

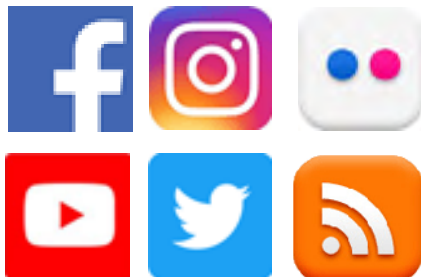
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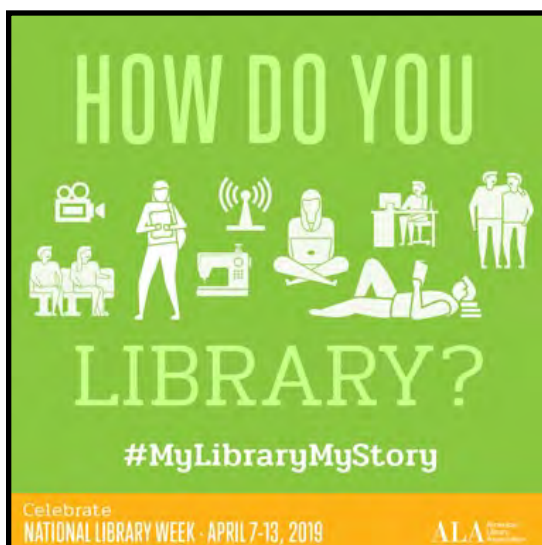
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## CELEBRATE YOUR LIBRARY

State Librarian Mary Soucie

Every year in April, the American Library Association (ALA) coordinates National Library Week. This year, the celebration was April 7-13 and the theme was Libraries=Strong Communities. We are lucky in North Dakota to have great libraries of all types. ALA highlights three ways that the library can get involved and celebrate libraries. Even though National Library Week has passed, I think anytime is a great time to celebrate libraries and I encourage you to do so throughout the year.

The first way to get involved is to use libraries. Visit your local public, school, academic or special library and see what's going on. If you're on the capitol grounds, stop in and visit us at the State Library (NDSL). We're located in the Liberty Memorial Building, which is the white building with the columns and the steps that many have taken pictures on for a variety of occasions. You can visit many of your libraries 24/7 through online resources such as databases and e-books. The State Library provides access to e-books, e-comics and e-magazines and they can be borrowed with an NDSL card or one from your local public library.

The second way to show your support for libraries is to share your library story. In honor of National Library Week, ALA released this poster. You are encouraged to share your library story on social media using the #MyLibraryMyStory. We would love to hear how you library so please tag us or post to our page on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#). Share your stories, videos and pictures of how you love your library, whether it's Storytime, how they connected you to information that you needed, provided space for your group to meet or any of the thousands of other ways that you might use your library.

Finally, support your libraries on Social Media. Follow your library and the State Library, tag us in posts and shout loud and proud about how your library has transformed your life. You can also follow the [I Love Libraries Facebook page](#).

Thank you for supporting North Dakota Libraries!

## UNIVERSAL CLASS

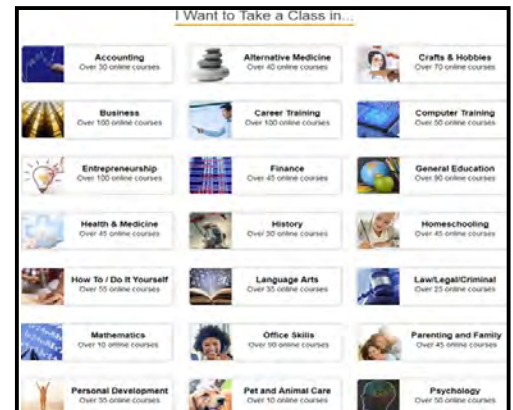
Submitted by Angie Houser

This [continuing education database](#) is an amazing resource that is available through your library. In this database, you can take a variety of courses in dozens of subject areas. It has lessons on course work found in school, classes that can help with discovering a hobby, and even ones that can teach skills to further a career.

Each class will give you the pertinent information upfront, such as how long it will take to finish, how many lessons and exams there are, and how many continuing education units (CEUs) the course is worth. If you pass the course, you will receive a certificate that can be used to prove how many CEUs you have earned.

You also have the option to take most of these courses without having assignments and exams. This would be through watching learning videos. When enrolling in the course, it will ask you for your choice up front if it has it.

Each course is different, so make sure you read the entire course page before you sign up. If you sign up for a course and decide you don't like it, then you can just un-enroll yourself. There is no monetary commitment on your end just a commitment of time. So, go [check it out](#) and find a course today!



If you have any questions, please email [ndsltrain@nd.gov](mailto:ndsltrain@nd.gov).

## ND HISTORIES MAP

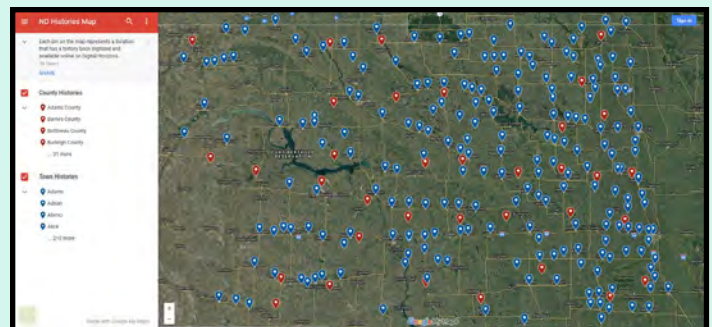
Submitted by Trevor Martinson

The most frequently visited State Library collection on Digital Horizons is North Dakota County and Town Histories, which is a digital collection of county, town, church, school, township, and organization histories. There are currently over 400 books (containing over 50,000 pages) that have been digitized and made publicly available online. Every book has full-text search capabilities, so keywords, names, locations, etc. are easily found.

These 400+ books are from communities all across the state. To provide a visual, the Digital Initiatives team has created a Google Map of this collection. Each pin on the map represents a location that has a book digitized and available online on Digital Horizons. The pins on the map are organized into two categories/colors: county histories (red pins) and town histories (blue pins).

Clicking on a pin will open up a small box that links to all of the books associated with that location in the North Dakota County and Town Histories collection on Digital Horizons.

The ND Histories Map can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/2UJaTdX>

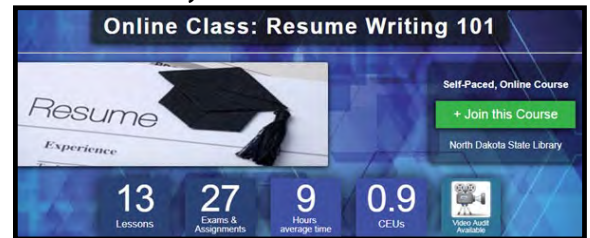


## UNIVERSAL CLASS COURSE OF THE MONTH: RESUME WRITING 101

Submitted by Angie Houser

This section was created to highlight a course found on [Universal Class](#) each month. We want to show the uniqueness of the courses and figured the best way was to show their diversity to our readers.

This month's course is Resume Writing 101. This course averages 9 hours long with 13 different lessons that will go through every part of writing a resume, including where to start, how to bolster your resume for the best results, and even how to write a cover letter to compliment your resume.



All of this is available with a public or [state library card](#). Check out this course and more today!

## SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 31! The Summer Reading Celebration is taking place on the Capitol Grounds and in the Heritage Center from 10:00am to 3:00pm. There will be a ton of fun activities for kids of all ages to enjoy.

Children's Entertainer Leonardo will be performing two shows (10:30am and 1:00pm). There will also be performances by Dakota Star Gymnastics (11:45am) and Northern Plains Dance (2:00pm) that you won't want to miss.

Sign up for Summer Reading and then stay to check out the Morton Mandan and Burleigh County Bookmobiles, read to a therapy dog, get your face painted, spray a fire hose, get your picture taken at a photo booth, get a temporary tattoo, watch Hubble Telescope videos, take part in a scavenger hunt, and complete an obstacle course. Don't forget to visit the replica space suit that will be on display from the Johnson Space Center!

For more information, check out our [Facebook Event Page](#).



## FAKE NEWS BROWSER EXTENSIONS

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

With so much information readily available online and with so much misinformation also prevalent, it can be arduous to be constantly verifying sources. Why not make life easier and let something else do most of the heavy lifting for you?

By downloading certain extensions/ add-ons/ plug-ins, your web browser could do most of the work. Certain browser extensions are available for free and can automatically check the credibility and bias of a website or article.

Consider downloading extensions like NewsGuard and Media Bias Fact Check and help fight the spread of fake news.

Learn more at <http://bit.ly/2V27PJZ>

## NEW TITLES AVAILABLE AT THE STATE LIBRARY

### Children's Books

#### ***Llama Llama Loves to Read* by Anna Dewdney and Reed Duncan; illustrated by JT Morrow.**

Throughout the school day, the teacher helps Llama Llama and the other children practice their letters, shows word cards, reads stories, and brings them to the library where they can all choose a favorite book. By the end of the day, Llama Llama is recognizing words and can't wait to show Mama Llama that he's becoming a reader!

### Middle Grade Books

#### ***Because of the Rabbit* by Cynthia Lord.**

On the last night of summer, Emma tags along with her game warden father on a routine call. They're supposed to rescue a wild rabbit from a picket fence, but instead they find a little bunny. Emma convinces her father to bring him home for the night. The next day, Emma starts public school for the very first time after years of being homeschooled. More than anything, Emma wants to make a best friend in school. But things don't go as planned. On the first day of school, she's paired with a boy named Jack for a project. He can't stay on topic, he speaks out of turn, and he's obsessed with animals.

### Young Adult Books

#### ***The Dysasters* by P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast.**

Adoptive daughter of a gifted scientist, Foster Stewart doesn't live a "normal" life, (not that she'd want to). But controlling cloud formations and seeing airwaves aren't things most eighteen year olds can do. Small town star quarterback and quintessential dreamy boy next door, Tate "Nighthawk" Taylor has never thought much about his extra abilities. Sure, his night vision comes in handy during games, but who wouldn't want that extra edge? From the moment Foster and Tate collide, their worlds spiral and a deadly tornado forces them to work together, fully awakening their not-so-natural ability -- the power to control air.

#### ***If You're Out There* by Katy Loutzenhiser.**

After Zan's best friend moves to California, she is baffled and crushed when Priya suddenly ghosts. Worse, Priya's social media has turned into a stream of ungrammatical posts chronicling a sunny, vapid new life that doesn't

sound like her at all. Everyone tells Zan not to be an idiot: Let Priya do her reinvention thing and move on. But until Zan hears Priya say it, she won't be able to admit that their friendship is finished. It's only when she meets Logan, the compelling new guy in Spanish class, that Zan begins to open up about her sadness, her insecurity, her sense of total betrayal. And he's just as willing as she is to throw himself into the investigation when everyone else thinks her suspicions are crazy. Then a clue hidden in Priya's latest selfie introduces a new, deeply disturbing possibility: Maybe Priya isn't just not answering Zan's emails. Maybe she can't.

### Adult Books

#### ***The Happiness Curve : Why Life Gets Better After 50* by Jonathan Rauch.**

Why does happiness get harder in your 40s? Why do you feel in a slump when you're successful? Where does this malaise come from? And, most importantly, will it ever end? Drawing on cutting-edge research, journalist Jonathan Rauch answers all these questions. He shows that from our 20s into our 40s, happiness follows a U-shaped trajectory, a "happiness curve," declining from the optimism of youth into what's often a long, low slump in middle age, before starting to rise again in our 50s.

#### ***Meaningful Work : A Quest to do Great Business, Find Your Calling, and Feed Your Soul* by Shawn Askinosie**

In this guide to discovering a vocation that feeds your heart and soul, Askinosie describes his quest to discover more meaningful work -- a search that led him to volunteering in the palliative care wing of a hospital, to a Trappist monastery where he became inspired by the monks focus on "being" rather than "doing," and eventually traipsing through jungles across the globe in search of excellent cocoa bean farmers to make award winning chocolate.

#### ***Unicorn Crafts : More Than 25 Magical Projects to Inspire Your Imagination* by Isabel Urbina Gallego.**

This book explores the magic and fun of unicorns with dozens of fun and entertaining projects dreamt up by Isabel Urbina Gallego, including handbags, headbands, and iPhone cases

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

## “EVERYTHING I NEVER TOLD YOU” BY CELESTE NG

Reviewed by Abby Ebach

Contemporary Fiction can be hit or miss at the best of times, so I decided to take a read down former New York Times Bestsellers and stumbled across Celeste Ng’s 2014 debut novel, *Everything I Never Told You*. I have read (and reviewed!) her most recent novel *Little Fires Everywhere*, and I was excited to see more excellent character development and plot weaving. While both elements were present in this novel; they left me wanting.

This novel explores the life and history of a family in 1970s Ohio. Marilyn and James Lee have three children: Nathan, the oldest child with a keen eye and a desire to escape his family when he goes to Harvard in the fall; Hannah, the youngest and often overlooked who is the quintessential wallflower that is always lurking under the nearest table watching, listening, and waiting to be noticed; and Lydia, the favorite child, pure and simple. Marilyn and James also have their own gaggle of issues between having an interracial marriage at a time when the Chinese were heavily discriminated against and each of them having different expectations for their marriage and family. Now, however, the family must grapple with their issues as disaster strikes—Lydia is found dead in the lake.

This novel is neither mystery nor thriller; instead, Ng explores the events leading up to Lydia’s death. Was Lydia depressed? Why was she so loved by her parents? What was her relationship like with her brother? Why was she on the phone every night with nothing but a dial tone on the other end? By diving into each character’s past, Ng allows the reader to follow each character’s motivations towards the ultimate ending. However, an unsatisfying twist seems rushed and ill-placed in this otherwise well-rounded novel.

*Everything I Never Told You* is available as an e-book on [RBDigital](#).

### NEW EBOOKS

*The Library of Lost and Found* by Phaedra Patrick

*Supermarket* by Bobby Hall

*Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb

*The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

*Dear Evan Hansen* by Val Emmich

*If You’re Out There* by Katy Loutzenhiser

### NEW E-AUDIOBOOKS

*A Dog’s Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron

*Where The Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

*The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

*Lessons From Lucy* by Dave Barry

*Triple Jeopardy* by Anne Perry

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

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