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Accessing Government Information Survey Submitted by Jen Nelson on behalf of the FDLP Task Force

The Task Force on a Digital Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) is studying the feasibility of an all-digital FDLP. As part of this process, the Task Force is researching relevant issues related to an all-digital FDLP and is seeking feedback from stakeholders. The members of your organization may be well-placed to provide feedback. To that end, I am hoping that you will be able to distribute a survey link on behalf of the Task Force.

Survey link: <https://forms.gle/hBtrATNAq4sWSGkf6>.

The survey will close no later than May 20th at 5:00 PM ET. Questions or comments from survey takers may be emailed to FDLP_Taskforce@gpo.gov. You can find out more information about the Task Force here: <https://www.fdlp.gov/project/task-force-digital-federal-depository-library-program>.

Virtual Summer Reading Kickoff Submitted by Shari Mosser

It's back, and you can help! The State Library Virtual Summer Reading Kickoff is happening June 1-3. Each day, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, our Facebook Live will feature storytimes, crafts, wild antics, and lots of fishy humor! But if you're not shore about this, just come along for the tide! We should have something that will make you feel sand-tastic!!!!



We have three big names that will cover the first hour of each day. However, we have 24 more spots to fill! If you are interested, please contact Shari Mosser at 328-4663 or ssandwick@nd.gov and let me know what you'd like to do and the time frame you'd like. Each participant will receive some Summer Reading swag for their library!

Please contact Shari by Friday, May 13th, with your ideas, and let's make this Summer Kickoff a huge SPLASH!

Keynote Performers:

June 1 at 10:00 AM CT

"Signs Under the Sea" presented by Kathy MacMillan, author of the *Little Hands Signing* series

June 2 at 10:00 AM CT

"Whalemobile" presented by Cynde McInnis

June 3 at 10:00 AM CT

"Oceans – Discovery Bay + Penguins" presented by the Minnesota Zoo

Mental Health First Aid for Librarians Submitted by Al Peterson

As librarians, we are in contact with people every day, on their good days and bad. Unfortunately, some of our patrons may be suffering from a mental health crisis, and we find ourselves in the position to try to help them. Through a partnership with the Department of Human Services, the North Dakota State Library is offering Mental Health First Aid for Librarians. This eight-hour course (two hours on your own, six hours online class) will provide you with the knowledge and skills to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. This training is a certification course, and the certification is good for three years.

Through this course, you will learn:

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges
- How to interact with a person in crisis
- How to connect a person with help
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use, and self-care.

This online course is scheduled for June 8th. We are limiting the class to the first 15 registrants, and there is no cost for participants. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to alpeterson@nd.gov.

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-first-aid-for-librarians-tickets-327435156367>

Registration is open until May 20th.

Copyright Overview

by Shari Mosser

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Looking for funding?

The State Library's [Grants LibGuide](#) has been updated to include over 50 additional grant opportunities from around the country. Use this guide to find grants to fund library programs, activities, and collection growth.

Few grants will cover staffing or capital expenses, but some will. There are deadlines throughout the year, so many of these can be applied for during a lull in programming or whenever time best suits you.

The Library Development staff is happy to review grant applications and provide feedback. Please contact ndsl-ld@nd.gov to request assistance.

North Dakota Library Tidbits



Library Space Needs Study Continues, Summer Programs Planned

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - The James River Valley Library System (JRVLS) is continuing to research and gather information regarding the space needs and future of both libraries in Jamestown. Library Director Joe Rector says the board is currently wrapping up the needs study to help give them a better idea of how much space is needed.

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Hoeven Tours County Library

N.D. Senator John Hoeven (pictured above) and his wife Mikey visited the Ward County Public Library in Minot on Saturday, where Hoeven read to children and toured the library's Bookmobile.

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LIFE AT THE LIBRARY: Genealogy at your library

Exploring genealogy and family trees is always an interesting topic and the Minot Public Library has the resources to help you begin or continue your research. On Wednesday, May 18, MPL staff will present a free program showcasing some of these resources and demonstrating how to conduct genealogical research.

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Minot library director reviews challenged books

Around the country, books are frequently banned or challenged in schools, libraries and bookstores. While the Minot Public Library doesn't get books challenged often, sometimes it carries books that have been in the past. Last year, it was announced that six Dr. Seuss books would no longer be published because of racist imagery.

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The Power of an Email

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

There are days when it feels like you send countless emails and answer hundreds of calls. It may not seem like it is worth the work to send an email to legislators because they aren't going to read it anyway.

Every year during National Library Week, I try to send an email to North Dakota's representatives in Washington, D.C., as well as my local legislators. The email isn't anything eloquent or inspiring, but it talks about my library and includes some fun facts. I also try to send a quick email when they have been elected and/or re-elected.

These emails may not seem like much, but I was able to have Representative Armstrong visit our bookmobile last summer, and Senator Hoeven visited our library this year on May 7th. I gave each of them a bag with information about the library and a pen with our name on it.

The emails can go a long way to forming a relationship with them and their office. I will be sending a thank you note to Senator Hoeven as well. I know that they don't seem like much, but they do help. Please consider contacting your legislators in the upcoming legislative session to let them know who you are and how much your library means to your community.



Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

First Amendment Audits

Have you ever heard of a First Amendment Audit or been subject to one at your library? First Amendment Audits are a social media movement where individuals will enter a government building, a library, or some other public space and begin video recording or photographing. They view themselves as activists testing constitutional rights, in particular the right to film in public. However, many of these people are just looking to record a confrontation to gain followers and potentially make money on social media. These First Amendment Audits often become confrontational, belligerent, and sometimes involve law enforcement.

If you have been involved in a First Amendment Audit or want more information about these activities, a new tutorial in Niche Academy may help. Under the category Library 101- Library Directors, First Amendments Audits at the Library is a tutorial discussing this topic. This tutorial is a good starting point and provides information on updating policies, proper signage, training staff, and how to act professionally during an audit. Understanding what a First Amendment Audit is can help library staff avoid disruptive encounters and bad publicity for the library. Check out this tutorial as well as Dealing with Complaints and Challenges in Library 101- Library Directors on Niche Academy at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary?category=10041>.



Taking an Inventory

The closing of the school year includes tying up loose ends, and a common finishing task in school libraries is taking an inventory. Inventory-taking can feel a bit daunting, but the benefits outweigh the work.

Types of Inventories

There are two types of inventories: a whole inventory and a partial inventory.

Whole Inventory

A whole inventory involves scanning every library material during one small timeframe. The library is typically closed for a whole inventory. Although, many systems allow an open inventory where materials can still be circulated. Some school libraries complete a whole inventory every year; others do so every two or three years.

Partial Inventory

A partial inventory (also called a "mini-inventory") entails recording only a small section of library materials. This type of inventory is far less time-consuming; however, it is also less comprehensive. Partial inventories would not require the library to be closed to patrons. This type of inventory should be done every year, with the goal of the entire collection being accounted for within a few years' time.

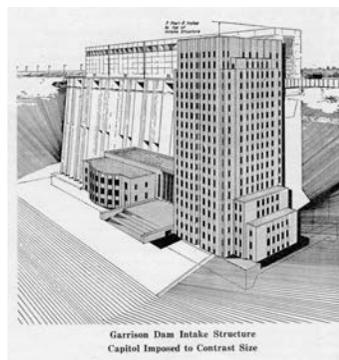
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Digital Delight

An artist's sketch of the Garrison Dam intake structure compared with the North Dakota State Capitol building. This photomechanical print is from the "Seventh Biennial Report of the State Water Conservation Commission and the Twenty-Fourth Biennial Report of the State Engineer of North Dakota" from 1950.

<https://bit.ly/398Jn2z>

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