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May 30, 2008

Statewide Summer Reading Kickoff Day

May 31, 2008

Deadline for MLS Grant Applications

June 16—17, 2008

Summer Classes for Credit - Williston

June 19—20, 2008

Summer Classes for Credit - Bismarck

June 26—July 2, 2008

ALA Convention - Anaheim, CA

REFERENCE CORNER

Are you an avid reader? Have you ever wondered "What do I read next?", or "Should I try a new author?" North Dakota State Library reference books provide suggestions to assist with those decisions. *What Do I Read Next?* is an excellent resource on what to try next. For children or young adults, there are *Best Books for Children*, *What Do Young Adults Read Next?* and *Award and Prize Winning Books*. When you are ready to take that plunge of reading something new, come take a peek at the North Dakota State Library reference books or contact the Reference Department at 701-328-4622 or 1-800-472-2104 or e-mail statelib@nd.gov.

2008 Spring Workshops

The North Dakota State Library conducted another year of successful Spring Workshops. The 2008 Spring Workshop, *Back to Basics*, was held in Grand Forks March 31st and April 1st and in Bismarck April 3rd and 4th.

RoseMary Honnold, the Young Adult Services Coordinator for the Coshocton Public Library in Coshocton, Ohio, gave a presentation on providing library services and activities to teens. Attendees learned about different teen programming activities and participated in hands-on craft ideas, including mehndi.



North Dakota Reads: A Model Book Discussion Group was presented by Brenna Dougherty from the North Dakota Humanities Council. People attending this program not only received ideas about how to set up a book club, they also heard from discussion group moderators from the University of North Dakota and Bismarck State College.

Other workshops were conducted by State Library staff. Eric Stroshane presented an enlightening and humorous workshop about weeding entitled *De-selection: Reclaim Your Shelves, Revitalize Your Collection, Save Your Sanity*. Al Peterson gave an informative presentation on E-Rate for Libraries. Services provided by the North Dakota State Library were explored by Elizabeth Jacobs in *Discover Our Services*. Doris Ott, Cindy Larson, and Stacey Goldade focused on how to apply for grants offered by the State Library and the North Dakota Coordinating Council in a program titled, *Don't Sweat the Grant*



Stuff: Demystifying State Library Grants. In Bismarck, professional trainers from EBSCO, Gale, ProQuest, and the ODIN office gave hands-on demonstrations of the ODIN catalog and the Online Library Resources at the Bismarck State College computer lab.

Overall, the 2008 Spring Workshops were a smashing success! The State Library staff looks forward to next year's Spring Workshops and bringing quality programs to North Dakota librarians.

New Online Library Resource Available to Citizens and Libraries Statewide

Submitted by Steve Axtman



The North Dakota State Library is pleased to announce that the Auto Repair Reference Center database from EBSCO will be added to the collection of Online Library Resources on July 1, 2008. This new database is available through the North Dakota State Library or your community library. You may also access this resource from home by signing in using your library card information or remote access information from your library.

From the former publisher of Chilton's auto repair, Auto Repair Reference Center includes information on most domestic and imported vehicles from 1945 to the present. It contains wiring diagrams, drawings, videos, technical service bulletins and recalls, specifications, maintenance schedules, and a labor cost estimator. These can be printed and taken to the work site for convenient reference.

This is a very user-friendly database. After you have selected the year of your vehicle from the main screen, choose the make and model. You are then presented with repair options including *Repair Procedures, Service Bulletins and Recalls, Wiring Diagrams, Labor Estimator, Specifications, and Maintenance Intervals*. The information is clear, concise and informative.

The *Auto IQ* tab on the main screen features videos designed as interactive learning tools. The videos and animated technical diagrams demonstrate the function and service requirements of vehicle systems. The *Care & Repair Tips* tab presents tips on fixing your vehicle and buying the right tools and parts for the repair job. The *Troubleshooting* tab opens a new window with troubleshooting tips for a variety of automotive topics.

Please contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 for more information regarding this exciting new database!



SPOTLIGHT

Public
Awareness
Coordinator



The Public Awareness Coordinator at the North Dakota State Library has the responsibility of promoting libraries and library services throughout North Dakota.

In addition to promoting the North Dakota State Library services, the Public Awareness Coordinator also spends time assisting libraries throughout the state in promoting their local programs and services. The Public Awareness Coordinator helps coordinate North Dakota State Library events, including the annual Statewide Summer Reading Kickoff in Bismarck and is the North Dakota representative to the Collaborative Summer Library Program consortium. Another responsibility of the Public Awareness Coordinator is to make sure that the State Library website at www.library.nd.gov is as accurate and user-friendly as possible.

Adam Emter has recently been promoted to the position of Public Awareness Coordinator at the North Dakota State Library. Emter earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Jamestown College and has worked at the State Library since 2005.

If you would like assistance with public awareness at your library or if you would like information about what the North Dakota State Library has to offer, please contact Adam Emter at 701-328-4656 or 1-800-472-2104 or e-mail aemter@nd.gov.



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Washburn Public Library

Washburn, North Dakota, the self-proclaimed “Grandest Little City on the Missouri” has even more to brag about these days with the recently completed Washburn Public Library automation project. With help from a grant from the North Dakota State Library, the library was able to catalog their items into an automated library system and make technology improvements. By doing so, the Washburn Public Library has become a more active participant in the North Dakota network of libraries.

Washburn Public Library is a member of the McLean Mercer Regional Library system and through this grant opportunity, has chosen to be part of the Central Dakota Library Network (CDLN). The grant was awarded in the fall of 2006 and by June of 2007, the entire Washburn Public Library collection of materials had been added to the InfoLynx catalog. Julie Petersen, director of the Washburn Public Library, said overall patron satisfaction with the new online catalog has been very high. “Some of our older patrons are apprehensive about using computers and online catalogs, but most of our patrons are very excited. The InfoLynx system works very well,” she confirmed. Library patrons can now search the entire InfoLynx catalog instead of being limited to just the Washburn Public Library catalog. Not only does this speed up the searching process, but it also allows the library patrons to expand their search beyond their library walls. “These upgrades have opened the doors for many of our patrons,” Peterson stated.

Becoming part of a larger consortium of libraries has allowed Washburn Public Library to expand both its lending and borrowing of interlibrary loans. Petersen is excited about the opportunity to share some of the library’s wonderful items, such as the extensive WWII collection, with libraries throughout the state. A brief look at interlibrary loan statistics gives credence to this statement with the library sending out slightly more items than it receives. On average, the library borrows 20 items per month and lends approximately 25. Not only did the grant allow the library to automate their library system, it also allowed for the purchase of a staff computer, printer, and scanner. These technology improvements helped library staff initiate the cataloging process and gives them the tools needed to maintain a reliable library system.

From the grant money that Washburn Public Library received, the library staff has been able to increase the library’s presence both in the Washburn community and throughout North Dakota.

The Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days Of Summer

submitted by Shari Mosser

Summer break is rapidly approaching in North Dakota and students are preparing to go off to have fun in various locales. However, before that happens, *please* remind students to return their library books as soon as possible. Many school libraries will be closing soon for their well-deserved summer vacation!

In addition, some of the books you may have borrowed from the State Library originated from school libraries. The State Library is sending letters asking patrons to return those particular items. Please return them promptly so libraries can get all their borrowed items back before they close.

We appreciate your help in getting these books home safely to *their* deserved vacations! See you all in the fall and enjoy the “Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days Of Summer!”



New Arrivals in Library Science

- **Bookbinding [videorecording]:** a traditional technique
- **Booktalks and Beyond:** promoting great genre reads to teens
- **Crash Course in Marketing for Libraries**
- **The Guy-Friendly YA Library:** serving male teens
- **Books on Trial:** red scare in the Heartland
- **The Social Life of Information**
- **Digital Citizenship:** the internet, society, and participation
- **The Art of the Book:** from medieval manuscript to graphic novel
- **Putting Content Online:** a practical guide for libraries
- **The Extreme Searcher's Internet Handbook:** a guide for the serious searcher
- **Gamers-- in the Library?!:** the why, what, and how of videogame tournaments for all ages
- **The Law of Libraries and Archives**
- **Feeling Like a Kid:** childhood and children's literature
- **Consider the Source:** a critical guide to 100 prominent news and information sites on the Web
- **Public Libraries and the Internet 2004:** survey results and findings

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