Dating Photographs

Let's talk about dating photographs. No, I'm not talking about taking photos to dinner and a movie. I'm talking about determining the date (as in the year) of photographs.

Undated photos can often be quite a mystery, but it's important to remember that the date does not have to be perfect. In fact, it is likely that you will not be able to determine an exact year. However, date ranges (like "1920-1930" or "late 1940s") are better than nothing.

T h e **Digital Initiatives department** often encounters photographs without dates. This is especially true w i t h **ScanDay** events (pre-pandemic). Participants were frequently uncertain about the date of photographs they bring in. This resulted in Digital Initiatives creating a **handout and a LibGuide page** on this topic (both also include links to additional resources to make your life easier).

This article will explore some of the tips and tricks available on the handout and LibGuide. So, let's look at the four easy ways to determine the date (or date range) of a photo: Format, Details, Photographer/Studio, and People.
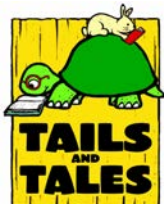
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Quick Courses to Sharpen Your Privacy Skills

LFP's Crash Courses are free, privacy-focused two-month trainings for librarians to teach them how to become privacy champions in their libraries.

We're currently seeking applicants for our Crash Course on Programs & Training. In this Crash Course, we're learning how to teach privacy to patrons, fellow staff, and other stakeholders. We'll cover some of the broader privacy landscape out in the world -- things like consumer technologies, police surveillance, artificial intelligence -- and discuss how the loss of privacy affects our communities. We'll learn how to run effective and interesting privacy programs for various audiences.

This Crash Course will begin in October 2021, dates TBD. The application period ends on August 31st, and applicants will be notified by September 7th. Application questions and FAQ can be found on our website at **https://libraryfreedom.org/crashcourse/**.

Bank of North Dakota Update

As your summer reading programs come to a close, don't forget to turn in your reports for the Bank of North Dakota scholarship! If you signed up at the beginning of the summer, you need to report out the names of the parent, child, email address, and phone number so they can communicate with everyone once the winners are drawn. Please send that information, or if you have any other questions, call/email Shari Mosser at 328-4663 or **ssandwick@nd.gov**.

ND Library Marketing Group

Are you in charge of marketing at your library? Would you like to chat with others about how you are promoting your library and programs? Do you want to discuss tools and resources used to reach the intended audiences?

The North Dakota Library Marketing Group meets monthly at 2:00 PM CT on the first Thursday of every month on Zoom. To join the meeting, please register at **https://bit.ly/NDLibraryMarketing**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let BreAnne know at **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

The next meeting will take place on August 5, 2021. Hope to see you there!

Public Library Infographics

The North Dakota State Library is happy to provide a basic infographic based on the numbers your library submitted for the Public Library Survey/Annual Report. These infographics will include the number of visits to your library, registered users, items, wireless sessions, programs, program attendees, and circulations.

If you are interested in receiving a personalized infographic for your public library, please send an e-mail to BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

Time is Ticking for Applying for the Emergency Connectivity Fund

The **Emergency Connectivity Fund** is a $7.17 billion program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to help schools and libraries support remote learning. The Program will provide funding to schools and libraries for the reasonable costs of eligible equipment and services that can be provided to students, teachers, and library patrons who lack connected devices, such as laptop or tablet computers, or lack broadband access during the pandemic. Schools, libraries, and consortia of schools and libraries that are eligible for support under the **FCC's E-Rate program** are eligible to request and receive support through the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program.

On Tuesday, August 3, starting at 2:00 PM EDT, the FCC will host a virtual webinar to provide additional information about the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Program. This webinar will highlight frequently asked questions about the ECF Program and application process as well as answer program questions from potential ECF participants.

To participate in this webinar, go to **https://bit.ly/3BWIIBy**.

Registration is not required for the event. It will be a live webcast.

New KitKeeper Tutorial

An updated KitKeeper tutorial has been recorded and uploaded to our YouTube Channel and our Niche Academy. This tutorial provides an overview of how to search for kits and fill out the reservation form. Other topics include how to select between book club kits and non-book club kits.

- Book club kits can be checked out by patrons as well as schools and librarians.
- STEM, STEAM, display, and other education kits are only available to schools and libraries.
- Teachers wanting to check out a STEM kit must ask their school librarian to fill out the reservation form. Reservation forms for STEM kits for public libraries must be filled out by the librarian or appropriate program manager.
- The number of kits that can be checked out at one time is three.
- The loan period of all kits is eight weeks.
- Borrowers are responsible for damaged or missing components.

For more information and instruction on using KitKeeper, please view the tutorial on our **YouTube Channel**.

North Dakota Libraries in the News

Library turns adversity into opportunity

Despite the difficulties that came along with the pandemic, the Williston Community Library's 2020 Annual Report showed a lot of positive increases in the library's service. The library was closed for a substantial portion of 2020, but Director...

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Check out the little free library in the City Park

A Little Free Library is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or share a book. Barb Crockett has created one in the Langdon City Park by the swimming pool. It is made out of a fireplace she purchased for $5.00 at a rummage sale a...

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