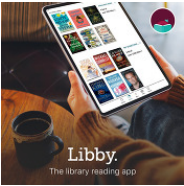


Libby Update

Libby will be making updates to increase the security of patron data. After the change is made, all patrons will be required to re-login to access Libby. You will need your State Library card number and password, which is usually your last name in all lowercase.

If you do not remember your password and need it reset or need any assistance, please contact the State Library's Information Desk at 701-328-4622 or statelib@nd.gov.

We apologize for any inconvenience.



Library Coordinating Council Nominations Sought

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) serves as the State Library's advisory board and assists with the creation and implementation of the Library Vision strategic plan, including the awarding of Library Vision grants. The Governor appoints NDLCC members according to Century Code §54-24.4. Typically, the Council meets quarterly with two meetings held in-person and two via videoconference. The in-person meetings also include tours of libraries.

Several of the current members have terms that are ending on June 30, 2025, and they have reached their term limits. The NDLCC includes librarians and two citizens at large. One of the citizens at large positions is open.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, please send an e-mail to ndsladmn@nd.gov by **May 15, 2025**. Individuals interested in being considered for the NDLCC will need to complete the Governor's board application, which can be found at <https://apps.nd.gov/gov/boards/Application/PersonallInfo>.

Learn More



Pathways Through the Prairie Podcast

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 18: Jeanine Pahl, Director of Oakes Public Library. Learn about her pathway to the library, how she collaborates with the school librarian, and their claim to fame. 24 minutes

Episode 19: Melissa Bakken, Director of the Leach Public Library in Wahpeton. Learn about her pathway to the library, the history of the building, and the services the library offers the community. 26 minutes

Listen to the Podcast

Adding Creativity to Memoir Writing with Jill Kandel

Jill Kandel, North Dakota author of *The Clean Daughter: A Cross-Continental Memoir* and *So Many Africas: Six Years in a Zambian Village*, is offering a memoir writing workshop on memoir writing on May 6 at 10:00 AM.

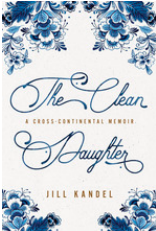
This event will take place both in-person at Bismarck Public Veterans Memorial Library and virtually at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/1471d70f-ecf4-4c98-9012-078ac5349985@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

About This Event

This class will discuss the difference between diary and memoir writing, how to find and use details to enliven memoir, writing thematically and not strictly chronologically, and various ways of making memoir absorbing and fascinating to readers.

Brought to you by the Institute of Museums and Library Services and sponsored by the North Dakota State Library and the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.

Register



Roadtrip Nation: Libraries Roadtrip

Submitted by Monica Struck

Roadtrip Nation is a PBS documentary series that follows a small group of people as they explore building a career around things that they love. Every season, Roadtrip Nation takes people on the trip of a lifetime to learn from people working in a specific field. This year, PBS is exploring careers in libraries!

In September, three lucky people will travel around the United States to explore what it is like to work in a library...and one of those people could be you! Roadtrip Nation is currently accepting applications. If you want to find out how you can be involved in the future of libraries, there has never been a better time to dive in!

Applications are accepted until May 25. For more information on what is involved and to apply, visit the Libraries Roadtrip [webpage](#). Do you have general questions about how Roadtrip Nation works? Check out their [FAQ page](#)!

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Digital Delight

Class of 1925, Harvey, North Dakota



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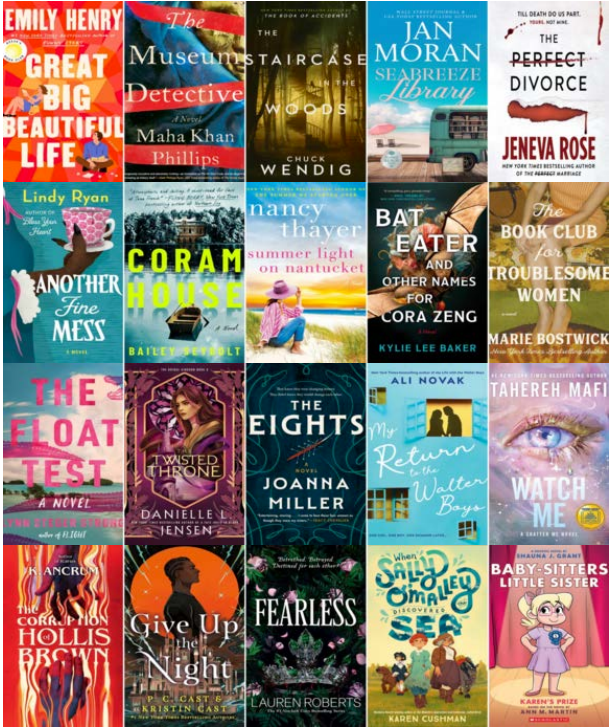
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20

Lessons

28

Exams & Assignments

14

Hours average time

1.4

CEUs

Video Tutorials Available

The Power of Ecology: Shaping a Sustainable Future

Submitted by AI Peterson

Earth Day was on April 22 and while this day has passed, awareness about the ecology of our planet should be an everyday, lifelong learning journey. Universal Class makes this possible with The Power of Ecology: Shaping a Sustainable Future.

This twenty-lesson course immerses you in the fascinating story of life on Earth. Every living organism, every ecosystem, and every natural process is part of a profound story - a story that shapes not just our environment, but the very future of humanity. This course is designed to help you understand the connections between ecosystems, from the smallest microbe to the largest mammal, and take action to protect this delicate balance of our life sustaining system. Ecosystems are under strain, biodiversity is in peril, and the balance that sustains life is shifting. But within these challenges lies an incredible opportunity, a chance to understand, protect, and even restore the delicate systems that make life on Earth possible.

This course explores groundbreaking topics like evolutionary ecology, biogeography, and systems ecology. You will gain insights into the processes that govern our planet and empower you with the knowledge and skills to make a difference and help save our planet. Are you ready to explore, understand, and safeguard the Earth's most precious systems? The time to act is now. This course will show you how.

Start Learning Today

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

- School for the Deaf law, 1890

Political Prairie Fire

- Affidavit of Representative B. D. Arnold [magazine article, 1920]
- Back to the farm [political cartoon, 1920]
- Canning time in North Dakota [political cartoon, 1920]
- For State Auditor [newspaper article, 1916]
- Next election if not sooner [political cartoon, 1920]
- Overloading the goat [political cartoon, 1920]
- Portrait of Bert D. Arnold, circa 1917
- Portrait of Fay Harding, circa 1920
- Townley gives Gov. Frazier a pay raise [political cartoon, 1920]



Digital Horizons

Featured Mango Language

By BreAnne Meier

Hawaiian

Are you dreaming of a trip to Hawaii? Enrich your Hawaiian experience by learning the language!

Mango Languages offers a Hawaiian language course that will take you from common phrases all the way to more advanced concepts. Learn how to introduce yourself and others, provide and obtain information, ask for and receive directions, request emergency aid, and more. There are also culture notes in the lessons to help you forge a deeper connection with the Hawaiian culture.



Celebrate Hawaiian culture and protect this endangered language by learning to speak Hawaiian with Mango Languages.

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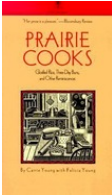
North Dakota Author Spotlight

Carrie Young

Carrie Young is a North Dakota author who graduated from the University of Minnesota and has lived for many years on a farm in Ohio.

The State Library has three of Young's books available for check out:

- Nothing to Do but Stay: My Pioneer Mother
- The Wedding Dress: Stories From the Dakota Plains
- Prairie Cooks: Glorified Rice, Three-Day Buns, and Other Reminiscences



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"Carrie Young." University of Iowa Press - The University of Iowa. Accessed April 25, 2025. <https://uipress.uiowa.edu/people/carrie-young>.

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