

# NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY FLICKERTALE

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## LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY

Calling all librarians and library supporters... every year in May, the American Library Association (ALA) sponsors “National Library Legislative Day” (NLLD) in Washington, D.C. Thousands of librarians and library supporters descend on our nation’s Capitol to meet with federal legislators to discuss library-related issues and concerns. Traditionally, the State Librarian is the only participant for our state at NLLD. Occasionally over the years, a member of the Coordinating Council has joined the State Librarian. Last year, a North Dakotan who is currently living in D.C. and is in library school accompanied me on my visits.

This year, we are going to bring the NLLD to North Dakota as part of our National Library Week Celebration. The North Dakota Library Association, the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, and the State Library are teaming up to sponsor a local version of NLLD. We are in the process of inviting both federal and state legislators to a “meet and greet” at the State Library in April. It will be an opportunity for our legislators to learn about the great services that libraries in North Dakota are offering to citizens all across the state.

You are cordially invited to attend this event which is to be held at the State Library on April 14 at 10:00 am. We will issue a formal invitation to Senators Hoeven and Heitkamp and Representative Cramer to attend or to send an aid in their place. An invitation will also be issued to our state legislators via their email list. We encourage you to reach out to your local legislator and invite them as well. A personal contact from a constituent in their district is the most effective way to get a legislator to attend. We hope that you will consider attending with your legislator. Let’s make this first annual Library Legislators Day a success that we can build on next year during the legislative session for our biennial NDLA Library Day at the State Capitol. National Library Week is the perfect time to showcase to legislators all that North Dakota libraries offer to the citizens of our great state and we really hope you will join us.

Please extend an invitation to your trustees and members of your Friends and Foundation.

Tours will be available to interested parties.

Please RSVP by April 1 to [ndsladm@nd.gov](mailto:ndsladm@nd.gov) so we can plan for the appropriate number of attendees. Light refreshments will be served.



# News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

I have been a professional librarian for 22 years. I presented my first storytime, as a volunteer, at 18 years old. I spent many hours at the library growing up, volunteering in all areas of youth services. Libraries have changed in many ways in the last few decades, but in the most basic of ways, they are the same. Libraries strive to meet the needs of their patrons and community. This is done in a variety of ways; each community is different and so is the way that the library works with and interacts in the community. Hopefully, your library is working hard to position itself as the center of the community—the first place people think of when they need to do research; if they are looking to learn something new by checking out a book, movie, music, or perhaps a fishing pole or by attending a program; for entrepreneurs looking to start a new adventure; a new or experienced gardener looking to try a new type of seed; a job seeker looking to spruce up their resume or apply for jobs online; and all the many other ways that libraries are responding to their community. Libraries have been transforming people's lives since the first library opened its doors.

“Libraries Transform” is the theme of this year's National Library Week (NLW). The first National Library Week was in 1958. All types and sizes of libraries participate in NLW. Each year there is a National Ambassador and this year's is graphic novelist, Gene Luen Yang. Take a moment and think about what ways your library is transforming the lives of your patrons and your community. Perhaps you offer technology classes, provide a place for community groups to meet, or present programs that enrich people's lives. Libraries connect people to resources, information and other people. Each time we do that, we are potentially transforming the person on the other side of the desk, the phone, or the computer screen.

I encourage you to plan on participating in NLW April 10-16, 2016. Take the opportunity to shout from the rooftops how libraries transform. Just as

each library is unique, so is the way you celebrate NLW. In 2015, the State Library celebrated NLW for the first time by having a booth outside the capitol cafeteria. Each day was a different theme: state docs, early literacy, young adult, digital horizons, and bookmobiles. We hosted the Mandan Library's bookmobile at the capitol and invited state employees and elected officials to visit the bookmobile. It was really fun to hear people's memories about their childhood library, especially connections to bookmobiles. Wednesday of NLW is devoted to bookmobiles. We still have almost a dozen bookmobiles in ND; consider showcasing your library's bookmobile on Wednesday, April 13. Tuesday of NLW is always “Library Workers Day” where we recognize our most important resource in our libraries: the staff. Whether you have a staff of 1 or 101, remember to say a special thank you and recognize the staff in some way.

One of my favorite NLW celebrations was when we handed out hearts and asked patrons to complete this sentence: I love my library because.... We got some really great responses. If you don't know how you transform your community, try this exercise and you'll learn!

The American Library Association has kicked off a new advocacy campaign with the same theme as NLW. The campaign is designed to increase the public's awareness of the value of libraries. Libraries have responded in many different ways to this call to increase the visibility of libraries, librarians, and library staff and all that we provide. Please visit <http://bit.ly/1YsGw3Y> to learn what libraries are doing and to get involved with the initiative.

I look forward to hearing about how your library is transforming your community and the lives of the individuals that you interact with. Please consider tagging the North Dakota State Library in your social media posts so we can be sure to be aware of all the awesome things happening in #ndlibraries.

# ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

## EDUCATOR'S REFERENCE COMPLETE

Teachers can find resources for professional development and the classroom with Educator's Reference Complete. This comprehensive resource covers multiple levels of education from preschool to college and includes virtually every educational specialty, such as bilingual studies, health, technology and testing. The resource also includes information on issues related to administration, funding and policy in education. The majority of the full text titles are also found in the ERIC (Education Resources Information Center) database.

Educator's Reference Complete features easy to use citation tools, a screen reader, or translate article into over 20 different languages. Results provide articles from a collection of over 1400 titles. You can email, bookmark, download, or print articles. Search results also include multimedia like images, video, and podcasts. This educational resource provides teachers and academic administrators the means to keep current with their academic specialty and new trends in learning.

More information:

- 1-800-472-2104 or [statelib@nd.gov](mailto:statelib@nd.gov)
- Zinio resources: <http://www.library.nd.gov/guides.html>
- North Dakota State Library card: <http://www.library.nd.gov/librarycard.html>

The screenshot shows the website for Educators Reference Complete. At the top right, it says "My Library: North Dakota State Library · Gale Databases". The navigation bar includes "Logout", "My Library Links", "English", and "Sign In". The main header features the "GALE" logo and "Educators Reference Complete" title, along with icons for "Advanced", "Bookmark", and "More". A search bar is prominently displayed with a "Search..." input field, a "Basic Search" dropdown, and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar are buttons for "Subject Guide Search" and "Publication Search".

The main content area is titled "What is Educators Reference Complete?" and includes an icon of a person pointing at a chart. The text explains that the database provides access to academic journals, reports, and premier reference sources in education, covering areas like administration, bilingual education, child development, psychology, funding, health education, technology, and testing. It notes that most full-text titles are also in the ERIC database.

Below this, there are two sections: "Popular Articles" and "Topic Finder".

**Popular Articles**

- *Copyright norms clash with MOOCs* - Information Today
- *Transition to Online Testing Sparks Concerns* - Education Week
- *Moving Top Teachers to Struggling Schools Has Benefits; Study probes moving...* - Education Week

**Topic Finder**

Use the Topic Finder to discover the context of your search term and uncover hidden connections.

Topic Finder

**Top Searches**

Common Core    Critical Thinking

# APRIL 11TH & 12TH

# SPRING WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

## MONDAY (TWO TRACKS)

Time	Meeting Room C	Meeting Room D
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration	Registration
9:00 am - 10:15 am	Basic Grant Writing	Digital Horizons - History at Your Fingertips
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	STEAM/STEM Education in ND	Charting Your Course
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Supporting Summer Success	Basic IT: Be Your Own Tech Support
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Eat Cake, Not Kits & Self-Directed Programming	The ABCs of Job Service ND
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Dine Around*	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Class for one graduate credit (LMIS 700 from VCSU)	

\* On Monday evening, State Library staff would like to invite you to dinner at a local Bismarck restaurant. Transportation will be provided. We will meet in the lobby of the Bismarck Comfort Inn at 5:30 PM and leave from there. Each person is responsible for their own bill and participation is optional. Please consider joining us for some food and conversation.

## TUESDAY (ONE TRACK)

Time	
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am - 10:15 am	Workplace & Personal Safety - <i>Presenter: Officer Clint Fuller</i>
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Creating an Environment of Innovation - <i>Presenter: Carla Hixson</i>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Volunteers and the Three R's: Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition - <i>Presenter: Amy Jo Johnson</i>
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Building Trust with Respect & Listening - <i>Presenter: Wayne Brostrom</i>

For 2016 Spring Workshop details, go to the ND State Library webpage: <http://1.usa.gov/1cQLi61>  
 Questions? Contact Steve Axtman: 800-472-2104 or [saxtman@nd.gov](mailto:saxtman@nd.gov)



## **SUMMER FOOD SERVICE AT THE LIBRARY**

During the school year, many children receive free lunches at school. When school lets out for the summer, that often means kids go hungry. That's where the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) steps in. During the summer, children ages 0-18 can eat lunch at an SFSP site. Public libraries make ideal sites, since they are natural gathering places for children during summer reading programs! As a meal service site, libraries do not prepare the food, they simply offer a place for children to eat.

Libraries host summer reading programs to encourage kids to read over the summer, but being well-nourished is an important component of being ready to learn. Libraries can be involved in helping kids get the nutrition they need to maintain their reading skills over the summer by promoting and sharing the location of meal sites, partnering to provide activities at meal sites, or serving as a meal site in eligible areas (no food preparation required).

In North Dakota, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) administers the Summer Food Service Program. Kaye Knudson, the School Nutrition Program Manager in charge of the SFSP, wants to help you feed kids in your town! If you are willing and eligible to be a meal site, Kaye can connect you with sponsors in your area. If no one in town is yet acting as a sponsor, she will help set up partner meetings with other key organizations in town. If you have an event to kick off your summer reading program, Kaye would also love to attend and share information with your community. She can provide you with information on the sites in your area.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Kaye at [ksknudson@nd.gov](mailto:ksknudson@nd.gov) or 701-328-2275.

## LEAP Project Update:

Submitted by Al Peterson

The North Dakota State Library is taking the lead in bringing the broadband conversation to our public libraries through LEAP (Library E-rate Assessment Project), a new phase of the federally-funded E-rate reform program aimed at improving broadband capacity to serve community education and learning needs in our state.

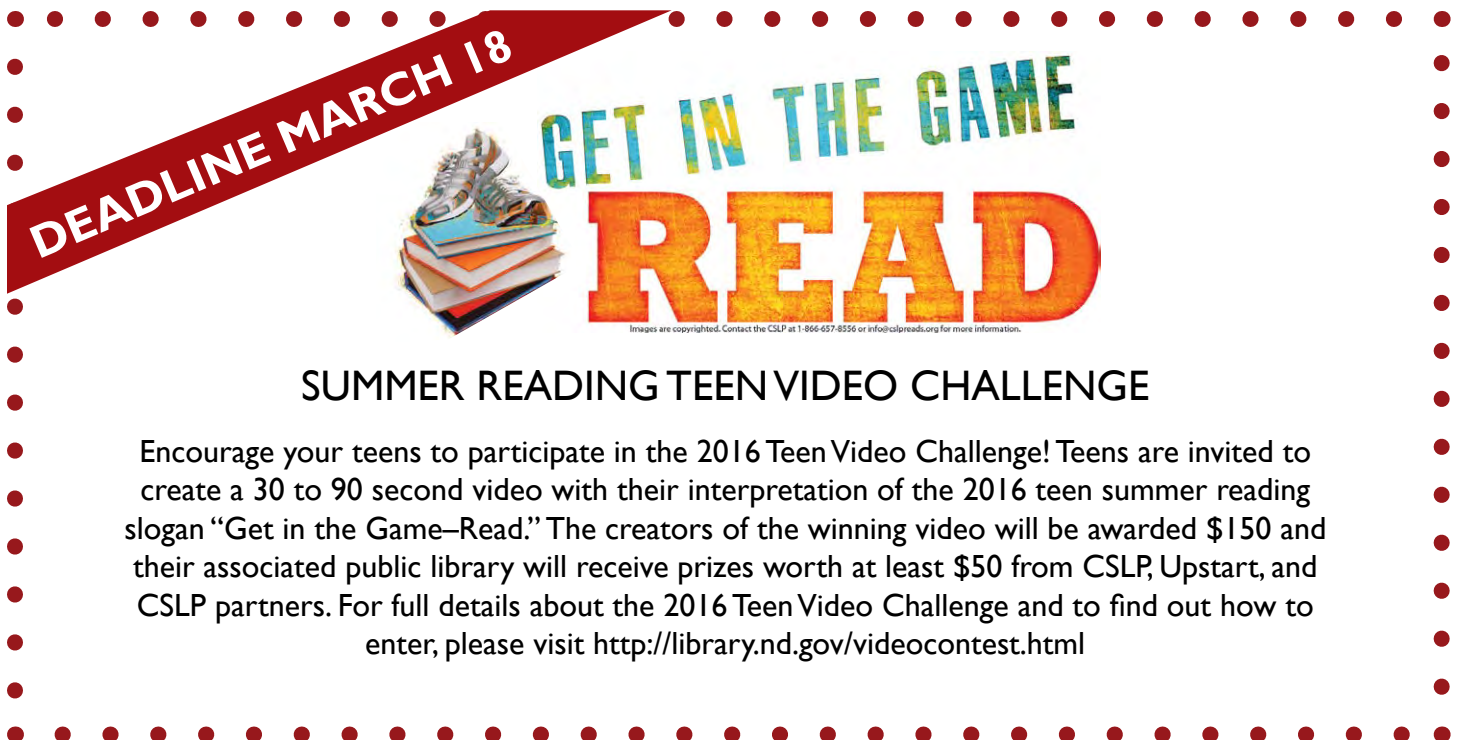
The North Dakota State Library would like to work with public libraries on increasing the broadband speed and access that you provide to your patrons. If you are frustrated with slow internet speeds, let's work together and provide your staff and patrons with faster internet, more bandwidth, and stronger wireless connections.

By participating in the LEAP project with us, you would have access to assistance, not only from State Library staff, but also from the USAC contracted experts. We can help your library with equipment needs, external connections, and increased speeds.

Currently, the State Library is gathering information about broadband opportunities for public libraries in North Dakota. We are in the process of determining where fiber is laid out, how close it is to the libraries, whether it is dark fiber or lite fiber, and if special construction/trenching is necessary. We are also investigating the possibility of developing a consortium application for broadband internet services and using E-rate funding to purchase needed equipment.

Mary Soucie and I have been invited to a meeting hosted by Senator Heitkamp's office with FCC Commissioner Rosenworcel in Bismarck on Monday, March 21. We will be there to represent public libraries and to raise the issue of the need of broadband connectivity to North Dakota public libraries.

For libraries interested in more information about the LEAP project or interested in participating in this project, please contact Al Peterson at 701-328-4021 or [alpeterson@nd.gov](mailto:alpeterson@nd.gov).



**DEADLINE MARCH 18**

**GET IN THE GAME**

**READ**

**SUMMER READING TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE**

Encourage your teens to participate in the 2016 Teen Video Challenge! Teens are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video with their interpretation of the 2016 teen summer reading slogan "Get in the Game—Read." The creators of the winning video will be awarded \$150 and their associated public library will receive prizes worth at least \$50 from CSLP, Upstart, and CSLP partners. For full details about the 2016 Teen Video Challenge and to find out how to enter, please visit <http://library.nd.gov/videocontest.html>

..... **FREE TRAINING WEBINARS** .....

These webinars are free, live, and interactive. You will connect to audio using a headset or speakers. If you do not have a microphone, you can use chat to ask questions.

**Graphic Design for Maximum Engagement (Minitex)**

**REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/1TvHm10>

*Thursday, March 24, 2016, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CT*

The future is a visual place. How can libraries communicate without words? What do our materials and use of images say about us? How are we engaging our communities with intentional graphic design? This session will begin with basic graphic design principles. Emphasis will be placed on the practical considerations of design process, software choices, and locating design materials. Attendees will learn how to use design principles to create handouts, event posters, and infographics.

**Ancestry Library Edition (NDSL)**

**REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/1pmM8AV>

*Thursday, March 24, 2016, 10:30 – 11:30 AM CT*

Family history research has gotten easier and faster with this online genealogical tool. It contains census records, military records, passenger lists, church records, land records, and more. In addition to U.S. records, you will also find records from Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. This webinar will navigate and search Ancestry Library Edition.

**Zinio (NDSL)**

**REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/1TP1jx0>

*Thursday, March 24, 2016, 3:30-4:30 PM CT*

Access over 150 popular full color e-magazines with any smart device or computer. There are no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. Learn how to connect, browse, create an account, and add magazines to your personal collection.

**Freegal Suite (NDSL)**

**REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/1oMEbEr>

*Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 10:30 – 11:30 AM CT*

The Freegal suite includes: Freading (eBooks), Freegal Music, Freegal Movies, and Rocket Languages. Each library card holder is limited to a certain number of downloads per week. Users must login with a recognized personal library card number and password. This webinar will navigate each module, view site features and content, and discuss logins, accounts, and apps.

**Middle School Databases (NDSL)**

**REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/1L2PgMd>

*Thursday, April 14, 2016, 3:30 -4:30 PM CT*

This webinar will examine the databases designed for grades 6-9. We will navigate, search, and explore results in several different online library resources. Whether you are a school librarian or a public librarian, this webinar will provide an overview of middle school databases.

*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.*





## DIGITAL HORIZONS & THE HUMANITIES COUNCIL-CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Sense of Place issue, of On Second Thought magazine, is an annual collection of essays, poems, and stories showcasing some of the best writing from or about North Dakota. For the 2016 Sense of Place issue writers are invited to focus on images from Digital Horizons ([digitalhorizonsonline.org](http://digitalhorizonsonline.org)). Articles may focus on a specific image of the author's choosing from the Digital Horizons library. Submissions can include historical analysis, critical reflections, or other approaches to understanding or interpreting images of the Northern Plains over time. The NDHC will pay \$250 for selected pieces. Please direct all questions to Brenna Gerhardt, 800-338-6543. <http://www.ndhumanities.org/submit-an-article.html>

## NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Our bodies, our shelves: a collection of library humor
- Rethinking library technical services: redefining our profession for the future
- The artist's library: a field guide from the Library as Incubator Project
- Reading places: literacy, democracy, and the public library in Cold War America
- Breaking through: using educational technology for children with special needs
- The book of legendary lands
- Raising passionate readers: 5 easy steps to success in school and life
- Search: how the data explosion makes us smarter
- Social media for creative libraries
- Book smart: how to develop and support successful, motivated readers
- A research guide to the ancient world: print and electronic sources
- Baldrige award winning quality: how to interpret the Baldrige criteria for performance excellence (18th ed.)
- Grant writing for dummies (5th ed.)

## CEU OPPORTUNITIES FROM ALSC

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) is pleased to offer a variety of quality online education courses. All courses will run between four and six weeks and will be taught in an online learning community using Moodle. All courses are offered asynchronously (self-directed), meaning you won't need to log on at a specific time. <http://bit.ly/1R7ilCi>

- The Caldecott Medal: Understanding Distinguished Art in Picture Books (April 4 - May 13)  
Instructor: KT Horning, Director, Cooperative Children's Book Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- It's Mutual: School and Public Library Collaboration (April 4 - May 13)  
Instructor: Rachel Reinwald, School Liaison/Youth Services Librarian, Lake Villa District Library
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Programs Made Easy (April 4 - 29, 1.2 CEUs)  
Instructor: Angela Young, Head of the Children's Department, Reed Memorial Library
- Storytelling with Puppets (April 4 - 29, CEU Certified Course, 2.2 CEUs)  
Instructor: Steven Engelfried, Youth Services Librarian, Wilsonville Public Library

## SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### SNAPDRAGON BOOK FOUNDATION

**DEADLINE: APRIL 15**

Founded by a former school librarian, this foundation provides funds to improve school libraries for disadvantaged children. Grants will be awarded to public, private, and experimental schools so that their libraries can offer children good books to read. The funds can only be spent on physical books and processing fees (barcoding, spine labels).

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

### GREAT STORIES CLUB

**DEADLINE: APRIL 15**

This program, organized by the American Library Association, gives at-risk, troubled youth the opportunity to read, reflect, and share ideas on topics that resonate with them. Selected libraries will receive copies of three theme-related books to use in reading and discussion groups of 6 to 10 people; travel and lodging support to attend a national orientation workshop in June 2016; and a variety of programming support materials. Libraries of all types who are located within or working in partnership with an organization that serves at-risk youth are eligible to apply.

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

### EBSCO SOLAR

**DEADLINE: APRIL 29**

This grant is available to any publicly-funded library interested in transitioning from brown power (electric, gas, oil) to solar power. EBSCO will pay up to \$150,000 for a solar installation to one or more libraries. This will allow the winning libraries to reduce their utilities expenditures.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at <http://bit.ly/1LaiBV7>

### NEA CHALLENGE AMERICA

**DEADLINE: APRIL 14**

This grant offers support primarily to small- and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations - those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. The grant is available for an arts event that features one or more guest artists; a unified promotion of community-wide arts activities and resources; or the development of professionally directed public art projects.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at <http://1.usa.gov/1QxH2L5>

### NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR SMALLER INSTITUTIONS

**DEADLINE: MAY 3**

Preservation Assistance Grants help small- and mid-sized institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, historical objects, digital materials, prints and photographs, archives and manuscripts, moving images, sound recordings, etc.

To find out more information visit <http://1.usa.gov/1boZPD8>

If you have applied for a grant you found in The Flickertale and received it, please let us know!

## North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Ellendale Public Library held a 50-plus Spelling Bee.
- Leach Public Library hosted a “Pick Up Lines” program where patrons check out wrapped books. The only clue as to what book it was is the first line of the book written on the front.
- Bernice Ferguson Community Library (Michigan) will be featuring the work of local artists each month.
- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library held an adult coloring program.
- Minot Public Library is holding a Story Hour where 6 people share a true, 10-minute story from their lives. February’s theme was love.
- Edna Ralston Library received a grant from the Sickles Trust fund.
- Eddy New Rockford library, Washburn Public Library, Dickinson Public Library, and Edna Ralston Library held Blind Date With a Book programs in February.
- Elgin Public Library started beginner quilting lessons.
- Walhalla Public Library received a \$500 donation from the Bartlette-Resler Post #62 gaming trust, which will go toward new tables and chairs.
- Enderlin Public Library held its ground breaking ceremony during the Centennial Celebration.
- Carnegie Regional Public Library received a \$50 donation from the Grafton American Legion Auxiliary.
- Valley City Barnes County Public Library held a Mardi Gras party and served a specially ordered authentic Mardi Gras cake, King Cake.
- Garrison has a new Little Free Library thanks to the Sakakawea Area Council for the Arts Literature Committee, in conjunction with the Garrison Public Library.

### RAFFLES AT THE LIBRARY

Has your library been thinking of holding a raffle to raise money for the library, but you weren’t sure if you could do so without a gaming license? The Attorney General’s office has information on what you need to do to hold a raffle without a gaming license:

“State law has a provision which allows local governing bodies (i.e. cities/counties) to issue a local permit to an organization recognized as public spirited. A local permit can allow for raffles, bingo and professional sports pools to be conducted where a primary prize does not have a value greater than \$6,000 and the total value of all prizes given out within a year does not exceed \$12,000. A single cash prize cannot exceed \$6,000 and total cash prizes cannot exceed \$6,000 in one day. The city or county in which the site is located (where the activity is scheduled to take place) dictates where the organization applies for the local permit.

A public spirited organization may apply for a charity local permit to allow playing paddlewheels, twenty-one and poker, in addition to a raffle, bingo and sports pool, for a one-time event during a year. An organization may receive either multiple local permits or one charity local permit in a year, but not both. For more Information, see: Local Gaming Permit/Application /Report.

For more gaming FAQs, please visit: <https://www.ag.nd.gov/About/FAQ.htm>

## High Tea in McVille

McVille Community Library held a Downton Abbey Tea Party. It was a lovely afternoon, filled with baked goods, tea, and friends. The event even had footmen and kitchen staff. Here are just a few of the pictures from the event. To see all of the photos, visit: <http://on.fb.me/1nwFZjW>



## Color Your World

The Hazen Public Library held their first "Color Your World Evening" at the library. The event was well attended and patrons had a great time creating and coloring.



## A FINAL FAREWELL

The North Dakota State Library officially sent off our last bag of Recorded Cassettes from our Talking Books Department!



# DIGITAL DELIGHTS



Another find from a ScanDay—this time at the Eddy-New Rockford Public Library. A view of Central Avenue in New Rockford, North Dakota, in the 1930's. Find it online: <http://bit.ly/IW3bIfp>

Credit Line: North Dakota Memories Collection

Check out the Digital Horizons at <http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/>

**DIGITAL**  
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