

## Public Libraries – Check Your Mailboxes!

Bookmarks should be arriving soon for the Summer Reading Kickoff. Use these to advertise the kickoff to your patrons. June 9-11 will be filled with whales, sled dogs, hoop dancing, yoga, storytimes, crafts, and a safari!

The schedule will be firmed up by June 1. Keep checking the Flickertale and the [Summer Reading Libguide](#) for the finalized Kickoff information.

If you have any questions, please contact Shari at 328-4663 or [ssandwick@nd.gov](mailto:ssandwick@nd.gov).



## Bill Passes Adding Native American Tribal History to State Curriculum

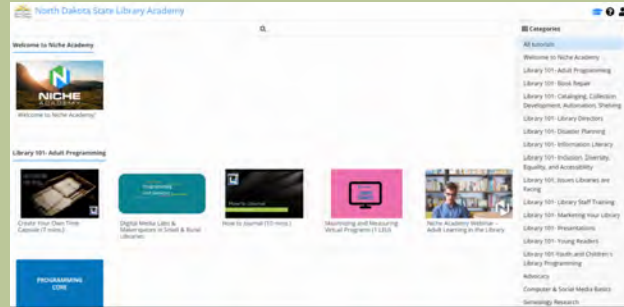
Senate Bill 2304 was signed into law by Gov. Burgum on April 23rd. This bill requires the teaching of Native American history for both public and private schools in the state. Fourth and eighth grade North Dakota studies curriculums now include an emphasis on “the federally recognized Indian tribes in the state.” Additionally, “Native American tribal history” was added to the United States history high school curriculum. These portions of the law go into effect at the regular date for non-budgetary items: August 1st. The bill also includes the same language for high school graduation requirements, but this section does not go into effect until August 1st, 2025.

The bill was originally authored by Rep. Ruth Buffalo, D-Fargo, of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation but was introduced by Sen. Joan Heckaman, D-New Rockford, and co-sponsored by Sen. Richard Marcellais, D-Belcourt, of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. Neither Sen. Buffalo nor Sen. Marcellais were able to introduce the bill since each of them had already introduced five other bills this session, which is the limit allowed by the North Dakota Legislative Assembly.

The original language of the bill called for a four-week course with specific curriculum topics, including tribal history, sovereignty, treaty rights, and culture, among others. The bill eventually was amended to the much broader language above. The bill overcame many procedural hurdles, including a tied defeat in the house, a motion to reconsider by Rep. Steve Vetter, R-Grand Forks, being split into two parts, and finally going through a conference committee before going to the governor’s desk.

## The New Look of Niche Academy

For the last couple of years, the North Dakota State Library has offered training tutorials and library-oriented presentations through the Niche Academy. Through several upgrades that the folks at Niche Academy implemented this year, such as creating pathways and different ways of organizing tutorials, the [North Dakota State Library Niche Academy](#) has been



re-organized and cleaned up. Tutorials containing links that were no longer viable were removed, and new tutorials have been added. The biggest difference is that the main page is now in category order rather than all the tutorials listed in alphabetical order.

Whether you are new to Niche Academy or coming back after a break from it, check it out by going to the State Library [database page](#) under Continuing Education. If you have any questions, please contact AI at [alpeterson@nd.gov](mailto:alpeterson@nd.gov) or 701-328-4661.

# THE READING NOOK

Submitted by Jessica Robinson

In *The Ruthless Lady's Guide to Wizardry* by C.M. Waggoner, Dellaria (Delly) is a charismatic thief who cons her way into a gig protecting a wealthy young woman. Delly assumes the job will be a breeze but, when a series of magical attacks occur, she must team up with a fellow bodyguard to keep her client—and her job—safe.

C.K. McDonnell's *The Stranger Times* takes place in Manchester, where a weekly publication supposedly chronicles the dangers of a secret magical world but is really run by a drunk charlatan and his crew of con artists. However, tragedy strikes close to home, the reporters of *The Stranger Times* are forced to do what they never thought they would—investigate a real magical mystery.

I'm a big fan of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, so I was extremely intrigued by S.T. Gibson's *A Dowry of Blood*. Here the focus is on *Dracula*'s three anonymous brides, starting with a medieval peasant who is rescued by a mysterious stranger and drawn into a dark and terrifying new world.

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## Change In Interlibrary Loan Statistics

The Interlibrary Loan Department will be changing the method we use to track interlibrary loan statistics. Beginning on June 1, 2021, we will discontinue tracking interlibrary loan stats by individual library. Therefore, libraries will need to keep track of their own interlibrary loan statistics for annual reporting purposes.

# EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM

Discounts Available for Eligible Consumers

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The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic. When Americans were sent home during the height of the pandemic and adopted to telecommuting and online schooling, reliable, high-speed broadband became essential. As FCC Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel stated, "Broadband is no longer nice to have, it's need to have."

The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

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## North Dakota Libraries in the News



### Carrington City Library Preschool Art Show Successful

CARRINGTON, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - The Carrington City Library reported a very successful preschool art show near the end of April. Carrington City Library Director Michelle Seil reports the show on April 29th had a lot of viewers over the week. ...

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
9 a.m. Freed Park 10:30 a.m. Rendezvous Park 5 p.m. Village West Park 6:30 p.m. Titus Park	No morning stops 5 p.m. Village West Park	9 a.m. Arbur Woods Park 10:30 a.m. Meadowridge Park	9 a.m. Goldenwood Park 10:30 a.m. Shadow Wood Park 5 p.m. Willow Park 6:30 p.m. South Elmwood Park	9 a.m. Centennial Park 11 a.m. Wilds Park

WEST FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY The Little Red Reading Bus  
SUMMER 2021 ROUTE SCHEDULE  
Route runs June 1 - Aug 8  
No stops June 10, June 19 & July 5  
Beep! Beep!

### West Fargo mobile library announces stops for the summer

WEST FARGO, N.D. (Valley News Live) - The summer route schedule for the Little Red Reading Bus is now available from the West Fargo Public Library. The Little Red Reading Bus is a mobile library service of the West Fargo Public Library. It brings ...

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## Going Once, Going Twice . . . You Are Not Going to Want to Miss It

What questions do you have when you think of Strategic Planning? The second phase of the IMLS Framing the Future grant is about to begin. It will answer your questions and offer more to think about when implementing strategic planning at the library. The workshop is set for Tuesday, June 1, from 2:00-3:30.

This workshop is for potential facilitators who are taking part in the next grant phase, anyone who attended the first EDI phase, and any library staff and trustees who want to engage more with planning. You heard correctly; trustees may attend, so extend the invitation.

Staff from the Minnesota-based Library Strategies will be sharing their expertise. Their community-driven plan will better prepare small and rural libraries as they face the ever-changing landscape and reaffirm the library's status as vital centers of their communities.

We need you to register at the link below. The presenters are asking you to fill out a pre-strategic planning survey also included below. This information will help them better tailor their presentation to specifically North Dakota libraries.

[SURVEY](#)

[REGISTRATION](#)

Set aside 90 minutes to find out about strategic planning for your library and how that planning can lead to more successful outcomes. See you online.

### Other News and Grant Opportunities:



#### Webinar: Re-Weaving the Culture through Inclusive Norms ...

As libraries emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic with an increased awareness of racial inequities in the communities we serve, the time has also come to look inward at the ways our own management systems and structures perpetuate inequities among ...

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[ala.informz.net](http://ala.informz.net)

#### Webinar: Government Supports Financial Literacy with ...

Many different Federal Agencies have information, calculators, and tool kits for assisting in educating citizens about financial literacy. This session will pull together and present these resources. The goal of this session will be to showcase ...

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[www.fdlp.gov](http://www.fdlp.gov)

#### Apply Now: NASA@ My Library

Public and tribal libraries are invited to apply for NASA@ My Library, a STEAM

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Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) is pleased to announce that we have signed an agreement with Amazon Publishing to make all of the approximately 10,000 Amazon Publishing ebooks and audiobooks available to libraries and their patrons...

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(science, technology, engineering, art, and math) education initiative that will increase and enhance STEAM learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the...

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