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State Aid For Public Libraries

Submitted by Allie Suko

Spring is in the air, and you know what that means: The State Aid application process is open! State Aid applications must be submitted through the Counting Opinions website by **April 30, 2025**, for your library to be considered for State Aid funds. There have been no changes to the application since last year. For a refresher on the State Aid process and how to fill out the application form, visit the North Dakota State Library YouTube channel and watch the [State Aid to Public Libraries Walk-Through 2024](#), or refer to the [State Aid Lib Guide](#). If you have any questions regarding your application, or issues with the Counting Opinions website, please contact Allie Suko at ndsl-fiscal@nd.gov or 701-328-2492.

[Learn More](#)

Bank of North Dakota's College SAVE Program Registration

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

All participants in your library's Summer Reading program are eligible for free money into a College SAVE (529 Plan) through Bank of North Dakota.

New accounts receive \$25; existing accounts receive \$10. Ten winners across the state, separated by regions, will win \$529.

YOU get to decide what the requirements are for completion of the Summer Reading program for your patrons. Ages birth through adulthood can participant. (Adults will need to set up an account for a child, birth through high school graduation, however.)



At the end of your library's Summer Reading, Tammy will send out reminders, submit your list of participants to tkruger@nd.gov. North Dakota State Library and Bank of North Dakota will take it from there! Happy Reading and Money Earning!

[Register April 7 - May 9](#)

New Book Club Kits



"11/22/63" by Stephen King

"The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" by Robert Dugoni

"Girl in Pieces" by Kathleen Glasgow

"The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore

"The Good Girl" by Mary Kubica



"Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt

"Restart" by Gordon Korman

"The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey" by Candice Millard

"The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman

"Wishtree" by Katherine Applegate

[Reserve Today](#)

Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

April brings us to another month of great continuing education opportunities for North Dakotan librarians. Staff from the North Dakota State Library are hosting several webinars and a check in.

[2025 Summer Reading Training](#) (Tammy Kruger)

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 (11:00 AM – 11:45 AM)

Were you unable to make it to an in-person Summer Reading Training? No fear! NDSL is offering a virtual training where we will go over components of CSLP's 2025 Color Our World manual, ideas for using this theme, the Bank of North Dakota's College Savings program, and Beanstack. Hope to see you there!

[Weeding: Either You Like It or You Don't](#) (Kathy Cline)

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 (3:15 PM – 4:00 PM)

Join this webinar as we delve into the de-selection process, discussing:

- Reasons for weeding your collection.
- Steps to take to begin.
- Weeding process.
- Resources that provide guidance and support and much more!

When it comes to weeding a library collection, librarians often have varying perspectives. Some feel anxious about removing books from the shelves, while others might sneakily dispose of them in the dark of night. Then there are those who say, "Bring it on!" I proudly identify with the latter group. In this webinar, I will share my approach to weeding with open arms, embracing the opportunity to remove worn, tattered, or outdated books, as well as those that, despite looking brand new, have not been checked out frequently.

By the end of this session, you may find that de-selection is less painful and discover the rewards of having updated, concise shelves that make book browsing easier and more enjoyable for patrons.

[School Library Chat](#) (Kathy Cline)

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 (3:15 PM – 3:45 PM)

As the idiom goes, "Two heads are better than one." It can be easier to solve problems or generate ideas in a group setting rather than alone. This half-hour session is an opportunity for school librarians to share ideas, resources, and news (both good and not-so-good), as well as to provide professional support. Please note that this chat will not be recorded.

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Records Management

Submitted by Monica Struck

This article is about that scary filing cabinet in the corner far away from your desk. We all have one, and it usually has records dating back to the first time a book was purchased for the library. Out of a sense of worry (and a secret plan to let the next director take care of it), these files can go decades without seeing the light of day, and electronic files are even worse. As tempting as it is to just go



through and throw everything away, we can't just Marie Kondo our way through our filing cabinets and get rid of everything that doesn't bring us joy. We need records management!

Records management is the answer to age old questions: What do I need to keep, and how long do I need to keep it? The answers to those questions may vary depending on the record, but the exciting news is this: you do not necessarily need to keep everything in that filing cabinet!

So, what do you need to keep? Any document, recording, or object, electronic or physical, related to doing business is a record. This includes emails and electronic files. If you are not sure if something is a record, go through this [flow chart](#). An answer of yes to any of the questions indicates that the item is a record and should be retained.

How long do you need to keep a record? That really depends on the record. [Cities](#) and [counties](#) need to document and report the volume (in inches and megabytes) of records disposed of during the course of the year. For the retention schedule for libraries, you can check the [League of Cities](#) (scroll to 112-Library) or [Association of Counties](#) (Scroll to 2025_Library_Disposal). If you have any questions, I am always willing to give you my thoughts, but I would encourage you to consult with your auditor or contacts listed on the League of Cities and Association of Counties websites.

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Challenge yourself to read beyond what you can imagine! Stretch your reading skills and explore new genres, or specific types of books. Expanding what you read can strengthen your reading comprehension and spark your imagination! Read new books and complete activities to earn badges.

Pages of the Prairie

By Bethany Ranta



University of Jamestown

In 1883, North Dakota was still Dakota Territory and would be for another six years. It was also the year that Jamestown College was founded, and ground was broken for its tiny campus. Classes first began on September 29, 1886, with 35 students and four classes: scientific, classical, commercial, and music. The campus was one small building and a barn for horses, with wood stoves providing heat and oil lamps lighting the building. That first winter was extremely cold and contributed to the beginnings of economic issues. These economic issues and low population of the area brought about the closure of the campus in 1893.

In 1909, the campus was reopened with 11 instructors and 52 students under the direction of Dr. Barend Kroeze as college president. Within the first year of reopening, all of the debts from the college's early years were paid, current financial responsibilities were met, and two new buildings were being built on the campus.

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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 Histories

- A Brief History of Velva, North Dakota
- Land Agents in North Dakota Located Along the Great Northern Railway
- New Town, North Dakota: The First 25 Years
- Pekin Golden Jubilee, 1906-1956
- Rhame, North Dakota, 1908-1958
- Starkweather Diamond Jubilee, 1902-1977
- Tolna and Tolna Community, 1976-1981: Volume II
- Viking Early Settlement Days, 1886-1936
- Wahpeton: The Gateway to North Dakota and the Great Northwest



Political Prairie Fire

- A jolt for Big Biz [political cartoon, 1918]
- Bank of North Dakota building, Bismarck, N.D., 1920
- Frazier controls the State Sheriff [political cartoon, 1920]
- Hail insurance law, 1919
- He Seems to be Getting Smaller Year by Year [political cartoon, 1917]
- How times have changed - in North Dakota! [political cartoon, 1919]
- I.V.A. attacks three special session laws [newspaper article, 1920]
- Infant Industries [political cartoon, 1919]
- Investigation Committee law, 1919
- IVA ticket, N.D., June 1920
- Members of the North Dakota Investigation Committee
- Message of Governor Frazier for the special session of the legislature, 1919
- Nailing up a few rat holes [political cartoon, 1920]
- North Dakota's State Sheriff [political cartoon, 1920]
- Organized farmers and workers stand tall against Big Business [political cartoon, 1919]
- Referred laws given burials in deep waters [newspaper article, 1920]
- State Sheriff law, 1919
- State Sheriff Talk Arouses Opposition; Seamen Smith Slated [newspaper article, 1919]
- The Farmer Looks Ahead [political cartoon, 1917]
- The Five League "Planks" [political cartoon, 1921]
- The Gladiator (IVA) [political cartoon, 1920]
- The New Governor of North Dakota [political cartoon, 1920]
- The Smelling Committee at work [political cartoon, 1919]
- Townley Visits a New Oculist [political cartoon, 1920]
- U.S. Supreme Court ruling on NPL industrial programs [1920]
- When the new driver takes hold of the reins [political cartoon, 1918]
- Workmen's Compensation Fund law, 1919



[Digital Horizons](#)

Library Tidbits

After being missing for over 51 years, "Rebecca" by Daphne du Maurier was returned to the [Enderlin Municipal Library](#).

[Fargo Public Library](#) is accepting submissions between April 1 and May 31 for their Northern Focus Photography Project for teens and adults.

[Morton Mandan Public Library](#) is accepting submissions on why participants love the library. Essays, songs, poems, and letters should be 100 words or less and be submitted between April 6 and 12.

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