

## 2021 Virtual Renewal and Development Conference

The 2021 Renewal and Development Conference has been scheduled for April 12 and 13! Each day will include the same four sessions to make it easier for everyone to attend.

**1st hour:** Mary Soucie, Welcome

**2nd hour:** Rita Ennen, Intellectual Freedom

**3rd hour:** United Tribes Technical College, Community Garden at the Library

**4th hour:** Sherry Niesar, Wildlife of North Dakota

This conference is free of charge. Register today for the [April 12 sessions](#) or the [April 13 sessions](#).

### Beanstack Training Webinar

Are you interested in learning more about Beanstack? Do you have questions about the staff functionality or how to help the public set up their accounts and record their books?

Tracy Johnson from Beanstack is hosting a [virtual training](#) for all North Dakota librarians whose libraries are using Beanstack for summer reading on Wednesday, April 14, at 2:00 PM CT.

Even if you are unable to attend, please [register](#) and a recording will be sent out after the event.

### NDSL Digital Initiatives Survey

The Digital Initiatives Department needs your help!

Please take a few minutes to fill out this [survey](#) about your library's digitization efforts and plans. Your responses are appreciated and will help the Digital Initiatives department at the North Dakota State Library plan and provide appropriate services.

Libraries of all types (academic, public, school, special, etc.) are encouraged to provide feedback. Your responses are greatly appreciated.

## New Book Club Kit

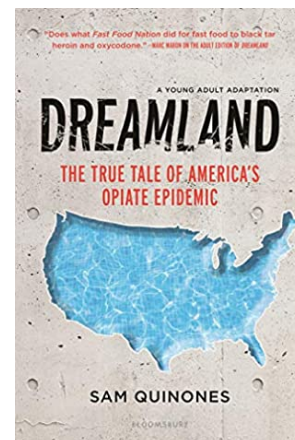
This month, we are highlighting one of the State Library's newest book club kits: *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic* by Sam Quinones.

In a deeply reflective look at both the American opioid epidemic and the growth of black tar heroin in the United States, Sam Quinones brings the reader along for an in-depth tale of drug trafficking, Oxycontin, and Purdue Pharma which preyed on the addiction of the vulnerable. Quinones' penetrating narrative nonfiction novel has been equally praised and attacked for being dispassionate and enlightening. Readers are sure to appreciate his investigative journalism and style.

"Most relapse comes not from the craving for the drug. It comes from this whole other level of unmanageability, putting myself in compromising situations, or being dishonest, being lazy—being a fifteen-year-old."—Sam Quinones.

This kit comes with ten books, one discussion guide, and one sign-in sheet.

Kits can be checked out for eight weeks and reserved up to one year in advance. Book club kits can check out to libraries or individual patrons; no more than three kits can be checked out at one time. Kits for schools or classroom use need to be checked out by the Library Media Specialist. To see when this book club is next available, check out [KitKeeper](#).

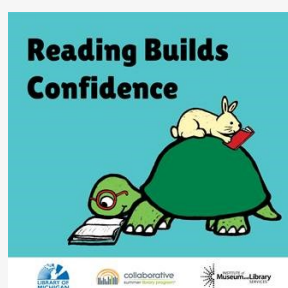


## CSLP Social Media Posts

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) has created sample posts and graphics for your library to use on social media, which you will find in the [2021 Tails & Tales Social Media Toolkit](#). The document is a living one, so the CSLP social media team will keep it updated as Summer 2021 approaches.

We are looking forward to seeing & sharing #TailsandTales posts from your libraries! Remember, you can follow CSLP on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Pinterest](#).

CSLP also offers two Facebook Groups for member library staff: [Feeding the Whole Child](#) and the [Official Summer Library Programming](#) group.



## Virtual Summer Reading Kickoff

We are looking for libraries across the state who would like to join our LIVE virtual Summer Reading Kickoff on June 9, 10, and 11.

The plan is to have people from different libraries host Facebook live events to be viewed by people across the state (and maybe farther!). Each person or group of people will get at least a 30-minute time slot (25 minutes for a program and 5 minutes for a switchover). Mornings will focus on programs for children. Lunch and early afternoon will be specifically for teens and adults. Ideas could be to host a storytime, craft project, STEAM activity, a performance piece, or host an expert like a vet, animal shelter caretaker, or someone who uses animals to help people.

Please [e-mail Shari](#) and let her know you are interested in being part of this statewide virtual event along with your top two days/time slots prior to April 16th. If you already know what you would like to do for your time slot, please include that in your e-mail. This way, we won't have two storytimes back to back.

## New Library Science Books Available at the North Dakota State Library

### ***Managing the successful school library: strategic planning and reflective practice* / Lesley S.J. Farmer**

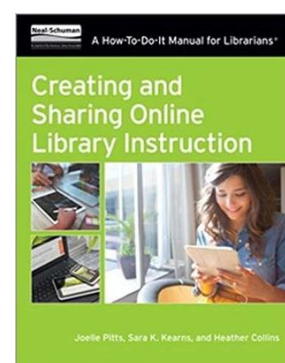
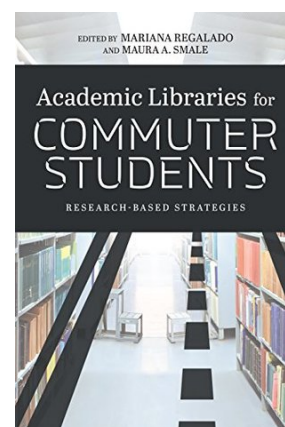
School librarians must not only manage the library, but also serve as educational leaders. Farmer shows how school library programs must be planned in light of standards and school community needs. She compares and differentiates between management and leadership, and provides guidelines to help you transition from competent manager to inspiring leader.

### ***Academic libraries for commuter students: research-based strategies* / edited by Mariana Regalado and Maura A. Smale**

Did you know that more than 85% of U.S. undergraduates commute to college? Yet the literature geared to academic libraries overwhelmingly presumes a classic, residential campus. This book redresses that imbalance by providing a research-based look at the specific academic needs of commuter students. Edited by a team of librarians and anthropologists with City University of New York, the largest urban public university in the U.S, it draws on their ongoing research examining how these students actually interact with and use the library. The insights they've gained about how library resources and services are central to commuter students' academic work offer valuable lessons for other institutions.

### ***Creating and sharing online library instruction: a how-to-do-it manual for librarians* / Joelle Pitts, Sara K. Kearns, Heather Collins**

The authors offer a model for building online library instruction that can be reused, repurposed, and remixed across classes, departments, and even institutions. Although the information landscape is continually evolving, the practices, tips and suggestions found in these pages should help readers through the decision making processes for a sustainable instructional model.





## North Dakota Libraries in the News



### Watford City student raises over \$6,000, collects...

A Watford City High School student has addressed his school district's book shortage by restocking them with more. Over the last few months, through business support and selling crewneck shirts, Levi Sanford has raised more than \$6,000 and...

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[www.kxnet.com](http://www.kxnet.com)



### Northridge third-graders hold ribbon-cutting ceremony...

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - After two years of not having a physical library, students at Northridge Elementary School in Bismarck are re-discovering their love for reading. Teacher Carissa Stafslie's third grade class celebrated the occasion with a ...

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### New Membership Funding for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)

To align with ALSC's strategic objective of increasing the intentional recruitment and retention of a diverse membership while reducing barriers to participation, ALSC is funding the memberships of ten BIPOC library students and ten paraprofessionals/library support staff (current position or position held within the last year) who want to become more involved with our organization and within the children's services profession.

Recipients will receive one year of ALA/ALSC membership along with opportunities for meaningful engagement, including regular virtual meetings with other recipients, activities, and discussions, mentorship, shadowing committees, and more. Applicants should identify as BIPOC and be a library student, a paraprofessional, and/or library support staff member, currently or recently unemployed.

To apply, please [submit this application](#) by April 12, 2021. The EDI Taskforce and ALSC Membership Committee will be reviewing applications. Applicants will be notified by June 1, 2021.

### Other News, Webinars, and Grant Opportunities:

#### Book Clubs for Neurodivergent Adults

Just as storytimes are integral to children's programming, book clubs are a staple of library programming for adults. Yet while building storytimes that are inclusive of everyone's needs are a routine part of our training, there seems to be less...

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[infopeople.org](http://infopeople.org)

#### Public Library Resources for Homeschooling Families

Is your public library responsible for supporting homeschooling families in your community? With National Homeschooling Awareness Month fast approaching in May, come see what resources Infobase provides for in-home instruction for students of all...

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## Save the Date - International Observe the Moon Night

International Observe the Moon Night is an annual world-wide public engagement program that encourages observation, appreciation, and understanding of our Moon and its connection to NASA planetary science and exploration. Everyone on Earth is...

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## School Library Month Resources

School Library Month is the AASL's celebration of school librarians and school libraries. Every April school librarians are encouraged to host activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school lib...

[Read more wakelet.com](https://wakelet.com)



## School Librarians Get Creative To Hold Book Fairs...

Students at Lake George (NY) Elementary School learn about books at the drive-through event at their school. Photo courtesy Bridget Crossman. Book fairs at Lake George (NY) Elementary School are the social event of the year. One winter, the fair...

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## Penguin Random House Book & Author Festival

Join Penguin Random House, Library Journal, and School Library Journal for a free, day-long virtual book and author festival as we celebrate National Library Week and librarians everywhere! Enjoy a day packed with author panels and interviews,...

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## Data that Counts: An Introduction to Census Data for Publ...

Libraries were central to helping people be counted in the 2020 Census. Now, learn how to make the data count for your library and community. This webinar will introduce you to the important role that public libraries can play in assisting individ...

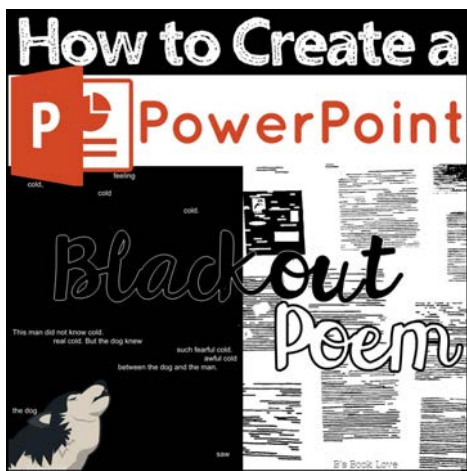


## Next Chapter: Partnering with Local Jails to Decrease...

Members of the Correctional Workforce



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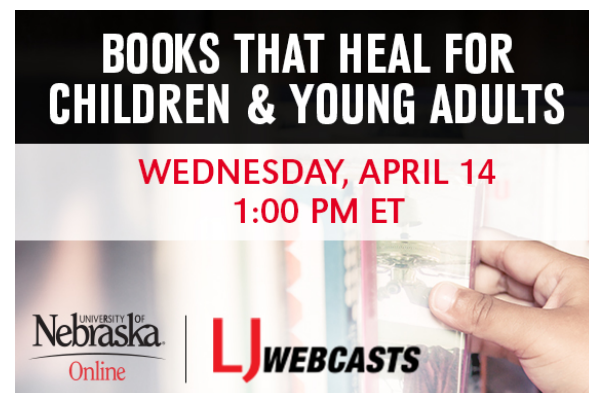
## How to Create a Digital Blackout Poem...

Looking for a virtual way to host a Blackout Poetry program? Here are ways you can use PowerPoint, OneNote, and Google Slides to design a fun digital blackout poem.

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have long agreed that educational programs have a significant impact on recidivism rates. However, educational rehabilitation is concentrated at the State Prison level. Local jails must rely on local funding...

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## Books That Heal for Children and Young Adults

The cognitive benefits of reading are widely recognized. Somewhat less discussed is the impact that books and reading have on social/emotional development and, more specifically, mental health. The psychological impact of worldwide illness ...

[Read more](#)  
[www.libraryjournal.com](http://www.libraryjournal.com)



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