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Library Vision Grants Opening in July

Submitted by James W. Murphy

The grant webinar for our July 2023 round of Library Vision grants is now available on the [NDSL YouTube page](#). This webinar covers grants for makerspaces, programming, and collection development for a new collection. Attendance or asynchronous viewing of the webinar is a requirement for receiving a Library Vision grant. Guidelines for each grant are available on our [grants webpage](#).

When preparing to apply for a Library Vision grant, we recommend using the available grant template and preparing your grant application in a Word document or other word processing software. If you would like feedback before submission, please send it in a Word document to the e-mail below. This will make it easier to add comments in the margins. Once your grant is ready for submission, copy and paste your information from your template into Counting Opinions. All official submissions must be made in Counting Opinions - a link can be found on the grants webpage. If you need your login information for Counting Opinions, please contact me early in the process to make sure you can get into your account.

If you have further questions or need assistance, please contact me at ndsl-id@nd.gov or 701-328-3495.

[View The Webinar](#)

The State Aid Application is now open!

[Click here for more information](#)

E-rate Documents Retention Overview

Submitted by **Al Peterson**

All E-Rate program participants, whether they are applicants, service providers, or consortia, are required to maintain documentation that demonstrates compliance with the statutory or regulatory requirements for all E-Rate program purchases of service and equipment for a period of 10 years after the latter of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the funding request. This would include any documents such as the pre-bidding process, bidding process, contract, application process, invoices and forms, and rules compliance.

For most of the libraries involved in E-rate consortiums, you need to retain the Letters of Agency and Form 479.

If your library applied on its own in the past, make sure you are retaining all pertinent application documents from the last ten years.

[Learn More!](#)



The North Dakota State Library has purchased statewide access to United for Libraries, which is a division of the American Library Association that supports board members, advocates, and friends and foundation groups.

The statewide access includes live and on-demand [webinars](#), tip sheets to help you develop, grow, and inspire boards, friends and foundations, [Short Takes for Trustees](#), and the [Trustee Academy](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Library Development Department at nds1-ld@nd.gov.

[Start Exploring This Resource](#)



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Libraries in the News

[Fargo Public Library to host 'Dancing with Welk' author \(Fargo Forum\)](#)

The Fargo Public Library will be hosting the author of "Dancing with Welk: Music, Memory and Prairie Troubadours" on Monday, May 15, at the downtown library.

[Library group receives literacy grant \(Minot Daily News\)](#)

"Patrons of the Minot Public Library received \$1,250 from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The foundation announced awards of more than \$16,000 in literacy grants to North Dakota nonprofit organizations, libraries and schools..."

[Make Your Mind Bloom! Read \(Pierce County Tribune\)](#)

"Spring cleaning is upon us. Time to open those freshly washed windows and let in the spring air; shampoo the carpets and wipe out the cupboards. Empty those over-filled closets and donate the items no longer used by anyone in your house..."

["We will pay attention,": West Fargo Public Library Board tables new proposal \(Valley News Live\) \(Video\)](#)

The West Fargo Public Library Board held a meeting at City Hall to discuss a new proposal to make some serious changes. Some contacted our whistleblower hotline saying, with little notice, five longtime employees would lose their jobs..."



Dates: August 1-3, 2023

This interactive three-day virtual event will feature expert speakers on current topics facing library Trustees, Friends, Foundations, and staff who work with them. Programming runs from 10:00 AM to approximately 3:00 PM daily with scheduled breaks. Registrants may participate in some or all program sessions live and/or watch the recordings on-demand.

- Participate in live Q&A sessions with presenters.
- Network with colleagues across the country in roundtable discussions.
- Enjoy exclusive access to keynote speakers and authors.
- Receive a certificate of attendance (for live participation or on-demand viewing).

[Learn More](#)



Upcoming May - June Webinars

[School Librarians Lead Learning and Transformation \(WebJunction\)](#)

Tuesday, May 23 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

[Discover EBSCOHost: Research at Your Fingertips \(NDSL\)](#)

Thursday, May 25 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

[Rural Gateway Peer-to-Peer Webinar: Understanding the USDA - Rural Development Inflation Reduction Act Funding Opportunity for Rural Communities \(HUD\)](#)

Wednesday, May 31 (1:00 PM)

[Promoting Voter and Civic Engagement at Your Library \(WebJunction\)](#)

Tuesday, June 6 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

[Unpacking Conspiracy Theories: Ideas for Confronting the Hydra of the Information Age \(Niche Academy\)](#)

Wednesday, June 7 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[The Library Ecosystem: ONE VOICE for Advocacy \(United for Libraries\)](#)

Wednesday, June 7 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[The Fight Against Book Bans: How Do We Move Forward? \(Niche Academy\)](#)

Wednesday, June 14 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Redefining the library experience: Insights and inspiration \(WebJunction\)](#)

Thursday, June 15 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

[Partnerships for Student Success: Collaborating with Student Success Administrators \(Niche Academy\)](#)

Wednesday, June 28 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Low Morale in Libraries: Impacts and Countermeasures \(WebJunction\)](#)

Thursday, June 29 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Upcoming June Events and Deadlines

Month:

[Rainbow Book Month](#)

Days:

June 11 = [National Children's Day](#)

June 15 = [State Aid Closes](#)

June 19 = [Juneteenth](#)

June 21 = [NDDPI's Summer Reading Kickoff Event](#)

Talking Book Update

Free Services for People with Reading Disabilities

Many people ask if the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) offers services to people with dyslexia. Yes, it does! NLS patrons with reading disabilities like dyslexia have access to free audiobooks, magazines, and music instructional materials, as well as services provided through the North Dakota State Library Talking Book Program. Find out if you're eligible at <https://go.usa.gov/x7qDs> or contact us at tbooks@nd.gov or 701-328-1408.

ACP Basics Workshop
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Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

New tutorials and a pathway have been added to Niche Academy.

Category - [Library 101: Information Literacy](#)

New Pathway - *Cybersecurity*

This pathway contains four tutorials on topics assessing your online risk, creating strong passwords, addressing your digital footprint, and avoiding common online scams and threats.

Category - [Library 101: Library Directors](#)

New Tutorial - *Banning a Customer*

This tutorial approaches the difficult topic of having to ban a patron.

New Tutorial - *Establishing Mentorships in the Workplace*

This tutorial provides great ideas on how to start a mentorship program.

Category - [Research 101](#)

Pathway - *Research Essentials*

New Tutorial - *Research Essentials – How to Do an Annotated Bibliography*

New Tutorial - *Research Essentials – Understanding the Parts of an Academic Article*

[Learn on Niche Academy](#)



Standards and Your Library's Website

You may have noticed that the [North Dakota Library Coordinating Council Standards for Public Libraries](#) document includes portions regarding what your library's website should include.

In order to achieve the Developing Level, which affects your eligibility for some Library Vision Grants, your website must include, at a minimum, your services, programs, hours, contact information, location, and the online library resources provided by your library and the State Library.

In order to achieve the Excelling Level, your library must also include your library's policies (collection development, patron conduct, etc.).

If you need any assistance or have any questions about your library's WordPress website, please contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.

PLA Digital Literacy Workshop
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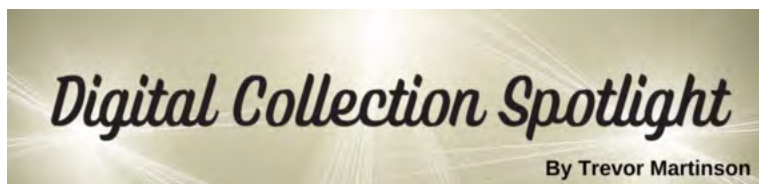
Planning for Excellence in Your Library Program Using the Future Ready Librarian Framework

Summary of the Webinar

Planning for Excellence in Your Library Program Using the Future Ready Librarian Framework was sponsored by Follett and possessed a panel of three school librarians from Wisconsin. These educational professionals were Jennifer Peterson, Becky Ackermann, and Emily Zoree. Shannon McClintock Miller was the moderator.

The top three reasons why speakers used the Future Ready Framework were due to state legislation, aligning library programs with school district priorities, and best teaching practices.

[Continue Reading](#)




Fargo Public Library Collection

The "Fargo Public Library Collection" consists of photographs donated by the Fargo Public Library to the NDSU Archives in 1998. The collection covers a wide variety of subjects in relation to the city of Fargo, including downtown scenes, floods, the 1957 tornado, and other historic events.



[Browse This Collection](#)

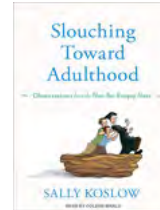


North Dakota Author Spotlight

Sally Koslow

This month's North Dakota Author Spotlight is on Sally Koslow, who is from Fargo, but now lives in Manhattan. Koslow is the author of seven books, including the following titles that you can find at the [State Library](#):

- Another Side of Paradise
- The Late, Lamented Molly Marx
- Little Pink Slips
- Slouching Toward Adulthood
- The Widow Waltz
- With Friends Like These

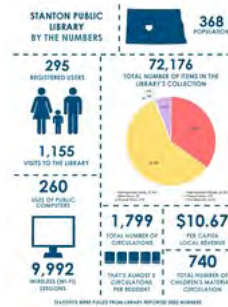


[Learn More About Sally Koslow](#)

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 Libraries Survey/Annual Report. These infographics can include the number of visits to your library, registered users, items, wireless sessions, programs, program attendees, or whatever statistics you would like to highlight.

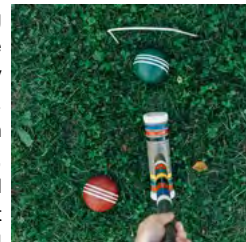
If you are interested in receiving a personalized infographic for your public library, please send an e-mail to BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.



Kit of the Week

Outdoor Kit: Croquet

Croquet is a family-friendly game and great for honing the entire family's math and science skills. Practice keeping score, measuring probability, and mentally calculating angles, distance, force, and momentum. Games help develop new brain cells and assist in number and shape recognition, grouping, counting, visual perception, hand-eye coordination, and manual dexterity. Additionally, children can be taught important social skills such as verbal communication, sharing, and taking turns by playing games.



Each kit contains one bag, six mallets, nine gates, six balls, two stakes, and a folder with an inventory, a question sheet, and instructions.

[Reserve This Kit](#)