

# NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY FLICKERTALE

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## NORTH DAKOTA STAR LIBRARIES

For the first time the North Dakota State Library is recognizing public libraries that are going above and beyond in the service they provided for their communities. The State Library has awarded 15 libraries with Star Awards and 1 library with the Wheelie Award (for outstanding bookmobile service). We divided libraries into peer groups based upon their total operating expenditures, so they were compared to libraries means. Within each group we looked at measures reflecting a range of services: circulation, central branch service hours, program attendance, combined computer and WiFi usage, and the percentage of North Dakota Library Coordinating Council Standards for Public Libraries met. These were scaled per capita where it made sense to do so. Libraries were then assessed against the average performance within their peer group, with each measure receiving equal weight. This allowed us to see those who were truly shining brightest overall.

The State Library also wanted to be able to recognize outstanding service beyond the walls of the library and out in the rural areas of the state. To do so, the Wheelie Award was created for the bookmobile that was the best overall performer in terms of circulation per capita, stops made, and mileage traveled.

On April 17th, during the Renewal and Development Conference, 8 of the 15 libraries recognized received their awards (pictures on page 6). The remaining 7 Star Awards and the Wheelie Award will be mailed out to the winning libraries.

### **Total Operating Expenditures < \$10,000**

Killdeer Public Library  
Kindred Public Library  
Stanton Public Library

### **Total Operating Expenditures \$10,000 - \$24,999**

Maddock Community Library  
Max Community Library  
Velva School & Public Library

### **Total Operating Expenditures \$25,000 - \$99,999**

Beulah Public Library  
Bowman Regional Public Library  
Lisbon Public Library

### **Total Operating Expenditures \$100,000 - \$499,999**

Divide County Public Library  
Hazen Public Library  
Leach Public Library

### **Total Operating Expenditures \$500,000 +**

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library  
Dickinson Area Public Library  
Minot Public Library

### **Wheelie Award**

Edgeley Public Library



## News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

Spring is finally here. Spring has always been my favorite season. I always feel happy when I see the first buds on a tree or a flower poking up out of the ground. Another reason that spring is my favorite time of year is that baseball season is back. I also love sitting outside reading a book or visiting with family and friends.

When I worked in the public library, I loved spring because it meant people were not dragging in snow and because I didn't have to worry about if I'd have to make the call to close the library due to inclement weather. In Illinois, I worked for a district library so it was strictly my call to close the library and then I would inform the Board President. I also loved spring because the flowers would pop up around the library, brightening the grounds. At the last library that I worked at, we had installed a picnic bench and table and I would enjoy taking my lunch break outside. I also loved spring because it seems to be the season where people gripe the least about the weather. In the winter, they gripe about the cold and snow, in the summer they gripe about the heat and humidity and in the fall they gripe about the shorter days and the impending winter. But spring brings warmer days that are longer and everyone loves that.

I also loved spring because it was the calm before the storm of summer reading. I love summer reading both as a librarian and as a patron. A few years ago, a colleague of mine shared their library's philosophy of the summer reading program. They consider it an opportunity to thank their patrons by having a fun program with minimal "rules" and lots of opportunities to win. That philosophy really resonated with me and we changed our program to match that philosophy.

Another reason that I love spring time is our annual Renewal & Development Conference,

formerly called Spring Workshop. It's a great time to connect with our public and school librarians. In addition to a new name, we also tried a new venue. Our keynote speakers on the first day were Gail Johnson and Pam Parr from Face to Face Communications and Training. Pam and Gail's presentation was a breath of fresh air, using humor very effectively as a training tool. We learned about different communication styles and how to work with others with a different style from yours.

We once again offered an evening class for our school librarians. I always enjoy the time to connect with the school librarians on a personal level. We talked about using podcasts in the library, how to connect with teachers and privacy issues. It was a fast paced conversation and the three hours just flew by.

Finally, during a legislative year, I always look forward to spring as a time to rev up our Librarian for a Day program. During session, I stick close to the State Library in case I need to testify or attend a meeting at the capitol. As session winds down, I have the freedom to venture further out. If you'd like more information on our Librarian for a Day program, please contact Kristin Byram. Each visit is different and I've enjoyed every one. I look forward to visiting more libraries.

Spring is a time of renewal. It's a chance to shed our heavy winter clothes, get outside and enjoy fresh air and wash the dirt and grime from our cars. It's a great time to renew our libraries as well. Look at your library displays and reflect on how you can refresh them. Look at your program lineup; think of ways you can change them up or add new ones. Do some spring-cleaning and clear out supplies that you're not going to use, books that patrons aren't going to read and policies that need to be updated.

# ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

## Universal Class

Universal Class is available to all library card holders in North Dakota. Universal Class offers 500+ courses in a variety of subjects and competency levels. This database is perfect for those users who want to take online classes but do not have time or resources to take a formal online course. Universal Class goes at your pace, on your own time, and when you complete it you can print a certificate of completion.

Universal Class is particularly useful to those who are doing test preparation for the GED. It offers an entire course on GED test preparation that is designed to take the place of the GED test preparation course that the student would otherwise have to attend. The course has 50 lessons and covers every part of the GED. Though the actual exam cannot be taken online, the appeal of this course is that they can do all the preparations remotely, on their own time, and at their own speed.

If you have any questions about Universal Class contact the North Dakota State Library at [statelib@nd.gov](mailto:statelib@nd.gov) or 1-800-472-2104.


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GED® Test Preparation



Start  
Right  
Now!

Self-Paced, Online Course

+ Join this Course

North Dakota State Library

50

Lessons

96

Exams & Assignments

37

Hours average time

3.7

CEUs



4


27

GO

Areas of Study

Exam Preparation

▶ GED® Test Preparation Resources

General Education

### Course Description

This online course will prepare you to take the GED (General Educational Development) test. The testing format will be explained and broken down to highlight the current four testing areas along with the content each of these sections will cover.

This course will provide many resources from test tips and strategies, exercises, assignments, practice tests and researched netlinks attached to many test topics to be read at your own leisure



## 2017 Summer Class for 1 graduate credit:

### **Do you need graduate credits for your library or teaching credentials?**

The North Dakota State Library is offering a summer course for one (1) professional development credit. The class is 15 hours long and lasts two days. Although it is not required, please feel free to bring a laptop or tablet to the class.

#### **Description:**

##### *Research Methods*

Search engines and databases are useful research tools. However, choosing the right tool for research can be difficult. An internet search engine, like Google, may be the right tool for some information needs but there is no control over the quality of information found in a general search inquiry. Thus, learning how to judge the information found online is an essential research skill. When doing academic research, the most appropriate tools are library databases. Information retrieved from a database is more manageable, cited, and often gives opposing viewpoints. This course will focus on research as a process of inquiry and evaluation.

**Note: The content for the 2017 class has been revised, so feel free to register, even if you have previously taken the North Dakota State Library summer course.**

- Credit is available for Library Media Specialists from VCSU
- Credit for the summer class is available for teachers from MSU, NDSU, and UND
- The cost for the credit is \$50.00 (payable to the university granting the credit)
- The class can also be taken for no credit, free of charge

For more information, please visit <http://library.nd.gov/traininglibraries.html> or contact Angie at 1-800-472-2104 or [nds1train@nd.gov](mailto:nds1train@nd.gov)

## COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – GET WHAT YOU NEED!

by Christy Schafer

Did you know your library can use state contracts to purchase goods and services?

Cooperative purchasing is a FREE service and an effective tool you can use to leverage time and cost efficiencies.

### State Contract #10 – Toner & Printer Products

This contract includes OEM Toner and Printer Products for Canon, HP and Xerox. The contractor is Universal Services and detailed pricing information can be found on the OMB State Procurement website. Any items that are not listed in the market basket will be discounted 20% off from the retail price. You can contact the vendor directly at sales@universalservicesnd.com or the Procurement Officer Chad Keech at ckeech@nd.gov or 701-328-2767.

### State Contract #21 – Trash Bags

All the trash bags on this contract are manufactured by Roughrider Industries. Roughrider Industries works to successfully transition inmates back into society by providing them with good work habits and skills that can be useful in the job market after their release. There are multiple sizes and colors of trash bags available including 12-16 gallon, 33-35 gallon and 55-60 gallon in black, clear and orange. Complete pricing and ordering information is available on the OMB State Procurement website. You can also contact Chad Keech at ckeech@nd.gov or 701-328-2767 if you have any questions or need assistance.

You can find more information about all the State Contracts on the OMB website at <http://bit.ly/2io8kXG>. If you have any questions, please contact the State Procurement Office at 701-328-2740 or [infospo@nd.gov](mailto:infospo@nd.gov).

Let's do more with less!

## NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Reviews are in: read, write, and expand your career  
(Guide to writing and publishing book reviews in library magazines)
- Young adult nonfiction: gateway to the Common Core
- Defending frequently challenged young adult books: a handbook for librarians and educators
- Super simple critter crafts (6 volumes)
- Multicultural literature for Latino bilingual children: their words, their worlds
- Literary wonderlands: a journey through the greatest fictional worlds ever created
- Teaching information literacy reframed: 50+ framework-based exercises for creating information-literate learners
- Unofficial Minecraft lab for kids: family-friendly projects for exploring and teaching math, science, history, and culture through creative building
- Abridged Dewey decimal classification and relative index (15th ed.)
- The untold story of the talking book (History of the federal Talking Book program)
- The nonprofit strategy revolution
- In the great green room: the brilliant and bold life of Margaret Wise Brown
- The bookshop on the corner (novel with librarian main character)
- How this book was made: based on a true story (picture book)
- Never let a ghost borrow your library book: book care guidelines from the Library Secret Service (picture book)



Eric Stroshane (North Dakota State Library), Christine Kujawa (Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library), Sienna Sailer (Hazen Public Library), Rebekah Kjos (Beulah Public Library), Nancy Miller (Stanton Public Library), Mary Soucie (North Dakota State Librarian)

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Traci Lund  
Divide County Public Library



Pamela Boepple  
Killdeer Public Library



Rachel Kercher  
Leach Public Library

## SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### ENSLAW PUBLISHING

**DEADLINE: ONGOING**

Every month Enslaw Publishing selects a winner for their free books contest. The winner may choose \$100 worth of Enslaw titles. No purchase is necessary. Fill out the form each month for a chance to win.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2dQf0PA>

### NEH PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR SMALLER INSTITUTIONS

**DEADLINE: MAY 2**

Preservation Assistance Grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities provide up to \$7,000 to help institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for significant humanities collections – such as collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2mncR31>

### JUDITH KRUG FUND BANNED BOOKS WEEK EVENT GRANTS

**DEADLINE: MAY 12**

Each year the Freedom to Read Foundation awards grants to libraries, schools, and universities to support activities which raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship during the annual Banned Books Week celebration. Grants are awarded at two levels: \$1,000 and \$2,500. Grant recipients will also receive an ALA 2017 Banned Books Week PromoKit.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2nkPsuX>

### BEST BUY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANTS

**DEADLINE: MAY 19**

The Best Buy Foundation is on a mission to provide teens with places and opportunities to develop technology skills that will inspire future education and career choices. They are providing Community Grants to local and regional nonprofit organizations that provide teens with places and opportunities to develop 21st century technology skills, including: computer programming, digital imaging, music production, robotics, and gaming and mobile app development. The average grant amount is \$5,000.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/1dZ64UT>

### EZRA JACK KEATS MINI-GRANTS

**DEADLINE: June 30**

Tom and Frances Leach were dedicated to sharing their prosperity by using private funds to promote the public welfare. The Board of Directors follows the grant making guidelines set forth by the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Leach, which supports endeavors to include the arts and humanities, education, human services, medical sciences and health, and the social sciences.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/1oFa2Xf>

If you have applied for a grant you found in The Flickertale and received it, please let us know!

## SUMMER READING WORKSHOPS

- All of the content presented at the 2017 Summer Reading Workshops is now available at: <http://1.usa.gov/1EuTqrf>.
- Be sure to check out our Summer Reading Bingo Card template on the summer reading page as well. There is a list of ideas you can use to fill the card.
- If you have questions about summer reading programs, please contact Kristin Byram at [Kbyram@nd.gov](mailto:Kbyram@nd.gov)

## FINCH ROBOT

Designed for computer science education, the Finch is a small robot that is designed to help students learn how to code. Since the people at Birdbrain Technologies want to give all kids a chance to learn computer service, they offer a loan program for those who wouldn't ordinarily have the opportunity.

During the 2016-2017 school year, 1200 Finch Robots were lent to schools and libraries across the United States. For more information and to fill out the application, which is now open for the 2017-2018 school year, please visit their website at <http://finchrobot.com/finch-robot-loan-program>.




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## Book Clubs Available through the North Dakota State Library

The North Dakota State Library has added Maximum Ride by James Patterson and Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult to our collection of book club kits. Here is a sampling of the book clubs we currently have:

Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk

Dakota : A Spiritual Geography

First Test

Go Set a Watchman

Going Vintage (Young adult)

Heist Society (Young adult)

Home Front

Horseman, Pass By

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up:  
The Japanese Art of Decluttering & Organizing

Little Bee

The Complete Maus

Maximum Ride #1: The Angel Experiment  
(Young adult)

The Maze Runner (Young Adult)

The Monuments Men : Allied Heroes, Nazi  
Thieves, & the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History

Orphan Train

Orphan Train (Large Print)

Small Great Things (Audiobook)

Thunderstruck

Unbroken

When the Killing's Done

Wild : From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest  
Trail

To see the complete list of book club kits available or to reserve a kit please visit: <http://bit.ly/1tgOGKP>



## **SUMMER FOOD SERVICE AT THE LIBRARY**

During the school year, many children receive free lunches at school. When school lets out for the summer, that often means kids go hungry. That's where the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) steps in. During the summer, children ages 0-18 can eat lunch at an SFSP site. Public libraries make ideal sites, since they are natural gathering places for children during summer reading programs! As a meal service site, libraries do not prepare the food, they simply offer a place for children to eat.

Libraries host summer reading programs to encourage kids to read over the summer, but being well-nourished is an important component of being ready to learn. Libraries can be involved in helping kids get the nutrition they need to maintain their reading skills over the summer by promoting and sharing the location of meal sites, partnering to provide activities at meal sites, or serving as a meal site in eligible areas (no food preparation required).

In North Dakota, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) administers the Summer Food Service Program. Kaye Knudson, the School Nutrition Program Manager in charge of the SFSP, wants to help you feed kids in your town! If you are willing and eligible to be a meal site, Kaye can connect you with sponsors in your area. If no one in town is yet acting as a sponsor, she will help set up partner meetings with other key organizations in town. If you have an event to kick off your summer reading program, Kaye would also love to attend and share information with your community. She can provide you with information on the sites in your area.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Kaye at [ksknudson@nd.gov](mailto:ksknudson@nd.gov) or 701-328-2275.

# FREE TRAINING WEBINARS

These webinars are free, live, and interactive. You will connect to audio using a headset or speakers. If you do not have a microphone, you can use chat to ask questions.

**Digital Horizons: What is it and how will it benefit your library? (NDSL)**

Register: <http://bit.ly/2oafx1d>

*Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 1:30-2:00 PM CT*

Digital Horizons is the collaborative digital archive for institutions across North Dakota and Minnesota. It is dedicated to collecting and preserving the unique history and historical resources from the region. This webinar will teach participants how to use it to find historical items and give ideas on how to implement it within your library.

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• **Coding Clubs in Public & School Libraries (NDSL)**

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/2oafx1d>

• *Thursday, May 18, 2017, 1:30-2:00 PM CT*

• Coding Clubs are sweeping through schools and libraries across the nation. Coding is one of the fastest growing industries in the world and coding clubs are contributing to those numbers. This webinar will explore implementing coding clubs in school and public libraries as well as why they are important for future generations.

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• **15 Free STEM-tastic Tools for Educators (SimpleK12)**

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/2oE5R1Q>

• *Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 1:00-1:30 PM CT*

Would you like to make science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics engaging and meaningful for all students? Join Todd Beard as he explores 15 free STEM-related resources that will increase critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity, and computational thinking. Using a cross-curricular approach, he will examine opportunities that benefit educators and students from kindergarten through adulthood. Come discover how combining state-of-the art technologies and programs with proven practices can create opportunities for achievement with real-world experiences.

• **10 Free Ways to STEM the Gap (SimpleK12)**

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/2oE5R1Q>

• *Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 2:00-2:30 PM CT*

Would you like to learn about ways other teachers and industry leaders are making connections using STEM education across the curriculum? Join Microsoft Fellow Todd Beard as he discusses how we can work together to “STEM the Gap” with hands-on tools and activities. Todd will cover why it is so important to immerse our students in the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. He will explain how to integrate STEM tools in the classroom so that students can create and collaborate with others. In addition, Todd will share some great, free STEM tools and resources available to students, teachers, and parents, and show how the Microsoft Education Community can help. Come discover all of this and more!

• **The Art of Coding (Infopeople)**

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/2de5R1d>

• *Thursday, April 27, 2017, 2:00-3:00 PM CT*

Join us for this one-hour webinar that will cover how to facilitate a coding club or workshop in the context of art making. Presenter Sylvia Aguiñaga will explore fundamental coding concepts and how to apply them specifically to visual design.

DISCLAIMER: The ND State Library highlights third-party webinars as a way to alert the library community to training opportunities. By doing so, we are not endorsing the content, nor promoting any specific product.

*North Dakota Library Tidbits*

- Forman Public Library had a Lego exhibit where builders ages 4-14 were encouraged to submit Lego creations for the display.
- Bowman Regional Public Library held a Build Your Own Fort Day where children and their parents were able to build forts in the library after story time.
- Mayville Public Library hosted a Dr. Seuss themed story hour.
- New England Public Library has received support from the American Legion to fund the library's book lease program.
- Local quilters decorated the Hazen Public Library with their quilts.
- Minot Public Library hosted world culture cook-off and tea tasting events.
- Bismarck historian Marilyn Snyder gave a presentation at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library called "Bismarck World War II Internment Camp." The presentation, sponsored by the Bismarck Historical Society, focused on the Japanese and German prisoners of war held at Fort Abraham Lincoln.
- Renovation on the North Dakota Room, bathroom, and the new community meeting room has been completed at the Walhalla Public Library.
- Mohall Public Library is hosting a Teen Video contest and is seeking videos that show off the library and its new library space.
- A city immigration initiative hosted a panel discussion at the Grand Forks Public Library.
- McVille Community Library had new entrance doors installed.
- Griggs County Public Library hosted an Open House to celebrate the completion of the library's renovation.
- James River Valley Library System hosted a program for adults called "Pollinator Gardens and Seed Library Opening." North Dakota State University Extension Service taught the class.
- Melissa Bakken, adult services librarian at the Leach Public Library, received the local Yellow Rose Award for professionalism.
- Griggs County Public Library held a Ukrainian egg decorating event that was hosted by the North Dakota State University Extension Service.
- Red Trail Elementary in Mandan and Solheim Elementary in Bismarck were the winners of Kupper Automotive's \$1K Reading Giveaway. Both schools have received \$1,000 to go toward books and eBooks for their libraries.
- Eddy-New Rockford Public Library had Rosemaling work, decorative folk painting of Sweden and Norway, done by local residents on display in the library.
- Grand Forks Public Library hosted a Chess Club tournament for children, ages 5 to 11.
- McVille Community Library hosted its annual Vendor Fair/ Bake Sale. Lunch and bake sale items were available, and a door prize was given away.
- MaLynda Kramber is the new director of the Garrison Public Library
- Lake Region Public Library held a Wine & Design event to celebrate Women's History Month with painting, trivia, and prizes.
- Jackie Hawes is the new director of the Morton Mandan Public Library

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Submitted by Bobbi Wood

National Library Week was a blast at the Grand Forks Public Library. We had a great library reception for our workers (past and present) on Tuesday. It was great getting together with library friends and volunteers! We even had a visit from the Mayor!



### BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Submitted by Susan Schwab-Kjelland

The Novel Group at the North Dakota School for the Deaf recently finished, *Because of Winn-Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo. The students then made a lunch, recreating the story's picnic party scene. It was an enjoyable way to wrap up a great book!



### LAKOTA CITY LIBRARY VISIT

State Librarian, Mary Soucie, was invited to the Lakota City Library Donor Open House. This was to celebrate the wonderful updates the library has done. Some of the project was funded by a Renovation Grant they received from North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and North Dakota State Library.



### FEDERAL REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to Donna James, Library Director/Federal Depository Coordinator for Valley City State University, who was appointed one of five new members of the Depository Library Council (DLC). The DLC is composed of 15 members, each of whom serves a three year term. DLC members advise the Director on policy matters relating to the Federal Depository Library Program. For the full article please visit: <http://bit.ly/2o4puBa>



# DIGITAL DELIGHTS



In honor of National Library Week, here is a picture of the James Memorial Library in Williston, ND.

Credit: State Historical Society of North Dakota, William E. (Bill) Shemorry Photograph Collection (1-12-33-2)

Check out Digital Horizons at:  
<http://bit.ly/2pBzpv4>



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