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## Ethnic NewsWatch

Submitted by Kathy Jo Cline

If you are looking for comprehensive information on ethnicities, ethnic studies, or minority groups, then access [Ethnic NewsWatch](#). This resource extensively reports on ethnic and minority groups by providing perspectives that aren't generally addressed in mainstream news content or found in any other database. Through various types of sources such as blogs, podcasts, newspapers, magazines, trade and scholarly journals, reports, and several other formats the Ethnic NewsWatch database provides access to more than 2.5 million full text articles from over 500 publications. Click on this link to view a complete [list of publication titles](#) offered in this resource.

Ethnic NewsWatch holds the largest full-text archive of Native American publications as well as scholarly information on Jewish, African American, and Hispanic American ethnic studies. This exceptional online resource also provides access to over 300,000 articles dated between 1959-1989 in its historical file. These articles include primary source material on topics such as the Vietnam War protests, civil rights movement, immigration law, and migrant workers. Ethnic NewsWatch also offers almost a quarter of its collection in Spanish.

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**Digital Dimension**

By Trevor Martinson

## TIFF

In a [previous article of this column](#), I highlighted two common file formats for images: JPEG (or JPG) and PNG. In that article, I alluded to another file format, which deserves equal recognition: TIFF.

TIFF (or TIF) stands for Tagged Image File Format. Incredibly, the format has existed for nearly 40 years, having been created in the mid-1980s. Equally as impressive, the latest update for the format (version 6.0), was released over 30 years ago in the early 1990s. According to the third edition (May 2023) of the "[Technical Guidelines for Digitizing Cultural Heritage Materials](#)" of the [Federal Agencies Digital Guidelines Initiative](#) (FADGI), the "go-to master file format for still digital imaging has been TIFF v6 for decades."

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# Libraries in the News

## [Used book sale happening at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.](#)

"The Fall Used Book Sale is being hosted by the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library once again. According to a news release, the sale is happening in the library's meeting rooms from October 5-7..."

## [Valley City Barnes County Public Library Celebrating 120 Years \(NewsDakota.com\)](#)

"The Valley City Barnes County Public Library is celebrating 120 years! The library is inviting the community to come and celebrate the 120th anniversary of the library and the Grand Opening of Di's Den..."

## [Williston Community Library hosts "Songs & Stories of the American West" Concert \(RoundUp\)](#)

"Two troubadours are coming to Williston for an evening of contemporary folk and western music at the Williston Community Library on Tuesday, October 3..."



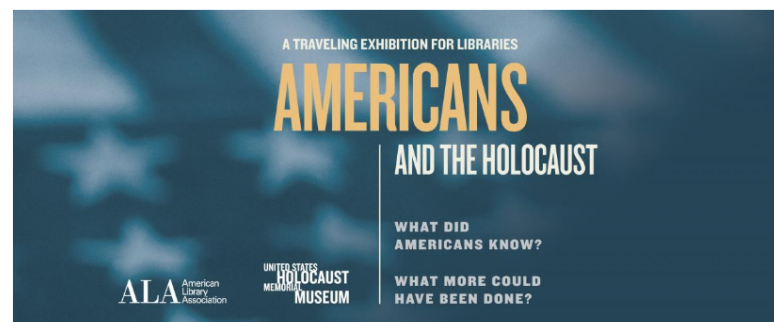
## Innovate ND

The North Dakota Department of Commerce is pleased to announce the launch of the revised Innovate North Dakota grant reimbursement program designed to help North Dakota entrepreneurs further their business by supporting customer and market research. Innovate North Dakota is a voucher reimbursement program to help North Dakota entrepreneurs further their business by supporting customer and market research. Through expert guidance from business coaches at Entrepreneurial Centers located in Bismarck, Jamestown, Fargo, and Grand Forks, Innovate ND provides the entrepreneurial community of North Dakota the resources needed to help turn an innovative idea into a profitable business. The program goals are:

- Grow the entrepreneurial ecosystem in North Dakota and enhance economic development and economic diversity in the state.
- Educate and assist participants on the lean business model canvas, value proposition, and customer identification.
- Assist participants to validate their product and market by tracking metrics such as investment, sales, or customer interviews.
- Support the development of new, innovative businesses with clear potential for Primary Sector Certification.

Each participant is eligible for up to \$22,500 in reimbursable expenses through two phases offering \$7,500 and \$15,000, respectively. The participant has up to three months per phase, for a total of six months, to complete all requirements of the program.

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## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

By Tammy Kruger

### Sukkot

#### What is Sukkot?

Sukkot is a seven-day celebration of the fall harvest. It follows five days after Yom Kippur. In 2023, Sukkot lasts the evening of September 29th through the evening of October 6th. "Sukkot" translates to "huts" or "booths" in Hebrew. This holiday ties into the forty years the Israelites spent wandering the desert and the temporary dwellings they used. Sukkot encourages joy, humility, and trust in God (Himeles, 2023).

Jewish Voice further explains Sukkot in this short [video](#).

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## Author Information & Interviews

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- [Nasuḡraq Rainey Hopson](#), an Iñupiaq author and illustrator from the North Slope of Alaska, wrote [Eagle Drums](#), a mythological story for middle school readers. While it took Hopson almost a decade to write her debut novel, the title [sold out at a book signing](#) just after being released on September 12, 2023. (Source: Yelverton, Lex. (2023, Sept. 17). *Iñupiaq author and illustrator's book "Eagle Drums" sell out at book signing*. Alaska's News Source. [Iñupiaq author and illustrator's book "Eagle Drums" sells out at book signing \(alaskasnewsresource.com\)](#).)
- Lois Ehlert, illustrator of well-known books such as *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *Feathers for Lunch*, *Color Zoo*, *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf*, and numerous more works, died in May 2021. Even after her death, Lois's talent for creating handmade collage artwork found its way into one final book *Red & Green*. Read how [...Lois Ehlert's last book](#) came to be published September 12, 2023. (Source: Saxon, Antonia. (2023, Sept. 12). *Finishing Lois Ehlert's last book*. Publishers Weekly. [Finishing Lois Ehlert's Last Book \(publishersweekly.com\)](#).)
- *Deborah Hopkinson*, author of numerous books for young readers, has five new titles being released this fall. [Click](#) to read about Deborah's writing process and inspirations for her works. (Source: Roper, Ingrid. (2023, Sept. 19). *Q & A with Deborah Hopkinson*. Publishers Weekly. [Q & A with Deborah Hopkinson \(publishersweekly.com\)](#).)
- In his article, [Jorge Cham on Using Humor to Make STEM Accessible and Engaging](#), the author writes about how his son, Oliver, inspired Jorge's newest creation [Oliver's Great Big Universe](#). (Source: Cham, Jorge. (2023, Sept. 19). *Jorge Cham on using humor to make STEM accessible and engaging*. Publishers Weekly. [Jorge Cham on Using Humor to Make STEM Accessible and Engaging \(publishersweekly.com\)](#).)
- I came across this resource while perusing the Publishers Weekly website. [PW KidsCast Podcasts](#) archive holds 192 episodes of interviews with children's and YA authors.



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## Value of Horror Literature for Students

October marks the beginning of the "spooky" season. Whether you are a fan of horror literature or whether it leaves you shaking in your boots, there is no doubt this is a highly popular genre. Becoming terrified can produce an adrenaline rush, a touch of excitement, in otherwise seemingly ordinary lives.

### Psychologic Effects of Horror Literature

Horror author Neil Gaimen commented that fairytales are important because they teach readers that dragons exist; they also teach those same learners that dragons can be defeated. The horror genre carries the same lesson. Terrorizing stories help grow readers' own courage and emotional regulation. Unfortunately, students go through real life horrors every day, including bullying, abuse, family trauma, and illness. When students experience scary situations while in a safe environment, such as reading a horror book, they learn coping mechanisms for their own fears. Oftentimes, monsters and ghosts can feel easier to face and confront than real life terrors (MacGregor, 2023).

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## Website Accessibility – Alternative Text

If your library has a WordPress website through the State Library, you will be receiving an e-mail in the next week or two on what you may want to check, add, or edit to help your website become more accessible, usable, or in line with the Standards for Public Libraries guide.

One of the things that I check for is if the images on your library's website include alternative text (alt text), which is text that describes the images, charts, diagrams, etc., that are on the website.

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## Social Media Policies/Guidelines (Internal)

Just like external social media policies, if your library is on any of the social media platforms, you will want to have internal social media policies/guidelines to make sure employees/volunteers know what is expected of them. There are two types of internal social media policies/guidelines:

- For those who are authorized to post via the library's social media account
- For how employees conduct themselves on their own social media accounts.

This week's article is on guidelines for people who are authorized to post using your library's social media account.

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# Kit of the Week

## Book Club Kit: "First Test" by Tamora Pierce

Ten years after knighthood training was opened to both males and females, no girl has been brave enough to try. But knighthood is Keladry's one true desire, and so she steps forward to put herself to the test. Up against the traditional hazing of pages and a grueling schedule, Kel faces one roadblock that seems insurmountable: Lord Wyldon, the training master of pages and squires. He is absolutely against girls becoming knights. So while he is forced to train her, Wyldon puts her on a probationary trial period that no male page has ever had to endure. Further set apart from her fellow trainees, Kel's path to knighthood is now that much harder. But she is determined to try, and she's making friends in the most unlikely places. One thing is for sure, Kel is not a girl to underestimate.



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

[Reserve This Kit](#)

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