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2024 ND Great Reads from Great Places Tour

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Greetings from the North Dakota Center for the Book at the State Library! We are thrilled to announce the return of the ND Great Reads from Great Places Book Tour!

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/g/UkSyShZ0Qz>

What is the Great Reads from Great Places Program?

GRGP is a Library of Congress program in which each Center for the Book selects an adult and youth title to represent their state. These titles are either written by an author from the state or written with the state as the main focus/setting. The selected books are compiled into the Roadmap for Reading booklist featured at the National Book Festival in Washington, DC.

Thanks to IMLS, the ND Center for the book can host four book tours for each of our ND authors. For the 2024 Festival, our youth author is Lindsey Undlin with her book *Spiral* and our adult author is Jill Kandel and her book *The Clean Daughter: A Cross-Continental Memoir*.

Why Should Your Library Participate?

The book tour events will include:

- A reading from the author
- A Q & A session and discussion
- A book signing

In addition, libraries selected to host an event will receive:

- A copy of the featured book
- Promotional Items
- Marketing toolkit

How to Apply:

To be considered for an event, please complete this form. The selection of libraries will depend on the availability of our authors. When filling out the form, please be as specific as possible about your preferred dates. You are welcome to suggest multiple dates to increase your chances of being selected.

Don't miss this opportunity to bring celebrated authors and exciting literary events to your community! Sign up today be considered!

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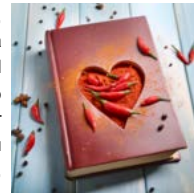
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Reader Advisory: How Spicy is this Romance?

Submitted by Monica Struck

Romance is a diverse genre with many die-hard fans. However, people who enjoy a wholesome Amish romance may not enjoy a bodice ripper. The relative "heat" of a romance is generally defined by a steam rating, spice level, or heat level. The intent of this is to give you an at-a-glance feel for the amount of detail and number of encounters you will run into between the covers. When you have a reader who wants to adjust the heat on their romance read, there are some resources that you can use as a thermostat.



1. [Novelist](#) – Use the readalike feature to find books similar to books that already meet the reader's taste. You can browse by romance type (Contemporary, Regency, Paranormal, etc.). While this does not necessarily allow you to screen for steaminess, keep an eye out for a mood rating of explicit sex.
2. [romance.io](#) – Check out the Romance Book Finder to find romance reads based on [spice level](#). You can also do a direct title search to see the spice level of a particular novel.
3. [allaboutromance.com](#) – This resource uses a [sensuality rating system](#). Use the power search feature to limit results to a certain level or use a direct title search to find a review of a particular book.
4. [My Next Read: Is the book spicy?](#) – This is a site that just provides trigger warnings and spice ratings. You can browse books already reviewed, do direct title searches, and submit your own reads.

A word of warning for your patrons: These are not standardized ratings, and they are often applied by romance readers themselves. Though they do a good job of defining what criteria they are using to define their levels, there is no guarantee for consistency between sources.

Talking Book Update

NLS Summer Reading 2024 Program

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled's (NLS) Summer Reading Program continues on Thursday, July 18, at 3:00 PM and Thursday, July 25, at 6:00 PM.

July 18: Story time and music by Turtle Dance Music (K-3rd Grade)

Turtle Dance Music Man Matt Mazur will lead us in singing and dancing and treat young readers to a reading of *Saturday* by Oge Mora ([BR23018](#), [DB98170](#)).

July 25: Author Talk with Angeline Boulley (YA and Adult)

New York Times bestselling author Angeline Boulley will discuss her books *Firekeeper's Daughter* ([BR24040](#), [DB102762](#)) and *Warrior Girl Unearthed* (BR25116 in process, [DB114761](#)) in conversation with the moderator, the award-winning author Andrea L. Rogers.

Find out more about the North Dakota Talking Book Program at <https://www.library.nd.gov/TBgeneralinfo>.

NLS Summer Reading 2024 Program

Library Tidbits

[Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is serving as a donation site for the North Dakota Department of Agriculture's Hunger Free ND Garden Project](#)

A new rocking chair in memory of former Library Director Donna Jirges was built for the New England Public Library by the Steel Woodpecker and apparel.

Big Library Read: Twilight Territory



It's time for another #BigLibraryRead! Discover a sweeping story of love, war, and resistance in post-World War II Vietnam in the latest Big Library Read selection! Borrow "Twilight Territory" by Andrew X. Pham from July 11 to 25, no waitlists or holds, through the Libby app or at <https://ndlibrary2go.overdrive.com/>. All you need is a library card from the ND State Library or a member library.

Be sure to join the book discussion at discuss.biglibraryread.com.

[Start Reading Today](#)

Discussing Difficult Topics

Submitted by Dani Kappel

One of the more difficult things in life can be listening to a person whose opinions differ from your own. Discussing ways to actively listen to those with differing opinions was a reoccurring topic at the American Library Association Conference that took place last week. During a session titled, "Listening to foster connection" a high school librarian discussed how she is instructing students to discuss their different viewpoints using "One Small Step" developed by StoryCorps.



Wendy DeGroat, a high school librarian in Virginia, developed a program designed to educate students on the power of active listening and how to foster connection between students with differing political views. She has been incredibly pleased with the results and has shared some tips on how to engage in civil conversation with those who may not agree with you.

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International Day of Friendship LibGuide

Submitted by Tammy Kruger



International Day of Friendship, which the U.N. designated as officially being celebrated on July 30th, is honored throughout the world. This day focuses on building understanding, communication, belonging, and kindness across cultures. There are a wide variety of ways to show friendship; the most important part entails people caring about and finding joy within the company of one another!

[More Information](#)

Digital Delight

Smith's Photo Studio parade float, Linton, N.D., 1911



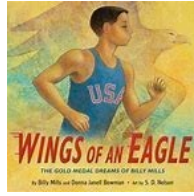
A truck decorated for a Fourth of July parade in Linton, North Dakota. The parade float is presumably for Smith's Photo Studio and driven by Don Tracy. A large camera sits atop the truck. A banner on the side reads "Kodaks." The front of the truck features a large photograph of a battleship.

Courtesy of Digital Horizons (North Dakota Memories Collection, ND State Library)

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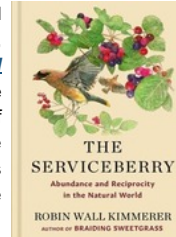
New Native American Books and Podcast

Submitted by Kathy Cline



Just in time for the 2024 Summer Olympics, an Olympic gold medalist children's biography book is released for sale. [Billy Mills](#) and [Donna Janell Bowman](#) co-authored Billy's biography in [Wings of an Eagle](#). Author and illustrator, [S.D. Nelson](#) created the artwork to accompany the story. Billy had a difficult childhood. He grew up in poverty on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, became an orphan at age twelve, experienced racism, and acquired a debilitating health condition. None of these negative experiences held Billy back from pursuing and achieving his dream. Purchase your copy of this biography soon!

[Robin Wall Kimmerer](#), author of *Braiding Sweetgrass* and *Gathering Moss*, is set to release another book on November 19, 2024. In her latest book, [The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World](#), Robin takes a look at how the serviceberry's relationship within its community is based off reciprocity, gratitude and community. The author presents how the reader can instill these same values to be the center in their lives as well. I look forward to reading this book and learning more from the author.



[Books are Good Medicine](#) is a new podcast for educators, but I think librarians may find it beneficial and enjoyable to listen to as well. In this podcast, Allison Waukau and Odia Wood-Krueger, two Minnesota-based experts on Native books and K-12 education, provide insight on various Native books and teaching resources. Allison and Odia are engaging and easy to listen to. The women plan to host several episodes a month which, at times, will include author visits. Take time to listen to [Episode 1: Introducing Books are Good Medicine](#) right now!

Reference

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Free Books? Yes, Please!

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

As a former teacher and now in the library world, I think we (teachers and librarians) possess a uniquely cultivated skill in making things work for cheap. Whether it's craft projects or updates to our services, we know how to do a lot with very little. So, when something comes across my line of vision that can make dollars stretch a little further, I am all excited! That's why I'm excited to share this list that came across the YCon listserv. This list is a brief annotated list of establishments that offer free or deeply discounted books to libraries. Eligibility and purpose vary, but it might be a good starting point for any library looking to add some titles to their collection.

Sources of Discounted/Free Books

[First Book](#) (See "Become a Member" tab at top, right) - First Book is a non-profit that provides new books and educational resources to schools and programs serving children in need, from birth to age 18. First Book Marketplace offers new, low-cost books with no shipping charges and First Book National Book Bank offers new, free books with some shipping charges. See the [First Book eligibility FAQ's](#).

[Scholastic Literacy Partnerships](#) - Serves to enhance the mission of all those working directly or indirectly with children. FREE Bonus Books for every \$150 spent; Discounts up to 72% off; Free S & H.

[Book Depot](#) - Wholesale bargain book (publishers overstock) with a wide array of titles

[Pilcrow Foundation](#) - provides new, quality, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries across the United States. It provides a 2-to-1 match to rural public libraries that receive a grant through its Children's Book Project. Two application periods per year.

[Interstate Books4School](#) - Interstate Books4School is a supplier of Valu-Books and Tradebooks for infant through 12th grade. They have access to over 10,000,000 book titles and sell to public and private organizations, libraries, individuals, schools, gov. ag., etc.

[Literacy Empowerment Foundation \(LEF\)](#) - Dedicated to assisting educational programs by providing inexpensive children's books. The Reading Resource Project is an ongoing LEF program that distributes free books in sets of 100 books to literacy programs. Recipients pay shipping, handling, and administrative costs (\$88 per set of 100 books). Reading levels are for pre-K - 2nd grade.

[Reading is Fundamental](#) - Books for Ownership, RIF's flagship reading program, enables children to select new age-appropriate books to take home and own and is supported by resources for parents, educators, and local literacy advocates to create a continuous focus on reading. Cost is \$3/book.

[International Book Project](#) - Mission is to promote education and literacy while broadening Americans' understanding of their neighbors, which they achieve by annually sending more than 300,000 books to schools, libraries, churches, and Peace Corps volunteers throughout the developing world and in the United States.

[Explore More Options](#)

Creative Aging Online Learning Series: The Importance of Partnerships in Libraries

Tuesday, July 23 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Older adults in our communities are seeking opportunities to keep learning, meeting new people, and experiencing joy. Libraries across the country are answering the call by providing innovative creative aging programs that engage older adults in creative and artistic activities that enhance well-being and highlight our potential for growth and creativity at every age.

How do libraries get started with and grow creative aging programs? Community partnerships are key. In this free webinar, national creative aging experts from [Lifetime Arts](#) will share an overview of creative aging and its benefits for older adults and libraries. You'll then hear from three library workers who are running successful programs in both rural and urban communities throughout Wyoming. Each will share specific tips and strategies for how to leverage community partnerships in your area to reach new audiences, secure space and materials, collaborate with content experts, and expand your library's capacity to host creative aging programming.

This workshop is perfect for library workers new to creative aging and those who want to energize and expand their creative aging offerings. **It's for everyone interested in better serving older adults.**

[Register](#)

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

North Dakota Memories

- Aerial of Carrington, N.D., circa 1950s
- Christmas Dinner booklet, U.S. Naval Construction Training Center, V.A., 1943
- Grand Theatre exterior, Carrington, N.D., circa 1954
- Grand Theatre interior, Carrington, N.D., circa 1950-1969
- Grand Theatre ticket booth, Carrington, N.D., circa 1955
- Independence Day Variety Show program, July 1969
- Kids Day Parade floats, Carrington, N.D., 1963
- Liberty Memorial Building, N.D. State Capitol grounds, circa 1926
- Men outside First National Bank in Linton, N.D., circa 1920-1930
- Military portrait of Joseph E. Rindt, circa 1943
- New Rockford, N.D., 100th anniversary program, July 1983
- Seabees postcard, U.S. Navy, circa 1943
- Smith's Photo Studio parade float, Linton, N.D., 1911
- Stavanger Lutheran Church, 60th anniversary program, 1954
- Thanksgiving menu for the 21st Special Naval Construction Battalion, 1944
- Unidentified woman and man holding rifles by railroad tracks
- War ration wallet, 1940s
- WWII SeaBees scrapbook, 1940s

Political Prairie Fire

- Cleaning House [political cartoon, 1920]
- Doing Their Duty [political cartoon, 1919]
- Five Thousand Copies of League Paper Confiscated and Burned by Gang Headed by Liederbach [newspaper article, 1921]
- Frazier calls Townley for orders [political cartoon, 1920]
- Gov. Frazier signs women's suffrage bill, 1917
- How the Suffrage Bill Passed [newspaper article, 1917]
- McGovern explains profit-loss reports [political cartoon, 1919]
- Patriots of 1916 Follow Example of Patriots of 1776 -- Result Will be the Same [political cartoon, 1916]
- Sen. Lynn J. Frazier, 1923
- Things as they should be [political cartoon, 1915]
- This Looks Suspicious [political cartoon, 1919]
- Townley Behind the Curtain [political cartoon, 1919]
- Townley's Rubber Stamps [political cartoon, 1919]
- Will He Be Able To Tame The Beast? [political cartoon, 1915]
- Women's suffrage law, 1917



Grand Theatre exterior, Carrington, N.D., circa 1954



Men outside First National Bank in Linton, N.D., circa 1920-1930



Gov. Frazier signs women's suffrage bill, 1917



Sen. Lynn J. Frazier, 1923





Posting Meeting Notices on Your Website

Almost one year ago, a new law went into effect stating that government bodies need to add meeting notices to their websites. This would include library board meeting notices.

All meetings require notices that include:

- Date
- Time
- Location
- Agenda topics
- How to join the meeting if it is held virtually

Along with the website, your meeting notice must also be posted at your library and the location of the meeting (if held somewhere else), given to anyone who has requested it, and filed with the appropriate official (county auditor, city auditor).

For more information, check out the [Sample Meeting Notice](#) and [Notice Checklist](#) from the [ND Secretary of State](#).

If you have any questions about your WordPress website, schedule a meeting with BreAnne at <https://bit.ly/LibraryWebsiteSupport>.



Books About Feelings Written for Young Children

Being little can be a tough job! Not only are children in the early childhood years (approximately birth through 8-years-old) learning about the world around them and experiencing formal education for the first time, but they are also learning how to even be humans! Part of being human is experiencing a wide range of emotions. Books can be excellent ways to both identify emotions, as well as learn how to cope through them. With that in mind, this month's *Top Picks* addresses feelings for young children.

If you have a topic request for a Top Picks, email me at tlkruger@nd.gov.

1) *The Boy Who Loved Everyone* by Jane Porter

Publish Date: 2019

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Summary: Dimitri is a little boy with a big heart! He loves everyone and everything, and openly admits so! However, Dimitri also learns a valuable lesson that people can show love without saying the words through their actions of kindness and grace.

Best For: Preschool through First Grade



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Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

What's New in Niche

Some new tutorials concerning safety among our patrons have been uploaded and added to the Niche Academy.

Category: [Information Literacy](#)

Sub-Category: [Information Literacy - Digital Media and Kids](#)

New Tutorial: [Keeping Kids Safe Online](#)

Category: [Issues Libraries are Facing](#)

New Sub-Category: [Opioid Crisis](#)

So far, tutorials have been added on topics such as preparing for the opioid crisis, creating community partnerships, recognizing and responding to an overdose, and other serious topics about the current opioid crisis. Even if you think your community isn't impacted by this deadly epidemic, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Check out these and other great tutorials in Niche Academy.

[Niche Academy](#)



Slovak

With over 70 languages available, Mango Languages has a lot to offer! Although Slovak used to be considered a dialect, it has been the official language of Slovakia since 1993 when Czechoslovakia voluntarily separated into two countries.

Slovak is spoken by more than five million people in various countries throughout the world, including the United States. It is based on a Latin alphabet and uses diacritics to indicate how a letter should be pronounced.

With over 100 lessons in four main units, Mango Languages will teach you the Slovak language basics, from common phrases all the way to more advanced concepts. There are also vocabulary cards and translation tools available.

Are you in need of bookmarks to promote this and other online library resources available to your patrons? Contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov or fill out the form at <https://www.library.nd.gov/marketing>.

[Start Learning Today](#)

T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program

For communities with populations of 50,000 or less, the T-Mobile Hometown Grant provides up to \$50,000 to help build stronger, more prosperous small towns and rural communities.

Apply for funding to support a community project of your choice, like revitalizing or repurposing a historic structure, creating a downtown asset or destination, or improving a space where friends and neighbors gather. Projects that add to a sense of place or could lead to further investment are of particular interest.

The application period is open until Monday, September 30, at 11:59 PM.

[Apply Now](#)

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