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Update on Book Club and STEM Kits

The State Library will be making some changes to our checkout procedures for STEM Kits and Book Club Kits over the next couple of months. We will discontinue Kitkeeper. All kits will be cataloged into Polaris and be searchable and reservable in the Polaris online catalog, just like any other item in the State Library's collection.

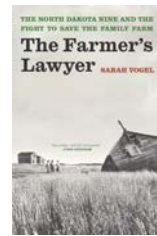
We are starting with the Book Club Kits and should have them done by the middle of August. We hope to have the STEM kits cataloged and available by the start of the school year.

The upside of the change will be better searching through Polaris, better data on Kit usage, better tracking for inventory, and a much easier to use interface. The downside is that kits will no longer be reservable for a specific date, months in advance. We acknowledge that's a big downside. Libraries and individual patrons will be able to put a hold on Kits in the same manner as the rest of the collection. We believe this will allow more access to the kits by a wider audience.

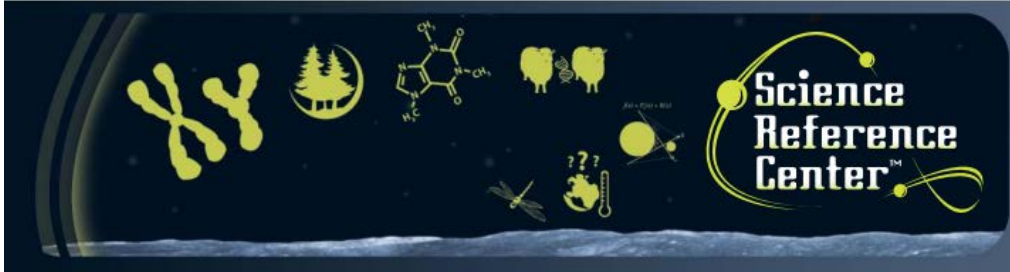
Books By North Dakota Authors Selected To Represent Our State At The 2022 National Book Festival Submitted by Tammy Kruger

North Dakota Center for the Book has selected two titles for the 2022 National Book Festival: *The Farmer's Lawyer* by Sarah Vogel and *An Epic Series of Failures: The Rise of Greg* by Chris Rylander.

Both novels will be part of the National Center for the Book's Great Reads from Great Places program. This program highlights books and authors representing each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Northern Marianas, and Guam. Once a year, representatives come to Washington, D.C., to share their state/territory's picks with one another and the public. This year's National Book Festival will be held on September 3rd. Although it is back to in-person, live-streamed and recorded virtual programs are included. Some features of the book festival include discussion panels with selected authors, book signings, and trinkets from exhibitor booths. Members of the public are encouraged to visit each booth and receive a stamp on their Roadmap to Reading.



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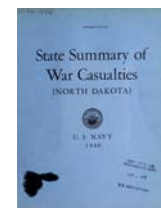
For more information or if you have any questions, contact the State Library at 701-328-4622 or statelib@nd.gov. Find this and many other online library resources at <http://library.nd.gov/onlineresources.html>.

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

Here is a highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

[Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection](#)

- Gordon and Emma Anderson by the Andrew Jackson statue, Washington, D.C., 1944
- Jefferson Memorial, Washington, D.C., 1940s
- Lincoln Statue, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C., 1940s
- Pentagon Building, Arlington, Va., 1943
- United States Capitol, Washington, D.C., 1940s
- White House, Washington, D.C., 1960s



[North Dakota Histories](#)

- Ramsey County, North Dakota: 1883-1983, Volume 2
- State Summary of War Casualties, North Dakota, 1946

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- Hydraulic stone picker patent, 1956
- Military portrait of Charles Hoof, circa late 1910s
- Portrait of William W. Grover Cleveland Barry, circa 1915-1917



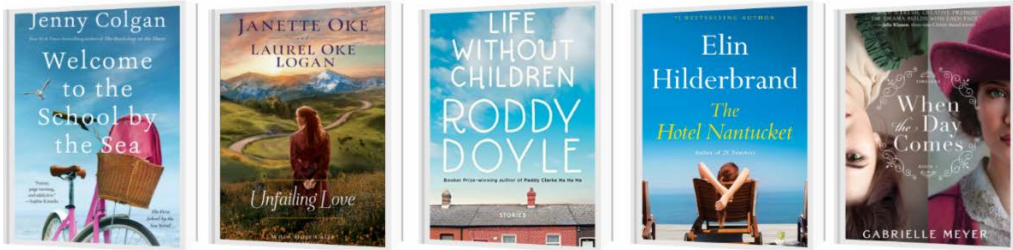
[North Dakota State Documents](#)

- The Nodak Guardsman, 1991

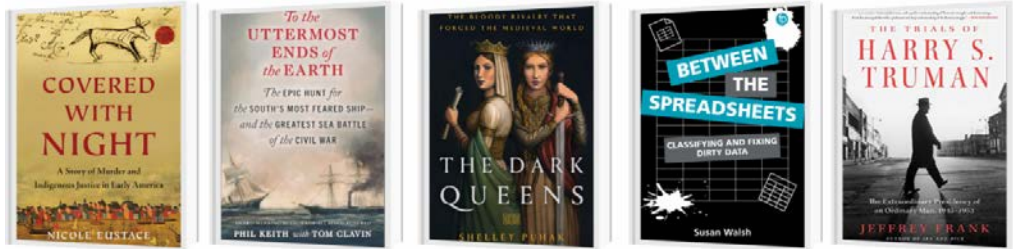
Find thousands of images, documents, videos, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today at <http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/>.

New Items Available at the North Dakota State Library

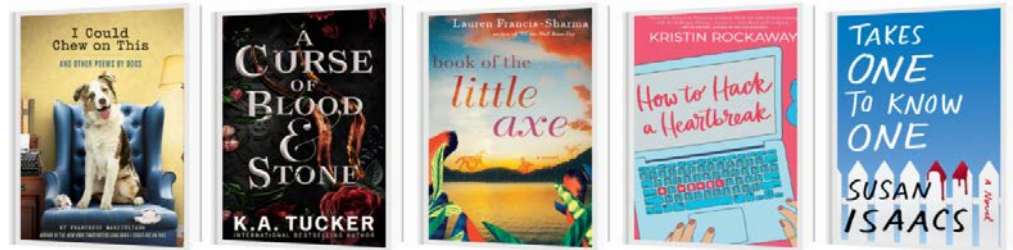
New Fiction Books



New Nonfiction Books



New Fiction E-Books



New Nonfiction E-Books



New Fiction E-Audiobooks



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National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled: Topic For September Quarterly Patron Corner Call Submitted by Tamara Rorie, Head, Patron Engagement Section

On Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. EDT, the National Library Service (NLS) Patron Engagement Section will host the quarterly Patron Corner. The topic for this session is Narration: The Art of Telling the Story. The guest speakers will include Celeste Lawson, narrator and head of the NLS Media Lab. She will include other NLS narrators on her panel. The session will run for 90 minutes.

Bring your questions and your thoughts about audio narration and join us at <https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1600983343?pwd=VW9tRWtwY3BsdHRac0s2MmJkN0RCZz09>.

When you join this Zoom event, you will be in the waiting room until the program starts. When you enter the room, your phone or computer will be muted. Please stay on mute unless you are called on. If you want to ask a question, you may raise your hand by pressing Alt + Y on your computer or Star 9 on your phone. Once you are called on, press Alt + A on your computer or Star 6 on your phone to unmute yourself.

For the full Zoom invitation, including call-in numbers, or if you have any questions, please contact the Talking Book Department at 701-328-1408 or tbooks@nd.gov.

Dog Training 101: A Guide for Beginners

Self-Paced, Online Class

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12 Lessons

29 Exams & Assignments

12 Hours average time

1.2 CEUs

Dog Training 101: A Guide for Beginners Submitted by AI Peterson

This month's selection was inspired by my recent trip to the Central Dakota Humane Society to visit a potential addition to our family.

Dog Training 101: A Guide for Beginners is a twelve-lesson tutorial that begins with preparing your home for a new dog to basic dog care routines and moves into the basics of dog training. Also covered are topics on dog health and general first aid for dogs and tips on finding solutions for problematic behaviors.

For those who complete this course and want more, Universal Class offers Advanced Dog Training. Both of these tutorials, along with other pawsitively awesome tutorials on dogs, can be found under the Pets and Animal Care section in Universal Class.

Check out this and other great courses available in Universal Class at <https://www.universalclass.com/library/northdakotastatend>.

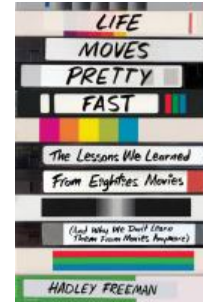
Book Review

"Life Moves Pretty Fast: The Lessons We Learned From Eighties Movies (And Why We Don't Learn Them From Movies Anymore)"

by Hadley Freeman

Reviewed by Jessica Robinson

I went back and forth a lot with this book, but, in the end, I realized that the author won me over with her enthusiasm more than anything else. I still don't agree with her on many points, and I'll definitely never love John Hughes as much as she does, but I liked her passion and humor when discussing big issues in film, especially when it came to women both in front of and behind the camera. And to be fair, I'm sure that my love for John Carpenter would seem as baffling to her as her complete lack of interest in Star Wars (in a book about the value of 80s movies!) was to me. At least we both agree that Back to the Future is a legit classic.



"Life Moves Pretty Fast" is available in print format.
Request it today at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org/polaris>.

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