

Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Services *Free Virtual Conference*

June 27 & 28 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)



Save The Date

Submitted by AI Peterson

The North Dakota State Library is offering three virtual conferences this year, the second one is coming in June. This online conference, *Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Services*, will be held on June 27th and 28th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days. Topics will include:

- Open Education Resources
- Network of the National Library of Medicine Regional and National Program Updates
- Online Library Resources training
- More programs to come!

We will also have a keynote speaker, Jorden Laducer-Dix who will speak on medical equity and recognizing biases.

Mark your calendars, make your arrangements, and keep an eye out for program and registration information.



World Bee Day

This *Teaching Tidbit* is buzzing about one of the best-known pollinators: bees! World Bee Day is May 20th. World Bee Day occurs on the birthday of Slovenian apiculturist, Anton Jansa. This day intends to promote the importance of bees, as well as advertise ways to help protect these valuable insects. The theme for 2024 is "Bee Engaged with Youth" (World Bee Day 20 May, n.d.; World Bee Day | 20 May, n.d.).

Some Bee-autiful Facts

1. There are over 20,000 species of bees in the world. About 4,000 of those are native to North America (United States and Canada) (World Bee Day: May 20, 2022).
2. Bees come in a wide range of sizes, typically ranging from 1 mm to 1 to 2 inches (World Bee Day: May 20, 2022).
3. Bees pollinate over 75% of the world's food crops (United, n.d.)
4. Honey is not the only bee-made product used by humans! Other products include wax (used in candles, to treat wood for carpentry, and various beauty products), royal jelly (utilized in anti-aging products and health foods), propolis (helps in medical treatments for its antibacterial and antifungal properties), pollen (used by athletes for its protein value), and venom (employed to create vaccines) (World bee day | 20 May, n.d.; Beehive, n.d.).

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WebJunction Highlights: Growing Library Garden Programs

Submitted by Al Peterson

Library gardens offer a great way for community members to come together to learn, grow, and contribute towards a healthy, balanced environment. If your library ever considered offering a library garden to your community, this article from WebJunction is a great starting point for researching what other libraries from around the country did to start a community garden. Topics such as library gardens, gardening and lifelong learning, seed sharing, getting children involved in gardening and protecting pollinators are shared by other libraries.

Tips, Resources, and Inspiration



More Information Than I Can Share

Several weeks ago, I attended a webinar titled Inclusive and Ethical A.I. for Academic Libraries. The content was interesting and informational, but it's difficult to condense an hour-long conversational webinar into a short Flickertale article. This article provides a few question/answer segments from the presentation.

Karim Boughida—Dean of University Libraries—Stony Brook University
Keith Webster—Junior Dean of the University Libraries—Carnegie Mellon University
Kim Nayyer—Edward Cornell Law Librarian
Alexia Hudson-Ward—moderator

Alexia:

What can academic library leaders do to be sure inclusive A.I. is being supported and promoted in the library and on campuses?

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- Bernice Ferguson Community Library got new chair covers and brighter lights.
- Beulah Public Library received \$800 from the Beulah Convention and Visitors Bureau for their 2024 Summer Programs.
- Cando Community Library has e-readers available.
- Cavalier Public Library has a microscope with 80 prepared slides.
- Divide County Library is going through a renovation.
- Heart of America Library received a \$250 donation thanks to Mindy Johnson, winner of the KZZJ 1450 AM Think Spring promotion.
- James River Valley Library repaired the floors and installed new carpet.
- Lake Region Public Library received a donation from the Central Middle School's Student Council Coin Wars, which will go towards adding more books in the middle grade and young adult sections.
- Leach Public Library held a local author visit with Phillip Meyer.
- Randi Monley from Minot Public Library received the Mountain Plains Library Association's Innovator Award.
- Wishek Public Library received a \$10,000 grant to increase accessibility by inserting an ADA-accessible door.

Send your library's highlights to BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov for inclusion on this list.

Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

Student Publications



The "Student Publications" collection works to gather and disseminate the publications created by Concordia College's student body. This collection currently contains volumes from four different campus publications including: New Voices, Afterwork, Djembe, and The Crescent. "New Voices" is a journal that works to publish the exceptional academic essays of students from majors and disciplines across campus, "Afterwork" is a student run literary magazine that strives to publish the best student literary and artistic works across campus, "Djembe" serves as Concordia's intercultural affairs journal, and "The Crescent" was the predecessor to the Concordian Newspaper and was published between 1909 and 1920. This collection is provided by Concordia College and is available on [Digital Horizons](#).

[View the Collection](#)

Solar Science is About Much More Than Eclipses

Submitted by Steve Hammel

Every eleven years or so, the sun ramps up activity with multiple sunspots, prominences (imagine a fireworks display larger than the Earth), and regular coronal mass ejections or CMEs, which are one of the main triggers for auroras that we see in North Dakota. This time of increased activity on the Sun is referred to as the Solar Maximum. The last Solar Maximum was in 2014, so things are getting exciting on the surface of the Sun. The trick with solar science is how to look at the Sun and not damage your eyesight. A pinhole camera works well for eclipses and seeing sunspots, but to really see the details, you need some type of solar telescope. A solar telescope has specialized lenses and filters to observe the sun safely. A regular optical telescope used to look at the nighttime stars should never, ever be used to look at the Sun.

The State Library has four STEM kits which are currently only available to libraries. Two "Solar science: younger audience" and two "Solar science: multi-generational". Both kits have numerous activities included, beyond just looking at the sun. I set up the solar telescope included in the multi-generational kit recently, and the result was wow, just wow. The detail was amazing. I could see a huge sunspot, an enormous prominence as well as smaller versions of both. I have looked at many pictures of the Sun over the years, but to see the Sun in real time is quite indescribable. Setting up the included tripod and mounting the solar telescope takes a bit of time, about five minutes or so. Aiming the telescope toward the Sun was surprisingly a bit fiddly. It's the Sun, it's huge, it should be easy to find. Not quite. Aiming is a two-step process, first using the built-in spotting scope and then dialing in the eyepiece. The kits included easy to follow directions and, with a bit of patience, the result is, as I said earlier, wow. The multi-generational kit also includes two solar binoculars, which also have special filters to allow safe viewing of the Sun. The advantage of the binoculars is no setup time, and the combination of filters make sunspots really easy to see. The downside is the resolution is lower than the telescope so there is less detail of the Sun's surface and prominences. The same warning about solar viewing applies with regular optical binoculars, just don't.



If you are looking for an additional fun activity for your library's summer learning program, or need a summer school STEM activity, check out a Solar Science Kit. If you have any questions or need help reserving a kit, please contact the State Library at (701) 328-4622 or email statelib@nd.gov.

[Reserve the Solar Science: Multi-Generational Kit](#)

Coming Soon! Ojibwe Language Books for Young Readers

Submitted by Kathy Cline

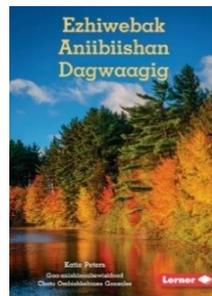
Maintaining or reviving a language not generally spoken in society can be challenging. I grew up in a home where my parents spoke Ukrainian when they didn't want us kids to know what they were discussing. We weren't expected or encouraged to speak the language, so we didn't. As an adult I regret not learning or speaking Ukrainian and am disheartened that I couldn't pass the language onto my children. Through the years many Native American languages have experienced a decline in usage as well, but in recent years Nations have been working to reinvigorate their languages.

To support the Ojibwe culture and its language, Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network (MIIN), a Native American 501c3 that works to sustain and promote the Ojibwe language, and Lerner Publishing Group, one of the largest independent children's book publishers in the nation, worked together to create three new paperback series. The new series, which were translated into Ojibwe by native speakers, fills the need for books to support and revitalize the Ojibwe language. Fiction and nonfiction titles that explore the fall season are included in the Let's Look at Fall series, and popular professions such as teachers or firefighters are highlighted in the Read About Community Helpers series.

The new series are set to be released on August 1, 2024. Preorder your copies TODAY!



Amikogaabawiiikwe (Beaver Bev)
(Dagwaaginoo-mazina'iganan (Let's Look at Fall) (Ojibwa Edition)



Ezhiwebak Aniibiishan Dagwaagig
(Trees in Fall) (Dagwaaginoo-mazina'iganan (Let's Look at Fall) (Ojibwa Edition)



Maajii-gikinoo'amaagozim (Ready For School) - (dagwaaginoo-mazina'iganan (Let's Look At Fall) (Ojibwa Edition)

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Upcoming NDSL Webinars

[NDSL ILL Services Are For Everyone](#)

Tuesday, 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](#)

Thursday, 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 how to use the kits in your library.

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