

## Grant Opportunities

### Collection Development Grant (NDSL)

**Deadline: January 31**

The purpose of this grant is to support collection development for libraries. Libraries are encouraged to use grant funds to develop a new collection for their library or to expand their North Dakota collection. The maximum grant request is \$2,000.

### Laptop and Tablet Grant (NDSL)

**Deadline: January 31**

Libraries and patrons often need electronic devices to access information resources and e-reading materials. Electronic devices have limited lifespans and funding for upgrades and replacements are not always available in a timely manner for libraries. This grant provides libraries funding to purchase laptop computers or tablets for patron use, whether for use in-house or for external circulation. The maximum grant request is \$3,000.



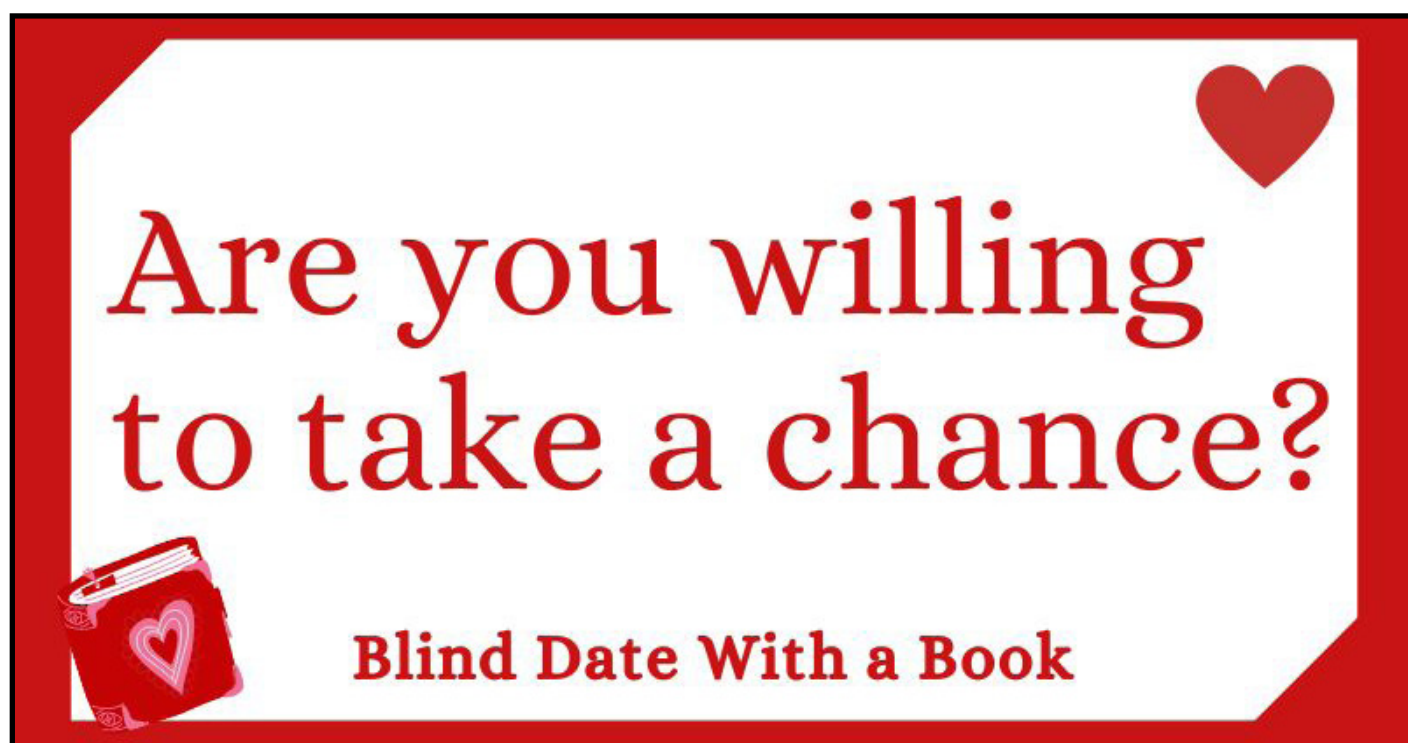
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**February 28, 2023**





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# Libraries in the News

## [\\$55 Million Sought for Supreme Court \(The Dakotan\)](#)

To the tune of \$55 million, the judiciary branch plans to move out of the Capitol building if its proposed bill passes this session...

## [Barnes County Library and Residents Meet to Discuss Controversial Book For Young Adults \(Valley News Live\) \(Video\)](#)

It was a packed house at the Barnes County Public Library in Valley City this evening. They're discussing potentially banning a book which has drawn the ire of some in the community...

## [Bichel Named UND Dean of Libraries, Info Resources \(Knox Radio\)](#)

After a nationwide search, Rebecca Bichel has been appointed to the position of Dean of Libraries and Information Resources at the University of North Dakota...

## [Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library hosts Chess Club for Kids \(KX News\)](#)

Kids looking to learn how to play a popular strategy game are in luck because they get the chance Thursday to try it at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library...

## [Small-Town Librarian Fights Cancer in North Dakota \(Sanford Health\)](#)

Jackie Walby of South Heart is writing her own story with help from her community...

## [VCBC Public Library Board Jan. 5 Public Hearing Recap \(Valley City Times Record\)](#)

The Valley City Barnes County Public Library held a public hearing regarding the book "Let's Talk About It" by Erika Moen on the VCSU Campus, January 5th.....

# Digital Delight


## North Dakota State Capitol in Bismarck, N.D., 1939

View of the south side of the North Dakota State Capitol building. The view is looking northeast at the building. The photograph was taken by Emma Landers while on a group tour from Minot.

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Courtesy of Digital Horizons (Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection, ND State Library)



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## How to Be Your Own Life Coach

Submitted by Al Peterson

Did you make a New Year's Resolution? Do you make one every year, only to come up short of reaching your goal? You are not alone. Everyone wants to improve something: be a better parent or spouse, be happier, more peaceful, and more fulfilled. Self-help books fly off the bookshelves, and call-in radio shows answer questions one at a time to share knowledge and instruction, yet we continue to veer off course and find ourselves not fulfilling our goals and not living up to our potential. A life coach will provide great motivation, encouragement, and hopefully wisdom, but at the end of the day, it is still just you who will need to do the work in order to live the life you always wanted.

What if you could become your own life coach? Universal Class has a twelve lessons course called How to Be Your Own Life Coach. Becoming your own life coach enlightens and empowers you to find, capture, and live the life that is meant for you and you alone. Through this course, you will be able to assess your strengths, curtail your weaknesses, and discover all the possibilities within yourself.

Check out this and other self-help courses available in Universal Class at <https://www.universalclass.com/northdakotastatend>.

## Training Surveys

Submitted by Al Peterson

In order to provide the best possible training to meet your professional development needs, please complete this survey. Your answers will help us shape our continuing education program to provide you with the best training we can offer. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the appropriate survey.

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School Librarians - <https://bit.ly/3vD0Nwa>

I appreciate your time and your support. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Al Peterson at [alpeterson@nd.gov](mailto:alpeterson@nd.gov) or 701-328-4661.

## Gale Presents: National Geographic Kids

Gale Presents: National Geographic Kids puts kids at the helm, allowing them to benefit by taking an active part in their learning. They can journey to the depths of the ocean and venture to the surface of the moon. They can trek across the globe and soar into outer space. The adventure opportunities are endless when kids virtually explore the world around them.



Immersive, digital content engages kids. This resource puts books, videos, award-winning images, and high-quality informational texts at their fingertips. It's simple for kids to dive into full issues of National Geographic Kids magazine or watch Amazing Animals videos. They will be transported as they go on adventures in science, history, technology, geography, culture, and everything in between.

Visit [www.library.nd.gov/onlineresources.html](http://www.library.nd.gov/onlineresources.html) to start exploring this and other resources today!



### Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy

Martin Luther King, Jr., is often best known for his "[I Have a Dream](#)" speech. However, this Baptist minister and civil rights activist left a far larger mark on history. As such, he gives plenty of teaching opportunities!

#### A Little Background About Martin Luther King, Jr.

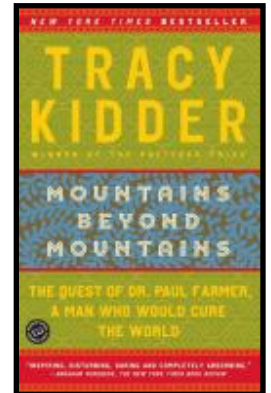
Michael King, Jr., was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, GA. King grew up in a financially comfortable household, with both of his parents being college-educated and his father working as a Baptist preacher. However, segregation was still the norm in the southern states. At the age of six, King was told that he would no longer be playing with a white playmate due to the two of them attending separate schools (for information on some of the first attempts at desegregation in schools, visit [here](#)). During the summer of 1944, King worked at a tobacco farm in Connecticut. There, he noticed that whites and blacks worked and lived alongside one another, typically peacefully. King already felt a distaste for segregation prior; that experience only added fuel to the fire. Nineteen-forty-four found 15-year-old Michael King, Jr., attending Morehouse College in Atlanta. While attending Morehouse, King took great inspiration from the college president, Benjamin Mays. Mays felt that the black community was not doing enough for their own social and economic welfare. King graduated and went on to attend Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, PA. While in seminary, King adopted a new name, [Martin Luther](#), in reference to the famous Protestant leader.

[Read More](#)

# Kit of the Week

## “Mountains Beyond Mountains” by Tracy Kidder

“At the center of Mountains Beyond Mountains stands Paul Farmer. Doctor, Harvard professor, renowned infectious-disease specialist, anthropologist, the recipient of a MacArthur ‘genius’ grant, world-class Robin Hood, Farmer was brought up in a bus and on a boat, and in medical school found his life’s calling: to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. This magnificent book shows how radical change can be fostered in situations that seem insurmountable, and it also shows how a meaningful life can be created, as Farmer—brilliant, charismatic, charming, both a leader in international health and a doctor who finds time to make house calls in Boston and the mountains of Haiti—blasts through convention to get results. Mountains Beyond Mountains takes us from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia as Farmer changes minds and practices through his dedication to the philosophy that ‘the only real nation is humanity’—a philosophy that is embodied in the small public charity he founded, Partners in Health. He enlists the help of the Gates Foundation, George Soros, the U.N.’s World Health Organization, and others in his quest to cure the world. At the heart of this book is the example of a life based on hope, and on an understanding of the truth of the Haitian proverb ‘Beyond mountains there are mountains’: as you solve one problem, another problem presents itself, and so you go on and try to solve that one too.”



This kit includes 10 books, 1 discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.

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