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## Gratitude and Mindfulness

By State Librarian Mary Soucie

As the year is rapidly winding down, I want to take a brief moment to thank the North Dakota Library Community for all that you do for the communities that you serve. 2021 was not quite as challenging as 2020 was, but it still definitely had some bumps and bruises. I continue to be impressed by how flexible, caring and dedicated to service the library community is. I am honored and grateful to work with such a dedicated group of people both at NDSL and across the state, as well as colleagues that are across the country. Being a librarian is a gift that I cherish.

I am hoping that 2022 will be a year filled with lightness, laughter, and more face-to-face time with people. For an extreme extrovert, the last two years have been hard; I get my energy from interacting with other people and that circle has been somewhat smaller. I am hoping for more opportunities to interact with people, both face-to-face and remotely.

I have shared that I don't set New Year's Resolutions but rather I choose a word to guide me throughout the year. I chose two words for 2021, intentional and grateful. Gratitude is a word I choose every year as I really want to live from a place of gratitude. I will admit to struggling with both of these words some in 2021, but I am going to once again make gratitude one of my words for 2022 and I am really going to commit to leading with gratitude. An activity that I have long wanted to do but never have is a gratitude jar. Each week you add something you're grateful for, and then you end the year by reading those so that you start and end your year with gratitude. I plan to have a gratitude jar at home and at work, so I stay grounded in gratitude all year. I hope this will be easier to do in 2022, or at least that by setting these tools up, I will do better at remembering all I have to be grateful for. My other word for 2022 is mindful. I want to be sure that I am being more aware of the words I say, the actions I take and to be fully present with those around me.

One of the things I want to be especially mindful of is connecting with the North Dakota Library Community. If I have never visited your library, I would love to schedule a time to come and learn about all the awesome things you're doing, the challenges you're facing and how NDSL can provide support to you and your staff.

As we head into 2022, my wish for you is a year filled with opportunities, brightness and joy. I encourage you to reflect on the goals that you want to accomplish, either personally or as an organization. If you decide to set a guiding word(s) or goals for the year, please let me know what you've chosen. I enjoy learning from the choices other people make when setting goals and intentions. Wishing each of you a happy, healthy and fulfilling New Year!

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## **Library Jargon and Abbreviations**

By Al Peterson, Outreach Specialist

The profession of librarianship is full of jargon, acronyms, and abbreviations, sometimes known as “librarianese.” This usage of library jargon can be confusing for first-time librarians and staff who are not MLS librarians (there I go using an acronym, MLS- Masters in Library Science). Here is a list of the most commonly used jargon and abbreviations.

- OPAC/PAC- Online Public Access Catalog or Public Access Catalog is the online catalog of materials held by a library or a group of libraries.
- ILS- integrated library system (ILS), also known as a library management system (LMS), is an integrated computer management system for a library that is used to track items owned, requests made, bills paid, and patrons who have borrowed. ILS often encompasses modules of services such as cataloging, acquisitions, circulation, serials, and electronic resources.
- ILL- Interlibrary Loan is a service where a patron from one library can borrow materials from another.
- OLR- Online Library Resources is the term that the North Dakota State Library uses to refer to a group of databases.
- MLIS, MLS, MSLS- Masters of Library and Information Science, Masters of Library Science, Masters of Science in Library Science are master’s degrees in librarianship.
- Weeding- also known as deselection, is a systematic removal of resources from a library’s collection.

If you would like to learn more about the jargon that librarians use, please see these videos from the State Library’s YouTube channel.

[Library 101: Common Library Terms - YouTube](#)

[Library 101: Alphabet Soup ND Librarians - YouTube](#)

[Library 101: Library Alphabet Soup - YouTube](#)

# Tammy's Teaching Tidbits



By Tammy Kruger

Welcome to the last Tammy's Teaching Tidbit for 2021! This week, I want to highlight a division of NDLA called SLAYS. SLAYS stands for School Library and Youth Services. This area of NDLA works with youth programs in public and school libraries. Additionally, it handles the Flicker Tale Book Awards. (SLAYS members may serve on the nominating committee.)



SLAYS offers its own listserv. This is a forum meant to discuss concerns, ideas, and tips and tricks about youth librarianship. To subscribe:

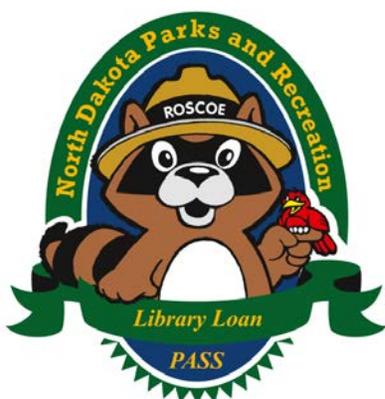
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Furthermore, SLAYS offers two awards for libraries and library personnel/volunteers: The School Library Benefactor of the Year Award and the Youth Excellence Program of the Year Award. The School Library Benefactor of the Year Award honors an individual or group that has made significant contributions to a school library or school libraries in the state. The Youth Excellence Program of the Year Award honors a person or persons that demonstrate excellence in providing services to youth. The evidence might be in programming efforts, collaboration between different institutions, reading promotion, education assistant, etc. Neither the nominees nor those who conduct the nominating need to be members of NDLA to participate.

More information about both awards can be found at [https://ndla.info/SLAYS\\_Awards](https://ndla.info/SLAYS_Awards).

## 12 Months-12 Hikes Challenge

### STATE PARK PASSES



AVAILABLE HERE

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department is once again holding the 12 Months-12 Hikes Challenge in 2022. Participants hike one North Dakota state park trail each month. Registration is [required](#).

With 13 participating locations, there might be one close to your public library. You can use this opportunity to remind your cardholders that your library has State Park Passes available for checkout.

For more information about the 12 Months-12 Hikes Challenge, check out the Parks and Recreation website at <https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/challenges>.

If you have any questions or concerns about the State Park Pass Program available at North Dakota public libraries, contact BreAnne at [ndsipa@nd.gov](mailto:ndsipa@nd.gov).

# PUBLIC LIBRARIES SURVEY UPDATE

by Kristen Northrup

## PLS 2021 – Changes to the Collection and Circulation Sections

Questions on both the number of items in your collection and the circulation of those items has been generally simplified this year.

For e-resources, there were up to four different collection questions last year. For example, for e-books, there was:

1. Number of Library2Go/OverDrive e-books in library's collection,
2. Number of RBDigital e-books,
3. Number of e-books purchased from other sources, and
4. Total e-books.

This year, there is just Total e-books. Ditto for total e-audiobooks and total downloadable videos.

Free electronic resources are still not counted. Digital magazines, such as those from OverDrive, are still not counted.

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## North Dakota Library Tidbits



### Williston Community Library Receives \$40,000 Donation From the Robert E. Herman Family Foundation

The Williston Community Library and Williston Community Library Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Robert E. Herman Family Foundation for the recent donation of \$40,000.

With these funds, we look forward to purchasing a book bike, adventure backpacks, Playaway launchpads, and adding to our Williams County Bookmobile replacement fund.

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[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)



### Bismarck library to host conversation with North Dakota...

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library will host a conversation with North Dakota folk musicians in January. Stories and Songwriting with Chuck Suchy and Jessie Veeder will have the two musicians share how they approach the songwriting...

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[bismarcktribune.com](http://bismarcktribune.com)

# NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARY MARKETING

By BreAnne Meier



The ND Library Marketing discussion will be on Thursday, January 6, at 2:00 PM Central Time. Librarians from all types of libraries are welcome! If you have any questions or want to talk about library marketing or programming, please join this informal and fun discussion.

Register at <https://bit.ly/NDLibraryMarketing>.

These discussions are not recorded.

Please contact BreAnne at [ndsipa@nd.gov](mailto:ndsipa@nd.gov) for more information.

## Other News, Grants, and Webinars



### Interested In Literacy? Help Write Library Standards

BISMARCK, N.D. (NDDPI) - North Dakota State School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler is inviting library specialists, educators, and other experts to participate in revising the state's Library and Technology academic content standards for grades...

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### What Libraries Need to Know about the Digital Equity Act ...

What does the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) mean for libraries? Signed into law by President Joe Biden on November 15, 2021, IIJA includes a historic investment in advancing digital equity and an opportunity for libraries to...

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



## Becoming a Teaching Librarian: Reflective practice and...

What does it mean to be a "teaching librarian" and how do you become one? The academic teaching librarian role is complex, and has been defined in multiple ways, focusing variously on the skills, practices, relationships and titles that shape our ...

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



## Webinar: Crash Course in Narrative Nonfiction | NoveList

Do you have a go-to strategy for helping readers with Narrative Nonfiction? Narrative Nonfiction is a large category of books, and if you don't read nonfiction widely, it can be hard to know where to start. A juicy biography? A detailed piece of...

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