

Juneteenth

The United States will soon have a new Federal Holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. The House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate overwhelmingly voted to adopt June 19 or Juneteenth as a federal holiday. Juneteenth, also called Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day, is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

In 1863, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, that the state's residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished. Juneteenth has been celebrated in Texas as a state holiday since 1980.

If you are unfamiliar with Juneteenth or need more information about the holiday, check out our Juneteenth LibGuide, <https://library-nd.libguides.com/Juneteenth>. There are articles, links to primary documents, a bibliography, and more.

THE READING NOOK

Jennifer Robson's *Our Darkest Night* takes us to the heart of Nazi-occupied Italy in World War II. Here a young Jewish woman finds refuge in the home of a priest-turned-farmer who agrees to pretend that she's his new bride. The couple must not only fool their neighbors in a close-knit Italian village, but also the suspicious Nazi official who already has a vendetta against the former priest.

Dangerous Women by Hope Adams combines a mystery with early Australian history when two hundred Englishwomen are forced onto a convict ship headed towards Australia in 1841. All the women have been convicted of petty crime, but only one is willing to commit murder to escape.

Nazis ruin everything once again in Kristy Cambron's *The Paris Dressmaker*. Spanning the four years of Nazi occupation in France, this book focuses on two women, one a gifted dressmaker who infiltrates the upper echelon of the Nazi elite in Paris and the other a gifted spy for the resistance who investigates the dressmaker's disappearance.

The Elephant of Belfast by S. Kirk Walsh has one of the most unique premises I've ever seen set in that popular World War II genre. Here a young zookeeper named Hettie finds a new lease on life when she takes charge of Violet, a new elephant in a Belfast zoo. Unfortunately, her new job coincides with the German blitz of Belfast in 1941, sending Hettie on a mission to protect her elephant charge.

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New Staff Training Niche Tutorials Uploaded.

We have added new tutorials and a pathway into Niche Academy!

The new pathway is called Code of Ethics. Tutorials on Right to Privacy, Personal Interests vs. Professional Duties, Intellectual Property, Equitable Service and Access, as well as other topics, are included in this pathway. Topics on Basic First Aid and Chocking First Aid procedures, Providing Mental Health Information to Patrons, and Violence Prevention/De-escalation of Emotionally Charged Situations have all been added to the Library 101- Library Staff Training category.

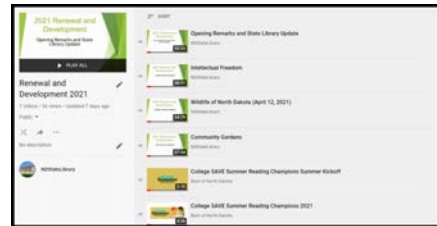
If you haven't taken a look at the Niche Academy, we encourage you to do so. There are a lot of great trainings and tutorials that you can take for free.

They can all be found at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary>.

If you have any questions, please contact Al at alpeterson@nd.gov or 701-328-4661.

Renewal and Development Recordings Available

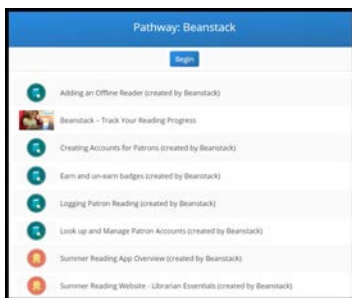
The Renewal and Development virtual conferences were a success! Librarians across the state came together to learn about community gardens, intellectual freedom, and wildlife and habitats of North Dakota. The recordings of each session have been compiled into a [playlist](#) on the State Library's YouTube channel for your viewing convenience. NDSL was happy to pivot this conference to a virtual platform in 2021. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming **in-person** professional development opportunities from the State Library.



Patron Services Division Director

Deadline: June 28, 2021

Beanstack Tutorials in Niche Academy



Niche Academy now has a series of Beanstack tutorials. These helpful tutorials have been bundled in a pathway marked Pathway: Beanstack, which can be found under the category of Library 101- Youth and Children's Programming.

There are eight tutorials in this pathway covering topics such as adding readers, tracking reading progress, earning and unearning badge, managing patron accounts, and much more.

If you are new to using Beanstack or need a refresher, this pathway is a great resource. Check it out at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary>.

The Wonders of WordPress

Libraries with WordPress websites through the State Library have been receiving letters that say their domain name registration is expiring and that they should switch to another company. Even though it looks like they are demanding payment, this letter is an offer, not a bill. The State Library currently pays for your website's domain name registration at no cost to you, so please do not transfer your domain name over to a different company.

If you have any questions or concerns about your WordPress website, please contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov or 701-328-4656.



Ask a Conservator: Emergency Management

Cultural heritage is not renewable. If books, documents, pieces of art, or any other ephemera are destroyed in a fire,



for example, they are likely lost forever. Librarians and archivists have a long history of responding to and preparing for the ...

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Booklist's Read 'N' Rave

Collection development specialists from across the country will RAVE about their favorite forthcoming READS in this lively presentation. Attendees will have the pleasure of hearing from Montoya Barker, Public Services Librarian at the...

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2021 Teen Video Challenge (TVC)

Do you have a passion for reading or libraries? Do you want to share your video or performative skills with teens across the country? The Teen Video Challenge is for you! Five winners will be chosen and will receive: a \$200 cash prize, and \$50 ...

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Erdrich, Diaz Among 2021 Pulitzer Prize Winners

Louise Erdrich and Natalie Diaz took home Pulitzer Prizes for fiction and poetry, respectively, at this year's virtual ceremony on June 11, which honored five books spotlighting the lived experiences of people of color in the United States from...

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On Implicit Bias and Communication

To be truly community-centered, libraries must build and sustain relationships with community partners. But as in any relationship, communication is key to success. This webinar will address fundamental ideas about effective communication with a...

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