



Reminder School Librarians!

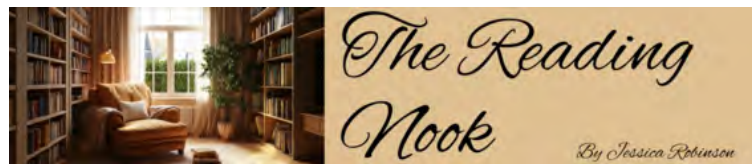
Submitted by Kathy Cline

Please assist the State Library in establishing a strong foundation of statewide school library data by completing the 2026 School Library Survey. The information gathered will be used to develop advocacy talking points for school libraries and school librarians, as well as to create infographic materials that highlight the impact of school library programs.



The survey closes at the end of the school day on Monday, May 4. Please help NDSL gather useable information from all North Dakota school libraries by completing one form for each school library where you work. While we realize this requires more of your time, it will greatly improve the accuracy of the data collected.

[Take The Survey](#)



2026 Young Adult Fiction

Cozy fantasy has a long reach these days and Sarah Beth Durst's *The Faraway Inn* seems like a great addition to the trend. Calisa thought she was going to escape her recent heartbreak with a summer spent at her aunt's inn but when she arrives, she finds that Aunt Zee not only doesn't want her there but something strange is going on with the aging bed-and-breakfast. Calisa decides she's going to tough it out and with the help of a handsome young groundskeeper, she begins to discover the magical secrets surrounding her.



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Special Libraries: The Overlooked Thread in North Dakota's Library Fabric

Submitted by Bethany Rants

When most people picture a library, they imagine their local public library—storytimes, summer reading, and a friendly face ready to help find the next great read or fix a tech issue. Others might think of a college library, buzzing with students racing deadlines or studying together. But there's another side of the library world that often flies under the radar: special libraries.

Across North Dakota, special libraries serve unique communities in powerful ways. They're smaller, more focused, and tailored to very specific needs—but their impact is anything but small.

One of the largest groups of special libraries in the state operates under the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. These libraries serve facilities like the Dakota Women's Correctional & Rehabilitation Center, Heart River Correctional Center, James River Correctional Center, Missouri River Correctional Center, and the ND Youth Correctional Center. Each one supports individuals living within those facilities—and remarkably, they're all coordinated by a single librarian.

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Card Catalog Looking for a Home!

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

The Library of Congress has gifted North Dakota a card catalog that is looking for a library that will give it a good home, where patrons and library staff can truly enjoy this piece of literacy history. All types of libraries are encouraged to apply!



The card catalog is approximately 15.5 inches tall, 33.5 inches in length, and 17.5 inches in width. It does require a base or tabletop since it doesn't possess legs.

Are you interested in obtaining the card catalog for your library? Fill out the form below before May 14 to be in the drawing.

[Apply Today](#)



[Casselton Public Library](#) received a new book return from Ian Krause, who is working towards his Eagle Scout Award.

Fargo Public Library, Moorhead Public Library, and West Fargo Public Library hosted the "[Friends Metro-Wide Used Book Sale Crawl](#)" on April 23-25 at locations in all three cities to celebrate National Library Week and raise money for local programs.

[Joshua Pikka](#), Director of the Minot Public Library, received the Human Relations Award after taking an eight-week Dale Carnegie leadership training course.

One of the many ways that [Cynthia Fernandez](#) serves the New Town community is as a bilingual librarian who assists Spanish-speaking patrons and visitors with different tasks, including using the computers and filling out paperwork.

[Valley City Barnes County Public Library](#) gave out roses to the first 12 people who checked out books on Books and Roses Day (April 23)

[Washburn Public Library](#) received a \$500 sponsorship from Washburn Life for their Summer Reading Program.

[Williston Community Library](#) received a donation of an AED machine from GO Wireline.

Does your library have news to share? Send the information to ndsipa@nd.gov for inclusion in next week's issue of the Flickertale.



Send Us Your Good Stuff!

Submission deadline for the June issue of The Good Stuff newsletter is Friday, May 1!

View previous issues of The Good Stuff, including the most recent issue (March 2026), at <https://ndla.info/the-good-stuff-newsletter>

Submit your articles by sending an e-mail to Tori Lee at good.stuff@ndla.info or by filling out the form at https://bit.ly/NDLA_GoodStuffForm.

The Story of a Mission to the Moon with Paul Byrne

May 25 (3:30 PM and 6:30 PM)

Join STAR Net to learn about NASA's Artemis 2 mission and all that transpired on our first journey around the moon in over 50 years, and look ahead to the future of the Artemis program. Paul Byrne is a Planetary Scientist who worked on NASA's MESSENGER mission, the first to orbit the planet Mercury. His research focuses on comparing and contrasting the surfaces and interiors of planetary bodies, including Earth, to understand why planets look the way they do.



This will be a live, interactive virtual program hosted by *Exploring By the Seat of Your Pants*, a one-of-a-kind educational organization that brings free virtual field trips and guest speaker experiences to libraries and classrooms. Feel free to host a viewing party as a library program and invite your patrons to join!

[Register Today](#)

Public Library Infographics

The State Library is happy to provide a personalized infographic for your public library using the numbers you have provided in the Public Libraries Survey (PLS).

These basic infographics can include any statistics that are useful for your library, such as number of visits to your library, registered card holders, items in the collection, programs, circulations, etc. If you would like statistics not included in the PLS, please include that information in your answer to number 4 in the request form.



[Request An Infographic](#)

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