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## TODAY'S SKILLS FOR TOMORROW'S LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

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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 the 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.

**When:** July 28, 29, and 30, 2025

**Where:** North Dakota State Capitol

**Agenda:** Coming soon!

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## Pages of the Prairie

By Bethany Rants



### North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind

Libraries can take on many forms, from the traditional public library to an academic library on a college or university campus to less traditional types of libraries. Some of these libraries support very specific needs, such as the North Dakota Vision Service/School for the Blind's library. Starting out as a residential school for those with vision impairments in 1908 and 25 residential students, this unique library is still quite traditional as well.

North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind (NDVS/SB) was originally located in Bathgate, North Dakota, but relocated to a more modern facility in Grand Forks in 1961. The residential school closed in the 1990s, with the former residential facility being converted to instructional rooms and offices in 1996. Currently they offer outreach services, a store that sells low-vision aids, and short-term programming. Short-term programming is where set ages come to the school for about a week at a time up to four times a year where teachers work on Expanded Core Curriculum. This is educational programming that teaches skills to students with visual impairments. There are also short-term programming weeks for adults as well, and outreach services where people of all ages are served at home, school, on the job, or in the community.

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## 20 Years of Llama Llama

Twenty years ago, Anna Dewdney introduced us to Baby and Mama Llama. Since then, young readers have accompanied Llama as he experiences various trials, tribulations, and triumphs in his Llama life. Even after the author's passing in 2016, Llama stories continue to find their way onto library shelves.

Since May 1, 2005, when [Llama Llama Red Pajama](#) hit the shelves, to the March 25, 2025, release of [Llama Llama Loves His Teacher](#), Anna has shared more than 60 endearing Llama stories. Her books have been translated into 11 languages across nine formats, with a total of 55 million in-print copies worldwide.



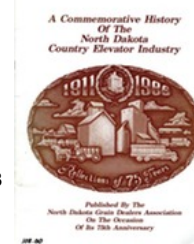
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## New Items Added to Digital Horizons

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

### [North Dakota Histories](#)

- 50 Years, 1936-1986: Farmers Union Oil Company, York, North Dakota
- A Commemorative History of the North Dakota Country Elevator Industry: 1911-1986, Reflections of 75 Years
- History of the McLean County Farmers Union, 1928-1978



### [Political Prairie Fire](#)

- Burying smelling committee, state sheriff, and absent voters laws [political cartoon, 1920]
- Gov. Frazier asks President Wilson to pardon Kate Richards O'Hare [political cartoon, 1920]
- League Frame-Up Brings Prison Term [newspaper article, 1918]
- Mug shot of A. W. McMasters, 1920
- Neighbors Shun State Senator John Weber [political cartoon, 1920]
- North Dakota's Smelling Committee [political cartoons, 1920]
- NPL convention program, 1916
- NPL meetings, Dec. 1915 - Jan. 1916
- Portrait of Charles O. Kell, circa 1920
- Portrait of E. J. Krueger, circa 1920
- Portrait of H. D. Allert, circa 1920
- Portrait of John R. Maddock, circa 1920
- Portrait of Reinhart J. Kamplin, circa 1920
- Portrait of Thomas Hennessey, circa 1920
- The Fighting Governor: The Story of William Langer and the State of North Dakota



[Digital Horizons](#)

## 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 [ndsipa@nd.gov](mailto:ndsipa@nd.gov) or 701-328-4656.

[Book A Time](#)

## Upcoming Niche Academy Webinars

### [Creating Learner-Centered Tutorials](#)

**Wednesday, June 11 (1:00 PM)**

Online tutorials are nearly ubiquitous in the library learning world – but are they effective for learners? How difficult are they to create? In this webinar, Hannah Gascho Rempel and Maribeth Slebodnik introduce the process of creating learner-centered tutorials in order to increase their impact and effectiveness. They will share how to streamline the design process while still producing an effective tutorial and emphasize accessibility as well as assessment in order to evaluate and reinforce learning.

### [More Money, More Programs: Getting More Funding for Your Library Through Grants, Fundraisers, and City Officials](#)

**Wednesday, June 18 (1:00 PM)**

In libraries of any size, every dollar counts, and you often have to stretch that dollar as far as you can, especially when it comes to programming. So how can you write a great grant proposal? What are some fundraising ideas that haven't been done a thousand times? And what is the secret to asking people for money? Join Chelsea Price to discuss all these things and more. She will delve into some common myths about asking for money, the importance of the library/city relationship, grant-writing tips, and some out-of-the-box fundraising ideas from her library and others.

### [Fortifying Your Library: Protecting Your Library and Staff Through Policy](#)

**Wednesday, July 9 (1:00 PM)**

Libraries are in need of updated policies now more than ever. Strong policy is one of the best ways to protect library staff, prevent issues, and keep unpreventable issues from escalating too far. Join Al Hayden for this webinar, which will offer practical advice including essential policies every library should have, tools to evaluate the strength of your policies, guidelines for revising your policies, suggestions for training staff on your updates, how to communicate policies to patrons. You'll leave with actionable ideas to strengthen, revise, and evaluate library policy manuals.

### [Meetings That Matter: Seven Steps to Running an Effective Meeting](#)

**Wednesday, July 23 (1:00 PM)**

The meeting started late and went over the scheduled time. Attendees were updated on events that had already occurred. Speakers talked too long and repeated themselves in unstructured presentations. Those on video tried to surreptitiously knock off some email while trying to appear fully present. No forward-facing decisions were made. If any of this sounds familiar, know that it does not have to be. Join best-selling Author, CEO, and Stanford faculty member David Dodson as he describes seven steps you can implement to create meetings that matter.

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