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Fundamental Skills for Today's Services

Free Virtual Conference

September 2 & 3 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Fundamental Skills for Today's Services

The role of a librarian often leans into being creative and innovative, but it also relies on the skills and knowledge to keep the day-to-day operation of a library running smoothly. Whether you are brand new to the job or have been on the job for a while but can use a refresher, this virtual conference has something for every librarian.

Fundamental Skills for Today's Services will be held September 2 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and September 3 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There will be sessions on cataloging, reference services, readers' advisory, library programming, AI safety for senior citizens, partnerships with community organizations assisting immigrants, school librarians, collection development policies, marketing, advocacy and more.

More information, including registration, will be posted soon at <https://www.library.nd.gov/traininglibraries>.



The Reading Nook

By Jessica Robinson

2026 Biographies/Memoirs



Just in time for the country's 250th anniversary is the release of *American Patriarch* by H.W. Brands, a hefty biography of George Washington. This biography is a thorough cradle-to-grave account of Washington's life, detailing his ambitious youth and sometimes turbulent relationships with his fellow Founding Fathers to his initially reluctant stint as America's first president before retiring into the life of a fiery Federalist with his eyes constantly turned towards his successors.

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Using Multiple Beanstack Accounts

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

Good news! Readers can log reading on Beanstack accounts from both their local library and NDSL! This change in account management allows readers to take part in more challenges. Switching between accounts does not require different emails or passwords.

Using the Beanstack App

To Set Up a New Account

1. Tap the Settings gear icon at the top right corner of the screen.
2. Select the "Accounts" option.
3. "Add Account."
4. Click "Find Your School or Library." (Type the library's name into the search bar.)
5. After selecting the library to be added, follow the prompts to set up a Beanstack account at that site. Have your library card number available.

To Toggle Between Accounts

1. Log into one of your Beanstack accounts.
2. Select Reader (the initials in the upper right-hand corner).
3. Click "Change." The other library you are registered with will pop up. Choose that library and ta-da!

Using the Desktop Version:

To Set Up a New Account

1. Go to [Beanstack.com](https://www.Beanstack.com).
2. Click "Login."
3. Type the name of the library you are adding into the search bar. Select that library's logo.
4. Create a new account. Follow the prompts to sign up for a Beanstack account through the site. Have your library card number available.

Logging into Desktop

Toggling between Beanstack sites is not an available feature on the desktop version. So, if you want to use Site A (let's say that is NDSL) then you would search for North Dakota State Library and sign-in for that location. When you want to switch to Site B (your local library), you log out of NDSL's site (or open a new tab) and then log into your local library's Beanstack site.

Beanstack



Libraries in the News

Caitlyn Berry, Adult Services Coordinator at [Valley City Barnes County Public Library](#), was selected as a recipient for the ARSL's Literacy Bridges: Empowering 21st Century Communities Grant Program. The library will receive a \$25,000 grant to develop and expand adult basic and digital literacy programming in the community, made possible through support from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation.

[Washburn Public Library](#) received Vet Kids Cattle Club books from the District 5 North Dakota CattleWomen.



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](#). The NDLA website has [current](#) and [past issues](#) available. Please reach out to the [Good Stuff Chair](#) or the [Communications Council](#) for further assistance.

Deadline: Friday, July 31, 2026

Kit of the Week

Look What I See

"Look What I See" is a NASA@ My Library kit that teaches patrons how to use microscopes. Participants can collect their own specimens from around the library or use the prepared slides to examine under the microscope.

This kit includes two My First Lab duo-scope microscopes; two boxes of prepared slides; two sets of microscope accessories; two books; and a folder with instructions.



[Reserve This Kit](#)

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