

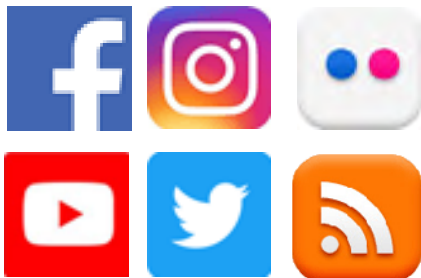
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SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

On Friday, May 31, the North Dakota State Capitol Grounds and the North Dakota Heritage Center were filled with thousands of children gathered together to celebrate reading. The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and the Morton Mandan Public Library worked with the North Dakota State Library to coordinate this exciting annual event, which is held to encourage kids to participate in the summer reading programs at their local libraries.

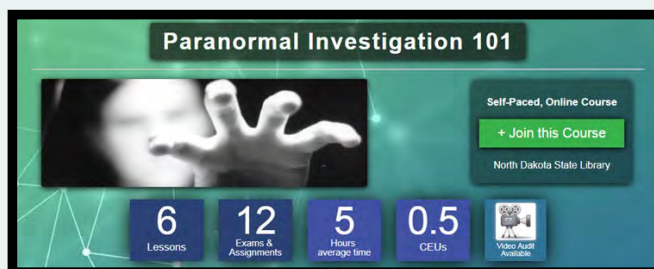
It was a day full of fun and activities for children in Bismarck/Mandan and surrounding communities. We would like to thank everyone who attended and the organizations and groups who made this a successful event!



UNIVERSAL CLASS COURSE OF THE MONTH: PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION 101

Last month, we highlighted a course that concentrated on career building. This month, we are going to get a little bit more fun and a whole lot more spooky. Have you ever wanted to know if a place is haunted? How do people on those television shows find this stuff out? Well, there is a course for that!

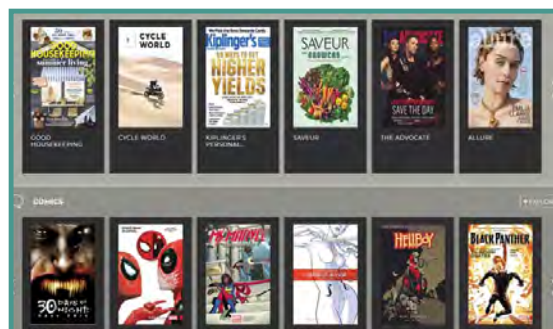
In [Paranormal Investigation 101](#), you will get an introductory study to paranormal activity, the essentials of investigating, and how to know when the job is done. This course averages 5 hours long, has 6 lessons and 12 assignments. After you have mastered this introductory course, try your hand at Paranormal Investigation 201!



RBDIGITAL

Submitted by Angie Houser

Summer is here, and that also means it's time to review that summer reading list and see what you want to dive into this summer. The only hard part about having a summer reading list is carrying around all those books, but don't worry about it! With RBdigital, you have access to hundreds of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and even comics, all in one app. Maybe you're brand new to RBdigital or a veteran of the database; either way, there are plenty of new items to justify a look around. RBdigital is an app-based database that allows you access to your materials on iOS, Android, and Kindle Fire devices.



The magazines do not have a checkout limit or a due date. So, if you find a project you want to tackle later in the summer, you can keep the magazine you found it in. The comics have a thirty-day checkout period and the collection is growing. Find the first issue of some of your favorite superheroes, and then, check out the rest from your library or local comic book shop.

Nothing is more time consuming than yard work. Get to that next bestseller on your reading list by checking out the audiobook. You can get your chores done and read the book everyone is raving about at the same time. Maybe you are going camping or to the beach. With a 14-day check out period and the ability to adjust the screen brightness, you can check out that book you've been putting off reading and relax on vacation with it.

If you have any questions, please email ndsltrain@nd.gov.

NEW EBOOKS

Flat Broke with Two Goats by Jennifer McGaha

A Woman is No Man by Etaf Rum

Four Dead Queens by Astrid Scholte

Dear Mrs. Bird by A.J. Pearce

The Nazi Officer's Wife by Edith Beer

NEW E-AUDIOBOOKS

Eyes of Prey by John Sandford

Beneath the Surface by Lynn Blackburn

Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans

The 18th Abduction by James Patterson

How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor

These titles, along with many others, are available on [RBdigital](#).

NEW TITLES AVAILABLE AT THE STATE LIBRARY

Children's Books

***Everyone Works on a Family Farm* by Dana Sullivan**

Tells the story of the Rhodes family farm, where three generations work together to feed livestock and grow crops. They do so with the help of Rocky the dog and their trusty farm equipment, each with its own name and personality. The book also depicts the food production chain from farm to plate.

***The Lost Forest* by Phyllis Root**

The story of a forest "lost" by a surveying error -- and all the flora and fauna to be found there. In 1882 when surveyors set out to map a part of Minnesota, they got confused, or tired and cold (it was November), and somehow mapped a great swath of ancient trees as a lake. For more than seventy-five years, the mistake stayed on the map, and the forest remained safe from logging. The Lost Forest tells the story of this lucky error and of the 144 acres of old-growth red and white pine it preserved.

Middle Grade Books

***Planet Earth is Blue* by Nicole Panteleakos**

Twelve-year-old Nova is eagerly awaiting the launch of the space shuttle Challenger--it's the first time a teacher is going into space, and kids across America will watch the event on live TV in their classrooms. Nova and her big sister, Bridget, share a love of astronomy and the space program. They planned to watch the launch together. But Bridget has disappeared, and Nova is in a new foster home. While foster families and teachers dismiss Nova as severely autistic and nonverbal, Bridget understands how intelligent and special Nova is, and all that she can't express. As the liftoff draws closer, Nova's new foster family and teachers begin to see her potential, and for the first time, she is making friends without Bridget.

***Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson**

From the basics of physics to big questions about the nature of space and time, astrophysicist and science communicator Neil deGrasse Tyson breaks down the mysteries of the cosmos into bite-sized pieces. This adaptation by Gregory Mone includes full-color photos, infographics, and extra explanations to make even the trickiest concepts accessible.

Adult Books

***How to Create a Coaching Culture* by Gillian Jones**

A guide to embedding effective coaching behaviours within an organization to empower and engage employees to perform at their best. Using a combination of practical tools, assessments, case studies and examples, it provides guidance on how to plan and develop a strategy aligned to your organization and its goals, engage the board to secure 'buy-in', and how to effectively measure and evaluate initiatives in every stage of the employee lifecycle.

***On Pills and Needles: The Relentless Fight to Save My Son from Opioid Addiction* by Rick Van Warner**

A memoir that also serves as a wake-up call and crash course in opioid addiction. Through his harrowing personal story, Van Warner exposes the common causes of opioid addiction, effective and ineffective ways it has been treated, and how families can walk alongside loved ones who are dealing with the daily realities of addiction.

***Philly Special: The Inside Story of How the Philadelphia Eagles Won Their First Super Bowl Championship* by Sal Paolantonio**

Sal Paolantonio of ESPN takes readers inside the improbable 2017 championship season of the Philadelphia Eagles -- from training camp to the first Super Bowl title in franchise history, from the team's storybook start to the nail-biting victory over the New England Patriots in Minneapolis.

***The Lion's Binding Oath and Other Stories* by Ahmed Ismail Yusuf**

A collection of short stories that introduces readers to the people of Somalia and their struggles: their humanity, faith, identity, friendship, and family bonds, as whispers of war grow louder around them. Through stories that span the years before and during Somali's civil war, Yusuf weaves together Somalia's political, social, and religious conflicts with portrayals of the country's love of poetry, music, and soccer. Yusuf's collection is an examination of love and resilience in a country torn apart by war, and written with deep compassion for the lives of its characters.

Check our online [catalog](#) to find these and many more titles!

“THE FIRST CONSPIRACY” BY BRAD MELTZER

Reviewed by Trevor Martinson

I had been looking forward to reading Brad Meltzer’s new book, *The First Conspiracy*. It seemed so promising. A secret plot to kill George Washington during the Revolutionary War that involves top New York officials and Washington’s own bodyguards? The history buff in me said, “Sign me up!” Unfortunately, I had to throw in the towel on this book.

At times, the book feels like a TV show. Each chapter, which are very short, ends with a teaser saying much more interesting things are to come; and then the next chapter often begins with a brief recap of what you’ve already read (like going to a commercial break and then returning). This makes sense because Meltzer is a TV host and Josh Mensch (co-author) is a TV producer. The authors did this in an attempt to build suspense, but after a while, it gets repetitive and irritating.

The book does a great job of saying a lot about a little, or taking but not really saying anything. To the authors’ credit, the subject is intriguing, but it would’ve made a better essay or magazine article than a drawn-out book.

If you’re interested in George Washington and the Revolutionary War, I’d recommend David McCullough’s superb book *1776*, which is available from the State Library in [multiple formats](#).

The First Conspiracy is available from the State Library in [print](#) and as an e-audiobook on [RBdigital](#).

“THE LOVE UNDERCOVER” SERIES BY LORI FOSTER

Reviewed by Angie Houser

Sometimes, we just don’t have time to sit down and read a book. Everyone’s lives are so full of time consuming tasks that when we get home we just want to shut off our brains. If that is the case for you, I have a short book series that is awesome to listen to and is only four books.

The Love Undercover series by Lori Foster has four books that intertwine with each other and the narrator is fantastic. These four books are: *Run the Risk*, *Bare It All*, *Getting Rowdy*, and *Dash of Peril*.

The first two books in the series are pretty standard cop romances with different twists on the heroines involved. The next two are still intertwined in the series but have a different take. The third book is about a bad boy with a heart of gold and a moral compass that is rock solid. The fourth book is another cop romance but with an unexpected surprise. The heroine is the take-no-prisoners lieutenant of the police force and the hero is the younger brother to the hero in the first novel.

These books are full of mystery and action that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

All four of these novels available on [RBdigital](#) as audiobooks so you can start listening today!

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