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BITS OF TRIVIA

By Stacey Goldade

Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library

The new Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library opened in Medora on July 4 after construction started in the summer of 2023. Most people know that Teddy spent time in North Dakota and because of that, we have a lot of books about him in our collection. Some recently acquired titles are:

- *In the Arena: Theodore Roosevelt in War, Peace, and Revolution* by David S. Brown
- *The Loves of Theodore Roosevelt: the Women Who Created a President* by Edward F. O'Keefe – (we have the book **and** a book club kit with 10 copies of this title)
- *Theodore Roosevelt and the Tennis Cabinet* by Michael Patrick Cullinane
- *To Rescue the American Spirit: Teddy Roosevelt and the Birth of a Superpower* by Bret Baier

Other titles include:

- *Becoming Teddy Roosevelt: How a Maine Guide Inspired America's 26th President* by Andrew Vietze
- *The Bully Pulpit: a Teddy Roosevelt Book of Quotations* edited by H. Paul Jeffers
- *Historic Photos of Theodore Roosevelt* by Stacy A. Cordery
- *Theodore Roosevelt for the Defense: the Courtroom Battle to Save His Legacy* by Dan Abrams and David Fisher
- *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard – (we have this book **and** a book club kit with 10 copies of this title)

There is also a special chapter in the 2025-2027 *North Dakota Blue Book* about Teddy and the presidential library. We also have other resources, like folders of newspaper clippings about the Presidential Library and the early planning phases of it. We also have folders for Teddy himself, the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Theodore Roosevelt Elkhorn Ranch, Medora, the Medora Musical and so many more. If you'd like to look through these files, you can come to the State Library to view them. We have many files on famous North Dakotans, libraries and towns in the state, as well as general topics like wheat. They are one-of-a-kind collections of clippings and therefore do not leave our building, but they can be viewed and patrons can make photocopies of articles.

The State Library has many resources about Teddy, the national park named after him, the town of Medora, and more, so be sure to check them out!

Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection



The "Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection" consists of photographs, documents, and objects relating to the Anderson and Landers families from the Kenmare and Crosby areas of North Dakota (Ward County and Divide County), from the late 1800s to the late 1900s. The collection also includes many items relating to agriculture, military, sports, tourism, and North Dakota. The collection is provided by the North Dakota State Library and is available on [Digital Horizons](#).

Digital Horizons

Contemplations

By Kathy Cline

Classic Literature and History as Graphic Novels

What if there were a reading format that made classic literature and historical events more approachable and easier for students to understand? What if that same format could also be used to teach critical thinking skills? And what if it inspired students to read a book again, and again, and again? This article highlights how graphic novels can make these goals possible.



Stanford historian Tom Mullaney has found graphic novels to be useful tools for teaching critical thinking skills in his courses. Mullaney began incorporating graphic novels into his classes in 2017 and, in 2020, taught an entire course on the study of world history through comic strip formats. He finds graphic novels valuable not only for teaching and research, but also as a quick way for students to grasp and learn a topic more easily than through a 10,000-word essay or autobiography. Graphic novels can be read in one or two sittings and still portray the impact historical events have on everyday life.

Although Mullaney doesn't consider graphic novels a substitute for academic literature, he believes their accelerated pace allows students to ask more questions, apply critical thinking, and discuss diverse perspectives.

[Continue Reading](#)

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

North Dakota Memories

- Burleigh County Candidates, 1908
- Kositzky-Poole-McMaster newspaper feud, 1912
- Kositzky-Ecklund newspaper feud, June 1910 [newspaper articles, 1910]
- Political Announcements for Burleigh County, N.D., 1908
- Portrait of Edward G. Patterson, circa 1910



Political Prairie Fire

- Anton T. Kraabel, N.D. Lieutenant Governor, circa 1913
- Carl O. Jorgenson, N.D. State Auditor, circa 1913
- Fistfight in Capitol Corridor Follows Arrest of John Sullivan for Contempt of State Senate; Seventeenth Session Has Feverish Finish [newspaper article, 1921]
- Getting Ready to Carry the State [political cartoon, 1915]
- Greatest Political Overturn in History of North Dakota--Every Nonpartisan Candidate on State Ticket Nominated [newspaper article, 1916]
- Kositzky Stands Firm: Will Run Office from Jail Before Paying Judges [newspaper article, 1917]
- Kositzky will ask audit of Jorgenson's regime [newspaper article, 1917]
- Senate Session Closes in Brawls and Fights; Attys. Murphy-Sullivan Arrested [newspaper article, 1921]
- Senate Session Comes to End Amid Brawls, Fist Fights and Scenes of Wildest Disorder [newspaper article, 1921]
- Stepping Stones to Success [political cartoon, 1916]
- Townley Feared to Give People Truth About His Tax Schemes, Asserts Senator F. W. Mees [newspaper article, 1919]



Prairie Recipes

- Favorite Recipes: Lattice and Lace

[Digital Horizons](#)

Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

What's New In Niche

New Library Foundational Training (LiFT) courses have been uploaded in the **Library Staff Training and Development** category. If you are unfamiliar with these courses, LiFT was created by the Idaho Commission for Libraries and WebJunction to meet the needs of non degreed librarians, particularly those library workers who are new to the profession or have never worked in a library before. With a focus on small and medium libraries, these courses were designed to introduce learners to various aspects of the practice, values, and mission of library work. Two new subcategories have been created to host these tutorials. In the **Library Staff Training and Development** category, a Cataloging category has four new tutorials, starting with *Introduction to the Library Catalog* and covering topics *Copy Cataloging*, *Classification and Call Numbers*, and *Subject Heading*. Also added, *Public Services* houses two tutorials, *Public Library Fundamental* and *The Reference Interview*.

Niche Academy

Library Tidbits

[Rolla Public Library](#) received a \$1,500 grant from the Rolla Community Endowment Fund to update the library for the 100th anniversary in 2027

Kate and the kids from Kate's Daycare earned more than \$400 with their lemonade stand at the [Carrington City Library](#). The money will help fund programming during the next school year

[Grand Forks Public Library](#) will be hosting an interactive exhibit created by a University of North Dakota professor to give people an up-close look at live moths and caterpillars to discover the amazing journey of metamorphosis through July 28.

[Grand Forks Public Library](#) and UND faculty have received support from UND CONNECT to offer monthly Spanish-language storytime sessions. Students in the Spanish 421 course will help select books, plan activities, and facilitate these events. The grant will also pay for Spanish-language books for UND, enrichment materials, and take-home book kits for families.

Conductor Jack Norton will be performing at [Fargo Public Library's](#) "Prehistoric Beats" event on Friday, July 17, at 11:30 AM. Emmy Award-winning children's educator, YouTuber, and entertainer Conductor Jack will sing and play live music on guitar, ukulele, harmonica, and kazoo at the Dr. James Carlson Library

[Morton Mandan Public Library](#) will be hosting "An Evening in Tuscany" on Thursday, July 30. A catered meal will be served with a performance by Internationally trained Ukrainian vocalists Dmytro Somkin and Kseniia Somkina at this 21+ event

Kit of the Week

"The Liars Society" by Alyson Gerber



Weatherby is a fish out of water. When she lands a scholarship to the prestigious Boston School, she's excited to be in the same world as her dad, whom she's never met, and make real friends. But Weatherby has a secret she'll risk everything to protect, one that could destroy her new life. Every member of Jack's wealthy and privileged family has made their mark at the Boston School. Everyone, that is, except for Jack, who is entirely mediocre. He's desperate to prove his worth to his influential father. But Jack has a secret of his own. Ages 9-13

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

Reserve This Kit



NDLA News: Call for Good Stuff Submissions

It's time to submit your good stuff for inclusion in our September 2026 issue by [sending an e-mail](#) or filling out the [online form](#).

Deadline: Friday, July 31, 2026

The NDLA website has [current](#) and [past issues](#) available.

Please reach out to the [Good Stuff Chair](#) or the [Communications Council](#) for further assistance.

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