bismarck)
Feb. 4 & 25	Library Technology Workshops (Wahpeton)
23	SENDIT Introductory Training (NDSU, Fargo)
24	SENDIT Advanced Training (NDSU, Fargo)
March 4 & 18	Library Technology Workshops (Minot)
11 & 25	Library Technology Workshops (Wahpeton)
March 11 & Apr. 8	Library Technology Workshops (Williston)
March 31-April 1	ND Reading Assoc. (Fargo)
April 27-28	Spring Workshops (Bismarck)
May 6	Library Technology Workshops (Wahpeton & Williston)

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES NEED IMPROVEMENT

The end of the 1990's is just five years away, and educators throughout the United States are busy preparing and implementing plans for achieving the goals outlined in "Goals 2000." North Dakota has a "Goals 2000" panel which is currently assembling a legislative package for the 1995 legislative session, as well as putting together a "Goals 2000" implementation grant application. With attention focused on graduation rates, school-to-work transition, drug-free schools, and the other national goals - school library/media centers and information services to the educational community are sometimes overlooked.

The information age and information highway are here now. Are North Dakota's students being adequately prepared to find, evaluate, analyze, and synthesize the data they will need to function in a competitive world economy, or in an environment of continual change? It's important that today's students develop strong skills in information-seeking, research, and information analysis so that they will be skilled learners throughout their lives. In order for students to become effective information users, the information centers (i.e., library/media centers) of North Dakota's schools must be first-class operations. There are several key elements in a plan to improve library/media centers, including:

- 1) Equal access to library materials and resources for all school districts and all students K-12. A quality library/media program provides access to current resources in a wide variety of print, nonprint, or electronic formats to all students in every school district.
- 2) Access to information technology, and connections to online resources. For example, this may include CD-ROM, videodisc, interactive multimedia resources, as well as online connections to other libraries, databases, and to the Internet.
- 3) Resource sharing among libraries in a single district, across district lines, in regional consortia, and throughout the state of North Dakota. This includes lending as well as borrowing from other libraries.
- 4) Technical assistance from the Department of Public Instruction and the State Library, including - but not limited to - coordination of resource sharing programs, inservice training for educators, and statewide technology implementation to enhance information services to the educators and students engaged in teaching and learning in North Dakota's schools.

This is a brief summary of the key concepts in the proposed school library improvement program which the State Library expects the next state legislative session will address. Please contact School Library/Media Coordinator Donna Gilliland at the State Library (1-800-472-2104, #3, #2) for additional information.

## GOVERNOR'S 1995/1997 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

The Governor presented his 1995/1997 budget package to the legislature on December 8. It included his recommendations for the State Library's budget for the next two years. Based on his recommendations, which total about 95% of our current budget, the State Library will continue to offer the following services:

- \* **Coordinate and facilitate statewide resource sharing.** This includes continuing to support ODIN (Online Dakota Information Network); utilizing OCLC, the nationwide cataloging database; subscribing to and supporting SENDIT, the K-12 network; and providing two-day turn around time for all interlibrary loan requests. The State Library staff will continue public, school, academic and special libraries consultative and technical assistance.
- \* **Develop, coordinate, and administer Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) grants and State Aid to Public Libraries.** This includes monitoring and providing technical assistance to public and institutional libraries throughout the state in grant development; providing for and teaching technology opportunities; and insuring compliance with federal and state criteria and guidelines.
- \* **Deliver quality reference and information service.** Collect, catalog, and make available state-agency-published documents and selected documents published by the federal government. Select, purchase, catalog, and utilize all types of materials including reference books, serials, subscriptions, audio/visuals, software, and CD-ROMs, for the purpose of providing timely, accurate reference services. Subscribe to and utilize databases to provide more personalized reference services on a cost-recovery basis. Collect, catalog, and circulate a very specialized talking book collection for the blind and physically disabled population in North Dakota.
- \* **Assess, develop, coordinate and deliver continuing education and training opportunities to public librarians statewide.** Develop and utilize assessment tools for the purpose of planning for training workshops. Coordinate, provide, and deliver training workshops to library staffs including evaluation of programs and services.
- \* **Operate the Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS), a radio reading service for the blind and physically handicapped in North Dakota.** Deliver radio reading services to those who cannot utilize regular print media.
- \* **Provide library development and consulting services to public libraries statewide.** Contact public library staffs, directors, governing board members, city and county officials, and interested citizens, in order to educate, promote, and provide technical assistance to improve public libraries.
- \* **Collect statewide statistics.** Develop collection methods to gather, analyze, and publish public library statistics for use by libraries in making management decisions.

## LIBRARIES NOW LOOK TO THE LEGISLATURE

Libraries need some help from the State Legislature in this session. 1991 saw an appropriation for State Aid to Public Libraries set at one million dollars. That amount has fallen to \$880,000 in proposed dollars for North Dakota libraries in the next biennium. All public libraries qualify for State Aid if they have a local mill levy in place and agree to share their library resources statewide. This important incentive program between state and local governments deserves to be restored to the 1991 funding level.

Another vital concern to libraries statewide is the monetary support needed to fully fund the MINITEX contract for statewide library resource and research sharing efforts. An increase of \$100,000 over the Governor's budget recommendation is necessary in order to fully meet this need. The legislature has usually provided sufficient funds for the contract to be fully funded, but it fell behind in the last session. We need to recover full MINITEX funding in this legislative session.

The responsibility to address the improvement of school libraries came when the State Library was reorganized under the Department of Public Instruction in 1991. The last legislature created the position for a school library field professional. As we look to improving our schools across the state, this position, now in place, should be funded in this legislative session. \$88,000 would help to sustain our school library improvement program.

Also undertaken in the last session was the start-up of a talking book program for North Dakotans. \$30,000 from the General Fund is needed for operating expenses. Grants received to date are one-time awards and do not provide for operational expenditures.

## ACOL MEETS IN MINOT

The Governor's Advisory Council met at the Minot Public Library on Monday, November 7th. New members were introduced: Rita Traynor (Fargo) and Erik Sakariassen (Bismarck) represent citizen users, and Thomas Eggers (Jamestown) is institutional libraries representative.

Senator David O'Connell, Lansford, a key member of the Senate Education Committee, spoke. The Council discussed grant priorities for 1995 grants. Other items brought before the Council included the State Library Budget, Federal program cuts, the Talking Books Library, and the outlook for the reauthorization of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA).

The Council welcomes input from citizen users, librarians, legislators, and anyone else interested in the betterment of North Dakota libraries. The next meeting will be held in Bismarck in January.

## RAMSEY COUNTY APPROVES LIBRARY LEVY

November's surprising election results saw voters in Ramsey County approve - by 68.4 percent - a measure to authorize county commissioners to establish a 1 to 4 mill levy for public library services. At the present time one county mill generates approximately \$12,000 a year.

The Carnegie Library in Devils Lake will be the recipient of the funds generated to further improve library services throughout the county. One of the first services planned is installation of a county-wide toll-free telephone number for reference, renewals, and interlibrary loan. Future plans may include outreach programming into rural communities. New services will be funded by the mill levy as well as by the Carnegie Library's new eligibility to receive additional State Aid funds. When State Aid is fully funded by the legislative assembly, the Carnegie Library is then eligible to receive \$5 per square mile, plus \$1 per capita.

Library Director Wendy Spiesman reported that the library staff and board members, along with their families, spearheaded the publicity drive to pass the levy. These individuals used their time, funds and transportation to spread the library message across the county through print, local media, and personal contacts. Congratulations to those individuals and to the voters of Ramsey County!

With the passage of the levy, all county residents will have a voice in planning for a new library facility. The library is now in the process of investigating a potential site for a new building.

## LIBRARY MEDIA ASSOCIATION

The NDEA-Library Media Association met in Minot in October. School Library/Media Coordinator Donna Gilliland spoke about her position at the North Dakota State Library and the help she can offer to school districts.

School librarians are invited to join NDEA-LMA. Contact Beverly Quamme, 3125 N. 7th Street, Fargo, ND 58102. Include your name, address, school, and home and work phone numbers. Membership is \$10/year, payable to NDEA-LMA and entitles you to attend your spring regional sectional meeting. Don't miss this opportunity for professional growth!

## NDSL KEY TO LIBRARY SHARING

The North Dakota State Library is committed to providing access to information for all North Dakota citizens. Through its coordinating role, the State Library plays a significant part in library resource and research sharing efforts across North Dakota.

What is library resource sharing? One definition is the sharing - rather than buying - of books, periodicals, and other types of library, research, and information materials. The State Library coordinates the interlibrary lending system within the state by obtaining needed materials for any North Dakota library or citizen from anywhere in the world. This makes it possible for North Dakota citizens in even the most remote areas of the state to receive the information they need. Because ODIN, SENDIT, OCLC, EasyLink, Multitype Library Authority Info\*Lynx, the telephone and U.S. mail are all very different ways to complete an interlibrary loan exchange, the State Library is the central coordinating agency which facilitates the sharing of requested information statewide to all citizens.

Most importantly, library resource sharing means purchasing and using materials jointly. For example - by pooling funds, the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) libraries, the Educational Telecommunications Council and the University of North Dakota IVN have made it possible to provide online access to the full text of articles from more than 1200 magazines and journals statewide. By accessing ODIN, you will be able to see the entire article on your computer screen immediately. No more waiting - just print it out on your printer! The State Library led the formation of this coalition and is making all full-text articles available to any North Dakota citizen who has a library card from the State Library. Library cards are free to any resident of North Dakota.

The State Library contracts on behalf of North Dakota citizens and libraries with the state of Minnesota to provide North Dakota libraries access to many more collections and research resources of the University of Minnesota and other Minnesota academic libraries. Resource sharing is a vital part of the State Library's budget and is needed to fund the MINITEX contract.

Tax dollars are saved when North Dakota libraries share their resources. The State Library is the coordinating agency that makes it possible for North Dakota libraries to equitably serve all North Dakota citizens.

For further information on how to access ODIN, full-text magazine articles or the interlibrary loan system, please call the North Dakota State Library at 701-328-4622 or toll-free: 1-800-472-2104.

**ARSONIST DESTROYS CARRINGTON CITY LIBRARY**

When Carrington fire fighters responded to a call at the City Library about 5:20 p.m. on November 5th, they discovered the interior of the six-year-old facility engulfed in flames. By the time the blaze was contained at 6:20 p.m., the \$200,000 building and the \$260,000 library collection it contained were gone.

"It's a total loss," said librarian Blanche Stangeland. The fire destroyed 13,000 books, all the videos and tapes, the furniture, and the new copy machine. We lost our irreplaceable first editions and our North Dakota Collection. It must have been a hot fire because it went so fast."

"It's very sad," said State Library consultant Eric Halverson. "This is a huge loss for a small community. Carrington had a modern, attractive, accessible library, and now they have nothing but a half-million dollar loss. Carrington should be a cautionary tale for other librarians, trustees, and local government officials. You can't save money by skimping on insurance coverage. The task of rebuilding will be enormously complicated by the lack of funds," said Halverson.

Carrington Police and the Foster County Sheriff report that a 13-year-old boy has been taken into custody. No official cause for the fire had been established and no charges have been filed.

The Carrington city council, library board, and the city engineer met on Nov. 12 and decided to demolish the shell of the building.

Mayor Allan Metzger named a task force to look into the future of the city library as the extent of the loss became more apparent. City officials determined that insurance will cover only \$65,000 of the more than \$460,000 loss. The contents were not insured. Task force members were charged with looking at options that included combining the library with a new city hall; creating a Foster County library; or combining the city and school libraries into a community education center. The task force met with State Librarian William Strader in Carrington on November 17th to discuss community options.

Communities around the state are trying to help. Librarians in West Fargo, Fargo, Wahpeton, Valley City, Bismarck, and Jamestown have organized to provide materials for the temporary library. Jamestown firemen have already delivered a "truckload" of donations according to the Carrington librarian.

Person wishing to donate materials should send a list of items to: Carrington Public Library, 50 Main Street, Carrington, ND 58421

Cash donations can be sent to: Security State Bank - or - First American State Bank, Carrington, ND 58421

Librarians interested in a "Work Day" at Carrington are urged to contact Phyllis Bratton at Jamestown College Library.

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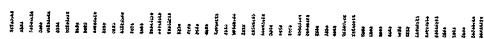
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- March 16 - "Freedom of Information Day"
- Mar. 29-Apr. 1 - Assoc. of College & Research Libraries Conf. (Pittsburg)
- Mar. 29-Apr. 1 - ND Reading Assoc. Spring Conf. (Fargo)
- April 9-15 - National Library Week - theme: "Libraries Change Lives"
- April 12 - Great American Read Aloud/Night of 1,000 Stars
- April 27-28 - Spring Workshops (Bismarck)
- May 9 - ALA "Legislative Day"
- May 22-23 - Advisory Council on Libraries (Jamestown)
- June 15-18 - Canadian Library Assoc. (Calgary)
- June 22-29 - ALA Annual Conference (Chicago)

## 54th LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DIRECTS LIBRARY STUDY

Here's great news for libraries, friends of libraries, and citizens of North Dakota: The 54th Legislative Assembly has passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 4032. This Act makes clear just how important library issues are to the betterment of North Dakota. The State Library salutes Senators G. Nelson, Casselton and C. Mushik, Mandan for their efforts on behalf of libraries. This is the text of their resolution:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4032** A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the library system in North Dakota, including the role and mission of the state library, cooperative library ventures, and research and information systems to determine if the citizens of this state have access to essential library services that are delivered efficiently.

**WHEREAS**, the education of our children and the continuing education of our adults are dependent upon the quality of the libraries and the materials available to them; and

**WHEREAS**, the system of libraries developed over the years should be reviewed to determine if improvements and efficiencies can be achieved; and

**WHEREAS**, technological advancements on a statewide, national, and international level are redefining both the scope of and access to libraries and library materials;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:** That the Legislative Council study the library system in North Dakota, including the role and mission of the state library, cooperative library ventures, and research and information systems such as ODIN, to determine if the citizens of this state have access to essential library services and whether improvements and efficiencies in the delivery of those services can be achieved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly.

Testimony of Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead at hearing on SCR-4032:

"Mr. Chairman and Senate Education Committee members:

"I am a long-time friend of libraries. For quite some time I've been aware of the struggle North Dakota school libraries face, and the challenge presented to our public libraries in these times of great change. I know first-hand of the library issues facing our state and of the need to provide quality library services statewide. Our educational investment must also sustain quality library efforts at the university level.

"Libraries are important and to conduct this study is important. I hope you will pass and support this resolution. I have been in contact with our state librarian. He is eager to see this resolution passes both houses. He and I are in joint and complete agreement on this issue."

We ask all of our legislators to give this resolution serious consideration and help this measure to pass.

## CALLING ALL SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS ....

Time is racing by quickly for this legislative session. Crossover has passed; the State Library's budget is now in the hands of the House Appropriations Committee.

The Senate has approved the governor's requested level, with the following changes:

- elimination of funding for the State Library DRIS position and movement of these funds into multitype library authorities;
- multitype library authorities have been funded for \$175,000, an increase from \$4,000. \$125,000 of this money was taken from a Department of Public Instruction Governor's School Efficiency Grant line-item.

Is it important to you as a library media specialist in a North Dakota school that existing State Library services be maintained? Is it important to have a school library improvement program that includes services such as on-site technical assistance for computers, telecommunications and other technology; collection development; facility evaluation, etc.? If so, it's time for action! Your "DO TODAY" list should include:

- Identify State Library services that you utilize and that you believe are essential;
- contact your House of Representative legislators about those services beneficial to your students;
- enlist students, parents, teachers, administrators, and others who appreciate these services to make contacts and phone calls;
- talk to your legislators in person; call them;
- make every effort to stress the critical importance of school libraries and information services in preparing students. If students are to become effective information users, ALL North Dakota library media centers must be first-class operations.

Rep. Wald (Dist. 37) is the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Representatives Gorman (Dist. 46), Kunkel (Dist. 15) and Kaldor (Dist. 20) have been appointed to the subcommittee that will closely review the State Library's budget. Speak personally to these representatives about the necessity of funding the school library improvement program. Telephone: 1-800-422-1439 (toll-free Capitol line); Bismarck-Mandan callers call 328-3373; FAX: 328-3000; or contact Donna Gilliland at the State Library: 328-3296.

## SW SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA WORKSHOP

Title: School Library Management

When: April 21-22, 1995 (two full days)

Where: Simle Jr. High School  
1215 N. 19th Street, Bismarck 58501

Subjects will include: censorship, pressure groups and tactics, selection and reconsideration policies and procedures, weeding policies, copyright law, copyright policies for your school, teaching faculty and students about the copyright law, and compiling a library procedures manual.

**Instructor:** Donna Gilliland, School Library/Media Coordinator, ND State Library

**Contact:** Mary Helen Pelton  
Division of Continuing Education  
University of North Dakota  
701-777-4235 or 1-800-342-8230

**Cost:** \$40 - Watch for details in the mail -

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## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 9-15, 1995

"Libraries Change Lives"

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## B&PH LIBRARIANS TO MEET IN S. DAKOTA

Librarians serving blind and physically handicapped persons in 19 western states are scheduled to hold a biennial conference at Lead, SD May 3-5. The conference is sponsored by the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library.

A preconference on volunteerism will be held May 3, featuring international authority on the establishment and maintenance of volunteer programs, Nancy Macduff. She has written several books, including "Building Effective Volunteer Committees" and "Volunteer Recruiting and Retention." She is a regular contributor to "Voluntary Action Leadership" and "The Journal of Volunteer Administration." Macduff has faculty appointments to Washington State University and Concordia College, Portland, where she teaches courses in volunteer administration.

On Friday, Charles Tremper, director of the Non-Profit Risk Management Center in Washington, DC, will speak to the main conference about legal issues and volunteers. Mr. Tremper and his agency train in areas of legal issues and non-profits.



**FULL-TEXT MAGAZINE ARTICLES NOW ONLINE**

Libraries, schools, and individuals who use ODIN (Online Dakota Information Network) now have access to complete magazine articles online.

Here's how it works: ODIN users dial into the General Magazine Index and do the desired search, following the usual steps. After finding an article, if the letters TXT appear at the bottom of the record, the complete article is available. This means no more waiting for interlibrary loans, no more special trips to the stacks, no need to make a photocopy of the original article - just print it off the screen. More than 800 different periodical titles, dating from 1993 to the present, are available. Because text is in ASCII, no graphics are available.

Listed below are step-by-step instructions to access full-text magazine articles:

1. Connect to ODIN
2. Type: LOGON (your library card number) (password). The library card number and password from any of the ODIN libraries can be used.
3. Type: SET FILE GEN
4. Find article of interest
5. To determine if the article is full-text, display the citation by typing DI 1. If the letters TXT appear at the bottom of the article citation, the full text is available. Type: TXT (return) - to display text. Type: NS (return) to display the next page.
6. To return to the online catalog, type: SET FILE CAT

To save costly online time, you may want to capture, download or log the session. This will allow you to save the information into a file, open the file of the word processor, and print from the word processor. Procedures vary depending on the brand of software you are using. For more detailed instructions, consult the manual accompanying your communication software.

**INFORMATION POLICY SEMINAR COMING TO BISMARCK**

The North Dakota State Library is sponsoring a seminar on information policy issues and development by SMR International President Guy St. Clair. The seminar will present ideas, concepts and questions to facilitate a discussion on the broad subject of information policy. Its goal is to encourage participants to discuss how information policy plays a role in determining the success of information services and the future management of information services.

Guy St. Clair is editor and publisher of **THE ONE PERSON LIBRARY: A NEWSLETTER FOR LIBRARIANS AND MANAGEMENT** and **INFOMANAGE: THE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER FOR THE INFORMATION SERVICES EXECUTIVE**. This October, Bowker Press released his latest book: **POWER AND INFLUENCE: ENHANCING INFORMATION SERVICES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION**. Mr. St. Clair presents workshops and consults with information services providers in the public and private sectors in North America, Europe and Africa.

The workshop will be presented in Bismarck at the Holiday Inn on April 10, 1995. Registration for the full-day session is \$50. For additional information, contact Mike Jaugstetter at the State Library (1-800-472-2104, #3, #1).

**REFERENCE CORNER**

A portion of the State Library's budget is used to purchase reference books that are loaned to libraries across the state. By sharing these books statewide, duplication of materials is avoided and state tax dollars are saved. Your support of the State Library's budget would be appreciated so that the circulating reference collection can be kept current. Contact your Senators and Representatives directly by calling toll-free and leaving a message for them at the State Capitol: 1-800-422-1439.

**APRIL WORKSHOPS IN BISMARCK**

On April 27th, librarians and other library supporters will have five opportunities to acquire new skills or sharpen existing ones. Workshop topics:

**ODIN FULL TEXT:** Tony Stukel, Director of ODIN, will present strategies on searching full-text databases on ODIN and related factors - from copyright to costs. The various levels of participation in ODIN for all types and sizes of libraries will also be outlined.

**CHILDREN'S COLLECTION ANALYSIS:** Donna Gilliland, School Library Media Consultant, North Dakota State Library, will lead participants through various steps to determine the strengths and weakness of their children's materials.

**PERSONAL SAFETY IN THE WORKSHOP -** Sgt. Mark Bushena of the Bismarck City Police Department, reviews how to prepare your library and staff to respond effectively to potentially dangerous situations.

**HOW SCHOOL MEDIA SPECIALISTS CAN INFLUENCE CHANGE** is a nationally televised seminar focusing on media specialists as positive change engineers in their schools. The nature and role of the change agent is addressed, as well as strategies to influence innovation.

APRIL 28th will see the return to the State by Michael Tabeling, Vice President of Beck Tabeling Architects of Bath, OH. **SPACE PLANNING FOR TECHNOLOGY** will be a full-day workshop to examine existing space to increase efficient use, as well as discuss the physical needs of accommodating new technology. Areas covered include: wiring, lighting, physical shell, and furniture.

All workshops will be held at the Holiday Inn in Bismarck. Registration fees are \$25 for one day or \$35 for both days. Additional registration material will be available via the "Flickertale Gazzateer" on SENDIT, or by contacting Carol Adams at the State Library (328-3499).



**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY, MARCH 16**

**B&PH NEWS UPDATE**

**Talking Book Program** - Talking Books are pouring into the State Library's Service to Blind & Physically Disabled (B&PH) division in incredible numbers! As they arrive, they are placed on an inventory list and boxed in readiness for barcoding and labeling. Volunteers will be trained to barcode, label and shelve the books. About 13,000 books on tape have already been received, with another 30-40,000 expected to arrive prior to the opening of the library. The target date for the State Library to begin this vital service to North Dakota patrons is set for July 1, 1995.

**Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS)** - On September 26, 1994, DRIS welcomed a new staff member - Terri Leupp Wilhelm - as volunteer coordinator/announcer for the radio reading service. As the State Library makes preparations for the Talking Book Program, she is also in charge of volunteer recruitment, training, and scheduling for the Talking Book Library. Terri is a graduate of the University of Mary with a degree in communications. She was a reporter on the KFVR-TV news team for four years prior to joining the State Library staff.

There are now 488 blind and physically disabled persons in western North Dakota who listen to their daily newspapers and monthly magazines on DRIS. They rely on DRIS to keep them current on North Dakota happenings.

**FEMINIST RESOURCE AVAILABLE**

"Your Library: A Feminist Resource" is available from the ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship. A cover brochure promoting library resources for women is combined in a packet with 15 annotated bibliographies on a variety of topics of special interest to women. Send your \$1 donation along with a self-addressed mailing envelope to: ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: 1-800-545-2433, Ext. 4277.

**BROCHURE ON CENSORSHIP**

"Intellectual Freedom and Censorship Q & A" is available from the Office for Intellectual Freedom, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. \$2 each (up to 5 copies); \$1 each (100 or more)

**NANCY STRADER NEVADA'S "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"**

Nancy Strader, wife of State Librarian Bill Strader, will be presented by the Nevada School Board to Governor Bob Miller and First Lady Bonnie Miller as Nevada's 1995 "Teacher of the Year."

Mary Peterson, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Nevada's Department of Education, will host this event in Nancy's honor.

Nancy is presently a fourth-grade teacher at Mark Twain Elementary School. Husband Bill says the whole family is very proud of Nancy's achievement and happy for her success. Nevada's First Lady was also an elementary teacher.

Dr. Wayne Sanstead recently sent his congratulations as North Dakota's Superintendent of Public Instruction and senior ranking member of the Chief Officers of State School Officials.

Nancy, along with the other state winners, will travel to Washington, D.C. later this year to receive further honors.

**YA Book List Available**

YALSA has released its list of 100 "Best of the Best" titles commemorating a quarter century of quality writing and distinguished publishing for young adults. For a copy of the Best of the Best list, contact YALSA at (800) 545-2433, ext. 4390.

**LIBRI BENEFITS HARVEY LIBRARY**

According to a LIBRI Foundation announcement, the Harvey Library has been accepted to participate in its BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program. The Lions Club raised \$350, the maximum possible to be matched by the Foundation at a 2-to-1 ratio. Books were selected from a booklist which included books for beginning readers up to the intermediate readers category. Readers will enjoy reading 71 books with a total retail value of \$1,091.03. Bookplates have been provided for each book, recognizing the Harvey Lions Club and the LIBRI Foundation.



## LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

**Beulah** - Thanks to grants from the State Vocational Rehabilitation Office to the ND School for the Blind Foundation, the public library is now one of 30 libraries and senior citizen centers in the state to receive Telesensory Chroma CCD closed-circuit television. Anything that's placed on its display board can be magnified up to 60 times original size. **Bismarck** - US West Foundation gifted the public library with \$3,000 for equipment for the online computer system INFO\*LYNX. Val Morehouse, media coordinator for Bismarck Schools, received NDLA's nomination for the national Paul Howard Award for Courage, given by ALA. **Carrington** - 36 students from Carrington Elementary School took part in a Sport-a-Thon that raised more than \$2,000 for the city library. **Devils Lake** - Voters gave county commissioners permission to levy up to 4 mills for establishment of a county library for the residents of Ramsey County. UND-Lake Region Paul Hoghaug Library began moving into new quarters January 30th. **Dickinson** - An "open house" celebrating the arrival of the new "Page Coach" bookmobile was held in December. The new bookmobile holds nearly twice as many books as the old one did! **Lisbon** - A \$11,400 grant from the Bremer Foundation will allow a book lease plan for rural libraries to continue. **New England** - The library received \$1000 from the local American Legion Post. **New Rockford** - Thanks to donations from the school board, library fines, book fairs, organizations and businesses, parents and alumni, the school-public library media center now has an automated electronic card catalog. **Rugby** - For the 12th year, the Eagles Auxiliary gave the library \$500 towards support of its services to the elderly. **Scranton** - Former students Gary and Carole Olson donated \$200 to the school library. **Steele** - A literary project made possible by the Kidder County Family and Community Education Program and the Andrew Riskedahl Memorial Fund presented the Kidder County Library with 52 books about each state of the Union. **Velva** - Librarian Iris Swedlund expects the new school and community library to open in March. **Walhalla** - Jill Anderson is the new librarian, replacing Brenda Messner, who moved out of state. **Williston** - In addition to the paperback exchange already in place, the library plans to start a magazine exchange program. **Wishek** - The \$400 given to the library by the American Legion will be spent on additional book shelves.

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## ROLFSRUD BOOKS FOR SALE

The following are currently available from the Rolfsrud family: BOY FROM JOHNNY BUTTE, CUTBANK GIRL, FLICKERTAIL STORIES, GOPHER TAILS FOR PAPA, GIRL OF THE TUMBLEWEEDS, STONE JOHNNY SCHOOL, NOTABLE NORTH DAKOTANS, WITH THE WIND AT MY BACK, THE TIGER-LILY YEARS, SCANDINAVIAN MOSES (\$4.95 ea.) PETTICOAT PIONEER (\$7.95) and THE STORY OF THE PEACE GARDEN STATE (\$9.95). To order, write or call: Beverly Rolfsrud, 12918 Daisy Lane SW, Farwell, MN 56327 (612-283-5876).

**CENTER FOR THE BOOK DIRECTOR NAMED**

The North Dakota Center for the Book, a non-profit organization sponsored by the North Dakota State Library to promote and celebrate books, the literary arts and North Dakota's intellectual heritage, has recently hired Dianne Aull as Executive Director. Aull, a graduate of Minot State University, has worked in the non-profit field for five years, and as coordinator for Literacy North Dakota for the past three and one-half years.

The Center for the Book's board of directors held election of officers at its January meeting. Erik Sakaraissen, Bismarck, was elected president. Serving as vice president is Lois Altenburg from Fargo, with Sue Bicknell of Bismarck continuing as secretary/treasurer. Mary Helen Pelton, Grand Forks, remains on the executive committee as past president. New to the board this year are: Susan Ekberg, Fargo; Tom Isern, Fargo; and Janet Lysengen, Bismarck. Continuing as board members are Vera Uyehara, Grand Forks; Ann Rathke, Bismarck; Leah Calbreath, Dickinson; Ceil Anne Clement, Hettinger; and Mary Miller, Garrison.

If you're interested in learning more about the Center for the Book, or in membership, contact a board member in your area or call Dianne at 328-1303.

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## Around the State

- ❑ Marjorie Larson and Amy Winning were honored at an open house at the Griggs County Library April 12 for over 25 years of service each.
- ❑ McKenzie County Library broke ground April 17 for the construction of a new 12,000+ square foot library and bookmobile garage.
- ❑ Velva School and Public Library held an open house for its new facility May 12.
- ❑ Fargo Public Library director Nann Blaine Hilyard received an award for service from the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce in Washington DC.

## DATES OF INTEREST

- Sept 16 Governor's Telecommunications Day, Bismarck
- Sept 25 Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries, Grand Forks
- Sept 25 Legislative Council Study of the State's library networks, Grand Forks
- Oct 4-7 1995 Tri-Conference, (MPLA-NDLA-SDLA) Sioux Falls, SD
- Oct 18-20 NDEA, Fargo

## Reference Corner

The North Dakota State Library's publication FLICKERTALE can be found electronically on SendIt by accessing "Electronic Classroom", choosing "Electronic Newsletters" and next selecting "Flickertale Newsletter".

Also available through SendIt is the "Quicker Flicker" with library news, information on library issues, classes and conferences, job openings, etc. The "Quicker Flicker" can be accessed by choosing "Library Resources" and then selecting "Flickertale Gazetteer".

If your library has news or information you would like posted on the "Quicker Flicker" for library SendIt users to access, you're welcome to send it to: Paula Binek, North Dakota State Library, 604 E. Blvd. Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0800 or E-mail to: [gazettee@SendIt.NoDak.Edu](mailto:gazettee@SendIt.NoDak.Edu).

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BIENNIUM COMES TO A CLOSE

All divisions of the State Library continued to expand services to citizens of North Dakota during the 1993 - 1995 biennium.

Interlibrary loan requests continued to grow with the ever-expanding access to our services via ODIN, SENDIT and Prairie Online. The State Library responded to 98,707 requests for materials and information and circulated a total of 121,614 items. Additionally, 113,147 photocopies were made to answer the information needs of the State Library's 11,779 registered borrowers. To ensure that current information was available to meet this level of demand, 72,449 items in all formats were added to the collection. 7,868 printouts were produced from the CD-ROM databases owned by the State Library.

The inclusion of full-text articles via ODIN has allowed for more self-service both in the library and remotely via computer. Other improvements to ODIN include the inclusion of the resources of several state agencies which include: State Film Library, School for the Deaf, Prevention Resource Center Library and the Health Department--Division of Health and Education. And now, ODIN's new acquisition program allows patrons to see what is on order.

Of equal importance is the State Library's record in assisting in the development of other libraries - of all types - across the State. State Library staff members made over 300 visits to bring personalized consultation and training for librarians, library administrators, the general public and government officials. Staff members also represented the State Library and the library community as a whole at civic and business events ranging from the State Fair to the Red River Valley Trade Corridor.

Over fifteen continuing education opportunities were provided by State Library staff in all aspects of librarianship. Over 400 individuals took advantage of these opportunities. State Library staff is increasing its capabilities to provide continuous training to the State's librarians. In 1994, State Library staff, in cooperation with the Center for Innovation at Valley City State University, presented 13 technology workshops some of which were conducted over the State's Interactive Video Network.

Federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) dollars totaling 73,240 were made available by the State Library to assist in the development of library services in six state institutions. 168,293 LSCA dollars were awarded by the State Library to public libraries to improve public library facilities and their information technologies. State Library staff assisted in the selection and installation of new technology as well as in the training necessary to fully utilize modern hardware and software.

The State Library's staff will continue to serve all libraries and citizens of North Dakota. Patrons are encouraged to communicate with the State Library to ensure effective service for today and into the 21st century.

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY AND PRAIRIE ONLINE**

Online access to the North Dakota State Library has been expanded. Prairie Online (operated by Prairie Public TV in Fargo, ND) and the North Dakota State Library have formed a partnership to include electronic request forms for books, periodicals/newspaper articles, information, renewals, audio-visual, and request a library card.

To access Prairie Online, use your modem and communications software to dial 701-234-0067. The settings are 8 Data bits, 1 stop bit and no parity. You will be asked some simple registration questions. If you use Windows or a Macintosh computer, you can download a dedicated client program by selecting "POL Software" and downloading the appropriate software package.

To access the request forms on Prairie Online, select the "Prairie Online" folder. Then select "Libraries", then "ND State Library". The request forms are located in the "Card Holder Services" folder. Select the type of request you wish and fill in your information after the colon (:). It is very important that you include your State Library barcode number in your request. When you have all the necessary information filled in, send the message. It will automatically go to the State Library.

The State Library will receive your request electronically and in a few days, you will have the material you requested.

**STATE AGENCIES JOIN ODIN**

Coming soon to ODIN (Online Dakota Information Network) will be the holdings of the Supreme Court Law Library and the Health Department - Division of Health Promotion and Education.

Libraries and individuals will have access to over 400 health related videos, filmstrips, and slides available from the Health Department. To order the materials, please contact the Librarian at the Division of Health Promotion and Education at 701-328-2368.

The Supreme Court Law Library will have its catalog on ODIN which contains many legal resources. Please contact the Supreme Court Law Library at 710-328-2227 for information on how to use these materials.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDIES LIBRARY SERVICES IN STATE**

The Legislative Council's Interim Budget Committee on Government Services began an 18 month study in June of the library system in North Dakota. On June 16, the committee, chaired by Representative Clarence Martin, heard background information prepared by Allen Knudson on the structure of libraries in North Dakota, the role of the State Library, the purpose and status of multitype library authorities, and resource sharing systems, including the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN), the statewide automation library system. The State Library delivered a presentation and many library directors statewide also presented information to the committee. The next meeting will be in Grand Forks on September 25. For more information, contact Allen Knudson at Legislative Council.

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## *Around the State*

- ❑ Tom Shilts, director of the Carnegie Regional Library in Grafton has won the 1995 Chester Fritz Library/Merrifield Scholarship Award Competition. A graduate student in the history department, Shilts was honored for his paper, "To Prevent a Calamity Which is Imminent: North Dakota in the Fuel Crisis of 1919."
- ❑ Ward County Library received a \$15,000 grant award from the Bremer Foundation for a new bookmobile.
- ❑ Jamestown College Raugust Library received over \$100,000 in water damage due to insufficient weather protection during recent heavy rains.

## DATES OF INTEREST

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| Sept 18   | Telecom Day, Bismarck   |
| Sept 25   | Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries, Grand Forks                         |
| Sept 25   | Legislative Council Study of the State's library networks, Grand Forks        |
| Sept 28   | Governor's Business Opportunity Day, Bismarck (Visit the State Library Booth) |
| Oct 4-6   | MPLA/SDLA/NDLA Triconference, Sioux Falls, SD                                 |
| Oct 18-20 | NDEA, Fargo (Visit the State Library Booth)                                   |
| Nov 10    | Veterans Day (Observed) State Library Closed                                  |

## *Reference Corner*

Due to the 1995 budget reduction, the ODIN 800 line has been discontinued. To access ODIN, people may establish either a SendIt or Internet account. For information on a SendIt account, contact Jodi French (701-231-7208). For an Internet account, contact Glen Rutherford at Information Services Division (701-328-3190).

## ND STATE LIBRARY PROVIDES TRAINING FOR HOME USE AND FULL-TEXT SEARCHING

As a member of the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN), the North Dakota State Library provides individualized, hands-on training in the use of ODIN. State Library staff is available to instruct individuals or small groups in the use of the network which provides access to the resources of all types of libraries throughout the state and region.

Training is provided at the State Library on beginning and advanced levels. The training includes basic search commands. After the first class, you will be able to locate material by author, title or key word.

The second level of training covers advanced searching commands, such as limiting by date, format, accessing other state catalogs, and accessing magazine indexes and full-text articles.

Ninety-eight (98) individuals participated in the program during the first half of 1995.

To arrange for a training session, contact Susan Pahlmeyer at 701-328-4622.

## LSCA AWARDS PROMOTE IMPROVED SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

The North Dakota State Library recently awarded \$136,620 in Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) Titles I and II funds to thirteen public and six state institutional libraries. LSCA funds are made available on a competitive basis and require local matching funds.

Title I funds in the amount of \$36,620 were distributed to improve public library services for the clients of state institutions. The Schools for the Blind (Grand Forks) and Deaf (Devils Lake) will use their awards for materials for and about their special needs patrons. Each school is evolving into a statewide resource center and LSCA funds have been an important component in strengthening their collections and providing the technology necessary for resource sharing. The North Dakota Veterans Home (Lisbon) has also utilized LSCA to provide a variety of current materials for its residents. Grant funds also allow the local public librarian to operate two libraries at the Home, as it has no assigned library staff. Two correctional facilities - the State Penitentiary (Bismarck) and the State Youth Correctional Center (Mandan) - and the State Hospital (Jamestown) provide materials through the LSCA program to meet the recreational and educational needs of their patrons. The technology needed to organize in-house materials and access remote resources has been made possible with LSCA funds. Over several years, the LSCA program has provided supplementary funds for library services in state institutions.

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**LSCA AWARDS (Continued)**

In demonstrating the benefits of public library services to their clients, the program has influenced many institutions to increase their library support.

Public libraries profit from LSCA awards through assistance in construction and technology enhancement projects. LSCA funds have been the prime factor in the development of electronic resource sharing networks in North Dakota. Six libraries - Enderlin, Edgeley, Valley City/Barnes County, Hebron, Garrison and Lisbon - received awards this year for the purchase of hardware to allow them to continue to participate in statewide networks. Improved public service should result from their plans to provide public access terminals and CD ROM materials.

Construction projects to increase space, efficiency and accessibility were funded in Fargo, Ward County, Beach, Turtle Lake, Washburn and New England. In 1995, a total of \$100,000 was provided for construction and technology projects.

**NDEA EVENTS**

Make plans to visit the State Library's booth at the NDEA Convention, October 18-19, in the exhibit area of the Civic Auditorium in Fargo. You will receive information on services provided by the State Library and ODIN.

The Library Media Association of NDEA will also meet during the convention on Thursday, October 19, at the River Inn (formerly the Town House), 301 Third Avenue North, in Fargo. The program runs from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**NEW STAFF JOIN THE STATE LIBRARY**

Stella Cone, Terri Wilhelm, and Sandy Williams are the newest staff to join the State Library. They will be working primarily toward the goal of filling the information needs of blind and physically disabled patrons through the new talking book program.

Stella Cone, a recent graduate of Clarion University's Master of Library Science program with six years experience at the Jamestown College Raugust Library, will head the new program. A transplant from the south (her accent gives her away), she is excited to get the State Library talking book program started in September.

Terri Wilhelm, who has spent the last 10 months as the State Library's radio reading services volunteer coordinator, is now the reader advisor for the talking book program. Visually and physically impaired patrons who call the toll-free number for talking books will receive enthusiastic assistance for selection of their favorite books.

Sandy Williams has worked previously in the information services division. She will assist in tape duplication, mail, inspection, and other numerous activities that will be required to launch and maintain a successful talking books program.

We welcome these three "new" staff and are fortunate to have them involved with this program.

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## Around the State

- Lee Lampert, librarian at Divide County High School, has been re-appointed to represent school libraries on the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries. Dennis Page, Director of the Grand Forks Public Library, has been appointed to the Council to represent public libraries. Bernnett Reinke, Director of Stoxen Library at Dickinson State University, will represent academic libraries.
- Sally Oremland, North Dakota State Library's Blind & Physically Handicapped Services, along with Neil Price of UND were co-recipients of NDLA's Librarian of the year award.
- State Library staff received an award from the Government Documents Roundtable of NDLA at the tri-conference in Sioux Falls for "30 years of work with the state documents depository program and their ongoing efforts in making state information available to the people of North Dakota."

## DATES OF INTEREST

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| Nov 28    | Legislative Council Study, Jamestown 1996          |
| Jan 15    | Martin L. King, Jr. Day, State Library Closed      |
| Feb 5     | Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries, Bismarck |
| Feb 19-25 | ALA Midwinter, San Antonio, TX                     |
| Mar 26-30 | PLA, Portland, OR                                  |
| May 9-10  | NDSL Spring Workshops, Bismarck                    |

## Reference Corner

If you need photocopies of periodical articles, the North Dakota State Library is the place to contact! Not only does the State Library subscribe to many titles, but the State Library also has access to almost 300 titles held by state agencies. These titles appear on the location line of the ODIN record as: "STATE AGENCY". Of course, if neither the State Library nor a state agency has the title or issue requested, the State Library will try to locate a library somewhere in the United States or Canada that can provide a photocopy. For more information about obtaining periodical articles, call the North Dakota State Library at 328-4622.

## TALKING BOOKS PROGRAM LAUNCHED

November begins the State Library's third month of delivering talking book services to the blind and physically disabled patrons in North Dakota. The staff is busy acquiring more books for the collection through The National Library Service for the Blind (NLS), entering records on the database, taking requests, entering new patron information, making duplicate copies, reshelving the 200 books borrowed each day, and performing numerous other tasks that make this service possible.

North Dakota has over 2,000 talking book patrons, and approximately 50 are added monthly. Circulation is projected to exceed 50,000 during the first year of operation. Requests are taken via telephone, which includes a toll free number, by program administrator Stella Cone and reader/advisor Terri Wilhelm. The book is placed in the mail by Sandy Williams and is sent to the patron and returned postage free. Material for the visually disabled in the United States is mailed free of charge because postage for the program is subsidized by the Federal Government.

Textbooks on cassette or in Braille are available for disabled students. Requests for textbooks are referred to Betty Bender, School for the Blind, who will locate the textbooks and place the order with the holding agency.

To access North Dakota State Library talking book services call 1-800-843-9948 or the local Bismarck numbers 328-1477 or 328-1469.

## HUMAN RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

Libraries and citizens of North Dakota are eligible to receive a variety of services from the State Library in addition to traditional books. The State Library employs staff with professional training and years of practical experience to meet the demands of library development throughout the state. Specialists are on-call to discuss questions regarding cataloging, automation, acquisitions and other technical services. Program planning, administration, fund raising and working with municipal officials are also included in the spectrum of assistance provided.

The State Library will host the third annual Great American Bookmobile Conference on October 4 & 5, 1996, in Bismarck. This year's conference drew over 200 participants from across the U.S. and included representatives from Fargo Public and Bottineau County libraries. The State Library is also planning continuing education workshops for May 9-10, 1996. These activities will provide informational sessions as well as create a forum for discussion with librarians from across the state and around the world.

If you have a concern or need assistance in any library-related matter, please feel free to call the State Library. You will be connected with a staff person who can assist you.

## STUDY ON LIBRARY SERVICES CONTINUES

The Legislative Council Budget Committee on Government Services met on September 25, 1995, at the Grand Forks Public Library. Library Director Dennis Page began the presentation with information on the Grand Forks Public Library's circulation and interlibrary loan activities. Tony Stukel, Director of the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN), presented the legislators with a history of ODIN and statistics about the usage and need to continue to develop this statewide information database. Bernette Reinke, Director of the Stoxen Library at Dickinson State University, presented information to legislators on the need for the State Library to continue to facilitate interlibrary loan activity for the state's libraries. The State Library handled 50,000 interlibrary loans last year, coordinating lending between libraries, spreading the load and providing access to information to libraries and citizens in 26 counties that have no county library services.

The next legislative study meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 28 & 29 in Jamestown.

## STAFF NEWS

The State Library has two new faces in the Information Services Department. Catherine Kwilinski, a graduate of Carleton College in Northfield, MN, is working full time in Reference Services. Sarah Glass works part-time facilitating interlibrary loans.

State Library staffer, Emily Steinkogler, has had her poem "Its Christmas" published in the National Library of Poetry's anthology: "Tomorrow Never Knows."

## "LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE" ESSAY CONTEST

The North Dakota Center for the Book announces the "Letters About Literature" essay contest in association with the Weekly Reader Corporation and the National Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The North Dakota Center for the Book is one of 20 state centers participating in the contest.

The contest is open to all students in grades 6 through 10, and the contest theme is **Books Change Lives**. Students interested in participating should write a letter to their favorite or least favorite author explaining how his or her book changed their way of thinking about a particular topic.

The contest will be announced in the October issue of *Read* magazine, a publication of the Weekly Reader Corporation. The deadline for this year's contest is December 8, 1995. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry coupon which can be obtained by calling the North Dakota Center for the Book at 701-328-1303, or by contacting the *Read* editorial offices at 203-638-2400.

*Read* editors will screen all entries by state and send up to 40 semi-finalists to each participating state center. Winners will be selected by state judges, with a prize award of \$100 for North Dakota's first place entry. That student will be eligible for the grand prize offered by *Read* magazine -- a trip to Washington, D.C.

For more information contact Dianne Aull at the North Dakota Center for the Book, 328-1303.

## LIBRARY DIRECTORY

The State Library is planning to publish a paper version of the statewide library directory on January 1, 1996. Publishing will be based on advance orders only, and orders will be accepted through December 15, 1995. The cost for the directory (which includes shipping) is \$10, and checks made out to the ND State Library should be sent to Paula Binek by 12/15/95. Directories on disk will continue to be available for \$5 from Paula Binek.

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