

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY FLICKERTALE

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SAVE THE DATE

Renewal & Development *Conference*

April 17th & 18th
Baymont Inn & Suites, Mandan

This year's Renewal & Development Conference will include:

- *Hands-on STEM programming practice with gaggles of gadgets and gizmos*
- *Picture Perfect Science Lessons*
- *Digitization training*
- *Information literacy in the age of social network news*
- *One-on-one online tutoring through TutorND*
- *Free online health resources for school and public libraries*
- *YA Reader's Advisory*
- *CE Option for School Library Media Specialists*
- *And more!*

Registration going live in February!

This was previously called the Spring Workshops

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

In January, our thoughts naturally turn to New Year's resolutions or goals. Every other year, our thoughts also turn to the Legislative Session and musings about what this year's session will bring. This year is no different. With a new Governor in office and the budget situation, it is promising to be a very interesting session indeed.

I'd like to thank those in the library community that took the time to write a letter of support for our budget. It really does make a difference and we greatly appreciate the support. By the time you're reading this, I will have already testified in front of the House Appropriations Committee's Education and Environment Division.

The North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) Legislative Committee has been hard at work the last few months preparing for the session. The committee, with assistance from Jason Matthews of JM Strategies, has developed a Legislative Communications Plan which includes five priorities that libraries should focus on this session. Those priorities, in no specific order, are:

- State aid to public libraries and State Aid Distribution Fund (funds via city governments, which includes funding for public libraries)
- Support of full funding of North Dakota State Library (NDSL) budget
- Support of Library Vision dollars via North Dakota State Library budget
- Statewide "Libraries Transform" initiative
- Funding for academic libraries for the Open Education Resources (OER) initiative

There are also some great opportunities for libraries to support Governor Burgum's Main Street and technology initiatives.

1. Directly tie the informational and education technology services libraries provide into Governor Burgum's interest in technology, innovation, and modernization.
2. Governor Burgum's economic diversification initiatives (most notably his 'Main Street Initiative') provide a natural opportunity for libraries to play important roles in job/economic development support.
3. Governor Burgum's desire to reinvent government offers libraries an opportunity to highlight the current role they play (and the greater role they can play) in information transmission.

4. Use this as an opportunity to reframe public impressions. Publicly present libraries for what they are: Vital resources for information, education, job development assistance, and community and civic engagement.

The State Library, in conjunction with the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and the North Dakota Library Association, will once again be sponsoring a "Local Legislative Day" on February 13th from 11:45-12:45 at the State Library. This will be an opportunity for members of the library community to interact with members of the Legislative community and provide firsthand information on the value of libraries as well as the issues they face. Please extend an invitation to your local legislator(s) to attend; better yet extend an invitation for them to attend with you.

In addition, NDLA will be sponsoring a "Day on the Hill" on April 4. Another excellent opportunity for members of the library community to advocate on behalf of ND libraries. Watch your email for more information on this event and opportunities to participate beyond being at the Capitol on that day.

In the end, all of this is about advocacy. Advocating for your library within your local community as well as at the state level. I advocate for all ND libraries at the national level when I attend the annual National Library Day in Washington D.C. I would welcome company at that event as well.

I encourage each of you to think about advocacy and to set an advocacy goal for yourself this year. Your goal can be anything from inviting your local legislator to guest read for Story hour to participating in one of the legislative events on the Capitol grounds. Share your elevator speech, whether people want to hear it or not. Attend a city council or county commissioners meeting. Partner with a new agency and use that as an opportunity to educate someone else about all the benefits your library provides to the community. Advocacy doesn't have to be scary; it can be as simple as leaving one new person more informed about what the library offers. Take advantage of the New Year to commit to being a stronger voice for your local library and for all North Dakota libraries. As always, I'd love to hear your success stories at msoucie@nd.gov or (701)328-4654.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

ZINIO

Zinio is an online collection of full-color popular magazines that library patrons can download to their tablets, smartphones, and computers. There are currently 143 titles available without restriction: no hold queues, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of titles you can download!

Since print and digital issues are published simultaneously, new titles are available through Zinio as soon as they're on the newsstand.

North Dakota's magazine collection includes titles for all ages and interests, including the recently added children's titles American Girl, Ask, Click, Cricket, and Highlights.

Explore it yourself at: <https://www.rbdigital.com/northdakotastatend/service/zinio/landing>

More information:

- 1-800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov
- Zinio resources: <http://www.library.nd.gov/guides.html>
- North Dakota State Library card: <http://www.library.nd.gov/librarycard.html>

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AUF WIEDERSEHEN



After 12 wonderful years we are saying “Auf Wiedersehen” to Stephanie Kom. Steph has accepted a job next door at the State Archives.

Steph worked in a number of different roles with the State Library. Her journey started with us in the Statewide Catalog Department. She worked in Statewide for 7 years helping catalog for more than 58 libraries. Steph earned her Masters in Library Science in 2008.

Steph then went on to form a new department at the State Library, the Digital Initiatives Department, formed in 2012. In those 4 years she scanned 769 GB of Digital Initiatives Content, including 63,336 images and 1,534 titles uploaded to Digital Horizons (through December 31, 2016). She traveled the state to put on Scan Days to collect local content to add to Digital Horizons. She also served on the Collection Development Committee and assisted at the reference desk during her tenure here.

She was also selected as one of 18 participants nationwide in the 2016 IMLS/OCLC Collective Wisdom: Libraries, Archives, and Museums Conference Exchange. She also graduated from the 2016 Women’s Leadership Program.

We wish Steph a heartfelt thank you for her hard work and dedication to the libraries, librarians and staff and citizens of North Dakota. You will be greatly missed!

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Fostering family history services : a guide for librarians, archivists, and volunteers
- Reading pathways : simple exercises to improve reading fluency (5th ed.)
- Teaching with story : classroom connections to storytelling
- The Newbery and Caldecott awards: a guide to the medal and honor books (2016 ed.)
- Dangerous books for girls : the bad reputation of romance novels explained
- Free government e-resources for youth : inform, inspire, and activate
- Top 250 LGBTQ books for teens : coming out, being out, and the search for community
- Without copyrights : piracy, publishing, and the public domain
- Indelible ink : the trials of John Peter Zenger and the birth of America’s free press
- Working with emotional intelligence
- The not so quiet library (picture book)
- Do not bring your dragon to the library (picture book)
- The invisible library (fantasy novel; first of a new series)

TIME TO FILE FORM 470!

by Al Peterson

The FCC Form 470, Description of Services Requested and Certification Form, is the first program form applicants file to request discounts under the E-rate program. FCC Forms 470 must be filed using the E-rate Productivity Center (EPC pronounced epic). For information on how to file your FCC Form 470 using EPC, review the FCC Form 470 User Guide or watch the FCC Form 470 Video Tutorials. The 2017 Eligible Services List has been posted and can be found here at <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/beforeyoubegin/eligible-services-list.aspx>.

By posting an FCC Form 470 and describing the services they are requesting, applicants are opening a competitive bidding process. Service providers can then review and respond to the applicants' requests for services. You must conduct a fair and open competitive bidding process. To ensure this, all potential bidders and service providers must have access to the same information and be treated in the same manner throughout the procurement process.

If you have previously been applying for voice services, please be aware that the voice services are subject to the annual 20% phase down. Consider the amount you'll get in discount as a factor if you plan on applying for E-rate services on voice only. In other words, find out if it is worth your time and effort to apply.

If you are planning on applying for E-rate funding this year, you may file your Form 470 anytime. If you filed for E-rate last year, you have a profile already set up in EPC. If you are applying for the first time this year, contact USAC at 1-888-203-8100 and request access to EPC.

Your FCC Form 470 MUST:

- Be detailed enough for potential bidders to understand your requirements and any reasons for disqualification. This includes being sufficiently detailed regarding the quantity and capacity of services.
- Be posted for the correct category or categories of service. Note that you should click "Category One" if you intend to post for Internet access, data transmission services, and/or voice services on the FCC Form 471; click "Category Two" if you intend to post for internal connections, managed internal broadband services, and/or basic maintenance of internal connections on the FCC Form 471.
- Indicate whether you have issued or will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP). If you issue an RFP, you must upload a copy to the FCC Form 470.
- Be posted on the USAC website for at least 28 days before you select a service provider; sign a contract (if appropriate); and file and certify your FCC Form 471.

Your FCC Form 470 MUST NOT:

- Be completed or signed by a service provider or feature a service provider as the contact person or technical contact person.
- Be an encyclopedic list of services.
- Specify vendors, manufacturers, or model numbers without including the words "or equivalent" or a similar qualification.

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28-day posting requirement

As noted above, your FCC Form 470 must be posted on the USAC website for at least 28 days before you choose a service provider, sign a contract (if appropriate), OR file and certify your FCC Form 471.

If you know the services you want to request – or even if you only know some of them – you can post an FCC Form 470 now for the services you know and post another FCC Form 470 later for any other services if you wish to do so.

Issuing an RFP

You can prepare and issue an RFP in addition to your FCC Form 470. RFPs are not specifically required under program rules but may be required by your state or local procurement rules or competitive bidding requirements. An RFP describes the project you want to undertake in sufficient detail to inform potential bidders of the scope, location, and any other requirements for the project. You must also clearly indicate in the FCC Form 470 and/or the RFP any reasons that bidders could be disqualified and provide information on requirements imposed by state or local procurement rules and regulations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 1-701-328-4021 or 1-701-328-4622. You can also e-mail me at alpeterson@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 #151 – Envelopes

This is a contract for bulk orders of several different types of envelopes including clasp envelopes, catalog envelopes and basic white envelopes with and without window. There are also options for custom envelopes. There are 3 contractors including Brown & Saenger, Cole Papers and North Dakota Envelope Company. You can find out more detailed information including pricing on the OMB website or contact the contract administrator Chad Keech at ckeech@nd.gov or 701-328-2767 with any questions.

State Contract #048 – Sit Stand Ergonomic CPU Desk

This contract provides a variety of solutions including: desktop mounted models, sit/stand frames that go under existing desks, complete sit/stand desk systems to fit in existing cubicles, free-standing sit/stand desks, and sit/stand desks that will accommodate treadmills. Additional options and accessories are available with discounted pricing, such as ergonomic floor mats, document holders, cable management systems, and additional desk components related to the sit/stand solution. Rates for setup and installation are configured as well, with a minimum requirement of 5 orders. Feel free to consult with the contractor to find your best solution. For more information, please contact Jamie Bostyan at jbostyan@nd.gov or 701-328-4912.

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.

Let's do more with less!



REGISTER FOR THE 2017 SUMMER READING WORKSHOPS!

Registration is now open for the 2017 Summer Reading Workshops! They will be held in February at six locations around the state. You can register at <http://bit.ly/2hJKAS2>. There is no charge to attend this event. Each event will run from 10AM-4PM (Mountain Time in Dickinson, Central Time in all other locations). An hour and a half will be provided for lunch and networking, which will be on your own.

Jamestown	Alfred Dickey Public Library	Wednesday, February 15
Minot	Minot Public Library	Thursday, February 16
Dickinson	Dickinson Area Public Library	Friday, February 17
Bismarck	North Dakota State Library	Tuesday, February 21
Grand Forks	Grand Forks Public Library	Wednesday, February 22
West Fargo	West Fargo Public Library	Thursday, February 23

Don't forget to order your electronic copy of the 2017 Summer Reading Manuals. Please fill out the request form, which is available here: <http://library.nd.gov/summerreadingmanual.html>

2017 TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) has launched the 2017 Teen Video Challenge, a national video competition for teens to get involved with reading and their public library's summer reading program. Teens across the country are invited to create 30 to 90 second videos with their interpretation of the 2017 teen slogan, Build a Better World in combination with reading and libraries. This is an opportunity for teens to showcase their creativity and have their ideas heard before a national audience.

The winning video from each participating state will be named one of the CSLP 2017 Teen Videos to promote summer reading nationwide. Winners will be announced in Spring 2017.

For more details, please visit <http://bit.ly/2eDMIVf>

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.

Maintaining Sanity as a Department of One!
(Training Magazine Network)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/2bCw1rL>

Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 11:00-12:00 PM CT

Ever feel like a rubber band that's ready to pop? Then YOU must be a department of one! The good news is that you CAN do it. Learn strategies and tips to help move you from feeling "over done" to "can be done!"

The Power of Questions to Open Doors, Uncover Solutions, and Spark Change (American Management Association)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/2j1csR4>

Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 11:00-12:00 PM CT

This webcast reveals a new way to think about how you can use questions to be more productive, creative and effective at most everything you do. This webcast will change the way you think about the questions you ask, and offer practical ideas for better listening. It will help you realize there's a world of discovery and success – if you know how to ask for it.

Library Marketing (American Library Association)

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

Friday, January 20, 2016, 12:00-1:00 PM CT

Marketing can be a daunting process for many librarians. New technologies offer diverse avenues for promoting library services, and commercial marketing methods have become expected for libraries, too. Where do you start? What's the best way to allocate your staff and financial resources? How do you keep up with a constantly changing social media landscape?

Music Play: Before You Play Music, You Must Play WITH Music!
(edWeb)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/2jeo69b>

Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 1:00-2:00 PM CT

In this webinar, early childhood music specialist Devi Borton will explore how to create a child-centered, playful music environment that encourages and values children's own ways of making music, allows each child to take ownership of his or her music learning, and affords each teacher an opportunity to maximize the learning benefits of music play. Devi will also show attendees some great songs that they can use to provide children with a rich musical "playground." This webinar will benefit educators working with toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarteners.

7 Deadly Sins of Time Management (Velocity Firm)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/2j47Wlu>

Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 12:30-1:30 PM CT

Time management is not a sexy or exciting topic, but it is a fundamental skill that enables us to get things done personally and professionally. Walk away from this presentation equipped with new tools for battling those dreaded time vampires that steal precious minutes and hours out of your day.

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.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION SMALL GRANTS

DEADLINE: JANUARY 31

The Captain Planet Foundation will accept requests between \$500-2,500. Projects must meet these four criteria: be project based, projects must be performed by youth, projects must have real environmental outcomes, and be based in the United States. Grants from the Captain Planet Foundation are intended to: provide hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities for youth, serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools, and inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/1FNsxj5>

ENSLow PUBLISHING

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1

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

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

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES YOUTH PROGRAM AWARDS

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is seeking applications for the 2017 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award. Each of the 12 winning programs will receive \$10,000 and an invitation to accept their award at a ceremony at the White House. After-school and out-of-school humanities and arts programs sponsored by schools, libraries, museums, and other organizations are encouraged to apply. Programs must meet all of the requirements in order to be eligible to apply.

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

OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION GRANTS

DEADLINE: APRIL 11

Grants are awarded to organizations whose beneficiaries are residents of North Dakota, with priority given to organizations that are within Bremer Bank communities. The Otto Bremer Foundation focuses its funding on activities that move communities forward. Grants are generally restricted to organizations 501(c)(3) organizations and to governmental entities.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2iUv2YR>

MOCKINGBIRD

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1

The Mockingbird Foundation offers grants to nonprofit organizations and schools for projects and programs involving music education. Grants range in size from \$100 to \$10,000.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2j8Bdl0>

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

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Turtle Mountain Middle School in Belcourt received a grant from bestselling author James Patterson and Scholastic Reading Club to support its school library.
- Cavalier Public Library hosted its 5th annual Polar Express Pajama Party. Kids read Polar Express, rang bells, received prizes, drank hot cocoa, and ate Christmas cookies.
- Casselton Public Library received a \$2,500 grant from the Casselton Community Endowment Fund.
- The Bismarck Mandan Symphony Orchestra continued its Rush Hour series and held a concert at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.
- Dickinson Area Public Library sponsored a GrinchMas Party with crafts, snacks, and a movie. Kids were also able to meet the Grinch in person.
- Kulm Public School hosted an open house for their new library.
- Beulah Public Library held a “Pokemon Go” event and gave out prizes, including a candy basket, movie pass, gift card to Dairy Queen, comic book, and a Kindle.
- Golden Valley County Library hosted an open house and served pies.
- Pat Lothspeich from North Dakota Game and Fish presented on fur bearers of North Dakota at the Mott Public Library.
- Cavalier Public Library hosted a book signing for local author Charity A. Balyeat, who also read a chapter from her latest book *Matilda: A Heart for Adventure*.
- McVile Community Library hosted Breakfast with Santa.
- Enderlin Area School Library challenged its students to the Million Word Challenge, which encourages the reading of millions of words outside of school for students in grades 3-6.
- Brendan Chella, adult services librarian at the Minot Public Library, has started up a Books ‘n Brews Book Club.
- Hazen Public Library hosted an annual event where kids created gingerbread houses and candy Christmas trees.
- A fundraiser for the Hebron Public School in conjunction with the Sunflower Wind Project raised \$25,500; some of this money will go to the school library for the purchase of new books.
- Williston Community Library put on an “Around the World” event where Norwegian and Dutch cultures were featured.
- Minnewaukan Public Library received \$500 from the Minnewaukan Endowment Fund.
- Stanley Public Library held a Holly Jolly Christmas Contest during December where kids were invited to guess the number of items inside a box and a prize was given to the winner.

STEM MAKERSPACE

The Grand Forks Public Library had an impressive STEM Makerspace event in early January. The Greater Grand Forks Robotics Club, the Dakota Science Center, and community volunteers provided a variety of fun hands-on activities for the kids.



GIVING A HELPING HAND

The Morton Mandan Public Library had a few teen volunteers give a helping hand. They helped make popcorn and setup for the Family Movie Day event at the library. Great work!

STORY HOUR FUN

Walhalla Public Library kicked off the new year with some fun story time activities. They had residents come in and play songs on an old historic organ housed in the library. They also drove kids around town in a horse drawn wagon.



DIGITAL DELIGHTS



Feeling the winter blues? Check out this train stuck in the snow from 1911. Snow was stacked up to the top of the train. Men gathered with shovels to help clear a path for the train to get through.

Credit: North Dakota Memories Collection

Check out Digital Horizons at:
<http://bit.ly/2iKqqa4>



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