

## Passport to Adventure

Submitted by State Librarian Mary Soucie

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. It is one of my favorite months to celebrate. A library card opens doors to all kinds of new adventures. You can visit other places, both real and imaginary, through books, magazines, movies, and online resources. You can explore new hobbies and learn new skills. If you haven't visited a library recently, you may be surprised by what you'll find.

All types of libraries now have Libraries of Things collections, which include non-traditional items that patrons can check out. Your local library may circulate fishing rods, kitchen gadgets, hand tools, small appliances, craft supplies, or small equipment. Many of the public libraries in North Dakota offer board games and puzzles. Through a partnership with the North Dakota Parks and Recreation, you can check out a park pass to visit state parks.

The Online Library Resources, or databases, provide credible sources for research as well as lifelong learning opportunities. You can learn a new language, dive into family history, or earn virtual badges for completing reading challenges. If you don't have a library card, stop by your local library today to take advantage of the many adventures that are waiting for you.

[Apply for a State Library Card](#)

## New Online Library Resources

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The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is pleased to announce that North Dakotans now have access to three new resources.

Ethnic NewsWatch is available to all North Dakota Libraries. Ethnic NewsWatch provides full-text access to journals, magazines, and newspapers from ethnic and minority press providing researchers with a different point-of-view. It also includes access to historical Native American, African American, and Hispanic American periodicals from 1959-1989. Ethnic categories include the following:

- African American/Caribbean/African
- Arab/Middle Eastern
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- European/Eastern European
- Hispanic
- Jewish
- Native People

Rocket Languages offers courses in fourteen different languages, including American Sign Language. Each language offers courses at different levels; all include beginning and intermediate, and several also include advanced. This resource will provide options for learners who want to move beyond the basics to true fluency in a language.

Kanopy videos are available to public libraries that are part of the OverDrive consortium. These videos are accessible within the Libby app. Kanopy is a streaming service for movies, documentaries, classic cinema, independent films, and educational videos.

We are providing access to these resources through June 2024. Continued access will be considered based on usage.

[Access the Online Library Resources](#)



## Library Card Sign-Up Events

The North Dakota State Library will be holding Library Card Sign-Up Events at the new book vending machines placed around North Dakota.

Community and area residents are invited to stop by during the events to see the book vending machines in action, sign up for a library card, and learn about the services and resources that are available through the State Library.

“The State Library is grateful for the partnerships with local entities across the state,” says State Librarian Mary Soucie. “We are excited to be the first state to implement book machines on a statewide basis. Libraries are a cornerstone for communities and the State Library serves as the local library for the areas in the state that don’t have access to a local public library. Adding the book machines to communities is one way to serve the needs of those that are unserved by a local public library. We appreciate the funding that we received from the Institute for Library and Museum Services (IMLS) that enabled us to expand library service to different areas of the state.”



September 7 = McHenry County Courthouse, Towner (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM)  
September 9 = Fort Ransom State Park (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM)  
September 12 = Burke County Courthouse, Bowbells (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM)  
September 21 = Slope County Courthouse, Amidon (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM Mountain Time)  
September 27 = A & S Country Market, Carson (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM Mountain Time)  
September 29 = Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone, Hillsboro (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM)  
More dates and locations to be announced.

If you would like to sign up for a library card prior to or after the event, please fill out the online application at [www.library.nd.gov/librarycard](http://www.library.nd.gov/librarycard), and a card will be sent to you in the mail.

This project was made possible by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), award number LS-250230-OLS-21. IMLS advances, supports, and empowers America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. IMLS envisions a nation where individuals and communities have access to museums and libraries to learn from and be inspired by the trusted information, ideas, and stories they contain about our diverse natural and cultural heritage.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the ND State Library at [statelib@nd.gov](mailto:statelib@nd.gov) or 701-328-4622.

## Talking Book Update

### September Quarterly Patron Corner

On Monday, September 11, at 6:00 PM, the NLS Patron Engagement Section will host the quarterly Patron Corner. The topic for this program is Job Hunting: Dos, Don’ts, Whys and Why nots. The session will be a panel of speakers who will address experiences with employees and employers.

Speakers include Richard Rueda, Assistant Director of the APH Connect Center; Katie Frederick, Digital Content Manager for Vision Aware at the APH Connect Center; and Lex Huth, Communications Director for the Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology (PEAT), a policy initiative funded by the US Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy. The session will run for 90 minutes.

[Find Out More](#)

### Getting Started with Genealogy

Submitted by **Al Peterson**

Ever wanted to get started in genealogy but don’t know where to start? Through the North Dakota State Library, we offer Ancestry Library Edition to all public libraries in North Dakota. Ancestry Library Edition is a version of Ancestry.com that is designed for use in libraries. Ancestry Library Edition offers a one stop research tool for searching census records, military records, birth, marriage, death records, newspapers, and so much more. When you first open Ancestry Library Edition, it can seem intimidating to the first-time user.

Now, Ancestry Library Edition has a feature called StoryScout. This feature can bring the fascinating details of your ancestors’ lives directly to you and put you on a path to start making your own family discoveries. You start your search with your grandparents. This simplified search is a great introduction to researching family history. To check out the Ancestry Library Edition, contact your local public library or visit the closest public library.

## Beanstack Reading Challenge ND Teens Read Challenge 2023-2024



Do you have what it takes to be a North Dakota Teen Reader? Join this challenge and diversify your reading materials! From award nominees to BookTok picks, this challenge will have you reading all sorts of different titles.

[Sign Up Today!](#)

## Upcoming ND State Library Webinar

Submitted by Al Peterson

[Discover EBSCOHost: Research at your Fingertips](#)

**Wednesday, September 6 (2:00 PM -2:45 PM)**

EBSCO provides many different types of Online Library Resources. The EBSCOhost research platform provides access to full text articles and citations and abstracts. While the content of the different EBSCOHost databases contain different information, the interface is the same and once you learn to use one, you can use others. This webinar will explore the features of EBSCOHost and briefly explore the content of these different databases.

## Libby Update

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Libby is a reading app that connects library cards to an online collection housing thousands of e-books, audiobooks, and magazines all for free. The consortium has access to over four thousand magazines. From the popular US Weekly and The New Yorker to the not so popular like Crochet World and T3, Libby magazines has something for everyone. Starting in September, patrons will be able to:

- **Open magazines with one tap**  
With the new "Open Magazine" button, magazines will open automatically, skipping the borrowing process. Patrons will not have to wait for their turn as magazine are never put on hold with no limit as to how many magazines patrons can check-out.
- **Subscribe to magazines**  
Patrons can now subscribe to magazines they read often. When subscribing, patrons will still be prompted to create a notify me tag. This tag will then send a message every time a new issue is published, and the new issue will be automatically added to the patron's magazine rack.
- **See magazines in the magazine rack**  
When viewing their shelf, patrons will now see a separate section for magazines they have checked out or subscribed to. This makes it easier to focus on the magazines without having to scroll through their e-book and audiobook loans.
- **Get easy access to the newsstand**  
From their shelf, patrons can simply click on the empty cover next to their subscriptions to be taken directly to the newsstand. Within the newsstand patrons will be able to see the magazines they have recently viewed, popular magazines, or be able to filter to find specific ones.

Libby is available for download on IOS, Android, and Fire OS (Kindle). For more information on Libby or how to get a library card, contact your local public library or the ND State Library at [statelib@nd.gov](mailto:statelib@nd.gov).

[Access E-Magazines](#)



# New Items At The ND State Library

## Fiction Books



## Fiction E-Books



## Nonfiction E-Books



## Fiction E-Audiobooks



## Nonfiction E-Audiobooks

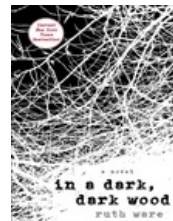


# Book Club Kit

## "In a Dark, Dark Wood" by Ruth Ware

Nora hasn't seen Clare for ten years. Not since Nora walked out of school one day and never went back. Until, out of the blue, an invitation to Clare's hen party arrives. Is this a chance for Nora to finally put her past behind her? But something goes wrong. Very wrong. Some things can't stay secret forever.

This kit includes 10 books, a discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.



[Reserve It Today](#)



# Featured Language (Mango and Rocket)

By BreAnne Meier

## Spanish (Latin American)

September 15 begins National Hispanic Heritage Month, which coincides with the celebrations of Independence Day in many Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua (September 15), Mexico (September 16), and Chile (September 18). This 31-day celebration, authorized and expanded by the U.S. Congress, calls for Americans to "observe National Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities." Learn Spanish (Latin American) with Mango Languages or Rocket Languages, both accessible with your State Library card.

Mango Languages includes specialty courses that cover a range of culturally significant topics, including business, legal, medical, romance, Spanish for Librarians, and text talk. These courses were created using the same conversational methodology, native-speaker dialogue, and cultural context as Mango's world language courses.

Rocket Languages includes seven modules with Audio, Language and Culture, and Survival Kit lessons. Survival Kit lessons provide you with essential vocabulary that you need to survive in Spanish by learning and practicing all sorts of key terminology, from colors to countries.

### Reference:

Britannica Library, s.v. "National Hispanic Heritage Month," accessed June 19, 2023, <https://library.eb.com/levels/referencecenter/article/National-Hispanic-Heritage-Month/433582>.

[Start Learning a New Language](#)

## ND Community Libraries to Share Grants

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

State School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler said Friday that nine North Dakota community libraries will share \$360,000 in grants to reimburse their costs for providing [summer reading and engagement activities](#) and buying K-12 library materials.

"These libraries are among those across North Dakota that stepped up during the summer to serve their young people and their communities," Baesler said. "It is heartening to see the variety of activities that were offered to promote literacy and community togetherness. These programs are so valuable, especially for young parents who are searching for wholesome, knowledge-building things for their children to do during the summertime."

Public libraries in Beulah, Dickinson, Grand Forks and Mandan, which is a joint operation with Morton County, will receive \$50,000 each in grants, Baesler said. The Carrington, New Town, Williston and Divide County libraries are being awarded \$35,000 each. The Cando Community Library will receive \$20,000.

To [qualify for grants](#), the libraries provided the Department of Public Instruction with summaries of their summer engagement efforts. Baesler, who is a former chairwoman of the Mandan library board, said the variety of activities showed the creativity of library administrators and community supporters.

"Reading and the promotion of reading was a major part of these activities, but that wasn't all," Baesler said. "There was dancing, painting, quilting, crafts, magic, solving jigsaw puzzles, LEGO construction, outdoor movies, talks by local authors, and science, technology, engineering and mathematics projects. And that is just scratching the surface."

The grant money was provided by North Dakota's share of federal COVID-19 relief funds.

## Digital Delight

### Durard Bohn at a desk inside the Burt, N.D., school, 1920



Durard Bohn sits in a wrought-iron and wood desk on skids inside of a school classroom. In the background are folding doors, which typically separated the students from the lower and upper grade rooms in the schoolhouse.

A copy of this photograph was also featured in the "Memoirs of a Prairie Schoolteacher" article in the "North Dakota History" journal (vol. 42, no. 3, summer 1975).

Courtesy of Digital Horizons (North Dakota Memories Collection, ND State Library)

[Access Digital Horizons](#)

# Book Review



## "Picture Day" by Sarah Sax Reviewed by Lexi Whitehorn



Seventh grader Viv is tired of getting overlooked in a sea of "Olivia's" in her school. All she wants is to stand out and be somebody. On picture day (the most dreaded day in the history of days) she takes matters into her own hands... literally. Paired with her long braid and scissors, Viv makes a drastic cut in an attempt to change up her looks. However uneven the cut may be, Viv becomes a social media influencer seemingly overnight. And while she tries to use her newfound popularity for good, she ends up leaving her two best friends behind. Middle school is hard enough; but Viv tries to juggle things on her own and soon learns that true friends (not just on social media) are what is most important.

How cute is this book!? I loved all the topics that this graphic novel covers: friendship, social media, acceptance (from others AND of self), growing up, helping others and so much more! The graphic novel adds in those subtle details making those topics even more impactful. Fans of Raina Telgemeier and The Babysitters Graphic Novels series will love this book. *Picture Day* is a "picture perfect" addition to any middle grades collection.

Listen to an interview by Booklist with the author, Sarah Sax at <https://on.soundcloud.com/iPAiB>.

Available as an E-book

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