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Public Libraries Survey Season is Coming!!!

Submitted by Monica Struck

It is that time of year again...the Public Libraries Survey (PLS) is swiftly approaching. The survey opens February 1, 2024, and closes March 31, 2024. What is the Public Libraries Survey? It is the annual report that is the primary information resource for data on public libraries nationwide. In North Dakota, it is also a requirement for public libraries to qualify for State Aid and to meet the minimum requirements to be eligible for Library Vision Grants. More information can be found at <https://library-nd.libguides.com/PLS>.

We will be holding our annual Public Libraries Survey webinar on January 30, 2024, at 12:00 PM. The registration link can be found under [Upcoming Events](#) on the NDSL website. Please join us or watch the recording on the North Dakota State Library [YouTube channel](#).

[Register Today](#)

Summer Reading Trainings

New Town - February 6 at 11:00 AM (lunch provided)
 Minot - February 8 at 10:00 AM
 Mandan - February 9 at 12:00 PM
 Valley City - February 9 at 9:00 AM
 Grand Forks - February 12 at 9:00 AM



[Click here to register](#)



National Popcorn Day

January 19th marks a delicious holiday – National Popcorn Day! While the exact origins of this celebration are unclear, people have been enjoying this tasty treat for thousands of years!

Popcorn is a snack that is inexpensive, easy to make, and gluten-free. (A little note: the gluten-free characteristic only covers plain popcorn. Once toppings and seasonings start being added that descriptor might no longer be true.) It is also something most people recognize, either through personal experience or through television and movies.

Popcorn Trivia

1. Popcorn has the scientific name of *Zea mays everta*. (Grauso, 2023).
2. The Aztecs used popcorn in ceremonial headdresses to honor the god of fertility, [Tlaloc](#) (National, n.d.).
3. Popcorn primarily comes in two types: butterfly and mushroom. Butterfly is fluffier and typically found in movie theaters. Mushroom is denser and is better suited for coverings, such as caramel or cheese (National, n.d.).

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Library Vision Grants

- Public Spaces Grant
- Security Grant
- Tribal College Library General Grant

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Libraries in the News

[Bismarck library helps with Primary Residence Tax Credit \(KX News\)](#)

"You can maximize your savings by applying for the ND Primary Residence Tax Credit. According to a news release, the 2023 ND legislative Session introduced valuable relief for homeowners with the Primary Residence Credit (PRC) to help with property tax burdens..."

[Commission approves one-year extension to MOA for joint library services \(Yahoo News via The Jamestown Sun\)](#)

"The Stutsman County Commission unanimously approved on Tuesday, Jan. 16, a one-year extension to the memorandum of agreement between Stutsman County and the city of Jamestown to provide joint library services. If the Jamestown City Council also approves the extension at its meeting in February, it would extend by one year the date each entity may provide a notice of intent to withdraw to March 2025..."

[Minot Public Library's children's section holds a grand re-opening \(KMOT\) \(Video\)](#)

"The children's section at the Minot Public Library had its grand re-opening Saturday after months of closures due to the remodel. People came to see the forest theme come to life, including a new stage, reading nooks within the shelves, and a new play area..."



Concordia College Course Catalog



The "Concordia College Course Catalog" collection contains the official catalog of courses offered by Concordia, together with general information regarding the college, admissions criteria, student life issues, student services and a host of other topics of interest to potential and current students. The content varies substantially over the years with the early catalogs including alumni and current students.

This collection is provided by Concordia College, and it's available on [Digital Horizons](#).

[View the Collection](#)

WebJunction Highlight

Submitted by **Al Peterson**

Are you looking at doing a winter/spring weeding project and need some advice on how to get started? If you were looking for some direction or tips on weeding, WebJunction has a couple of recorded webinars that may help you out.

[Weed 'Em and Reap: Getting Your Collection from Awful to Awesome](#)

Originally offered in July 2022 and presented by the co-authors of the popular blog, *Awful Library Books*, this session discusses the life cycle of a collection, including weeding techniques, collection management policies, and how to motivate reluctant weeders.

Other courses on weeding and library-related topics are available through WebJunction as well. Weeding courses are found in the Collection Management category of the course catalog.

[WebJunction Course Catalog](#)



Website Accessibility: Auditory Challenges and Captions

This month, we will continue discussion on ways to make your website more accessible for everyone.

Multimedia on your website can pose challenges to those with auditory challenges (deaf, hard of hearing) when not designed to be accessible. There are a number of things to make sure your multimedia is accessible, but we'll start with captions. If your media has audio involved, make sure to include transcripts or captions. Not only do captions help people who are deaf or hard of hearing, but it is also useful for people who are unable to have their sound on.

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Notary Public Training

Submitted by **Al Peterson**

The North Dakota State Library has partnered with the North Dakota Association of Counties to offer an introductory course on becoming a notary public.

In this webinar, you will learn the basics of performing notarial acts, dos and don'ts, common mistakes made by notary publics, and the reasons documents may be rejected by various parties. You will also gain insight on electronic notarizations and remote notarizations, which have become more common over the last few years. There will be an opportunity to ask questions as well.

Through our partnership with the North Dakota Association of Counties, librarians in North Dakota can take this webinar at no cost! Simply type the name of your library in the County (or enter City or Company name if not a County Official or Employee) box and NDACO will waive the \$30.00 registration fee. Don't miss this opportunity!

I'm a Notary...Now What?
January 31, 2024, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

[Register](#)

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