

THE READING NOOK

In Elise Bryant's *Happily Ever Afters*, Tessa is accepted to the creative writing program of her dreams and excited to share the romantic stories she previously only showed her best friend, Caroline. However, once Tessa enters the program, she's hit by crushing writer's block, and Caroline decides that the only way that Tessa will get her spark back is if she has a romantic adventure of her own.



Ryan La Sala's *Be Dazzled* is the story of a driven costume artist named Raffy who thinks he's finally on the path to success when he enters a huge cosplay competition - only to discover that his biggest obstacle is his ex-boyfriend Luca. When the two are forced to work together, Raffy must wrestle with unresolved anger and his insecurities about his art.



I have a special place in my heart for stories about the children of con artists, and Tess Sharpe's *The Girls I've Been* looks like a great one. Nora was raised as a professional thief, but when her mother fell in love with her mark instead of completing the con, Nora bailed. Years later, Nora has been pretending to be a normal teen, but when she is taken hostage during a bank robbery, she must dig back into her childhood to find the girl who can deal with the situation.



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Easy Advocacy For Your Library

Submitted by Kerriane Boetcher, Director of the Ward County Public Library

Being an advocate for your library does not have to be hard. It can be as simple as sending a quick email saying "please stop by the next time that you are in town and I would love to show you around."

The Ward County Public Library sent emails to Senators Hoeven and Cramer, Congressman Armstrong, and all 15 of our area legislators on April 6 to wish them a Happy National Library Week. This email explained a little background on National Library Week as well as some fun facts about my library and about North Dakota libraries. The email ended with a note inviting them to stop by whenever they were in the area. This email took about 20 minutes to write and send out in total. We heard back from the offices of Senators Hoeven and Cramer as well as Congressman Armstrong's. All three expressed interest in visiting whenever they had availability. Senator Cramer's office has been to the library and Congressman Armstrong came to visit our bookmobile on July 7.

Representatives from the Ward County Commission (chairman and library board member) were invited to join the bookmobile on that visit. Only the chairman was able to make it, but it allowed us to show support from them in addition to just me talking. We did make sure to send a thank you note to both Congressman Armstrong and to our chairman for visiting. The thank you note can go a long way to forming a relationship that is beneficial to your library.



E-Learning Modules on Filing for the Emergency Connectivity Fund

E-learning modules provided by the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC) are available through their website.

Some of you may have heard of USAC through E-rate. USAC was chosen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to administer and facilitate the Emergency Connectivity Fund process. You do not need to be actively participating in E-rate; however, you will need to apply for an FCC Registration Number (FRN) and sign up for an E-rate Productivity Center (EPC) account if you haven't done so already.

If you do not know your FRN, contact Al at alpeterson@nd.gov or 701-328-4667.

To find out more about the Emergency Connectivity Fund, check out this [general overview video](#) from USAC.

For help applying, check out this [video that walks you step-by-step through the application process](#).

Why a Signature Block in Emails

A signature block is the identifying information that appears at the end of an e-mail—a name, the name of the school or public library, and any other information that will help the person who is replying connect with the sender.

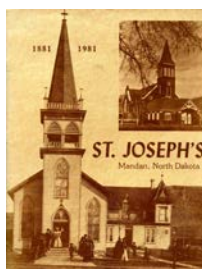
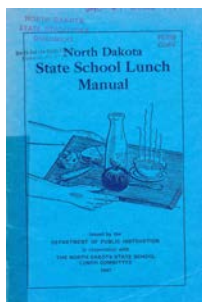
For example, a person who ends the email with only a name assumes that the receiver will know that person and where they are from. But, this is not always the case. Additionally, e-mail addresses do not usually identify the public or school library from which the e-mail is sent.

So what information is helpful when you send an e-mail? Your full name, the organization you are representing, and a phone number. An address can also be useful.

New Items Added to Digital Collections (April-June 2021)

The April-June 2021 report of [new items added](#) to the digital collections of the North Dakota State Library is now available on the Digital Initiatives LibGuide. A highlight of the items are below:

- Biennial Reports of the North Dakota State Library, 1907-1911 (North Dakota State Documents)
- Civilian Conservation Corps, North Dakota District, Official Annual, 1937 (North Dakota County and Town Histories)
- Farm Directory of Burke County, N.D., 1966 (North Dakota Memories)
- KUMV-TV broadcast crew at the Band Day parade, Williston, N.D., 1965 (Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection)
- Langdon, N.D., City Council, 1894 (North Dakota Memories)
- North Dakota School for the Deaf Student Ledger, 1890-1933 (North Dakota School for the Deaf)
- North Dakota State School Lunch Manual, 1947 (North Dakota State Documents)
- Report of the ND State Board of Agriculture, 1893-1894 (North Dakota State Documents)
- Souvenir, North Dakota Legislature, 1899 (North Dakota Memories)
- St. Joseph's, Mandan, North Dakota, 1881-1981 (North Dakota County and Town Histories)





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ND Library Coordinating Council Vacancies

The [ND Library Coordinating Council](#) (NDLCC) serves as the State Library's advisory board. The NDLCC assists with the creation and implementation of the Library Vision strategic plan, the awarding of Library Vision grants and serves as the external database review committee. The Governor appoints NDLC members according to Century Code.

The State Library is accepting nominations to fill vacancies in the Public Library and At-Large Librarian seats. Both positions must be filled by a practicing North Dakota librarian; library staff at all levels are encouraged to apply.

Nominations, including self-nominations, may be sent to the NDSL Administrative email at ndsladm@nd.gov by July 23. The State Library will compile the list of applicants and forward it to the Governor's office. Nominees will also need to complete an [application](#) found on the Governor's office website.

This is an interesting and exciting opportunity to help shape library services in your state, so please consider applying. If you have questions about the NDLCC, please contact State Librarian Mary Soucie at (701)328-4654 or msoucie@nd.gov.


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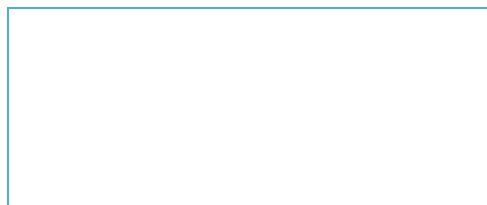
Deadline: July 26, 2021

WE'RE HIRING

North Dakota Libraries in the News

Michele Seil Receives ARSL Angels Scholarship

Congratulations to Michele Seil, Director of the Carrington City Library, on being a recipient of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries' Angels



Scholarship.

This scholarship is given to individuals who have not previously attended an ARSL Conference and includes conference registration and hotel accommodations.

ARSL Scholarships

Congratulations to the 2021 recipients of ARSL's Conference Scholarships! On behalf of the ARSL Board of Directors, we wish to give a huge thank you to the Scholarships Subcommittee of ARSL's Continuing Education Committee for their hard work and ...

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www.arsl.org



Minot Public Library ends fines for most overdue items

The Minot Public Library will no longer charge fines on items returned late, with the exception of items from the Tool Library. The decision by the Minot Public Library Board is intended to remove obstacles that may prevent people from using the...

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Summer Reading Programs at the Adams County Library

Submitted by Lanae Kristy, Director of the Adams County Library

Summer reading at the Adams County Library has been a blast. During this past week, we were fortunate enough to have Hannah Nordby, Adams County Extension Agent, and Benjamin Geaumont, Ph.D., come work with local children regarding their areas of expertise.

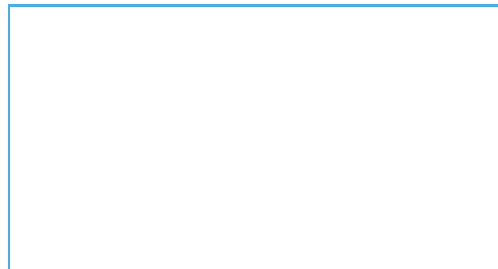
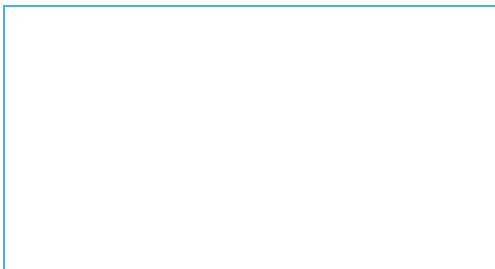
Ms. Nordby instructed the children on the 4H pledge and utilized Yoga poses to reinforce the ideas of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. Ms. Nordby also taught us how to make whipped cream and butter using a canning jar and a few other ingredients. We really enjoyed both the butter and whipped cream and also the "workout" shaking them up. Next, we floated some eggs using water and sugar (specific gravity is cool). Finally, we wrapped up the day making some conversation jars, which the kids were sent home with, to get conversations going around the dinner table. Ms. Nordby did a great job, and we had so much fun.

On Tuesday, July 20, Ben Geaumont, Ph.D., wildlife and range scientist, came with a fur kit and some traps. He wowed the children and the staff with a talk about North Dakota fur-bearing animals, the history of trapping, trapping today, and the various types of traps available. During this spellbinding presentation, he also passed around furs from various animals - from the tiny weasel to the not-so-tiny mountain lion.

The Adams County Library is so thankful for having such experts come and share their time and talent with us.



Other News and Grants





NSHSS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Teaching Grant ...

Award: Five (5) \$1,500 awards Eligibility: Any high school teacher currently employed at a public or private high school in the United States or internationally. Grant Details: This NSHSS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Teaching Grant is for...

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September 11, 2001 The Day That Changed the World



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www.911memorial.org



Public Library Reopening Roundtable

Join us for our round table discussion about public library re-opening procedures with New Orleans Public Library and Roxbury Public Library. We'll be discussing different re-opening strategies, what these public libraries have learned throughout ...

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