



## STAR/Wheelie Awards

Submitted by Monica Struck

Every year, the State Library presents the STAR Library and Wheelie awards to North Dakota libraries in recognition of the administrators and staff that provide exceptional service with the financial resources at their disposal. This honor is bestowed on those performing the best across a range of per-capita measures within a peer-group of libraries with similar operating expenditures.

The metrics that are considered for the STAR awards are total circulation per capita, central branch service hours per week, program attendance per capita, and combined computer and WiFi use per capita.

The metrics considered for the Wheelie award are total circulation per capita, bookmobile stops, and mileage.

The data for these awards is pulled from the PLS.

This year, we would like to congratulate the following libraries:

<b>Star: Total Operating Expenditures &lt;\$10,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lamoure Public &amp; School Library</li><li>Max Community Library</li><li>Wishek School &amp; Public Library</li></ul>	<b>Star: Total Operating Expenditures \$50,001–\$150,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bowman Regional Public Library</li><li>Carrington City Public Library</li><li>Tioga Community Library</li></ul>
<b>Star: Total Operating Expenditures \$10,001–\$25,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Iris Swedlund School &amp; Public Library</li><li>Maddock Community Library</li><li>McVile Community Library</li></ul>	<b>Star: Total Operating Expenditures \$150,001+</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fargo Public Library</li><li>Grand Forks Public Library</li><li>Hazen Public Library</li></ul>
<b>Star: Total Operating Expenditures \$25,001–\$50,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Garrison Public Library</li><li>Mohall Public Library</li><li>Washburn Public Library</li></ul>	<b>Wheelie Bookmobile Award:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ward County Public Library Bookmobile</li></ul>

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!

Register

## Beginning Again – Welcoming New Board Members

Submitted by Monica Struck

As we approach July 1, we enter board turnover season – the time of year when we say goodbye to some board members and welcome in new ones. As your board undergoes its annual transformation, here are some resources to help your returning trustees refresh their memories and your new trustees learn more about serving on the library board.



- Public Library Board of Trustees LibGuide
- NDSL Niche Academy
- NDSL Trustee Training Webinars
- North Dakota Library Law
- North Dakota Public Library Trustee Manual
- Standards for Public Libraries

Speaking of the Standards for Public Libraries, new trustee orientation is part of the Developing Standards (D16). If you have new board members, do not forget to avail yourself of the resources above. For more information on trustee orientation, check out this [blast from the past!](#)

If you have any questions about resources available for board training, please contact Monica Struck ([nds-lt@nd.gov](mailto:nds-lt@nd.gov); 701-328-4680).

# Children and Disabilities Booklist

Submitted by Kathy Cline

When life presents difficult situations, connecting with a relatable book can be helpful. If you are a parent or librarian looking for books featuring characters who experience disabilities, this article may be helpful. The format, age range, and disability information are taken from the book summaries or publisher descriptions. Please note that neither NDSL nor I endorse the titles listed.

## Picture Books

Title	Format	Age Range	Disability
<a href="#">Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah</a>	Biography	Ages: 5-9	Physical
<a href="#">The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin</a>	Biography	Ages: 6-9	Autism
<a href="#">When Charley Met Emma</a>	Fiction	Ages: 3-6	Physical
<a href="#">Cesaria Feels the Beat</a>	Fiction	Ages: 4-8	Hard of hearing
<a href="#">Song in a Rainstorm: The Story of Musical Prodigy Thomas "Blind Tom" Wiggins</a>	Biography	Ages: 4-8	Visually impaired
<a href="#">I Am a Masterpiece!</a>	Biography	Ages: 4-8	Down syndrome
<a href="#">Flap Your Hands</a>	Fiction	Ages: 4-7	Autism

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## The Next Big Library Read The Storyteller’s Death by Ann Dávila Cardinal July 17-31, 2025

The next Big Library Read starts on July 17 with the featured title is “The Storyteller’s Death” by Ann Dávila Cardinal. Use the Libby app to check out this e-book and audiobook with no holds or waitlists through July 31.



“The Storyteller’s Death” follows Isla Larsen Sanchez, a young woman who discovers she has inherited a unique gift passed down through generations of women in her family: the ability to see the past stories of her ancestors replay before her eyes. What begins as an enchanting connection to her lineage becomes more urgent and dangerous when Isla witnesses a decades-old murder and realizes the stories won’t stop until she solves it. Set against the vivid backdrop of Puerto Rico, this novel explores themes of family, heritage, grief, and the power of storytelling.

The novel was named one of BuzzFeed’s 20 Highly Anticipated Thrillers of 2022 and appeared on numerous best-of lists including BookRiot, Goodreads, and more. It was also the winner of the International Latino Book Award Gold Medal.

Big Library Read is an opportunity for those with a valid library card to read the same digital title at the same time without any wait lists or holds. Participating in this event allows your library to offer a new simultaneous use title for community-wide access from your library at no cost. It’s a worldwide digital version of a local book club, and an opportunity for your library to generate more interest in your digital collection beyond the bestsellers. Thousands of libraries have already enjoyed great success engaging thousands of new and current users with Big Library Read.

Learn More and Download the Marketing Kit

# Digital Delight

## Griffin twins boxing, Jamestown, N.D., 1930s

Two young children (Richard "Dick" Griffin and Leone "Sis" Griffin) are pictured wearing oversized boxing gloves, standing on grass next to a house. The boy on the left is wearing light-colored overalls over a long-sleeve shirt. The girl on the right has short hair and is wearing a white blouse with baggy striped pants. Both children are looking at each other with smiles, appearing to be engaged in a playful boxing match.



"The twins were always fighting, so their mother got them boxing gloves." -- note accompanying the photograph

Digital Horizons

# Library Tidbits

Beulah Public Library has new Tonie audiobooks available for check out

Tioga Community Library hosted Jeff Quinn for a magic show at the Tioga Movie Theater



## Tammy's Top Picks

By Tammy Kruger

### Camping for Kids



Summer brings all sorts of family-friendly fun. Roughin' it – camping – can be one such activity! This *Top Picks* focuses on kids' books about camping. If you have a topic for *Tammy's Top Picks*, email me at [tkruger@nd.gov](mailto:tkruger@nd.gov).

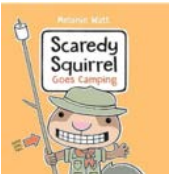
*Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping* by Melanie Watt

**Publish Date:** 2013

**Publisher:** Kids Can Press

**Summary:** Scaredy Squirrel would much rather stay inside than go camping. After all, camping is full of scary things, including the three bears, mosquitos, and zippers. As such, Scaredy Squirrel decides to watch television programming about camping instead. However, there is a small problem. The nearest electrical outlet, to plug the tv in, requires Scaredy Squirrel to go into the wildness! Whatever will he do?!

**Best For:** Preschool through Third Grade



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## Kit of the Week

### Giant Sorry

A game of both strategy and luck, where each player gets three giant pawns to move around the gameboard. Players need to spin a 1 or a 2 to get a pawn out of the starting area and must then challenge opponents. The first player to get all three pawns to home base wins. Can be played indoors or outdoors.



[Reserve This Kit](#)

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