

## North Dakota Battle of the Books Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Attention all North Dakota School Libraries!!! Do you want to ignite a passion for reading and promote literacy among your students? Do you want to encourage teamwork, sportsmanship, and friendly competition? Then join the ND Battle of The Books and let your students show off their reading skills!



Battle of the Books is a fun and engaging reading competition program that is popular in schools across the country. It is designed to challenge students to read a diverse range of books and develop their comprehension skills. The program is not only educational but also exciting and entertaining, making it the perfect addition to any school library or reading program.

Here are some facts and details about the Battle of the Books:

- The program involves teams of students competing against each other in a quiz-style format based on a predetermined list of books.
- The books on the list are carefully selected to include a wide range of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry and graphic novels, ensuring all students can find something to enjoy.
- The program is suitable for students of all ages from elementary to high school. North Dakota's Battle of the Books will begin at the middle school level (6-8) and add other levels as the program builds.
- The competition is designed to promote teamwork and sportsmanship, encouraging students to work together and learn from each other.
- The program is not just for bookworms! It's a fun and engaging way to encourage all students to read more and expand their literary tastes.

Are you interested in learning more about this program? There will be a few Q&A sessions over the next two weeks. Send a message to Lexi at [awhitehorn@nd.gov](mailto:awhitehorn@nd.gov) or register at <https://forms.office.com/g/ANRM3uSyCF>.

### Q&A Sessions:

Session 1: Wednesday, April 12th - 12:00 pm

Session 2: Friday, April 14th – 2:00 pm

Session 3: Monday, April 17th – 10:00 am

Session 4: Tuesday, April 18th – 4:00 pm

Session 5: Wednesday, April 19th – 9:00 am

Session 6: Thursday, April 20th – 11:00 am

# Libraries in the News

## [Fargo Library Seeks Submissions for Northern Focus Photography Project \(InForum\)](#)

“The Fargo Public Library is seeking submissions for its fourth annual Northern Focus photography project, open to adults and teens age 13 and older.

## [Lincoln Elementary School Lions Promotes Digital Literacy and Cybersecurity \(Dickinson Press\)](#)

“Lincoln Elementary School has been hard at work leading the integration of computer science, STEM and cybersecurity into classrooms to prepare students for life beyond their hallways...”

## **Change In Circulation Policy Regarding Borrowing Periods and Renewals Submitted by Steve Hammel**

In the past, items checked out from the North Dakota State Library had different circulation periods. Most were four weeks with one renewal. As part of the reorganization of our collection, library management decided to make all circulating periods the same length. Therefore, as of January 1st, 2023, all items checked out from the North Dakota State Library have an eight-week circulation period with no renewals. Patrons involved in longer-term research projects may be granted a renewal from the Patron Services Director upon request.

Please note that items borrowed from another library through Interlibrary Loan (ILL) will be subject to the lending library's loan period, which may be shorter. ILL materials may or may not be renewable and are determined by the lending library.

## **Library Coordinating Council Vacancies**

**At-Large Seat  
Public Library Seat**



## ND State Library Webinar Rescheduled

Submitted by Al Peterson

### [Reader Advisory Tips and Tricks Featuring NovelList](#)

Thursday, April 13 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

Has a patron ever asked you for a “good book” to read? Or do you have a patron who wants the “next three books in the series” they are reading? Do questions like these make you want to freeze up? Then this webinar is for you. We will explore the topic of Reader’s Advisory and examine the Online Library Resource, Novelist.

Registration: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_3kGp5sD2RhaMBnP5kV63qA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3kGp5sD2RhaMBnP5kV63qA)

Other great webinars can be found at <http://library.nd.gov/publications/webinars.pdf>.

## Financial Literacy Through the Library

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Did you know research shows most habits are formed by age nine? More specifically, habits around money are solidified even earlier at age seven (Phelan). When it comes to teaching financial literacy, it’s never too late to start. In fact, you could say it’s like the stock market: the earlier you invest, the greater the potential returns!

Last week, I shared a website to use with older kids to practice their financial literacy skills. This week we will look at the different age groups and what you can do to support financial literacy in the library and at home.

[Read More](#)



## Tutorials Updated

Submitted by Al Peterson

The tutorials for using the Public Access Catalog (PAC) have been updated and posted on our YouTube channel under the [Public Access Catalog playlist](#) and uploaded on the [North Dakota State Library \(Niche\) Academy](#) and the [North Dakota School Librarian \(Niche\) Academy](#).

## Upcoming Niche Academy Webinars

### [Building Community Through Book Clubs](#)

Wednesday, April 19 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Join Davina Morgan-Witts to explore actionable insights from BookBrowse's report, "The Inner Lives of Book Clubs", based on two surveys of more than 5,000 book clubbers.

Topics include: how the world of book groups is much broader than many perceive it to be, the factors most successful groups have in common, what book clubs look for in their books, what people want from a book group, and how well-placed public libraries are to meet this need. We will also touch on the shift to virtual book clubs since the pandemic; how to offer multiple, diverse book clubs with minimal staff involvement by partnering with the community; and how to create an inclusive and welcoming environment.

The program is relevant to librarians, whether they are running book groups or providing readers' advisory to those in groups. All attendees will receive a free PDF of the full 60-page report, and our 2020 report: Book Clubs in Lockdown.

### [Display It! Kickstarting Library Exhibit Programs](#)

Wednesday, April 26 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Library collections are treasure troves of knowledge, and exhibits are fun and engaging opportunities to highlight resources and encourage discovery.

In this one-hour webinar, Patti Gibbons, co-author of Exhibits & Displays: A Practical Guide for Librarians, will talk about ways to kickstart and grow an exhibit program. Join her to explore the key exhibit development, curation, and outreach advice covered in Exhibits & Displays and pick up tips to engage and wow visitors at your library.

### [Library Services to Homeschoolers](#)

Wednesday, May 3 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Are all learners welcome in your library? There are at-home learners in your community, and the library is the single most important resource to DIY educators.

Join Christina Giovannelli Caputo, author of Library Services to Homeschoolers: A Guide to learn how to engage homeschoolers in your community and welcome all learners to your library. Christina will dive into the history, methods and growing diversity of home education and will explore outreach opportunities and program inspirations to put into practice in your library.

### [Online Instruction: Practical Tips for Librarians](#)

Wednesday, May 10 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Online instruction is here to stay and Emily Mroczek, author of Online Instruction: A Practical Guide for Librarians, is here to give you ready-to-use tips for establishing and perfecting online instruction at your organization.

This webinar will specifically focus on transferring pedagogy to digital instruction, and creating inclusive, detailed, and streamlined policies and procedures for your organization.

## New Items Added to Digital Horizons

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

### Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection

- Plane at the Bismarck airport, 1939
- Plane at the Minot airport, circa 1940



### North Dakota Histories

- The Norwegian Farmers in the United States

### North Dakota Memories

- Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and By-laws of the North Dakota Wheat Growers Association, 1922
- North Dakota State Capitol, Bismarck, N.D., circa 1915-1930
- Portrait of James Robinson, circa 1919
- Portrait of Minnie Clarke Budlong, circa 1919
- Portrait of U.S. Senator Gronna, circa 1911-1921
- Portrait of Walter C. Taylor, circa 1913 [ND Insurance Commissioner]
- Portrait of William Nuessle, circa 1919
- Tangsruds with their Model T, Divide County, N.D., 1927
- Women attending Mayville State Teachers College, circa 1906



### North Dakota State Documents

- A Brief Survey of the Public Library Commission of the State of North Dakota, 1919
- Report of the ND Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, 1889-1890
- Reports of Cases Decided in the North Dakota Supreme Court (volumes 47-50)

### Political Prairie Fire

- Biting on League Granite, 1918 [political cartoon]
- Fired! [political cartoon - IVA and NPL]
- Intense Feeling Marks Closing Sessions of Legislative Assembly, 1919 [article from the "Jamestown Weekly Alert"]
- Old Doc Gang Prescribes a Sugar-Coated Pill, 1916 [political cartoon]
- Our Socialist Autocracy: Some of the Things They Have Done or Attempted in North Dakota Under the Guise of "The Farmers Program"
- Portrait of James R. Waters, circa 1919
- Portrait of Frederick W. Cathro, circa 1919
- Scandinavian American Bank advertisement, Fargo, N.D., 1915
- Swat the Fly! [politician cartoon - IVA and NPL]
- The Bank of North Dakota: An Experiment in Agrarian Banking
- The Farmer Alights at Bismarck [political cartoon - IVA and NPL]
- The Record of North Dakota's State Industries, 1920
- The Story of the Nonpartisan League: A Chapter in American Evolution, 1920
- The Ventriloquist [political cartoon - IVA and NPL]
- What Makes More Noise Than a Pig Under a Gate? [political cartoon - IVA and NPL]







## Interdisciplinary Instruction: School Librarians and Theatre

*All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players;  
They have their exits and their entrances...*

-- *As You Like It*, William Shakespeare

There are certain theatrics to being a school librarian. A balance needs to exist between drawing in your audience (usually students, sometimes teachers and administration) while still sharing valuable information and practicing skill-building. Those who conduct read alouds or book talks often take the drama a step further, enticing their learners with stories and characters of various worlds and experiences. Perhaps a little ironically, most librarians classify themselves as introverts and yet they stand on center stage on a regular basis! Keeping this in mind, various skills that are expected for theatre classes and clubs can be introduced or reinforced in the school library.

### [Read More](#)



**AASL** APRIL IS  
**SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH**  
[www.ala.org/aasl/slm](http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm)

**Build Your Celebration**

Mix and match these resources created and curated by the School Library Event Promotion Committee to celebrate School Library Month in your school community.

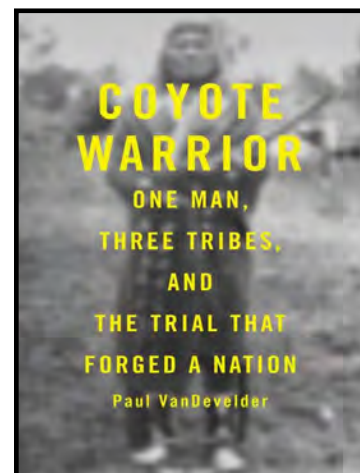
# Kit of the Week

## Book Club Kit:

### “Coyote Warrior: One Man, Three Tribes, and The Trial That Forged A Nation” by Paul VanDevelder

“From White Shield to Washington DC, new Indian wars are being fought by Ivy League-trained lawyers called “Coyote Warriors”, among them a Mandan/Hidatsa named Raymond Cross. Tells the epic story of the three tribes that saved Lewis and Clark’s Corps of Discovery from starvation, their century-long battle to forge a new nation, and the extraordinary journey of one man to redeem a father’s dream and the dignity of his people.”

This book club kit includes 10 books, one discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.



Reserve it today at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org>.

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