NDDPI Summer Reading Program Grant

By Lexi Whitehorn

Don't forget about DPI's grant. If you did any kind of summer reading program or single event, I highly encourage you to apply. Information can be found on DPI's Website. Please note that the deadline for this is August 25.

To be eligible for the grant, libraries will need to describe their event(s), what they entailed, and how many PK-12-aged children participated. Grants rewarded may be tied to the percentage of participants who completed the challenge.

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Libraries in the News

Author section named after Larry Woiwode at Jamestown library (Jamestown Sun)
"Alfred Dickey Public Library has created a section named after a late North Dakota poet laureate to highlight local authors who have a strong connection to the Jamestown area..."

Bismarck Public Library offers much more than books (Studio 701)
"The library is mostly known for books, but it offers so much more. Board games, disc golf sets, fishing poles, life jackets, and more are available to check out at the Bismarck Public Library..."

Librarians breathe sigh of relief as new North Dakota library law has little effect (Fargo Forum)
"When new West Fargo Public Library Director Jenna Kahly takes the helm in the coming weeks, she will be busy ensuring the city's lone library is keeping up with the growing town, but one thing she may be able to cross off her to-do list is ensuring the library is in compliance with the latest round of laws passed by the state legislature..."

North Dakota Battle of the Books

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

It's time to register! The 2023-2024 ND Battle of the Books (NDBOB) season officially starts this month! What is NDBOB? ND Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading program for kids in grades 6-8. Students form teams, read a predetermined list of books, and compete against other teams in a trivia-style competition.

Registration is open for schools with grades 6-8, and it closes September 30th. There is no fee to participate. If your school is interested in participating, please register at **https://forms.office.com/g/PC9FPQwVwM**.

For more information, please visit **https://ndbattleofthebooks.wordpress.com/**. Here you can find the list of titles, resources to help you get started, and much more. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at **awhitehorn@nd.gov**.

Find Out More

Software Overview: Notepad++

A wonderful software to have in the digital projects toolbelt is **Notepad++**. Notepad++ (pronounced "Notepad plus plus") is a text editor. It's like the stock Notepad program on Windows, but it has much more capabilities. Notepad++ is highly useful when working with text and/or metadata.

It is a source code editor and Notepad replacement that supports several languages. It supports tabbed editing, which allows working with multiple open files in a single window. And it is completely FREE.

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North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

Did you know there are eighty-nine public-use airports and eight commercial air carrier airports in North Dakota? Care to guess how many registered aircraft there are in North Dakota? North Dakota airports support more than 12,000 jobs throughout the state.

For this month's state agency highlight, I would like to introduce you to the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission, a statewide voice for aviation. Established in 1947 by the State Legislature, the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission provides representation of the state in aviation matters and has responsibility for the state's aviation programs and regulatory framework.

The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission supports aviation activities in the state through communication with state, local, and Federal Aviation Association (FAA) officials, congressional offices, and national aviation groups. The commission is responsible for administering North Dakota's laws regarding the registration of aircraft, aircraft dealers, aerial applicators, and the collection of aircraft excise tax. The Aeronautics Commission provides grant funding for airport infrastructure projects and manages aviation education initiatives and programs throughout the state. The office also provides airport planning services, helps to maintain the state's Automated Weather Observation Systems (AWOS), and provides airport inspections for the general aviation airports.

Their website has information about aircraft registration, aerial applicator licensing, flight training assistance programs, studies conducted by the commission, information and regulations about Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drones), and much, much more.

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Teens Read Challenge

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

ND Teens Read Challenge 2023-2024 is a reading challenge that libraries can use with their patrons ages 10-19. The challenge consists of ten categories, and teens read books to fit each of those categories. Simple, easy, and ready to go!

If you use Beanstack, there is a challenge that teens can register for. I am working with Beanstack to figure out how to share it with libraries that have their own account. This would make an excellent passive program, and libraries are free to modify it to fit their needs. If you have any questions, please e-mail Lexi at **awhitehorn@nd.gov**.

Find Out More

By Tammy Kruger

Book Review: "Leading for School Librarians: There is No Other Option" by Hilda K. Weisburg

This week's Teaching Tidbit will be a book review of **Hilda K. Weisburg's** *Leading for School Librarians: There is No Other Option*.

Summary

Hilda K. Weisburg is a former school librarian. Since 1979, she has been writing informational texts for her fellow librarians, as well as conducting presentations across the United States.

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By BreAnne Meier

E-mail Marketing Platforms

According to Statista, there were four billion global e-mail users in 2020, and that number is expected to climb in the future. With approximately 306 billion e-mails sent and received every day worldwide in 2020, e-mail marketing could be a great way to reach your patrons.

If your library is looking into e-mail marketing, there are many platform options to choose from. Please note that the following is not an endorsement and is definitely not an exhaustive list. It should only be used as a starting point. There may be other options that would make better sense for your library's needs. These options are also not in any type of order except alphabetical.
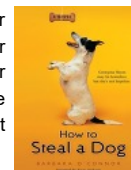
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- **Constant Contact**
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"How to Steal a Dog" by Barbara O'Connor

Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation and unwilling to accept her overworked mother's calls for patience, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer. Target Audience: Ages 8-12

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

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