

Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

Where has summer gone? September brings another batch of great continuing education opportunities for North Dakotan librarians. Staff from the North Dakota State Library are hosting several great webinars to get your fall started on the right foot.

[Empowering School Librarians with State Library Resources!](#)

September 8 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

[Ignite a Love of Reading Beyond Your Library Walls](#)

September 10 (3:30 PM – 4:15 PM)

[How to Order Materials through Interlibrary Loan Using Our ILL Form](#)

September 11 (3:00 PM – 3:45 PM)

WordPress Open Call

September 22 (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

No registration. Go to <https://bit.ly/WordPressCall> during that time.

[School Library Collaboration](#)

September 23 (3:15 PM – 3:45 PM)

[Introduction to Call Numbers](#)

September 25 (3:15 PM – 4:00 PM)

To check out all the great webinar opportunities available this month, go to <https://www.library.nd.gov/traininglibraries>. You can also find out about webinars and events from the Events Calendar at <https://www.library.nd.gov/events-calendar>.

[Find Out More](#)

International Dot Day

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

International Dot Day, observed on September 15, celebrates the publication of Peter H. Reynolds's *The Dot*. In *The Dot*, Vashti thinks she is not an artist because she cannot draw. Her art teacher tells her to make a single dot and sign it. From there, Vashti finds out that everyone can be artistic, as well as make others feel better about themselves. This story is a sweet (and short) tale into leaving our own mark on the world and others.



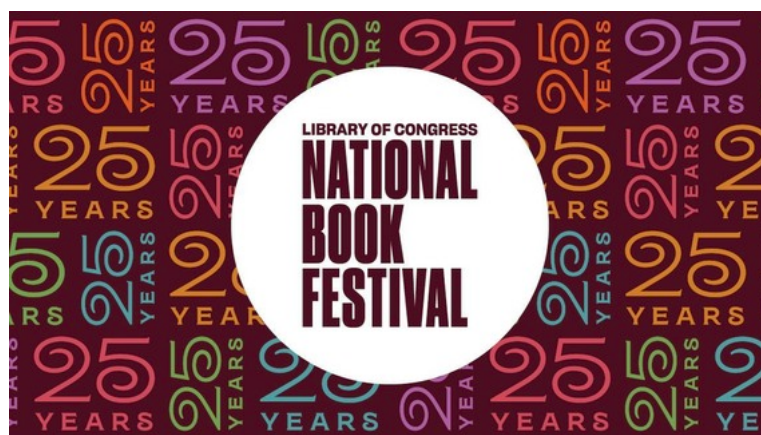
Celebrate with Us!

This year, North Dakota State Library would love to celebrate people leaving their own marks by filling social media with dots from across the state!

How to Get Involved:

- From September 15 through the 19, read *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds.
- Encourage patrons (and/or staff) to create their own dots. (Even if you are not a library that serves birth-elementary school patrons, we would still love to see dots from you!)
- Take pictures of these creations and send them to BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.
- Share pictures of the creations across your own library's social media.

[For Free Resources And To Register](#)



Igniting Language Learning with Mango

Submitted by Bethany Rants

Did you know your library card gives you free access to Mango Languages? Mango is an easy-to-use online platform that helps you learn over 70 different languages—including languages like Russian, Arabic, Pirate, Cherokee, German, and Potawatomi.

Whether you're brushing up on Shakespearean English, preparing for a trip to Mexico or Spain, or even learning English as a second language, Mango offers lessons that are fun, interactive, and self-paced. Lessons are designed to be engaging and get users speaking from the beginning and adapts to how you learn, making every user's experience unique to them.

Why try Mango?

- Cultural notes apply context to lessons, creating a deeper understanding
- Differentiating between literal meanings and understood meanings gives users more understanding of idioms, figures of speech, and non-translatable concepts that are unique to each language
- Voice recording and comparison gives feedback on pronunciation to build more confident speakers
- Designed to introduce words and phrases at intervals while continuing to build on previously introduced concepts

This September, as we celebrate **National Literacy Month**, it's a great time to expand your learning. Literacy isn't just about reading—it's about strengthening communication, building bridges, and honoring heritage. Mango is one more way our library helps you do just that.

How to Get Started:

1. Visit <https://www.connect.mangolanguages.com/nds/>
2. Log in with your library card number.
3. Choose the language you'd like to learn and begin your journey!

Come explore Mango today and see where language can take you.

New Library Science Books at NDSL

Submitted by Kathy Cline

The State Library's Vision Statement, "*Providing pathways to knowledge and opportunities*," along with its Mission Statement of "*Strengthen · Connect · Ignite*," are reasons the State Library purchases library science materials. Librarians of all types will find the books we purchase to be pathways for gaining knowledge, igniting new thoughts and ideas, and strengthening connections with their patrons.

I encourage you to look through the following titles NDSL purchased from January to June 2025. I apologize for the length of this first book list as it includes purchases over a six-month period.

To keep this article from getting too long, please click on the first link to learn more about the title and the second link to request the book. I've included personal comments on titles I have used or had time to skim through.

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Library Tidbits

[Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library](#) is hosting a Silent Reading Party where participants can take a night to unplug, unwind, and read under the open sky on August 28 and September 16 (6:00 PM - 7:30 PM).

Construction on the [Dickinson Area Public Library's](#) \$3.1 million expansion will begin this fall.

[Grand Forks Public Library](#) is hosting a Local Author Fair on September 13 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This event will be packed with Red River Valley talent, brand-new reads, and plenty of story magic.

[Heart of America Library](#) will be hosting a presentation on human trafficking by the 31:8 Project on Thursday, September 11.

[Mayville Public Library](#) received a \$2,000 donation from the Karlstad Family.

[Minot Public Library](#) has a mascot - [Blaze the Dragon](#) - voted on by the community. [Summer reading participants](#) logged 42,288 days of reading, which equals more than 115 years. More than 1,400 people signed up for the program with 894 completing it. They are also restarting their [Chess Club](#), which will meet the first and third Tuesday of every month.

[The North Dakota Book and Arts Festival](#), an annual celebration of books, writers, and creativity that brings together authors, readers, and artists from across the state and region, will be taking place on Saturday, September 20, at the Reiland Fine Arts Center on the University of Jamestown campus from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public.

Fall 2025 Graphic Novel Preview: Young Adult

Submitted by Kathy Cline

This list of upcoming graphic novel titles is for informational use only. Neither the State Library nor I recommend any titles. Early reader and middle grade title lists will appear in future Flickertale issues.

Below are the top ten young adult comic titles from *Publishers Weekly*. Click on the source link for a complete list of upcoming books. *Amazon* links provide reviews from paid subscriptions such as *Booklist*, *School Library Journal*, *The Horn Book*, etc.

[Angelica and the Bear Prince](#) by [Trung Le Nguyen](#), received a starred review from *Kirkus*. The title is described as "Tender, sweetly romantic, and enchanting; an encouraging coming-of-age story" (*Kirkus*, 2025). This book, for ages 12-18, will be released on October 7, 2025. Other reviews: [Goodreads](#) and [NetGalley](#).

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The field of artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly evolving, and it can be challenging to stay on top of the recent developments. To help with this, here is a highlight of some of the more interesting updates from the last several days.

- [‘AI slop’ videos may be annoying, but they’re racking up views — and ad money](#) – NPR
- [Anthropic settles AI book piracy lawsuit](#) – The Verge
- [Controversial AI data center company holds heated meeting in small-town Harwood](#) – Inforum
- [Microsoft starts testing AI model that could escalate competition with OpenAI](#) – CNBC
- [New study sheds light on what kinds of workers are losing jobs to AI](#) – CBS News
- [Perplexity Will Share Revenue From AI Searches With Publishers](#) – CNET
- [The 100 Most Influential People in AI 2025](#) – Time

Empowering Teens: Enhancing Information Literacy through Games and Interactive Programming

Submitted by AI Peterson

You can help your teen patrons to become better navigators of the information that they find online. Come learn about how you can offer fun and engaging experiences that bring teens to the library and build their information literacy skills. Researchers at the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public will walk you through programs developed with public libraries, including an escape room game and youth video program.

This one-hour webinar, originally presented on February 6, 2025, will help you discover activities adapted from school libraries that help teens reflect on their interaction with social media and give them the tools to verify questionable posts.

To access this course, please go to <https://learn.webjunction.org/enrol/index.php?id=800>. You'll need to either sign in with your WebJunction login or create a free account to access this course.

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This kit includes 1 bag with 400 planks and four books - "Move It!" by Adrienne Mason and Claudia Davila; "Oscar and the Cricket" by Geoff Waring; "Dreaming Up" by Christy Hale; and "Rosie Revere, Engineer" by Andrea Beaty.



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