



Summer Reading Workshops

Although it looks more snowy than sunny outside, it's time to start thinking about Summer Reading 2023!

The North Dakota State Library will be conducting Summer Reading Workshops a bit differently this upcoming year. We will be using a train-the-trainer format, where six public librarians have volunteered to meet, discuss, and then share their ideas with you! All trainings will be conducted in February, with each lasting three hours in total.

Training dates and locations

Valley City Barnes County Public Library on Friday, February 3rd

Grand Forks Public Library on Monday, February 13th

Morton Mandan Public Library on Tuesday, February 14th

Minot Public Library (with visiting librarian from Divide Co. Public Library) on Friday, February 17th

Williston Community Library on Wednesday, February 22nd

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

New Resource to Respond to the Opioid Crisis: Testers Needed Submitted by WebJunction

WebJunction is developing a new support kit to help library staff navigate opportunities and build skills to develop programming and services connected to the opioid crisis. We need library staff to test this new resource before the final publication is made available. Testers will learn more about what kinds of information patrons may be seeking, how to build support for local responses, and ways to reduce the stigma around opioid misuse. Participating libraries will receive a \$500 stipend for testing the content and implementing a local program or service related to the skills and knowledge gained by exploring the kit.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3giAQhq>.

Libraries in the News

[Banned Books, Libraries & Intellectual Freedom Presentation \(News Dakota\)](#)

A presentation on “Banned Books, Libraries & Intellectual Freedom” will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022 in Valley City...

[Cardio-drumming classes at the Bismarck Public Library \(KX News\)](#)

The Bismarck Public Library will soon be offering a new activity for the community to give a try: Cardio drumming...

[November is Library Skate Month \(Valley City Times Record\)](#)

Valley City Optimist Club with Bank Forward in Valley City have teamed up to provide a fundraiser for our school libraries...

[One of longest-serving employees in NDSU history set to retire \(Valley News Live\)](#)

Michael M. Miller, director and bibliographer of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at the NDSU Libraries, is set to retire on Dec. 1 after over 55 years at NDSU. Michael joins Henry L. Bolley and C.B. Waldron as the longest serving employees in NDSU history...

[UND serves and remembers its military veterans \(UND Today\)](#)

Veterans Day on Friday is the time when the University of North Dakota honors those who have served or are serving in the United States military and remembers those who gave their lives in service to their country...



International Students' Day

November 17th marks International Students' Day. This day commemorates the anniversary of the invasion by Nazi troops on the University of Prague in 1939. During this time, nine professors and students were executed. Additionally, over 1,200 individuals were sent to concentration camps. While the acknowledgment may have started out political, today it celebrates the multiculturalism found in many universities, particularly honoring international students (International, 2022). The reason why I'm addressing a more collegiate topic is that North Dakota's K-12 schools are becoming more diverse in their student bodies.

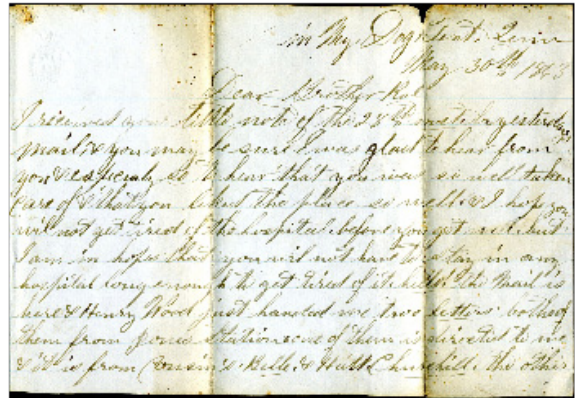
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Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

Dear Folks at Home

'Dear Folks at Home - Isaac Mark Abbott Civil War Letters' consists of all of the original letters written by Isaac Mark Abbott, a Union soldier, and the other members of his family during (and a brief period after) the Civil War. These letters include the experiences and thoughts of Abbott as he fought in the Civil War and the experiences of his family members, some of whom also fought. Other authors of the letters include Roe (Monroe) and John, Isaac Abbott's brothers. All letters were written in Indiana or Tennessee, and nine of the letters were written in 1888 and 1889, after the war had concluded.



This digital collection is provided by Concordia College, and it's available for searching on [Digital Horizons](#).

Applications Now Open for the Save America's Treasures Grant Program

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Park Service, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts, is now accepting applications for \$26.5 million in matching grants to support the preservation of nationally significant historic properties and collections through the Save America's Treasures program.

Since 1999, Save America's Treasures has provided over \$355 million to more than 1,300 projects to provide preservation and conservation work on nationally significant collections, artifacts, structures, and sites. Requiring a dollar-for-dollar private match, these grants have leveraged more than \$500 million in private investment and contributed more than 16,000 jobs to local and state economies.

Save America's Treasures grants are awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind services. To be considered for this funding, historic properties must be listed as National Historic Landmarks or at the national level of significance in the National Register of Historic Places, and a case must be made for a collection's national significance. For more information about the Save America's Treasures grant program, visit <https://bit.ly/3OcnKi8>.

Applications must be submitted through [Grants.gov](#) by December 20, 2022 (11:59 pm, Eastern Time). Application instructions and materials for both types of projects are available through [Grants.gov](#).

Upcoming Webinars

Cultivating Affirmation & Belonging for LGBTQIA+ Youth with the Kaleidoscope Youth Center (CSLP)

Tuesday, November 22 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

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

Examine statistics related to discrimination within libraries/schools and risks that LGBTQIA+ youth face on a day-to-day basis in their communities, then discuss ways that library professionals can improve the general climate of libraries and summer reading programs through various strategies from simple word choice to organizational policy change. An interactive safe space for all of your questions will be moderated by a CSLP Inclusion Committee member following the presentation portion. Digital resource handouts will be provided.

Social Work Approaches to Library Services (WebJunction)

Tuesday, November 29 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

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

Join this webinar to explore the concept of “Whole Person Librarianship” and to learn how a range of social work approaches can be applied to improve library services. We’ll invite you to look at all aspects of your library through a social service lens, including policies, spaces, community partnerships, and programming. Additionally, we will discuss the amazing benefits and possibilities that exist when libraries collaborate with social workers who can bring expertise and capacity to the community through the library. You will leave knowing how to conduct a community needs assessment and how to identify resources and social services you can provide through your library. You’ll explore new ideas and goals to incorporate within your strategic plan, and gain the confidence necessary to advocate for whole person services at your library.

Britannica School Basics (Britannica)

Tuesday, December 6 (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

Register: <https://bit.ly/3tw4fHY>

Join us for this webinar and learn new easy to incorporate digital content into your classroom or Library.

Attendees will learn about special features, including informational text and content in various formats; creating a new user account to collect, organize, and share favorite content; expanded video and media content, including a video download feature; and creating standards-aligned lesson plans with the lesson plan builder.

CSLP’s Virtual Summer Symposium (CSLP)

Thursday, December 8 (10:00 AM - 3:30 PM)

Register: <https://bit.ly/3Afe4xC>

Sessions Include:

- Keynote Speaker is Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director of ALA! She will address The Library as a Civic Bridge and Community Learning Hub.
- Summer Library Outreach to Underserved Children and Caregivers with ALSC’s LSUCTC.
- All Together Now with Intergenerational Summer Programming with King County Library System and SilverKite Community Arts.
- Decorating Together with CSLP State Representatives.

Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

What's New with Niche Academy

Niche Academy continues to have new content uploaded and existing content organized.

Library 101- Library Directors Category

The Niche Academy-produced webinars [Designing Effective Library Signage](#) and [Leading with Emotional Intelligence](#) were added to this category. In addition to new content, two pathways were created to bundle similar tutorials: [Book Challenges](#) and [New Public Library Director Tutorials](#).

Library 101- Library Staff Training and Development Category

[Maximizing the Use of Your Time](#) has been added to the [Niche Academy Lunch and Learn Leadership Series pathway](#).

Research 101 Category

This category has two new pathways. The [Plagiarism](#) pathway provides three tutorials on the topic and how to avoid it. The [Research Essentials](#) pathway includes six tutorials on conducting research, including one on Common Sources and Search Tools.

These and other great training tutorials can be found at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary>.

STEM Workshop for Libraries

The Montana State Library is working with the Space Science Institute to bring a STEM training for libraries on May 17, 2023, in Glendive, MT. While the North Dakota State Library will also be hosting this training at our August 2023 Workshops in Bismarck (more details to come soon), the Montana State Library may have space available for North Dakota libraries.

The training will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Lunch is provided to attendees, and all workshop-related costs are covered by the Space Science Institute. Attendees will need to cover transportation costs on their own.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please fill out the [STEM Programming in Libraries Workshop Interest Form](#). Filling out this form is not a commitment to attend.

Kit of the Week

Ozobot Evo

Evo is a pocket-sized coding robot that can be coded by drawing lines on paper or through a programming system. Evo builds an understanding of coding concepts while also being creative, easy-to-learn, and fun for all levels.

Recommended for ages 8+.

A device is not required for the Evo Ozobot. Compatible devices can be found at <https://bit.ly/3UWyqDH>.

This kit contains one Evo Guide, one color code tip sheet, one educator's guide, one color codes, one inventory sheet, ten Ozobot boxes, each containing: one Ozobot Evo, four markers, one playfield (nine pieces), one pouch, one USB cable, one 6-port charger, and one quick start guide.



To learn more about this kit, visit <https://bit.ly/3UxCSce>.

To reserve this kit, go to <https://bit.ly/3g1oCtt>.

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