

Library Vision Grant Webinar

Submitted by James W. Murphy

The next Library Vision Grant Webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, at 10:30 AM. Attending or viewing the recording of this webinar is mandatory for receiving a library vision grant award. The webinar will be presented on Zoom and registration is required. The upcoming grant round will open January 2. North Dakota Tribal libraries are now eligible for these new grants due to recent changes in the ND Century Code. There are three grants available this round, two for all North Dakota publicly funded libraries and one especially for North Dakota Tribal College libraries.

The two grants available to all publicly funded libraries are for public spaces and for security and will be available in awards up to \$15,000. The Tribal College library grant is for awards up to \$10,000 and will be an open-proposal grant. For the details on these grants, be sure to attend or watch the recording of the webinar. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions at the end of the webinar if you attend live. The recording of it will be posted to our YouTube channel a few days later.

[Register for the Webinar](#)



Future Engineers

"If you are a 9-12th grade student in the United States, your challenge is to research past and future impacts of climate-related hazards in your community, including drought, wildfire, flooding, and extreme heat, then develop a proposed action to help build a more resilient community. Your entry must be original and include a written explanation of your proposed climate action (200 words max) and an image (max 3GB) of a "poster" that supports your climate action. The poster can be a digital design or a photo of a hand-made poster. Your climate action should explain at least one way your community can prevent, withstand, respond to, or recover from a climate-related event. The grand prize winner will present their poster at the [Innovations in Climate Resilience Conference](#) in Washington, D.C., and receive a \$5,000 STEM grant for a U.S. nonprofit organization, public library, or public school. The 2nd - 5th place finalists will receive a \$1,500 STEM grant for a U.S. nonprofit organization, public library, or public school."

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Resources for Supporting Veterans and Military-Affiliated Patrons

WebJunction

"Libraries play a vital role in serving the diverse needs of their communities, and one group that often benefits greatly is our nation's Veterans, current military members, and their families. Chances are you're already doing great work in welcoming this population, offering needed information and services, and helping them stay connected to their communities. This collection of resources can help libraries enhance their support for our military-affiliated community members, ensuring that they receive the assistance and recognition they deserve. Explore topics including mental health resources, community engagement, employment and education information, and community reintegration after military service. Explore a selection of booklists and podcasts that offer display ideas and firsthand stories from those who have served."

[Learn More](#)



Graphic Novels for Pre-Teens and Teens

1) *Over the Wall* by Peter Wartman

Publish Date: 2013

Publisher: Uncivilized Books

Summary: A magical wall separates the city from the countryside. Within the wall lives demons, while humans are forced to remain outside. Anyone who dares enter may not return. After her brother disappeared behind the wall four years prior, Anya decides it is time to take a chance and go in after him! The sequel is *Stonebreaker*.

Best For: Middle and High School

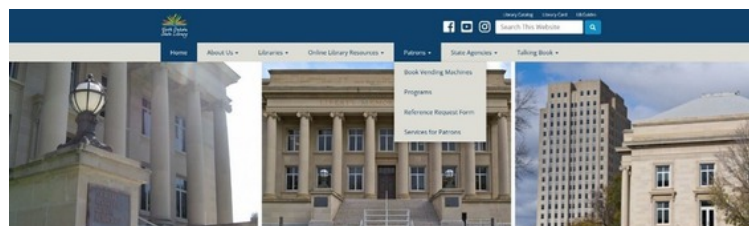


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Navigation Bar – Patrons

The following section we are examining pertains to our valued patrons.



Upon hovering over the "Patrons" tab, you will discover several subcategories.

Book Vending Machines: Within this section, you can access information regarding the ten book vending machines located across North Dakota.

Programs: In this designated section, you will encounter various reading challenges, along with Beanstack, a tool designed to monitor your reading progress.

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

Services for Patrons: In this section, you will discover details about our research services, an overview of our collections, and circulation information.

Next week: Navigation Bar – State Agencies

Libraries in the News

[Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library has new exterior art \(KFYR\)](#)

"If you are driving past the Bismarck Library you might notice some new pops of color. New exterior art is transforming the outside, a sculpture on the south side of the building is facing Avenue A. On the east side windows facing 6th Street are 12 art pieces that cover the windows..."



Using Hip-Hop in the School Library

What is Hip-Hop?

Hip-hop is a cultural movement with the main components of MCing, DJ'ing, [breakdancing](#), and graffiti. (Other aspects of hip-hop including clothing choices, slang, and a mindset for calling out the privileged.) These four primary elements are meant to support a strong knowledge of self, society, and civil rights. (The hip-hop era, in the 1980s and 1990s, is often seen as the next step of the Civil Rights Movement [Evans, 2020].) Rap, which combines rhyme and poetry with a musical beat, is the most mainstream musical aspect of hip-hop (Graves, Kelly, & McArthur, 2020; Bailin, 2011).

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Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

What's New in Niche Academy

Two new additions have been added to the Welcome to the Board series in Niche.

Category: Library 101- Library Boards and Friends Groups

New Tutorials:

Hiring a Director explores such topics as drafting a job description, forming a committee to hire a director, interviewing and selecting candidates, and how to onboard a new director.

Reviewing and Approving Policies takes a deep dive into understanding how library policies work and what makes them effective.

These and other great professional development opportunities are available in Niche Academy at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary>.

Upcoming Free WebJunction Webinars

[Living Our Values Out Loud: Programs that Walk the Talk](#)

Tuesday, November 28 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Tools for Reimagining School Readiness](#)

Tuesday, December 5 (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM)

[Stronger Together: Collective Impact and Climate Action Programming](#)

Wednesday, December 13 (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM)

Science Kits for Public Libraries Grant

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

This grant is restricted to public libraries that serve geographic areas inside or partially inside the IEEE-Region 4. This includes all of Iowa, Michigan, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and portions of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The grant provides funding to **establish** a circulating science kit collections program. Libraries should expect to use their own funds to maintain the circulating science kits for a number of years. Libraries that already have a circulating science kit collection are not eligible.

[Learn More and Apply](#)



Windfall: The Prairie Woman Who Lost Her Way and the Great-Granddaughter Who Found Her" by Erika Bolstad

"Author Erika Bolstad was shocked to learn she had inherited mineral rights in North Dakota in the throes of an oil bonanza. Determined to unearth the story behind her unexpected inheritance, she followed the trail to her great-grandmother, Anna, who her family had painted to be a courageous homesteader who paved her way in the unforgiving American West. But, Bolstad discovers a darker truth about Anna than her family had ever shared. With journalistic rigor, she unearths a history of environmental exploitation and genocide as well as the modern-day consequences of the Great Plains Dream: we could be rich."



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

[Reserve Today](#)

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