

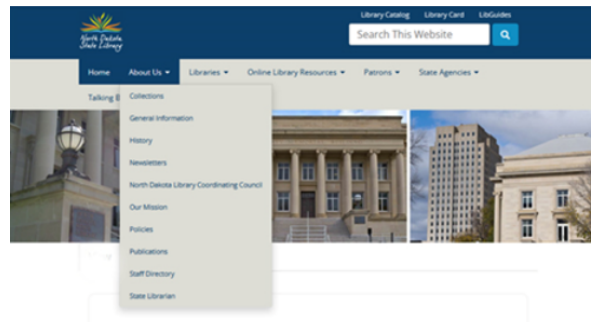


Navigation Bar – About Us

Directly beneath the header resides the Navigation Bar. This navigation bar maintains a fixed position at the top, regardless of the page you navigate to. It is worth noting that links to the same content may be found in multiple locations.

NDSL's navigation bar is segmented into six tabs, each featuring multiple dropdown options. If you are using a mobile device, the tabs can be found within the 'hamburger' menu icon, denoted by three horizontal lines.

This week, our focus centers on the "About Us" tab.



When you hover over the "About Us" tab, you will encounter a dropdown menu featuring various subcategories. Let's break down these subcategories:

- Collections – This section provides information about our various collections, including books, digital resources, electronic materials, government documents, kits, newspapers, atlases, resource files, and state park pass details.
- General Information – Here, you can access our contact information, location, operating hours, and information regarding our book drops.
- History – This subsection offers insights into the history of the State Library and the Liberty Memorial Building. It also includes historical photographs of past state librarians.
- Newsletters – In this area, you will find our current newsletters, archived newsletters, and all the necessary forms.
- North Dakota Library Coordinating Council – Within this subcategory, you can access information about the council, including its bylaws, library vision, and meeting agendas. Additionally, you will find a list of council members and the minutes of their meetings.
- Our Mission – This section is dedicated to our mission statement, guiding principles, and strategic plan.
- Policies – Within this category, you may review all the policies that have been established by the North Dakota State Library.
- Publications – Brochures, handbooks, manuals, and biennial reports are conveniently located in this section.
- Staff Directory – This is where you can access the organizational chart, division information, and listings of our team members.
- State Librarian – Explore this section for a detailed spotlight on our State Librarian.

Next week: Navigation Bar - Libraries

Sneak Peek ...

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Last week I shared the first clue something exciting was coming your way. This week's clue is:



DiscoverE Grant Opportunities

Bell Girl Day 2024 Grant

Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day (Girl Day) is an annual campaign that takes place during Engineers Week with the goal of introducing girls and all students of marginalized gender to the fascinating world of engineering.

DiscoverE is excited to make available a limited number of grants ranging between \$250 and \$1000 for Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day programs taking place on and around Girl Day. Virtual events are eligible for funding, but in-person events are preferred.

Deadline for applications is **Friday, November 3 at 11:59pm ET**. Applicants will be notified of a decision by early December.

Engineers Week 2024 Outreach Grant

Are you launching a new engineering outreach program or have exciting ideas to improve an existing program or event? Fund your project with a DiscoverE Engineers Week Outreach Grant!

The goals of this grant program are to engage youth (particularly underserved K-12 students) with hands-on learning experiences and events that inspire an interest and understanding of engineering and take place in or around Engineers Week.

A limited number of grants ranging between \$250-\$1000 are available. Virtual events are eligible for funding, but in-person events are preferred.

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[Learn More and Apply](#)



The Fire Still Burns

As information about residential schools began to surface, I wanted to learn more about these historical events, but even more so, I wanted to hear from individuals who experienced and survived the events. *The Fire Still Burns: Life In and After Residential School*, provided me an opportunity to hear the story of Sam George, a survivor of St. Paul's Indian Residential School in North Vancouver, BC.

Jill Yonit Goldberg, an instructor at Langara College in Vancouver, B.C., uses her course Writing Lives to raise awareness to Canada's dark history of Indian residential schools. Jill stated (2023), "Erasure is a powerful form of discrimination that prevents learners not only from understanding the experiences of others but also from fully knowing their own place and role in history and society" (p.108). In the course, Ms. Goldberg's students study literature written by Indigenous authors, then meet and interview Elders who attended residential schools and are interested in sharing their stories. The interviews are recorded and transcribed verbatim before the students use the transcripts to write a memoir. It is in this class Liam Belson, Dylan MacPhee, and Tanis Wilson were given the opportunity to hear Sam's story and create his memoir.

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Elements of Structured Literacy: Phonology

Phonology – the study of sounds. 'Phon' meaning sound and 'ology' meaning "the study of." Phonological awareness is one of the first elements in learning to read. It includes being able to identify phonemes (a phoneme is simply a unit of sound. For example, in cat there are three phonemes: /c/ /a/ /t/), clapping out syllables, and rhyming.

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Grand Forks City Directories



The "Grand Forks City Directories" collection features the earliest city directories of Grand Forks, North Dakota. The volumes list the residents, businesses, and organizations present in the city during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. City directories are a valuable resource for establishing the whereabouts of an individual at a certain place and time. They can provide additional biographical information, such as a person's place of residence, occupation, place of employment, and marital status. Information regarding local civic organizations and the city's elected officials is also typically listed. A separate alphabetical listing of local businesses by trade, much like a yellow page directory, is also included in each volume. This digital collection is provided by the Grand Forks Public Library and is available on [Digital Horizons](#).

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Website Accessibility – Color Contrast

If your library has a WordPress website through the State Library, you may soon receive an e-mail on what you may want to check, add, or edit to help your website become more accessible, usable, or in line with the Standards.

One of the things that I am checking is your website's color contrast, or how easy it is to see the text color over the background color. Your library's website should always be accessible to all of your patrons, which include people who have a tough time reading text if the contrast between the text color and background color is insufficient.

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Libraries in the News

[Author Joelle Bearstail to Visit VCBC Public Library Oct. 17 \(News Dakota\)](#)

The Valley City Barnes County Public Library invites people of all ages to an author visit by Joelle Bearstail on Tuesday, October 17th at 5:00 pm in the Mary E. Fisher Room at the library. It is not every day that we get to celebrate an author that lives and writes in North Dakota. Joelle Bearstail is not only a writer, but a mom, educator, and founder of ImagiNative Inc., a nonprofit organization that encourages Native youth to acknowledge their individuality and to express their talent and creativity.



Picture Book Biographies of Artists

With the beautiful fall colors descending upon us, October seems like an ideal month to recommend books about artists! This Top Picks entails picture books for preschool and elementary students. If you have a topic request for books, send an e-mail to tlkruger@nd.gov.

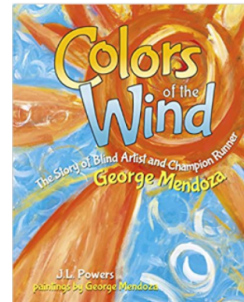
1) *Colors of the Wind: The Story of Blind Artist and Champion Runner George Mendoza* by J.L. Powers

Publish Date: 2014

Publisher: Purple House Press

Summary: As a teen, George Mendoza started to lose his eyesight. He began seeing the world much like looking through a kaleidoscope, with brilliant colors and often abstract shapes. Despite this development, Mendoza went on to become an Olympian runner, as well as a painter!

Best For: Preschool through Second Grade



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Local Children's Book Awards

There are a wide variety of book awards for young readers, including the [Randolph Caldecott Medal](#), the [American Indian Youth Literature Award](#), the [Ezra Jack Keats Award](#), and the [Newbery Medal](#). (I would encourage checking out past winners and nominees from each of these!) While those awards are nation-wide, the Midwest possesses three of its own book awards for youth: the Wanda Gág Read Aloud Book Award, the Comstock Read Aloud Book Award, and the Flicker Tale Award.

Gág and Comstock

The [Wanda Gág](#) Read Aloud Book Award and the [Comstock](#) Read Aloud Book Award are sponsored by the Curriculum Materials Center at Minnesota State University Moorhead. They consider picture books for children from preschool through 8-years-old (Gág) and students ages 9 to 12 (Comstock).

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Author Information & Interviews

Submitted by Kathy Jo Cline

Susan Cooper's The Dark is Rising fantasy series is celebrating 50 years! Coming out November 14, a reissue of this series will hit the market with 50,000 copies each of *Over Sea, Under Stone*, *The Dark is Rising*, *The Greenwitch*, *The Grey King*, and *Silver on the Tree*. The books will come out in hardcover and paperback with new updated covers. Resource: [Anniversary Reissues Celebrate The Dark Is Rising's Half-Century in Print](#).

Readers will soon find **Dr. Seuss** characters in graphic novel series. Three upcoming titles will each be the first in a series. The first title in one series going on sale April 30, 2024, *Cat Out of the Water*, will feature Cat in the Hat causing chaos to Sally and her brother. The Grinch is the star of the second series, which will be released in fall 2024, and Sam-I-Am, the star of the third series, will be for sale spring 2025. Resource: [Dr. Seuss Comes to Comics in New Graphic Novel Series](#)

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Brooklyn Public Library 2023 Library Card Access Survey

Please consider responding to a survey commissioned by the Brooklyn Public Library on cardholder signup policies at public libraries across the United States. This survey is intended for anyone who currently works or recently worked at a public library in the United States and who is familiar with their library's cardholder signup process.

By responding to this survey, you will be contributing to the first known sampling of public library card access trends across the United States. The survey collects data about your library's cardholder signup process for adults and children/teenagers, as well as how these policies and procedures are revised. The Brooklyn Public Library will share findings in a report issued to the field in spring 2024; and will convene a working group next summer to publish a framework for library leaders of best practices around cardholder access.

This survey should take about 25 minutes to complete.

Complete the Survey

The Role of Early Career Supports, Continuous Professional Development, and Learning Communities in the Teacher Shortage

Report • By Emma García and Elaine Weiss • July 17, 2019

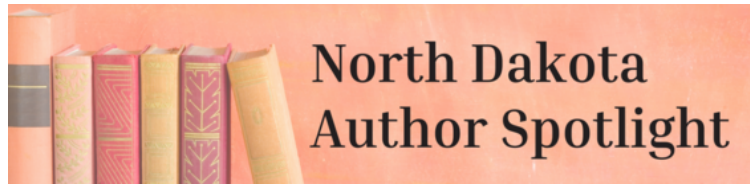
Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

We've been seeing the effects of the teacher shortage in North Dakota. I think sometimes as North Dakotans, we don't always experience the troubles other states have. Whether that's just because we are "North Dakota nice" or just because we are a rural state, we typically don't have the problems and major issues of other states. However, that is not true when it comes to the teacher shortage. Governor Burgum in August signed an executive order creating the Teacher Retention and Recruitment Task Force in hopes of a finding a solution to help our ever-shrinking teacher pool. Along with the task force, he granted ESPB permission to allow student teachers to be the teacher of record under a closely monitored mentor teacher. While this is not a permanent fix, it does provide districts the flexibility in helping to fill the vacancies.

But why do we even have a teacher shortage?



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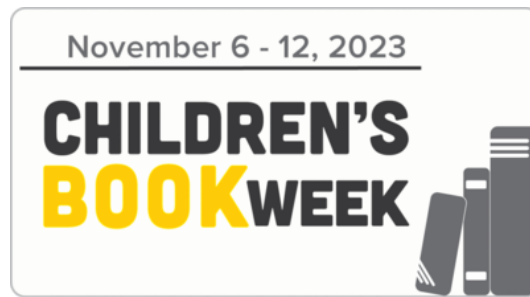


Peter Brandvold/Frank Leslie

Peter Brandvold is a prolific best selling author from North Dakota. Between his own name and his pseudonym, Frank Leslie, he has written dozens of popular westerns, including titles in the Bloody Joe Mannion, Lou Prophet, Sheriff Ben Stillman, Rogue Lawman, Yakima Henry, and The Revenger series.

The North Dakota State Library has many of Brandvold's titles available in regular print, large print, and electronic materials.

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