



State Library Reaches Agreement With Credo Reference

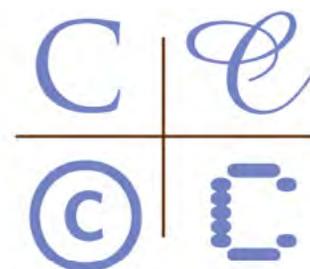
The North Dakota State Library is pleased to announce an agreement with Credo Reference to provide, for the citizens of North Dakota, a discoverable and compelling online reference service. The agreement, effective October 1, provides the Credo General Reference Collection database, which will be included in the ODIN collection of databases presently available statewide to North Dakota public, college, university, and tribal libraries, as well as K-12 schools. Under the terms of the agreement, non-ODIN K-12 public schools and non-ODIN public libraries will also have access to the new database through the State Library web portal. Using the portal, public library users with a North Dakota public library card or a North Dakota State Library card may make use of the database remotely, using any device with an internet connection.

The Credo General Reference database is a completely customizable general reference solution for learners and librarians. Offering more than three and a half million entries, 530+ highly-regarded titles from over 80 publishers, this high-quality general online reference service provides both credible reference content and best-in-class technology. Also included are more than 300,000 images including images and diagrams of the organs of the human body and more than 200,000 audio files with items such as speeches by famous political leaders and scientists of international importance. The listing of included titles, by subject category, may be examined at <http://bit.ly/O8oxur>.

One of the fun features of the Credo General Reference is the ability to use the database as a “crossword puzzle” solver. This feature allows for the use of a question mark (?) for the missing letter of a word. This feature also helps with anagrams. Other features help with the automatic conversion of units of measure; in-depth visual searches of holidays and festivals; pronunciation guides via audio feedback; and, quotation searches. Also exciting is the use of concept maps, which display connections between search results in a visual, interactive, and easy-to-use format.

Full text searching of the Credo General Reference database and the searching of images and audio files can be accomplished in one search box by way of a Credo product called *Literati*. *Literati* is an overlay that operates like a federated search engine. *Literati* brings up reference materials from the Credo Reference database and items in the material collections of North Dakota’s catalog of library holdings, accomplished by working with OCLC. The *Literati* search box will also provide a connection to other databases in the ODIN family such as the EBSCO and Gale collection of databases. The search engine capabilities of *Literati* will be available for the use of all K-12 schools and all public libraries in the state via the NDSL web portal.

The Credo package as acquired by the North Dakota State Library offers accessible content for middle school through post graduate and professional levels with fully customized “topic pages” to meet user needs and allow a quick connection to relevant resources. These resources, brought together by Credo, work to meet the goals of increasing information literacy and to improve the learning experience of the users across the State of North Dakota. Combined with the features of **Tutor ND**, the educational opportunities of the state’s citizenry are greatly enhanced and the possibility of achievement is made available to all.



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New News and Thoughts...

from State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins

It is often said that no one likes attorneys until they need one and then everyone wants the absolutely best attorney that they can find. Likewise, it is often said that members of the medical profession are overpaid, yet that comment will vanish when a person has a need for critical care and then, the price of the medical assistance to be obtained does not matter. In a similar manner, few people value the expertise of a librarian until they need information and then, the self-paced wanderings of an individual on the Internet just do not suffice.

Recently, in an article entitled "An Educated Citizenry Is a States' Best Shot to Create Jobs and a Better Quality of Life" authored by James Applegate of the Lumina Foundation in the newsletter of the Council of State Governments (Sept./Oct. 2012 issue), the philosophy was put forward that there are no silver bullets in life. Indeed, the article noted that data clearly tells us that the closest thing a state has to a silver bullet for creating a successful 21st century economy and an improved quality of life - better health, lower crime, citizens who contribute - is a dramatic increase in the number of educated people in its workforce age population and an overall increase in the levels of educational achievement on the part of all of the state's citizenry.

Mr. Applegate notes that the connection between states with a more educated population and increased per capita income, tax revenues, public health, and citizen engagement, as well as lower crime, and obesity rates is clear with the result being a classic win-win for states as the more educated states have greater wealth while those educated states lower the demands placed on public resources. Conversely, low education levels will undercut any effort to create jobs because economic research makes clear that only with an educated workforce is there an increase in productivity to fill workforce demands.

As a storehouse of knowledge, libraries provide information to aid in the achievement of basic educational needs. But libraries do much more as the library also provides the information that aids inventors, that aids government in answering citizen needs, and that aids present industrial needs and future industrial development. Libraries have the information that answers the questions that are posed and librarians fulfill the role of guides in the pursuit of that information.

The North Dakota State Library is working hard to help the libraries of the state to be depositories of information that advance the educational level of individuals in the state. The development of **Tutor ND** as a statewide program helps to explain the details of education's lessons; databases, made available statewide including the new **Credo** database, helps to make answers available; and, with an increased emphasis on the training of the state's dedicated librarians, library personnel are better able to aid in the procurement of information to improve educational levels for citizens of all ages. It is a cooperative process that is a successful story in North Dakota. Let not the value of librarians and libraries be discounted but, rather, let such be appreciated!

ND Library Tidbits



- The Leach Public Library in Wahpeton hosted a teen photography contest for the “Own the Night” summer reading program. The library partnered with ElenaK Photography in Fargo to teach teens how to capture great nighttime photos. Photo contest entries were displayed in the library for two weeks in July. The grand-prize winner received a copy of the photo editing software Adobe Photoshop Elements 10, which was donated by ElenaK Photography.
- The Lake Region Public Library summer reading program had 118 K-6 participants and 16 teen participants. The Groove Club entertained at the kickoff party, while the wrap-up party featured a visit by the First Lady of North Dakota, Mrs. Betsy Dalrymple, who spoke about the importance of reading to children.
- Wendy Wendt has been elected as the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Vice President/President-Elect. Wendt is director of the Grand Forks Public Library and was a 2010 participant at the MPLA Leadership Institute.
- The Margaret Fraase Public Library in Buffalo hosted a summer reading program for all ages. Twenty-two people participated throughout the summer. The following is a recitation presented at the wrapup party:

“Summer reading was great, without a doubt. So let us tell you what it was all about. We read many books and did several projects. And when we had to say goodbye to Pippi, the baby goat, we almost had to cry. We went for nature walks and stopped for a treat, and visited Heidi’s hobby farm and wanted to help her paint the barn. And so we all will agree summer reading was from the beginning until the last, nothing but really a great big blast.”
- Hankinson hosted 56 children at the summer reading program and averaged over 40 children each week. One week children were given a snap dragon in a paper cup to take home and plant. The library hosted a professional story teller, a money expert, a fitness center owner who shared healthy bed time snack ideas, and a pajama party with popcorn. In addition, Miss North Dakota visited and signed autographs and an astronomer brought his telescopes and pictures of the planets. The library ended the summer with a party, featuring games, stories, ice cream cones, and treats to take home.
- The Ward County Public Library had a great summer program this year. Approximately 200 kids signed up to participate. The library started off the summer in both Minot and Kenmare with the Groove Club, a musical group from Nashville, performing for the children. The children in Kenmare continued with Cupcake Day with senior citizens and spent a day at the Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge. Prizes were donated from local businesses.

CHILDREN "DREAM BIG" AT ND SUMMER READING PROGRAMS!



The Griggs County Public Library had 28 participants for its summer reading program. In addition, approximately 25 children and toddlers attended weekly storytime readings at the library. Participants had the opportunity to play games, including frisbee golf.



Minot Public Library had nearly 350 children show up for the end of summer party. The Ward County Bookmobile was there, in addition to a bounce house, sumo wrestling, a clown, magician, and all sorts of fun games. The day ended with the final drawing for prizes for the summer program.



The Morton Mandan Public Library had 551 kids and 107 teens enroll in the 2012 summer reading program. This year the Teen Trek volunteers designed and painted a photo board that was made available for kids to have their photos taken at the end of the summer library family night. Library volunteer Steve Harmon provided music and puppets for the wrapup party.

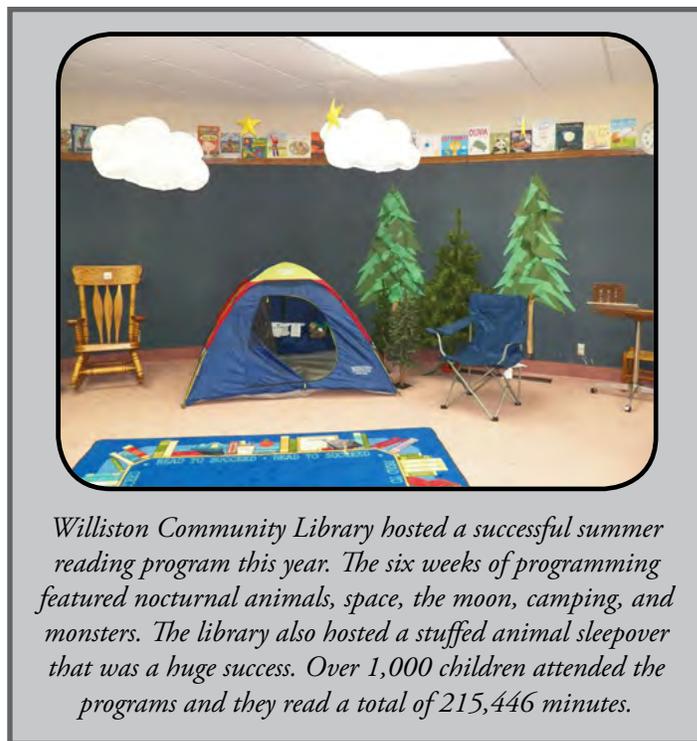


The Dickinson Area Public Library held its first Summer Reading Kickoff Event which had approximately 300 people in attendance. There was an inflatable slide, bouncy castle, snowcones, cotton candy, and other outdoor fun. Over 430 children enrolled in the program. Children and teens were invited to attend a wide variety of weekly events including movies, night-themed programs, and prize drawings. The library also hosted a stuffed animal sleepover for 27 animals.

Minitex Announces New Director

Valerie Horton, Executive Director of the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC), has been chosen as the incoming Director of Minitex. She will begin duties in early December.

Ms. Horton brings an extraordinary portfolio to the Minitex leadership position. As the founding director of CLiC, she has developed robust programs of resource sharing, as well as open source library systems and continuing education. Earlier appointments as a library director (Mesa State College), systems and budget officer (New Mexico State University), ALA International Library Fellow, and systems librarian (Brown University) round out her record. Her commitment to collaboration is evidenced in her lead roles in the open access journal *Collaborative Librarianship* and in conferences around the challenging topic of delivery and in her extensive contributions to the library profession.



Williston Community Library hosted a successful summer reading program this year. The six weeks of programming featured nocturnal animals, space, the moon, camping, and monsters. The library also hosted a stuffed animal sleepover that was a huge success. Over 1,000 children attended the programs and they read a total of 215,446 minutes.

ND Librarians Attend Digital Preservation Workshop

Stephanie Kom from the North Dakota State Library and Jennifer Fairall from NDSU Libraries recently attended the Digital Preservation Outreach and Education (DPOE) "Train-the-Trainer Workshop" in Indianapolis. They joined 19 other librarians to become part of the DPOE Network, which provides digital preservation training in 33 states.

George Coulbourne, Executive Program Officer in the Office of Strategic Initiatives, led the workshop along with Mary Molinaro, Associate Dean for Library Technologies at the University of Kentucky; Robin Dale, Director of Digital and Preservation Services at LYRASIS; and Jacob Nadal, Director of Library and Archives at the Brooklyn Historical Society. The first group of DPOE Trainers, who completed the program in September of 2011, have already delivered digital preservation training to more than 900 professionals in less than one year. In return, DPOE Trainers contribute to the Library of Congress's efforts to deliver digital preservation knowledge and practices to local organizations.

This new group of Midwest-based trainers will deliver digital preservation training events in their local communities.



Coulbourne noted, "DPOE will continue to support the efforts of its trainers to spread digital preservation education throughout the country which needs to happen sooner, rather than later." This workshop was made possible through a partnership between the Indiana State Archives, the Indiana State Library and the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS is the chief source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums and seeks to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation and lifelong learning.

For more information about the DPOE Trainer Network or digital preservation, please contact Stephanie Kom at 800-472-2104 or sbaltzer@nd.gov.

New Bullying Resources at the State Library

Bullying and its prevention are important topics. The State Library recently updated its resources in this topic area. There are books written directly for children, as well as material for adults and educators. Librarians and teachers are encouraged to check these items out as review copies when building their own collections.

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Bullies Never Win [fiction]

Just Kidding [fiction]

FOR TEACHERS

No Kidding About Bullying : 125 Ready-To-Use Activities To Help Kids Manage Anger, Resolve Conflicts, Build Empathy, And Get Along : Grades 3-6

We Want You To Know : Kids Talk About Bullying

Bullying Prevention Toolkit [DVDs and activities]

FOR OLDER STUDENTS

Bullying And Me : Schoolyard Stories [Non-Fiction]

Girls Against Girls : Why We Are Mean To Each Other And How We Can Change

Teen Cyberbullying Investigated : Where Do Your Rights End And Consequences Begin?

Dear Bully : 70 Authors Tell Their Story

It Gets Better : Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying, And Creating A Life Worth Living

Enhanced Access to Online Reference Sources

The State Library collection includes a variety of reference works published by Salem Press that are now also available in full-text electronic form. The electronic editions require a State Library library card to access. Library cards for other ODIN libraries will not work, nor will the remote access numbers used by schools and non-ODIN libraries. However, all North Dakota residents are eligible for a State Library library card, which may be acquired by filling out the online application at www.library.nd.gov/libcardapp.html or by calling 800-472-2104.

Links to complete tables of contents and indexes are also now included on each catalog record, and these do not require a log-in to view. Remember that all State Library reference materials can be checked out by libraries, and most can now be checked out by patrons as well.

Click on the following titles to access the ODIN records and direct resource links :

Magill's Medical Guide

Salem Health: Cancer

Psychology & Mental Health

Milestone Documents in American History

Milestone Documents in African American History

Milestone Documents in World History

Great Lives from History: 20th Century

Great Lives from History: Notorious Lives

Great Lives from History: Inventions and Inventors

Great Events from History: Modern Scandals

Great Athletes

Musicians & Composers of the 20th Century

Historical Encyclopedia of American Business

Graphic Novels: Heroes & Superheroes

Graphic Novels: Independents & Underground Classics

Masterplots

State Library Grants : A Reminder

The North Dakota State Library has grant opportunities currently available for North Dakota libraries. The categories available include:

1. Innovative Partnership with a Non-Library Entity
2. Technology to Provide Access to Information
3. Participation in the state-wide online catalog through Worldcat

The deadline for these grants is October 1, 2012. Please visit www.library.nd.gov/librarian.html for additional information and applications.



Save the Date! 2013 Spring Workshops

Mark your calendar for the 2013 State Library Spring Workshops, planned for April 8-9, in Bismarck.

All North Dakota librarians and library board members are invited to attend the workshops, which will provide opportunities for continued learning, discussion, and networking with fellow librarians and professionals.

Please make plans to attend and stay tuned for additional details.

ND Librarian Illustrates Children's Book

Mary Reinertson-Sand, Information Specialist at the Rural Assistance Center, University of North Dakota, Center for Rural Health, has illustrated a children's book that her father, Bob Reinertson has written. The book, *The Mysterious Visitor* is available from XLibris.

This is Mary's first illustrated book but her third book project. She served as a consultant for *North Dakota*, by Robin Silverman, and wrote the North Dakota section on *National Geographic's Quilt of States: Piecing Together America*, by Adrienne Yorinks.



A flower show was held at the Lidgerwood Public Library on August 1st to show appreciation for all the support the community has given to the library. There were approximately 20 arrangements on display. Coffee, lemonade, and baked treats were served.

North Dakota Sights and Scenes : International Peace Garden

On July 14, 1932, approximately 50,000 people gathered along the North Dakota - Manitoba border to dedicate the International Peace Garden. The simple boundary marker, a cairn of stones gathered from both sides, bore a plaque which still reads :

“To God in His glory, we two nations dedicate this garden and pledge ourselves that as long as man shall live we will not take up arms against one another.”

The cairn stands today, flanked on respective sides by the Stars and Stripes and the Maple Leaf flags. Other notable Garden attractions include the 120-foot tall Peace Tower; the North American Game Warden Museum; the International Music Camp; an 18-foot diameter Bulova floral clock; an all-faiths peace chapel; a bell tower that chimes every 15 minutes; a 9/11 memorial, featuring ten steel girders from the World Trade Center; and an interpretive center and conservatory. The main attraction, however, is the approximately 150,000 flowers that are arranged in various displays. Horticulturists and gardeners from both countries manage the outdoor and indoor gardens.



The 120-foot Peace Tower can be seen in the distance on the grounds of the International Peace Garden, on the border of North Dakota and Manitoba.

The 2,339-acre International Peace Garden is located approximately 13 miles north of Dunseith, North Dakota. For additional information, please visit www.peacegarden.com.

Located just a short jaunt east of the International Peace Garden is the Turtle Mountain Community College and Public Library. Visit their facility in Belcourt or check them out online at www.tm.edu/library.

Top 100 Picture Books

School Library Journal columnist and New York children's librarian Betsy Bird recently ran a new reader's poll to determine the leading picture books. Most respondents were fellow children's librarians. The results are available in a pdf designed to be displayed on a bulletin board or converted into a handout. Check it out at <http://bit.ly/ONpVUD>.

Ms. Bird writes: "You could argue that the first books a child encounters will influence how they read for the rest of their lives. Stretching the definition of what constitutes a picture book to include everything from board books to easy titles, the readers of *School Library Journal* voted on what they felt were their own individual Top Ten picture books of all time. Points were given for rank and order and counted accordingly. The result is a list of the Top 100 Picture Books for the 21st century."

The top ten choices are given extensive descriptions and discussion on the pdf. Links are embedded to in-depth entries for the remaining books.

Top 10 Westerns of 2012

Western novels have long been a popular genre. Recently, the traditional Western has been joined by more modern formats, including steampunk and the cowboy romance. The following list, as composed by *Booklist*, showcases the top ten Western novels of 2012. Check it out at <http://bit.ly/UPAk5w>.

“Courage is being scared to death,
but saddling up anyway.”

~ John Wayne

Literacy Resources for School Librarians

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) has joined 30 other stakeholder groups representing educational, school, and community leaders in support of the new National Center for Literacy Education (NCLE). As a result of this collaboration, AASL members have the opportunity to join two networks focused on working collaboratively to strengthen literacy practices and professional learning - the free Literacy in Learning Exchange website, and the NCLE SmartBrief, a free twice-weekly news service. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/OKmle3>.

George W. Bush Library to Open in April

Pegasus News reports that in April 2013, the long-awaited George W. Bush Presidential Center will open to the public on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Former President George W. Bush and the Bush Foundation have worked closely with SMU to make this center, comprised of the library, museum, and independent institute, a reality. The library will archive every photograph, document, and email pertaining to the Bush administration - more electronic data (80 terabytes) than all of the other presidential libraries combined. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/OKmle3>.

Google Maps

In the recent article “How Well Do you Know Google Maps?” Keir Clark notes that Uncharted.fm is a great way to learn about and explore the countries of the world with Google Maps. The Uncharted.fm country quiz takes users through progressive stages, exploring different continents and parts of the world. In each stage of the quiz, users are shown a number of countries on Google Maps and told the name of each country. The user is then tested on the countries shown. Uncharted.fm isn't just a quiz - it also contains great content about each country. For the full article, check out <http://bit.ly/QZ8csM> or visit www.uncharted.fm.



A national “Star Wars Reads Day” will take place on October 6th. Libraries can stay current with information on the event on the official Facebook page at <http://on.fb.me/Qg56Et>. The event is supported by Lucasfilm and its publishing partners.

Women's National Book Award

Ann Patchett has been selected by the Women's National Book Association as the 2012 Women's National Book Award winner by the Women's National Book Association. Patchett is the bestselling author of several works of fiction, among them *Patron Saint of Liars*, *Taft*, *Bel Canto*, *The Magician's Assistant*, and *State of Wonder*. The award is presented to a living American woman who derives part or all of her income from books and has done meritorious work in the world of books beyond the duties or responsibilities of her profession or occupation.

2012 Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction

New York Times bestselling author Michael Connelly will receive the 2012 Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction for *The Fifth Witness*. The prize, cosponsored by the University of Alabama School of Law and the ABA Journal, celebrates the role of lawyers in society and the ideals represented by Atticus Finch. Connelly will receive the award during a special ceremony September 20 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Do You Have What It Takes? Become a Wikipedia Contributor!

In her blog, Wikimedia Foundation Executive Director Sue Gardner writes that many people can contribute useful information to Wikipedia. If you want to be a contributor, the steps required are quite straightforward and Gardner works through those in her article. Visit <http://bit.ly/Q93mdh> for full details. Then, go tell your friends that you're a Wikipedia contributor!

Genealogy Webinar Providers

The blog Marian's Root & Rambles provides a listing of many individuals and groups that provide genealogy webinars. Some webinars require a small fee, but many are free. Either way, it's a great way to get some tips and to jump start your genealogy research. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/QZDYvo>.

Cybersecurity Act Fails in Senate

In August, the US Senate took a cloture vote to end debate on S.3414, the Cybersecurity Act of 2012. The vote was recorded as 52-46, meaning there were not the 60 votes necessary to advance the bill. This vote signals that the bill will likely not be taken up this year. More information from the Washington office of the American Library Association may be obtained at <http://bit.ly/RX9FE5>.

Does Typeface Choice Affect Information Communication?

A recent two-part series by Errol Morris in the *New York Times* is discussed in the August 13 issue of *The Scholarly Kitchen*. Type fonts and their effect on credibility and truthfulness are examined. The Baskerville typeface proved to be what the researchers refer to as "the king of fonts," making the true statements are more likely to be accepted and less likely to be dismissed. Read more online at <http://bit.ly/Q5Ih3q>.

Ten Clever Uses for Dropbox

In a recent Lifehacker post, Whitson Gordon writes, "Dropbox is an awesome service. You can back your files up to the cloud, sync them between computers, and share them with your friends." That's not all it can do, though. In his August 11 article, which may be read at <http://bit.ly/RiveuJ>, he notes 10 more clever uses of the file-syncing program - including hosting a website, remote printing to your home computer, and secure file sharing.

Amazon.com Features Book Award Winners

If you're interested in award-winning books, check out the Amazon.com site at <http://amzn.to/QTBQCV>. The website features award-winning titles from many national groups. Bram Stoker Awards, Caldecott Medal, Coretta Scott King Awards, Hugo Awards, International Association of Culinary Professionals Cookbook Awards, and many more are featured.

Social Media Tips and Information

FIVE WAYS TO GET THE MOST OUT OF LINKEDIN

Scott Kleinberg, in the Aug 23 issue of the *Chicago Tribune* writes that LinkedIn is the place to be when looking for a job or to otherwise connect professionally. While many people use it only to store their résumés, it is also good for finding experts and ideas, meeting people in groups, and staying in touch with friends and colleagues. The problem is, many people don't realize that power is at their fingertips. Kleinberg notes five ways to stand out and get the most value from LinkedIn at <http://trib.in/Pxcc7h>.

GET MORE FACEBOOK PAGE CLICKS

David Lee King, Digital Services Director at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, shares his experiences with improving Facebook Page clicks in the recent blog post "Getting More Facebook Clicks – An Experiment and Some Thoughts." King briefly discusses the best time of day and the best dates to post information. In addition, he gives tips for using Facebook Insights and recommends particular formats of information to share with your audience. To read the full text of the article, please check out <http://bit.ly/NdeAzQ>.

HOW TO LIVE-TWEET AN EVENT

The next time you attend a really great meeting or conference and want to share the experience, you should know that Twitter can help you to expand the event's reach, enlarge the event's audience, and connect with potential collaborators and partners. Socialbrite provides a useful 12-step guide on how to live-tweet an event. Visit <http://bit.ly/QII7S1> for the complete guide.

"A brand is no longer what we tell the consumer it is. It is what consumers tell each other it is."

~ Scott Cook

PINTEREST LAUNCHES MOBILE APPS

Pinterest has put more focus on mobile with the launch of a native iPad app and its debut on Android. Version 2.0 of the iPhone app is now available in iTunes. It introduces a two-column layout and includes better usability and improvements to stability and performance. The Android app has been custom designed for Android phones and tablets. For additional information, please visit <http://usat.ly/QesZfn>.

SOCIAL MEDIA BLOG FOR LIBRARIES AND NON-PROFITS

If you'd like to stay informed about marketing trends and ways to more effectively incorporate social media into your library marketing strategy, check out "The 'M' Word - Marketing Libraries," a blog written by library marketing professionals Kathy Dempsey and Nancy Dowd. The authors diligently update the blog with marketing tips and trends. Check it out at <http://themwordblog.blogspot.com>.

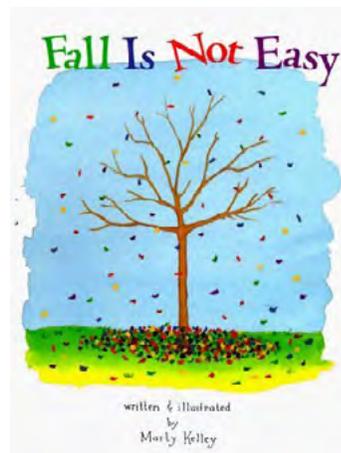
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Not-So-Boring Toddler Books

Tired of the same old toddler read-aloud books? Having a hard time staying awake while reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* for the umpteenth time? Toddler storytime doesn't have to be mundane! Brooklyn children's librarian Miss Ingrid recently blogged a selection of less common Toddler Time read-alouds at <http://bit.ly/OcuVAK>.

These stories are geared mainly for 18-month to 3-year olds. Odds are, you'll find at least one new title to freshen up your read-aloud collection. Along with her 13 suggestions (and 5 honorable mentions), readers provide many more book suggestions in the comments area.

Of particular seasonal interest is *Fall is Not Easy* by Marty Kelley. This story of a tree whose leaves don't cooperate when autumn arrives is suitable for K-3 students, not to mention adults.



Scholastic Literary and Visual Art Awards

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's largest, longest-running, most prestigious visual and literary arts program recognizing the accomplishments of students in grades 7 - 12. Students receive the opportunity to be recognized for their creative talents and the chance for their work to be judged by professionals in creative industries. Selected works will be featured in the National Catalog and The Best Teen Writing anthology.

By competing, teens gain valuable experience striving to create high-quality work and preparing it for submission. In addition, winning a Scholastic Art & Writing Award offers the opportunity for scholarships, recognition, exhibition and publication. Past winners include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford and Joyce Carol Oates.

Visit www.artandwriting.org for more information or submission instructions.

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