

The Study ND is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, founded in 1973. Formerly known as Humanities North Dakota, we offer free, scholar-led online learning to all North Dakotans, and we're looking for library partners across the state to help us reach more people. This presentation will walk you through what we do and what a library partnership looks like.

The Study/Library Partnerships



This section of the presentation covers the partnership framework: what The Study provides, what libraries provide, and how those two things combine to reach patrons who benefit most.



What We Bring Libraries

- Online scholar-led programming
- A library of on-demand recorded content
- Study Club model
- Learning passes for patron enrollment
- Program promotion materials
- Ongoing training and support

All FREE to library patrons

The Study provides partner libraries with all of the following, at no cost to patrons:

- Online scholar-led programming: live, interactive classes, book talks, lectures, and living history performances
- A library of on-demand recorded content patrons can access anytime
- The Study Club model: a facilitated small-group learning format that can be hosted in your library
- Learning passes for patron enrollment in any Study class
- Program promotion materials: print and digital templates
- Ongoing training and support for library staff and Study Club hosts



What Libraries Bring To The Study

- A trusted community presence
- Physical space for Study Clubs
- Computer and internet access
- Staff to guide and welcome patrons
- Program Promotion

A connection to patrons who need us most

Libraries are essential partners because they bring what The Study cannot provide alone:

- A trusted community presence that patrons already rely on
- Physical space to host Study Clubs and provide computer access
- Computer and internet access for patrons without reliable home technology
- Staff who can guide and welcome patrons new to online learning
- Program promotion capacity through existing library channels
- A direct connection to the patrons who need this programming most



**Together, we close
the gap between
great programming
and the people who
deserve it.**

The Study ND and North Dakota's libraries share a common mission: expanding access to knowledge and learning for all North Dakotans. Together, we can reach patrons — especially in rural communities — who would not otherwise have access to high-quality continuing education in the humanities.

 MORE PERFECT


In Pursuit Essays

Short essays written by past presidents and award-winning historians on American presidents and first ladies through a leadership lens

Add them to your library newsletter



The In Pursuit column is a partnership between The Study ND and More Perfect, a national civic education initiative. The columns are short essays on American presidents and first ladies through a leadership lens, written by award-winning historians. Libraries can add these columns to their own newsletters as a simple, no-effort way to bring humanities content to their patrons. Contact RoomForYou@TheStudyND.org to receive the columns



MARILYN HUDSON **BRAVE**
CONVERSATIONS
PROJECT

Conversations led by leading thinkers on critical issues facing society

Your library can host a satellite event

The Marilyn Hudson Brave Conversations Project is The Study's annual signature event, featuring a nationally recognized scholar or public intellectual in conversation on a critical issue. Libraries can serve as satellite event hosts — streaming the program and facilitating local discussion with community members. No program development is required. Contact us at RoomForYou@TheStudyND.org to learn about upcoming events and satellite hosting.



Classes

Four–twelve week scholar–led courses
offering small, discussion–based learning

Offer your patrons free learning passes to
attend classes

Classes are the core of The Study’s programming: four to twelve week, scholar-led courses offered online via Zoom. They are small and discussion-based, covering topics in history, literature, philosophy, writing, and more. Libraries can offer patrons free enrollment through learning passes. See the Learning Passes slide for details on how this works.

Classes are recorded and available to registered participants, to make asynchronistic learning possible.

Class sizes are limited to allow engagement with the scholar and fellow learners.



Living History

Historical portrayals and reenactments
by scholars

Livestream performances



Living History programs feature scholars in historical character portraying figures from American and world history. These live performances are interactive and accessible to a wide range of audiences. Libraries can stream them as community viewing events. Check TheStudyND.org for the current programming schedule.



Lectures

Stand-alone talks by
national and regional scholars

Livestream lectures

Lectures are single-session, stand-alone events featuring national and regional scholars. They offer patrons an accessible, low-commitment entry point into The Study's programming. Libraries can promote them as community events and stream them on-site. No registration through the library is required for lecture attendance; patrons can register directly at TheStudyND.org.

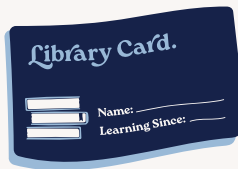


Book Talks

Author readings and discussion

Livestream Book Talks

Book Talks are author reading and discussion events featuring both national and North Dakota-based authors. They complement existing library programming naturally and offer patrons access to authors they might not otherwise encounter. Libraries can stream Book Talks as community events. Visit TheStudyND.org for the current schedule.



Library of Recorded Events

On-demand access to lectures, book talks, living history performances, and more

- Register for access through email
- Stream select events in your library
- Report attendance back to The Study
- Share this resource with patrons

The screenshot displays three event cards from the 'Library of Recorded Events' interface. Each card features a video player thumbnail on the left and a text description on the right. The top card is a 'BOOK TALK' titled 'Miles of Destruction: Book Talk with C.J. Wynn', dated January 18, 2026. The middle card is a 'LECTURE' titled 'Restoring Neighborliness - Democracy, Community, Ethics with former Governor Ed Schafer', dated January 15, 2026. The bottom card is a 'LECTURE' titled 'Forgotten First Ladies Who Influenced America with Teri Finneman', dated January 15, 2026. The interface uses a dark blue background with white and orange text.

The Library of Recorded Events is an on-demand archive of Study programming: lectures, book talks, and living history performances. Partner libraries can:

- Register for access via email at <https://www.thestudynd.org/library>
- Stream recorded events in their library space for community viewing
- Share access with individual patrons
- Report attendance back to The Study



Study Clubs

Small, community-based learning groups
built around all Study programming

Host a Study Club in your library

Study Clubs are facilitated small-group learning experiences built around any Study programming — classes, lectures, book talks, recorded events, or any combination. They can meet in libraries, homes, workplaces, or any community space. The Study provides host training, discussion guides, and marketing materials. Libraries that host Study Clubs provide the physical space, a dedicated host (staff or volunteer), and patron outreach. Contact RoomForYou@TheStudyND.org to get started.

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THE POLITICAL DIVIDES

History
Literature
Philosophy

Virtual Study Club

May 3, 2026, 1 - 2:30 pm
Zoom

Join our next virtual Study Club to see how it works!

To see how a Study Club works first hand sign up for one of our Virtual Study Clubs. We host them monthly and you can register at <https://www.thestudynd.org/classes-and-events>

ROOM FOR THOUGHT. ROOM FOR YOU.

Partner With Us

Host Study Club
Distribute learning passes
Serve as a community access point



THREE WAYS YOUR LIBRARY CAN ENGAGE T

Libraries can partner with The Study ND in three ways, independently or in combination:

- Host a Study Club: provide space and a host for facilitated small-group learning
- Distribute learning passes: offer patrons free enrollment in any Study class
- Serve as a community access point: provide computers, internet, and registration support for patrons attending Study programs

There is no required combination and no minimum commitment. Libraries can start small and grow.

Library Study Clubs

You Provide

**DEDICATED HOST (STAFF OR VOLUNTEER)
LIBRARY SPACE
INVITE PATRONS**

We Provide

**HOST TRAINING AND ONGOING SUPPORT
MARKETING MATERIALS
HIGH TECH OR LOW TECH OPTIONS
LIVE OR RECORDED PROGRAMS**



The Study

Your library provides:

- A dedicated host (staff member or volunteer)
- Library space for the group to meet
- Patron outreach and invitations

The Study provides:

- Host training and ongoing support
- Marketing and promotional materials
- High-tech or low-tech programming options (projector, laptop, or discussion only)
- Access to live and recorded Study programs

Learning Passes

A learning pass gives a patron free enrollment in any Study class

- No account setup required in advance
- Libraries collect patron contact information and class selection, then email both directly to The Study staff at RoomForYou@TheStudyND.org.
- Limit of one learning pass per patron per semester
- No limit on the number of passes a library can distribute (individual class sizes still apply)



A learning pass gives a patron free enrollment in any Study class. Here is how the process works:

- No account setup is required in advance by the patron or the library
- Library staff collect the patron's contact information and class selection
- Staff email that information directly to The Study at RoomForYou@TheStudyND.org
- The Study handles enrollment and follow-up with the patron
- No limit on the number of passes a library can distribute (individual class sizes still apply)
- Each patron is eligible for one learning pass per semester



Supporting Patrons New to Online Learning

- Many patrons want to learn but face real barriers: no home computer, no reliable internet, limited tech confidence
- Your library is already the solution

Many North Dakotans who would benefit most from Study programming face real barriers to participation: no home computer, no reliable internet, or limited confidence with online tools. Libraries are uniquely positioned to remove these barriers. This does not require technical expertise from library staff. It requires only what libraries already provide: access, trust, and a welcoming environment.

What support can look like:

- Letting a patron use a library computer to attend a class
- Helping them register and log in before the first session
- Walking them through Zoom once so they feel confident going forward

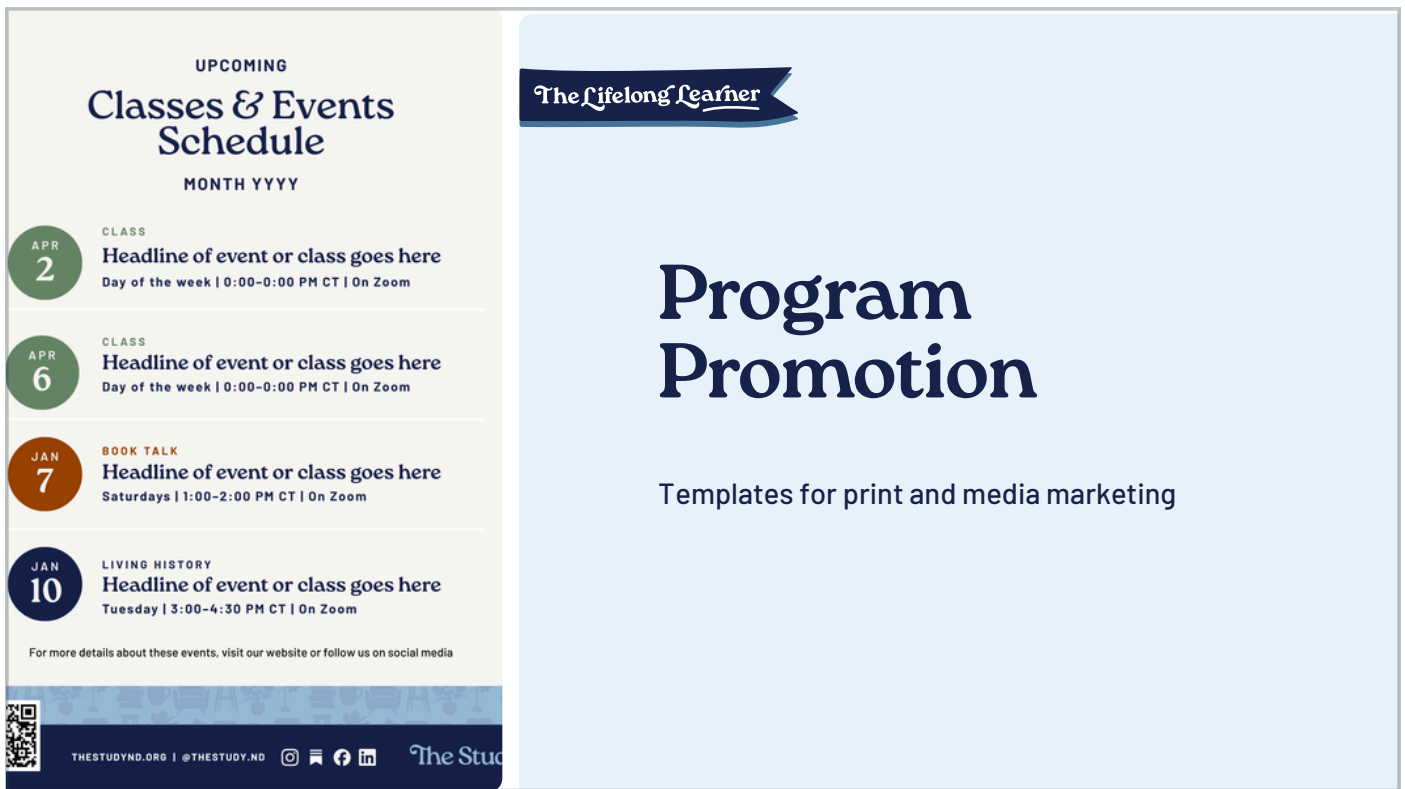
You don't need to be tech experts – just a familiar, trusted presence



Practical support for patrons new to online learning can be as simple as:

- Allowing a patron to use a library computer to attend a class
- Helping them register and log in before their first session
- Doing a brief Zoom orientation so they feel confident participating

Library staff do not need to be tech experts. The goal is to help patrons get started. Most participants are self-sufficient after their first session.



Partner libraries receive ready-to-use promotional templates for both print and digital channels: flyers, social media graphics, and newsletter copy. No design work is required. Contact RoomForYou@TheStudyND.org to receive the current promotional materials package.

Low tech option:

Templates you can simply print and then handwrite your information on.

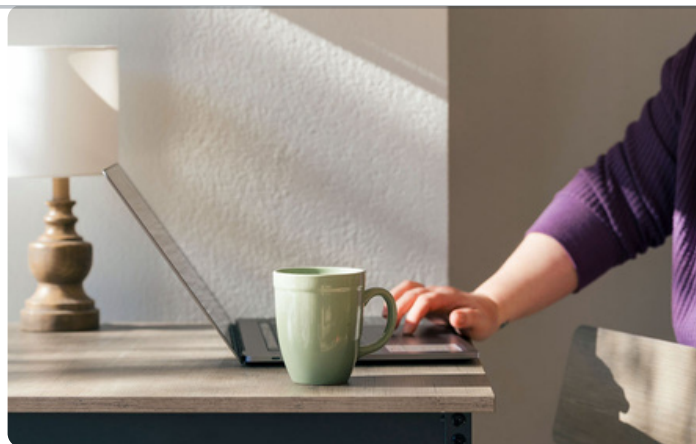
Canva templates you can customize for print and digital marketing.

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Your Library Brings

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Ready to get started?

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To become a partner library, contact The Study ND
Email: RoomForYou@TheStudyND.org

We will follow up with onboarding support. There is no cost to participate and no minimum commitment required.

Our Summer and Fall programs will be listed our website in late May. For a sneak-peak list of upcoming programming email: RoomForYou@TheStudyND.org