

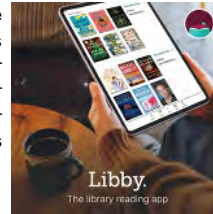


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Libby Update

On May 1, Libby will be making updates to increase the security of patron data. After the change is made, all patrons will be required to re-login to access Libby. You will need your State Library card number and password, which is usually your last name in all lowercase. If you do not remember your password and need it reset, please contact the State Library's Information Desk at (701) 328-4622 or statelib@nd.gov.



We apologize for any inconvenience.

Library Coordinating Council Nominations Sought

Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

The month of May brings in Spring growth, budding flowers, and warmer temperatures. May also brings in new professional development opportunities brought to you by the North Dakota State Library. Staff from the North Dakota State Library are hosting several webinars.

[Public Library Director Hangout](#)

Wednesday, May 14 (1:00 PM – 1:30 PM)

Come to enjoy some time together. Share what's happening in your library. Geek out over cool library things. Bring your questions to the hive mind. Whatever your reason for coming, I hope to see you there.

[Accessibility and Assistive Devices in the Library](#)

Wednesday, May 21 (2:00 PM – 2:45 PM)

In this webinar, we will discuss what accessibility in the library is, why it matters, and how to make services more accessible to patrons. Making libraries more accessible to patrons with all kinds of difficulties, even temporary ones, can enrich communities and library services. We will also discuss assistive devices (both no-tech and technology based) and how they can be used to enhance library services and patron experience.

[School Library Chat](#)

Thursday, May 22 (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 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 session will not be recorded.

[Reader Advisory Tips and Tricks featuring Novelist](#)

Thursday, May 29 (3:00 PM – 3:45 PM)

Ever have a patron ask you for a good book to read? Or do you have a patron who wants the next three books in a series? Do questions like these make you freeze? Then this webinar is for you. We will explore the topic of readers' advisory and examine Novelist.

[More Webinars and Events](#)



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 School for the Deaf](#)

- School for the Deaf law, 1890

[Political Prairie Fire](#)

- Affidavit of Representative B. D. Arnold [magazine article, 1920]
- Back to the farm [political cartoon, 1920]
- Canning time in North Dakota [political cartoon, 1920]
- For State Auditor [newspaper article, 1916]
- Next election if not sooner [political cartoon, 1920]
- Overloading the goat [political cartoon, 1920]
- Portrait of Bert D. Arnold, circa 1917
- Portrait of Fay Harding, circa 1920
- Townley gives Gov. Frazier a pay raise [political cartoon, 1920]



[Digital Horizons](#)

Roadtrip Nation: Libraries Roadtrip

Submitted by **Monica Struck**

Roadtrip Nation is a PBS documentary series that follows a small group of people as they explore building a career around things that they love. Every season, Roadtrip Nation takes people on the trip of a lifetime to learn from people working in a specific field. This year, PBS is exploring careers in libraries!

In September, three lucky people will travel around the United States to explore what it is like to work in a library...and one of those people could be you! Roadtrip Nation is currently accepting applications. If you want to find out how you can be involved in the future of libraries, there has never been a better time to dive in!

Applications are accepted until May 25. For more information on what is involved and to apply, visit the Libraries Roadtrip [webpage](#). Do you have general questions about how Roadtrip Nation works? Check out their [FAQ page](#)!

[Learn More](#)



Minot Air Force Base Library

North Dakota's military bases often have different needs than most libraries could adequately provide for. From the individuals and families that live on base to the needs of the people that work in the different departments, there is such a wide variety of needs that libraries on bases like Minot Air Force Base are better equipped to provide. Minot Air Force Base's Library serves the Air Force Base, the people and the families stationed there, and retirees. They combine being a public library and an academic library with extra military parts on the side.

Construction on Minot Air Force Base started in May 1956 after Minot businessmen and citizens donated roughly \$50,000 to buy the first parcels of land for the base. The first building was accepted by the base on January 10, 1957. The base filled the need for a fighter interceptor base tasked with protecting the northern border of the United States from Soviet bombers. The library on base started in a dorm in 1959 and they got their own building in 1964. Their current building was built in 1990. Current base population totals 12,825, including military personnel and retirees, their dependents, and civilians. All of these people are served by the Base Library.

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Writers Workshop Opportunity

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

Jill Kandel, North Dakota author of *The Clean Daughter: A Cross-Continental Memoir* and *So Many Africas: Six Years in a Zambian Village*, is offering a memoir writing workshop on memoir writing on May 6 at 10:00 AM. This event will take place both in-person at Bismarck Public Veterans Memorial Library and virtually at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adding-creativity-to-memoir-writing-tickets-1308818022939>.



About This Event

This class will discuss the difference between diary and memoir writing, how to find and use details to enliven memoir, writing thematically and not strictly chronologically, and various ways of making memoir absorbing and fascinating to readers.

If participants would like to purchase any of Kandel's books, they will be available along with a book signing following the event.

Brought to you by the Institute of Museums and Library Services and sponsored by the North Dakota State Library and the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.

About Jill Kandel

Jill Kandel's essays have been published in *The Missouri Review*, *Gettysburg Review*, *Pinch*, and *Brevity*. Her work has been anthologized in *Best Spiritual Writing 2012* (Penguin Books) and in *Becoming: What Makes a Woman* (U. of Nebraska Press). Her first book, *So Many Africas: Six Years in a Zambian Village*, (Autumn House Press, 2015) won both the Autumn House Nonfiction Prize and the Sarton Women's Literary Award. Her second book, *The Clean Daughter: A Cross-Continental Memoir*, (NDSU Press, 2022) was chosen by the Library of Congress as a 2024 Great Reads Book.

Kandel teaches memoir writing at the Fargo Fine Arts Club, guest lectures for NDSU Writing Classes and hosts a weekly writing club. She enjoys both writing and teaching the craft of memoir.

Register



Hawaiian

Are you dreaming of a trip to Hawaii? Enrich your Hawaiian experience by learning the language!

Mango Languages offers a Hawaiian language course that will take you from common phrases all the way to more advanced concepts. Learn how to introduce yourself and others, provide and obtain information, ask for and receive directions, request emergency aid, and more. There are also culture notes in the lessons to help you forge a deeper connection with the Hawaiian culture.

Celebrate Hawaiian culture and protect this endangered language by learning to speak Hawaiian with Mango Languages.

Reference:

Polom, Megan. "Do You Have the Aloha Spirit? Five Hawaiian Words to Live By." Mango Languages, August 30, 2024.

<https://mangolanguages.com/resources/learn/general/language-culture/do-you-have-the-aloha-spirit-five-hawaiian-words-to-live-by>.

Learn a New Language



Traditional Scrapbooking

Self-Paced, Online Class

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16 Lessons	22 Exams & Assignments	15 Hours average time	1.5 CEUs
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Traditional Scrapbooking

Since May 3 is National Scrapbook Day, this may be the perfect time to learn how to create a scrapbook to capture your cherished memories and bring your stories to life.

Traditional Scrapbooking is designed to be your guide in this deeply personal and rewarding endeavor. The course includes 16 lessons that will walk you through each step of the way to making your own beautiful and unique scrapbook with confidence and creativity. Discover how to find your own voice in your projects, tell your family's stories with authenticity, learn about layout and materials, and more.

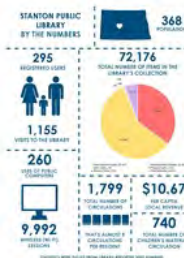
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Public Library Infographics

Now that the Public Libraries Survey is completed, the State Library is happy to provide a personalized infographic for your public library.

Based on the numbers provided in the survey, these infographics can include any statistics that are useful for your library, including the number of visits to your library, registered users, items in the collection, programs, circulations, etc.

If you would like an infographic for your public library, please fill out the form below.



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Starting a Podcast: Part 3 – Naming Your Podcast and Format

Part 3 of this series on starting a library podcast is about choosing a format and naming your podcast.

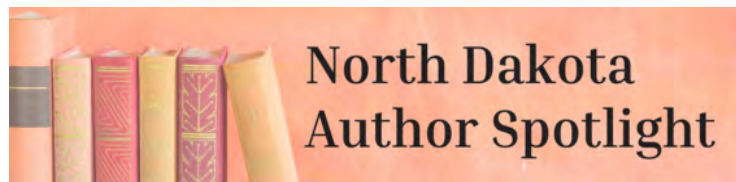
The name of your podcast is a pretty important aspect. It should be something short and catchy, while also being unique. Make sure you search online for your title ideas before deciding on one to make sure that it isn't already taken.



Next up is the format.

Interview: This is a very popular format, but it can take a lot of work since you will need to find people to interview. While finding someone to be interviewed can be difficult, this person also needs to be interesting and good at being interviewed. For interview podcasts, you will want to talk with the guest to ensure they know what will be expected of them – types of questions/topics that you'll bring up. While it might be nice to send them all the questions you'll be asking, this can make it seem too rigid. The guest may write down their answers and just read them to you instead of being engaged in the conversation. You also want to have the ability and freedom to ask other questions that might come up based on the answers the guest gives to your initial questions.

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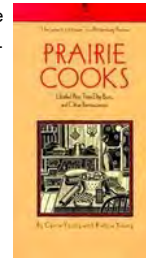


North Dakota Author Spotlight

Carrie Young

Carrie Young is a North Dakota author who graduated from the University of Minnesota and has lived for many years on a farm in Ohio. The State Library has three of Young's books available for check out:

- Nothing to Do but Stay: My Pioneer Mother
- The Wedding Dress: Stories From the Dakota Plains
- Prairie Cooks: Glorified Rice, Three-Day Buns, and Other Reminiscences



Reference:

"Carrie Young." University of Iowa Press - The University of Iowa. Accessed April 25, 2025. <https://uiopress.uiowa.edu/people/carrie-young>.

[Reserve A Copy](#)

Agency Allocating Funds for Homeless Services

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) is now accepting applications from homeless service providers seeking funding through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and North Dakota Homeless Grant (NDHG).

"NDHFA's collaboration with local service providers is essential to reaching as many people as possible," said Dave Flohr, NDHFA executive director. "These grants provide financial support for critical services aimed at assisting the state's unhoused population."

ESG and NDHG funds provide financial support to eligible local government and nonprofit organizations who offer emergency shelter, supportive services, and financial assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Funds may be used to:

- Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street.
- Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families.
- Assist in the operation of shelters.
- Provide essential services to shelter residents.
- Rapidly re-house individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless.

The application process for awarding funds is competitive and based on the selection criteria outlined in the allocation plan. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. CDT on May 30, 2025. Funding amounts through ESG and NDHG will be announced at a later date.

More information about the programs and the application process is available on NDHFA's website at <https://www.ndhfa.org/> or by contacting the Homeless Programs Administrator at fahomelessprograms@nd.gov, 701-328-8080, 800-292-8621, or 711 (TTY).

A self-supporting and mission-driven state agency, NDHFA is dedicated to making housing affordable for all North Dakotans. The North Dakota Industrial Commission, consisting of Governor Kelly Armstrong as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and Attorney General Drew H. Wrigley, oversees NDHFA

[Learn More](#)

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