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DATES

March 23-27

*PLA National Conference
Portland, OR*

April 12-13

Spring Workshops - Fargo

April 15-16

Spring Workshops - Bismarck

June 2

Summer Reading Kickoff Day

June 24-29

*ALA National Conference
Washington D.C.*



Tech Tip

When was the last time you brushed up on your computer and Internet security skills? If it's been a while, or if you've never really thought about the topic of computer security, you might want to consider checking out the following helpful resources from WebJunction, North Dakota Information Technology Department, and the National Cyber Security Alliance. Because of the quickly-changing nature of computers and the cyber world, it's important to be knowledgeable about digital security. Check out the following links for more info!

www.webjunction.org/tech-security
www.staysafeonline.org/
www.nd.gov/itd/security/practices.html

Online Library Resources Spotlight on Encyclopedia Britannica Online

A North Dakota State Library survey of educators and librarians across the state revealed a need for an online encyclopedia. Included in the package of new Online Library Resources provided by the State Library beginning in July 2009 are four editions of Encyclopedia Britannica Online: School Edition (PreK-12), Academic Edition (college), a Public Library Edition, and a Public Library Edition for Kids.

The School Edition has three levels of content for elementary, middle school, and high school students. Each level contains appropriate reference, journal and magazine articles, multimedia, web sites, learning materials, and teacher's resources. Each article is cited in Modern Language Association (MLA) and American Psychological Association (APA) formats. The elementary level includes the Britannica Learning Zone, a PreK-2 interactive learning environment that includes games, activities, audio and video, and vocabulary builders. Young students can learn about geography, numbers, time, sounds, colors, and more.



The Academic Edition for college students, in addition to encyclopedia reference articles, also includes academic and magazine articles from EBSCO and ProQuest, the Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Quotations, World Atlas, Gateway to the Classics, World Data Analyst, and current news articles from the New York Times and BBC News.

The Public Library Edition has separate home pages for adults and children. Britannica Kids is well suited to young library patrons, while Britannica Reference Center is for high school students and adults. Start with the encyclopedia, move on to magazines, recommended websites, an atlas, the classics, biographies, news, and much more.

Each edition of Encyclopedia Britannica contains a video collection, blogs, timelines, daily updates from age-appropriate newspapers, spotlights on history and biography, a guided tour of the database and excellent help pages. Whatever your age, education level, or interest, the relevant information you need can be found in Encyclopedia Britannica Online.

For assistance using this new resource, please contact the State Library at 800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov.

The Big Read

The Big Read is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to conduct month-long, community-wide reads between September 2010 and June 2011. The Big Read is a national program designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture. Organizations selected to participate in The Big Read will receive a grant ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000, access to online training resources, educational and promotional materials, inclusion of your organization and activities on The Big Read website, and the prestige of participating in a highly visible national program. Approximately 75 organizations from across the country will be selected by a panel of experts.

For additional information, visit www.NEABigRead.org or contact Arts Midwest at 612-238-8010 or TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest.



Summer Reading Tidbits

The 2010 summer reading manuals are still available. If you haven't ordered a copy for your public library yet, please do so. The State Library is giving one free copy to each public library in North Dakota.

Governor Hoeven has been requested to proclaim Wednesday, June 2, 2010 "Summer Reading Kickoff Day @ Your Library". Libraries planning to host a kickoff event are encouraged to host it on Summer Reading Kickoff Day. A summer reading kickoff event is a great way to attract community and media attention to your library!

If you're planning to be at the 2010 Spring Workshops, consider attending the summer reading workshop to engage in discussion with other librarians about ideas for the upcoming 2010 summer reading programs.

For more information about summer reading programs or to order your free copy of the manual, please visit www.library.nd.gov/publicawareness.html.

State Library Exploring New Methods of Communication



The North Dakota State Library recently delved into the vast world of social communication with the establishment of a Twitter account. Visitors to the State Library's Twitter page will be greeted by information about services of the State Library and other North Dakota libraries. These "tweets" will contain relevant information for librarians, educators, professionals, students, and the general public.

"The mission of the State Library is to provide access to information for North Dakota," says Adam Emter, Public Awareness Coordinator at the State Library. "Using Twitter simply provides another method to reach users who prefer non-traditional methods of communication. We're thrilled about the opportunity it presents."

To check out the State Library's Twitter page, visit www.twitter.com/NDStateLibrary. Twitter users can follow the State Library, RSS users can subscribe to the State Library's Twitter feed, and visitors to the State Library's website can view the most recent tweets at www.library.nd.gov.

2010 Spring Workshops



The 2010 North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops are coming together and there's some great programming in the line-up! This year's workshops will be held in Fargo on April 12th and 13th, and in Bismarck on April 15th and 16th. The locations for Fargo will be the Best Western Doublewood Hotel and the West Fargo Public Library. The Bismarck locations will be the Radisson Hotel and the Bismarck State College Library.

The State Library has a great lineup of workshops including technology workshops in both locations. Topics for this year's workshops include: developing a Friends of the Library group, utilizing social media tools, and summer reading programs. Round table discussions on various library related topics will again be a part of the workshops. Technology workshops will feature representatives from EBSCO, Gale, and the State Library who will demonstrate and explain some of the new Online Library Resources. A new program being added this year is a panel discussion by community leaders. The discussion will give valuable ideas about increasing the library's role in your community.

Recently Awarded Grants Improve Library Services in North Dakota

Training opportunities abound with the five computer training lab grants that were awarded on December 2. Five public libraries will be establishing training labs in their libraries to assist with training librarians, boards, special groups and the public in the use of Online Library Resources and the statewide online library catalog. The Bowman Regional Public Library, Carrington Public Library, Grand Forks Public Library, Velva School and Public Library, and the Leach (Wahpeton) Public Library will coordinate and provide training on a regular basis and by special request.

The Enderlin Municipal Library received an innovative grant in partnership with their County Nursing Organization to provide training to the public on health related Online Library Resources.

The Griggs County Public Library and Sitting Bull College Library each received a grant to add their collections to the statewide online library catalog through WorldCat, which will result in access to an additional 50,000 North Dakota items.

The North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council awarded the grants with funding provided through Library Vision 2010 (LV2010) and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Look for flyers in the mail, information on the North Dakota State Library website at www.library.nd.gov and e-mails for registration information. We look forward to seeing you at the 2010 State Library Spring Workshops!

Biennial Report Published

The North Dakota State Library 2007-2009 Biennial Report is now available. The Biennial Report contains history, library trends, major activities, and more. An online pdf version may be accessed at <http://bit.ly/6yBgvV>. Printed copies are available by contacting the State Library at 800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov.

Flickertale e-Delivery

The North Dakota State Library recently added another delivery option for its newsletters. In an effort to speed up the delivery process, save printing and postage cost, and provide information in an alternative format, electronic delivery is now available for those who prefer that format.

If you would like to receive the Flickertale or Discovery (Disability Services) newsletter via e-mail, please submit the online form at www.library.nd.gov/enewsletter.html. When submitting the form, you will have the option to cancel your print subscription. Both the print and electronic editions will contain the same content.

@ Your Library
Elgin Public Library

It's been a long time coming, but the Elgin Public Library will soon open doors as the only public library in Grant County. "We have the building — the sale was finalized," explained Elgin Public Library board member Ruth Boyer. The Library Board raised \$10,000 without too much trouble, and is currently using the donations to make accommodations for handicapped patrons. To pay for books and other ongoing expenses, the library plans to utilize income from a small mill levy. Additional funding came in the form of a Gates grant, which will be used to purchase computers and provide access to the Internet and Online Library Resources.

"We have a few more things to do before we can open to the public. And we're still looking for bookshelves," Boyer said. "But the community has been so generous in donating tables, chairs, and books. We even have a committed group of volunteers willing to staff the library during the week, and possibly even Saturdays for a few hours." One volunteer has already requested the role of "Mother Goose" for storytime reading.

Board members and volunteers are excited to serve the Elgin community, and look forward to the library becoming the informational center of Grant County. A grand opening, complete with bookshelves, is being planned for Spring 2010.



Carlton Levorsen, President of the Elgin Lions Club presents a \$10,000 donation to Ruth Boyer, Elgin Public Library Board Member

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