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## Online Library Resources Update

Submitted by State Librarian Mary Soucie

Last year, the State Library purchased three new resources for libraries to use for one year. We are pleased to announce that access to Kanopy's streaming films will continue for an additional year for all libraries and that we will be adding an additional pack on July 1. The new pack is documentaries. Access will continue through June 30, 2025. Libraries that want to continue with the service after that date will have to subscribe directly.

We will not be continuing the subscription for Ethnic Newswatch or Rocket Languages, based on usage. Access will end on June 30.

If there is an online library resource that you would like the State Library to consider, please send an email to the Library Development Department at [ndsl-ld@nd.gov](mailto:ndsl-ld@nd.gov).

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## Election Season is Coming!!!!

Submitted by Monica Struck

As much as I feel like a harbinger of doom when I say it, we are entering election season, and the first step is the North Dakota Primary on June 11. A primary election is an election in which candidates are selected for the general election. In North Dakota, primary ballots are party line ballots, meaning that you can only vote for candidates of one political party. This is in accordance with [ND Century Code §16.1-11-22](#). The outcome of the primary election directly effects the options available in the general election, so it is equally important.

Libraries are nonpartisan, but we are uniquely placed to help patrons find information about candidates and issues. There are many resources available to help voters make an informed decision. Here are just a few:

- [ND Secretary of State](#) – Go here for information on where to vote, applying for an absentee ballot, information on candidates (including campaign finance), and election outcomes.
- [Ballotpedia](#) – Go here for information on candidates and ballot measures. You can look at individual offices, a sample ballot created based on your location, and general information about North Dakota elections.
- [Vote411](#) – Go here for information on candidates and ballot measures. You can look at individual offices, a sample ballot created based on your location, and general information about North Dakota elections.
- [BallotReady](#) – Go here to view the candidates on the party ballot as well as the nonpartisan offices.

These resources are neutral in tone and try to provide information from multiple viewpoints. Information takes the stress out of voting. Let's share it out!

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## Juneteenth LibGuide

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

Juneteenth, also called Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day, is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, observed annually on June 19. Although President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, it was not until June 19, 1865, that this news reached slaves in Galveston, Texas. One year later, the first official Juneteenth celebration occurred in Texas. Since then, this event has spread across the United States, and all states (and the District of Columbia) view Juneteenth as a state holiday or observance.





## How Do Academic Students Use Generative AI?

Artificial intelligence rapidly transformed, and continues to transform, how society interacts with and uses technology. Has AI changed the college experience for academic students? Are students keeping up with the rapid changes AI has brought forth? In an updated report, Jisc, a UK non-profit data and technology agency, provides answers to these questions and explains how academic students use AI (Jisc, 2024).

To update a 2023 report, nine in-person discussion forums were held at various institutions with over 200 college and university students participating. Jisc learned that academic students have dramatically changed how and the extent they utilize AI since the August study. Student expectations of their institution to prepare them for employment in an AI world have also increased (Jisc, 2024).

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[Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is hosting ballroom dancing classes.](#)

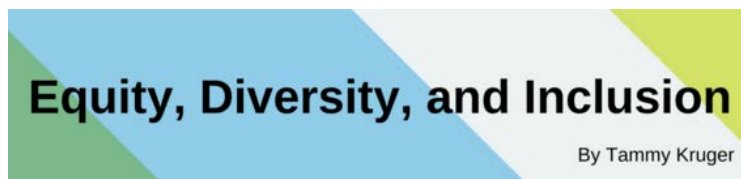
[Grand Forks Public Library was named "Group Volunteer of the Year" for its service to Valley Senior Living at the North Dakota Long Term Care Association convention.](#)

[Librarian Carlotta Goldade is retiring from Minot Public Schools after 47 years.](#)

Maddie Cummings, Director at Lake Region Public Library, had a [column published in the Journal of New Librarianship](#).

[Valley City Barnes County Public Library's roof restoration began on May 28.](#)

[Wm. S. Gussner Elementary School \(Jamestown\) unveiled a "Dog Man" Little Free Library.](#)



## World Refugee Day



June honors a few major celebrations including Juneteenth (check out NDSL's LibGuide [here](#)), Pride Month (LibGuide [here](#)), and Father's Day. This EDI article focuses on another observation: World Refugee Day.

World Refugee Day is celebrated annually on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This day shines a light on the needs and rights of refugees, as well as encourages them to thrive in their new homes. In December 2000, the United Nations General Assembly recognized the upcoming year (2001) as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the [1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees](#). The UN decided to designate this 2001 anniversary as the first World Refugee Day (Calendarr, n.d.; United Nations High, n.d.).

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## Pride Month LibGuide

Pride Month is celebrated in June in the United States to commemorate the Stonewall riots. June is a time for the LGBTQ2S+ community to “celebrate their identity and visibly affirm their worth as people.” To learn more about the history of Pride Month and the available resources, check out the State Library’s [LibGuide](#).



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