

State Library Closed on December 25 and January 1

The North Dakota State Library will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1. However, all of the online library resources are available 24/7, including e-books, audiobooks, and e-magazines through the Libby app.

[Access the Online Library Resources](#)



Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Can you believe it? 2023 is almost over! Let's wrap up this year with this month's reading challenge. For this challenge, you need to read 300 minutes and do the activity (name the best book you read for 2023). I know the activity will be hard to choose just one but try your best! At the end of the challenge, I will be collecting the answers from here and sharing out. That way you have a premade reading list to start your 2024 reading journey! Happy reading!

[Log Your Reading and Activities](#)



Top Participating Library:

North Dakota State Library

Total # of minutes read: **5,734**

Total # of badges earned: **49**

Challenge Finishers:

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Lisa S. – NDSL

Lexi W. – NDSL

Other Participating Libraries:

Bottineau County Public Library

James River Valley Library System

McKenzie County Public Library

New Town Public Library

Ward County Public Library

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.



[North Dakota Histories](#)

- Quarter Sections and Wide Horizons (volume 1 & 2)

[North Dakota Memories](#)

- Baptism certificate of Arthur Zimmerman, 1916
- Confirmation certificate of Edna Gums, 1934
- Eva Bentz confirmation shawl, South Russia, 1871
- Frontier Day at the school in Napoleon, N.D., 1979
- Group inside Busch's store, Napoleon, N.D., 1931
- Marriage certificate of Arthur Zimmerman and Edna Gums, 1945
- Military portrait of Leo E. Wolf, 1953
- Portrait of John and Caroline Kuhn family, 1912
- Portrait of the Jacob Werre, Sr. family



- Row of combines near Kintyre, N.D., 1960s
- Threshing crew, Stutsman County, N.D., 1926
- Viola Werre's college diploma, 1956
- Wedding portrait of John and Frances Sperle, 1912
- Wolf's Farm Equipment, Kintyre, N.D., 2000
- Zimmerman's labor and delivery bill, Jamestown Hospital, 1946



[North Dakota School for the Deaf](#)

- NDSB graduating class (1937-1976)

[Political Prairie Fire](#)

- Cathro explains reason for high interest rate [political cartoon, 1919]
- J.F.T. O'Connor for N.D. Governor advertisement, 1920
- Journal of the North Dakota Senate, 1917 (parts 1-4)
- McGovern explains profit-loss reports [political cartoon, 1919]



- North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association law, 1919
- Portrait of J. A. McGovern, circa 1919
- Portrait of Walter J. Maddock, circa 1919
- Portrait of Walter Thomas Mills, circa 1920
- Santa delivers presents to North Dakota farmers [political cartoon, 1916]
- The New Day in North Dakota: Some of the Principal Laws Enacted by the Sixteenth Legislative Assembly, 1919
- The Right Hand Knoweth What the Left Hand Doeth [political cartoon, 1920]
- Townley telling people what they want to hear [political cartoon, 1919]
- What I.V.A. Victory Means [political advertisement, 1921]

[Visit Digital Horizons](#)

Online Library Resource

U.S. Newsstream

With a library card from the North Dakota State Library or your local North Dakota library, you have a wealth of information at your fingertips. U.S. Newsstream gives you access to full-text articles from newspapers from around the country, including the Bismarck Tribune, New York Times, Chicago Tribune, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, and more.

U.S. Newsstream enables users to search the most recent U.S. news content, as well as archives which stretch back into the 1980s. It allows you to browse and search by subject headings, publication titles, location, author, and more. With detailed indexing, researchers will be able to quickly find the news information they need.

[Start Reading](#)

New Items At The ND State Library

Fiction Books



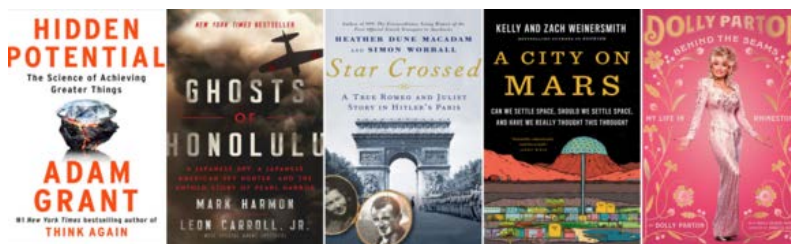
Nonfiction Books



Fiction E-Books



Nonfiction E-Books



Fiction E-Audiobooks



Nonfiction E-Audiobooks





Finnish and Swedish

December 6th marked Finland's Independence Day. Finland was part of Sweden from the 12th century until 1809 when it was a Russian grand duchy. Following the Russian Revolution, the Finns declared independence in 1917.

Finland has two national languages, Finnish and Swedish. Learn these languages through Mango at no cost with a library card from the State Library or your local North Dakota public library.

Mango includes both Finnish and Swedish language courses that will teach you the basics, from common phrases all the way to more advanced concepts. With grammar lessons that strengthen your understanding of the language structures, culture notes that let the culture come alive, critical thinking and memory-building exercises, and pronunciation tools, you will be well on your way to speaking like a local when you visit Finland.

[Start Learning Today!](#)

Health and Human Services LIHEAP Program

Submitted by AI Peterson

If you know someone struggling to pay their heating bills, along with their other bills, the Department of Health and Human Services can help them out.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program offered through the state that provides financial help with heating costs for qualifying households. The assistance amount varies based on the number of people living in the household, total household income, heat source, and other factors.

LIHEAP helps pay part of the heating bills (meter read dates/deliveries) from October through May for the home you live in if...

- You are a homeowner or renter, and you pay your own heat bills.
- Your rent payment includes your cost of heat and you are not receiving housing assistance.

Applications are accepted from October 1 through May 31 (end of business day) or until program funds are used up, whichever comes first. If May 31 falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline for signed applications will be the end of the first workday following May 31.

Applications received June 1-September 30 are limited to Cooling (if available) or Emergency Home Energy Services only as the regular heating season has ended.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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