

Connections

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State Library Announces New Hours

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) will have new hours beginning **Thursday, October 1, 2020**. **The library will be open to the public Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and by appointment from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.** Only five patrons may be in the building at one time for a maximum of one hour each.

“The State Library is shifting its hours to be able to meet the needs of our patrons, the library community, and staff during the pandemic,” says State Librarian Mary Soucie. “We will keep track of all feedback and will evaluate the trial in six months to ensure that we are continuing to provide the high-quality customer service that the State Library is known for.”

Curbside pickup will be available from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The State Library will also send out materials through the mail for those who can't make it to the library. To make an appointment or to schedule a pickup, please call 701-328-4622.

Two computers will be available for patrons – one is reserved for people who are applying for unemployment, employment, or immigration. The other computer will have a 30-minute time limit and should be used for Capitol-related reasons.

Everyone is screened when entering the building, including a questionnaire and a temperature check. If you are not feeling well and have a cough or fever, please do not enter the building. When you are in the building, please practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet apart. The State Library recommends that masks be worn when inside the building. If you do not have a mask with you, one will be available.

Please continue to watch the State Library's [website](#) for the most up-to-date information. Reserve items today by calling 1-800-472-2104 or by sending an e-mail to statelib@nd.gov.

Changes to the Connections Newsletter

Beginning next month, the Connections newsletter will have a new look. The articles and news you have come to expect will still be included each month, but the format will be different. Rather than clicking on the link or opening the attachment, the newsletter contents will be in the e-mail body itself. We hope this will be more convenient for you.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the State Library at 701-328-4622 or ndspla@nd.gov.

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New Items At The North Dakota State Library

The North Dakota State Library will mail out items from the collection to anyone in North Dakota who has a State Library card. If you don't already have a library card with the State Library, fill out an [online application](#) and a card will be sent to you. State employees can receive their materials through inside mail.

New E-Audiobooks



New E-Books



Book Club Kits

Seven years ago, the North Dakota State Library embarked on a new outreach program, providing book club kits for libraries and patrons to check out and engage in a book discussion.



As of now, the State Library has 158 book club kits available and more on the way. These kits circulate for eight weeks. Each kit contains ten copies of the book, book club tips, a list of suggested discussion questions, and a signup sheet that you can use to track who has which book. To check out a book club kit, access [KitKeeper](#), and fill out a Kit Reservation form.

The North Dakota State Library will ship the kit to you, but you are responsible for getting it back to us. Keep track of who has the books, and let us know if one is damaged or missing so we can bill accordingly. We ask that you ship the kit back to the State Library before the due date, so there is plenty of time to get it to the next person in line. If you have any questions about our book club kits, please contact us at 701-328-4622 or statelib@nd.gov.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the North Dakota State Library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Through access to technology, media resources, and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.



“Library Card Sign-up Month is one of my favorite library celebrations of the year as it focuses on the importance of having a card and all the great resources that a library card can provide access to,” says State Librarian Mary Soucie. “In addition to physical and ebooks, a library card will also get you access to important research databases and educational opportunities, including learning a new language. Any North Dakota citizen is eligible for a North Dakota State Library card, and we will mail the items directly to your door.”

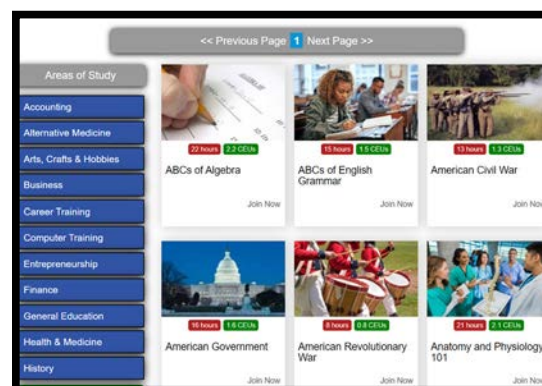
North Dakota libraries have a lot to offer, including continuing education courses, e-books and e-audiobooks, e-magazines, language learning classes, research resources for all ages, and newspapers from around the country.

Getting a library card is easy! For more information, visit your local public library or contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov.

Course of the Month: [Homeschooling Category](#)

Instead of a specific course, this month will feature one of the predesigned categories that Universal Class offers. There are many categories to choose from, but one that would be of use to many parents around the state right now is the Homeschool Category.

The Homeschool Category offers courses on many different subjects that can be used to supplement your student’s education, such as Algebra 101 and American Government. Each course comes with a preset amount of lessons and assignments that will need to be completed before the user can get a certificate of completion. They also tell the user right up front how long each course should take and what each lesson involves. This category will work well for anyone who is homeschooling, or for students who need some extra classes in a subject area.



If you have any questions, please e-mail us at ndsltrain@nd.gov.

North Dakota is Counting on You by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

The 2020 Census is wrapping up; all data must be collected by the end of September. Enumerators have begun going to the households that have not completed the census. If you prefer not to have someone visit your house, complete the census today either [online](#) or by phone at 844-330-2020.

An accurate census is important for so many reasons. North Dakota is expected to surpass our highest population, which was set in the 1930 census. There are not only federal programs but also state-level programs that are reliant on the population to determine at least part of the level of funding received. For every one person that is missed in the census, the state will lose approximately \$19,100 in federal dollars over the next ten years. For every household, that amount is \$44,312. If just 0.1% of our population is missed, the state will lose 15 million dollars in federal funding over the next decade.

There are many things that are dependent on our population at the federal level. The number of seats in the House of Representatives, and as mentioned, all sorts of federal funding, everything from schools to disaster relief to aid to farmers to libraries as well as the recent CARES act funding for dealing with the pandemic.

The census information is also used to help decide where to build bridges, and retailers use population numbers to decide where to build stores, such as the new Costco in Bismarck. Census numbers are also used to develop federal assistance programs; planning facilities for children, the elderly, and people with disabilities; the development of rural areas; and planning for faith-based organizations, among many other things. There are so many things that census data informs that every person in the United States is impacted in some way.

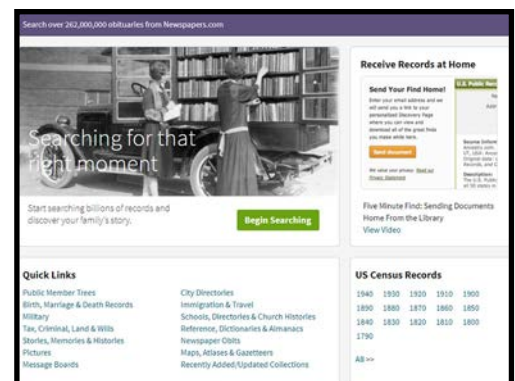
Your privacy is important, and census data must be kept private and is not shared with anyone except the census bureau. Individual data is not released to any other government agency at the state or federal level or to anyone else.

Please take a few moments today to fill out the census if you haven't already done so. You matter, and you count.

Ancestry Library Edition At Home

Under normal circumstances, [Ancestry Library Edition](#) is a database that is only available inside the library walls. However, ProQuest and Ancestry have temporarily made this database available at home to anyone with a library card through December 31, 2020. Search through Census records, the Social Security Death Index, immigration records, city directories, church records, and more for free!

If you need a library card or have any questions about how to access [Ancestry Library Edition](#), check with your local public library or the State Library at 701-328-4622 or statelib@nd.gov. You can apply [online](#) for a State Library card.



ND Military Registers Available Online

Did you know that the ND State Library has digitized several military rosters? These documents contain a list of the names of North Dakota veterans who proudly served in the United States Armed Forces during various conflicts. Under each conflict, all of which have a separate publication, the individuals are listed alphabetically by their last name. The rosters also include brief information about each person.

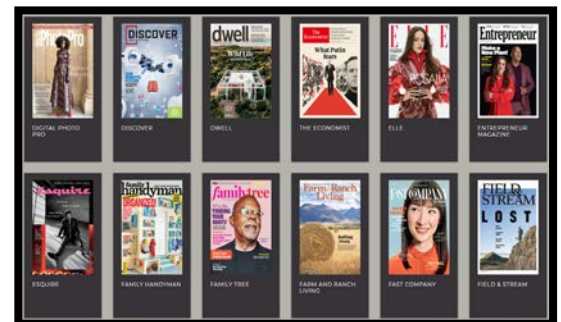
The registers of North Dakotans who served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War are freely available and searchable online via the Digital Horizons website. They can be found under the "North Dakota State Documents" collection, or directly at this [link](#).



Most Popular E-Magazines Available With a Library Card

Your library card from your local public library or the State Library gives you access to many resources, including popular e-magazines that can be delivered straight to your device. Below is a list of the top 10 most popular magazine titles between July 2019 and June 2020.

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| 1. Family Handyman | 6. Food Network Magazine |
| 2. Taste of Home | 7. Prevention |
| 3. HGTV Magazine | 8. Reader's Digest |
| 4. Clean Eating | 9. National Geographic |
| 5. Country Living | 10. Cook's Illustrated |



You can access these and over 100 other magazine titles through RBdigital. You just need a library card!

If you would like more information on how to access RBdigital or any of the other resources that are available, please contact your local public library or the State Library at 701-328-4622 or statelib@nd.gov.

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