

## Library Vision Strategic Plan

Submitted by State Librarian Mary Soucie

The Library Vision Strategic Plan (LVSP) guides the awarding of Library Vision grants. The grants are awarded by the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and the State Library. The first LVSP was created by a working group that was formed in 1995. The original two versions of the document were adopted for eight years. Beginning in 2014, the time frames for the document began to be shortened. The last plan update was adopted in 2020.

The State Library is pleased to present the newly revised [Library Vision Strategic Plan](#) to the library community. We are seeking feedback on the new format of the document. The [survey](#) on the revised plan will be open until October 18, 2024. The goals for the Library Vision program have been updated and the objectives have been removed. We felt that would make it easier for libraries to submit grant applications. Once the document has been finalized, the grant application for the Library Vision program will be updated. Grant rounds will now be based on a specific LV goal rather than themed grants as we have offered in the past. Libraries will need to clearly articulate how their grant project aligns with whichever goal is being utilized for that grant round. Applications will be updated to reflect this change.

We invited you take a few minutes to review the draft of the LVSP and to provide feedback to NDSL and the NDLC on the new goals and the new format.

[Library Vision Strategic Plan](#)

[Take The Survey](#)

## Universal Class Returning

Submitted by James Murphy

We are happy to report that the State Library is bringing back Universal Class to our library community. Universal Class will be available again starting October 1, 2024.

Stay tuned for more information regarding this online library resource.



## Online Library Resources Remote Access Dos and Don'ts

Submitted by James Murphy

Some of the online library resources (databases) that the North Dakota State Library provides access to may require a remote access barcode for use outside of the library building. This barcode may be shared with your patrons or students internally at your library, but you must not publish it in any resources external to your library, like your website or social media accounts.

You are allowed to share this access code in more limited fashions such as bookmarks, posters, or print-only newsletters. This barcode is separate from the one you may use when requesting materials at the State Library. The remote access barcode starts with 23125... The State Library barcode for requesting materials starts with 23105.... Do not give this one out. If you need your remote access barcode number, please contact the State Library's Information Desk at [statelib@nd.gov](mailto:statelib@nd.gov) or 800-472-2104, and we will provide it to you.

## Library Coordinating Council Nominations Sought

Submitted by ND State Librarian Mary Soucie

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) has a vacancy for an at-large librarian. The seat must be filled by someone working in a North Dakota library. The person appointed to the seat will serve for the remainder of the term until June 30, 2026.

The NDLCC serves as the State Library's advisory board. The NDLCC assists with the creation and implementation of the Library Vision strategic plan, including the Library Vision grants. The Governor appoints NDLCC members according to Century Code 54-24.4. Typically, the Council meets quarterly with two meetings held in-person and two via videoconference. The in-person meetings also include tours of libraries.

Nominations, including self-nominations, may be sent to the NDSL Administrative email at [ndsladm@nd.gov](mailto:ndsladm@nd.gov) by September 30. The State Library will compile the list of applicants and forward it to the Governor's office. Nominees will also need to complete the Governor's board application, which can be found at <https://apps.nd.gov/gov/boards/Application/PersonalInfo>.

If you have questions about the NDLCC, please contact State Librarian Mary Soucie at (701)328-4654 or [msoucie@nd.gov](mailto:msoucie@nd.gov).

[Learn More About the NDLCC](#)

## WordPress Websites Q&A Session

Submitted by BreAnne Meier

The State Library will be hosting a Teams call on **Monday, September 23**, to discuss questions and concerns you may have about your library's WordPress website. Go to <https://bit.ly/WordPressCall> anytime between **9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**.

If that day and time doesn't work for you or if something comes up in the meantime, book a time to discuss your WordPress website at the link below or contact BreAnne at [ndslpa@nd.gov](mailto:ndslpa@nd.gov) or 701-328-4656.

[Book a Time](#)



**EPISODE 4: KERRI BOETCHER  
WARD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**HOSTED BY ND STATE  
LIBRARIAN MARY SOUCIE**

## New Episode of Pathways Through The Prairie

A new episode of the ND State Library's Pathways Through the Prairie podcast is out now!

Episode 4, which premiered on Wednesday, September 18, features Kerri Boetcher, Director of the Ward County Public Library. Learn about Kerri's pathway to the library and the process to buying a new bookmobile.

The Pathways Through the Prairie podcast features North Dakota librarians and library staff, state government leaders and employees, and interesting North Dakotans to gain insights into their work and roles in their communities.

Episodes are released every two weeks on the State Library's YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/NDSLPodcast>.

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## Books That Prepare and Teach Young Voters

Submitted by Kathy Cline

As the November elections quickly approach, be prepared for opportunities to share books that discuss democracy, elections, and voting with these titles for children, teens, and young adults. (Book information is taken from *Kirkus Reviews*, *School Library Journal*, or *Amazon*.)

### Books For Teens & Young Adults from Kirkus Reviews

#### [One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy by Carol Anderson](#)

This YA adaptation of Anderson's breakthrough 2018 book of the same name for adults demonstrates her scholarship on racial discrimination and voter disenfranchisement, presenting an urgent case for political intervention. A significant people's history and call to action for youth. (discussion guide, resources, notes, photo credits, index) (Released September 17, 2019)



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## International Observe the Moon Night Surveys

Did you observe the Moon on September 14, 2024, for International Observe the Moon Night? Please consider filling out a survey to let them know how your observing experience went and what support would be helpful in the future.



If you observed on your own or attended an event that someone else hosted, please fill out this survey

If you hosted an event yourself, please fill out this survey

[Observer Survey](#)

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## WebJunction Highlight: Food for Thought

Submitted by AI Peterson

Libraries are playing an increasing role in promoting health and wellness as well as financial literacy to our patrons. One way we can promote both financial literacy and health and wellness is by hosting food and cooking programs. WebJunction is highlighting this very topic.

*Food for Thought: Library Kitchens and Cooking Programs* can provide you with ideas and inspiration to develop a library program for all ages based on food and community. Topics discussed include:

- creating a food-themed book club
- hosting a cooking workshop or demonstration at the library
- hosting programs that involve kids and getting kids to enjoy the art of cooking
- adding kitchen equipment to your Library of Things
- starting a spice club or even a spice exchange
- addressing food insecurity in your community

There are ideas on how to host programs on meal planning, grocery budgeting, and budget friendly recipes. You can even host a potluck with your patrons and encourage the sharing of recipes. If these sound like fun and delicious programs to run at your library, I encourage you to check out on the WebJunction website.

[Learn More](#)

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## Addict's Wake: Virtual Film Screening & Panel Discussion Webinar

### Network of the National Library of Medicine

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) has partnered with Glory Girl Productions to present the film, *Addict's Wake*. The movie shares stories of substance use disorder and treatment told from the survivor's perspective.

Following a week of virtual film screenings beginning September 19th at 8:00 AM and ending September 26th at 12:00 PM, a [panel discussion](#) including the film's director, Lisa Hall, Dr. William Cooke, a community physician and author of *Canary in the Coal Mine*, and Dr. Lynn Anne Witty will present a one-hour webinar discussion. They will share their experiences and knowledge for recognizing, diagnosing, and supporting persons with substance use disorders while advocating for advances in prevention and recovery awareness and information for the broad impact of substance-use primarily in small and rural communities. The program also will raise awareness of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and SAMSHA information resources.

[Learn More and Stream Addict's Wake](#)



### North Dakota Horizons Magazine

"North Dakota Horizons" is a quarterly magazine that showcases the rich culture, breathtaking geography, captivating history, and fascinating people of North Dakota. Since its inception in 1971, the magazine serves as a window into the diverse and vibrant essence of the state.



The collection is a collaborative effort between the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC) at the NDSU Libraries and Clearwater Communications, who take immense pride in ensuring the perpetual existence of this historically significant publication on Digital Horizons. The remarkable stories, captivating visuals, and valuable insights found within the pages of "North Dakota Horizons" will continue to inspire and inform generations to come.

[View the Collection](#)



**Heart of America Library** checked out a trunk from the State Historical Society of North Dakota to showcase dinosaurs, sharks, and woolly mammoths

**Lake Region Public Library** hosted a rodeo queen storytime with the support of the Devils Lake Rodeo Club.

[Shelby Harken](#) from the Chester Fritz Library will be retiring on Friday, October 4. She began working in the library in 1965 in a work-study position. She has worked in both the cataloging and reference departments and was instrumental in assisting libraries around the state with automating their collections.

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

October 17 & 18 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)



# Kit of the Week

## LEGO Braille Bricks Kit

Discover the benefits of using a play-based approach to teaching braille - and life skills - using LEGO Braille Bricks.

LEGO Braille Bricks are 3-D bricks with braille dots and printed letters or numbers designed to teach people how to read braille. Each kit includes 300 assorted LEGO braille bricks with letters, numbers, and punctuation. For ages 4 and up.



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