



## National Library Week 2023

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

National Library Week will take place April 23-29, 2023.

**Monday, April 24:** State of America's Libraries Report released, including Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2022.

**Tuesday, April 25:** [National Library Workers Day](#), a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

**Wednesday, April 26:** [National Library Outreach Day](#) (formerly National Bookmobile Day), a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.

**Thursday, April 27:** [Take Action for Libraries Day](#), a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

National Library Week 2023 will be a great time to tell your library's multi-faceted story.

For more information, social media graphics, and a sample press release, visit <https://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek>.

### Public Libraries Survey Webinar Recording Now Available

The recording of the Annual Report Walk-Through webinar is now available on the ND State Library's YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/3ICuTyb>.

This webinar will help North Dakota librarians complete the Public Libraries Survey by providing tips on filling it out and guidance throughout the process.

If you have any questions or need assistance while completing the Survey, please contact James at [nds1-ld@nd.gov](mailto:nds1-ld@nd.gov).

# Libraries in the News

## [Council Approves Extension Of MOA To Provide Joint Library Services \(Jamestown Sun\)](#)

The Jamestown City Council unanimously approved on Monday, Feb. 6, a second one-year extension to the memorandum of agreement between Stutsman County and the city of Jamestown to provide joint library services...

## [Committee To Study Costs To Operate Stutsman County Library On Its Own \(Jamestown Sun\)](#)

The Stutsman County Commission unanimously approved on Tuesday, Feb. 7, the formation of a committee that will study what the costs and alternatives are for Stutsman County to operate its own library...

## [Downtown Fargo Library Introduces Free Legal Kiosk \(KVRr\)](#)

A new kiosk at the Main Fargo Public Library downtown can help you find legal information...

## [Fargo Library Showing Classic 1940s Films Every Sunday This Month \(KVRr\)](#)

The Fargo Public Library's downtown branch showing classic films from the 1940s all through February...

## [Fargo's Dr. James Carlson Library Hosts A Night Of Pie, Coffee And Conversations In The Spirit Of Bob Lind \(Fargo Forum\)](#)

The life and writings of Bob Lind, the longtime, much-loved columnist in The Forum, will be celebrated and discussed at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 27 at Fargo's Dr. James Carlson Library...

## [Fargo Public Library Seeking Submissions For 'Northern Narratives' Writing Project Through March 31 \(Fargo Forum\)](#)

A winter writing project for adults and teens alike is accepting submissions now through March 31...

## [North Dakota Authors Submit Letter Against Censorship \(Fargo Forum\)](#)

The following North Dakota authors, poets and essayists strongly oppose HB 1205, SB 2123 and SB 2360...

## [Public Asked To Share Thoughts On Future Of West Fargo Library \(Fargo Forum\)](#)

The West Fargo Public Library plans to host a meeting 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, to gather input from the public...

## [Visit The Bismarck Library For An Afternoon Of Hygge \(KX News\)](#)

Join the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library for an afternoon of Hygge in the Missouri River Room...

## Paired Readings Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Reading has a way of connecting people. So, what better way to connect than through a book!

Paired readings take an adult book and pair it with a young adult and/or children's version. This is an excellent way for caretakers and mentors to connect with their younger readers, ignite a reading slump, or create a book club for multi-generations.

With February being Black History month, these sets of paired readings focus on the 2023 Black History month's theme of Black Resistance. For more resources on Black History month, visit <https://library-nd.libguides.com/BlackHistoryMonth>.

The next set of paired readings will come out in April and will focus on the National Library week's theme of "There's more to the story." Feel free to use these posters in your library, classroom, etc.

Happy paired reading!



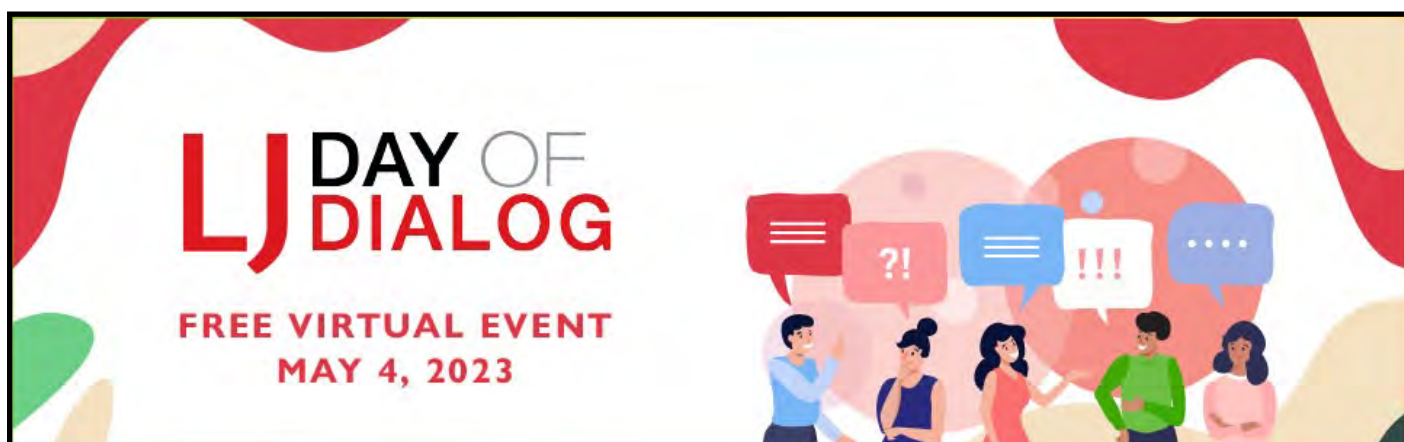
## National Consumer Protection Week

The first full week of March is National Consumer Protection Week. March 5-11, 2023, is a time to help people understand their consumer rights and avoid fraud and scams.

If you are looking for free resources, including social media images and messages, webinars, and bookmarks, visit <https://consumer.ftc.gov/features/national-consumer-protection-week>.



For information specifically for librarians, visit <https://consumer.ftc.gov/features/librarians>.



# CSLP Summer Reading Slogan And Theme Suggestions

By Lexi Whitehorn

Attention ND Library Staff!

Have you ever thought about where our Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Summer Reading themes and slogans come from? Who thinks them up? How do we select each year's slogan? Well, the answer is YOU!

Each year we seek feedback from ND library staff for future summer slogan and theme suggestions. Libraries from across the nation contribute too and together we come to consensus.

So now is your time to SHINE! Suggest a slogan for the 2026 theme of Dinosaurs (artist: Kaylani Juanita <http://kaylanijuanita.com>) and a fresh, new theme for 2027.

**2026 Dinosaur slogan:**

**2027 Theme:**

For a list of previous theme and slogans go to: <https://www.csllpreads.org/themes-and-slogans/>.

Please share your suggestions with Lexi at [awhitehorn@nd.gov](mailto:awhitehorn@nd.gov) by February 26th.

## LIHEAP Heating Season Toolkit

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has been helping people stay safe and warm in their homes for over 40 years. As temperatures drop, the Office of Community Services (OCS) wants to make sure that people know about the LIHEAP resources available to them.

Find a variety of outreach materials in multiple languages, including short videos, a social media toolkit, outreach fliers, and fact sheets designed to help keep families safe and warm during cold weather at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/liheap-heating-season-toolkit>.

For local information and to apply for the heating season before May 31, 2023, visit <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/applyforhelp/liheap>.



## ProQuest Genealogy Marketing Toolkit



ProQuest is now offering helpful resources to boost the usage of Ancestry Library Edition and other genealogy products available in their genealogy marketing toolkit. Spread the word with web banners, videos, posters, social media content, bookmarks, and more. Check them out at <https://about.proquest.com/en/customer-care/genealogy-marketing-toolkit/>.

The State Library also provides bookmarks for Ancestry and other online library resources to North Dakota libraries. Fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/ndslpaform>, and we'll send the items out as soon as possible.



## Books Matter: Using Children's Literature To Invite Conversations About Identity, Bias, And Social Justice

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

On February 1st, the Anti-Defamation League (a partner to AASL) hosted a webinar about anti-bias and diversity in children's literature. This webinar lasted one hour and involved three panelists.

Biases can exist in various forms, including racial/cultural, social-economic, religious, ability and disability levels, ages, native languages spoken, and gender and gender identity. Biases can tie into stereotypes. Some stereotypes are considered positive, such as people of Asian descent being intelligent; while others are seen as negative, with an example of police being racist. The intent behind the bias does not matter. Placing all people in a generalized group based on one or two aspects of their identities is damaging to them as individuals, as well as society as a whole. Childhood is the best time to introduce learners to what makes people different, as well as what makes them the same in empathic, open-minded ways.

### [Read More](#)

## *Digital Collection Spotlight*

By Trevor Martinson

### Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection

The "[Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection](#)" consists of photographs, documents, and objects relating to the Anderson and Landers families from the Kenmare and Crosby areas of North Dakota (Ward County and Divide County) from the late 1800s to the late 1900s. The collection also includes many items relating to agriculture, military, sports, tourism, and North Dakota. The collection is administered by the North Dakota State Library and is available on Digital Horizons.



### 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).

## Grant Opportunities

### [Books Save Lives Grant for School Libraries](#)

**Deadline: February 28**

Each Books Save Lives Grant will provide up to \$10,000 per school library. The grant money must be used toward purchasing diverse books and the books must remain on the shelves for a minimum of four years.

### [Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities](#)

**Deadline: February 28**

ALA is now accepting applications for grants to be distributed over the next three years ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This special grant opportunity will offer more than \$7 million to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities. To be eligible, a library must have a legal service area population of 25,000 or less and be located at least five miles from an urbanized area, in keeping with Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries.

### [Game On! Grant](#)

**Deadline: March 1**

The Games and Gaming Round Table of the American Library Association is proud to sponsor its annual grant program to enable libraries to develop gaming programs or collections for their public. Through the Game On! grant, \$500.00 will be available to be awarded either as one grant of \$500 or two of \$250 each to assist a library (or libraries) in developing gaming programs or collections for their communities.

### [Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture](#)

**Deadline: March 15**

Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture is a family literacy program that reaches out to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI), and American Indian and Alaskan Native (AIAN) families and their intergenerational community members. Talk Story celebrates and affirms Asian, Pacific Islander, and American Indian intersectionalities through books, oral traditions, art, and more to provide interactive and enriching experiences. Talk Story grant funding supports library and community organization opportunities to highlight APIA and AIAN stories through programs, services, and collection materials. Children and families can connect to rich cultural activities through Talk Story in their homes, libraries, and communities while challenging mainstream Anglocentric literacy practices. We welcome libraries and community organizations to develop their own Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture project to serve family literacy needs.

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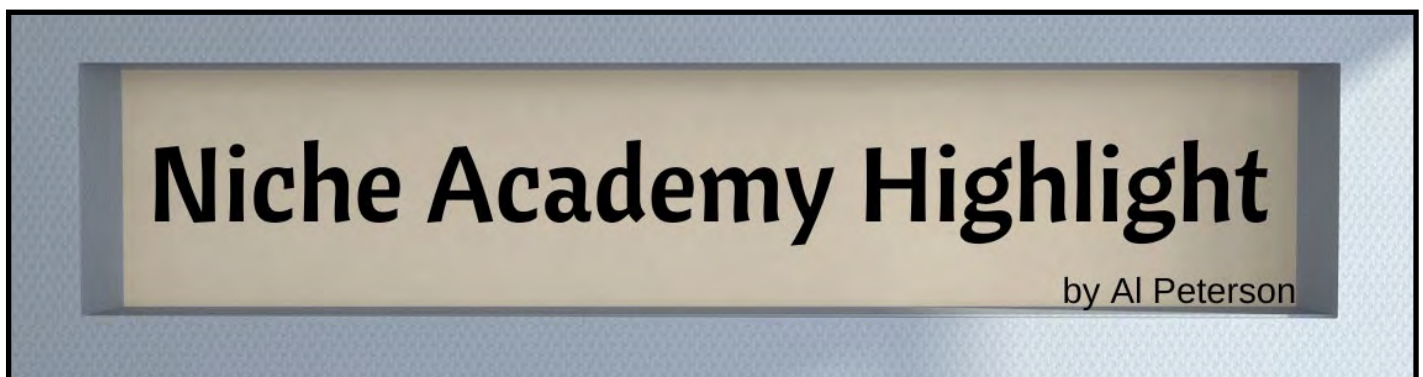
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## New Tutorials in Niche Academy

New tutorials have been added to Niche Academy under the [Issues Libraries are Facing](#) Category:

The [Appropriate Physical Contact with Children](#) tutorial explores when physical contact is appropriate and what constitutes unacceptable methods of contact.

The [Creating a Safe Environment for Kids](#) tutorial discusses safety concerns and what is appropriate supervision. It will also go over the steps needed to create a safe place that can help protect children.

The other two new tutorials are not easy topics to think about or talk about, but it is important for you and your staff to get some training on these subjects. The [Recognizing the Signs of Child Abuse](#) and [Recognizing the Signs of Elder Abuse](#) tutorials discuss the different types of child and elder abuse, how to recognize signs of abuse, and prepare you and your staff to know when to share any concerns that abuse is taking place.

You can find these and other great tutorials through Niche Academy at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary>.



## Upcoming Webinars

### **Book Challenges: Dealing with an Angry Patron, Harassment, or Threats (NDSL)**

February 21 (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Register at <https://bit.ly/3I3uNHb>

Across the country, libraries and schools are facing materials challenges. While these challenges can be lively and spirited, a few people have taken a book challenge out of hand and crossed a line into harassment and threats. The safety of library workers and patrons must be a priority. This webinar will explore what harassment is, how to recognize harassment, and what steps you can take to protect your staff and yourself.

### **Leading for Reading: A 360-Degree Look At The Science of Reading Now (EdWeb)**

Tuesday, February 21 (4:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

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

From the implementation of reading science practices in early elementary education to evolving teacher training and professional development approaches, this edLeader Panel will help site and district-level leaders gain valuable perspectives. The session will also explore the role of technology-embedded instructional methods for both students and teachers.

### **A Celebration of Black History Month: Equity in Libraries, 2023 and Beyond (SJSU)**

Thursday, February 23 (12:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

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

This online symposium includes a keynote address from Elaina Norlin, Professional Development DEI Coordinator, Association of Southeastern Research Libraries; a panel discussion on applying EDI in LIS settings, and reflection. The theme is “Making a Successful Entry into the Profession.”

### **Find Your Niche... Academy (NDSL) February 23 (2:00 PM – 2:30 PM)**

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

This webinar will introduce participants to Niche Academy, examine how it is organized, explore the tutorials, look at some of the North Dakota-focused content, and see how it can help with librarian professional development and library worker training.

### **“The Data Made Me Do It” - Effective Ways To Demonstrate Your Library’s Influence With Analytics (EBSCO & Library Journal)**

Tuesday, February 28 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Register at <https://bit.ly/3xkGS60>

Becoming a library that can respond to user needs and demonstrating your influence on the overall academic mission is an operational “gold standard.” However, the lack of robust data analytics causes libraries to miss key evidence of user engagement, holding them back from reaching a synergistic relationship with students and administrators. Angela Strait from Marshall University and John McDonald (EBSCO) will share strategies for leveraging data to improve conversations with academic administrators and understand library user behavior.





## Interdisciplinary Instruction: School Librarians and Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Programs

Family and Consumer Science (FCS) is a part of Career and Technical Education (CTE). North Dakota's Vision Statement for CTE entails "providing career awareness, work readiness skills, occupational preparation and retaining workers throughout the state" (North, 2018). At its core, FCS education helps prepare learners both for personal management skills, as well as career readiness. North Dakota FCS education practices the following standards:

1. Career, Community, and Family Connections,
2. Consumer and Family Resources,
3. Consumer Services,
4. Education and Early Childhood,
5. Facilities and Property Management,
6. Family,
7. Family and Human Services,
8. Food Production and Services,
9. Food Science, Dietetics, and Nutrition,
10. Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation,
11. Housing and Interior Design,
12. Human Development,
13. Interpersonal Relationships,
14. Nutrition and Wellness,
15. Parenting, and
16. Textiles, Fashion, and Apparel (North, 2018)

### [Read More](#)

## Read Across America Day

People across the country will celebrate the annual National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America Day on March 2 and National Reading Month throughout the month of March.

NEA offers a Read Across America Day Promotional Toolkit to promote your events and activities, including sample social media posts, graphics, hashtags, and additional resources, at <https://bit.ly/40RYkwh>.



# Kit of the Week

## Fairy and Folk Tale Kit: Paul Bunyan

This Lakeshore Learning STEAM Kit boosts critical thinking skills by bringing hands-on learning to young children. Although they are geared for 2nd and 3rd graders, they can fit children even younger with adult interaction.

This kit contains six assorted sizes of rubber bands, ten short logs, 20 long logs, one tape measure, eight clips, one weighted knapsack, four wheels with axles attached, ten planks, one book, and a folder with a welcome and how-to-use guide, three student cards with teaching notes, one story card with reproducible sheet, and one teacher's card.



More information can be found at <https://library-nd.libguides.com/STEMkits/bunyan>.  
Reserve it today at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org>.

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