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Great Reads from Great Places Public Voting

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

We are approximately halfway through voting for Great Reads from Great Places 2027! Thank you to all who have cast votes so far and to those who have encouraged their patrons to vote. Conducting public voting has been a fabulous way to not only get the word out about Great Reads, but to highlight numerous North Dakota authors within one year.

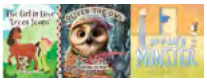
The Nominees

Adult Choices



- "Brothers No More: A Vietnam Odyssey" by Lee Rebsom
- "Little Sister: A Family Memoir" by Gayle Larson Schuck
- "Tough but Fair: Reformation of a Prison, Memoir of a Warden" by Winston E. Satran

Youth Choices



- "The Girl in Lime Green Jeans" by Lindsey Miller
- "Oliver the Owl: The Culinary Pro" by Rayna Jo Zest
- "Sofia's Monster" by Daniel Wolfe

What Does it Mean to be a Great Reads Author?

Great Reads authors represent their state or territory at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. Additionally, the winning North Dakota adult and youth authors take a tour of four North Dakota libraries or schools.

Ways to Vote:

- Libraries can keep tally if they so choose. Tammy will reach out about final counts in January.
- Votes can be emailed to Tammy Kruger at **tlkruger@nd.gov**.
- Votes can be cast through the **Microsoft form**.

One vote per adult and youth selection per person. Voters must be North Dakota residents. Voting ends December 31.

Vote Today!



November Initiatives

November is known for events such as **Children's Book Week**, **Native American Heritage Month**, **Veterans Day**, and Thanksgiving, but some lesser known days to celebrate might be National STEM/STEAM Day, National Recycling Day, and Use Less Stuff Day. Let's look a little deeper at each of these initiatives.

To begin, November 8, National STEM/STEAM Day, highlights the exploration of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. You may find this free sample of a **Hands-on STEAM Challenge** to be a fun activity for grades 2-3. You may also wish to watch all or some of the **STEAM IS EVERYWHERE! Empowering Children as Thinkers, Problem Solvers** webinars. The webinars include an introduction to **STEAM Works** picture books, math and science experiences, and ways to engage families in activities. Presenters also share activities they implement. Even though the events have passed, you can register and watch the recordings.

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Shelf Additions

By Kathy Cline

Celebrating STEM and Earth-Friendly Choices

The November *Shelf Additions* focuses on titles that celebrate National STEM/STEAM Day, National Recycling Day, and Use Less Stuff Day. Below you'll find a small selection of books to support these themes.

Title	Age Range	Publication Year
Goat Maath	3-7	2026
Spaghetti Code	4-8	2026
Measuring Up	5-9	2025
Firefly Song	5-9	2025
Wanda Hears the Stars	6-9	2025
Loop de Loop	6-9	2024
The Five Sides of Marjorie Rice	7-9	2025
Total Garbage	8-12	2026
Before Colors: Where Pigments and Dyes Come From	8-12	2023
The Lost Women of Science	8-14	2025
Team Trash	9-12	2023
STEM Activity Lab – DK	9-12	2024
Great STEM Projects by DK	9-12	2023
Undercover Conversations	9-12	2026
Science Comics Boxed Set: Solar System, The Brain, and Robots and Drones	9-13	2021
This Book is Not Garbage	9-14	2021
Many Voices: Building Erie, The Canal That Changed America	10-12	2025
Sama Crushes the Code	10-13	2026
Fashionopolis: The Secrets Behind the Clothes We Wear	10-14	2024
The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go from Here	12-16	2022
Design Thinking: A Guide to Innovation	12-18	2025
Braiding Sweetgrass	12-18	2022

If you are looking for more STEM/STEAM books explore the following:

Best STEM Books 2026
2026 Steam Team Books and Bios



Classic Croissants, Modern Techniques



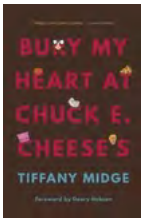
Imagine sinking your teeth into a flaky and buttery croissant, fresh from your own oven! Executive pastry chef Colette Christian will teach you how to make four mouth-watering recipes, from the traditional to savory to sweet almond-filled pastries. This class includes over 109 minutes of in-depth instruction, access to class Q&A, downloadable/printable recipes, tips, and techniques.

This class is for bakers of all skill level and includes a bonus video on how to make dough without a mixer.

Craft & Hobby



North Dakota Authors



In honor of National Native American Heritage Month, I wish to present out of the 574 Federally Recognized Tribes, five of our own tribal authors and local illustrator here in North Dakota. Please check them out and support their amazing work!

Tiffany Midge, enrolled member and citizen of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation. Her book, *'Bury My Heart at Chuck E. Cheese's' (2019-2022)* , dives into Midge's musings on life, politics, and identity as a Native woman in modern America. **This book can be found in the NDSL catalog.**

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Heading Structure

Heading structures are important when organizing your website's content because they help screen readers navigate in an efficient manner, signal content hierarchy to search engines, and show headings, subheadings, etc.

When you are adding headings, you will need to add them hierarchical. WordPress will usually assign a Heading 1 tag to your main title, which means the next heading you add should be labeled Heading 2 (H2). Any subsections (or subsections of subsections) under that will be labeled Heading 3 (H3) – Heading 6 (H6).

A few things to note:

- Do not jump from H2 to H4 without an H3 in between
- You can jump from H4 to H2 when closing the subsections
- Do not use a heading to make paragraph text larger or bolder

If you have any questions or would like assistance with your library's WordPress website, **schedule a meeting** with BreAnne. There will also be a Q&A Session on **Monday, November 16 (1:00-2:00)**.

Source:

"Headings." Edited by Eric Eggert and Shadi Abou-Zahra, *Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)*, W3C Web Accessibility Initiative, 4 May 2017, **https://www.w3.org/WAI/tutorials/page-structure/headings/**.

Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

Submitted by Al Peterson

November brings colder weather, longer nights, and a slew of learning opportunities for your own continuing education. The staff at North Dakota State Library is offering a couple of great webinars. We encourage you to sign up but if you can't make it when it is scheduled, you can watch the recordings that we put in North Dakota Library Academy.

Don't miss out on these State Library Webinars in November:

Exploring the New Catalog
November 5 (1:00 PM -1:30 PM)

WordPress Q&A
November 16 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Webinar Opportunities

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