

## Library Vision Grant Opportunities

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) are happy to announce the next round of grants opening on July 1:

- [Collection Development Grant for New Collections](#)
- [Makerspace Grant](#)
- [Programming Grant](#)

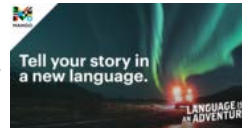
These reimbursable grants are available for all eligible libraries, including public libraries that have met the Developing level of the Standards for Public Libraries, Tribal libraries, and publicly funded libraries. Grant recipients must attend or view the **current** NDSL Library Vision Grant webinar, which is available on the [State Library's YouTube Channel](#).

Be sure to read the guidelines for more information about each grant on the State Library's website. If you have any questions or need assistance with your grant application, please contact James Murphy at [nds-lid@nd.gov](mailto:nds-lid@nd.gov) or 701-328-3495.



## Icelandic

June 17 marked Icelandic National Day, which is celebrated every year to commemorate the establishment of a republic in Iceland in 1944. This day is also the birthday of Jón Sigurðsson (1811-1879), Iceland's main hero of independence.



Mango Languages includes over 70 languages, including Icelandic. Learn with practical conversation-based methodology while culture and grammar notes provide context and insights. Practice speaking, access pronunciation tools, and record your voice and align it to compare it to the native speaker.

### Reference:

"National Day of Iceland." *Visit Reykjavik*, [visitreykjavik.is/national-day-iceland](http://visitreykjavik.is/national-day-iceland). Accessed 19 June 2023.

[Learn A New Language](#)

## Upcoming Webinar Opportunities

[Public Library Services for Strong Communities: Results from PLA's 2022 Survey \(Public Library Association\)](#)

Tuesday, July 11 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[2023 NK360° Summer Series: Selecting Indigenous Images for Your Classroom \(National Museum of the American Indian\)](#)

Tuesdays, July 11 and 18 (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

[Introducing the "Going Home: Returning Material Culture to Native Communities" Fund \(Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums\)](#)

Tuesday, July 25 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

# Libraries in the News

## [Fargo Public Library brings the circus to town \(Fargo Forum\)](#)

"Musician, actress and former "Under the Big Top" ringmaster Aimee Klein put on a show for the kids at the Fargo Public Library on Monday, June 26..."

## [West Fargo Library Hygiene Drive \(Valley News Live\) \(Video\)](#)

"The West Fargo Public Library is preparing to host a hygiene drive to support area shelters for the summer months. Kirsten is here to give all the details..."

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## The Fight Against Book Bans: How Do We Move Forward?

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

This webinar, presented by Dr. Shannon M. Oltmann and sponsored by Niche Academy, discussed a hot topic in librarianship: resource challenges. (I refer to it as "resource challenges" because, while books are often the biggest targets, other library materials and displays can also come under fire.)

As gathered by ALA, 2021 witnessed 1858 titles challenged. The following year saw an increase to 2571 titles (Garcia, 2023). (These numbers only involve the cases reported to ALA. It is unknown how many unreported challenges have occurred.) Most challenged materials entail LGBTQIA+ writers, characters, or topics, or are written by or about people of color. Library resource challenges are a problem across the country. Challenges can come with several consequences, including a drop in staff morale, threats to staff safety, a decrease in access of materials from a variety of viewpoints, and library defunding.

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## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

By Tammy Kruger

### National Culture Consciousness Week

July 1-7, 2023

Culture is a large part of societies. Celebrating those cultures shows a sense of pride, tradition, and unity among a group of people. This EDI article focuses on the National Culture Consciousness Week of the Philippines. (One note: Filipino American History Month is also a celebration and is more commonly acknowledged in the United States. This holiday occurs in October.)

The Philippines, or Republic of the Philippines, is a collection of over 7000 islands in Southeast Asia. While the people of all these islands go by the nationality of Filipinos, they practice a wide variety of cultures, ethnic groups, and languages (National, n.d.).

The Philippines has spent much of its documented existence under the rule of others. From the mid-16th century (approximately 1565), the Philippines was under Spanish rule. In fact, it took its name from Spanish monarch, King Phillip II (Dumaraos, 2022; National, n.d.). In 1898, after the Spanish-American War, the Philippines fell under American colonization. Finally, in 1946, these islands became an independent country (National, n.d.). National Culture Consciousness Week, established by the signing of [Proclamation 1148](#) in 1973, is part of the celebration of that independence (National, n.d.).

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## WebJunction Topic Area

Submitted by AI Peterson

Library staff must be competent in a broad range of knowledge and skills to run an effective library. This ever-growing collection of resources, found in WebJunction, covers the spectrum of the most critical topics for those working in the library profession today. These resources were freely contributed by WebJunction members, libraries and library organizations, and other experts in the field. Documents, articles, handouts, webinar archives, links to other online services and information, plus the latest news are all gathered at <https://www.webjunction.org/explore-topics.html>. If you are searching for professional development and training, this is a great place to look!



**ABOUT US:**  
The Congressional App Challenge (CAC) is a public effort to encourage kids to learn how to code through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their districts.

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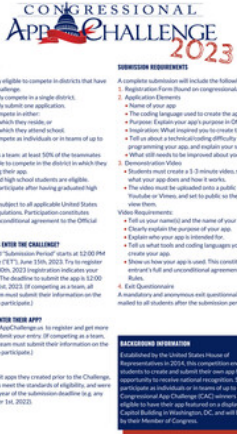
**WEBSITE:**  
<http://www.congressionalappchallenge.org>

### CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE 2023

#### RULES AND GUIDELINES

**HERE'S HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

- REGISTER**  
Starting Thursday, June 15th, 2023, you can register at CongressionalAppChallenge.us. The Challenge will run until November 1st, 2023.
- THINK OF AN APP YOU'D LIKE TO CREATE**  
Do you want to create a game? Do you want to create an app to solve a problem? There is no limit to what you can create for the Congressional App Challenge.
- DESIGN YOUR APP**  
What will your app look like? What does it need to accomplish?
- CREATE YOUR APP**  
You can work on your own, or as part of a team of up to four students. Find resources to help you on our website CongressionalAppChallenge.us.
- SUBMIT!**  
Submit your app anytime before November 1st. Winners will be announced in December.



**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

- Students are only eligible to compete in districts that have signed up for the Challenge.
- Students may only compete in a single district.
- Students may only submit one application.
- Students may compete as an individual or in teams of up to four.
- The district in which they reside, or
- The district in which they attend school.
- Students may compete as an individual or in teams of up to four.
- If competing as a team, at least 50% of the team must be eligible to compete in the district in which they are submitting their app.
- Middle school and high school students are eligible. Students may not participate after leaving an enrolled high school.
- The Challenge is subject to all applicable United States federal laws and regulations. Participation constitutes consent to all applicable laws and regulations.

**WHEN CAN STUDENTS ENTER THE CHALLENGE?**  
The registration and "Submission Period" starts at 12:00 PM (local Eastern Time ET/PT), June 15th, 2023. To be eligible to participate, the deadline to submit the app is 12:00 PM ET/PT November 1st, 2023. If competing as a team, all members of the team must submit their information on the registration form to participate.

**HOW DO STUDENTS ENTER THEIR APP?**  
Visit CongressionalAppChallenge.us to register and get more details on how to submit your entry. If competing as a team, all members of the team must submit their information on the registration form to participate.

**NOTES:**  
Participants may submit apps they created prior to the Challenge, as long as their apps meet the challenge's eligibility, and were created within one year of the submission deadline (e.g. any time after November 1st, 2022).

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Complete submission form (includes the following components):
  - Registration Form (found on [congressionalappchallenge.us](http://congressionalappchallenge.us))
  - Application Elements:
    - Name of your app
    - The coding language used to create the app
    - Purpose: Explain your app's purpose in ONE sentence
    - Inspiration: What inspired you to create this app?
      - Full or partial mechanical coding difficulty you faced in programming your app, and explain your solution.
      - What still needs to be improved about your app?
    - Demonstration Video:
      - Students must create a 3-minute video, showcasing what your app does and how it works.
      - The video must be uploaded to a public site like YouTube or Vimeo, and set to public, so the judges can view them.
  - Video Requirements:
    - Tell us your name(s) and the name of your app.
    - Clearly explain the purpose of your app.
    - Explain how your app is intended for.
    - Tell us what tools and coding languages you used to create your app.
    - Show us how your app is used. This constitutes the student's full and unconditional agreement to the Official Rules.
  - Exit Questionnaire:
    - A mandatory and anonymous exit questionnaire will be emailed to all students after the submission period closes.

# Talking Book Update

## New USPS Policy: Additional Options in Mail Pickup of NLS Materials

Since the pandemic, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has instituted new policies for picking up packages, such as Braille and digital books. When you want to return materials to the library by postage-free mail, you may need to schedule a pickup. You can do so by completing the short online form at <https://tools.usps.com/schedule-pickup-steps.htm>. You might be able to streamline the process by speaking with your mail carrier directly. Thank you for taking this step to ensure the timely return of Braille and digital books to the library!

Learn More About The Talking Book Program

# Kit of the Week

## Outdoor Game: Ladder Toss

Ladder toss is a family-friendly game that is great for honing the entire family's math and science skills. This game is also known as ladder golf and ladder ball. Practice keeping score, measuring probability, and mentally calculating angles, distance, force, and momentum. It also strengthens skills and allows for opportunities for tangible and engaged learning for all ages and interest levels.



This kit includes one bag, six bolos, six scoring rungs, 22 plastic pipes, two scoring pipes with trackers, 12 "T" shaped connectors, 12 elbow connectors, and a folder with instructions.

[Learn More About This Kit](#)

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