



Century Code Updates

By State Librarian Mary Soucie

The 68th Legislative Assembly convened on January 3, 2023, and adjourned on April 30, 2023. The biennium generally begins on the second Tuesday of January in odd years. The legislature is limited to 80 days in session during the biennium and typically tries to save a few days so that it can reconvene if needed without calling a special session.

North Dakota is one of four states in which the legislature meets biennially in the odd-numbered years. The other three states are Montana, Nevada, and Texas. Appropriation and tax measures become effective July 1 of odd-numbered years. Non-appropriation and tax measures become effective August 1 of odd-numbered years unless otherwise specified in the bill.

During the 68th legislative session, there was a total of 990 bills filed, 630 bills were passed and filed with the Secretary of State, 337 bills failed to pass, 15 bills were withdrawn, and 8 bills had a motion for reconsideration; all of those motions failed.

Legislative Council has updated the online version of Century Code even though a majority of laws won't take effect until August 1. You can find Century Code and a wealth of other information on their [website](#). The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is updating the *North Dakota Library Law* book. We will send one copy of the book to each North Dakota public library. All libraries may request additional copies by contacting our Marketing Specialist, BreAnne Meier, at ndsipa@nd.gov. The document will also be available on our website as a PDF.

We encourage you to bookmark the Legislative Council website and to become familiar with the laws that pertain to libraries. NDSL will be working with Legislative Management for clarity regarding the form and policy that will be required regarding SB1205. If you have legal questions about any of the laws that were passed this session or any other topic, please contact your library's attorney, which is typically the city or county attorney, or you can contact the local state's attorney for assistance.



Library Vision Grant Opportunities

- Collection Development Grant for New Collections
- Makerspace Grant
- Programming Grant

Application Period:
July 1-31, 2023

Award Date:
August 31, 2023

Grant Period:
Varies

Final Report Due:
Varies

NDSL Book Lottery

By Lexi Whitehorn

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is now hosting a book lottery for **North Dakota libraries**. These books were pulled mostly from our Children's and YA collections.

If you are attending the August conference on August 7-9, you will be able to pick up your boxes then. If you are not, boxes will be mailed or delivered sometime after the conference. Please note that you will not be able to select titles of the Children's and YA books. Display kits and book club kits will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lexi at awhitehorn@nd.gov.

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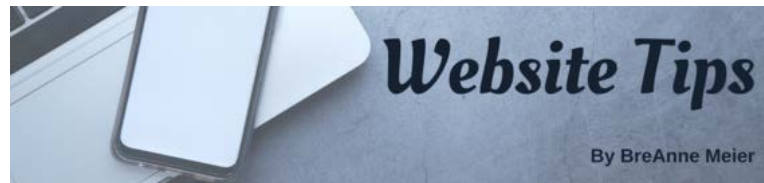
Summer Reading Programs

By Lexi Whitehorn

If you are registered for the Bank of ND Reading Champion program, you will need to send me the information for your participants by **September 8**, but the sooner, the better!

If you need access to your Beanstack report, please let me know, and I will send it to you. The Beanstack challenge ends on **July 31**. Accurate reports should be able to be pulled then.

If you kept track on your own, please send the information to me in an Excel file with the name of the participants, age of participants, parent/guardian name, and email or phone number. You can also use this form (<https://forms.office.com/g/hLb5FD8GZH>) to enter your participants.



Providing Public Notice of Meetings

Effective August 1, 2023, a new requirement will be implemented for providing public notice of meetings.

As per the [Open Meetings Guide](#) of the Office of the Attorney General, it will now be mandatory for meeting notices to be **posted on the public entity's website**. This new requirement is in addition to the other places it must be posted/provided to, including the main office, the location of the meeting, appropriate official(s), and any individual who has requested notice.

If you would like assistance in adding a notice to your library's WordPress website or creating a new tab/section for future notices, please contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.

[More Information](#)

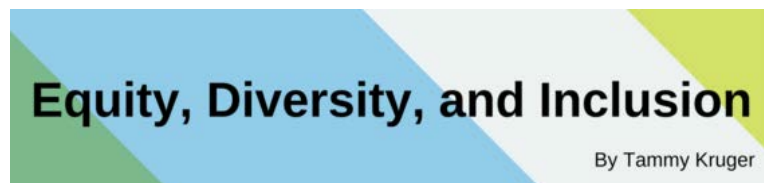


Software Overview: Image Composite Editor

One of my favorite image software, and one that I use quite frequently, is Image Composite Editor. I've highlighted other image software before, such as [GIMP](#) (editor), [Nomacs](#) (viewer), [XnConvert](#) (batch converter), and [Bad Peggy](#) (validator). Each of these is unique and serves a specific purpose. Image Composite Editor fits right alongside them in the "tool bag."

According to its now-archived webpage (we'll get to that), says Image Composite Editor "is an advanced panoramic image stitcher created by the Microsoft Research Computational Photography Group. Given a set of overlapping photographs of a scene shot from a single camera location, the app creates high-resolution panoramas that seamlessly combine original images... finished panoramas can be saved in a wide variety of image formats, including JPEG, TIFF..."

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National S'mores Day

This EDI article is for those of us with a sweet tooth! August often marks the end of summer campouts. What better sticky sweetness to polish off nights at the campfire than s'mores? August 10th is National S'mores Day.

History of S'mores

S'mores are traditionally made up of chocolate, marshmallow, and Graham crackers. Each of these components possesses its own history prior to being combined in this tasty (and gooey) treat.

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DPI Summer Reading Program Grant

By Lexi Whitehorn

Don't forget about DPI's grant. If you did any kind of summer reading program or single event, I highly encourage you to apply. Information can be found on [DPI's Website](#). Please note that the deadline for this is **August 25**.

[To be eligible for the grant](#), libraries will need to describe their event(s), what they entailed, and how many PK-12-aged children participated. Grants rewarded may be tied to the percentage of participants who completed the challenge.



Outdoor Kit: Scatter

This is a family-friendly game, also referred to as Mlkky, that is great for honing the entire family's math and science skills by practicing keeping score, measuring probability, and mentally calculating angles, distance, force, and momentum. This game can help develop new brain cells and assist in number 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.



This kit includes a tossing dowel, 12 skittles (wooden pins) numbered 1 to 12, a bag, and a folder with instructions.

[Learn More](#)

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