



Flickertale

Staff Changes At NDSL

By Mary Soucie, State Librarian

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) would like to thank Dave Anderson for his years of service to the State Library, the patrons we serve, and the library community. Dave will be retiring on July 8th. Dave served in Talking Books for many years before moving to the Circulation Department. We appreciate Dave's commitment to customer service and his knowledge of our collection will be missed.

James Murphy will be changing roles at the State Library. James has served as a Reader's Advisor in Talking Books and is currently our Academic, Special, and Tribal Library Specialist. He will be moving to the position of Grants Coordinator which is new to our agency. In his new role, James will provide grant support to all libraries and will also coordinate the annual Public Libraries Survey.



Online Library Resources

By State Librarian Mary Soucie

The State Library's Fiscal Director, Laural Sehn, is currently updating the procurement procedures for the agency. We are working through the renewals for our Online Library Resources to ensure that we are following all applicable laws and guidelines correctly. Some of the Online Library Resources (OLRs) do not qualify for an exemption as we previously thought, so we are diligently working with our attorney and the state procurement office. As a result, some OLRs may experience a brief disruption of service. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause and are doing our best to minimize disruptions.

What do you think about the Flickertale?



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The Libby app now has read-along ebooks available! These unique ebooks come with a professionally-recorded narration that plays along while you read, which is perfect for helping developing readers learn.

OverDrive Read-Alongs deliver:

- Text highlighted as the narrator reads (highlighting varies by publisher)
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You can find read-along ebooks by selecting OverDrive Read-along under the expandable ebooks filter.

For more information, go to [OverDrive Read-Alongs – OverDrive Resource Center](#) or [What is a read-along ebook and how does it work? \(overdrive.com\)](#).

North Dakota Libraries Tidbits

Beulah Public Library and Hazen Public Library offered presentations from the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery.

Dr. Hagler from Johnson Family Dentistry taught 61 kids at the Cando Community Library all about human teeth.



Minot Public Library children's section may soon be remodeled after 2 decades

MINOT, N.D. (KXNET) - People may see a renovation in the Minot Public Library that will fulfill a need in the community as soon as next summer. A portion of the Children's Library in the Minot Public Library is set to be remodeled after more than two decades.

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Bismarck library assistant finds 'colorful' way to inspire students

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - Teachers are always thinking of new ways to challenge their students. That might mean a new learning game or a contest. For one Bismarck Public Schools library assistant, it meant a whole new hair color. Allison Keller is the first to admit she is a bit of a book nerd.

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Casselton Public Library had 48 participants at their Book BINGO.

Dickinson Area Public Library hosts a monthly Crime Club.

Edna Ralston Library checks out fishing poles to patrons.

Kindred Public Library is celebrating 20 years of being open this summer.

Lake Region Public Library hosted a virtual Q&A and book club discussion with New York Times Bestselling author Erin A. Craig.

Leach Public Library checks out Stories to Go kits so families can have their own story time at home. Each kit contains six themed books and a related activity.

Kayci Hanna is the new Director of the Lisbon Public Library.

McKenzie County Public Library hosted Jeff Quinn for a Splash of Magic Family-Friendly Magic Show.

Mohall Public Library hosted its First Annual Art in the Garden.

Paulette Wentz Memorial Library (Napoleon Public School) created new shelf signage for the nonfiction sections of the library to help students find books.

Stanton Public Library kids had the opportunity to play tic tac toe in a giant inflatable whale.

The Turtle Lake Fire Department visited the Turtle Lake Public Library to let the kids see one of the firetrucks.

Valley City Barnes County Public Library is hosting a Kids Baking Camp this summer for ages six and up.

Walhalla Fire & Rescue visited the kids at the Walhalla Public Library.

Washburn Public Library hosted a giant inflatable whale and provided fun activities for kids.

Betty Adams is the new Director at the West Fargo Public Library.

No More Late Fees

As of June 8, 2022, the Lake Region Public Library will no longer be charging late fees daily for overdue items. We have also cleared any lingering late charges on patron accounts; go ahead and log in to your account and see for yourself! What does this mean for checking out books, movies, and board...

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Intermodal plans continue to advance

The Minot City Council approved the library's use of primarily grants and donations to digitize its local newspaper microfilm and make the collection available online. The library anticipates the \$35,596 available will enable it to digitize about half of the hundreds of rolls of microfilm of newspapers dating to 1894.

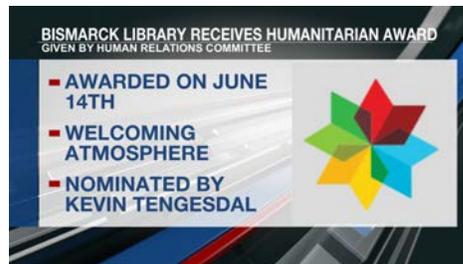
Working with Advantage Archives, the library has entered the initial batch of microfilm online at <https://minotlibrary.advantage-preservation.com/>.

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Library board approves potential reduction of services to rural areas

JAMESTOWN - The James River Valley Library System Board of Directors approved 5-2 a potential reduction in services to rural areas in Stutsman County if the library system doesn't



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library receives humanitarian award

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - The City of Bismarck's Human Relations Committee has announced the recipient of the 2021 Humanitarian Award. The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library received the award at the Bismarck City Commission meeting on June 14th. It received the nomination for providing a welcoming atmosphere for the community and for providing a safe gathering space regardless of social standing.

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County Commission Fields 2023 Budget Requests

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - The Stutsman County Commission met Tuesday and heard some budget requests from county entities.

James River Valley Library System Director Joe Rector also brought forth a request to increase their budget for the next year. He says the library has struggled since the county's decision last year to cut the budget by \$60,000.

Rector informed the commission that if there was no change or increase to the budget, the library board would be exploring potentially difficult decisions. He pointed out that last year's cut will affect their state funding for the next three years as well.

receive a \$60,000 increase to its budget from the county.

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ND State Documents Collection: By the Numbers

Last month's column provided an overview of the [North Dakota Memories](#) in honor of the collection reaching over 2,500 items. This month, there is another milestone to celebrate. The [North Dakota State Documents](#) digital collection now contains over 750 items. Hip hip, hooray (again)! In honor of this milestone, the [Digital Initiatives Department](#) decided to do a breakdown of the collection. Here's a look at some of the numbers.

The collection launched in early 2015. By the end of that year, a little over 150 items had been uploaded. By the end of 2018, 375 items were in the collection. Now, roughly halfway through 2022, the collection has 753 items uploaded. Most of the government publications in the collection have multiple pages, so of the 753 items, there are well over 35,000 pages.

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North Dakota Information Technology

The North Dakota Information Technology (NDIT) Team supports the IT business needs of state government, K-12, and higher education with the purpose of "Empowering People, Improving Lives and Inspiring Success." With technology changing virtually every job and every industry, the NDIT Team's vision is to be a trusted business advisor to state agencies with the goals of providing a world-class government experience, securing all government-held data, and delivering the most efficient services in the country. As part of its mission, NDIT stands guard against hackers, computer scams, and cybercrime.

For example, a Business Email Compromise (BEC) is a sophisticated scam that targets businesses and local and state governments. BEC attackers rely heavily on social engineering tactics to trick unsuspecting employees and executives. Often, they impersonate CEOs or any executive authorized to do wire transfers.

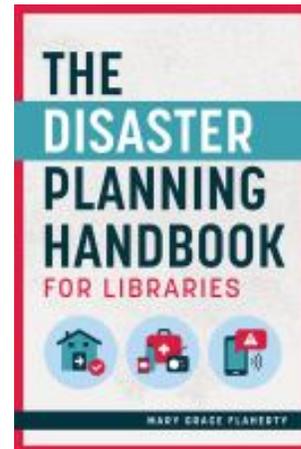
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"The Disaster Planning Handbook for Libraries"

By Mary Grace Flaherty, with Katherine R. Greene and Michelle Runyon.

"Libraries are in a unique position to aid communities during times of adversity, and this comprehensive handbook's practical tools and expert guidance will help ensure that your library is thoroughly prepared for emergency response and recovery. Your library is a vital information hub and resource provider every single day, and that's doubly true when calamity strikes. In fact, your library's role as an 'essential community function' during disasters is now encoded in U.S. law. Engaging as a partner in planning and preparedness will build much-needed community support should disaster strike, and even a basic plan will also save you time and stress later on. No matter where your library is in the disaster planning cycle, this handbook will make the process clearer and less daunting."



This book is part of the North Dakota State Library's collection. Request it today at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org/> or by contacting the Information Services Desk at 701-328-4622 or statelib@nd.gov.



STEM - Giant Polydron

Children as young as two can use these oversized interlocking pieces to build child-size 3D boats, blocks, and houses. The rugged textured blocks easily clip together and include Braille. Children will have fun learning shapes, colors, and engineering principles while replicating the designs on the box or inventing their own creations.



This kit does not require a device.

This kit contains 20 squares (five red, five green, five blue, and five yellow), 20 triangles (five red, five green, five blue, and five yellow), one inventory sheet, and one beginning construction guide.

Visit <https://library-nd.libguides.com/STEMkits/polydron> for more information.

Kits can be checked out for eight weeks and reserved up to one year in advance. Kits for school or classroom use need to be checked out by the Library Media Specialist. To see when this kit is next available, check out [KitKeeper](#).



Designing Student-Centered Research Guides

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SEAL: Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries

Two Solar Eclipses Coming to North America! An Annular Eclipse in 2023 and a Total Eclipse in 2024.

Librarians – let's get ready! We'll support your eclipse efforts by providing eclipse glasses and training.

Annular Eclipse, Saturday, October 14, 2023

Total Eclipse, Monday, April 8, 2024

We are excited to provide eclipse glasses as part of this project! You can now register!

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There's a Week for That: Exploring Federal Government Resources for Diverse Weekly Celebrations

Speaker: Jane Canfield, Coordinator of Federal Documents, Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico Looking for something to do in the coming weeks of the year? Then join us for a look at the resources available from the Government for celebrating a wide variety of weeks.

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Be Prepared! The GNCRT Guide to Addressing Comic Book Bans, Censorship, and Challenges

In the last few years schools and libraries have experienced some of the highest number of bans to comics since the 1950s. To meet this challenge, GNCRT's newest committee has created a Toolkit on Preparing For & Addressing Comic Book Bans, Censorship, and Challenges in Libraries.

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