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Coding in Libraries by Fiero Learning

Thursday, November 9 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

[Click here for more information and to register!](#)

Join Fiero Learning and the North Dakota State Library in learning why it's important for libraries to incorporate coding into their programming. Training will take place virtually through Teams. Once registered, you will receive an email with the link to the training. Questions? Contact Lexi at 701-328-4663 or awhitehorn@nd.gov.

National Novel Writing Month

Submitted by **Monica Struck**

Did you know that there are roughly 50,000 words in an average novel! This number is enough to bring even the bravest young writer to tears. Fortunately, it is not necessary to sit down and write 50,000 words in one day. At the rate of 1,667 words per day, you can exceed the required 50,000 words in one month. National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is an annual event that encourages writers of all ages to take the plunge and write 50,000 words during the month of November.

NaNoWriMo began in 1999, and now hundreds of thousands of people take part annually. You do not need to have a great idea. Your result does not need to be published. Your final product does not even need to be good. You just need to sit down and write (or type, dictate...you get the picture.). And the best news: there is no cost to participate! So, put on your comfy clothes, grab your most literary beverage, and get to work!

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Poor



Average



Good



Excellent

NDSL's New Website Survey

Whether you love, hate, or are indifferent to NDSL's new website, we want to hear from you! By taking this 10 minute-survey, your answers will help us figure out what is going well and what improvements should be made. We appreciate you taking time to fill out this survey.

End date: October 31, 2023

[Take The Survey](#)

ND Libraries Code Event

Join the North Dakota State Library in celebrating the Global Hour of Code! All libraries of all types are encouraged to host an event during the Hour of Code week December 4th – 10th. **How many libraries can we get doing an event? 20? 50? All 83 public libraries, 430 school libraries, and 35 AST libraries plus the State Library??**

Hosting an event is EASY. The Hour of Code has most of the work done for you! Check out the website: <https://hourofcode.com/us/promote> to help you start planning your event.



Promoting the Online Library Resources Survey

NDSL's Public Awareness Department is going to be reimagining the promotional materials available for ND libraries who want to promote the online library resources. We need your feedback on what types of materials your North Dakota library would like to see in the future. Which resources would you like to promote? Do you like having bookmarks on hand? Would you prefer digital-only? Let us know!

This short survey will take approximately five minutes to complete.

End date: November 6, 2023

[Take The Survey](#)

CSLP Manual Request

It's that time! Time to request your CSLP Summer Reading program manual right before the snow hits! 😊 To get access to your copy please fill out this form and Lexi will send you the code via email.

[Request a Manual](#)

The American Buffalo by Ken Burns

Submitted by Kathy Jo Cline

Filmmaker Ken Burns and his team have created a new documentary titled *The American Buffalo*. This two-part, four-hour series traces the buffalo from its beginning to near extinction and what is being done to keep the animal in existence. The buffalo was an integral part of Native American lives as they depended upon the animal for food and shelter. Native lives were negatively impacted as the buffalo numbers began to decrease. This film is a biography of the buffalo and a look into American history using a broader lens. *The American Buffalo* premiered with Episode 1: Blood Memory on PBS stations on October 16, 2023 and Episode 2: Into the Storm aired on October 17.

Click on [Watch The American Buffalo | A New Documentary from Ken Burns](#) to learn more about this documentary, watch companion films, and classroom resources. The [Screening Opportunity](#) link contains an application for an opportunity to screen this film in your library.

[Find Out More](#)

HarperKids Storytime

Submitted by Monica Struck

I think everyone can agree that being read to is important to child development. Listening to stories strengthens the parts of the brain responsible for visual imagery, story comprehension, and word meaning. It also increases phonemic awareness, and strengthens social, emotional, and character development (Kris, 2018). These are all amazing things, and every child should have the opportunity to grow in these areas...but not everyone is in a situation that allows for reading. Harper Collins is attempting to close this gap with [HarperKids Storytime](#).

HarperKids Storytime began airing on their YouTube channel on September 25 and new episodes will drop on Mondays until December 11. The reader, Sky, shares one story in a 12-minute story time. She does things to improve understanding like pointing to the words as she reads and pausing to give the children time to think and for families to have conversation at home.

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Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

By Tammy Kruger

Diwali

An important disclaimer: This article is a mere summary of Diwali. The full celebration possesses a vast and colorful history, complete with multiple origin legends and cultural traditions. Additionally, the spelling of folklore characters and celebrations does vary, mostly depending upon where they are celebrated across India and around the world.

Background

Diwali is a shortened version of Deepavali. [Deepa translates to lamp or lantern, and Aavali translates to series or rows (Diwali: Puja, n.d.)]. Diwali is typically referred to as "the festival of lights" (Diwali, n.d.). It symbolizes the triumph of good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. Diwali is primarily a Hindu holiday, most noticeably acknowledged in India. However, those who practice Jainism, Sikhism, and Buddhism might also celebrate Diwali (Tiwari, 2023). Diwali, in India, is observed during the 15th day of the 8th month, and the major celebration occurs during the new moon. (As such, this holiday occurs between late October and mid-November each year.) Diwali marks India's New Year (Laura, 2023).

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Digital Dimension

By Trevor Martinson

Biography Resources

As work on the "[Political Prairie Fire](#)" project progresses, and as the collection continues to expand, it has often become necessary for me to do a little background research prior to uploading a new image. As a reminder, "Political Prairie Fire" is the State Library's digital collection dedicated to the Nonpartisan League (NPL) and Independent Voters Association (IVA) era of North Dakota history. It is available on Digital Horizons.

Now, doing this research particularly applies to individuals, like images of past state politicians, for example. I want to include some information about the person in the item's record (usually in the "Biography/History" field), so anyone coming across the item can understand its context. This information is also used to expand upon the item and essentially explain why it is in the collection.

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Libraries in the News

[Dorothy Carlson Book Launch Party Oct. 28 in Jamestown \(NewsDakota\)](#)

"Join us at Alfred Dickey Public Library to celebrate the book launch honoring Dorothy Carlson. The book launch party and book signing event will be held at Alfred Dickey Public Library on Saturday, October 28th from 1 pm to 3 pm. Dorothy's brother and author Stephen Nyberg will also be there signing his books. The library will also be serving cake and beverages during the party..."

[Find Beginner Yoga Classes at Bismarck Library \(KX News\)](#)

"A beginning yoga class will be available for four weeks at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. According to a news release, the class is for adults and teens who want to warm up on a chilly day..."

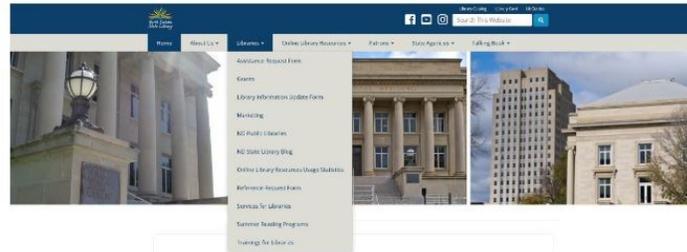
[Valley City Barnes County Public Library 120th Thank You \(NewsDakota\)](#)

"It is not everyday that you get to celebrate a 120-year-old historic building that has housed an important source of educational, informational, and entertainment needs for our community for all of those 120 years. In fact, the 120th Celebration of the Valley City Barnes County Public Library took place on the same day it opened 120 years ago!"



Navigation Bar – Libraries

Continuing along the navigation bar, the next tab for our discussion pertains to Libraries.



Upon hovering your cursor over the “Libraries” tab, you will discover a dropdown menu featuring an assortment of subcategories. Let’s proceed to explore these subcategories.

Assistance Request Form: Through this form, you can request information assistance when you are unsure about whom to contact.

Grants: In this section, you will discover details regarding grants, including the guidelines for current grants and the necessary forms. Additionally, the NDLC Standards Levels can also be located here.

Library Information Update Form: This form is designed for the purpose of updating your library information, which may include changes in directors, or alterations to your library’s address.

Marketing: This section offers a wealth of information and promotional materials to meet all your marketing needs.

ND Public Libraries: Within this resource, you can access a map and directory listing all the public libraries in North Dakota.

ND State Library Blog: This is the designated location where you can access the blog maintained by the North Dakota State Library.

Online Library Resources Usage Statistics: You can access information regarding the frequency of your patrons’ interactions with a specific resource.

Reference Request Form: This form is for the purpose of submitting reference requests.

Services for Libraries: At this location, you will discover detailed information about our specialists and their respective roles.

Summer Reading Programs: You may submit a request for your reading manual at this location, in addition to accessing other pertinent summer reading-related information.

Trainings for Libraries: This is where you can access both live webinars and archived webinar sessions, in addition to self-paced training resources.

Next week: Navigation Bar – Online Library Resources



Elements of Structured Literacy: Graphemes

Last week we learned that phonemes are the sounds we hear. This week we focus on the next strand, graphemes. Graphemes are the symbols used to identify a sound. Graphemes can be single letters such as c, t, p, n, and o. They can also be a sequence of letters to make a single sound such as the ‘eigh’ for the long /a/ sound in weigh or the ‘ea’ making the long /e/ sound in team.

In the previous example we used the word “bat”. The teacher asked students to identify how many and what sounds they heard. (3 and /b/ /a/ /t/). When working with graphemes the next step would be to add the symbols (graphemes) to represent those sounds. This is often done with boxes.



Smithsonian Libraries: Traveling Trunks

Smithsonian Libraries offer middle school educators (grades fifth through eighth) three options for students to explore a topic using hands-on artifacts, videos, and activities. (A fourth option is scheduled for completion this winter.) These resources come in the form of traveling trunks!

Trunk Topics

Option One: Extra and Ordinary: Overlooked Stories of Extraordinary Women

This trunk contains a collection of twenty women living from 1785-2013 in America. Some of their stories are extraordinary while others celebrate the strength of the everyday. Guided by an archivist, learners explore this collection of recreated Smithsonian objects and the fascinating stories of women throughout the U.S.!

Option Two: Flights of Friction: Fact or Fiction?

This trunk addresses misinformation by taking learners back in time to uncover mysteries of the past! Guided by a passionate and curious librarian, learners will use information literacy skills to study the legitimacy of authors, sources, newspapers, and their stories. Topics untangled include people on the moon, hot air balloons, and infamous writers.

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Upcoming Webinars

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

[Science of Reading and Middle School: The Other End of the Reading Rope](#) ***Monday, October 30 4:00 PM***

Join Amplify Vice President of ELA Deb Sabin to explore how the strands of the Reading Rope—a framework for understanding the elements of fluent reading—remain critical for supporting secondary readers. We'll explore how teachers can strategically strengthen these elements within their classrooms and allow students to succeed with grade-level content. Attend this edWebinar to learn:

- What the latest research indicates for how best to support middle schoolers on their literacy journeys
- How middle school students draw on the elements of the Reading Rope as they work with grade-level content, and how to target and support specific threads
- How to choose texts that best support continuing literacy development
- Strategies for supporting key areas of language comprehension
- Ways to ensure students continue to engage with core grade-level content, as a matter of equity

Every student deserves to succeed with rigorous, grade-level content. With the right techniques, you can make the difference. This edWebinar will be of interest to middle school teachers and administrators, and there will be time for questions at the end.

[Teaching Mindful Media Consumption](#) ***Available on Demand***

Join Learning for Justice for a webinar on critical media consumption! Joined by experts in the field doing the work from IREX and Columbia (Missouri) Public Schools, you will be introduced to media literacy concepts and how they can be used to resist manipulative information. In addition, the webinar will highlight real-world implementation models and resources for you to bring to your practice. This panel discussion will allow for real-time dialogue with expert co-hosts; you don't want to miss it!

[New Voices in Children's and YA Lit: Meet the 2023 ILA Award-Winning Authors](#) ***Available On Demand***

ILA's Children's and Young Adult Book Awards shine a spotlight on emerging authors who display unusual promise with their first or second publication. At this webinar, emceed by book awards chair Sonja Ezell, age-level subcommittee leads Miriam Martinez, Margaret Osgood Opatz, and Thu Anh Nguyen will sit down with some of this year's winners for a robust discussion about their books' contemporary relevance and universal themes, the importance of authentic and engaging texts, and the power that high-quality, diverse children's literature holds to open our minds to the past, present, and future.

Resource of the Week: University of Florida Literacy Institute

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn



University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI): Virtual Word Boards are perfect to incorporate into grapheme lessons. UFLI provides a tutorial and a virtual board to work with students. Along with the word boards, UFLI has a plethora of resources from webinars, to parent handbooks, to dyslexia training.

[Check It Out](#)

WebJunction Highlights: New Courses for Library, Archive, and Museum Staff

Submitted by AI Peterson

Library, archive, and museum staff face similar challenges when it comes to responding to a crisis, de-escalating conflict, and addressing burnout. WebJunction has released four new on-demand courses providing staff with information and tools to learn about how to prepare for and handle these situations. These courses offer support and strategies for everyone, including frontline staff, management, and leadership. Learners will find both practical takeaways that can be implemented immediately as well as guidance to develop longer term strategic planning for staff, leaders, and management.

- **Introduction to Crisis Communication for Libraries, Archives, and Museums**
In this basic course, the presenters will take you through the three types of crisis and how they are defined. You will also compare examples of crisis and learn how to evaluate your organization's crisis preparedness.
- **Crisis Communications Planning for Libraries, Archives, and Museums**
In this course, the presenters will guide you in preparing to communicate in the event of a crisis. You will identify stakeholders and potential responses, create a roster for your crisis communications team, and use a template to build your own customized Crisis Communications Plan.
- **De-escalation Strategies for Libraries, Archives, and Museum Staff**
This course will equip you with ways to de-escalate conflict that may develop at the workplace. This conflict could be between staff as well as between and among those who are using the facilities, attending programs, or visiting our spaces (users). You will learn to use a framework for connecting and/or intervening in a conflict, with a consideration for the safety of staff and users.
- **From Burnout to Balance**
This course is designed to empower you to prevent burnout and enhance your well-being at work. Throughout this course, you will learn to identify the causes and consequences of burnout, as well as your personal stress triggers. You will develop a self-care plan using evidence-based techniques to manage stress, enhance emotional regulation, and build resilience.

Courses can be taken without a WebJunction account or certificate at oc.ic/cultural-heritage-courses.

If you are taking for CEU or staff professional development, certificates of completion are available to help library staff meet CE and LEU credit requirements. [Create your free account](#) and start learning today.

[Start Learning](#)

Kit of the Week

Airblock

Airblock is a modular programmable starter drone. It can be assembled as a drone, hovercraft, and other configurations. It can be controlled and block-coded via Bluetooth.



This kit includes two packs (each containing one master controller module, one charger, two batteries, one charging cable, six protective top covers, four protective bottom covers, three red propeller power modules, three black propeller power modules, one hovercraft base, one bag of spare

parts), one 6-port USB desktop charger, and a folder containing one user manual, one inventory guide, one packing guide, one general information and problem solving tips sheet, and two start-up guides.

[Reserve](#)

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