

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY FLICKERTALE

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[CodeDak]

We've been easing you into the idea of running a coding club at your library and participating in this year's Hour of Code. If this is your first time checking in, you may wish to refer to the [May](#) and [June](#) issues of the Flickertale.

What at minimum do you need to get started?

Time. You will want to hold regularly scheduled meetings of your club (or clubs!) and each meeting should be at least an hour long. During the summer and afterschool are optimal times, but weekends can work well, too.

Computers. Desktops or laptops; tablets will work handsomely for block coding (which is likely what you'll start out with), but if you're going to be working with older teens or eventually catering to more advanced coders, keyboards will become important.

Curriculum. The core curriculum we're recommending is [CS First](#). It's completely free and targeted at ages 9-14. You can schedule it flexibly and it's based around block coding, which makes it accessible and easy to accommodate. Plus it ties in really well with educational robots (coming soon from a State Library near you...)

Marketing. You're welcome to use our CodeDak name and branding to promote your Coding Club—in fact, that's the main reason we created it. Also, never underestimate the power of snacks and pizza.

Feelies. Your coding club can be supplemented with books, robots, games, and a sincere desire to spread joy and improve the world (though that goes for pretty much anything). Tune in next month for recommendations on this front!

Finally, you may be thinking: "Don't I need money for all this stuff?" While you can definitely pull this off using free resources and your existing machines, you may find yourself needing another computer or some *je ne sais quoi*. As luck would have it, the [Information Technology Council of North Dakota](#) has a directory of local IT companies who may be able and eager to assist with training, know-how, presentations, tech support, material donations, and maybe even investments—it never hurts to ask, right? Additionally, a [Libraries Ready to Code grant](#) just opened up from YALSA and Google. If you need additional monetary support, [this is a great place to apply for it](#).

If you want to learn more, meet up with colleagues, and start coding, be sure to [register to attend this year's Summer Summit!](#)

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

Summer is a lot of people's favorite season. Long days filled with sunlight, weekend excursions, and fresh veggies from the garden. Add in the Summer Reading program and what's not to love? My favorite holiday is Christmas; I love everything about it from the decorations to the music to baking cookies to give away. One of my next favorite holidays happens in the summer, though. I love the 4th of July mostly because I love fireworks and parades. I also love barbeques which usually happen on the 4th as well as celebrating the great country that I am privileged to live in.

There are many great things about America, but one of the best is libraries. Libraries across the country do so many wonderful things for their communities. Libraries serve all people, regardless of socioeconomic status, religion, race, gender, or orientation. Librarians and library staff don't judge and determine that someone is not good enough to be served. We serve all. In many communities, especially here in North Dakota, libraries are the only source for free Wi-Fi access in the community. Libraries are the great equalizer.

Although libraries share the same common principles and beliefs no matter what type of library it is, each library is also unique to the community it serves. As I continue to visit libraries across the state, whether for a "Librarian for a Day" visit or another reason, I am impressed by the many different ways that our libraries are meeting

community needs. I love that more and more public libraries are offering entertaining and educational adult programs. Our academic libraries are leading the state in makerspaces. School librarians continue to find new ways to connect with teachers and support their students.

Another part of summer is the American Library Association's Annual Conference. This year's conference was held in Chicago. I had two goals for my time in Chicago—pizza and Garrett's popcorn. I am pleased that both goals were accomplished. The ALA conference is a great time to connect with colleagues both new and old, learn about new and exciting ways to serve your community, meet with vendors and learn about new products, and meet authors. I had the opportunity to listen to Katherine Paterson talk about her upcoming book and how she came up with the idea. The book sounds absolutely delightful and I really wish I could remember the title to share with you. I was so excited to hear her speak that I didn't focus on the screen that showed the title and cover of the book.

I am so honored to be a librarian and to work in this profession. We serve everyone that walks through our doors. Libraries are the best part of our country and I am thankful that I get to work in such a lovely one. Thank you to each of you that serve the citizens of our wonderful state in such thoughtful, innovative, and engaging ways.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

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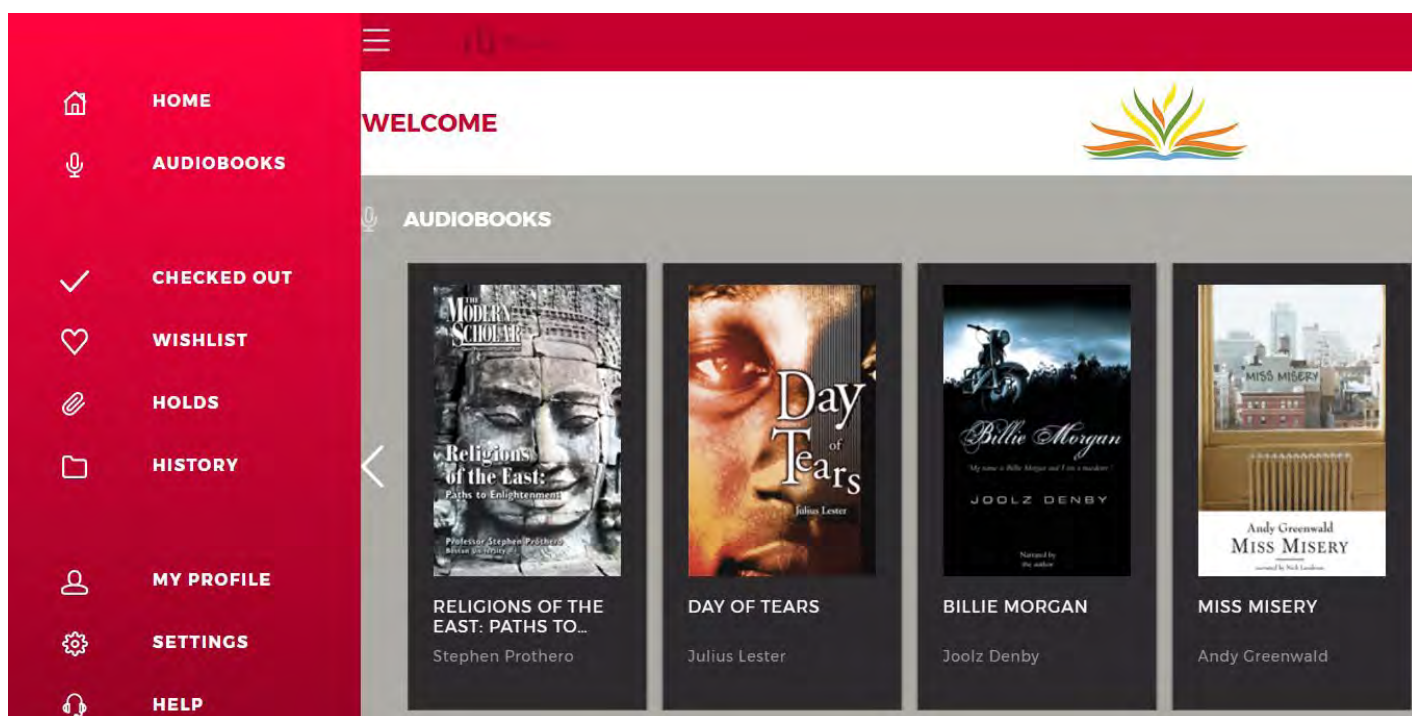


It's finally here! We are pleased to be able to offer you a new audiobook option in our online resources. Our new RBdigital database is the place to download audiobooks for yourself straight onto your phone through their RBdigital app.

One of the great features of this is that if you have a Zinio for Libraries account you can use RBdigital without having to create a new account. Because these two are owned by the same company, once you have a login it can be used for both our digital magazines and our audiobooks. Just a note, the Zinio for Libraries app will soon be deleted by the company so RBdigital will be your one stop shop.

The next great feature of this database is that unlike other audiobook databases it has unlimited users on an audiobook. There will never be any holds for a book that you want. The database allows you to check out the book for 10 days at a time with the option to renew at the end of those 10 days.

Since it is a new system we will be adding books periodically, so if you don't see the one you want, we may be in the process of adding it. Come back often to check out the developing collection!



LIBRARY VISION 2020 GRANT WEBINARS

Grant applications for the Library Vision 2020 Grants will be open from August 28 through October 20. Applications will be submitted via Counting Opinions and are open to publicly funded school, public, academic, and special libraries. In order to assist libraries with preparing their grant applications, the State Library will be holding a series of webinars:

Library Vision 2020 – Makerspace Grant

When: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 1:30pm-2:00pm (CT)

Makerspaces are popping up in libraries across the country in all shapes and forms. In response to this, the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council is offering a Library Vision grant for Makerspaces. Through this webinar learn what a makerspace is, how you can have one without dedicating a space to its use, and the different types of equipment that are available for makerspaces.

Library Vision 2020 – Collection Development Grant

When: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 1:30pm-2:00pm (CT)

Collection development is an essential part of the continuation of libraries. The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council is offering a Library Vision Collection Development grant for non-fiction materials. This webinar will discuss the importance of collection development and the focus of the grant.

Library Vision 2020 – OCLC Resource Sharing Grant

When: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 1:30pm-2:00pm (CT)

This grant offered by the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council is for the retrospective conversion of your library's catalog. The webinar will discuss what retrospective conversion is, what the grant will cover, and why it is important to be a part of OCLC.

Because these webinars are outside of the regular monthly webinars, there will be no minimum to the participants that [sign up](#).

If you have any questions about the webinars, please contact Angie at nds1train@nd.gov or 701-328-3495.

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Developing school readiness : creating lifelong learners
- A little bit of dirt : 55+ science and art activities to reconnect children with nature
- Picture-perfect STEM lessons, K-2 : using children's books to inspire STEM learning
- Electronics for kids : play with simple circuits and experiment with electricity!
- A history of American Civil War literature
- The card catalog : books, cards, and literary treasures
- The clothing of books (novelist Jhumpa Lahiri on book jacket design)
- Weaponized lies : how to think critically in the post-truth era
- The future of free speech, trolls, anonymity and fake news online
- The book thieves : the Nazi looting of Europe's libraries and the race to return a literary inheritance
- Am I alone here? : notes on living to read and reading to live
- Manners in the library (picture book)
- Manners with a library book (picture book)

Summer Summit

Coming August 2017

On Tap

This year's Summer Summit is focused on participating in the Hour of Code and running a coding club in your library. The agenda includes sessions on the importance of STEM at the library, how to start your own coding club, and an overview of resources and potential partners you can tap into. There will be hands-on demonstrations, conversations around afterschool and STEM programming, as well as a walkthrough of the next round of Library Vision Grants. We're having lunch delivered on-site, so the conversations and networking can continue—it will be \$10 if you wish to partake, but you're also welcome to bring your own. Did I mention that there will be robots? We're definitely bringing robots. Contact your friendly Library Development Specialist if you have questions and be sure to register in advance!

Locations

August 14: Minot Public Library


August 15: West Fargo Public Library

August 16: North Dakota State Library (Bismarck)

August 17: Grand Forks Public Library

REGISTER

<http://bit.ly/w3pTgC>



The Summer Summit meeting will run from 10:00-4:00 at each location.

Please bring your own laptop or tablet if you can.

ZINIO FOR LIBRARIES IS NOW RBDIGITAL

You will start seeing some changes to your Zinio for Libraries app soon. These changes may include prompts to download a new app and a timer that is counting down. No need to fret over these. The Zinio for Libraries app has been recently combined with the One Click digital app to create the RBdigital app.

RBdigital is the company that owns Zinio and has recently combined Zinio with its audiobook and ebook app to make one complete app, which is great for you because you just need to download one app and your new audiobooks and your magazines will all be in one place. In order to download the app you will need to go to whichever app store you have (iTunes App Store, the Play Store, etc.) and search for "rbdigital". In the Play Store, it will come up as "RBdigital"; in the iTunes App Store, it will still come up as "OneClick Digital", but it is really the RBdigital app.

When the app comes up, download it for free to your device and then log in with your Zinio for Libraries username and password. It will automatically recognize your Zinio credentials. After you login to the RBdigital app, you can delete the Zinio for Libraries app from your device because all of your magazines will now be on the new app.

The new app allows you to check out magazines and audiobooks in one convenient location. If you have any questions on this new RBdigital audiobook database and app please contact Angie at ndsltrain@nd.gov.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – GET WHAT YOU NEED!

by Christy Schafer

Did you know your library can use State contracts to purchase goods and services? Cooperative purchasing is a FREE service and an effective tool you can use to leverage time and cost efficiencies.

State Contract #009 – Janitorial Paper & Disposable Food Service Products

This contract includes bowls, plates, cups, cutlery, napkins, paper towels, bathroom and facial tissue, and miscellaneous food service products. The contractor is Dacotah Paper and their pricing is listed on the State Contract website. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Chad Keech at ckeech@nd.gov or 701-328-2767.

State Contract #114 – Janitorial Services – Work Activity Centers

A work activity center is a facility licensed by North Dakota Department of Human Services, operated by a nonprofit corporation, and organized for the primary purpose of employing and providing rehabilitative activities for individuals with physical or developmental disabilities. This contract is for janitorial services provided by work activity centers across the state. You can view more details on the OMB website or contact Rebecca Pollert at rpollert@nd.gov or 701-328-2690.

You can find more information about all the State Contracts on the OMB website at: <https://www.nd.gov/omb/agency/procurement/state-contracts>. If you have any questions, please contact the State Procurement Office at 701-328-2740 or infospo@nd.gov.

Let's do more with less!

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.

Enticing Book Club Picks (Booklist)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2v9oUKF>

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 1:00-2:00 PM CT

Be prepared with exciting book club recommendations. Join us for a lively presentation of appealing and diverse selections by representatives from William Morrow, Workman Adult, Norton and Penguin Random House. This free, one-hour webinar will be hosted by Donna Seaman, Editor, Adult Books, Booklist.

There are Other Ways to Read Books (NDSL)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2t0WJYw>

Thursday, July 20, 2017, 1:30-2:00 PM CT

Presented by Sue Hammer-Schneider

- Librarians want to help all of their patrons with access to books no matter the format. However, what can you do to help those patrons who can't see well enough to read a book? Or the patrons who can no longer even hold a book? Regular audiobooks can only go so far when the collection may be small. The Talking Books Program is ready and able to help these patrons. Learn what this program is and how patrons can use it.

NLM's Online Playground: K-12 Science and Health Education Resources (FDLP)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2tb3X7r>

Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 12:00-1:00 PM CT

This session will introduce the freely available K-12 science information resources provided by the National Library of Medicine (NLM). Participants will be equipped with knowledge of NLM science education resources to support teacher curriculum and student homework needs as well as providing health information to the school community.

Ask Me Anything! Copyright Edition (NDSL)

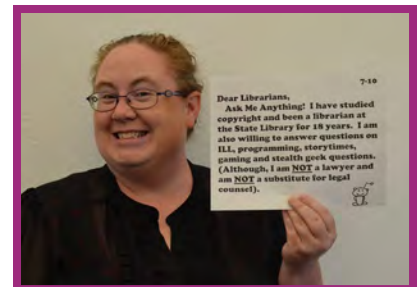
Register: <http://bit.ly/2v4Z2pY>

Thursday, August 24, 2017 1:30-2:00 PM CT

Presented by Shari Mosser

Ask Me Anything! I have studied copyright and been a librarian at the State Library for 18 years. I am also willing to answer questions on ILL, programming, story times, gaming, and stealth geek questions. Or we can just chat. I like chatting too. But no Game of Thrones spoilers!

If you want accurate copyright information (and not just off the cuff "I'll have to get back to you" answers), please send your questions to ndsitrain@nd.gov by Friday, August 18th.



*DISCLAIMER: The presenter is not a lawyer and this session is intended to be informational only. It is not a substitute for actual legal counsel. There must be at least **3 participants** who have registered for this Facebook Live event by Monday, August 21st. We will not have the session if there are not enough participants.*

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SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

DEADLINE: JULY 31

The North Dakota Community Foundation was formed by a group of citizens who were interested in establishing an efficient way of meeting some of the needs in North Dakota in the educational, charitable, arts, scientific, and health areas. Eligible nonprofits or government agencies from anywhere in North Dakota may apply for up to \$5,000 for a project or program each year.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: <http://bit.ly/2tqOguA>

In addition to their statewide grant, they also have active community funds throughout the state. You can locate these and get more information about grants available to your community here: <http://bit.ly/2sNEMb4>

AGRIBANK RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

DEADLINE: AUGUST 31

Grants up to \$50,000 will be available within the Rural Community Grant Fund to facilitate infrastructure improvement and/or development initiatives encompassing housing projects, health, safety and environmental programs, medical facilities, educational programs and more. Disbursements through this fund are designated for projects and programs in rural communities in western North Dakota.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: <http://bit.ly/2tqx0WJ>

RURAL PUBLIC LIBRARY GRANT (PILCROW FOUNDATION)

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1

To qualify for the grant, libraries must be located in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, have an active children's department, and raise \$200-\$400 through a local sponsor. The Pilcrow Foundation will provide a 2-to-1 match to the libraries that receive a grant for the purchase of up to \$1200 worth of new, quality, hardcover children's books.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: <http://bit.ly/25ljzOc>

GRANTS TO EDUCATORS (NEA FOUNDATION)

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15

The NEA Foundation supports new ideas and practices to strengthen teaching and learning. Their goal is to fund and share successful strategies to educate and prepare students for bright and rewarding futures. Funding preference will be given to projects that incorporate STEM and/or global learning.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/VzK2hN>

ENGLISH LITERACY FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31

Vernon Library Supplies will be giving away their 2017 operating profits to libraries and other non-profit organizations with programs designed to help new immigrants achieve English literacy and proficiency. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be given out on December 1 for programs in 2018.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2mj21uc>

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

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Hazen Public Library received a grant and donation that is being used to replace the front counter and add cabinets and a sink.
- Lisbon Public Library received a \$12,000 grant from the Lisbon Endowment Fund which will be used for air conditioners and a book lease program. The library is also administering AR tests during the summer.
- The Richland Soil Conservation District donated non-fiction books to the school libraries in Wahpeton, Fairmount, Hankinson, Wyndmere, and Richland.
- Washburn Public Library hosted a story time at the Nettle Creek Schoolhouse.
- Enderlin Municipal Library held a contest that encouraged patrons to read books from the classics section.
- Mayville Public Library hosted a summer reading event with a gardening and butterflies theme. Children had story time, learned the differences between moths and butterflies, and colored flowers.
- Walhalla Public Library hosted its second annual drive-in-movie night. Patrons of all ages helped build cardboard cars and enjoyed an outdoor screening of a movie. Walhalla Public Library has also recently received over \$2,000 in donations from different sources in the community.
- Minnesota author Paul Sailer donated a copy of his book "I Had a Comrade" to the New Town City Library and the Minot Air Force Base Library. The World War II book features North Dakota native, Doris Forholm, who grew up near New Town.
- Griggs County Public Library, Lakota City Library, and Morton Mandan Public Library hosted magician Jeff Quinn.
- Mohall Public Library hosted a power line safety demonstration for children, presented by North Central Electric Cooperative.
- Lakota City Library held a dedication for the Milt and Gerry Wagness Library Addition.
- Valley City Barnes County Public Library received a \$500 donation from the Valley City Lion's Club.
- Grand Forks Public Library, Williston Community Library, and Stanley Public Library were nominated by community members and will receive a donation from Delta Dental of Minnesota as part of National Smile Month. The libraries will receive a collective total of 1,008 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste.
- The exhibit "An Individual's Exploration of Spirituality," which features animal hides, pouches, and pseudo-ceremonial weapons, is currently on display at the Northwest Art Center's Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery at Minot State University. The exhibit is inspired by Christianity, Buddhism, and Native American culture.
- Lake Region Public Library was selected to receive 1,000 pair of solar eclipse glasses and other materials for the solar eclipse in August.
- The Ashley Arts Council presented a copy of the book "Women Behind the Plow" to the Ashley Public Library.
- Author Newzad Brifki had a book signing and presented his recent memoir "My Journey to America: A Kurdish American Story" at the Fargo Public Library.
- Dickinson Area Public Library is currently hosting a logo contest. The winning logo will be unveiled on August 4.
- The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library held its first Cookbook Club meeting. The first meeting's theme was salad. Each participant brought a dish to share as well as a copy of the recipe used. All recipes were compiled and shared with the club participants. Other themes include desserts and appetizers.

Tai Chi at the Library



The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library hosted a tai chi session outside. Vicki, who is a certified teacher of Tai Chi, led the class. This was a free event for adults to come and relax and enjoy the nice weather. This class is part of their commitment to offer personal enrichment for all.



Wendy Wendt Wins Award

The Director of the Grand Forks Public Library, Wendy Wendt, won ALA's PR Xchange Award for their 2016 Fall/Winter Annual Report!



Author Visit



Minnesota author Paul Sailer gave a presentation and discussion to a group of eleven adults and one child at the McKenzie County Public Library in June. Sailer sold autographed books and donated \$5.00 of each purchase to the library.

2017 Wheelie Award

Edgeley Public Library received the State Library's 2017 Wheelie Award for outstanding service beyond the walls of their library. The Wheelie is awarded to the library whose bookmobile has the best overall performance in terms of circulation per capita, stops made, and miles traveled.



Lori Callahan, Beth Andrys, and Lynda Dunn



DIGITAL DELIGHTS



Likely drawn by Will S. Horton, this lithograph of young Norwegian Dakotans was originally published in Northwest Magazine in October 1889.

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<http://bit.ly/2t3Dbmq>



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