# Save the Dates! August 7-9, 2023

Save the Date! The North Dakota State Library is hosting an in-person conference in Bismarck on August 7th, 8th, and 9th. Our theme is Stronger Libraries, Stronger Communities! After the pandemic, it is time for libraries to build resiliency within our libraries and communities.

**Location:** North Dakota Heritage Center, located on the State Capitol Grounds

**Lodging:** Bismarck Wingate by Wyndham
Block of rooms under North Dakota State Library August 6-8 at $88.20 (State Rate)
Book rooms **online** or call 701-751-2373. Be sure to ask for the North Dakota State Library Block.

**Featured Speaker:** Jay Turner from **EduJay Learning & Development**

Programs include a book mending workshop, a time management presentation, and solar science workshops for public librarians.

## More information to come!

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### All Together Now Quilt
#### Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

A while ago, I sent out a call for libraries to have their own fun by creating a collaborative quilt. I asked those who wanted to participate to send in a 9x9 quilt block that represents your library. Once I receive the quilt blocks, I will sew them together, and then we will display the quilt for a while and eventually do a drawing to give it away.

We received our first quilt block this week, and I just HAD to show it off because it is BEAUTIFUL!



There is still time to participate! Not a quilter? Not a problem! You could decorate your block with fabric markers, fabric paint, embroidery, or even just a sharpie! Blocks can be any pattern or color, just as long as it is 9x9 in size. Blocks would need to be received by May 31st in order to have the quilt done and displayed in time for the summer reading challenge.

## Celebrate National Library Week April 23-29, 2023 (News Dakota)

"The James River Valley Library System encourages all community members to visit the library during National Library Week, April 23-29, to explore all they have to offer. Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the library–from picture books and large print to audio books and eBooks–but there's so much more to the story of libraries..."

## Heritage Films preserves family history (Minot Daily News)

"Tierany Johnson, a Crosby agriculturist and part-time producer with Heritage Films, exudes a strong sense of passion for what she is achieving by delivering time capsules to the families who have requested her documentary films.

"In October of 2021, after Johnson had decided she wanted to pursue filming, producing and editing family preservation, she was approached by the Divide County Library to preserve history in Divide County. A grant, through the North Dakota Coordinating Council, enabled Johnson to film and create five interview-style films featuring local Divide County-area people, with community theater showings of the Oral History of Divide County in the Dakota Theater in Divide County..."

## James River Valley Library System plans events for National Library Week (Jamestown Sun)

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## Laurel Goodluck to do book reading at Bismarck library (KX News)

"Join the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library for a book read by Laurel Goodluck. According to a news release, the book read is happening on April 27 from 10:45-11:15 a.m. in the Children's Library Story Room..."

## Learn how to use new app for online items at Williston Community Library (KX News)

"The Williston Community Library is going to host two beginner classes on how to download items with the free Libby app. The first class will be on Monday, April 24 at 10 a.m. and the second class will be on Monday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m..."

## Taking action against radon health risks (UND Today)

"The University of North Dakota and the Grand Forks Public library are teaming up to make home testing for radon free and as easy as possible, hoping to save lives and create healthier living spaces...."

## Attention School Librarians!

As many of you are preparing for the end of the school year – a month or less for most schools – please start gathering interlibrary loan materials to return to NDSL. The earlier items start making their way back to NDSL, the easier it will be to make sure all materials are returned to their home libraries. Thank you!

# Battle of the Books
## Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

We have had such a great response to starting a Battle of the Books program for North Dakota! This will be a GO for the 2023-2024 school year!

Over the last two weeks, we held several Q&A sessions. I wanted to include some of the questions here for those of you who are maybe on the fence or still thinking about joining.

1. **What will it cost?** I want this program to be as budget-friendly as possible. My goal is to keep the cost down as much as possible. There is no cost to register or to participate. The only costs you might have is purchasing books from the list you don't already have in your collection and/or doing anything extra for your participants (awards, prizes for winners, etc.).

2. **What grade levels?** This first year (2023-2024) will be middle school only. Middle grades include 6th, 7th, and 8th. If your school still considers 6th grade as elementary, you can decide if you want them to compete in the middle grade level or wait until an elementary level is created.

3. **What are the books?** Trying to keep the cost down to a minimum, this year we will utilize titles that most libraries have in their collections. Books chosen will have a variety of genres, formats, and reading levels. I am hoping to have a list finalized by the first week of May. Lists will also be given to local libraries and will be available on Libby.

4. **Do students have to read all the titles?** No. Teams can decide if they want to split the list between members, have all members read all titles, or assign specific ones. If a parent does not want a child to read a specific title, it will not be required of that child to read it.

5. **How do I run it?** This program is extremely flexible – especially at the school level. Some hold morning battles before the first bell, others after school, and some even hold lunch battles! Questions will be sent out in the fall for school battles to begin in January (See the tentative timeline). How you run it at your school is completely up to you! Some do trivia style, jeopardy with buzzers, others do it quiz style with Kahoot or even just good 'ole paper and pencil.

If you have any questions, I invite you to send them my way at **awhitehorn@nd.gov** or 701-328-4663. Official registration is currently open and will remain open until September 30th. (I encourage you to register early as that will help with our planning!) Register **HERE**.

## NoveList

NoveList connects readers to their next book by making recommendations for what to read next. One of the most popular elements is read-alikes, which suggests titles, authors, and series that are "just like" other titles. There are also book discussion guides, curricular connections, and other book-oriented articles, which are perfect for book groups and teachers.

Library usage is a critical component in literacy and educational success, and NoveList provides valuable support. By identifying the right books for every reader, it helps younger readers achieve reading success. Parents, teachers, and students can search by age, reading level, grade, and more.

The State Library is happy to provide your library with NoveList bookmarks in order to help promote this online library resource. Request them today at **https://bit.ly/ndslpaform**. Downloadable materials can be found on the State Library's website at **http://library.nd.gov/PromoNoveList.html**.

For video tutorials on how to use NoveList, including crash courses, how to search, and advanced searching, visit NoveList's YouTube channel at **https://bit.ly/3ID3Slb**.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about NoveList, please contact the State Library at **statelib@nd.gov**.

# Upcoming Webinars

## How to Leverage Your Website to Achieve Your Organization's Goals (TechSoup)
Tuesday, April 25 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Websites are important for nonprofit organizations, but how clearly can you define what your website is doing to advance the goals of your organization? A well-built website rests on the foundation of intentionally set goals and expected outcomes. Whether you are looking to generate awareness, gain new members, or drive donations, your website needs different tools, structures, and functionality in order to be successful.

## FirstSearch Overview (OCLC)
Tuesday, April 25 (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM)

FirstSearch offers a robust searching experience for WorldCat and other databases. In this session, we explore these search capabilities and demonstrate how to use indexes, limiters, and other techniques to obtain optimal search results. This course is for library staff who want to refresh their searching skills in FirstSearch or those who are new to the service and want to explore the functionality available within it.

## Citizen Science and Eclipse Programming (STARNet)
Tuesday, April 25 (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

The 2023 and 2024 solar eclipses are a great opportunity to explore citizen science at your library! Join STAR Net to learn how to incorporate citizen science into your library's eclipse programming as part of the Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries virtual training series.

## Books for Hi-Lo/Reluctant and Struggling Readers (School Library Journal)
Wednesday, May 3 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Tune-in for this presentation of books for reluctant and struggling readers. Publishing insiders from Bellwether Media and Yen Press will join us to present their new and upcoming hi-lo titles, which are designed to engage struggling teen readers by exploring complex, age-appropriate themes at a lower reading level, building their comprehension and fluency skills, ultimately leading to an interest in reading.

## Summer Programming With We Are Water (STARNet)
Wednesday, May 10 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Get some last minute planning ideas connected to the 2023 Collaborative Summer Library Program theme: "All Together Now." The We are Water project celebrates our connections through water. In this webinar you will learn how to inspire community conversations, explore hands-on activities, and recognize our shared values around water and what it means to us.

**Strategic Planning: What Your Library Board Needs to Know (United For Libraries)**
Wednesday, May 17 (1:00 PM - 2:15 PM)

The North Dakota State Library provides **FREE** registration to attend the live webinar and access the on-demand video, so do not purchase registration for this course.
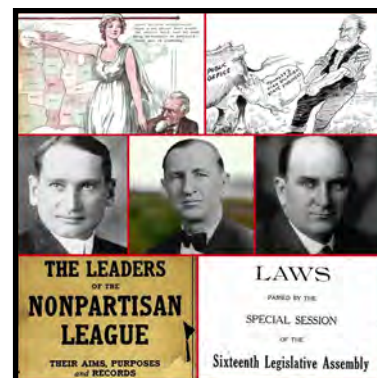
Is your library in the process of creating a strategic plan, or do you need to get your library's Trustees on board with your current plan? How do you know if it's time to have a strategic plan, or redo the one you have? This webinar, presented by Public Library Association Board Member Stephanie Chase of Constructive Disruption, and Maura Deedy, Library Advisory Specialist with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and United for Libraries Board Member, will present an overview of the strategic planning process, the board's role, how to know if and when you should hire a consultant, and more.

## Digital Collection Spotlight
**By Trevor Martinson**

### Political Prairie Fire

The newest collection on Digital Horizons comes from the North Dakota State Library (NDSL). The "Political Prairie Fire" collection is dedicated to the Nonpartisan League (NPL) and Independent Voters Association (IVA) era of North Dakota history, circa the 1910s-1930s. The collection includes many images, documents, videos, books, and cartoons relating to this era of political strife in North Dakota. Thus, it contains internal content digitized by NDSL that is directly hosted within the collection as well as external content contributed by other cultural heritage institutions. Links to the external content are provided within the item records, or they are embedded.

**Consult the finding aid to learn more about this collection
or visit Digital Horizons to start exploring.**


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## Interdisciplinary Instruction:
## School Librarians and English Language Arts Teachers

The last week of interdisciplinary instruction addresses a subject area that most commonly collaborates with school librarians: English Language Arts teachers!

The English Language Arts (ELA) Content Standards currently has its **second draft** posted on DPI's website. (The public survey has closed, and the committee members are currently working on modifications.) With this being a draft, there is some room for changes; however, the overarching strands should remain the same: Foundations of Literacy, Communication, Reading, Writing, and Research and Inquiry. Let's look at some example standards and scenarios of how to address them:

## **Read More**

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## Financial Literacy Month:
## Resources, Games, Books, and Other Tools
### Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Learning about financial literacy doesn't have to be boring! With just a week left in April, here is a list of resources, games, books, and other tools to help you finish financial literacy month strong!

**Resources:**
- **National Endowment for Financial Education**: Provides a wide range of resources for educators and individuals, including lesson plans, articles, and tools for personal finance management.
- **Council for Economic Education**: Offers resources for teachers, including lesson plans, games, and activities to teach economics and personal finance.
- **Jump$tart Coalition**: Provides resources for educators and parents to teach financial literacy to children and teens.
- **Practical Money Skills**: a website that offers free resources and tools for personal finance management, including lesson plans and games.

## **Read More**

Niche Academy Highlight
by Al Peterson

**Category: ODIN Polaris: LEAP and PAC**
**Pathway:** Public Access Catalog (PAC)
**Updated Tutorials:** Public Access Catalog in the ODIN Polaris: LEAP and PAC
If you need to brush up on using the catalog or you are new to using the ODIN catalog, check out these updated tutorials.

Several pathways have some new tutorials added.

**Category: Library 101- Adult Programming**
**New Tutorial:** PCI Reboot Your Book Club
This tutorial shares real examples of out-of-the-box book clubs from around the country that will help you take a fresh look at your own book club offerings.

**Category: Library 101-Cataloging, Collection Development, Automation, and Shelving**
**Pathway:** Collection Development
**New Tutorial:** Collection Development Basics – Ethics
Building a collection isn't easy, especially when your own beliefs might not match patron needs. Learning about the ethics of collection development can help you support your community's intellectual freedom.

**Category: Library 101- Library Directors**
**New Tutorial:** Addressing Microaggressions
**New Tutorial:** Addressing Bullying for Managers
These new Niche Academy-produced tutorials are specifically for managers and directors. As a manager or director, you may have to deal with a workplace bullying situation. While you might hope the situation resolves itself, allowing bullying to continue makes things worse. Understanding microaggressions will help you spot and respond to them so you can make the library an even more welcoming place for everyone.

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## Under Scrutiny: Helping Staff Feel Safe and Empowered in the Face of Book Challenges
### Submitted by Al Peterson

For those who missed the ALA Youth Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) sponsored webinar Under Scrutiny: Helping Staff Feel Safe and Empowered in the Face of Book Challenges held on April 11, 2023, the recording of the presentation is now available at **https://bit.ly/3N1QxYb**. There are also additional resources and the presentation slideshow at **https://bit.ly/43SgmQe**. I would recommend viewing this webinar in its entirety.

## Kit of the Week

# Outdoor Exploration Backpack

Outdoor Exploration Packs are equipped with outdoor educational equipment that will keep kids and adults alike excited and engaged with the world around them.



These kits focus heavily on biology, geology, and hands-on learning. Identification and exploration are the name of the game, and users are encouraged to ask questions and research to find their answers. By encouraging an active lifestyle, these kits will help support brain development, improve literacy, and increase self-esteem.

This kit includes a backpack with two walkie talkies, one compass, one headlamp, one GPS, one jewelers loupe, two hiking stick mud disks, one pair of binoculars, one butterfly net, one magnifying glass, five books, and user manuals and instructions.

Reserve it today at **https://polaris.odinlibrary.org**.

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