
College SAVE Reading Champions

Bank of North Dakota

The North Dakota State Library partnered with Bank of North Dakota to bring the College SAVE Summer Reading Champions Campaign to participants of the 2025 Collaborative Summer Library Program, "Color Our World."

Every student completing their library's goal for "Color Our World" received a redeemable certificate for a \$10 contribution to an existing College SAVE account or a \$25 contribution to a new College SAVE account. Over 425 children have taken advantage of the contribution, and families have until December 31, 2025, to redeem the certificate. In addition, there were 10 recipients selected from random drawings who were awarded \$529 College SAVE contributions.

"Summer reading with a touch of financial literacy? Sounds like a winning combination! The North Dakota State Library's partnership with the Bank of North Dakota not only encourages children to take part in the Summer Reading programs offered by their local libraries, but also aids these learners by contributing to their College SAVE (529) accounts," states Tammy Kruger, Literacy Specialist at the ND State Library. "Everyone who takes part in Summer Reading is a winner in multiple ways!"

More than 4,379 youth from across the state participated in this year's summer reading campaign. The \$529 scholarship recipients are:

- Henry DeCock, Fargo Public Library
- Savannah Wohlers, Fargo Public Library
- Issac Hutchison, Grand Forks Public Library
- Scarlet Schwantes, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library
- Asher Lemer, Minot Public Library
- Clifton Vert, Max Public Library
- Edward Kroll, Griggs County Library
- Coraline Mitchell, Williston Community Library
- Jayce Vallier, Williston Community Library
- Averie Black, Dickinson Area Public Library

"Bank of North Dakota congratulates all of the young people who participated in their local library's summer reading programs," states Don Morgan, Bank of North Dakota president. "Reading is an important component of academic success and a well-prepared workforce."

The College SAVE Plan is a 529 plan established by the State of North Dakota. Bank of North Dakota acts as trustee of the College SAVE Trust and is responsible for administering the Plan. To learn more about College SAVE, visit collegesave4u.com.

[Learn More](#)

Austen Palooza!

Jane Austen's would-have-been 250th birthday falls on December 16, 2025. To celebrate, North Dakota State Library is hosting an Austen Palooza from November 17th through December 16th! All North Dakota residents are encouraged to take part.



Virtual events include trivia night, a presentation about Jane Austen, a competition between favorite Austen books/movies, sip and chat (bring your own drink of choice and discuss Jane Austen books), and social media posts about Jane and life during the Regency Era. Jane Austen is such a potent member of the literary world, and we are excited to celebrate her! A schedule of events will be released soon.



New Library Science Books at NDSL: July–September 2025

Read Today, Lead Tomorrow

Submitted by Kathy Cline

The State Library has added several new professional development resources for librarians. As the evenings get shorter and cooler, wrap yourself up in a book that enhances and supports your career!

Here's a look at the newest additions to our shelves this quarter.

Each first link provides publisher information and a summary.

- [*Playing Games in the School Library: Developing Game-Based Lessons and Using Gamification Concepts*](#)

Games in schools are often used as rewards, but this title shows how they can become part of the learning process. Library lessons can motivate and engage students—and even boost the self-confidence of reluctant readers. The book dedicates five chapters to different types of games, including slide-based, digital, physical, and more. [Request or Place a Hold](#)

- [*Growing Teen Engagement: Strategies to Captivate Secondary Learners*](#)

This book guides school librarians in creating learner-centered libraries for secondary students—spaces that are engaging, challenging, and developmentally appropriate. Teens feel seen, heard, and inspired through social experiences. Seven chapters cover topics such as creative expression, positive social interaction, and self-definition (including preparation for college). Each chapter includes a Collaborative Lesson, Passive Program, Active Program, and Community Outreach example. [Request or Place a Hold](#)



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Concordia's Scholars

The Concordia College's Institutional Repository ("Concordia's Scholars: Showcase of Undergraduate Research") gathers, preserves, and disseminates exemplary research of Concordia College students, providing an elite outlet for students to strive for academic excellence and publication. Faculty and alumni nominate exceptional scholarship that is presented each spring at Concordia College's Celebration of Student Scholarship. This digital collection is provided by Concordia College and is available on [Digital Horizons](#).



[Digital Horizons](#)

Libby Reads: Global Digital Book Club

"The Village Beyond the Mist" by Sachiko Kashiwaba

From November 18 to December 2, library card holders can enjoy "The Village Beyond the Mist" by Sachiko Kashiwaba as an e-book or audiobook with no waitlists or holds through Libby.

Kashiwaba's classic novel invites readers into a mysterious mountain village where folklore, magic, and community intertwine. It's a story of resilience, wonder, and the bonds that bring people together, perfect for sparking meaningful conversations across communities. "The Village Beyond the Mist" was published in English for the first time in 2025, 50 years after it was originally published in Japan. This whimsical novel also served as the inspiration for the award-winning film "Spirited Away."



Libby Reads includes a reading guide to help readers explore the book's themes, coloring pages, and a writing workshop from the author. Resources can be downloaded at <https://pages.libbylife.com/LibbySoraReads>. The global digital book club is available through more than 22,000 libraries worldwide. Formerly known as Big Library Read, Libby Reads continues the same beloved program that has connected millions of readers worldwide for more than a decade.

Readers can access "The Village Beyond the Mist" on all major devices through Libby or insert library's OverDrive website link, including iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets. U.S. readers can also utilize the "send to Kindle®" feature to read the title on their Kindle ereader. The title will automatically expire at the end of the lending period, with no late fees.

Resources

Library Tidbits

[Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library](#), in partnership with Bismarck Burleigh Public Health, is hosting a Winter Walk & Talk at 1:30 PM on the first & third Tuesdays from November to March. Participants will walk around the library block and share what they are reading, watching, and listening to.

[Cassellton Public Library](#) is holding a Lefse Fundraiser. Proceeds will be used for non-budgeted expenses at the library.

[Dickinson Area Public Library](#) is hosting a Halloween Costume Closet.

[Fargo Public Library](#) hosted its annual Northern Narratives and Northern Focus Celebration at Fargo City Hall on October 14. This event featured local writers and photographers, Northern Focus photo gallery, a Q&A with this year's winning photographer, and readings from the Northern Narratives 2025.

[Tioga Community Library](#) has created a new youth section in the library.

[West Fargo Public Library](#) replaced the carpeting at the Main Library.

The [Williston Community Library](#) is creating a cookbook full of recipes from Williams County.

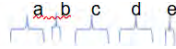


BITS OF TRIVIA

By Stacey Goldade

What is an ISBN?

ISBN stands for International Standard Book Number and is a 13-digit number (old ones assigned prior to 2007 are 10 digits) that uniquely identifies a book.



An example is 978-0-7864-3852-5.

Different parts of the number indicate different things, such as a country identifier, publisher identifier and title identifier. Part "a" is the prefix. Part "b" is the country identifier. Part "c" is the publisher identifier. Part "d" is the title identifier and part "e" is the check digit which validates the number. These numbers are placed on the copyright page of the book and sometimes on the back cover as well. They are also included in the bibliographic records in online catalogs and are indexed/searchable. There are 160 agencies worldwide that assign ISBNs to new books, which takes about 5 days. Since ISBNs are unique, a paperback will have a different one from the hardcover for the same title. A revised edition will have a different one from the first edition and once assigned, an ISBN can never be reused. Publishers can buy ISBNs in bulk (in blocks of 10, 100 and 1000) and then assign ISBNs to publications that it holds publication rights to. Libraries rely on the ISBN a lot to identify specific books.



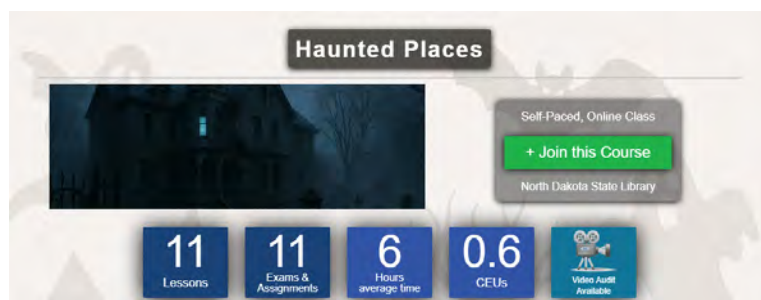
Kit of the Week

"The Good Girl" by Mary Kubica

One night, Mia enters a bar to meet her on-again, off-again boyfriend. But when he doesn't show, she unwisely leaves with an enigmatic stranger. Colin's job was to abduct Mia as part of a wild extortion plot and deliver her to his employers. But the plan takes an unexpected turn when Colin suddenly decides to hide Mia in a secluded cabin in rural Minnesota, evading the police and his deadly superiors. Mia's mother, Eve, and detective Gabe Hoffman will stop at nothing to find them.



[Reserve This Kit](#)



Haunted Places

Submitted by AI Peterson

For the month of October, let's take a journey into the world of hauntings with Universal Class. Have you ever asked yourself, do unseen forces govern our reality? Is the space beyond what we perceive teeming with spirits, waiting for a moment of interaction? Such questions have long captivated the human imagination, spurring timeless tales, cinematic masterpieces, and evocative folklore. While science has yet to verify the existence of the spirit realm, the allure of the paranormal remains undiminished. Could it be possible, then, that our intuitive feelings of otherworldly presences have a foundation in truth? *Haunted Places* is an eleven-course study that serves as both a thrilling journey and a rigorous investigation about 15 locations globally, each shrouded in tales of hauntings. Whether you're a skeptic or a believer, this curriculum is designed to offer an in-depth understanding of diverse supernatural occurrences, serving as an intriguing foundation for further exploration. If you have patrons who are interested in the supernatural and hauntings, I'm sure they will find this course spooktacular.

As always, Universal Class courses are self-paced and taken at your convenience on your own time. To sign up for this course and other great Universal Class courses, go to <https://northdakotastatend.universalclass.com/> - this course can be found in the *Spiritual Studies* category. Universal Class has other courses in the study of the paranormal as well. You can even add a link or a QR Code to this course to your Halloween displays and promote Universal Class to your patrons.

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