New Library Vision Grants Opening in January

Submitted by James Murphy

Applications for three new grant opportunities will be opening January 2, 2024. Two grants, Public Spaces and Security, are open to all academic, school, public, special, and Tribal North Dakota libraries that are state or federally funded (non-private). The application periods for these close at 11:59 PM on January 31. The Tribal College Library General grant application period also opens on January 2 but does not close until 11:59 PM on March 31. The Tribal College Library General grant is only open to Tribal College Libraries that are located within the borders or North Dakota. If you are interested in applying for one of these grants, please watch the recording of the November 2023 webinar covering these grants as it is a requirement for receiving them. The recording can be found on our **YouTube page**. The guidelines for these grants with detailed information are available on our **grant webpage**.

The Public Spaces grant is for up to $15,000 and will be for creating or renovating a public space. Examples of eligible items include furniture, shelving, artwork, paint, and flooring. The Security grant is also for up to $15,000 and will be for items relating to physical and/or cybersecurity and can include items like security cameras, locks, alarms, antivirus software and firewalls. This grant also allows for a needed expansion of an existing security system. For more examples and details, be sure to look at the grant guidelines.

The Tribal College Library General grant is for up to $10,000 and is an open grant that can include most library expenses except for what are considered capital expenses. This grant will require enough detail in the narrative to understand the purpose of the grant and what items will be purchased. We encourage those applying for this grant to reach out to our Library Development department so that we can assist with the grant writing process.

For questions and assistance, you can contact our department at **ndsl-ld@nd.gov**. Our Academic, Special, and Tribal Library Specialist, Kathy Jo Cline, can be reached at **kjcline@nd.gov** or (701) 328-2185, and you can contact the Grants Coordinator, James W. Murphy, at **jwmurphy@nd.gov** or (701) 328-3495.

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Tammy's Top Picks
By Tammy Kruger

Graphic Novels for Elementary

Last month's *Top Picks* entailed Graphic Novels for Pre-Teens and Teenagers. This month takes that same concept to the lower grades! If you have any suggestions of genres/formats of books you would like to see, contact me at **tlkruger@nd.gov**.
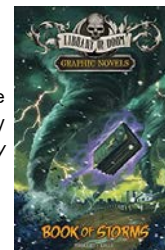
Book of Storms by Daniel Mauleon
Publish Date: 2023
Publisher: Capstone
Summary: One day, Pablo and Alex find a mysterious book about the weather and then things start to get weird! The Librarian of the Library of Doom enters to help save the day! This title is a part of the *Library of Doom Graphic Novels* series.
Best For: Second through Fourth Grade

Continue Reading

Star, Wheelie, Excelling, and Future-Focused Library Awards

Submitted by Monica Struck

Another year is almost gone. Before we look ahead to 2024, let's give out some kudos. Every year, the State Library gives out the Star and Wheelie awards. Star Awards look at circulation per capita, service hours, program attendance per capita, and computer use per capita. The Wheelie Award looks at total circulation per capita, bookmobile stops, and mileage. We get these numbers from that year's Public Libraries Survey. This year, the following libraries received Star/Wheelie Awards:

Star: Total Operating Expenditures <$10,000 • Max Community Library • McVille Community Library • Wishek School & Public Library	**Star: Total Operating Expenditures $50,001–$150,000** • Beulah Public Library • Divide County Public Library • Griggs County Public Library
Star: Total Operating Expenditures $10,001–$25,000 • Hebron Public Library • Maddock Community Library • Velva Public and School Library	**Star: Total Operating Expenditures $150,001+** • Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library • Grand Forks Public Library • Hazen Public Library
Star: Total Operating Expenditures $25,001–$50,000 • Garrison Public Library • Mohall Public Library • Walhalla Public Library	**Wheelie Bookmobile Award:** Ward County Public Library Bookmobile

We would also like to give a hip-hip-hooray to the libraries that reached Excelling and Future-Focused levels of the Public Library Standards. We see the work that you are doing, and the fruit of your labors is present in your communities. Keep it up!

Excelling:

- Carrington City Library
- Dickinson Area Public Library
- Leach Public Library
- McKenzie County Public Library
- New Town Public Library
- Williston Community Library

Future-Focused:

- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library
- Grand Forks Public Library
- Minot Public Library

Thank you everyone for your hard work. We look forward to seeing the numbers for 2023!

Adventures Begin at Your Library

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

The time has come to get registered for the 2024 Adventures Begin at Your Library summer reading trainings. These trainings will be held in five libraries across the state and will provide time for collaboration and brainstorming for your 2024 summer reading programs. A HUGE thank you to our trainers for volunteering to host these trainings.

The locations and dates are:

- **New Town - February 6 at 11:00 AM (lunch provided)**
- **Minot – February 8 at 10:00 AM**
- **Mandan – February 9 at 12:00 PM**
- **Valley City – February 9 at 9:00 AM**
- **Grand Forks – February 12 at 9:00 AM**

For questions on the trainings, please contact Lexi Whitehorn at **awhitehorn@nd.gov**.

Register Today

Bill of Rights Day

Submitted by Al Peterson

According to the National Archives, "The Constitution might never have been ratified if the framers had not promised to add a Bill of Rights. The first ten amendments to the Constitution gave citizens more confidence in the new government and contain many of today's Americans' most valued freedoms." On December 15, 1791, three-fourths of the existing State Legislatures ratified the first 10 Amendments of the Constitution, The Bill of Rights. These Amendments protect some of the most indispensable rights and liberties that define us as Americans. Though we have often struggled to live up to the promises they contain, 230 years after the ratification of the Bill of Rights, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms remains at the center of our democracy. This month consider putting up a display about the Bill of Rights.

If you are looking for resources, be sure to check out the National Archives at **https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/bill-of-rights**. On this site, you will find all sorts of resources such as teaching resources by grade range, blogs, articles, videos and more.

It's **Computer Science Education Week!! (December 4th – 10th).** Here are 10 websites with resources to help you bring computer science into the library!

1. **Hour of Code**
2. **Fiero Code**
3. Swift Playgrounds: Everyone can code! – Free app from Apple that allows users to build their own app!
   - **Swift Student Challenge**: "Apple is proud to support and uplift the next generation of developers, creators, and entrepreneurs with the Swift Student Challenge. The Challenge has given thousands of student developers the opportunity to showcase their creativity and coding capabilities through app playgrounds and earn real-world skills that they can take into their careers and beyond. We're releasing new coding resources, working with community partners, and announcing the Challenge earlier than in previous years so students can dive deep into Swift and the development process — and educators can get a head start in supporting them."
4. **Scratch Coding** & **Scratch Jr.** (ages 5-7)
5. **Khan Academy – Computing**
6. **Free Code Camp (adult learners)**
7. **CS Unplugged:** non-computer resources
8. **Solo Learn**
9. **Code Academy**
10. **Girls Who Code**

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Using Competition to Increase Reading Allure

The idea for this *Teaching Tidbit* emerged from a webinar hosted by *School Library Journal* and Beanstack: *Using Collaborative Competition to Boost Reading Culture*. (Beanstack is offered through many public libraries in North Dakota. If your local public library does not offer it, you may sign-up through the North Dakota State Library, as well. Beanstack is not offered directly to school libraries; however, educators can sign up under their public libraries and create student groups from there. For more information about Beanstack, contact NDSL's Literacy Specialist, Lexi Whitehorn, at **awhitehorn@nd.gov**.)

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Libraries in the News

The Lockbox of the Chester Fritz Library (Dakota Student)
The Chester Fritz Library at the University of North Dakota hosted an intriguing Escape Room event, drawing students into a labyrinth of history and mystery. The event, held in the library's "fishbowl" area, revolved around the life of Chester Fritz, with a twist of eldritch horror inspired by Brian Urlacher's book "The Library of Chester Fritz."

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

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

North Dakota Histories
• Quarter Sections and Wide Horizons (volume 1 & 2)

North Dakota Memories
• Baptism certificate of Arthur Zimmerman, 1916
• Confirmation certificate of Edna Gums, 1934
• Eva Bentz confirmation shawl, South Russia, 1871
• Frontier Day at the school in Napoleon, N.D., 1979
• Group inside Busch's store, Napoleon, N.D., 1931
• Marriage certificate of Arthur Zimmerman and Edna Gums, 1945
• Military portrait of Leo E. Wolf, 1953
• Portrait of John and Caroline Kuhn family, 1912
• Portrait of the Jacob Werre, Sr. family

• Row of combines near Kintyre, N.D., 1960s
• Threshing crew, Stutsman County, N.D., 1926
• Viola Werre's college diploma, 1956
• Wedding portrait of John and Frances Sperle, 1912
• Wolf's Farm Equipment, Kintyre, N.D., 2000
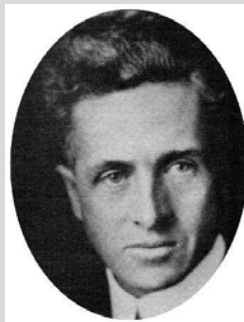• Zimmerman's labor and delivery bill, Jamestown Hospital, 1946

North Dakota School for the Deaf
• NDSD graduating class (1937-1976)

Political Prairie Fire
• Cathro explains reason for high interest rate [political cartoon, 1919]
• J.F.T. O'Connor for N.D. Governor advertisement, 1920
• Journal of the North Dakota Senate, 1917 (parts 1-4)
• McGovern explains profit-loss reports [political cartoon, 1919]

• North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association law, 1919
• Portrait of J. A. McGovern, circa 1919
• Portrait of Walter J. Maddock, circa 1919
• Portrait of Walter Thomas Mills, circa 1920
• Santa delivers presents to North Dakota farmers [political cartoon, 1916]
• The New Day in North Dakota: Some of the Principal Laws Enacted by the Sixteenth
Legislative Assembly, 1919
• The Right Hand Knoweth What the Left Hand Doeth [political cartoon, 1920]
• Townley telling people what they want to hear [political cartoon, 1919]
• What I.V.A. Victory Means [political advertisement, 1921]

Digital Horizons

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Feedback (+)

Over the recent weeks, we have been exploring our website. Prior to delving into this week's focus on the footer, we have introduced a new feature. Presenting the Upcoming Events column, positioned between Recent News and our Facebook feed. Within this section, you can discover details about upcoming North Dakota State Library webinars, workshops, meeting agendas, and book discussions for state employees.

This week, our attention turns to the section positioned beneath the main body content, known as the footer. Footers serve as crucial reference points for visitors to the site.

Located on the extreme left, you will discover convenient links to access the State Library's address, phone number, and operating hours.

Beneath the State Library's details lies the feedback button. Clicking on it will reveal a user-friendly contact form for reporting any issues or sharing ideas you may have while exploring our website.

Navigating to the center of the footer, you'll encounter the footer menu containing links to:

- Contact - A link to the contact page for our website.
- Accessibility - The accessibility policy on nd.gov outlines keyboard controls as well as accessibility guidelines for state websites.
- Disclaimer - Disclaimer statement on nd.gov protecting against legal liability of state websites.
- Privacy Policy - Privacy policy on nd.gov describing the way websites may gather information about website visitors and how that information may be used or retained.
- Security Policy - Security policy statement of how websites are protected by security measures on nd.gov.

This wraps up our weekly website spotlights. Periodically, these spotlights may reappear to keep you informed about any new updates.

Talking Book Update

Many Faces of BARD Online Event

The topic for the December 14, 2023, Many Faces of BARD program will be Using BARD Mobile for Android for Low-Vision Users. The demonstration will show how our low-vision users can navigate without speech. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. EST and last for one hour. This program will be recorded. After the demonstration, NLS staff will take questions about the demonstration or anything else relating to BARD.

The Patron Engagement Section offers The Many Faces of BARD online event the second Thursday of every month. Each monthly event covers one aspect of BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download service) and is open to all.

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Penguin Random House Grants for
Small & Rural Libraries

Through the generosity of Penguin Random House, The Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) is pleased to announce this grant opportunity for small, rural libraries nationwide!

Applicants may request:

- One (1) monetary grant in support of a community-oriented project for up to $1,000.
  or
- A book donation (*in-kind donation*) grant donation of up to $1,000 in equivalent value to support a circulating collection in your library.

Applications must be submitted by **December 15, 2023.**
Notifications of funding decision will be sent to applicants by **March 8, 2024**.
Funded projects must be completed by **December 31, 2024**.
Project reports must be submitted by **February 1, 2025**.

The program will award grants to libraries that demonstrate a true need. Monetary grants are not limited to literacy and may be used for everything from library programming and books to resources like hotspots that help community members access important information. Library seeking support for digital collections should request a monetary grant.

Learn More & Apply

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Times referenced are Central Time.