

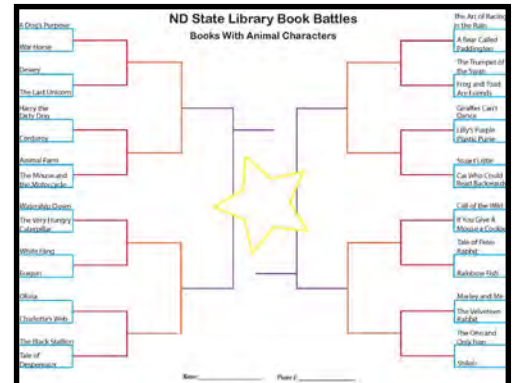
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Book Battles Begin March 28

The North Dakota State Library's Book Battles are back for 2023! This year's theme is books that have animal characters. The titles encompass a lot of kids books, but also some young adult and adult selections, including "A Dog's Purpose," "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse," "Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World," "If You Give A Mouse a Cookie," "Eragon," and many more! Revisit old favorites or learn about new ones while picking winners of each battle to decide which is your ultimate champion.



The rules are simple:

Only North Dakota residents are eligible to fill out a bracket and win a prize. However, anyone from anywhere can vote **once per battle**. Voting will take place online - links will be posted on Facebook and available on the State Library's website at www.library.nd.gov/programs.html. Whichever titles get the most votes win their battles and move on to the next round.

The book bracket can be found at www.library.nd.gov/programs.html. Once you've filled it out completely (remember the star in the middle for your championship pick), please submit it to the State Library at ndsipa@nd.gov or to 604 E Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505.

State Library staff will have a booth up at the State Capitol Café Hall Entrance in mid-March - date and time TBD. We will be handing out brackets, accepting brackets, and providing information about some of the many services and resources provided.

Voting will begin on March 28, so please have your brackets in by March 27.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.

Beanstack Reading Challenge: Women's History Month



Women have done some amazing things! Explore your knowledge of women's history throughout this challenge. Log your reading and complete activities to earn badges throughout the month.

This challenge is for everyone of all ages!

Sign up today at <https://librarynd.beanstack.org/reader365>.

Salem Witch Trials



Self-Paced, Online Class

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North Dakota State Library

10

Lessons

16

Exams & Assignments

4

Hours average time

0.4

CEUs



Video Audit Available

Salem Witch Trials

Submitted by Al Peterson

March is widely known for March Madness. We think of basketball and brackets when we hear the term March Madness. However, in our country's history, another madness swept through the town of Salem in the colony of Massachusetts. Starting on March 1, 1692, the Salem Witch Trials began with the interrogation of three women accused of practicing witchcraft and engaging in Devil worship.

If you want to learn more about the Salem Witch Trials, Universal Class offers a course titled Salem Witch Trials that explores this dark period in our nation's history. This ten lesson-course begins with a historical overview of the environment in Salem in 1692, an examination of the way life was like in Colonial Salem, and provides a backdrop to the tensions and circumstances that led to so much unrest by taking a look at the specific series of events that led to the accusations of witchcraft and the beginning of the trials. Careful attention will be paid to the legal proceedings used in the trials, how they were influenced by prominent members of society, and the roles played by the ministers and judges. In this course, you will also learn about those who accused others of witchcraft and those who were accused.

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

Digital Delight

Drilling for oil in northwest North Dakota, 1950s

View of an unidentified oil well and rig in northwest North Dakota in the 1950s. Many vehicles are parked near the oil rig, presumably for a grand opening event.

<https://bit.ly/3mw2wly>

Courtesy of Digital Horizons (Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection, ND State Library)



New Items At The North Dakota State Library

Fiction Books



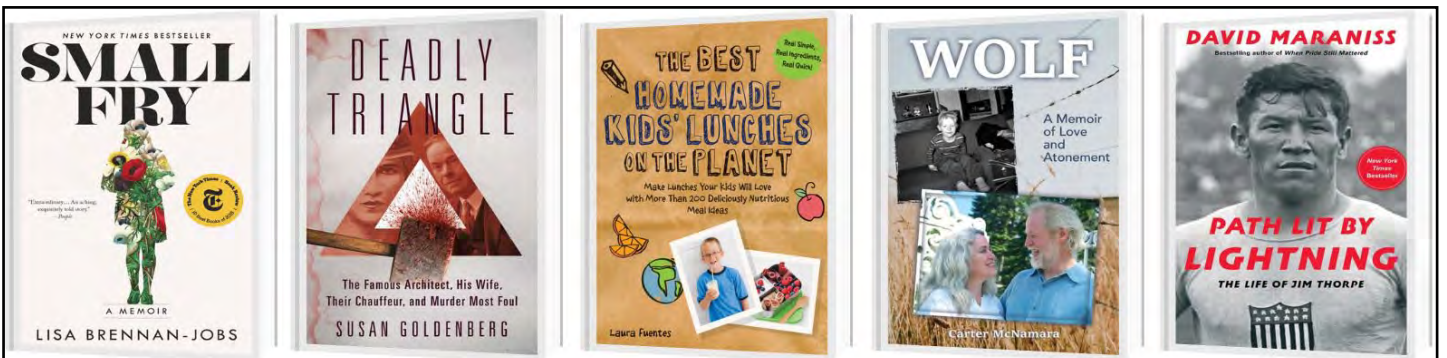
Nonfiction Books



Fiction E-Books



Nonfiction E-Books



Fiction E-Audiobooks



Nonfiction E-Audiobooks



The ND 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 items through inside mail. Visit the Libby app to check out electronic materials, including e-magazines!

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New Items Added to Digital Horizons

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

Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection

- Drilling for oil in northwest North Dakota, 1950s
- Oil well in northwest North Dakota, 1950s
- Seismograph team operating drill, Divide County, N.D., 1953



North Dakota Memories

- Hammond children arriving home in horse-drawn sleigh, 1949
- Main Street, Napoleon, N.D., 1908
- Milnor Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary program, 1885-1960
- Paul Schumacher with a bull, Logan County, N.D., circa 1954
- View of Napoleon, North Dakota, 1909
- Wyndmere High School Alumni Directory, 1910-1961



North Dakota State Documents

- Journal of the North Dakota Senate, 1918
- Journal of the North Dakota House, 1918
- Journal of the North Dakota House, 1919 - special session

Political Prairie Fire

- Annual Report of the Board of Administration, 1919
- Breaking Away From Townleyism [political cartoon]
- Gentlemen I found a book with anarchy in it, 1919 [political cartoon]
- Laws Passed by the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, 1919 – special session
- Message of Governor Lynn J. Frazier delivered to the Legislative Assembly, 1918
- Portrait of Gov. Lynn Frazier, 1910s
- Portrait of Neil C. Macdonald, 1915
- Portrait of Rep. Olger B. Burtness, 1923
- Portrait of Sen. Edwin F. Ladd, 1920s
- Rep. John M. Baer drawing a cartoon, 1917
- Report of the N.D. House Committee Investigating the State Library, 1919
- Tearing him away from his graft [political cartoon]
- The Nonpartisan Leader, 1915-1921 [external content]
- The Red Flame, 1919-1920
- Townleyism's Future in North Dakota, 1919
- U.S. Senator William Langer, circa 1941-1959

Digital Horizons is an online resource for thousands of images, documents, video, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today. Find a fascinating snapshot of the lives, culture, and history of the people who shaped life on the prairies at <https://digitalhorizonsonline.org>.

Book Club Kit

“Inheriting Edith” by Zoe Fishman

Maggie Sheets is just trying to get by. A single mother, she works as a house cleaner and dreams of the days when her financial woes will be over. When her former employer, Liza, a renowned author Maggie once considered a friend, takes her own life, Maggie learns that she has been included in the will and now owns a beautiful home in Sag Harbor. But there's a catch: Maggie has also inherited Liza's eighty-two year old mother.

Edith has always prided herself on her independence, but a recent Alzheimer's diagnosis has her wary about the future. She's left on her own to pick up the pieces of her daughter's death until Maggie, with her toddler in tow, arrives at her house, guarded but determined to make their unlikely situation work. Edith is angry and uninterested, until she suffers a fall and must rely on Maggie. Together they begin to heal the hurt left in Liza's wake, and when Maggie offers to transcribe Edith's life for her to help hold onto the moments she's terrified of losing, a tentative alliance forms. As Maggie helps Edith resolve the aftermath of a long-held secret -- and confronts both the roots and repercussions of one of her own -- each woman embarks on a path to forgiveness, acceptance, and a life-changing friendship.



This kit includes 10 books, a discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.
Reserve it today at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org>.

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