Mental Health Awareness Month

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

May marks Mental Health Awareness Month!

Mental health is an important aspect of our overall health. Keeping this in mind, Mental Health Awareness Month was established in 1949. However, this subject can still feel taboo, not always receiving the transparency it deserves. If you or someone you know struggles with mental health, help is available! For more information, visit the Mental Health Awareness Month LibGuide under the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion tab.

Mental Health Awareness Month LibGuide

Beanstack Webinar

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

We are quickly approaching summer and that means it's time for a refresher on Beanstack! Meet with Lexi from NDSL and Nicole from Beanstack as they go through the basics of using Beanstack to help with not only your summer reading program, but with all reading challenges! They will go over basic challenge setup, what this year's Adventure Begins at Your Library challenge looks like, and how it can save you time and effort in reporting your numbers. There will be time at the end for Q & A. The session will be recorded.

Join us on May 6th at 1:00 PM!

Register

Contemplations
By Kathy Cline

Library Programming for All

Submitted by Kathy Cline

Libraries use programming to engage with patrons and communities by providing enriching, educational, or entertaining opportunities. In the webinar, Elevating the Library Experience with Creative Programming, panelists shared several programming ideas they implement in their libraries. Panelists included an academic, a youth, and two public librarians, so no matter what type of library you work in, read on for some inspirational programming ideas!

Panelist Dacy Shute implements the following three steps when creating a library program.

1. Get inspiration based off library's location, to promote something, fill a community need, reach a specific patron base, etc.
2. Come up with a program goal by asking, "What am I trying to achieve?"
3. Tie the program in with the library's values

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Special Delivery of Smart with My Money Cards Coming Your Way!

Submitted by Lance Hill, CEPF®
Leader of Education Outreach & Financial Literacy
Bank of North Dakota

You play an important role of improving the lives of North Dakotans through literacy, and now there's a new resource that you can share with them to become more financially literate. SmartWithMyMoney.nd.gov is a free website that recommends courses personalized to an individual's needs, which are discovered through a research-based money personality quiz.

They'll learn about their individual money personality, how it impacts their finances and how to manage money in a way that makes sense for them. Upon completion of tasks and courses, they can also earn "Sprouts" that may be redeemed for a chance to win cash prizes!

Watch for a special delivery of SmartWithMyMoney.nd.gov cards that you can display and share with your patrons. Please contact Lance Hill with questions about this new resource and visit Bank of North Dakota's website to request additional printed materials any time at no cost.

Bismarck Library hosts adult mobility class (KX News)
"The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library (BVMPL) and Northern Plains Dance have partnered for several weeks to bring an adult mobility class to the community and many have come out to participate..."

Grand Forks library to host Herald columnist Jessie Veeder at creative workshop, book-signing event (aol.com)
"Jessie Veeder, writer, musician and Herald columnist from Watford City, N.D., will present a children's book reading, signing and creative workshop beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Grand Forks public library..."

Hooks and needles at the ready (Minot Daily News)
"Minot Public Library launched a new program last year called Twisted Stitches, a small, quiet meeting for people who love to crochet, knit and do other yarn-related hobbies on the fourth Wednesday of each month..."

Therapy Dogs to help NDSU students de-stress as finals approach (Valley News Live)
"As NDSU students are less than two weeks away from their final exams, some furry friends are looking to help them de-stress as study time will be ramping up. NDSU officials say that they will have therapy dogs in the main library from 2-3 p.m., on Sunday, April 28th..."

Boosting Media Literacy in Libraries:
A Guide for Librarians

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

In our digital age, media literacy has become an essential skill. For libraries, this represents a unique opportunity to enhance community knowledge and empower patrons of all ages.

Understanding Media Literacy

Media literacy is the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create and act using all forms of communication. In a world where media content influences almost every aspect of life, it's crucial for individuals to be able to discern and evaluate this content effectively. Libraries, as community hubs of learning and literacy, are perfectly positioned to lead in this educational effort.

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New State Park Pass Images

Submitted by BreAnne Meier

The State Library has added eight new State Park Pass images for your public library to download and use to promote the passes.

There are now 16 options to choose from that highlight eight North Dakota State Parks and Recreation Areas:

- Beaver Lake State Park
- Cross Ranch State Park
- Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
- Icelandic State Park
- Lake Metigoshe State Park
- Pembina Gorge State Rec. Area
- Sully Creek State Park
- Turtle River State Park

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park

Turtle River State Park

Sully Creek State Park

These and other downloadable promotional materials are available on the State Library's website. If you would like State Park promotional materials in different formats/sizes, please contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

Marketing Webpage

Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

Submitted by Al Peterson

Beanstack and Summer Reading!
May 6 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)
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NDSL ILL Services Are For Everyone
May 28 (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)
One of the universal truths in any library is you can't have everything. The simple fact is every library has a limited amount of shelf space. Interlibrary loan fills that gap. Join NDSL Patron Services Director, Steve Hammel in a discussion about updates and changes to ILL services provided by the State Library.

How to Request Kits Through the PAC
May 30 (2:00 PM – 2:30 PM)
The North Dakota State Library has added the Book Club and STEM kits to their catalog and have changed their circulation policy to allow most of the kits to circulate to anyone with a State Library card. But, do you know how to reserve kits? To find out, sign up for this quick webinar on how to reserve kits in the PAC. We'll review some basic PAC functions and go over how to check out kits, the circulation policies, and talk about some ideas on using the kits in your library.

Recorded Webinars:
In case you missed the following recent webinars presented by the North Dakota State Library, here are the recordings that were uploaded to our YouTube Channel.

North Dakota State Library Webinar: Writing SMART Goals
Presented on April 23, 2024

Bank of North Dakota College Save: Summer Reading Champions
Presented on March 12, 2024

Adventure Begins At Your Library: Summer Reading Workshop 2024
Presented on March 26, 2024

State Aid to Public Libraries Walk-Through 2024
Presented on March 28, 2024

Webinar Opportunities

Clean Your Room Day

Spring is in the air, which means spring cleaning is on my mind! May 10th happens to be Clean Your Room Day!

While not an official federal or religious holiday, Clean Your Room Day is a reminder of the importance of clean and tidy spaces. Cleaning is a life skill and should start from a young age. (The Spruce created a **list** of age-appropriate chores, many of which involve cleaning and tidying, for toddlers through high school seniors.)

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Vietnamese

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a monthlong commemoration of the history and achievements of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

This month, we are highlighting the Vietnamese language, which you can learn at no cost through Mango Languages. This course includes 10 chapters with 70 lessons to teach you small talk, food and drink, transportation and payment, etc.

These lessons involve a mix of listening and reading activities in an all-in-one interface. There are critical-thinking activities, memory-building exercises, grammar notes to explain the underlying grammatical structure, and culture notes to apply cultural context to what you're learning, which creates a more profound understanding.

If your library would like bookmarks to promote Mango to your patrons, please contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov** or fil out the form at **https://bit.ly/ndslpaform**.

Start Learning Today

2024 Rob-See-Co Rural Library Grant Announced

Rob-See-Co

Rob-See-Co is excited to announce the second year of the Agnes Robinson Rural Library Grant program. The overwhelming response to the program in 2023 underscores the critical need for funding in rural libraries, prompting Rob-See-Co to establish it as an annual initiative. The grant's namesake and Rob Robinson's grandmother, Agnes Robinson, was a dedicated supporter of the Waterloo, Nebraska, rural library and rural libraries in general.

Rural libraries in the Rob-See-Co footprint (states of CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, MD, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, OK, PA, SD, TX, and WI) will be emailed a letter with instructions and guidelines for applying for this year's grant dollars. This year, the **grant application** is online - aiming to make the process easier and more efficient.

Applications will be due June 30th, 2024, and recipients will be announced October 1, 2024.

Learn More

Upcoming Free Webinars

Getting Started With Libby (OverDrive)
May 14 (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
Join OverDrive's training team for this live session to learn how easy it is to get your patrons started with Libby, the library reading app.

Conflict Management and De-escalation (Niche Academy)
May 15 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)
When given the appropriate knowledge and skills, we are all capable of making informed, effective, and safe choices when facing customer conflict and violence. As part of that approach, join Suzanne Powell to discuss how we can create a shift in how we view and respond to these situations to enhance our safety and reduce employee stress.

Supporting healthy communities: Public library responses to the opioid crisis (WebJunction)
May 16 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)
Learn about the new "Opioid Crisis Support Kit for Public Libraries" with information and strategies for library staff to support individuals and families affected by substance misuse.

Personal Librarians: Building Relationships Across Campus (Niche Academy)
May 22 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)
Asking for help at university libraries can be intimidating for many students; this presentation will highlight the uniquely supportive role of Personal Librarians to address this and provide undergraduates with welcoming points of connection.

Cardholder signup policies: Access in practice (WebJunction)
May 22 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)
Learn key findings and takeaways from national research on cardholder signup policies from public libraries across the country.

Create Engaging Training Videos with Your Smartphone (Niche Academy)
June 5 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)
Just about everyone carries a TV station in their pocket or purse. It's their smartphone and the perfect tool to create training videos that support learning with engaging content.

Supporting domestic and sexual violence survivors at your library (WebJunction)
June 6 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)
Learn to recognize signs of domestic/sexual violence and the ways your library can support survivors through referrals and resources.

2024 Climate Action Symposium Survey

Our friends at the Space Science Institute (leads of the Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries program) are seeking your input for a symposium meant to begin to identify the role of public libraries in climate action.

This survey is to inform the design of the 2024 Climate Action Symposium: Exploring Collaborations with Libraries, Community-Based Organizations, and Public Health Agencies

The symposium is part of a project (Building Resilient Communities) funded by the National Science Foundation and led by the Space Science Institute and its STAR Library Network. Project partners include OCLC WebJunction, University of North Carolina Greensboro, and Interactive Learning Dynamics. The focus of the survey is on public library STEM learning programs and activities related to climate change science, climate change's impacts on public health, and community sustainability and/or resiliency. The estimated time needed to complete this survey is 9 minutes. All information you provide will be completely confidential. Data will only be shared in aggregate through reports and papers – no personally identifiable information will be shared.

Thank you for your support!

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Take the Survey

PSA Now Available for "Adventure Begins at Your Library"

Collaborative Summer Library Program

Summer is the time for adventure! And just in time for summer programming kick-offs, we are happy to announce the official Collaborative Summer Library Programming PSA is now available! Share the PSA with local media, across your social media channels, with local partners, and display them in your library. The main PSA, available in both English and Spanish, is a 30 second video with a tagline that you can load and launch as-is. Additionally, there is a "clean slate" version available for brief customization at the end, should you want to add your library's logo and event information. CLSP is also offering short segments pulled from the original for use on social media. New this year is an animated "poster" of one of our graphics, which can be displayed on a computer screen or display monitor to promote summer reading within your library.

View the PSA

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