



# Flickertale

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**Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Services**  
*Free Virtual Conference*  
April 18 & 19 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)



## Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Services

Thursday, April 18 – Friday, April 19 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

The world is changing before our very eyes. Artificial intelligence, a reevaluation of traditional services we offer in our libraries and changing demographics in our communities are just a few examples of the changes taking place. To meet these changes, librarians must develop the knowledge and skills today to meet those changes we face tomorrow. Please join us for this virtual conference where we will learn today's skills for tomorrow's services.

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**2024 Summer Reading Grant Program**  
*Funding Opportunity for North Dakota Schools & Libraries*

 NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION



**Public Library State Aid Application**  
**April 1-30**  
[Click here for more information](#)

## State Aid to Public Libraries

State Aid applications will open April 1, 2024, and need to be completed by April 30, 2024. Library directors can access and submit the application via the Counting Opinions website.

If you have any questions regarding State Aid to Public Libraries, please contact Allie Suko at [ndsldmn@nd.gov](mailto:ndsldmn@nd.gov) or (701)328-2492.

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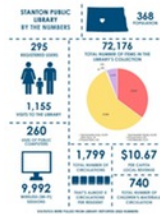
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## Public Library Infographics



Each year, the State Library provides a personalized infographic based on the numbers your library submitted for the Public Libraries Survey/Annual Report. These infographics usually include the number of visits to your library, registered users, items, wireless sessions, programs, and circulations, but they can be personalized to meet your library's needs.

For more information, contact BreAnne at [ndsipa@nd.gov](mailto:ndsipa@nd.gov).

[Request An Infographic](#)

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## Using your Data

Submitted by **Monica Struck**

If you work in a public library, you can breathe a sigh of relief because the Public Libraries Survey is over. Now you can throw your energy into more exciting things like Summer Reading! But hang on! Before you put away your data collection hat for the year, let's take a minute to think about how to use all of the data you've just gathered.

### Infographics

If you have ever tried to read an academic paper, you have probably realized that your eyes jumped to the charts and graphs while attempts to keep your attention on the texts end in skipping whole paragraphs just to get to the end. How can we take our numbers and use them to convey the library's story?

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## Add These Native American Films to Your Watchlist!

Submitted by **Kathy Cline**

Can't decide what to watch next? Ryan Winn, teacher in the Liberal Studies Department at the College of Menominee Nation located in Wisconsin, suggests viewing these Native American films. If you haven't already watched Ryan's suggested titles, give them a try!

Titles in this article are not listed in any particular order.



*Lakota Nation vs. United States* is a documentary chronicling how the United States government gained ownership of the Black Hills by violating treaties it had entered in with the Lakota government. The 2022 documentary follows the Lakota people as they fight for the Black Hills, a place sacred to the People. But also, the place where the United States carved its presidents.

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## North Dakota Severe Summer Weather Awareness Week

Summer will be here before you know it. Along with hot weather, long days, and plenty of sunshine, summer weather can turn severe and possibly dangerous. North Dakota Department of Emergency Services are promoting ND Severe Summer Weather Awareness Week, April 22-26. We invite you in on the fun in your library by participating in an all-ages coloring and meme contest or incorporating weather-related displays into your space!

Coloring sheets, instructions, games, learning materials, prizes, and promotional materials are all available at [NDResponse.gov](http://NDResponse.gov). Coloring sheets can be printed out, colored by kids and submitted to North Dakota Department of Emergency Services for a chance to win a prize! Details about the contest are on the website.

Hosted by the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services and the National Weather Service.

[Coloring & Meme Contest](#)

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# Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

## New Tutorials Added to Niche Academy

[Category: Research](#)

Pathway: [Research Essentials](#)

New Tutorial: *Research Essentials - Citing Data and Statistics*

New Tutorial: *Research Essentials - Understanding Sample Size*

[Category: Library Staff Training and Development](#)

New Sub-category: *Staff Safety and First Aid Training*

Safety tutorials on topics such as accessing ladders, preventing slips, and lifting heavy loads are included as well as basic first aid and helping someone who is choking.

[Niche Academy](#)

## Libraries in the News

[Bismarck Library presents "Families Around the World" \(KX News\)](#)

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library (BVMPL) will be hosting a "Families Around the World" event on Monday, April 22, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. BVMPL is inviting the public to celebrate the tapestry of cultures that enrich Bismarck in an evening filled with vibrant cultural information tables, engaging activities, and crafts.

[How Velva Public Library is celebrating National Library Week \(KFYR-TV\)](#)

This is a week to celebrate the importance of libraries to our communities. In the spirit of National Library Week, we stopped by Velva Public Library to see how they are marking the occasion.

[Traveling Holocaust exhibition coming to Heart of America Library next year \(Pierce County Tribune\)](#)

The Heart of America Library in Rugby is one of 50 libraries in the United States that has been selected to host "Americans and the Holocaust," a traveling exhibition from the United States Memorial Holocaust Museum and the American Library Association.

## Tammy's Teaching Tidbits

By Tammy Kruger

### Teaching Financial Literacy

April is a month full of learning opportunities! On top of all the directly library-related topics, as well as Poetry Month, April is also National Financial Literacy Month!

#### What is Financial Literacy?

Financial literacy involves the ability to understand and use various financial skills well. Some such skills entail planning for retirement, managing debt, budgeting, and investing. Financial literacy comes with numerous benefits, including:

1. Helps prevent costly mistakes, such as penalties for withdrawing early from retirement funds or taking out high-interest loans/credit cards.
2. Aids in preparation for emergencies. It is estimated that 49% of American adults could not afford a surprise bill of \$400 or higher (Likos, 2022). Setting aside money strictly for emergencies provides a cushion for unexpected bills.
3. Assists with reaching goals, such as buying a new vehicle, going on vacation, or saving for retirement.
4. Helps build confidence in decision-making abilities related to money (Fernando, 2024).

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# Digital Delight

## Breaking Sod in Ward County, N.D., 1904

A farmer, Julius Schulz, stands by a team of four oxen pulling a plow breaking sod in Ward County, North Dakota.



A note included with the photograph reads:

"Julius Schulz came from Winona, Minnesota in 1903 at the age of 21 years. He arrived on September 6th just in time to experience the big snowstorm that came on September 12th, 1903. This storm lasted one day and a night. One man lost his life in it.

"Mr. Schulz bought a relinquishment for \$225.00. This land was in St. Mary's Township two miles north of Foxholm. It had been filed on as a tree claim in 1889.

"The next spring he built a claim shack 10ft. by 10 ft. The cost of the material, lumber, nails, and tar paper was \$11.00. He left Donnybrook one morning, drove to his claim, built the shack, and slept on his homestead that night.

"He then bought four oxen and began breaking sod on May 4, 1904. He broke 82 acres that season, seeded 60 acres to flax, and that fall harvested a 6 bushels to the acre crop. He farmed this land for 53 years and still owns it. In the fall of 1956 he and his wife moved to Foxholm to live."

Digital Horizons

## Kit of the Week

### Secrets of the Universe

"Secrets of the Universe" is a NASA@ My Library kit that uses three activities to teach participants about measurement. Participants will use math to figure out how high or low participants could jump on another planet, learn how to differentiate between weight and mass, measure objects, and more.



This kit includes six tape measures, 15 rulers, nine small tubs of Play-Doh, and three books ("Ants Rule" by Bob Barner, "How Long?" by Jessica Gunderson, and "The Planets in Our Solar System" by Franklyn M. Branley).

Reserve This Kit

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