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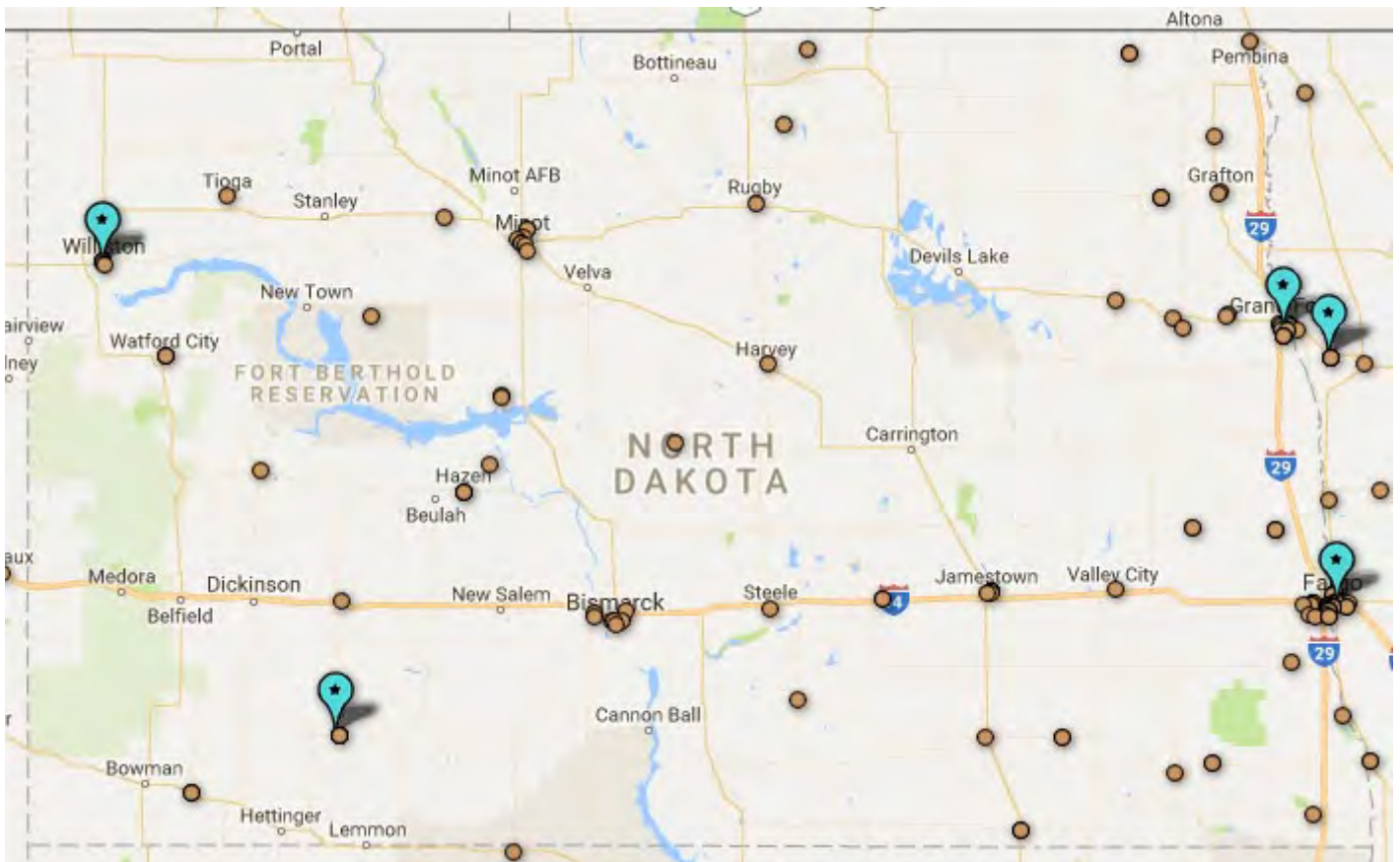
[CodeDak]

Computer Science Week is over for 2017, but that doesn't mean it's time for your library to stop thinking about ways to offer Comp Sci programming for patrons of all ages.

For the more than 50 schools and public libraries who took part in this year's Hour of Code (see the map), we salute you! We would love to see photos and read stories of your events—if you're willing to share them, please send them to ndsipa@nd.gov for inclusion in a future issue of the Flickertale.

If your library wasn't able to offer an Hour of Code during Computer Science Week, don't worry—you can host one anytime and the resources from Code.org are available year round. If you're looking for other ways you can integrate code into library programs, don't hesitate to reach out to your friendly Library Development Specialists—we're full of ideas and we're here to help!

Stay tuned to future CodeDak articles for more resources and support.



News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

January 1, 2018 marks the 200th anniversary of the publishing of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, a classic that is still read by many today. In the preface to the 1831 edition of the novel, Shelley wrote that the idea first came to her in the summer of 1816, where she stayed in a manor on Lake Geneva with her future husband Percy Bysshe Shelley and the writers Lord Byron and John Polidori. The first edition of the story was published anonymously after Byron suggested that they each write a ghost story to pass the time when they were stuck inside because of rain. When Mary's friends heard her story, they encouraged her to write more and thus a classic was born. Mary Shelley had a tragic life and many literary historians believe that her novels were her way of working out problems and situations she was experiencing.

We are happy to be partnering with Gateway to Science and the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library to celebrate the publication anniversary. Gateway to Science will kick off the celebration with a *Frankenstein* event on January 20th that will include a variety of crafts, experiments and other fun activities. Genetic engineering and synthetic biology will be replicated by making monster masks, creating dough creatures and Frankentoys. The scientific exploration of Mary Shelley's time will be simulated through the design of a battery stack and an activity called spark of life. Robotics and artificial intelligence will be imitated with a scribble bot. This will be an electrifying afternoon of creativity and responsible innovation.

NDSL will be hosting a statewide book discussion club of the story. We invite our libraries to join us in promoting the book and the event. We will have the discussion via Zoom during National Library Week. Watch for more information on time and date. If you're willing to join us, please drop Marketing Specialist BreAnne Meier a note at ndsipa@nd.gov so we can make sure to include your library in our publicity materials. NDSL can also supply you with a sample press release which you can request from BreAnne as well. NDSL will be creating a *Frankenstein* bookclub kit very shortly to assist libraries that want to participate.

This will be the first time that we are trying a "One Book, One State" type of event, and we are excited to see how it works. ND Center for the Book Coordinator, Shari Mosser, will be assisting with the bookclub discussion group. We are inviting libraries to host the event at their library and to log in via Zoom as a group. We will have a few different time slots so as to accommodate 50 libraries at a time. Zoom is limited to 50 participants, but by logging in at the library, we'll be able to accommodate more people. We will host at least one discussion during the day so school libraries can also participate.

We are looking forward to our first partnership with Gateway to Science and our continued partnership with the Bismarck Library. We ask you to consider partnering with us via the bookclub discussions.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

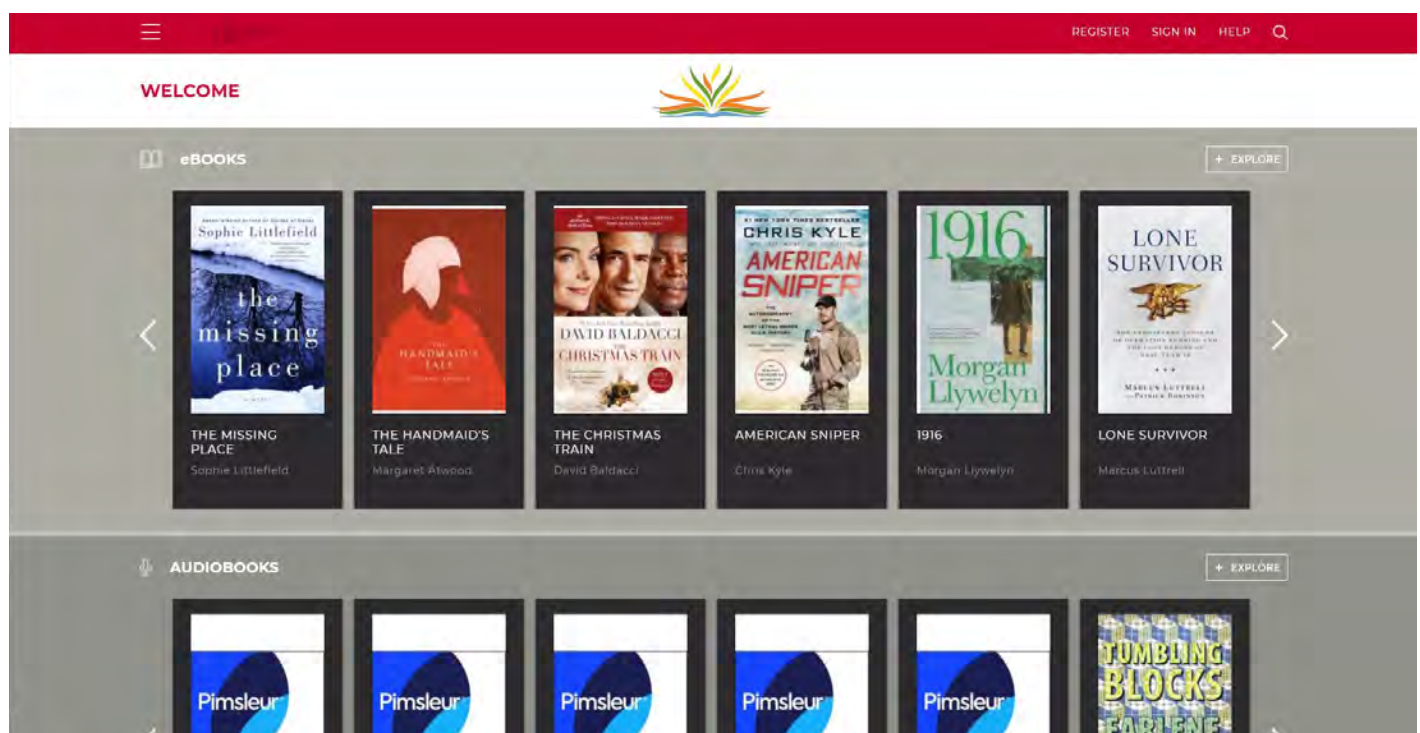
RBdigital

For months you've been hearing about RBdigital from the State Library, but what is this new database? RBdigital is the new e-audiobook, e-book, and e-magazine service that the state library subscribes to. You are probably familiar with Zinio for Libraries which is our e-magazine service, well they are owned by RBdigital and in order to simplify everything the company has put all of these features into one app. The new app replaces Zinio for Libraries with one that is simply called RBdigital. Through this app you have access to all of your content in one spot.

The e-magazines work the same as they always have. Each magazine can be checked out indefinitely and there is no limit to how many magazines you can check out. Some of the features that were previously available on the Zinio for Libraries app are still in the works for the new app so if there is a feature that you like, be patient it's on its way.

The e-books and e-audiobooks are the newest additions to our collection at the State Library. Both of these types of books have a 14 day checkout period and the amount that can be checked out are 5 e-books and 5 e-audiobooks at one time. E-audiobooks have simultaneous checkout so there will never be a hold for the audiobook that you are dying to listen to. The e-books however only have a per person check out, so if there is a book you want and it is checked out, just put a hold on it like you would a regular library book. When it's your turn, it will be removed from the other person's device and added to your checkout list.

The app is simple to use and allows patrons to search all materials in one convenient location. If you have any questions please email us at nds1train@nd.gov.

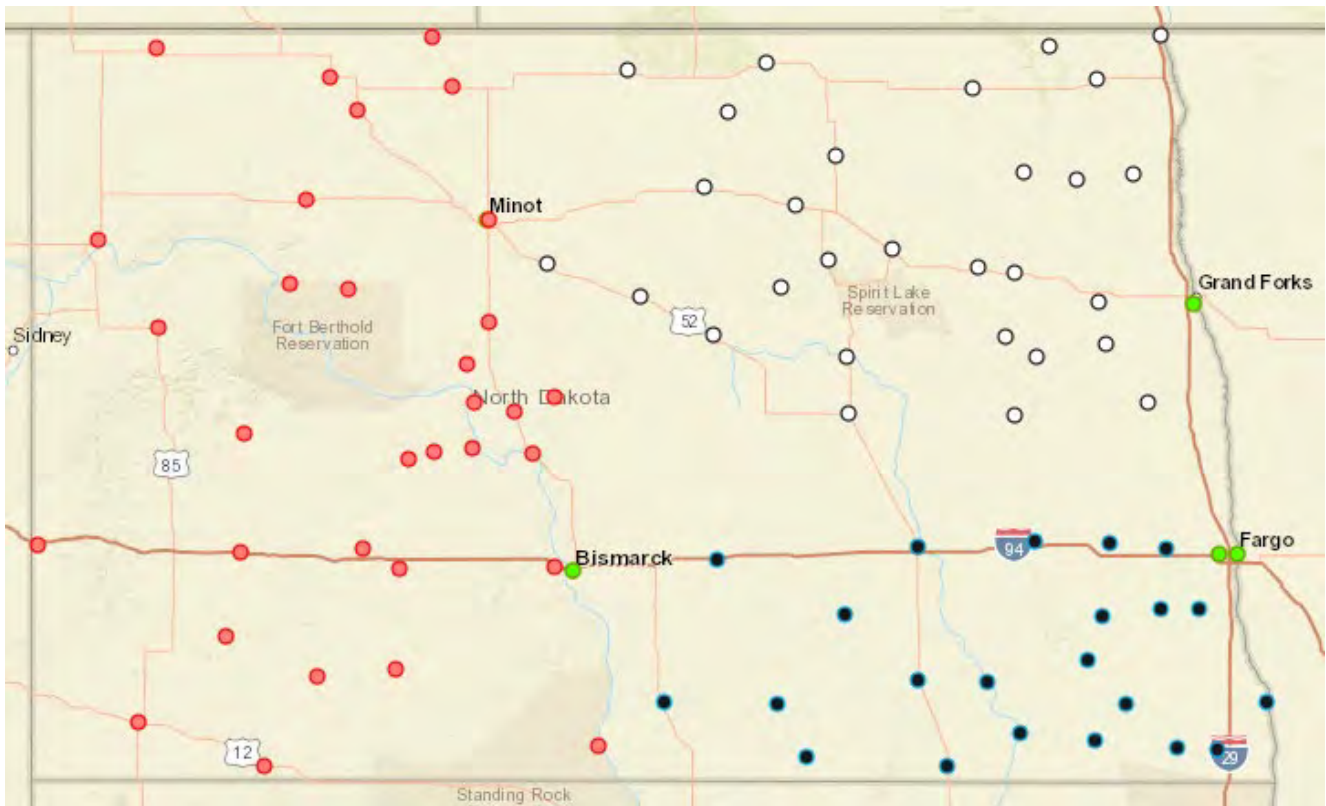


LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The State Library is pleased to announce that Abby Ebach has accepted the Library Development Specialist position and will be working with the public libraries located in the western half of the state. Abby is a Bismarck native and was previously working at the Morton Mandan Public Library. She has a special interest in Outreach Services and taste-testing cookie dough.

Abby can be contacted at aebach@nd.gov or 701-328-4680.

In addition to welcoming Abby to the Library Development team, the service map has been slightly redrawn. Despite the changes, the department remains committed to serving each of you well and wisely. Contact information for your Library Development Specialist is listed at: <http://www.library.nd.gov/fieldservices.html>



Abby Ebach (aebach@nd.gov) represents: Beach, Beulah, Bowbells, Bowman, Crosby, Dickinson, Elgin, Fort Yates, Garrison, Glen Ullin, Hazen, Hebron, Hettinger, Kenmare, Killdeer, Mandan, Max, Minot (Ward County), Mohall, Mott, New England, New Town, Parshall, Riverdale, Sherwood, Stanley, Stanton, Turtle Lake, Underwood, Washburn, Watford City, Williston

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IN-CLASSROOM TRAININGS

The State Library would like to inform school librarians and teachers that we will be discontinuing in-classroom database trainings at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. We wanted to make you all aware of this so that you have plenty of time to schedule your trainings before the end of this school year.

Even though we are discontinuing database trainings for students in the classrooms we will continue to offer professional development database trainings for teachers and school administrators at the schools. We will also continue to offer tours of the State Library and brief database trainings at that time if requested.

We apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause you, but we hope to continue working with you in the future on the best ways to teach your students all of the resources that the State Library has to offer.

If you have any questions please email us at ndsldatain@nd.gov.

2018 SUMMER READING WORKSHOPS

Registration is now open for the 2018 Summer Reading Workshops! They will be held in February at six locations around the state. You can register at <http://bit.ly/w3pTgC>. There is no charge to attend this event, which will run from 10:00am - 4:00pm (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.

Minot	Minot Public Library	Monday, February 5
Grand Forks	Grand Forks Public Library	Wednesday, February 7
West Fargo	West Fargo Public Library	Thursday, February 8
Bismarck	North Dakota State Library	Monday, February 12
Dickinson	Dickinson Area Public Library	Thursday, February 15
Jamestown	Alfred Dickey Public Library	Friday, February 16

Don't forget to order your 2018 Summer Reading Manuals. Please fill out the request form, which is available here: <http://library.nd.gov/summerreadingmanual.html>

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN DIRECTORY

We are working on updating a school librarian directory and are in need of the following information: your name, years as a Media Specialist, library name(s), grades it serves, the automation system(s) you use, your e-mail address, phone number, principal and/or superintendent, and name of school(s). A SurveyMonkey has been set up to help you complete the directory information.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8258W53>

2018 TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) has launched the 2018 Teen Video Challenge, a national video competition for teens to get involved with reading and their public library's summer reading program. Teens across the country are invited to create 30 to 90 second videos with their interpretation of the 2018 teen slogan, *Libraries Rock!*, in combination with reading and libraries. This is an opportunity for teens to showcase their creativity and have their ideas heard before a national audience.



The winning video from each participating state will be named one of the CSLP 2018 Teen Videos to promote summer reading nationwide. Winners will be announced in Spring 2018.

For more details, please visit <http://bit.ly/2AtFBL0>

A 'Save the Date' poster for a conference. The background is a scenic landscape with a blue sky, green hills, and a body of water. In the foreground, three smooth, rounded stones are stacked on top of each other. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

SAVE THE DATE

*Renewal &
Development
Conference*

*April 23rd & 24th
Baymont Inn & Suites
Mandan*

For more information,
contact Angie Houser at
ndsltrain@nd.gov or
701-328-3495

NDLCC GRANTS AWARDED

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council met and awarded grants in two categories in November 2017 for a total of \$111,707. Twenty libraries were awarded \$69,642 for collection development of nonfiction items. Thirteen libraries were awarded \$42,065 for libraries to create makerspaces for patrons.

STATE LIBRARY LEAP PROJECT UPDATE

Two years ago, the North Dakota State Library embarked on a venture called LEAP, Library E-rate Assessment Project. The LEAP project is a collaborative effort between the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) and the American Library Association Office for Information Technology Policy to increase Internet bandwidth and speed in public libraries by encouraging more libraries to take advantage of funding available through E-rate. North Dakota State Library was one of 13 libraries who attended the initial conference call with ALA and COSLA and we were accepted as one of five state libraries to participate in the LEAP pilot program.

Our initial focus for our LEAP project was going to be education and awareness on the E-rate process, getting more libraries to participate in E-rate on their own, and assisting those libraries who are applying for E-rate through the process. As we delved into the project, we were able to form a partnership with the State's Information Technology Department who negotiated a state purchasing contract for libraries through Dakota Carrier Network. We started this project with 22 libraries that we were currently paying for their DSL connection and created a consortium from those libraries for applying for E-rate. Our consortium was incorporated into the State Master Contract filed by EduTech, who normally files on behalf of the school districts. Through our purchasing agreement, we are able to provide libraries with 50 mbps for a set price, leveling out the amount and increasing speeds in most cases. In addition, the North Dakota State Library can still pay the undiscounted portion of their bills for those libraries through legislative funding.

The participation of the North Dakota State Library in the LEAP project can be summed up as an alignment of stars. Our participation in the LEAP program opened doors for us and got the word out that library broadband speeds are just as important to a community as broadband speeds in schools are important to children's educational opportunities. By being a part of LEAP, State Librarian Mary Soucie was invited to a meeting with Sen. Heitkamp and FCC Commissioner Rosenworcel as a representative for public libraries for a discussion on broadband access in rural America.

Our involvement with the LEAP project was a success! Our success is due to the partnerships we formed throughout this project. The outcome of the North Dakota State Library's participation in the LEAP project was the creation of consortium of 22 public libraries who are getting faster download speeds for a set price, while fostering a greater cooperation and partnership with private internet service providers and state agencies that capitalize on the spirit of the state's rich history of participation in agricultural and utility cooperatives that serve the greater good of the citizens of North Dakota.



Letters About Literature

Read. Be Inspired. Write Back.

CALL FOR STUDENT ENTRIES!

The Library of Congress invites students in grades 4 through 12 to enter the

25th Annual LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE WRITING COMPETITION

For more information, contact Shari Mosser at ssandwick@nd.gov or 701-328-3252

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.

PART 1 – Your Community by the Numbers:

Register: <http://bit.ly/2jM04Cs>

Intro to American Fact Finder & Thematic Maps (U.S. Census)

Tuesday, December 19, 10:00-11:30 AM CT

This workshop is designed for novice data users who would like to become familiar with accessing key demographic, socioeconomic and housing indicators from the American Community Survey using the American *FactFinder* tool. Participants will learn how to access statistics for areas down to the city/town level.

Managing Difficult Volunteer Transitions (VolunteerMatch)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2i04QMt>

Tuesday, December 19, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM CT

This webinar will give you the tools to address challenges around difficult volunteers, volunteers aging in place, and suggestions to minimize these situations in the future. Suggestions for determining when a volunteer should be terminated and making it easier on you, other volunteers, and staff will be presented. The role that risk management plays in these decisions will also be included.

Going Deeper with Social Media (WebJunction & TechSoup)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2crutXP>

Tuesday, December 19, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM CT

Learn how to take the next steps toward amplifying your library's social media program. During this third webinar in our social media series, we'll discuss best practices in growing your library's social media program and managing user engagement. You'll learn tips on assessing your library's audience based on their preferred platforms and ideas for converting your in-person library community into an online community.

PART 2 - Your Neighborhood by the Numbers:

Register: <http://bit.ly/2jM04Cs>

Tracts, Block Groups and Mapping (U.S. Census)

Thursday, December 21, 10:00-11:00 AM CT

This workshop is designed for data users who are already familiar with ACS datasets and the American FactFinder tool. You will learn how to access key demographic, socioeconomic, and housing indicators for non-traditional geographies, such as tracts, block groups, and blocks. Users will be able to utilize these geographies to define neighborhoods and service areas and create community profiles and basic maps.

State Document Resources for K-8

Register: <http://bit.ly/w3pTgC>

Thursday, January 18, 1:30-2:00 PM CT

Presenter: Kristen Northrup, Technical Services Coordinator

State government agencies produce a wide range of kid-friendly information, and it is all gathered in one place: the State Library. Learn about the variety of material available for use in your classroom or program. State government documents check out for 4 weeks just like the general collection. Many items are also available online, either to preview or for students to access at home. There are even DVDs and music albums!

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARD****FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

The Collaborative School Library Award recognizes and encourages collaboration and partnerships between school librarians and teachers in meeting goals outlined in Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Programs through joint planning of a program, unit, or event in support of the curriculum and using school library resources. Applicants must be a school librarian and teacher(s) who have worked together to execute a project, event, or program to further information literacy, independent learning, and social responsibility using resources of the school library. School librarians must be personal members of AASL in order to be eligible.

For more information and to apply for this grant: <http://bit.ly/2AFif5K>

GAMECHANGER 101**ONGOING**

GameChanger 101 Grants support program costs of discussing Pulitzer Prize-winning books and/or journalism pieces. Grant awards are based on the quality of books, films, and/or journalistic texts selected and their ability to fulfill the North Dakota Humanity's Council's mission and vision. Any nonprofit organization in North Dakota may apply. Send a proposal in six weeks prior to your need.

For more information and to apply for this grant: <http://bit.ly/2BNHeDo>

AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION**FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

The American Honda Foundation supports youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects, in addition to the environment, job training, and literacy. Nonprofit charitable organizations classified as a 501(c)(3) public charity by the Internal Revenue Service, or a public school district, private/public elementary and secondary schools are eligible. Grants range from \$20,000 to \$75,000.

For more information and to apply for this grant: <http://bit.ly/2A3YIBI>

SPARKFUN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**ONGOING**

The SparkFun Community Partnership Program facilitates one-time collaborations between SparkFun and its community partners to support the work of makers in the field. They look for individuals and organizations who embrace maker values of open source, collaboration, playfulness, learning at all levels, and making the world a better place.

For more information and to apply for this grant: <http://bit.ly/2rrjvhK>

LISA LIBRARIES**ONGOING**

The Lisa Libraries donates new children's books and small libraries to organizations that work with kids in poor and under-served areas. They have a strong interest in supporting small, grass-roots organizations. Recipients of these free books will need to cover the shipping costs. Must have a tax exempt 501(c)(3) status.

For more information on how to apply for this grant: <http://bit.ly/2kmIHYQ>

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

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Director of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, Christine Kujawa, was presented with the 2017 President's Recognition award for her years of dedication to NDLA and outstanding work on its legislative committee.
- Elgin Public Library recently received \$2,397 for meeting room updates.
- Cando Community Library, by being an independent rural public library, has qualified for the Pilcrow Foundation Grant.
- On November 14th, the North Dakota State College of Science Library held a Tax Management for Ag Producers program.
- Walhalla Public Library hosted a Halloween Bash story hour.
- Margaret Fraase Public Library received \$1,000 donation from Midco and \$500 donation from Otter Tail Power Company to redo shelving in their children's room and railing for the Cinema Room.
- Sheyenne Valley Imagination Library received a \$500 donation from Valley City Kiwanis Club and \$500 from Farmers Union Insurance Agency.
- Congressman Kevin Cramer visited the Washburn Public Library and the Stanton Public Library on Nov. 29.
- Cavalier Public Library hosted an Elves Fill the Shelves movie event on Dec. 10. Children brought food or personal care items to the library in order to stock the shelves of the Pembina County Food Pantry.
- New England Public Library had a table at the Hometown Holiday Craft Fair selling baked goods to raise funds for the library.
- Minot Public Library partnered with local women leaders to promote women in leadership roles through an event called Women Run—Women Lead. The event provided information on challenges women face and how women can support other women in running for office.
- PEO Chapter W donated \$3,000 to the Friends of the Griggs County Library
- Kindred Public Library hosted the annual Tour of Homes on Nov. 19
- New Town City Library moved from the city office building to the former United Quality office site on Main Street.
- Fargo Public Library hosted an all-ages Veterans Day concert on Nov. 12. The concert featured the Full Battle Rattle Brass Quintet and the Flatland Dixieland Band.
- Mohall Public Library hosted a Book Folding class on November 12 and December 2.
- Cavalier Public Library raised \$1,000 during their Faith in Action Bingo event. The funds will go to the Cavalier Library building fund.
- Alfred Dickey Library in Jamestown hosted a Self-Publishing program. Local authors spoke about the process of self-publishing your book from creation through production and marketing.
- Finley Library received a gift of \$350 from the Citizens State Bank as well as \$500 from the Finley Community Endowment Fund.

- Fargo Public Library hosted a Native American Festival and Education Series Nov. 4–8. It included speakers, food samples, music, films, and ended with the Native American Juried Arts and Crafts Festival. This program was a partnership with the Native American Commission, Cultural Diversity Resources, and the Plains Art Museum.
- The Daughters of Norway Lodge in Minot hosted a meeting at the Minot Library. At this meeting, they had a presentation about the history of the Pepperkaker cookie (A traditional Norwegian gingerbread cookie).
- Valley City-Barnes County Public Library aimed to increase public awareness of the impact of oil and gas exploration in public lands in western North Dakota. The program included showing the short film “Keeping all the Pieces” and a discussion with representatives from the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the Badlands Conservation Alliance.
- Mayville City Library hosted their annual amateur Photography Show. The winners were Mrs. Jane Nelson and Ms. Kennedi Soine.

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- STEAM kids Christmas
- The makerspace librarian’s sourcebook
- The librarian’s guide to book programs and author events
- Simple low-cost games and activities for sensorimotor learning : a sourcebook of ideas for young children including those with autism, ADHD, sensory processing disorder, and other learning differences
- Digital tools for knowledge construction in the elementary grades
- The filter bubble : how the new personalized web is changing what we read and how we think
- Word by word : the secret life of dictionaries
- ‘Over the hills and far away’ : the life of Beatrix Potter
- Wild things : the joy of reading children’s literature as an adult (Staff pick!)
- My life with Bob : flawed heroine keeps book of books, plot ensues
- Bad news : last journalists in a dictatorship
- Splat the Cat and the late library book (picture book)

TILE ART

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library hosted its final event commemorating the library’s 100th year of service with music, cupcakes, hot cider, and live acoustic music. A limited number of art pieces by local artists were available to be purchased for \$100 each. As their canvases, the artists used tiles that came from the library’s first plaza in 1988.



HAUNTED STACKS

Ghost, ghouls, and monsters OH MY! The Grand Forks Public Library hosted Haunted Stacks for another year and the building was filled with an array of characters. There were mazes, games, treats, along with a mad doctor, growling monsters, and ghouls jumping out of the dark. Three hundred people came to the library for the event, and the laughter was abundant!



DIGITAL DELIGHTS



Santa never has problems with his auto while delivering toys all over the world because he uses a Chalmers-Detroit purchased in Beach, North Dakota, as evident in this illustration from the front page of the *Golden Valley Chronicle*, December 18, 1908.

Happy Holidays!

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