



Flickertale

Volume 120 · Issue 3 · June 18, 2026

Coming Soon to Our Online Library Resources

Submitted by Al Peterson

Beginning in July, several new Online Library Resources will be available to libraries in North Dakota. In partnership with ODIN and several funding partner libraries, the North Dakota State Library is pleased to announce the following additions to our statewide Online Library Resources package.

Let's start with Capstone's *PebbleGo* and *PebbleGo Next*. The *PebbleGo* collection will soon include two new modules: *Science* and *Social Studies*. *PebbleGo Next* is also expanding, adding three new modules: *Biographies*, *Science*, and *Social Studies*.

Additionally, *Craft & Hobby* and *Social Explorer* have been added to the collection.

Craft & Hobby offers patrons on-demand learning in more than 20 creative and lifestyle categories through over 2,000 premium classes, videos, and other materials. The platform features step-by-step instructions led by industry professionals, along with downloadable patterns and recipes, including tutorials and live chats.

Social Explorer is a community analysis and social science data platform that gives users access to large built-in visualized datasets, including millions of variables from 100+ sources. Users can build maps, charts, tables, and reports, analyze public datasets with citations, and compare places, trends, and variables over time.

Want to learn more? Register for this upcoming webinar.

[New Online Library Resources](#)

July 16 (2:00 PM -2:30 PM)

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

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.



[View The Collection](#)



General Grants

Small Grant: \$500 - \$1,999

Large Grant: \$2,000 - \$10,000

Apply by: June 30, 2026

Award Date: August 1, 2026

Grant Period:

- Small Grant: August 2, 2026 - October 31, 2026
- Large Grant: August 2, 2026 - December 15, 2026



What is a LibGuide?

Have you heard people mention LibGuides and thought: What is that? A LibGuide is just a webpage made on software from Springshare that is linked on our regular website. They are created by subject specialists who work at NDSL and have a slightly different URL from our regular webpages. To locate our LibGuides, click on the small "LibGuides" button in the very upper right of our webpage banner found at the top of our pages. From there, the guides are sorted by topic. You can learn about Cataloging, Library Boards, Programming, and so much more. Our newest pages are under the "NDSL Kits" category and feature pages for each of our book club kits. They include the discussion questions in each kit along with fun extras, such as an interview with Clint Hill, which is available on the Mrs. Kennedy and Me page, and a book trailer for The God of the Woods. The Overview tab on the Book Club Kit LibGuide groups our titles by genre and age level, letting you choose the best book for your book club to read next. Also in the "NDSL Kits" category is a link to the section about our STEM kits, so check out that as well to see our robot kits, outdoor kits, giant board games, and more. Other guides that have a wealth of information are the ones under the headings of "Public Libraries" and "School Libraries". Check them out at <https://library-nd.libguides.com/>.

[LibGuides](#)



The North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum's [North Dakota 250 Road Trip exhibit](#) is opening on July 1.

Registration is now open for the next [International Observe the Moon Night](#), which will take place on September 19, 2026.

The North Dakota State Historical Society of North Dakota is [accepting nominations](#) for its annual awards program recognizing outstanding achievement in three categories of history: Excellence in Local History, Heritage Profile Honor and North Dakota Person of History. Nomination forms must be delivered or postmarked by Friday, July 10, at 5 PM.

The Washington State Library and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction are conducting a nationwide survey to create the first comprehensive, data-driven snapshot of games-based library services being offered throughout American libraries. This survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NGLPSurvey2026> [COSLA](#)

Read-Aloud Revival

Submitted by **Monica Struck**

On its face, Read-Aloud Revival is a resource for homeschool families, but Sarah Mackenzie has a deeper goal: to help families make meaningful and lasting connections through books. I think that is a place where libraries and the Read-Aloud Revival crowd intersect. So how exactly can libraries use Read-Aloud Revival to benefit patrons? As a Readers' Advisory tool of course!

In addition to a regular podcast and homeschool support/curriculum, the Read-Aloud Revival crew generates [book lists](#). These lists are freely available on their website without a subscription to Read-Aloud Revival Premium. These lists cover a variety of topics (seasonal favorites, picture book biographies, Shakespeare, and nature studies to name a few). These lists primarily concentrate on the children (It is targeted at homeschooling families after all), but there are some picks included for the adults as well. As for content, you will find a combination of newer material, old favorites, and previously undiscovered gems.

How could a library use this resource in practice? This tool works best if a patron is looking for suggestions on a broad topic (I need more dinosaur books, please!). If they are looking for read-alike suggestions, Read-Aloud Revival lists fall a little short (though they do have a few "if you liked this..." lists), but it could be helpful in finding additional in-genre reads. The real benefit of the lists is that they were curated with the intent that they would be enjoyable to read aloud.

Reading aloud has a host of benefits, but there are some books that are absolutely painful to read out loud, especially when rereads are taken into account. I certainly have my list of books that I hope will never be requested again, but so far, I have not been steered wrongly by Read-Aloud Revival. I encourage you to consider it as a resource to include in your Readers' Advisory arsenal.



NDLA News: Award Nominations Needed!

We are all deserving of all the awards, but if you know of people particularly deserving of the accolades Librarian of the Year or Major Benefactor from our amazing organization, now is the time to nominate them!

Nominations for both awards are due by June 30, 2026.

Letters of nomination should be sent to President-Elect Maddie Sharpe at president.elect@ndla.info.

For more information about the awards, go to <https://ndla.info/Major-Benefactor-Award> or <https://ndla.info/Librarian-of-the-Year-Award/>.

If you'd like help drafting a letter, please reach out to the Communications Council at communications@ndla.info.

NDLA Awards

Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

What's New in Niche

It's been a while since the Library Directors category has had new materials uploaded. It also needed a little fine-tuning with the topic listing as well. Several Niche Academy produced tutorials were uploaded to the *Leadership* topic including *How to Manage Up Without Melting Down*, *Finding Your Purpose as a Leader*, and *Leading with Emotional Intelligence*. Also included in the *Leadership* topic is *Practical Project Management* to help turn those library dreams into a plan of action.

A new course was uploaded in the Library Staff Training and Development category. *Basic Spanish for Library Staff* was developed through a partnership between the South Carolina State Library and REFORMA de las Carolinas, a chapter of REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking. There are many good resources available in this tutorial.

In the category of Current Topics in Libraries, a new resource was uploaded to help libraries, *Community Homelessness and What Libraries Can Do*. Being unhoused happens across the United States. This tutorial will offer suggestions for actions library staff can take and provide specific examples of the various ways in which libraries are addressing the physical, emotional, and practical needs of their unhoused community members.

You can check out these tutorials and hundreds of other free, professional development resources in The North Dakota Library Academy.

[Niche Academy](#)

Library Tidbits

[Heart of America Library](#) is hosting a Calligraphy Class and a Declaration of Independence Talk with Anne Kaese, Calligrapher & Heritage Art Teacher, on June 19 & 20

The Enderlin Municipal Library received a donation from the First Lutheran Church's ["Noisy Offering"](#) to help support the Summer Reading Program

Minot Air Force Base Library is hosting a [Board Game Making Camp](#) where participants can design, create, and test their own board games

Carrington City Library is hosting the [Freedom Truck](#) June 17-19

Kindred Public Library is hosting a [Festival of Tables](#) on August 11, which will include a purse raffle, meal, dessert, and a program "Murder by the Book - Whodunnit"

Rolla Public Library hosted ["Superhero Assassination,"](#) a murder-mystery dinner theater with appetizers, dinner, and dessert on June 11

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is hosting a [Summer Walk & Talk](#) series on the second and fourth Tuesdays (May-August) where participants walk laps around the library for approximately 20 minutes and then have refreshments. They are also hosting a [Build Your Own Boba Tea](#), [Emergency Preparedness Training for Kids](#), [Silent Reading Party](#), and [Angles: Useful & Beautiful](#)

[Divide County High School Library](#) will be receiving new bookshelves, sections, seating, and about 500 books thanks to a grant from the Glenn Perkins Educational Foundation

[Valley City Barnes County Public Library Foundation](#) will be holding its annual Pie Social Fundraiser on June 20. A wide variety of homemade pies baked and donated by local supporters of the library will be served with ice cream, coffee, and lemonade for \$5.00.

[Fargo Public Library](#) kicked off their Summer Reading Challenge with dino-sized digging machines and a foam party

The Flickertale is a weekly publication of the North Dakota State Library

Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

ISSN: 1068-5383

This publication is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Grant to States Program as administered by the North Dakota State Library.

Any mention of services or products in this newsletter does not constitute any endorsement or recommendation. The use of any services or products should be evaluated on an individual basis.

www.library.nd.gov

To submit content ideas/articles for a future issue of the Flickertale, please contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.

Times referenced are Central Time.

Some of these resources and programs are funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

