

### **KitKeeper**

We are happy to introduce KitKeeper, a new way for libraries to reserve kits from the North Dakota State Library. The types of kits that are available include book club kits, programming kits (Wii gaming kits, littleBits STEM kits, technology tool kits, etc.), and display kits (coming soon!)

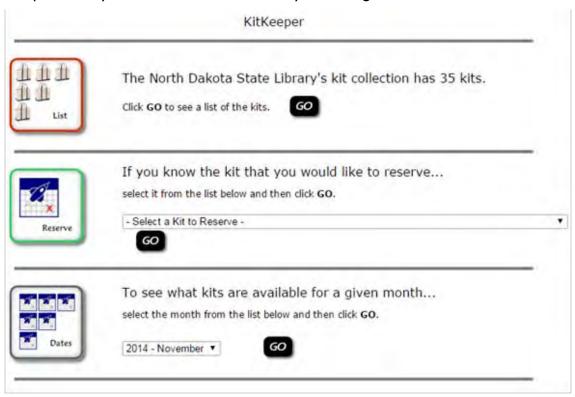
KitKeeper offers several improvements over our previous reservation system:

- Check by calendar date to see what kits will be available at any time you might need one
- Reserve kits for when you want them, instead of simply "as soon as possible"
- Search or browse through all of the State Library's kits, not just the book club ones

Presently, all of our kits are loaning out for an eight week period. We may refine this later for certain kit types if needed.

Automated messages from KitKeeper will be sent from kitkeeper@plymouthrocket.com instead of a State Library email address. You may need to add it to your address book to prevent notifications from winding up in your junk mail or spam folder. Also note that book club kits can no longer be reserved through the ODIN catalog.

The KitKeeper reservation system is live and you can access it either from the Services for Libraries and Education tab of the State Library's website or at http://bit.ly/ItgOGKP. We are working to get more kit images added to KitKeeper—kindly bear with us as work out any other bugs that arise.



# News and Thoughts...

from State Librarian Mary J. Soucie

November is a time for reflecting on what we're thankful for. As librarians, I think we have a lot to be thankful for. This is an exciting time to be a librarian. Despite the naysayers and doomsday predictions about the lack of relevancy of libraries, we are busier than ever. Libraries are meeting the needs of their communities in new and exciting ways, and I am excited to be a part of it. Here are some of the things that make me happy:

I am thankful to be working at the North Dakota State Library. I have a top notch group of colleagues whose primary focus is service. How do we best serve the library community, the legislative community, and the people of North Dakota? We've added different continuing education opportunities, added new databases, and tweaked Library Development all in an effort to meet the needs of our communities.

I am thankful for the service that our libraries are providing to their communities. I love seeing all the different programs that our libraries are offering. There are the traditional kids programs like storytime and crafts. There are lots of other programs happening at our libraries such as teen programs, music programs at an academic library, and adult programs.

I am thankful for books in all types of formats. I love to read. I still mostly read the traditional hard copy format. If I'm traveling, or have a chance to download a free book, e-books are my format of choice. Unless I'm traveling by car for a fair distance, I like to pop an audiobook into my CD player. I really don't discriminate when it comes to books.

I am thankful for my new North Dakota colleagues. I have had the opportunity to meet quite a few of our librarians and library staff now. I appreciate the warm welcome I've received from all. Our North Dakota librarians share my passion for good customer service and meeting our community's needs through collection, services, and resources. It is truly a pleasure to be working with you. I am thankful for research. I have always loved to research different things, whether it's medical, recreational or political. I love the databases that we provide access to. I've used them to do different types of research, both business and personal.

I am thankful for the support that we get from Superintendent Baesler and all of her colleagues at the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). It is very nice to have a former school librarian at the helm of DPI who truly understands what libraries are about.

I am thankful for the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) and the opportunity to serve on the board. I appreciate the services and support that NDLA provides for its members. I currently belong to 4 Library Associations- NDLA, American Library Association (ALA), Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA), and Illinois Library Associations (ILA). The networking opportunities provided by these organizations are crucial. If you are not a member of any library associations, I encourage you to consider joining.

I am thankful for our colleagues at other state agencies that we partner with such as ODIN, ITD, and Higher Education. It is great to have a large network of folks to draw on for a variety of projects. One example is the Adult Basic Ed Centers, managed by DPI, which will be partnering with us on the L3 Institute.

I am thankful for my library colleagues in other states. Librarians are all about connections and sharing information. I have several opportunities to network with other State Librarians, which has been so helpful. I love talking shop with any librarian from any type of library. If you would like to have me visit your library and talk shop, please reach out to me at msoucie@nd.gov or (701)328-4654.

### **Computer Grants Awarded**

On October 16, 2014 the North Dakota State Library (NDSL) and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) awarded grants of up to \$1,000 each to 67 school and public libraries to purchase computers for access to information and the statewide online library catalog. This will place an additional 100 laptop and desktop computers into the hands of students and citizens to access the online databases and library catalogs to fulfill their information needs. Look for the next grant round in the spring of 2015.

### **Book Club Kits**

We have added more books to our book club kit collection! The titles below that are bolded have recently been added to our collection. We also have a new check out system for book club kits. We are now using a software called KitKeeper. If you are interested in checking out any of the titles below please visit: http://bit.ly/ltgOGKP.

If you have any questions about how to use KitKeeper please contact our reference staff at: 701-328-4622.

- Arctic Drift Clive Cussler
- The Book Thief Markus Zusak
- Color Blind Tom Dunkel
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time Mark Haddon
- Dakota : A Spiritual Geography Kathleen Norris
- Downtown Owl Chuck Klosterman
- The Fault in Our Stars John Green
- Gone Girl Gillian Flynn
- Gridlock Byron Dorgan
- Home Front Kristin Hannah
- Horseman, Pass By Larry McMurtry
- Hotel on the corner of bitter and sweet : a novel Jamie Ford
- Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey - Fiona Carnarvon
- Life After Life Kate Atkinson

- Little Bee Chris Cleave
- The Monuments Men Robert Edsel
- Mrs. Kennedy and Me Clint Hill
- The Murdered Family Vernon Alfred Keel
- The Night Circus Erin Morgenstern
- Orphan Train Christina Baker Kline
- The Round House Louise Erdrich
- The Story of Edgar Sawtelle David Wroblewski
- The Storyteller Jodi Picoult
- Th1rteen R3asons Why Jay Asher
- Thunderstruck Eric Larson
- True Grit Charles Portis
- Twelve Years a Slave Solomon Northup
- Unbroken Laura Hillenbrand
- When the Killing's Done T. Coraghessan Boyle



### LittleBits STEM kits

Our littleBits STEM kits are now available for circulating to libraries for in-house programming!

What are littleBits? They're a vast array of distinct circuit components that snap together with magnets in any combination you can imagine. They provide an excellent means of learning about electronics, machines, and music synthesis. They can also be combined with common crafting supplies to bring creations to life. They're fun, fascinating, and honestly, a little difficult to explain in words. Here's a great introductory video that will help you make sense of it all.

Each of our kits includes:

- Three full boxes of littleBits components (Base, Premium, and Synth)—plus additional modules
- One deck of challenge cards to help people learn how the bits work
- Three different project guides full of inspirational plans and detailed instructions
- Five (five!) nine-volt batteries
- One list of URLs for online projects, tutorials, and videos
- These are available for reservation through KitKeeper now!



### HEADS UP PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS!

This year both the State Aid application forms and Public Library Annual Reports will be completed and submitted online. The separate forms will be accessible using a log-in and password unique to your library.

State Aid applications will need to be completed online between February 2, 2015 and (due) February 27, 2015.

Public Library Annual Reports will need to be completed online between March 2, 2015 and (due) March 31, 2015.

Please watch your email for additional correspondence from the ND State Library regarding both of these documents. An email will be sent mid-January with log-in information for the State Aid applications. An email will be sent mid-February with the log-in information for the public library annual reports.

Questions, please contact the ND State Library at (ndsladmn@nd.gov) or 1-800-472-2104.

# For the first time ever, North Dakota library workers will have a chance to participate in ILEAD USA.

What is the ILEAD USA experience like? It's a nine-month collaborative, learning, problem-solving, envelope-pushing, technology-intensive experience like no other. Watch these videos to get a taste!

The application window for North Dakota will be opening soon—don't miss this rare opportunity to take part.



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### Is Your Library Taking Advantage of Interlibrary Loan and Delivery Services Offered by Minitex?

Submitted by: Carol Nelson

North Dakota libraries and Minitex have an agreement in place which allows unlimited borrowing and lending between North Dakota libraries and Minitex. This change was instituted over a year ago, and we want to spread the word that resource sharing between North Dakota and Minitex is no longer restricted as it had been in the past.

For requested items owned at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus Libraries, average turnaround time is less than 24 hours, with non-returnable items often being filled even faster. We offer electronic delivery via OCLC's Article Exchange, or Minitex Electronic Document Delivery (MEDD.)

Minitex continuously reviews processes to fill requests faster for our libraries. One example is a change made recently when Resource Sharing staff implemented a streamlined process for handling of requests that are filled through the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Libraries' licensed resources.

The new process automatically adds a link to the requested article's URL, which is converted into a barcode that appears on the printed request. Staff access the electronic article by scanning that barcode in a web browser. After a check of the electronic resource license agreements, we can often then immediately transmit the item to the borrowing library via their preferred delivery method. We estimate that almost two-thirds of article requests we receive daily are able to be handled this way. The remaining one-third of the requests still require some manual processing by our staff.

Many North Dakota libraries may also take advantage of a new delivery service between University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University, Fargo Public Library and libraries that are on the Bismarck delivery route. If your library appears on the "North Dakota Sort and Send Materials" bookmark, you may send items to any of the other libraries listed. Those items will move through the Minitex overnight delivery courier service, saving your library packaging and postage costs.

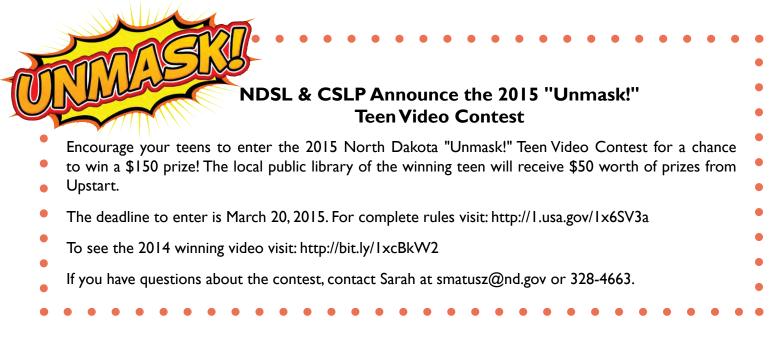
We hope the changes we've made over the years have resulted in improved services to your libraries. We know there is always more to do, and Minitex staff would like to hear from library staff in North Dakota who have suggestions for improving our services to their libraries.

### If you have any questions about interlibrary loan with Minitex, contact:

- Aleph: Agnes Lee: leexx050@umn.edu / 800-462-5348 / 612-624-4574
- OCLC: Raquel Franklin: valle005@umn.edu / 800-462-5348 / 612-624-5222
- Policy questions: Becky Ringwelski: e-ring@umn.edu/612-624-0375

### For delivery questions or a supply of the routing bookmarks, contact:

- Fred Finch: finch006@umn.edu / 800-462-5348
- Kathy Drozd: k-droz@umn.edu / 800-462-5348



## REGISTER FOR THE 2015 SUMMER READING WORKSHOPS!

Registration is now open for the 2015 Summer Reading Workshops! They will be held in February at six locations around the state. You can register at http://bit.ly/IIIiQqK.There is no charge to attend this event. Each event will run from 10AM-4PM (Mountain time in Dickinson, Central time in all other locations). An hour and a half will be provided for lunch and networking, which will be on your own.

Grand Forks	Grand Forks Public Library
West Fargo	West Fargo Public Library
Jamestown	Alfred Dickey Public Library
Dickinson	Dickinson Area Public Library
Minot	Minot Public Library
Bismarck	North Dakota State Library

Wednesday, February 18 Thursday, February 19 Friday, February 20 Tuesday, February 24 Thursday, February 26 Friday, February 27

Also, if you haven't yet done so, remember to request your Summer Reading manual: http://l.usa.gov/lelmq24

# **EVERY HERO HAS A STORY**



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### Book Review Program

Thanks to everyone who participated in the third round of our book review program! The reviews are now available on the State Library website at http://library.nd.gov/summerreading.html. Check out the reviews to see what your colleagues thought of popular young adult, middle grade, and picture book titles. If you are interested in receiving free hard cover books to add to your collection, be

sure to participate in the next round, which will be announced on the Public Library listserv in 2015. If you have questions about the program, or have not received the emails and would like to participate, please contact Sarah Matusz by the end of June at 1-800-472-2104.



### Online Library Resource Corner: Literary Reference Center

This is a comprehensive, full-text database of literary content designed for public libraries, high schools and colleges. You will find information on thousands of authors and their works across genres and timeframes. Content includes plot summaries, essays, author biographies, images of literary figures, book reviews, poetry, short stories, and even full-text classic novels.

Connecting to Literary Reference Center from school or a public library requires no login. From home, you can use your library card or the Remote Access Number assigned to your school or public library. If you have questions about Literary Reference Center or would like more information about any of North Dakota's online library resources, contact Steve Axtman at saxtman@nd.gov.

### New Librarian Resources at the State Library

- The Medical Library Association guide to finding out about diabetes : the best print and electronic resources
- Lincoln and his printers : GPO in the Civil War
- Not in my library! :"Berman's bag" columns from the Unabashed librarian, 2000-2013
- Lean library management : eleven strategies for reducing costs and improving customer services
- Library management 101 : a practical guide
- Communicating professionally : a how-to-do-it manual [for librarians ] (3rd ed.)
- Contemporary Westerns : film and television since 1990
- Mobile library services : best practices
- Bugs, bogs, bats, and books : sharing nature with children through reading
- Marketing your library's electronic resources : a how-to-do-it manual for librarians
- Every child ready for school : helping adults inspire young children to learn
- Transforming preschool storytime : a modern vision and a year of programs
- Teen craft projects 2
- Libraries and the reading public in twentieth-century America
- Rethinking information literacy : a practical framework for supporting learning

### SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### **EBSCO EXCELLENCE IN SMALL AND/OR RURAL** PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE AWARD

The EBSCO Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award is an annual recognition bestowed upon a public library serving a population of 10,000 or less in a manner demonstrating excellent service to its community as exemplified by an overall service program or a special program of significant accomplishment. The award honors a public library for all or any of the following: uniqueness of service or program; impact of program or service on community; how the service or program will affect the future of the library and its community. The award comes with a \$1,000 honorarium.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: http://bit.ly/1xE6GTO

### ALA TRUSTEE CITATION

The ALA Trustee Citation recognizes public library trustees for distinguished service to library development, symbolizing and honoring the best contributions and efforts of the estimated 60,000 American citizens who serve on library boards. The award is presented during the ALA Annual Conference and equal consideration is given to trustees of libraries of all sizes.

Further information is available at: http://bit.ly/1yriZCW

### ANTONIO PIZZIGATI PRIZE FOR SOFTWARE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The Pizzigati Prize annually awards a \$10,000 cash grant to one individual who has created or led an effort to create an open source software product of significant value to the nonprofit sector and movements for social change.

Information and application available online at: http://bit.ly/1xdLh6Y

### OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION

Otto Bremer Foundation funds proposals consistent with the Foundation's mission of assisting people in achieving full economic, civic, and social participation in and for the betterment of their communities. Grants are only available to organizations in Bremer Bank Communities.

For more information: http://bit.ly/1Evsyoc

### DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION SUMMER READING RESOURCES GRANT (YALSA)

Libraries administering summer reading programs that are open to teens, who are within 20 miles of a Dollar General Store, and who have a librarian who is a personal member of YALSA are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 grant to purchase resources that will bolster their teen summer reading program.

Learn more and sign up here: http://bit.ly/1xdLkjh

### **DEADLINE: JANUARY 7**

**DEADLINE: JANUARY 1** 

### **DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1**

### **DEADLINE: JANUARY 15**

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### **CONTINUING EDUCATION CHOICES**

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These webinars are free, live, and interactive. You will be connected to audio using a headset or speakers. If you do not have a microphone, you can use chat to ask questions. You can find more webinars and training opportunities on our Facebook page under the events tab! http://on.fb.me/1xOGaLB

### Learning Express Library K12 Resources (Minitex)

Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM (Central Time)

LearningExpress Library School Center offers tests, eBooks, and tutorials to help students from 4th – 12th grades. They offer a variety of skills improvement subject areas such as mathematics and English language arts for elementary students, adding social studies at the middle school level and science and logic and reasoning at the high school level. This session will walk through the School Center for all levels.

### Zinio (NDSL)

Thursday, November 20, 2014, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM (Central Time)

Access over 100 popular full color e-magazines via any smart device. There are no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. Learn how to connect, browse, create two accounts, and add magazines to your personal collection.

### Google, Library Resources & Your Students (Minitex)

Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (Central Time)

How do I get my students and teachers to use library resources? How do I explain the differences between using Google and library resources for research? When is it ok for students to use Google for research? Do any of these questions feel familiar to you? We'll address these tough questions and outline some potential solutions for your students and teachers.

### Literary Reference Center (NDSL)

Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM (Central Time)

This is a comprehensive, full-text database of literary content. You will find information on thousands of authors and their works across genres and timeframes. Students, teachers, and researchers will find plot summaries, articles, essays, author biographies, images of literary figures, book reviews, poetry, short stories, author interviews, and even full-text classic novels. This webinar is an overview.

### **Geek the Library: Impact and Outcomes (Web Junction)**

Thursday, December 4, 2014, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (Central Time)

Join us to learn about the impacts and outcomes of Geek the Library, the national public awareness campaign that has increased public support and funding for libraries around the country. Geek the Library has shifted how people think about their local library, has changed how libraries interact with their community, and has been a game changer in a number of local funding situations. We will also hear directly from some of your library colleagues who have finished their Geek campaigns and who can talk about how their library's relationship with the community has irrevocably changed for the better.

DISCLAIMER: The ND State Library highlights third-party webinars as a way to alert the library community to training opportunities. By doing so, we are not endorsing the content, nor promoting any specific product.

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### E-Rate

### by AI Peterson

Have you ever thought about applying for E-rate and receiving discounts on your telecommunication and/or Internet bills? The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, commonly known as "E-Rate," is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The Schools and Libraries Program provides discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.

E-rate supports connectivity for telecommunications services and/or the Internet and funding is requested under four categories of service: telecommunications services, Internet access, internal connections, and basic maintenance of internal connections. E-rate can provide funding to boost your existing Internet access to fiber optics.

Applicants must provide additional resources including end-user equipment (e.g., computers, telephones, etc.), software, professional development, and the other elements that are needed to utilize the connectivity funded by the Schools and Libraries Program.

The first step is to file a Form 470 Description of Services Requested and Certification. A Form 470 opens competitive bidding for vendors. Bids must remain open for at least 28 days. You can file your Form 470 online and submit it electronically. Once posted, you will receive an FCC Form 470 Receipt Notification Letter. You can find the Form 470, as well as all the other forms needed for the E-rate process, online by clicking this link, http://www.sl.universalservice.org/menu.asp.

Once the Form 470 is filed, we can sit back and wait for the Form 471 window to open up.

If you have any questions about E-rate, feel free to contact me at 701-328-4021 or alpeterson@nd.gov. If you are interested in training on E-rate, I can set up a webinar or walk you through it.

The following article was taken from a press release issued by the FCC. To view the article in its entirety please visit: http://bit.ly/IyCmUwR.

### FCC Adopts Landmark E-Rate Modernization Order to Bring High-Speed Wi-Fi to Every School and Library Nationwide

The Federal Communications Commission adopted an E-rate Modernization Order that will expand Wi-Fi networks in schools and libraries across America. The new rules are the next major step in a comprehensive modernization of E-rate, the first such effort since the program's creation 18 years ago. The program increases focus on the largest and most urgent need—closing the Wi-Fi gap—while transitioning support away from legacy technologies to 21st Century broadband connectivity, ensuring E-rate money is spent smartly, and improving program administration. The reform will expand Wi-Fi to more than 10 million students in 2015 alone.

The Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) adopted by the FCC accomplishes three major goals:

- Closes the Wi-Fi Gap
- Maximizes E-rate Spending
- Makes the E-rate Administration and Application Process Faster, Simpler, More Efficient.

### North Dakota Library Tidbits

- The measure to create a county-wide 1/4% sales tax to fund the expansion and renovation of the Alfred Dickey Public Library in Jamestown (Stutsman County) was voted down 4,223 (58.18%) to 3,035 (41.82%).
- The Mayville Public Library recently held their 9th annual juried amateur photography show. Twenty-eight submissions were received this year and Kristi Jensen of Reynolds, ND, received the grand prize.
- The McVille Community Library received a \$4,000 grant from the North Dakota Community Foundation.
- The town of Hannaford received a \$4,000 grant from the North Dakota Community Foundation for renovations to their community center, where they will soon be opening a library.
- Little Free Libraries continue to pop up around our state—the latest additions have been in Grand Forks and Minot (thanks to a \$3,000 grant from the Minot Area Community Foundation).
- The coffee shop in the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is under new management and has a new name, The Gifted Bean Coffee House. Sandy and Matt McMerty hope the business will eventually be run by their son with Down's Syndrome.
- The Minot Public Library recently hosted two outdoor sporting programs, one on hunting with rifles and one on bowhunting. The library partnered with Scheel's to put on the programs.
- The Forman City Library recently held their annual bake sale, their primary fundraiser.
- The Enderlin Municipal Library in partnership with the Enderlin Lions Club recently held a book drive collecting 2,000 books which they donated to the prisons in Bismarck and New England.
- The Ellendale Public Library received a \$2,000 grant from the Ellendale Area Community Foundation, which they used to purchase 248 books.
- The 19th annual Minnewaukan Library fund drive is underway; the balance as of October 24th was \$3,465. Their fund drive goal is \$6,000.
- The Walhalla Library had a very successful fund-and-friend-raiser during the silent auction at Pumpkinfest. Proceeds will go towards new books, audio books, DVDs, and other materials.
- The Minot Public Library has started a program where kids can read books to trained therapy dogs.
- The Enderlin Lions Club recently hosted an event promoting the use of the Zinio magazine collection as well as other resources available to their community through the Enderlin Municipal Library.

### **Empty Bowl Project**

The Grand Forks Public Library in conjunction with St. Joseph's Church sponsored an "Empty Bowl" project. Patrons painted a bowl that would be later auctioned off at St. Joseph's (money given to their food bank). Over one hundred painters showed up at the library to share their artist talents and help the hungry of Grand Forks!



# Jumpstart \* Read for the Record







North Dakota School for the Deaf Library

This year the NDSD Library participated in the Jumpstart, Read for the Record. The book featured this year was Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells. After reading, all were invited for activities and decorate-your-own bunny cakes.







Lidgerwood Public Library

On Tuesday, Oct 21, the Lidgerwood Library Board read "Bunny Cakes" a "Jumpstart, Read for the Record" to daycares, pre-school and grades K-3. Each child received a sticker, certificate and a bunny cupcake. The third graders had a chance to write his/her own recipe.

### Star Wars Reads Day

Oct 11th was STAR WARS READS DAY! Grand Forks Public Library had the Rebels and the Empire traveling in and out of the library doors and the Force was definitely at the Grand Forks Public Library!











**Bookmobile** 

Bismarck Public Library staff and volunteers posed outside the Burleigh County Bookmobile at this year's Zoo Boo event, held at Dakota Zoo on October 25. Approximately 1200 children trick-ortreated on the bookmobile, which was decked out in a Star Wars theme and featured several Star Wars characters handing out candy and comic books to participants.



Lidgerwood Public Library celebrated the ND 125th Anniversary. The children colored ND pictures, there was a book display of ND authors and there were ND trivia questions each week with a treat given to the ones who answered them correctly!

# **DIGITAL DELIGHTS**

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November 2, 2014 marked the 125th anniversary of North Dakota's admission into the union. This picture shows a 50th anniversary of statehood envelope and stamp from 1939.

Check out the NEW, more viewer friendly website at http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/ —see how many digital North Dakota gems you can find!

Photo Credit: Mercer County Historical Society (MH-04)

# **Digital Horizons**

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