

ScanDay Openings

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

It seems safe to say that summer is finally upon us. That means school is out, Summer Reading Program, sunshine, and ScanDay. That's right! Digital Initiatives is ready to get back into the ScanDay saddle.

To refresh your memory, since it's been so long (the last ScanDay was held in early 2020), ScanDay is an event hosted with or in North Dakota libraries. North Dakota State Library (NDSL) staff bring scanning and photography equipment to your community and digitize photographs, documents, objects, etc., from the collections of local residents and institutions. After digitization, the items are returned, and each participant is given a flash drive containing digital copies of their items. In turn, NDSL also retains digital copies, which are added to the [North Dakota Memories collection](#) for preservation and research.

This summer will be a trial run, or "soft reopening," for ScanDay to see how things go. After summer, Digital Initiatives will evaluate how things went and reflect on the program for the future (like if any changes need to be made).

The plan is to have 3-5 ScanDays this summer (roughly between Memorial Day and Labor Day). If your library is interested in hosting a ScanDay, send an email to Digital Initiatives (Trevor) at ndsl-digital@nd.gov.

Keep in mind there will only be 3-5 openings (depending on scheduling and how many libraries are interested). So if there is a lot of interest, there may need to be a drawing to determine the "winners." Preference may be given to libraries and/or communities that have not had a ScanDay before. Any libraries not selected this time will be put on a waitlist for next time.

The window to express your library's interest in hosting a ScanDay is from now until Friday, June 2, 2023. Any libraries submitting interest after June 2 will be put on the aforementioned waitlist. Once the "say you're interested" window has closed, libraries will be contacted to schedule the ScanDay.

Feel free to [contact Digital Initiatives](#) with any questions. To learn more about ScanDay, visit the [ScanDay page on LibGuides](#).



Summer Reading DPI Grant

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) is offering summer reading grants to libraries that host a summer reading challenge or event.

At the end of the challenge/engagement period (but no later than **August 25, 2023**), complete and submit the "Summary of Engagement" form (which will be made available to participating entities) to NDDPI.

NDDPI will award grants as reimbursements that may be used specifically to cover the costs of public and school library activities as outlined in ESSER allowable uses. Funds must be expended (and request for reimbursement submitted) by **December 31, 2023**.

NOTE: In counties where there are no participating libraries, teachers, library media specialists, or school administrators may host a summer reading/literacy initiative of their choice to be held within their community. Educators will need to provide an outline of their plan, the date(s) of engagement, an approximate number of impacted students, and cost estimate to NDDPI. Contact Jennifer Odell at jodell@nd.gov for more information. Participating schools will also be eligible for grants as reimbursements that may be used specifically to cover the costs of public and school library activities as outlined in ESSER allowable uses. Funds must be expended (and request for reimbursement submitted) by December 31, 2023.

[Find Out More](#)



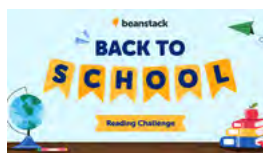
Beanstack

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Summer reading is just around the corner! Utilizing Beanstack to help track and keep record of participants is easy, fun, and a great way to promote your library's programming!

But Beanstack is not just for summer reading. Every month new challenges are created, and any ND library patron (whether from a local library or the state library) has access to these challenges as a way to track reading, books read, and maybe even a friendly (or not-so-friendly) competition between friends.

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) also wants to recognize and celebrate those libraries that are promoting these challenges and the patrons who complete them! Each month as a new segment of the Flickertale, we will recognize the top library and readers.



For April's "Spring into Reading," our top library was **North Dakota State Library** with six readers participating. Congratulations to Lisa S. (NDSL) and Krista D. (Oaks School and Public Library) for completing the challenge!

Upcoming challenges:

June – July: Summer 2023: All Together Now

August: Back 2 School 2023

September: Hispanic Heritage Month

We also have three ongoing challenges. These challenges do not have specific dates, but rather are there to join whenever!

- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- 500 Books Before Middle School
- 100 Books Before Graduation

SPRING INTO READING
Reading Challenge
April 2023

Top Participating Library:
ND State Library

Challenge Finishers:	Other Participating Libraries:
Lisa S. (NDSL)	Gando Community
Krista D. (Oakes Public & School Library)	Oakes School & Public
	Cavalier Public
	Park River School & Public
Total # of minutes read: 6,420 minutes	James River Valley
Total # of badges earned: 82	Williston Community

Libraries in the News

[VCBC Public Library to host Summer Learning kickoff with Family Color Carnival Event \(Valley City Times Record\)](#)

"All Together Now", the theme for this year's VCBC Public Library Summer Learning Program (SLP) is set to kickoff Tuesday, May 30, 4-6 p.m. with a Family Fun Carnival..."

[Plots available in Bismarck's Community Gardens \(KX News\)](#)

"...However, if you feel like tending to a garden by yourself can be overwhelming, there is another option to work out your green thumb. Planters can be adopted at the [Morton Mandan Public Library](#) for free, so long as you plant your own seeds..."

North Dakota Library Tidbits

Bernice Ferguson Community Library (Michigan) are featuring Al Fosness's vintage tool collection in their library cabinet.

Beulah Public Library added a Wonderbook collection thanks to a Library Vision Grant from the ND State Library.

Author Jackie M. Stebbins shared her experience with autoimmune encephalitis at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.

Bowman Regional Public Library held a green thumb silent auction.

Carnegie Regional Library held a blackout poetry program.

Fargo Public Library held a Preparing for Pollinators event with Samuel Devick, North Dakota 4-H Pollinator Habitat Ambassador.

Grand Forks Public is featuring artwork by Audrey Jones in their Mezzanine Gallery.

Kindred Public Library raised \$50,000 towards the purchase of the library building through fundraising and donations!

Lake Region Public Library was awarded a grant from the North Dakota Telephone Company to purchase a year's subscription to Beanstack.

McVile Community Library built birdhouses, learned how humans and birds are alike, and ate "bird nests" for a snack.

The Hess Corporation and 1,000 Trees for Minot donated 25 tree books to the Minot Public Library.

Mohall Public Library held a Fabric and Craft Exchange.

Morton Mandan Public Library is holding a Summer Reading T-Shirt Design Contest.

Rolla Public Library is holding a quilt raffle, with all proceeds going to the library.

Stanley Public Library held a LEGO building contest where entrants built characters or scenes from a book they read.

The University of Jamestown Raugust Library held a cart naming contest.

Miss Rodeo North Dakota Lindsey Miller stopped by the Underwood Public Library to read her book ("The Girl in Lime Green Jeans").

Walhalla Public Library is holding a raffle with proceeds going toward library repairs.

Williston Community Library purchased 12 brand new Launchpads thanks to a Library Vision Grant from the ND State Library.



THE JERRY KLINE
COMMUNITY
Impact
PRIZE

From the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation and *Library Journal*

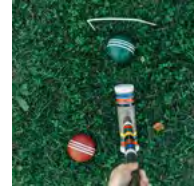
Outdoor Kits

It's starting to look like summer! If you would like some fun outdoor games for your library programming, check out a kit from the State Library! There are currently nine kits of each of the following outdoor games:



Bocce Ball
Croquet
Giant Dice
Giant Dominos
Kubb

Ladder Toss
Ring Toss
Rollors
Scatter



[Find Out More](#)



Podcasts for K-12

For the last *Teaching Tidbit* of the school year, I wanted to focus on resources that could help keep the momentum of learning going into the summer. Podcasts can provide such opportunities!

[Circle Round](#)

This podcast adapts folktales from around the world for a preschool to fourth-grade audience. Created by Rebecca Sheir and Eric Shimelonis, this resource combines music with voice actors to teach topics such as kindness, perseverance, and generosity. Episodes typically last 10 to 25 minutes each.

[Tumble: A Science Podcast for Kids](#)

With the help of scientists, Lindsay Patterson and Marshall Escamilla answer kids' science inquiries. Most episodes last approximately 20 minutes. Some topics addressed include reasons cats purr, the intelligence of dinosaurs, and how toilets work. This resource is best suited for elementary students.

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Grant Opportunities

[Adult Literacy Grants](#)

Wish You Well Foundation
Deadline: Ongoing

[Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood](#)

Deadline: Letter of Intent due May 31

[Humanities Collections and Reference Resources](#)

National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: July 18

[Literacy Opportunity Fund](#)

Nora Roberts Foundation
Deadline: July 1

[PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentives, Supported by AT&T](#)

Public Library Association
Deadline: June 2

Digital Dimension

By Trevor Martinson

Content Warnings

What is a content warning? It's something you've likely seen before, but you may not have realized what it was called. A content warning is a message, typically used for digital collections, that alerts users about materials that may potentially be deemed offensive or harmful. They also go by other names: content statement, harmful content statement/warning, etc.

The goal of a content warning is not to deter users from a collection but to prepare them for offensive/harmful content. This is especially true for younger audiences, students, educators, etc.

A [post from the Miami University Libraries](#) may sum it up best: As stewards of historic materials, cultural heritage institutions "have an obligation to preserve the past — even when the contents are sensitive or objectionable. [However,] when graphically racist, sexual, violent, or culturally sensitive images can appear unexpectedly in search results, it's important to give users a choice of whether or not to view them."

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Talking Book Update

Many Faces of BARD: Advanced Search Tips

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled's (NLS) Patron Engagement Section offers The Many Faces of BARD online event on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM. Each monthly event covers one aspect of the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service and is open to all.

The topic for the June 8, 2023, Many Faces of BARD program will be BARD: Advanced Search Tips from an Expert. The program will be recorded and last for one hour.

For this session, the presenter will be Catherine O'Connor, a Collections Development Section librarian with more than 30 years of experience. Internally, she is the go-to person for search tips and tricks at NLS. After the presentation, they will answer questions about the presentation or any general BARD questions.

You can join the session by going to <https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1612807633?pwd=bG9TSXdYTG5oaWxiclg2bGtxM2k3QT09>.

For more information about the North Dakota Talking Book Program, please call 701-328-1408 or send an e-mail to tbooks@nd.gov.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

By Tammy Kruger

Juneteenth

What is Juneteenth?

June 19 marks the celebration of ending slavery in the United States. Referred to as Juneteenth (along with other names, including "Emancipation Day," "Freedom Day," "Jubilee Day," and "Black Independence Day"), this observance became a federal holiday in 2021 (Congressional, 2022).

A (Very Brief) History of Juneteenth

The year was 1862. The president of the time, Abraham Lincoln, felt that freeing enslaved people was "an act of justice." However, he was unsure if it was a constitutional act. With the Civil War occurring and the Confederacy threatening to disband from the United States, Lincoln needed to be strategic about how to best free slaves without losing support from Union states. As such, he viewed slave labor as a military advantage for the Confederacy; this stance allowed him to require the freeing of slaves since they could be used against the betterment of the United States. After a Union military win at the Battle of Antietam, Lincoln proclaimed the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862. This announcement declared that if the Confederate states did not end their war efforts by January 1, 1863, then all enslaved individuals in those states would legally be considered free (Thenceforward, 2012).

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WebJunction Spotlight:

Media and Information Literacy: Resources that Address Misinformation

Submitted by **Al Peterson**

At a time when the concept of truth is frequently being challenged, media and information literacy enables people to question critically what they have read, heard, and learned.

Media and information literacy includes having the knowledge, skills, and confidence to search, evaluate, use, and contribute information and media content. It also includes having an understanding of the ethical issues surrounding the access and use of information and knowing how to fight online hate speech and cyberbullying.

WebJunction has put together resources for your staff to learn more about Media and Information Literacy.

[View The Resources](#)



ND Department of Transportation Construction Information

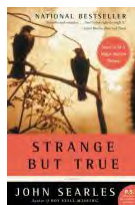
As the joke goes, North Dakota has all four seasons: winter, more winter, 48 hours of Spring, and road construction. While this is all in jest, it does seem as soon as the weather gets nice, the signs, lane closures, barriers, and road construction happen in earnest.

While it is a pain in the tuckus when planning for summer trips, it is a necessary inconvenience in order to repair the potholes brought on by winter's thawing and keep the highways in top shape for all the traveling we like to do. On the North Dakota Department of Transportation's (NDDOT) Statewide Construction and Project Information webpage, you can find out where construction projects are located throughout the state of North Dakota and information on public hearings for projects that are coming up around the state. There is a construction map that shows where work is currently being done and information about plans and proposals. There is information about the cable barriers you are starting to see in the medians, safety tips for driving through a construction zone, and even a page dedicated to roundabouts!

[Learn More](#)



"Strange But True" by John Searles



"After a mysterious fall from his New York City apartment, Philip Chase has moved back home with his mother, Charlene, a bitter woman who has never fully accepted the death of her younger son, Ronnie, five years earlier. Surrounded by memories of the family he no longer has, and trying to forget the reasons he left New York, Philip is in stasis. But everything changes late one windy February night when Ronnie's high school girlfriend shows up on their doorstep. A sad young woman who still bears the scars of the accident that took Ronnie's life, Melissa is nine months pregnant. The father, she claims, is Ronnie. Now Philip and his mother must confront not only Melissa's past but also their own: the secrets each has buried and the lies each has told."

[Request This Kit](#)

Homeless Programs Application Round Announced

The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) has announced the opening of an application period for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the North Dakota Homeless Grant (NDHG) beginning May 22, 2023, through June 22, 2023. Applications must be received by 5:00 PM central time on June 22 to be considered for funding.

Applications will be reviewed based on the scoring criteria outlined in the applicable 2023 allocation plan.

Allocation plans and applications for ESG and NDHG are available at <https://www.ndhfa.org/index.php/homeless-programs/>.

Application Submission

Email: hfahomelessprograms@nd.gov

Mail: NDHFA Homeless Program Administration, PO Box 1535, Bismarck ND 58502

Application submission questions can be directed to Jennifer Henderson, Director Planning and Housing Development 701-328-8080.

Summer Reading Book Clubs Create Engagement, Community



Schools approach summer reading in myriad ways, but the true goal should be to keep kids engaged in books over vacation. The key word is engaged. If summer reading doesn't make kids interested in reading, the program has failed.

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Our 25 Most Anticipated Books of Summer 2023 - Off the Shelf



Dear reader, we know you've already got your summer suitcases and beach bags filled to the brim with books, so we really did try to keep this most anticipated books of summer 2023 list to a reasonable number. But it was a bit of an impossible task, to be honest. We're hoping you don't mind and rather wind up thanking us after coming to the decision that two suitcases full of books isn't unmanageable after all. Happy bookcation season!

[View the List](#)

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