



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

Come Join Us for Our 2023 Summer Conference!

Stronger Libraries. Stronger Communities.
North Dakota Heritage Center, located on the State Capitol Grounds
August 7th, 8th, and 9th

We are back in person! The last time we hosted an in-person workshop was in 2019. Then, the Covid-19 Pandemic happened along with the mask mandates, the distancing protocols, and the cancellations of conferences and workshops, etc. Through the pandemic, we all learned to adapt, change our attitudes, look at things differently, and become Resilient. Our Summer Conference, Stronger Libraries, Stronger Communities, builds on the mental toughness we all developed after 2020 and strengthens us for the challenges that lie before us. Join us as we gather in person for discovery, inspiration, and camaraderie. Together let us build stronger libraries and stronger communities.

Take a Look and Mend a Book with Sarah and Virginia

Do you have library books that come back with a torn page, pages falling out, or the text block pulling away from the spine? We have two workshops, one on Monday and one on Wednesday, that will teach you how to repair your materials. These two-hour, hands-on workshops led by librarians from the North Dakota State Archives will provide you an opportunity to bring some books from your library that need some TLC. If you don't have books to bring, don't worry. Books for practicing repairs will be available.

[Register Today](#)

Be Fierce: How to Harness Your Power for Your Libraries

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

This ALA session addressed the very timely topic of supporting library programs and librarians through today's political and social landscape. Two school librarians (Jamie M. Gregory of South Carolina and Lindsey Kimery of Tennessee) and a library trustee (Chris Chanyasultkit of Massachusetts) spoke of their experiences with challenges and advocacy. This session was moderated by Lauren Trujillo, a Library Foundation Director in California.

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Libraries in the News

[2023 Core PR Xchange Award Winners Announced \(ALA\)](#)

"The Core PR Xchange Committee is delighted to announce the winners of this year's PR Xchange Awards Competition. This year, we have awarded 27 print winners and 34 electronic winners..."

External Communications: Grand Forks Public Library (\$1 - \$5 million) *tie
Blog: LEGO & Libraries: The Building Blocks of Imagination

[First annual Wellness Fair held at Morton Mandan Public Library \(KFYR\)](#)

Health advocates came together on Saturday in Mandan to promote health and build community. The Studio Wellness Community of Mandan and the Morton Mandan Public Library collaborated on the event on Saturday after doing other events in the past. Different wellness vendors were on hand showcasing information on healing and ways to live a healthier lifestyle. Members of the community were also able to participate in different classes such as yoga led by The Studio owner Keri Vammer.

[Miss Sparkles' outdoor storytime in Bismarck is still a hit, even after the pandemic \(KFYR\)](#)

COVID required many of us to stay socially distant, wear masks, and limit social gatherings. Many of these restrictions have since been lifted, but one Bismarck-area mandate proved to be so popular, it's still being practiced today.

"The sun is shining and I'm feelin' alright," said Miss Sparkles.

[Talon Metals supports library project \(Central Nordak\)](#)

New windows are coming into the Hazen Public Library, thanks in part to a generous match from Talon Metals in covering the costs of replacement.

Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

Some new tutorials were recently added to Niche Academy.

Category Library 101 – Library Directors

New Tutorial: Sexual Harassment Claims and Recognizing Sexual Harassment

These tutorials address the issue of sexual harassment in the workplace and how to respond to sexual harassment complaints.

New Tutorial: Incident Reporting for Libraries

This tutorial covers how to record events and interactions that are out of the ordinary or violate library policies.

Category Library 101 - Inclusion, Diversity, Equality, and Accessibility

New Tutorial: Handling Difficult Conversations About Race

Talking about race is difficult and uncomfortable, but it is an important part of working towards equity.

Category Library 101- Issues Libraries are Facing

New Tutorial: Addressing Library Anxiety

Being uncomfortable, fearful, or overwhelmed by the library or research process is called library anxiety. As librarians, we have probably met someone with library anxiety, and this tutorial examines this issue.

New Tutorial: Cultural Competence for Librarians

Cultural competence is recognizing that different people have different cultures important to them. It's about being open-minded, curious, and interested in others.

New Tutorial: Niche Academy Webinar- Disability Accommodations in Libraries

This tutorial discusses the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), how the accommodations process works, as well as issues surrounding the process.

Category Library 101 – Adult Programming

New Tutorial: Building Community Through Book Clubs

This tutorial discusses how book clubs bring people together for the love of books and reading.

[Learn More](#)

Literacy in America: The Science of Reading

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

What does the success of our future generations look like when only 31% of 4th-grade North Dakota students are considered proficient readers (Ellis, C., et.al)? Last week, I shared a report from the National Council on Teacher Quality highlighting the statistics from North Dakota. If you missed the report, you can find it [here](#). The report analyzes state teacher preparation programs and how they align to the Science of Reading (SoR). Over the next several weeks, I will be sharing what the Science of Reading is, what the report says about ND, what SoR looks like in the classroom, and how library media specialists can partner with classroom teachers to provide more support during and after instruction.

Before we can talk about the report, it's crucial to understand what exactly is the Science of Reading? According to an article from the Institute of Multi-Sensory Education, the Science of Reading is "a comprehensive body of research that encompasses years of scientific knowledge, spans across many languages, and shares the contributions of experts from relevant disciplines such as education, special education, literacy, psychology, neurology, and more" (Ordetx). Rather than a canned curriculum or a one-size-fits-all process, SoR takes years and years of reading instruction and research to provide evidence-based principles for a framework of best practices and methods. Most recently, education has seen a surge of SoR talk and resources. To understand the context for this surge, we need to take a trip down memory lane.

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Upcoming Free Webinars

[The 5 Most Common Mistakes Supervisors Make \(GovLoop\)](#)

Monday, July 31 (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

[Understanding Intellectual Freedom and Censorship \(Niche Academy\)](#)

Wednesday, August 2 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Staff-Led Strategic Planning - A Roadmap to Success \(Niche Academy\)](#)

Wednesday, August 9 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[AI and Libraries: Enhancing Services and Engaging Communities \(WebJunction\)](#)

Wednesday, August 9 (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM)

[Climate Action Planning \(Part 1\): An Introduction \(WebJunction\)](#)

Wednesday, August 16 (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM)

[Fighting for the First \(Niche Academy\)](#)

Wednesday, August 16 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Libraries Helping Refugees and New Immigrants Learn the US Financial System \(WebJunction\)](#)

Tuesday, August 22 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

[Reducing Burnout for Academic Library Workers who have Complicated Lives \(AKA: Everybody\) \(Niche Academy\)](#)

Wednesday, August 30 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Future-Proof Your Library \(Niche Academy\)](#)

Wednesday, September 6 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[The Basics of Helping Library Patrons with Social Media \(Niche Academy\)](#)

Wednesday, September 13 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Transforming Libraries Through Trauma-Informed Services \(Niche Academy\)](#)

Wednesday, September 20 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Climate Action Planning \(Part 2\): Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience \(WebJunction\)](#)

Tuesday, September 26 (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM)

[Revitalizing Your Library Faculty Governance \(Niche Academy\)](#)

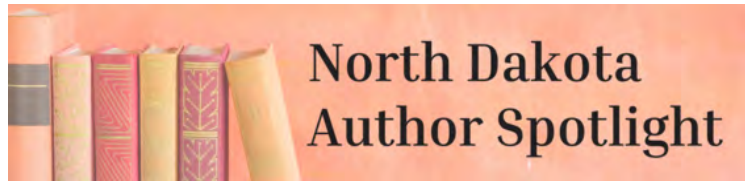
Wednesday, September 27 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[SLJ Day of Dialog \(School Library Journal\)](#)

Thursday, October 12 (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Concordia Student Newspaper

The "Concordian Student Newspaper" is a student-run publication that began in 1920. This collection includes all issues of the paper from 1920-present. Originally a monthly publication, the newspaper quickly became a popular source for campus and world news and grew to a weekly publication during the academic year. While this collection no longer publishes in a physical format, it is still published weekly online with articles paired together in "issues." Each consecutive year publishes more news relevant to Concordia College and the wider, global community. This collection is provided by Concordia College, and it's available on [Digital Horizons](#).



North Dakota Author Spotlight

Melanie Nilles, aka M. A. Nilles

Melanie Nilles is a science fiction and fantasy writer from North Dakota. Nilles has written the following books, which are available to be checked out at the State Library:

- At the Water's Edge
- Awakening
- Beneath the Crashing Waves
- Dragon Prophecy
- Enlightenment
- Eternal
- Fireblood
- Legend of the White Dragon
- Metamorphosis
- Spirit Blade
- Tiger Born

If you are interested in a YA series set partly in North Dakota, check out Starfire Angels: Dark Angel Chronicles. You can request it through interlibrary loan.

[Learn More About Melanie Nilles](#)



"This Heart of Mine" by C.C. Hunter

Seventeen-year-old Leah MacKenzie is heartless. An artificial heart in a backpack is keeping her alive. However, this route only offers her a few years. And with her rare blood type, a transplant isn't likely. Living like you are dying isn't all it's cracked up to be. But when a heart becomes available, she's given a second chance at life. Except Leah discovers who the donor was — a boy from her school — and they're saying he killed himself. Plagued with dreams since the transplant, she realizes she may hold the clues to what really happened. Matt refuses to believe his twin killed himself. When Leah seeks him out, he learns they are both having similar dreams, and he's certain it means something. While unraveling the secrets of his brother's final moments, Leah and Matt find each other and a love they are terrified to lose. But life and even new hearts don't come with guarantees. Who knew living took more courage than dying?



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

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