

Book Club Kits Submitted by Steve Hammel

Before the switchover from Kitkeeper, some book club kits included a large print version of the book or a CD audio version. That was confusing for staff and borrowers because there was no consistency between the kits. Moving forward, book club kits will contain ten regular print copies of the same edition, which makes it easier to check them in and out while also making what you receive consistent and predictable.

If you have a patron who requires large print or audio, please make a separate request. We will hopefully fulfill the request from the state library's collection. If not, we will request it through interlibrary loan. Remember, patrons can also access a majority of the titles through Libby in both e-book and audiobook formats.

Gratuitous plug for the Talking Books program. Are you looking for ways to increase participation in your book club? Of course you are. People with vision or reading difficulties in your community can still participate in book clubs. Reach out. Invite them to join. Let them know about the Talking Books program through the State Library so they can join in the fun next month.

Digital Dimension

By Trevor Martinson

Software Overview: Advanced Renamer

Software for digitization projects or digital collection management can get expensive, particularly when you need multiple programs for different purposes (editing, converting, renaming, etc.) and formats (images, documents, video, audio, OCR, etc.). The [Digital Initiatives department](#) is all for low-cost options when it comes to software...

As the name suggests, Advanced Renamer is a batch file renaming program.

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Tammy's Teaching Tidbits

By Tammy Kruger

Week 32: Novel Effect

Have you heard of Novel Effect? If not, it's an app, for a yearly fee, that adds soundscapes to your read-alouds. Some sounds include music, character voices, and tones within nature. While this application can certainly add to the experience of read-alouds—and I would recommend investigating Novel Effect to see if it would be a good fit for your library—I actually want to highlight three free resources also offered. All three can be found under the Resources tab on Novel Effect's [website](#).

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Bringing Reading to Life Webinar

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

As one of the suggested September 2022 school librarian webinars, I watched the recording of Follett Community's "Bringing Reading to Life: Part One: In Your Library and In Your School". This is the first in a three-part series. "Part Two: Making and Technology" will be on October 5th and "Part Three: Digital Resources" will be on November 2nd.

District Librarian, Shannon McClintock Miller, was the host for this webinar. She runs a pre-k through twelfth-grade school library. In this session, Shannon discussed ways to make the library (and school) a special place for all readers.

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MN+ Digital Collections Conference and Minnesota Digital Library Annual Meeting

The MN+ Digital Collections Conference and the Minnesota Digital Library Annual Meeting will be held jointly October 17-18, 2022. This year will be a hybrid format. The in-person portion will be held on Monday, October 17th at the Union Depot, 214 4th Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55101. The virtual day will be held on Tuesday, October 18th.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3S8dMzr>.

The registration options and fees are:

\$40.00, for the entire conference (October 17-18). Choose "Conference-only price" when registering.
or

\$10.00, for the virtual-only day (October 18th). Choose "Single-day price" when registering.

If you have questions, contact planning committee co-chairs Sara Ring (Continuing Education Librarian, Minitex) and Molly Huber (Outreach Coordinator, Minnesota Digital Library), at mndcc@umn.edu.



International Observe the Moon Night October 1, 2022

International Observe the Moon Night is an annual world-wide public engagement program that encourages observation, appreciation, and understanding of our Moon and its connection to NASA planetary science and exploration. Everyone on Earth is invited to join the celebration by hosting or attending an event.



For more information about International Observe the Moon Night and how to get involved, visit moon.nasa.gov/observe.

Book Challenges Resources

Submitted by Al Peterson

Across the country and even in our state, libraries and library boards are increasingly facing book challenges from community members. These challenges have led to public heated exchanges between community members and library staff, loud outbursts at board meetings, and even threats of violence and intimidation tactics aimed at library staff and board members. In some cases, the stress from these challenges has led to the resignations of staff and the closure/reduced hours of libraries.

Being proactive and prepared can help library staff and boards put themselves in a better position to face book challenges and uphold the principles of intellectual freedom in your library's services and your collection. Seeking out useful information on facing book challenges can be daunting, especially when our days are full of the day to day duties, but WebJunction has created a list of resources in addition to providing a recording of a webinar that tackles this subject.

Book Challenges and Intellectual Freedom: Proactive Planning for Public Libraries is a webinar presented on May 24, 2022. The recording can be found on WebJunction, which requires an account. If you do not have an account, one can be created for free. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3f9K7Hx>.

WebJunction has also assembled a list of resources on book challenges and intellectual freedom at <https://bit.ly/3C4D2RL>. These resources can support your efforts to be better educated and prepared for book challenges.

If you have any questions about WebJunction or book challenges, please feel free to reach out to the North Dakota State Library at statelib@nd.gov or 701-328-4622.

Homework Help for Students Grades 6-8

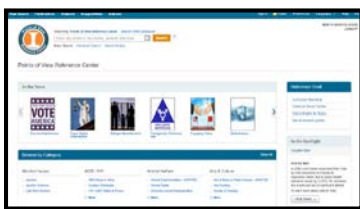
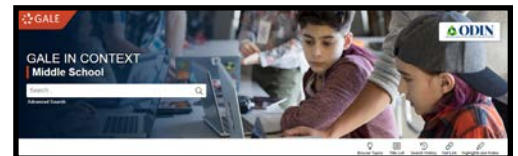
Are you looking for online resources that can help middle-school-aged children with their homework, projects, or research papers? Here are just some of the resources that your school or public library may have access to that will give students in grades 6-8 quick access to credible sources covering common topics.

Britannica School includes articles, images, videos, biographies, and other trusted sources to help your student find the information they need.



Explora Secondary provides students with articles and facts for research papers, class projects, or homework.

Gale In Context: Middle School includes videos, newspapers, magazines, and primary sources to help students complete assignments in core subjects.



Points of View Reference Center provides students with a series of essays that present multiple sides of a current issue.

Science Reference Center provides easy access to full-text science-oriented content, including full text for hundreds of science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, and other sources.



Looking for promotional materials? Check out our [marketing website](#) for the [request form](#) and downloadable items. If you can't find what you are looking for, please contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov or 701-328-4656.

If you have any questions or would like more information about these or any other online resources, please contact the State Library at 701-328-4622 or 1-800-472-2104 or e-mail us at statelib@nd.gov.





Libraries in the News

[Fargo Library To Host Fall Plant Swap Monday, Sept. 19](#)

“FARGO — Area novice and green thumb gardeners are invited to attend the Fargo Public Library’s Fall Plant Swap event on Monday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. outside of the Dr. James Carlson Library, 2801 32nd Ave. S...”

[Friends Of The Minot Public Library Host Book Sale](#)

“MINOT, N.D. (KXNET) — Wouldn’t it be nice to pay whatever you want for something? Well, a public library is making your wish come true.

“Books were donated to the Minot Public Library for their Friends of the Minot Public Library Book sale...”

[Launching STEM Skills With Rocket Building Workshop In Bismarck](#)

“BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - A free build-your-own rocket workshop at the Bismarck Veteran’s Memorial Library is designed to launch creativity. Anyone of any age is welcome to come and build a rocket...”

[Library Director Was ‘Blindsided’ By Not Being Notified About Meeting](#)

“JAMESTOWN – James River Valley Library System Director Joe Rector said he was ‘blindsided’ and ‘surprised’ that there was no communication between him and a Stutsman County Commissioner before the commissioner presented information against the library system’s budget request...”

[Questions Remain As Library Board, Public Clash Over Explicit Book](#)

“Answers remain elusive following a meeting of the Valley City Barnes County Public Library Board last week, which saw 17 community members come out in response to learning of a young adult non-fiction book...”

[‘Scan Day’ Planned In Carrington Sept. 29](#)

“CARRINGTON, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) – As part of an effort with the North Dakota State Library, the Carrington City Library will be holding what they’re calling a ‘Scan Day’ on Thursday, Sept. 29...”

Free Training Webinars

Creating Infographics That Ignite and Demonstrate Learning

Register: <https://bit.ly/3S39FF1>

Thursday, September 29 (4:00 PM–5:00 PM)

The language of visual design offers a powerful way to motivate students and demonstrate learning. How can educators use infographics to help students communicate ideas, concepts, and data?

In this edWebinar, attendees will learn simple, easy-to-use tips and techniques for creating data visualization across content areas. And yes, as part of this session, you'll have the opportunity to start making your own infographic as a model for your students. You don't need to be an artist or graphics guru...all you need are these hands-on, classroom-proven techniques to make learning and thinking visible!

Library of Things: The What, Why, and How of Lending Objects (WebJunction)

Register: <https://bit.ly/3xKeUBb>

Wednesday, October 19 (2:00 PM–3:00 PM)

Hey library workers, are you thinking of starting a Library of Things for your community? From tools to toys, cameras to kitchen appliances, fishing gear to musical instruments, and from blood pressure monitors to robots – you can do it! The presenters will talk about launching these collections for a small library and a large suburban children's collection. They will highlight their experiences selecting, budgeting, cataloging, displaying, sustaining, and marketing their Library of Things. They will also share what has and hasn't worked, and you'll leave with strategies for making the right decisions for your community.

World Water Day: Celebrate the Building Block of Life

Register: <https://bit.ly/3qZyy8q>

Thursday, October 27 (2:00 PM–3:00 PM)

Are you planning your springtime events? World Water Day is March 22! This is a day organized by the United Nations to bring awareness about water-related issues that face humans in almost every country. Join us as we explore hands-on activities about water conservation, the hydrological cycle, and engage in discussions about how water connects us all.

Kit of the Week

“Carnegie’s Maid” by Marie Benedict

Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She’s not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh’s grandest households. She’s a poor farmer’s daughter with nowhere to go and nothing in her pockets. But the other woman with the same name has vanished, and pretending to be her just might get Clara some money to send back home. If she can keep up the ruse, that is. Serving as a lady’s maid in the household of Andrew Carnegie requires skills she doesn’t have, answering to an icy mistress who rules her sons and her domain with an iron fist. What Clara does have is a resolve as strong as the steel Pittsburgh is becoming famous for, coupled with an uncanny understanding of business, and Andrew begins to rely on her. But Clara can’t let her guard down, not even when Andrew becomes something more than an employer. Revealing her past might ruin her future -- and her family’s.



This kit comes with ten paperback books, a discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.

Reserve it today through the State Library’s [online library catalog](#).

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