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Library Vision Grant Opportunities

- **Collection Development Grant for New Collections**
- **Makerspace Grant**
- **Programming Grant**

Application Period:
July 1-31, 2023

Award Date:
August 31, 2023

Grant Period:
Varies

Final Report Due:
Varies

Collection Development Grant for New Collections

The purpose of this grant is to expand collection development for libraries. Libraries must use grant funds to develop a new collection for their library. To further meet the needs of their patrons and move into the future, libraries are encouraged to purchase materials that include formats beyond traditional books.

- Application period: July 1–July 31, 2023
- Award date: August 31, 2023
- Grant Period: September 1–December 31, 2023
- Final report due: March 31, 2024

Makerspace Grant

Makerspaces allow people with shared interests in STEAM activities to create projects using shared space, equipment, and knowledge. This grant supports the ability to add new STEAM experiences in the library setting.

- Application period: July 1–July 31, 2023
- Award date: August 31, 2023
- Grant Period: September 1–February 29, 2024
- Final report due: May 31, 2024

Programming Grant The purpose of this grant is to support the development of new programs or the enhancement of existing programs in North Dakota libraries.

- Application period: July 1–July 31, 2023
- Award date: August 31, 2023
- Grant Period: September 1–March 31, 2024
- Final report due: June 30, 2024

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ALA and the FINRA Foundation invite public libraries to apply to receive a **Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit**, a collection of expertly vetted resources to help libraries offer financial education for children ages 3 to 12, both in the library and in children's homes.

Approximately 200 public libraries will be selected to receive a Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit (estimated kit value: \$2,000). Libraries will keep all kit contents after the grant period ends.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Libraries in the News

[How does the library decide which books to buy? \(Williston Herald\)](#)

With a limited budget and thousands of people to please, Williston Community Library works hard to stay up to date on the materials it adds to its collection and which it weeds out to make room for more.

[Library board tours buildings to explore expansion of Alfred Dickey \(Jamestown Sun\)](#)

Several members of the James River Valley Library System Board of Directors toured the Maranatha building and the Masonic Temple for potential sites for an expansion of Alfred Dickey Public Library.

["Library of Things" keeping Bismarck entertained \(KX News\)](#)

When you think of a library, you might not associate it with things such as life jackets. However, the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is changing that.

[Summer Reading Event Offers Books, Music, Art, Outdoor Fun \(NDDPI\)](#)

State School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler says a new Summer Reading Initiative offers students and their families an opportunity to meet North Dakota children's authors, get a free book, listen to music, and take part in interactive art projects.

The kickoff event is scheduled for 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, on the state Capitol mall (the lawn on the south side of the building).

[West Fargo Public Library host hygiene product drive for those in need \(Fargo Forum\)](#)

Since the beginning of June, the West Fargo Public Library has been collecting hygiene products for local shelters and is still accepting donations until July 31.

Congressional App Challenge

The U.S. House of Representatives has launched the 2023 Congressional App Challenge. The competition deadline is November 1, 2023, at 12:00 PM ET.

Every year, students are challenged to create and submit their original apps for a chance to win the Congressional App Challenge. The U.S. Representatives publicly recognize the winning teams, and each winning app may be put on display in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year. Additional prizes may be available.

The Congressional App Challenge's mission is to inspire, include, and innovate efforts around STEM, coding, and computer science education.

[Learn More and Register](#)

I Partner With My Public Library Award

Has a community partner made a difference by collaborating with your public library? The I Partner With My Public Library Award invites you to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public library partners. Each year, up to 10 partners are honored at a ceremony held in their honor.

This award exists to publicly celebrate those individuals, businesses, and organizations that make a difference by teaming up with public libraries.

Submitting a nomination is the perfect way to thank your library's partners. Any public library partner anywhere in the world is eligible.

[Learn More and Submit a Nomination](#)

Digital Dimension

By Trevor Martinson

Software Overview: Viewers

Continuing with the occasional overviews of software, this month's column will focus on viewers. A "viewer" is a basic software with limited capabilities. Its main focus, you guessed it, is to view or display the item. Most operating systems (like Windows) will have their own default viewers for you to use. However, these can often be underwhelming.

There are many free and open source viewers available that are more robust or user-friendly than the stock ones. Some of them even offer numerous plug-ins or add-ons for additional features. Most of these viewers focus on particular formats: image, audio and video, and documents.

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SEAL: Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries Glasses

With an Annular Solar Eclipse in 2023 and a Total Solar Eclipse in 2024, the STAR Library Education Network's *SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries)* initiative (with major funding support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation) is distributing approximately 5 million solar eclipse viewing glasses to libraries in all 50 states and all US territories and protectorates.

[Register Your Library](#)

STATE AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

By Al Peterson

Department of Agriculture's Local Foods

Now that Summer is upon us and the weather is nice, farmers markets are starting up again. At these markets, shoppers can sample and purchase local foods grown, produced, or processed in their own communities. Agriculture is North Dakota's leading industry. With that in mind, it's easy to understand why there are many people and groups involved with our local foods. The ND Dept of Agriculture has helped lead the local foods movement since August 2008, with great support and partnership from [farmers markets](#), [Farm to School](#) initiatives, specialty crop groups, and numerous rural communities. How can you find these markets or direct your patrons to them? The ND Department of Agriculture Local Foods has an [Online Local Food Directory Map](#) that is a great place to start looking! There are even more resources, such as North Dakota Vendor Rules, Poultry Slaughter, Processing, and Sales Guidelines, information about The North Dakota Farmers Market & Growers Association, and more.

[Learn More](#)

Universal Class Top 10 Courses

Universal Class offers over 600 online courses with both CEU and audit options, covering career training, hobbies, health, and more.

May's Top 10 Active Courses

1. **Basic Math 101**
2. **Salem Witch Trials**
3. **Basic English Speaking Skills**
4. **Typing and Keyboarding 101**
5. **Serial Killers 101**
6. **Introduction to Gardening**
7. **Cybersecurity 101**
8. **Anti Aging Techniques**
9. **History's Greatest Conspiracies**
10. **Bible Stories**

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Mango's Top 10 Languages

Mango Languages offers users the chance to learn and practice over 70 languages, including ESL for 20 different native languages.

May's Top 10 Languages

1. **Chinese, Mandarin**
2. **French**
3. **Spanish, Latin American**
4. **English**
5. **Russian**
6. **Arabic, Levantine**
7. **Norwegian**
8. **Dutch**
9. **Portuguese, Brazilian**
10. **Korean**

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Upcoming WebJunction Webinars

[Low Morale in Libraries: Impacts and Countermeasures](#)

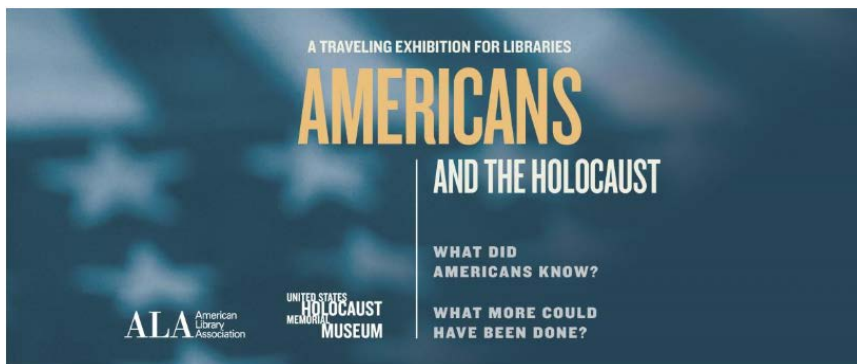
Thursday, June 29 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

[Designing for Diversity in Your Library's Communications](#)

Thursday, July 13 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

[Sustainability 101](#)

Tuesday, July 18 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)



The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office present ***Americans and the Holocaust***, a traveling exhibition that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

The special library exhibition — based on the exhibition at the USHMM in Washington, D.C. — will travel to 50 U.S. public and academic libraries from 2021 to 2023. The extension of the exhibition will travel to another 50 U.S. public and academic libraries from 2024 to 2026.

[Learn More and Apply](#)



CELEBRATING THE

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2023 NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

PBS Books and PBS stations around the country are hosting ten virtual talks with Library of Congress National Book Festival authors starting July 20

PBSbooks.org/LOCBookFest23

Library of Congress National Book Festival Partners with PBS Books to Share Voices from the Festival with Viewers Nationwide

Book lovers across the nation can join the 2023 Library of Congress National Book Festival on PBS Books, which will host a series of virtual interviews with some of the festival's featured authors beginning July 20 in partnership with PBS stations across the country.

This marks the eighth collaboration between the Library of Congress National Book Festival and PBS Books, a national programming initiative produced by Detroit Public Television. The 2023 series features interviews with authors including Claribel A. Ortega, Shelby Van Pelt, Tananarive Due, S.A. Cosby, Luis Alberto Urrea, Beverly Gage, T.J. Klune, Matthew Desmond, Héctor Tobar, Angeline Boulley and Trang Thanh Tran.

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Kit of the Week

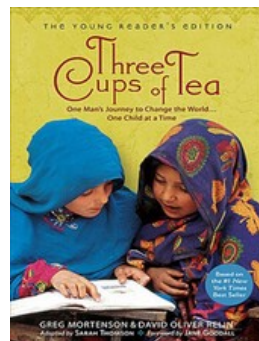
Book Club Kit:

"Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson

This young readers edition of "Three Cups of Tea" has been specially adapted for younger readers and updated by Greg Mortenson to bring his remarkable story of humanitarianism up to date for the present. Includes new photos and illustrations, as well as a special interview by Greg's twelve-year-old daughter, Amira, who has traveled with her father as an advocate for the Pennies for Peace program for children.

For ages 9-11.

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



[Reserve This Kit](#)