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Public Libraries Survey

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Great Reads from Great Places Book Tour

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Last call to send in your proposals to have Sarah Vogel, the 2022 Great Reads from Great Places ND adult choice, do a reading/discussion event at your library!

Please send in your requests via this form: <https://forms.office.com/g/4uzGJagNAv>.

The event will include a reading from Sarah, a Q&A session, and finally a book signing. This is a great opportunity to bring a ND author to your library! The North Dakota State Library will provide promotional materials, a staff member to help with the event, and the speaker fee. You just need to provide the space and help promote the event.

Requests will be accepted through **February 9th** and locations will be determined based on the location and dates you provide and the author's schedule. Please be as descriptive as you can on the form.

For questions, please contact Lexi Whitehorn at awhitehorn@nd.gov.

Check out these pictures from the Rolla Public Library for our Great Reads Children's choice "Josie Dances" by Denise Lajimodiere!



Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

Submitted by Al Peterson

[Public Libraries Survey Drop In Questions and Answers](#)

February 27 (12:00 PM -1:00 PM)

There is one month left to complete your PLS! Are you tired of slogging through data? Did you come up with a question after the first webinar was finished? Drop in! Monica Struck will be around to answer your questions and help you finish up (or get started)!

[Leap into Reader Advisory! Tips and Tricks featuring Novelist](#)

February 29 (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Ever have a patron ask you for a "good book" to read? Or, do you have a patron who is really caught up in a series and wants the "next three books in the series." Do questions like these make you want to freeze up? Then this webinar is for you. We will explore the topic of Reader's Advisory and examine the Online Library Resource, Novelist.

February is turning out to be jam packed with webinar opportunities.

[View Upcoming Webinars](#)

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](#)

CSLP Theme and Slogan Proposal

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Attention ND Library Staff!

Have you ever thought about where summer library themes and slogans come from? Who thinks them up? How we select each year's slogan? Well, the answer is **YOU!**

Each year Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) seeks feedback from library staff for future summer slogan and theme suggestions. Libraries from across the nation contribute, and together, we come to consensus. Now is your time to be heard!

Please complete this brief survey at <https://forms.gle/ertcz2EMkqtvcVC49> to suggest a slogan for the 2027 theme of Mystery/Detective/Suspense and a fresh, new theme for 2028.

Some tips for developing themes and slogans:

- Adaptable for all ages
- Translatable into Spanish
- Avoid puns and wordplay
- Catchy, memorable, concise
- Inclusive, accessible, applicable across settings

For a list of previous themes and slogans go to <https://www.csllpreads.org/themes-and-slogans/>.

Please share your suggestions by **Friday, February 16th, 2024.**

Erica C. Vaughns NLS Aspiring Leaders Internship Program

National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled

"If you're legally blind, currently in college or a recent graduate, and—this is the important part—want to learn more about NLS (and earn some money too), consider applying for the Erica C. Vaughns NLS Aspiring Leaders Internship Program! The program, established in 2020, is named in memory of Erica Vaughns, who created and managed it and was a dedicated NLS employee for nearly 20 years until her death in 2023. The internship lasts for 10 weeks during the summer, between June and September."

Applications must be received by March 1.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Reading Is Fundamental Matching Grant Program

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) brings books and literacy materials to children in under-resourced communities to create a culture of literacy and foster opportunities for children to read, learn, and grow.

Their matching grant program enables local literacy partners to double their impact by partnering with RIF to drive reading outcomes for children in their community. All educational institutions and youth-serving organizations are eligible to apply.

RIF's 2024 Matching Grant program will accept applications for three programs: Books for Ownership, Read for Success, and Skybrary.

[Learn More and Apply](#)



Upcoming Niche Academy Webinars

[Building Belonging, The Key to Creating Connection with your DEI Efforts](#)

Wednesday, February 7 (1:00 PM)

[Cultivating and Sustaining the Relationship-Driven Library.](#)

Wednesday, February 14 (1:00 PM)

[Building Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines](#)

Wednesday, February 28 (1:00 PM)

[Five Critical Skills to Lead an Organization—and How to Master Them](#)

Wednesday, March 6 (1:00 PM)

[Library Boards and Intellectual Freedom: How to Combat Censorship with Your Library Trustees](#)

Wednesday, March 13 (1:00 PM)

[Anxiety in Academia: Librarians' Guide to Recognizing, Responding, and Collaborating for Student Well-Being](#)

Wednesday, March 27 (1:00 PM)

[View Niche Academy Webinars](#)

Citizen Science and the Solar Eclipse: Harness the Power of Your Community!

February 28 (2:00 PM)

The upcoming Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024, will provide a unique opportunity for your library's community to actively participate in citizen science projects! Harness the power of your unique community to collect data and observations that will contribute to our understanding of the Sun, Earth and the Moon. Join SciStarter and STAR Net as we explore temperature and weather monitoring, wildlife observations, and other citizen science experiments you can engage in during the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse.

[Register](#)

Upcoming Britannica Education Webinars

[Black History Unfolded](#)

Wednesday, February 7 (4:00 PM)

[March into Women's History](#)

Thursday, March 7 (4:00 PM)

[Celebrate Hispanic Heritage](#)

Thursday, April 11 (4:00 PM)

[Learn More](#)

Academic Libraries and Food Pantries

The purpose of this survey is to have a better understanding of academic libraries as location sites for student food pantries. You can respond regardless of if your library or institution has a student food pantry or not. The survey will close on February 7 and should take about five minutes to complete.

[Take The Survey](#)



ReadLife Bookshelf

This *Teaching Tidbit* is short, but I want to highlight an e-book resource for learners. Introducing ReadLife Bookshelf!

[ReadLife Bookshelf](#) is a free resource established through a partnership between the [Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy](#) and [WorldReader](#). Each month, ten new themed books are offered; four titles are high-low content for adults, and six are meant for children, ranging in ages from 3 to 12 years old. (Some past themes have included *Mysterious Stories*, *Family and Community Connections*, and *Inspirational Stories*.) All titles are offered in English and some are also offered in Spanish.

Many books come with enrichment activities/discussions, as well as instructor resource guides. These activities fall under *Reading Champion Activities*, *Growing Positive Emotions*, and *Play Based Activities*. *Reading Champion Activities* build reading and communication skills. *Growing Positive Emotions* require learners to practice empathy and think outside of their own experiences. Lastly, *Play Based Activities* take readers beyond the screen into hands-on activities, such as art projects, roleplaying, and games.

When accessing [BookSmart](#), the bookshelf part of this tool, readers can choose between different age groups for materials, as well as preferred language. Additionally, books are downloadable for offline reading.



[ND State Library's February Online Reading Challenges \(Valley News Live\)](#)

The North Dakota State Library is offering two reading challenges for North Dakota residents starting February 1.

[Tax Season Is Here and Free Help Is Available \(KVRR\)](#)

There are many ways that you can get help with your taxes. AARP Foundation Tax Aide will be offered starting on Thursday.

[Winter Puzzle Contest hosted at Fargo Public Library \(KVRR\)](#)

Puzzles are always fun during the long winter months so it only makes sense to have a puzzle contest. Fargo Public Library hosting the second annual winter puzzle competition.

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