

## North Dakota State Library Receives Federal Funding

The North Dakota State Library is happy to report that it has been awarded the full allotment of the Grants to States funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 (FFY25), which began October 1, 2024, and must be expended before September 30, 2026.

"We are pleased to be awarded these federal funds, which are essential to supporting statewide library services, innovation, and equitable access to information for all North Dakotans," said Library Services Division Director Dani Kappel.

The funding, which comes to \$1,297,053, allows the State Library to provide many popular services and resources to North Dakota libraries, state employees, and citizens. These include e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines that are available through the Libby app; physical items that are available at the State Library and in the library lending machines; InterLibrary Loan services; and online library resources, such as Universal Class, Digital Horizons, and those that support homework and general research needs.

"Our agency is grateful for this vital federal funding, and we thank Senators Hoeven and Cramer and Representative Fedorchak for their support of libraries and specifically for supporting the Grants to States program," said State Librarian Mary Soucie. "This investment will be instrumental in expanding access to resources, enhancing our programs, and ensuring that North Dakota libraries of all types continue to be dynamic hubs for learning and community engagement across North Dakota."

The North Dakota State Library looks forward to supporting all North Dakotans through the coming years. Visit the State Library's website at [www.library.nd.gov](http://www.library.nd.gov) to apply for a library card and access the resources and services that the State Library provides.



## New Podcast Episodes

The Pathways Through the Prairie podcast features North Dakota librarians and library staff, state government leaders and employees, and interesting North Dakotans to gain insights into their work and roles in their communities.

**Episode 22: Kandi Shape, Library Director of the Washburn Public Library.** Learn about her pathway to the library world and about the fun programs and STEAM kits the library offers. 29 minutes.

**Episode 23: Tammy Kruger, Literacy Specialist at the North Dakota State Library.** Learn about her pathway to the library world and some of the different types of literacy. 20 minutes

[Listen to the Podcast](#)

## College SAVE Program in Areas Without a Local Library

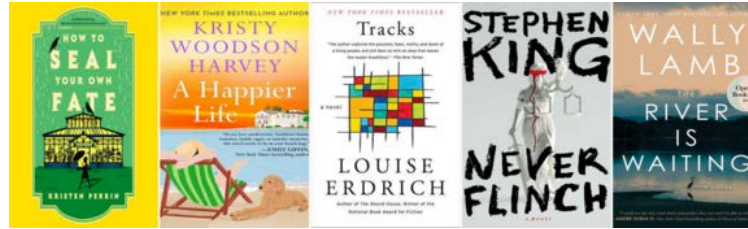
Do you live in an area that does not have a local library open to the public? Do you still want your child(ren) to participate in Bank of North Dakota's College SAVE Program? No fear! If you have an NDSL card, go ahead and sign up for the Color Our World Summer Reading Challenge within Beanstack under the North Dakota State Library. We will take it from there! Happy Reading!



[Sign Up Today](#)

## New Items At The ND State Library

### Fiction Books



"How to Seal Your Own Fate" by Kristen Perrin; "A Happier Life" by Kristy Woodson Harvey; "Tracks" by Louise Erdrich; "Never Flinch" by Stephen King; "The River is Waiting" by Wally Lamb



"Hidden Nature" by Nora Roberts; "Speak to Me of Home" by Jeanine Cummins; "Land of Dreams" by Lauraine Snelling; "First-Time Caller" by B.K. Borison; "The Love Haters" by Katherine Center



"The Tides of Time" by Sarah M. Eden; "Capture the Moment" by Suzanne Woods Fisher; "The Manor of Dreams" by Christina Li; "The Wealth of Shadows" by Graham Moore; "Tempest of Annabel's Lighthouse" by Jaime Jo Wright

### Nonfiction Books



"Matriarch" by Tina Knowles; "The Illusionist" by Robert Hutton; "The Playful Library" by Megan Lotts; "The Fifteen" by William Geroux; "Trespassers at the Golden Gate" by Gary Krist

### Fiction E-Audiobooks



"Ride with Me" by Simone Soltani; "The Housemaid's Wedding" by Freida McFadden; "Legends of Gold" by Mary Connealy; "Caught Up" by Naveesa Allen; "Healing the Mountain Man's Heart" by Misty M. Beller



"Fifty Fifty" by Steve Cavanagh; "The Barking Puppy" by Lori Lobenstine; "Maevie Mulvaney Has Had Enough" by Kelly Mangan; "The Midwatch Institute for Wayward Girls" by Judith Rossell; "When You Go to Dragon School" by Chelsea M. Campbell



## Nonfiction E-Audiobooks

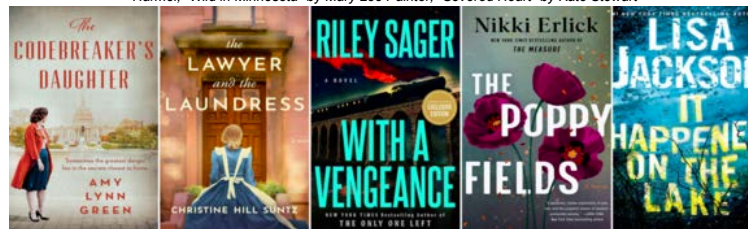


"Wildfire Days" by Kelly Ramsey; "John Hancock" by Willard Sterne Randall; "V is for Venom" by Kathryn Markup; "Deep Listening" by Emily Kasriel; "First Day Around the World" by Ibi Zoboi

## Fiction E-Books



"Don't Let Him In" by Lisa Jewell; "Wisteria Wedding" by Rachel Hanna; "The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau" by Kristin Harmel; "Wild in Minnesota" by Mary Lee Painter; "Severed Heart" by Kate Stewart



"The Codebreaker's Daughter" by Amy Lynn Green; "The Lawyer and the Laundress" by Christine Hill Suntz; "With a Vengeance" by Riley Sager; "The Poppy Fields" by Nikki Erlick; "It happened on the Lake" by Lisa Jackson



"Gus and Glory" by Sarah Guillory; "The Tower at the End of Time" by Amy Sparkes; "The Reel Wish" by Yamile Saied Mendez; "Growing Home" by Beth Ferry; "The Wild Robot on the Island" by Peter Brown

## Nonfiction E-Books



"We Might Just Make It After All" by Elyce Arons; "Baby Sign Language: Songs & Games" by Lane Rebelo; "Indoor Fun Preschool Activity Book" by Kailan Carr; "Desi Arnaz" by Todd S. Purdum; "Murderland" by Caroline Fraser



"Animals of the National Parks" by Fifty-Nine Parks; "The Friendship Train" by Debbie Levy; "Camping Activity Book for Kids" by Amelia Mayer; "Hiking Activity Book for Kids" by Amelia Mayer; "The Driving Book for Teens" by Maureen Stiles

## E-Magazines



Amateur Gardening (28th June, 2025); Bake from Scratch (July/Aug 2025); Southern Home (July/August 2025); The Cottage Journal (Autumn 2025); Just CrossStitch (2025 Special Collector's Issue)



Taste of the South (July/August 2025); Star Wars Insider (Issue 232); Audubon (Summer 2025); Flower (July/August 2025); Family Tree Magazine (July/August 2025)

## 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 School for the Deaf](#)

- North Dakota School for the Deaf Biennial Report, 2021-2023

### [Political Prairie Fire](#)

- Portrait of G. I. Solum, circa 1920
- Portrait of J. T. Nelson, circa 1920
- Portrait of John F. McGrann, circa 1920
- Portrait of John Steen, circa 1920
- Portrait of N. A. Mason, circa 1920
- Portrait of O. T. Haakenson, circa 1920
- Portrait of Simon S. McDonald, circa 1920
- Portrait of W. H. Stutsman, circa 1920



### [Prairie Recipes](#)

- Centennial Community Cookbook: Leeds, North Dakota, 1886-1986

## Digital Horizons

## American Revolutionary War

The American Revolutionary War profoundly shaped not only the United States but also influenced global politics, diplomacy, and ideology. This course provides an exhaustive exploration into the nuanced intricacies of the American Revolutionary War. Delve into the pivotal antecedents that set the war's wheels in motion; the profound ripple effect of the shot heard around the world; a detailed examination of iconic skirmishes, including the Battles of Lexington and Concord; a comprehensive review of the Treaty of Paris and its broader implications, and more!

Each of the eight lessons are complemented by a diverse range of resources and activities to ensure a holistic understanding.

## Start Learning Today



## Beep! Beep!

Have you ever wondered how the bookmobile came about? According to The whole library handbook 5 edited by George M. Eberhart, the first iteration of a bookmobile was a book wagon introduced in Maryland in 1905. Mary L. Titcomb, the first librarian at the Washington County Free Library, had the idea to take the books to the county residents instead of expecting them to come to the library. She was confident that this service would cement a friendship with the library, that the roads in the county were good and the cost of upkeeping the wagon would not be too expensive. That book wagon made its first trip in April 1905.

According to 2024 data, North Dakota has 11 bookmobiles and Ward County Public Library has won the Wheelie award for 2025. How cool is it that books can come right to you if you're lucky enough to have bookmobile service in your area?!

### History of ND Bookmobiles



## Potawatomi

With only around ten native speakers, the Potawatomi, or Bodwéwadmimwen, language is critically endangered. Created in collaboration with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi in southwestern Michigan and northeastern Indiana, this course delivers a blend of learning features, exercises, and personalized review with an award-winning conversational learning process that focuses on the four skills necessary to connect in another language: grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and culture.

This course instructs learners on the language's unique grammatical structures, vocabulary, and cultural traditions, all recorded by language specialists from the community.

### Learn A New Language

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