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Database Challenges

The last couple of years have seen an uprising in book challenges for school library (and classroom) shelves and curriculums. The majority of these books contain references to race, sexuality, or gender identity. While challenges to books have been placed in the spotlight, a quieter challenge is also occurring. This call for censoring action is directed toward library databases. Databases are challenged for similar reasons as printed materials, with obscenity and pornography being the main accusations. State bills (such as in [Nebraska](#), [Utah](#), and [Tennessee](#)) have been presented, and in some cases already signed into law, to help protect minors from online materials that are deemed age-inappropriate.

National Precautions Already in Place

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which passed in 2000, requires all schools to adhere to certain rules to qualify for e-rate discounted services. Such rules include an internet safety policy, which addresses filters that block obscene pictures, child pornography, and any materials that are harmful to minors (Children's, n.d.). CIPA, coupled with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), also requires library database providers to adhere to filtering guidelines (Natanson, 2022). Are the efforts always perfect? Of course not. Filters are notorious for either under- or over-filtering. However, databases are already actively attempting to keep age-inappropriate materials at bay.

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Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

Cal Olson Photography

'Cal Olson Photography' is a diverse collection of hundreds of images taken by Mr. Olson, which spans from the 1950s to the 1970s. Mr. Olson took most of these images when he was a photojournalist for the Fargo Forum, and they cover topics such as the Fargo tornado in 1957, Native Americans, and the Vietnam War. Mr. Olson was a member of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Fargo Forum staff in 1958.

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How to Write Effective Policies and Procedures



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1.1

CEUs



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Do you need to write or revise policies and procedures for your library?

In today's rapidly changing business environment, you need a carefully planned policy and procedure manual that will effectively communicate the library's goals, the expectations of staff, and the standards of behavior. When these rules are in writing, it makes it easier for everyone, from your top supervisors to your part-time employees.

If you need help or guidance with writing policies and procedures, please check out this online class in Universal Class: How to Write Effective Policies and Procedures. These lessons will guide you through the process of developing an effective policy and procedure manual that reflects the high standards and goals of your library. You will find helpful information for both large and small organizations, whether you are updating an existing manual or starting one from scratch. Through the 12 lessons, you will learn how to write an effective policy and procedures manual, explore the legal considerations, and how to make it look good.

How to Write Effective Policies and Procedures and other great professional development courses are available in the Career Training section of Universal Class. Register today at <https://www.universalclass.com/northdakotastatend>.

North Dakota Library Tidbits



Carrington library group awarded \$3,000 grant

Friends of the Carrington City Library were awarded a \$3,000 literacy grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the foundation announced.

The foundation said \$16,500 in literacy grants were awarded to North Dakota nonprofit organizations, libraries and schools. The funds are part of nearly \$8.2 million awarded throughout the 47 states in which Dollar General operates to support adult, family and summer literacy programs.

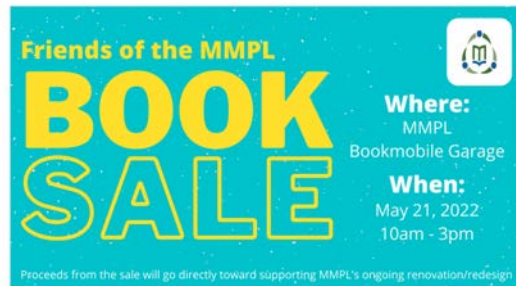
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Library system consultant reviews assessment, recommendations

JAMESTOWN - The James River Valley Library System Board of Directors unanimously approved on Wednesday, May 11, having its consultant move to the next steps of implementing a plan for the library system's future.

The library system hired Debora Denny, owner of Facilitation and Mediation Resources, to explore options for strategic planning that can meet the



Book sale set at Mandan library

The Friends of the Morton Mandan Public Library group is hosting a book sale on Saturday.

The sale is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the new Bookmobile Garage attached to the library building. Proceeds will go toward an all-purpose gaming table in the library's teen lounge.

The gaming table is the final of three "specialty pieces" to be funded for each age zone of the library. The other pieces are a fireplace in the adult reading room and a stage in the children's section.

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JRVLS Announces 2022 Summer Reading Program

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (JRVLS) - Readers of all ages will dive into the ocean depths this summer as James River Valley Library System presents "Oceans of

library system's current and future needs. The core objectives of hiring Denny include the continued operations of a robust library system, planning for space needs, productive and constructive board and staff relationships and collaborative goal setting for the delivery of 21st century library services to Jamestown and Stutsman County.

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**Williston
Herald**

Summer Reading opens up an Ocean of Possibilities at Williston Community Library

The Williston Community Library's Summer Reading Program is getting ready to make a splash in the coming weeks.

This year's theme is "An Ocean of Possibilities," and the fan-favorite event kicks off with the Splash Into Summer Reading Bash on June 2.

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Possibilities" during their summer library program.

Activities throughout the summer may include crafts, movie events, S.T.E.A.M activities, family events, and more. The Bookmobile will visit the local parks and provide activities at certain stops and a story stroll too!

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West Fargo elementaries to offer summer hours

WEST FARGO - Nine schools in West Fargo Public Schools are offering limited library services this summer; students and families are encouraged to visit their neighborhood library during the times listed.

The summer library service is made possible by the Comprehensive Literacy State Development grant, which was first awarded to West Fargo Public Schools in 2019. The grant, totaling \$4 million, is being distributed to the district over a five-year period and is intended to improve the literacy skills of disadvantaged children from birth through twelfth grade. This is the fourth summer that West Fargo Public Schools has used grant funds to offer extended summer library services to students and families.

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Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander History with Britannica

Submitted by Laurel Greene, Sr. Education Consultant, Western Region,
Britannica Digital Learning

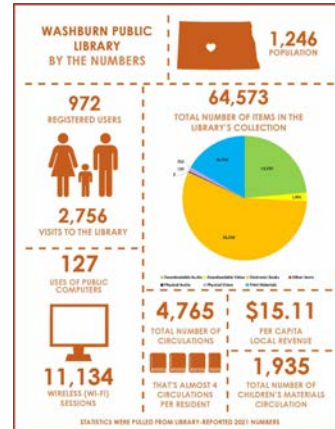
To help teach students to celebrate and recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States, Britannica's Curriculum Expert Team has put together a few activities and resources for you and your students.

Included are the Achievements and History of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. It is important for students to explore the history and cultural richness of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to understand how the accomplishments of these groups have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success. Go to <https://britannicalearn.com/AAPI-heritage/> to check it out!

Public Library Infographics

The North Dakota State Library is happy to provide a basic infographic based on the numbers your library submitted for the Public Library Survey/Annual Report. These personalized infographics will include the information that you want to highlight and can include the number of visits to your library, registered users, items, wireless sessions, programs, circulation, or any other statistics that can be found in the Public Libraries Survey.

If you are interested in receiving a personalized infographic for your public library, please send an e-mail to BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.



Other News, Grants, and Webinars



Engaging Adults with Low Literacy Levels

In the U.S., there are 43 million adults—nearly one in five—who read below a third-grade level, and over half of all adults read below a sixth-grade level (National Action Plan for Adult Literacy, 2021). Low levels in literacy can impact many aspects of daily life including the ability to find and maintain employment, navigate health care needs, and complete government forms. This webinar will explore the characteristics of adults with



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low literacy levels and how they differ from those of adults with learning disabilities, including how and why each of these groups approaches reading.

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Free Webinar: Amazing Picture Books

The sun is finally gracing us with warmer weather and with the changing of the seasons comes new and amazing picture books! Join us for a free, one-hour webinar on Tuesday, June 14 at 2 p.m. ET / 1 p.m. CT, where we'll hear from representatives from Phoenix International Publications, Owlkids, Creative Company, Second Story Press, Greystone Kids and Scribble Kids Books about their exciting and engaging upcoming picture books for summer and fall. Moderated by Julia Smith, Senior Editor, Books for Youth.

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Jane Austen Book Box Program

Our Jane Austen Book Box Program is designed to support schools and community groups that serve children in grades K-12 by introducing the genius of Jane Austen to those unfamiliar with her novels. Using age-appropriate versions of her books, our goal is to help foster an appreciation of Austen's work among new generations and diverse readers.

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