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Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Libraries brings together library professionals for a three-day conference to explore how today's innovative services and emerging technologies are shaping the future of libraries and our services we provide to our patrons. This forward-looking conference will showcase cutting-edge programs, emerging technologies, and innovative programming that redefine the library's role in a rapidly evolving world.

Keynote Speaker

Kaeleigh Schroeder is the Data and Digital Technologies Librarian at North Dakota State University. She holds a Master of Arts in Sociology from the University of Manitoba, and a Master of Science in Business Analytics from NDSU. Prior to her library role, Kaeleigh worked in survey research and data analytics for over a decade and spent some time as a public librarian in rural Manitoba. When she's not working with dashboards and data, Kaeleigh leads a Stitch & Sip group in Fargo and is probably knitting while listening to an audiobook.

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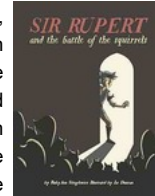# 2025 North Dakota Great Read Selections

The North Dakota State Library's Center for the Book is delighted to announce the North Dakota Great Read titles for 2025 - "What We Leave Behind" by Barb Solberg and "Sir Rupert and the Battle of the Squirrels" by RubyAnn Stiegelmeier.

"Great Reads from Great Places provides a wonderful opportunity to highlight North Dakota authors both nationally and across the state," says Literacy Specialist Tammy Kruger. "We are excited to have the talents and hard work of Barb Solberg and RubyAnn Stiegelmeier showcased in 2025!"

Every year, the Library of Congress asks each state Center for the Book to select titles that represent the state's literary landscape to highlight at the National Book Festival, an event showcasing the importance of books and reading. This year's festival will be held on Saturday, September 6, in Washington, D.C., and online. More information can be found at **www.loc.gov/events/2025-national-book-festival**.

About "Sir Rupert and the Battle of the Squirrels"

"This book is a hilarious approach to creative problem solving, cooperation, and perseverance. Sir Rupert is a young person living in the castle, aspiring to become a "real" knight someday. He tries to help everyone he can to gain necessary knighthood experience. When his friend Bertha, the castle cook, comes to him one day asking for help with squirrels that have overrun the kitchen, Sir Rupert's skills are put to the test. He asks everyone he can find for help, but no one has practical advice, so he and his friends team up to tackle the problem on their own. This story draws on themes of asking for help, persevering no matter what, helping others in the face of adversity, and receiving approval for one's efforts even when things don't turn out the way you planned."

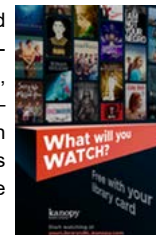### About "What We Leave Behind"

"Martin and Asta came to America in 1913 to homestead and create a better life for themselves and a hoped-for family. Nineteen years later during the difficult years of the Great Plains Dust Bowl, they intend to improve the lives of three of their nine children by sending their eighteen-year-old daughter with her two younger sisters to Norway to live with relatives for two years. But things do not go according to plan. The oldest sister falls in love with and marries a young Norwegian man leaving the two younger sisters with no one to take them home. By 1940, when Germany invades Norway, the two younger sisters were living with the family relative who in the meantime married a Quisling, a member of the Norwegian Nazi Party. The two sisters miss the last US evacuee ship out of Petsamo, Finland, and soon German soldiers take one sister to Grini, a concentration camp north of Oslo. Eventually she and her older sister both marry men active in the Norwegian Resistance Movement of WWII. Will the entire family ever reconnect?"

Learn More About the 2025 ND Great Read Program

Stream Thousands of Movies With Kanopy

North Dakota residents have access to Kanopy, an on-demand streaming video platform that offers a vast collection of critically-acclaimed films, award winning documentaries, TV series, educational content, classic cinema, and kid-friendly titles – available anytime, anywhere with a library card from the North Dakota State Library or your local public library. New content is regularly being added. The State Library is pleased to provide access to this content through June 30, 2026.

State Librarian Mary Soucie says, "We are delighted to continue offering Kanopy to North Dakotans in partnership with North Dakota public libraries, providing free and easy access to a world-class collection of films and documentaries that inspire intellectual discovery, promote critical thinking, and broaden the horizons for all our patrons."

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Serving Neurodiverse Library Patrons

StarNet Webinar Series

July 16 (1:00 PM)

Neurodiversity includes a spectrum of cognitive differences, including autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and other unique ways of thinking and experiencing the world. Although each person with these conditions has different skills, abilities, and needs, there are a variety of ways that libraries can tailor their programs and facilities to support neurodiverse patrons. Join this webinar to hear from a variety of experts, including leaders in the NASA's Neurodiversity Network (N3) project and NASA@ My Library's #actuallyautistic PI Anne Holland. We invite you to share your own efforts and experiences in supporting neurodiverse patrons!

Register

Enderlin Municipal Library hosted their first Dungeons and Dragons event.

Lake Region Public Library received a donation of books from the VFW Auxiliary Post 756 on behalf of the Patriotism Through Literacy program.

Code & Go Robot Mouse

Code & Go Robot Mouse Activity Sets introduce coding concepts through Colby, a programmable mouse with colorful buttons. Kids can design and build their own mazes and then use analytic thinking, problem solving skills, and step-by-step programming to get Colby to his cheese. Intended for ages 5+.

This kit includes three packs, each containing one activity guide, 10 activity cards, one robot mouse, three tunnels, one cheese wedge, 22 maze walls, 30 coding cards, 16 grid pieces.

Sponsored by the Air Force STEM program and the Grand Forks Air Force Base, School Liaison Office

Reserve A Kit

WordPress Website Open Call

If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to discuss your library's WordPress website, join the State Library's next quarterly Teams call on Monday, June 23. Pop in anytime between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM by going to **https://bit.ly/WordPressCall**.

Book a time slot or contact BreAnne anytime at **ndslpa@nd.gov** or 701-328-4656.

Book A Time

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