

## Star and Wheelie Award Winners Announced

At the December 17th Library Community meeting, State Librarian Mary Soucie announced the winners of the 2020 NDSL Star and Wheelie awards. These awards have been given out for four years and highlight 15 libraries and one bookmobile that have excelled in service in the preceding year. Libraries are grouped by Total Operating Expenditures and compared to their peers on a number of factors. Congratulations to the 2020 winners!

### Star: Total Operating Expenditures <\$10,000

- Max Community Library
- Killdeer Public and School Library
- McVile Community Library

### Star: Total Operating Expenditures \$10,001–\$25,000

- Maddock Community Library
- Mott Public Library
- Lamoure Public and School Library

### Star: Total Operating Expenditures \$25,001–\$50,000

- Velva Public and School Library
- Garrison Public Library
- Cavalier Public Library

### Star: Total Operating Expenditures \$50,001–\$150,000

- Hazen Public Library
- Lisbon Public Library
- Beulah Public Library

### Star: Total Operating Expenditures \$150,001+

- Leach Public Library
- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library
- Grand Forks Public Library

### Wheelie Bookmobile Award:

- Ward County Public Library Bookmobile

## North Dakota Standards for Public Libraries Levels Determined

The North Dakota State Library and North Dakota Library Coordinating Council would like to extend their congratulations to the following seven libraries for reaching the Excelling or Future-Focused level of the ND Standards for Public Libraries.

### Excelling:

- Bottineau County Public Library
- Hazen Public Library
- Leach Public Library
- Valley City Barnes County Public Library

### Future-Focused:

- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library
- Minot Public Library
- Morton Mandan Public Library

"The North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council are pleased to have over half of our libraries reach the Developing, Excelling and Future-Focused levels," says State Librarian Mary Soucie. "We commend the four libraries that reached Excelling and the three libraries that reached Future-Focused for their exemplary service to their communities. We look forward to seeing more libraries achieve each of these levels next year."

The standards were most recently revised in May 2019, and 2020 was the first year using the new standards. Standards levels are determined using questions on the annual report and comparing them to the standards document [here](#).

Based on the 2020 annual report, 37 libraries reached the Developing level, four libraries reached the Excelling level, and three libraries reached the Future-Focused level. Standards levels will be determined again in the summer of 2021.

## New! Training for Public Library Board Members

The State Library is happy to announce a new 8-part training series for library trustees. These 30-minute, online sessions will cover a broad range of topics to assist board members in learning more about their role as a trustee and about libraries in general. Both new and veteran trustees are welcome to attend any of the sessions. Register [here](#) to receive the link to attend any of the sessions below:

February 9, 12:30 PM CST: General Overview

February 11, 12:30 PM CST: Governance

February 16, 12:30 PM CST: Library Ethics

February 18, 12:30 PM CST: Budget & Finance

February 23, 12:30 PM CST: Planning

February 25, 12:30 PM CST: Policies

March 2, 12:30 PM CST: Human Resources

March 4, 12:30 PM CST: Advocacy

## Libraries Transforming Communities Grant: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries

The American Library Association (ALA) invites libraries in small and rural communities to apply for grant funding to help them address issues of concern in their communities.



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Apply January 4 – March 4, 2021

Libraries in small and rural communities will receive \$3,000 each to tackle issues ranging from media literacy to COVID-19 safety to unemployment.

Applications for Round 2 will be accepted through March 4, 2021.

Find out if your library is eligible and apply online at <https://bit.ly/3jFNppR>.

**Congratulations to Griggs County Public Library in Cooperstown  
on being selected in Round 1 of this grant!**

### Getting Started With Libby Webinar

For those libraries in the Polaris consortium who are unfamiliar with OverDrive/Libby, here is a [webinar](#) to get you started.

**When:** January 21 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST)

**Presenter:** Lori Fisher, Assistant State Librarian / Administrator of Library Operations, New Hampshire State Library

Join OverDrive's training team for this live session to learn how easy it is to get your patrons started with Libby, the one-tap reading app.

This session will demonstrate:

- How to browse and borrow ebooks and audiobooks on a mobile device
- Tips for customizing the experience
- Answers to frequently asked questions from end-users
- Where to find Libby marketing and help resources

This session will benefit public library staff who support OverDrive digital library patrons.

Unable to attend the session live? Everyone who registers will receive a follow-up email containing a recording of the session and a PDF copy of the presentation.

[Register today](#)

### Free Webinars

State Aid Application  
Walk-Through  
ND State Library  
[January 11 \(2:00 PM CST\)](#)  
[January 25 \(11:00 AM CST\)](#)

Annual Report  
Walk-Through  
ND State Library  
[January 13 \(10:00 AM CST\)](#)  
[January 27 \(3:00 PM CST\)](#)

[Black Lives Matter in  
the Classroom: A  
Conversation with Experts](#)  
Lee & Low Books  
January 20 (3:00 PM CST)

[Trauma Informed  
Approach in Libraries](#)  
NNLM  
January 21 (2:00 PM CST)

[What does it mean to be a  
school librarian during  
COVID-19?](#)  
Cherry Lake  
Publishing Group  
January 21 (3:00 PM CST)

[Filling Your Cup During  
COVID: Self-Care  
Practices in Librarianship](#)  
NNLM  
January 26 (1:00 PM CST)

[Resources for Wellbeing:  
Toolkit Tour for Rural and  
Small Libraries](#)  
WebJunction  
February 5 (1:00 PM CST)

### CASE Act

Carrie Russell, ALA Copyright expert, recently sent out an email regarding the CASE Act, which should concern everyone. The CASE Act establishes a small claims court tribunal in the Copyright Office. State-run libraries and universities get a pass and are not subject to the infringement claims brought to this court as they can have a permanent opt-out. Although, the process isn't clear on how to do that yet. However, this opt-out does not apply to users of state-run libraries, or faculty or students, or to public libraries (generally run by local governments).

BUT anyone can opt-out of a proceeding just by declaring so within the time frame given. So we must teach library users, faculty, and students that if they are subject to an infringement proceeding in this court, they should opt-out. In this small claims tribunal, alleged infringers have several significant disadvantages relative to a regular infringement proceeding in federal court. By opting out, an alleged infringer is saying, "If you want to sue me, you'll have to do so in a federal court where I have rights."

The CASE Act passed the House and has broad support in the Senate. You can read more about the problems with CASE by going to <https://www.recreatecoalition.org/>.

## ARSL Leadership Institute



The Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) is now accepting applications for their pilot leadership institute, Outstanding In Their Field. They are looking for 30 outstanding people who are currently working in rural and small libraries to join this special professional development opportunity.

This Leadership Institute is for accidental library leaders: people who may not have a Masters in Library and Information Science and maybe not even a college degree. They work in a small and/or rural library who are now ready to grow as leaders. These folks came into the library from various jobs: the cashier at the local Mini-Mart with good customer service skills, the cataloger who worked at the library for 12 years and just became the new library director, or the schoolteacher who ends up running the public library.

All participant travel, materials, and instructional expenses (worth approximately \$8000) are covered by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services ([IMLS](#)). So while there are no monetary costs for participants, they will outlay their time, consistent engagement, and dedication to growing themselves and others as leaders.

The Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) seeks applicants representing a wide variety of communities and has a commitment to the representation of groups that have been historically marginalized or excluded due to ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic background, educational attainment, and age.

Participants will undertake 18 months of online and in-person interactive sessions.

[Applications](#) will be accepted through February 24th, 2021.

## Social Media toolkit for 2021 #TailsandTales

Be sure to check out the Collaborative Summer Library Program's (CSLP) [2021 Tails & Tales Social Media Toolkit](#). The document is a living one, so the CSLP social media team will keep plugging away at adding graphics and sample posts as Summer 2021 approaches.

In addition to the official [Pinterest](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) pages (@CSLPreads), CSLP has also introduced a program planning [CSLP Facebook group](#) and a new [Instagram](#) page!

We're looking forward to seeing #TailsandTales posts from your libraries this coming summer. Don't forget to request your online manual today by filling out [this form](#).

## New Book Club Kit *Hieroglyphics* by Jill McCorkle

This month, we are highlighting one of the State Library's newest book club kits: *Hieroglyphics* by Jill McCorkle.

McCorkle's latest hit showcases her talent as a novelist as she delicately pieces together multiple family histories and layers of secrets and emotional turmoil. *Hieroglyphics* follows the story of Lil and Frank, a couple that has been together and grown their marriage and family while harboring a wish to better know the parents that they lost when they were younger. Now retired, Lil is writing a history for her own children and Frank is repeatedly visiting his former home and visiting the family that lives there now. McCorkle explores family relationship and what it means to be a father, mother, or child while simultaneously having her characters and the reader question what shapes history and their memories.



"I am homesick, and I am timesick...I miss all that no longer is." —Jill McCorkle.

This kit comes with ten books, one discussion guide, and one sign-in sheet.

Kits can be checked out for eight weeks and reserved up to one year in advance. Book club kits can check out to libraries or individual patrons; no more than three kits can be checked out at one time. To see when this book club is next available, check out [KitKeeper](#).



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