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## Library Vision Grants

Public Spaces Grant

Security Grant

Tribal College Library  
General Grant

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## Primary Residence Credit

Submitted by AI Peterson

The Primary Residence Credit (PRC) was established during the 2023 Legislative Session under House Bill 1158. This credit provides all North Dakota homeowners with the option to apply for a state property tax credit through the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner. Homeowners with an approved application may receive up to a \$500 credit against their 2024 property tax obligation.

To be eligible for the credit, you must own a home (house, mobile home, town home, duplex, or condo) in North Dakota, and reside in it as your primary residence.

There are No Age Restrictions or Income Limitations for this credit, but only one Primary Residence Credit is available per household.

Libraries can play a role in helping patrons applying for this tax credit. For patrons without access to a computer at home or internet, a library can provide people with a computer and assistance to help them through the application process. The application itself is pretty easy to fill out. Applicants will need their Parcel identification Number, which is found on your County real Estate Tax Statement. If a patron doesn't have their tax statement, there is a link included on the form to look up their county tax statement.

The North Dakota State Tax Commission provides a PDF flyer that can be printed out and posted in your library.

[View the Flyer](#)

## Notary Public Training

Submitted by AI Peterson

Are you currently commissioned as a notary public or thinking about applying for a commission? Having the ability to print out a document and be able to have it notarized at your library is a great service that you can provide to your community. As a commissioned notary public, you are an important officer of the state and are depended on to perform notarial acts accurately, truthfully, and with integrity. While this is daunting and even intimidating, the North Dakota State Library has partnered with the North Dakota Association of Counties to offer an introductory course on becoming a notary. This course is not only good for those who are considering applying to become a notary, but also those who have their commission and have questions about fulfilling their duties. In this webinar, you will learn the basics of performing notarial acts, dos and don'ts, common mistakes made by notary publics, and the reasons documents may be rejected by various parties. You will also gain insight on electronic notarizations and remote notarizations, which have become more common over the last few years. There will be an opportunity to ask questions as well.

Through our partnership with the North Dakota Association of Counties, librarians in North Dakota can take this webinar at no cost! Simply type the name of your library in the County (or enter City or Company name if not a County Official or Employee) box and NDACO will waive the \$30.00 registration fee. Don't miss this opportunity!

**I'm a Notary...Now What?**  
**January 31, 2024, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

[Register](#)

## Summer Reading Trainings

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



[Click here to register](#)

## Great Reads from Great Places – ND Book Tour

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Greetings and Happy New Year from the ND Center for the Book at the State Library! I'm excited to announce that requests for our next ND Author Book Tour featuring Sarah Vogel and her book "The Farmer's Lawyer" is now open! Register at <https://forms.office.com/g/4uzGJagNAv>.

What is the Great Reads from Great Places (GRGP)? GRGP is a program that all Centers for the Book across the nation participate in. Each year, centers choose an adult title and a children's title to represent their state. These books are either written by someone from their state or is written about their state. These books are then compiled into a list that becomes the Roadmap to Reading at the National Book Festival in Washington DC.

Through a grant from IMLS, the ND Center for the Books is able to host four book tours for each of our North Dakota books. For the 2023 Festival, our children's author was Denise Lajimodiere and her book "Josie Dances", and our adult title was Taylor Brorby's "Boys & Oil." Unfortunately, Mr. Brorby could not make a book tour happen, but we are so lucky to have our 2022 adult author, Sarah Vogel, to take his place.

The book tour event will feature a reading from the author, a Q & A / discussion, and a book signing. Libraries who are chosen will also receive a copy of the book, promotional items, bookmarks featuring the two titles, and brochures featuring the entire Great Reads from Great Places list.

To be considered for an event, please fill out this form. Note that the chosen libraries will be based on availability of the author. When completing the form, please be as specific as possible when filling out the possible dates section. Feel free to add more than one! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

### Great Reads from Great Places ND Book Tour - Denise Lajimodiere

Rolla Public Library – January 19th @ 5:00

Lake Region Public Library (Devils Lake) – February 21st @ 4:00

Bowman Regional Public Library – TBD

Fargo Public Library – April 22nd @ 6:00

[Register](#)



## Online Library Resource

### Kanopy: Free, Enriching, Entertainment

Submitted by Kathy Cline

According to Kanopy, "The films that truly resonate with us do more than just entertain. They inspire us, enrich us, and challenge our perspectives." This streaming service is offered by North Dakota State Library (NDSL) for public libraries to share with their patrons. This article explains what Kanopy offers and how to access the service.

**Who** is Kanopy? In 2008 Kanopy made its debut in the educational market. It later became known as a free streaming service in late 2017 and early 2018. As Netflix began to focus its content on television, Kanopy began marketing itself to public libraries with its free streaming service and collection of classic films. The company currently works with 4,000 plus libraries and 158 million library card patrons from around the world.

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## Reading Wrap-up...wrap-up!

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Part of last month's Beanstack challenge asked you to share your favorite read from 2023. I gathered them and here they are to help jump start to your 2024 reading goal. (In no particular order... 😊)

### 1. **How to Sell a Haunted House** by Grady Hendrix

*AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "Wildly entertaining." -The New York Times "Ingenious." -The Washington Post New York Times bestselling author Grady Hendrix takes on the haunted house in a thrilling new novel that explores the way your past—and your family—can haunt you like nothing else. When Louise finds out her parents have died, she dreads going home. She doesn't want to leave her daughter with her ex and fly to Charleston. She doesn't want to deal with her family home, stuffed to the rafters with the remnants of her father's academic career and her mother's lifelong obsession with puppets and dolls. She doesn't want to learn how to live without the two people who knew and loved her best in the world. Most of all, she doesn't want to deal with her brother, Mark, who never left their hometown, gets fired from one job after another, and resents her success. Unfortunately, she'll need his help to get the house ready for sale because it'll take more than some new paint on the walls and clearing out a lifetime of memories to get this place on the market. But some houses don't want to be sold, and their home has other plans for both of them... Like his novels *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* and *The Final Girl Support Group*, *How to Sell a Haunted House* is classic Hendrix: equal parts heartfelt and terrifying—a gripping new read from "the horror master" (USA Today).*



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## Upcoming Webinars

### [Countdown to Engineers Week 2024 \(DiscoverE\)](#)

**Wednesday, January 17 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)**

We're fast approaching Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. Are you looking for inspiration, ideas or advice to spice up your plans? Attend this free and informative webinar and get ideas you can use right away!

### [Discover Gale In Context: Research Resources at your Fingertips \(ND State Library\)](#)

**Tuesday, January 23 (2:00 PM - 2:30 PM)**

Gale provides a wide range of online databases that offer faculty, researchers, students, and adult learners open access to scholarly, peer-reviewed content they would not otherwise have access to. From full-text journal articles and newspapers to archives and eBooks, there is a resource which meet the needs of today's learners with a user-friendly, mobile responsive design. Eye-catching, engaging, topical databases seamlessly integrate trusted content with curriculum-aligned materials that span core subjects and enhance school lesson plans.

### [Getting Started with SEAL \(Space Science Institute\)](#)

**Wednesday, January 24 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)**

Come join the SEAL team at the Space Science Institute to learn all about the resources available to help you plan programming at your library for the 2024 total eclipse! We'll review the SEAL project, go over the contents of the circulating solar viewing kits, demonstrate a hands-on activity, and more!

### [Discover EBSCOHost: Research at your Fingertips \(ND State Library\)](#)

**Thursday, January 25 (2:00 PM - 2:45 PM)**

EBSCO provides many different types of Online Library Resources. The EBSCOhost research platform provides access to full text articles and citations and abstracts. While the content of the different EBSCOHost databases contain different information, the interface is the same and once you learn to use one, you can use others. When finding articles for patrons, the EBSCOHost databases are a go to resource for articles. This webinar will explore the features of EBSCOHost that is applicable to all the different EBSCOHost databases. We'll also explore the content of these different databases.

### [Public Libraries Survey Overview \(ND State Library\)](#)

**Tuesday, January 30 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)**

The Public Libraries Survey (PLS) opens on February 1 and will run until March 31. This survey is conducted annually and is the primary information resource for data on public libraries nationwide. In North Dakota, it is also a requirement for public libraries to qualify for State Aid and to meet the minimum requirements to be eligible for Library Vision Grants. In this webinar, we will cover survey updates and go over any questions you might have.



## Representation Matters: Black History and Characters for Kids

Cultural representation in children's literature matters. It acts as both a window to the outside world, as well as a mirror for those who are being represented. This Top Picks features black characters, both through historical and modern-day stories. If you have a topic request for a Top Picks, email me at [tkruger@nd.gov](mailto:tkruger@nd.gov).

### 1. *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read* by Rita Lorraine Hubbard

**Publish Date:** 2020

**Publisher:** Schwartz & Wade Books

**Summary:** In 1848, Mary Walker was born into slavery. She was emancipated at the age of 15 and spent over the next century working, raising a family, and yearning to learn how to read. Finally, at 116 years young, Mary took an adult learning class and finally made her wish a reality!

**Best For:** PreK through Third Grade



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## Digital Delight

### Kiwanis International Certificate of Appreciation presented to Gordon Anderson, 1966



Kiwanis International Certificate of Appreciation presented to Gordon Anderson on January 4, 1966. The certificate was in recognition of Gordon's address before the Kiwanis Club of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Courtesy of Digital Horizons (Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection, ND State Library)

[Digital Horizons](#)



## Schneider Family Book Award

This year marks the 20-year anniversary of the Schneider Family Book Award. This prize honors children's and young adults' books that portray characters with mental, physical, or emotional disabilities in realistic and artistically expressive ways. The disabled characters may be main or supporting, and they cannot tie into negative stereotypes. Either illustrators or authors can be granted this award (Schneider, n.d.).



### History of the Award

The Schneider Family Book Award was established by Dr. Katherine Schneider and her family in 2003; the first awards were given early in 2004 (Korbeck Verbeten, 2005; Schneider, 2022). Dr. Schneider is blind and grew up reading in braille and through recorded books. A robust reader, and extremely hungry for new knowledge, Katherine understood that not all content was available to her in blind and visually impaired formats. She continued to seek out other options, such as scanners that transcribed written word into spoken. As time went along, Schneider wanted to encourage authors and illustrators to show the experiences of characters who possess disabilities, not as handicaps but simply as a part of their daily lives. With this goal in mind, the Schneider Family Book Award was born (Korbeck Verbeten, 2005)!

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## Libraries in the News

### [State's oldest public library closing temporarily \(KNOX\)](#)

"The first public library ever constructed in North Dakota is closing....but it's temporary. Mayville Public Library director Margaret Rice has been granted six weeks of medical leave..."

### [Stutsman County Farmer Donates to James River Valley Library \(NewsDakota.com\)](#)

"Local farmer, Barb Williams, recently directed a \$5,000 Bayer Fund America's Farmers Grow Communities donation to the James River Valley Library System. The library will use the funds to purchase Ipads for use in the library and during children's programs..."

## Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

Several new tutorials were added to the Niche Academy.

Category Library 101- Library Directors

Tutorial: Effective Employee Surveys for Managers – Promoting and Analyzing

Tutorial: Developing Goals with Direct Reports

Tutorial: Niche Academy Webinar- Managing Difficult Conversations

Tutorial: Creating an Employee Performance Improvement Plan

From analyzing the results of an employee survey to developing goals for success to helping an employee whose performance is struggling, these four tutorials touch on different aspects of management to help you developed into a great leader.

Category Library 101-Giving Presentations is a new tutorial

Tutorial: Giving Engaging Presentations

This tutorial will guide you on how to move beyond bullet points on a slide to a truly engaging presentation to help your audience get your message.

[Niche Academy](#)

## Kit of the Week

### "Nine, Ten : A September 11 Story" by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Relates how the lives of four children living in different parts of the country intersect and are affected by the events of September 11, 2001. Ask anyone: September 11, 2001, was serene and lovely, a perfect day - until 8:46 a.m., when a plane struck the World Trade Center. But that hasn't happened yet. Right now, it is a few days earlier, and four kids in different parts of the country are going about their lives. Sergio, who lives in Brooklyn, is struggling to comes to terms with the absentee father he hates and the grandmother he loves. Will's father is gone too, killed in a car accident that left the family reeling. Naheed has never before felt uncomfortable about being Muslim, but at her new school, she's getting funny looks because of the head scarf she wears. Aimee is starting a new school in a new city and missing her mom, who has to fly to New York on business. These four don't know one another, but their lives are about to intersect in ways they never could have imagined. Award-winning author Nora Raleigh Baskin weaves together their stories in an unforgettable novel about that seemingly perfect September day - the day our world changed forever.



Ages 8-12

This kit includes ten copies of the book, a sign-in sheet, and discussion questions.

[Reserve This Kit](#)

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