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Make Screen Time Purposeful with Britannica Early Elementary

Submitted by Kathy Cline

Is technology adding value to learning in your school? Is it enhancing or inhibiting learning? Is the screen time passive or purposeful? In the webinar, Purposeful Screen Time: Making Every Digital Minute Count with Britannica Early Elementary, presenter Kristie Bangali offers practical guidance for making digital learning more meaningful.

According to Bangali, "The goal isn't more screen time. It's more meaningful learning." To make learning behind the screen more meaningful, educators should ask whether screen time is passive or purposeful. You might be asking, "What is the difference between the two?" Passive screen time lacks a clear purpose, a connection to a focused topic, and opportunities for students to think or respond. On the other hand, purposeful screen time provides students with a clear learning goal, engages them in thinking and responding, and connects learning to something they have learned or will learn next.

Purposeful digital learning includes:

- A clear purpose for learning
- Active engagement through close observation, making predictions, or explaining ideas
- Meaningful interaction between educators and students, or among students
- Learning beyond the screen by applying what is learned through movement, drawing, play, talking, and other hands-on experiences

We know that background knowledge improves comprehension, and Britannica Early Elementary can help build that knowledge by developing vocabulary, strengthening listening and oral language skills, while connecting new and familiar ideas. Britannica Early Elementary provides a learning sequence of Read-Play-Connect. Students read or listen to trusted age-appropriate text, interactively explore ideas, and make meaningful connections by applying what they have learned in discussions or hands-on activities.

This purposeful approach to digital learning helps students engage more deeply with content while extending learning beyond the screen.

You may wish to consider viewing the **Purposeful Screen Time: Making Every Digital Minute Count with Britannica Early Elementary** in its entirety. You may also download the **webinar slide deck**, explore **Britannica Early Elementary's interactive collection**, and pair your lessons with Teach Britannica's open-access **implementation strategies**.

Homework Help Postcards

Make research easier for your students with Homework Help postcards! These quick guides point students directly to the online library resources best suited for their grade level and subject.



Postcards are available for:

- Business Class
- English/Speech Class
- Grades K-3
- Grades 4-5
- Grades 6-8
- Health Class
- History/Government Class
- Science Class

We also offer a postcard created for teachers that highlight educator-focused online tools.

The postcards are available to all North Dakota libraries at no cost. Request copies for your students, teachers, and community, and we'll mail them to you as soon as possible. These can be used for display racks or classroom handouts to promote these reliable resources to the students.

Request Items Today



ChatGPT for Teens

OpenAI, the company behind the popular generative AI chatbot ChatGPT, seems to be focusing their attention lately on certain demographics. For the baby boomers, OpenAI is pushing ChatGPT Voice. You may have seen some of the commercials from OpenAI featuring sassy grandmas using the product.

OpenAI has also been focusing on teens. AI chatbots have received some negative press in the last couple of years when it comes to teens. There have been startling connections between AI and teens (mental health problems and suicide).

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Homemade Holiday Breads



November 17 is National Homemade Bread Day! Celebrate the joy of baking fresh bread from scratch with award-winning pastry chef Jenny McCoy. The **Homemade Holiday Breads class** on Craft & Hobby will guide you in making an array of classic holiday breads, including:

- Gingerbread Streusel Coffee Cake
- Pecan Sticky Buns
- Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Bread
- Apple – Cranberry Bread
- Rosemary Potato Rolls
- Seven Seed Dinner Rolls
- Popovers
- Buttermilk Biscuits
- Cornbread
- Roasted Root Veggie and Cornbread Stuffing
- Panettone
- Challah Dough
- Chocolate Babka

This class includes two hours of in-depth instruction with tips and tricks so you can bake any bread with confidence, on-demand video access anytime, bonus downloadable pdf resources, and access to class Q&A.

Craft & Hobby



Innovative Library Funding

Funding capital projects is difficult. Fundraising is exhausting; it's difficult to find grants that allow funding for capital projects; and sometimes it feels like it would be easier to fly to the moon than get money for your project. Before you tear your hair out in frustration, it might be time to look toward some different avenues of funding.

First, let's demystify our financial situation. Instead of planning a capital project (scary), let's go on a family vacation (fun)! Let's start with our traditional funding sources which we will view as the household budget. This consists of your income (mill levy), your savings (budget surplus), responsible credit card (general obligation or municipal bonds), and side hustles (other public funds). This is your funding base, but it isn't always enough for the project at hand. This is where it helps to get creative.

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Honoring Dr. Denise Lajimodiere, North Dakota Poet Laureate (2023-2028)

Submitted by Jennifer Long

For this second Flickertale article covering Native American Heritage Month, I wish to honor Ojibwe poet and author: Dr. Denise Lajimodiere, North Dakota's Poet Laureate (North Dakota Council on the Arts) and the first Native American to hold that position here in North Dakota.



Her work, scholarship, and artistry carry the stories of Native peoples across this state and beyond. A citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in Belcourt, ND, Dr. Lajimodiere shares that home community with another celebrated North Dakota writer, Louise Erdrich. Both draw on their roots to tell stories that deserve to be heard.

Dr. Denise Lajimodiere's works focus on both history and healing such as her academic work, *Stringing Rosaries: The History, The Unforgivable, The Healing of Northern Plains Boarding School Survivors* 2019 (NDSU Press), the children's book *Josie Dances,* and several poetry collections: *Dragonfly Dance, Bitter Tears, Thunderbird*, and *His Feathers Were Chains.* Dr. Denise Lajimodiere is also one of the founders along with Dr. Ramona Klein of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (N-NABS-HC), an organization that is dedicated to truth and healing around the boarding school era.

Dr. Denise K. Lajimodiere's works *Stringing Rosaries*, *His Feathers Were Chains,* and *Thunderbird* can be found here at NDSL.



"Stringing Rosaries" by Dr. Denise K. Lajimodiere



"His Feathers Were Chains" by Dr. Denise K. Lajimodiere

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North Dakotans are invited to create and submit handmade ornaments for this year's State Christmas Tree. "Kindness" is this year's theme. Submit your ornament(s) by November 23.

Embodied Carbon in Library Building Projects
November 17 (1:00-2:30 PM)

Every piece of material and every item that makes up the library building and its contents has a past, a present, and a future. From raw material to end-of-life, the impact is not just in its usefulness but also in how its lifecycle contributes to or detracts from sound environmental practices. In order to make informed choices and adhere to sustainability goals, an understanding of embodied carbon and relevant considerations is key. The Northeast Summit on Climate Adaptation for Library Facilities invites you to join us for a webinar featuring experts in embodied carbon and library design who will provide insight on higher level concepts and practical applications in library building projects.

Register today!

If you cannot attend on the 17th, a recording will be posted to the **Northeast Summit on Climate Adaptation for Library Facilities LibGuide**.

Library Tidbits

Samantha Bischof, Children's Librarian at the Lake Region Public Library, recently had an article published on the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Blog on **Breaking Barriers Through ASL and Inclusive Storytime**.

Fargo Public Library's Northport branch hosted the **Oscar Mayer Wienermobile** on October 27. The visit included a hot dog-themed storytime, photos, meet with the Hotdoggers, and an up-close look at the one-of-a-kind vehicle.

Fargo Public Library is hosting a **pediatric health and wellness event** for young children on November 14. This event will include wellness education, hands-on crafts, and family activities. This initiative is co-sponsored by Sanford Health and the University of North Dakota School of Meidicine and Health Sciences.

Lydia Faulkner, a librarian at Ed Clapp Elementary School in Fargo, is the founder of **Lyd's Kids - Every Child Deserves a Book**. The organization's goal is to collect 2,000 books for children this holiday season.

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health are teaming up for 20-minute **Winter Walk and Talks**.

Morton-Mandan Public Library's **new branch** is now open at the Play Lab.



How to Start and Run an Online Business

Submitted by Al Peterson

In today's fast-paced, online world, an online presence to conduct business is not only necessary but critical. Whether your patrons run a business that is a traditional storefront operation or an emerging digital enterprise, this course will guide your entrepreneurial minded patrons through the essentials of starting and promoting an online business connecting them to thousands, maybe even millions of potential customers. Even if someone comes into your library and wants to start an online business from scratch, this 16-course class will empower your self starter patrons with the essentials of launching and scaling an online business. Topics include finding your market, equipping yourself with the right tools and technology, website building, and more. Learners will discover how to market your business, how to build your own brand, and bring the customers to you. By signing up and completing *How to Start and Run an Online Business*, entrepreneurs and savvy business patrons will emerge with a crystal-clear vision, a well-defined and robust strategy, and the personal confidence to thrive in the ever-evolving digital marketplace.

Find this course in the Business category under Small Business category or by typing in the name of the course into the search box.

Universal Class

Digital Delight

Thanksgiving menu, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1917



This image shows what was on the menu for the 1917 Thanksgiving at the North Dakota School for the Deaf.

Celery, mixed pickles, veal chowder in cups au choteau brain, stuffed young roast turkey, giblet gravy, supreme dressing, cranberry sauce, cream whipped potatoes, peas, assorted fruit salad, jack o'lantern pie, Roman punch, English plum pudding, mapeline sauce, and lemonade.

Courtesy of Digital Horizons (North Dakota School for the Deaf Collection, ND State Library)

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