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College Save 529 Summer Reading Program Webinar

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Join us on March 12th at 11:00 AM to learn all about the partnership between NDSL and the Bank of North Dakota's Summer Reading Champions program. The Bank of North Dakota offers a \$10 contribution to a College Save 529 plan when students complete their summer reading program. Additionally, ten kids across the state will also get a \$529 contribution!

Learn what you need to do to offer this fantastic opportunity to the members of your library community and how to utilize this partnership to promote your summer reading program.



Register



Juvenile Nonfiction Lottery

We have twenty-five (25) boxes of juvenile nonfiction books left. Each box contains 15-20 books of various topics. These boxes are available to any school, public, tribal, academic, or special library.

Request a Box

EBSCO Renames Reference Databases

Submitted by Kathy Cline

EBSCO will soon be making a slight name change to its school reference databases. Beginning on or around March 1, the reference database names will have the term "Center" replaced with "Source." This change affects two databases within the Minitex package. Science Reference Center will become Science Reference Source, and Points of View Reference Center will become Points of View Reference Source.

EBSCO states:

This change reflects our efforts to enhance the global appeal of our products and make them more accessible and intuitive for users around the world. "Source" is a more universally understood term and better aligns with user expectations. "Source" also signifies the rich and diverse range of materials available in our databases, encouraging students, educators and patrons to view our resources as a primary destination for their research and information needs. (2024)

While EBSCO is making changes to database names, the content they offer remains the same dynamic quality!

Reference

EBSCO. (2024a). *DIY Reference Centers Have Been Renamed / Available Through Explora*. EBSCO CONNECT. <http://tinyurl.com/4z4b3mnb>

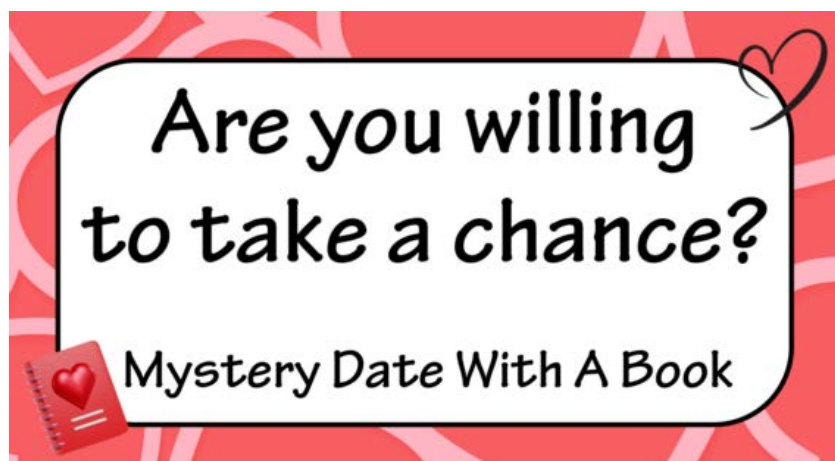


Newspapers

Newspapers are a great resource for research and genealogy. For many years now, the standard practice for newspaper preservation has been microfilming. According to the National Archives and Records Administration, "microfilm is a low-cost, reliable, long-term, standardized image storage medium," which is why it is still relevant in today's digital world.

However, manually scrolling through rolls of microfilm is not effective for users. The ability to keyword search is paramount in the digital era. Thankfully, there have been digitization projects over the last several years that have brought microfilm into the 21st century, and these efforts have also included North Dakota.

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National Reading Month

March is quickly approaching and that means National Reading Month is just around the bend! National Reading Month originated as a combination of celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday (on March 2nd), as well as promoting reading as a key component for learning, social, and career development (National, 2023).

National Reading Month kicks off with Read Across America Week. This week runs March 2-6, 2024. (Since the 2nd is on a Saturday this year, it would be simplest to run this celebration from March 4-8 instead.)

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Upcoming ND State Library Webinars

[Public Libraries Survey Drop In Questions and Answers](#)

Tuesday, February 27 (12:00 - 1:00 PM)

There is one month left to complete your PLS! Are you tired of slogging through data? Did you come up with a question after the first webinar was finished? Drop in! Monica Struck will be around to answer your questions and help you finish up (or get started)!

[Leap into Reader Advisory! Tips and Tricks featuring NovelList](#)

Thursday, February 29 (2:00 - 3:00 PM)

Ever have a patron ask you for a "good book" to read? Or, do you have a patron who is really caught up in a series and wants the "next three books in the series." Do questions like these make you want to freeze up? Then this webinar is for you. We will explore the topic of Reader's Advisory and examine the Online Library Resource, NoveList.

WebJunction Highlight: Topic Areas

Submitted by AI Peterson

As library staff, we are constantly balancing our intellectual desire to gain a broad range of knowledge and skills to run our libraries as effectively and efficiently as possible with the day-to-day tasks. So many tasks, so little time is the mantra. WebJunction offers Topic Areas, which is an ever-growing collection of resources covering the most critical topics for those working in the library profession today. These resources were provided by WebJunction community members, libraries, library organizations, and other experts in the field. Included are documents, articles, handouts, webinar archives, links to other online services and information, plus the latest news all gathered in one place. Library Service, Management, Staff Training, and Development and Technology are featured as the main headings with subcategories broken down underneath. This collection allows a busy librarian to access a bunch of resources from one link.

[WebJunction's Topic Areas](#)

WordPress Website Update

If your public library has a WordPress website through the North Dakota State Library, you will soon notice an addition. Since the website's domain is purchased using federal funding, a funding notice will be added to the footer of each website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact BreAnne at ndslda@nd.gov or 701-328-4656.

Kit of the Week

Book Club Kit: "The Royal Nanny" by Karen Harper



April, 1897: A young nanny arrives at Sandringham, ancestral estate of the Duke and Duchess of York. She is excited, exhausted and about to meet royalty. So begins the story of Charlotte Bill, who would care for a generation of royals as their parents never could. Neither Charlotte LaLa, as her charges dub her nor anyone else can predict that eldest sons David and Bertie will each one day be king. LaLa knows only that these children, and the four who swiftly follow, need her steadfast loyalty and unconditional affection. But the greatest impact on Charlotte's life is made by a mere bud on the family tree: a misunderstood soul who will one day be known as the Lost Prince. Young Prince John needs all of Lala's love -- the kind of love his parents won't or can't show him.

This kit includes ten books, a discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.

[Reserve This Kit](#)

Grant Writing Tips and Tricks

New to grant writing, or just want some great pro tips?

Join this one hour session on Zoom to get practical information and helpful advice that can make applying for grants less intimidating and more efficient.

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Friday, February 23, 2024,
12:30-1:30 PM Pacific Time
1:30-2:30 Mountain Time
2:30-3:30 Central Time
3:30-4:30 PM Eastern Time

Free. Register to attend: www.librarymakers.org/events

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