



Great Reads from Great Places – Book Tour

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Every year the Library of Congress hosts a National Book Festival in Washington D.C. Within this festival is a section called “The Roadmap to Reading” which features booths from The Center for the Book in each state. These centers each choose a children’s title and an adult title to represent their state. These books are either written by someone from their state or features their state as the main location. These books are then compiled into the list that we call “[Great Reads from Great Places.](#)”

This year, our Great Reads children’s book is *Josie Dances* by Denise Lajimodiere. *Josie Dances* is a wonderful book that tells the story of Josie as she prepares to powwow dance for the first time. To do this, she must ask and rely on her relatives to help her prepare. This book beautifully showcases the preparation, significance of regalia, and the connectiveness of indigenous culture.

As the North Dakota Center for the book, the State Library is hosting an author tour for our children’s selection. This is an opportunity for libraries across the state to host Denise Lajimodiere in their library for free.

The event would include a reading, a question and answer session, a show and tell of cultural pieces, and a book sale and signing. Each library will receive a copy of the book as well as marketing pieces to promote the event and a State Library staff member to help run the event.

We currently have two event spots open. We would like to focus on libraries that may not have the funds to host an author, smaller libraries that may not have the human capacity to host, and school / tribal / special libraries. Even if your library doesn’t fall under any of these categories, you still can host.

If you are interested in hosting at your library, please contact Lexi Whitehorn at awhitehorn@nd.gov.

National Study on Library Card Access

Submitted by Monica Struck

COSLA is partnering with Brooklyn Public Library to share an important survey on cardholder signup policies at public libraries across the United States. If you haven’t already responded, please consider filling it out. The survey will close on **Wednesday, December 6, 2023**, at 1:59 AM.

The survey collects data about cardholder signup process for adults and children/teenagers, as well as how these policies and procedures are revised (see survey questions in full [here](#).) Because library name is linked to IMLS PLS data, **respondents will not be asked to answer questions about their budget, service population, or other standard questions.**

Brooklyn Public Library will share findings in a report issued to the field in spring 2024; and will convene a working group next summer to publish a framework for library leaders of best practices around cardholder access.

[Take The Survey](#)

Summer Reading Training

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn



The time has come to register for your 2024 Summer Reading Program training. This year’s theme of “Adventure Begins at Your Library” is sure to bring adventures of all kinds!

Training will take place in five libraries across the state and not only will you get the collaboration and ideas from colleagues, but you will also get supplies for your programming! (Think posters, stickers, tattoos, etc.)

[Register](#)



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Volunteerism in the School Library

December 5, 2023, marks National Volunteer Day (International, n.d.). Additionally, November and December are often seen as times of giving. The school library possesses various opportunities for students, parents, and community members to flex their volunteer muscles! Additionally, volunteers can allow school librarians to delegate day-to-day (often more clerical) tasks so that they can free up time for student instruction and collaboration with classroom teachers.

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[Minot library opens new children's section \(KX News\)](#)

"'Oh the places you'll go!' is a common cry to encourage people to take up reading — and this is especially true for children's literature. As if to drive the point home, one area library has its new children's section open and ready for families to enjoy and experience..."

[Miss Sparkles ready for new chapter \(KFYR\)](#)

"For more than a dozen years, Miss Sparkles has been a fixture at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. She's 'sparkled' her way into many family's hearts as she brings books to life at her daily story times. Now, she's ready to shine in a whole new way..."

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

By Tammy Kruger

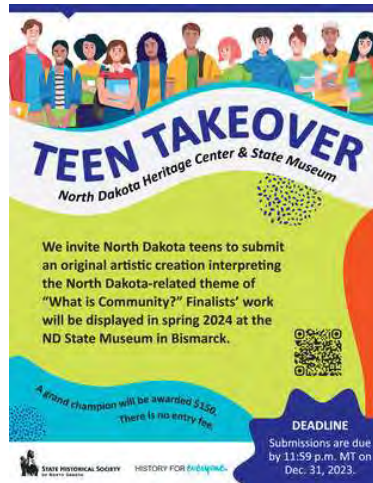
What is Bodhi Day?

Bodhi (pronounced bow-dee) Day is a Buddhist celebration that occurs on December 8th of each year. Bodhi Day commemorates Gautama Buddha experiencing spiritual enlightenment, which is also known as bodhi or “awakening.” Mahayana Buddhism followers are those most likely to acknowledge this holiday. Like with much of Buddhism, believers spend Bodhi Day in meditation, prayer, and self-reflection (Bodhi, 2023).

A (Very) Brief Explanation of Buddhism

Buddhism, established around the 5th century B.C. in South Asia (mostly India), is one of the world’s major religions. A core belief, within this faith, entails life being a series of trials, sufferings, and reincarnations until the believer reaches enlightenment or nirvana. Reincarnations are tied into an individual’s karma, or how well or poorly they treated others during their last life (Buddhism, n.d.). Believers can reach nirvana by adhering to the [Noble Eightfold Path](#). Additionally, Buddhists believe in simple lives full of wisdom, compassion, and are very anti-violence in any fashion (Rahula, n.d.).

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