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## Tammy's Teaching Tidbits



By Tammy Kruger

### Interdisciplinary Instruction: School Librarians and Science Education

Welcome to the second week of Interdisciplinary instruction! This week, Tammy's Teaching Tidbit focuses on school librarians and science education. There is no denying that schools have pushed for improvements in science education, especially over the course of the last couple of decades. There is actually quite an overlap between library skills and science skills, including asking questions, conducting information-based investigations, and employing lifelong curiosity and learning (Mardis & Payo, 2007). School librarians, and their libraries, can offer valuable opportunities and resources for teaching and reinforcing scientific concepts. This can be done through research tools and skills and hands-on experimentation (often conducted in makerspaces).

[Read More](#)

**Twenty African Americans Who Changed History**

Self-Paced, Online Class

**+ Join this Course**

North Dakota State Library

**15** Lessons

**32** Exams & Assignments

**3** Hours average time

**0.3** CEUs

**Submitted by Al Peterson**

February is Black History Month, and we invite you to take this informative course that highlights twenty African Americans who knew firsthand the wrongs that had to be set right and dedicated their lives to creating a better America, not only for themselves but for those who would come after them.

This course examines the circumstances into which these African Americans were brought or born and the obstacles they faced.

- The course begins with Francisco Menendez, who owned not even his own name, and goes on to James Amistead, without whom British rule of the colonies might not have ended when it did.
- Take a look at the lives of those who documented, in painful detail, the horrors of slavery, such as Harriet Jacobs and William Wells Brown.
- Look at those who transcended their own status as slaves to attend and even found institutions of higher learning, such as Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois.
- Examine the Civil Rights Movement from its beginnings through the eyes of visionaries such as Lucy Craft Laney and Mary McLeod Bethune, women who understood the necessity of education as a way for oppressed people to rise above their circumstances.
- See American life through the eyes of men and women like Thurgood Marshall and Daisy Lee Gatson, who fought and ended school segregation, and learn about people like Medgar Evers, who died for the cause.

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

## Public Libraries Survey

The Public Libraries Survey (PLS) opened on February 1 and will run until March 31. This survey is conducted annually and is the primary information resource for data on public libraries nationwide. In North Dakota, it is also a requirement for public libraries to qualify for State Aid and to meet the minimum requirements to be eligible for Library Vision Grants. More information can be found at <https://library-nd.libguides.com/PLS>.

If you have any questions while completing the Public Libraries Survey, please contact James at [nds-lid@nd.gov](mailto:nds-lid@nd.gov).

## Upcoming Webinars

### [We Are Water: Celebrating Water This Earth Day](#)

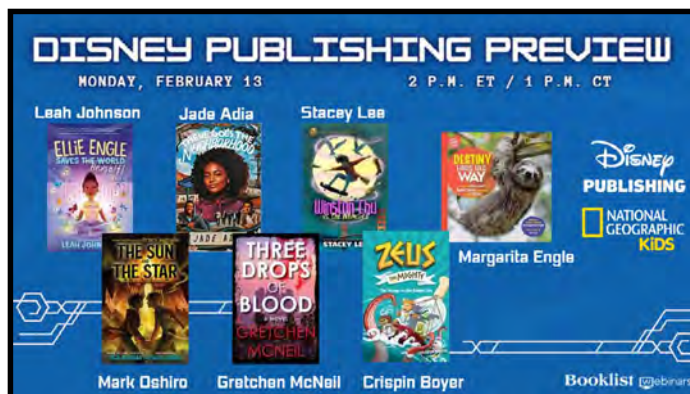
Thursday, February 16 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Engage your community this spring around the importance of protecting our water systems with resources and hands-on activities from the We are Water project! Learn how to launch a social media photo challenge and share ideas of how to connect with your community over local water topics.

### [PDA Event: CARLI Counts Curriculum Release Party!](#)

Thursday, February 23 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Join Anne Craig, Lisa Hinchliffe, and Debbie Campbell for the virtual CARLI Counts Curriculum Release Party! Learn about great OERs available from the CARLI Counts project, including the CARLI Counts: Analytics and Advocacy for Service Development “Trainer Workbook,” “Getting Started Guide,” and “Participant Workbook.”



# Digital Delight

## Anderson boys on the North Dakota State Capitol grounds, 1956

Three boys (Bruce Anderson, Deane Anderson, and Duane Anderson) stand by a sign on the North Dakota State Capitol grounds in Bismarck, North Dakota. The capitol building is visible in the background.

<https://bit.ly/3HHsd13>

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



# Proposed 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant and North Dakota Homeless Grant Allocation Plans

Submitted by Sarah Mudder,  
Communications and Events Coordinator, ND Housing Finance Agency

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency will hold a Public Hearing and Comment Period for the development of the 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the North Dakota Homeless Grant (NDHG) allocation plans. The federal ESG program provides funding to engage persons who are homeless and living on the street, improve and provide operating funding for emergency shelters, provide essential services to shelter residents, rapidly rehouse persons who are homeless, and prevent homelessness. NDHG is a state program designed to provide financial assistance to facilities and programs within North Dakota to identify sheltered and unsheltered persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and provide the services needed to help them regain stability after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

Beginning on February 14, the plans can be viewed online at [www.ndhfa.org](http://www.ndhfa.org). Written comments will be accepted until March 2, 2023. The hearing is on March 3, 2023.

Learn more at [www.ndhfa.org](http://www.ndhfa.org).

## Bridging the Digital Divide American Connection Corps

Administered by Lead for America and supported through AmeriCorps and the American Connection Project coalition, the American Connection Corps (ACC) program advances broadband development and digital inclusion, while building our country's civic leadership in places where talent is often encouraged to "leave and never come back."

Fellows are placed in a paid, full-time service position addressing local connectivity needs in communities in their hometown or home state. ACC Fellows are AmeriCorps members who typically serve 35-40 hours per week, providing key capacity-building services for the Host to advance broadband development and digital inclusion efforts; part-time opportunities may be available upon request.

For more information and to apply to host an ACC Fellow in Fall 2023, visit <https://bit.ly/3wHzd1p>.

## Catalyst Fund Lyrasis

Lyrasis invites and encourages Lyrasis Public Library members to submit proposals and ideas for the Catalyst Fund. The Catalyst Fund provides financial support for new ideas and innovative projects from the Lyrasis membership. Initiated by the Lyrasis Leaders Circle in 2016, the Fund expands opportunities to share expertise and collaborate on innovations with potential for community-wide impact.

This year, we're accepting proposals on a thematic track where Public Libraries have led the way—applications focused specifically in the areas of community driven projects and projects having community impact, and the remainder of the funds will be used to fund projects that might have very different conceptual approaches around the idea of "what it means to innovate," in today's world.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://bit.ly/3HkpGIH>.

# Kit of the Week

## Book Club Kit: “Inheriting Edith” by Zoe Fishman

Maggie Sheets is just trying to get by. A single mother, she works as a house cleaner and dreams of the days when her financial woes will be over. When her former employer, Liza, a renowned author Maggie once considered a friend, takes her own life, Maggie learns that she has been included in the will and now owns a beautiful home in Sag Harbor. But there’s a catch: Maggie has also inherited Liza’s eighty-two year old mother.

Edith has always prided herself on her independence, but a recent Alzheimer’s diagnosis has her wary about the future. She’s left on her own to pick up the pieces of her daughter’s death until Maggie, with her toddler in tow, arrives at her house, guarded but determined to make their unlikely situation work. Edith is angry and uninterested, until she suffers a fall and must rely on Maggie. Together they begin to heal the hurt left in Liza’s wake, and when Maggie offers to transcribe Edith’s life for her to help hold onto the moments she’s terrified of losing, a tentative alliance forms. As Maggie helps Edith resolve the aftermath of a long-held secret -- and confronts both the roots and repercussions of one of her own -- each woman embarks on a path to forgiveness, acceptance, and a life-changing friendship.



Reserve it today at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org>.

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