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Focus on Libraries: A Discussion with the North Dakota State Library

The North Dakota State Library is inviting the North Dakota library community to provide feedback on our services and programs to help us determine which are prioritized by the library community. This information will be important if we don't receive federal funding. The information will also be used even if we receive full federal funding to assure that we are best meeting the information and lifelong learning needs of the library community and North Dakota citizens.

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[Wednesday, November 19 \(10:00 AM - 11:30 AM\)](#)

[Thursday, November 20 \(6:00 PM - 7:30 PM\)](#)

[Tuesday, November 25 \(1:00 PM - 2:30 PM\)](#)

[Wednesday, December 3 \(10:00 AM - 11:30 AM\)](#)

[Thursday, December 4 \(6:00 PM - 7:30 PM\)](#)

[Monday, December 15 \(1:00 PM - 2:30 PM\)](#)

[View Upcoming Events](#)

Austen Palooza

Jane Austen, Regency novelist extraordinaire, turns 250 on December 16, 2025. Why exactly are we excited about this? Is it because her most well-known work, *Pride & Prejudice*, has never been out of print? Is it because her biting wit and social commentary still resonates with modern audiences? Are State Library employees just hard-core book nerds who get excited about random things? Perhaps all of the above? Regardless of the reason, Jane Austen's birthday is coming up, and we are going to celebrate!

Please join us for events in the month leading up to Jane Austen's birthday.

Wednesday, November 19 (2:00 PM)

["From Page to Prestige: Why Jane Austen Still Matters"- Monica Struck](#)

Join this session to learn more about Jane Austen's life, works, and most importantly, why we are still celebrating her over 200 years after her death.

Monday, December 1 (12:00 PM)

"Spill the Tea: Jane Austen Discussion"

Bring your lunch and your favorite hot beverage and join us in talking about all things Austen.

Monday, December 1 (7:00 PM)

"Refusing Mr. Collins: Courtship and Conduct in *Pride and Prejudice*" - Sarah Faulkner

Join our guest speaker, Sarah Faulkner, to learn more about one of the more memorable proposals in *Pride & Prejudice*.

Thursday, December 11

Be sure to read the Flickertale for some Austen inspired reads found by Tammy Kruger!

Tuesday, December 16 (7:00 PM)

Online trivia

Celebrate Jane Austen's birthday with us with some trivia! Pre-existing knowledge of Jane Austen is not required. Come to learn and have fun!

The fun doesn't need to end with our live events. Throughout the month preceding December 16, keep an eye out for Jane Austen related posts on the State Library social media accounts. You can participate in the State Library's Jane Austen reading challenge on Beanstack. And things just wouldn't be complete without a poll on your favorite Jane Austen books/movies. We hope that you will join in some (or all!) of our Austen Palooza shenanigans.

More information to come!

Book Club Kits

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

Do you currently host a book club? If not, are you interested in starting one? There are a variety of title options available through the North Dakota State Library! And now they are easier to browse through in our new NDSL [Book Club Kit LibGuide](#). To find the kits, first select the LibGuides button on the upper right-hand corner of NDSL's homepage (<https://www.library.nd.gov/>). Then, click "OK" about entering a new website. Last, select NDSL Kits on the LibGuides page. The STEM Kits can also be found under the NDSL Kits category.



A Little About the Book Club Kit LibGuide

1. The Overview breaks down books into categories: Adults, Children and Teens, as well as a variety of genres.
2. All titles can also be found on the left-hand side.
3. Each entry gives a summary of the book, target audience, genre(s), reviews, a Reserve Today! option (which links to Polaris), FAQ about the kits, what the kit contains, and a copy of the discussion questions. Some Book Club LibGuide pages also contain an interview with the author or about an event related to the book, or a book trailer.

How the Book Club Kits Work

Checkout of Book Club Kits operates the same way as STEM Kits. Each are requested through Polaris and then checked out for up to eight weeks. North Dakota State Library pays for them to be shipped to the user; the user pays for the kits to be shipped back. Kits can also be picked up and dropped off at NDSL Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. (Please let NDSL staff know if you plan to pick up your kit. Patron Services' phone number is 701-328-4622.) Anyone with a North Dakota library card may check out book club kits.



Each book club kit includes ten copies of the book, a discussion guide, and a sign in sheet.

Keep Coming Back to See New Offerings

NDSL currently has 15 middle and high school titles just waiting to show up and be processed! They will be on the LibGuide as they become available.

Happy reading!



The Native American Voices Published in 2025

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the November *Shelf Additions* provides a sample of 2025 YA, middle grade, and picture books authored by Native Americans.

Young Adult

1. [The Others](#) (Paranormal & Supernatural)
2. [Legendary Fry Bread Drive-In](#) (Fiction Anthology)
3. [Banned Together](#) (Nonfiction Anthology)
4. [All the Love Under the Vast Sky](#) (Romance & Novels in Verse)
5. [Girl Warrior](#) (Biography)
6. [The Whistler](#) (Horror & Mystery)
7. [To the Stars and Back](#) (General Fiction)
8. [We Can Never Leave](#) (Paranormal, Supernatural, & Fantasy)
9. [Sisters in the Wind](#) (Mystery Thriller)
10. [A Steady Brightness of Being](#) ("An Instant National Bestseller" Amazon)
11. [Nothing More of This Land](#) (Biography)
12. [The Door on the Sea](#) (Book 1 in The Raven and Eagle Series)
13. [All the Little Monsters: How I Learned to Live with Anxiety](#) (Biography)
14. [Beast](#) (Heritage & Horror)



[Continue Reading](#)

Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

November brings honor to our veterans, grace and fellowship during Thanksgiving, colder weather, longer nights, and a slew of learning opportunities for your own continuing education. The staff at the North Dakota State Library is offering several great webinars. We encourage you to sign up and watch them live or watch the recordings we put in Niche Academy.

[Public Library Director Hangout](#)

Wednesday, November 12 (1:00 PM – 1:30 PM)

[Libraries' Role in Broadband in North Dakota](#)

Tuesday, November 18 (3:00 PM -3:45 PM)

[School Library Collaboration](#)

Thursday, November 20 (4:15 PM – 5:00 PM)

[School Library Collaboration](#)

Tuesday, November 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>. If you missed an opportunity to attend one of our webinars, the recordings of our webinars are available on Niche Academy at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary>.

Upcoming Webinar Opportunities

Holiday Bulletin Board and Display Ideas

Submitted by Kathy Cline

Looking for display or bulletin board ideas for the upcoming holiday season? Check out the following ideas and set your creativity spirit free! Scroll through for ideas in links listed as "Pinterest".

Fall/Thanksgiving

1. [30 Creative Fall Bulletin Board Ideas](#)
2. [Thankful Library Bulletin Board](#)
3. [Fall – School Library Displays](#)
4. [Thanksgiving Bulletin Board Ideas](#)
5. [Thanksgiving Library Displays](#) (Pinterest)
6. [Thanksgiving Bulletin Boards](#) (Pinterest)
7. [Thanksgiving Bulletin Board](#) (Pinterest)
8. [Discover 24 Fall / Thanksgiving Library Ideas](#) (Pinterest)



Christmas/Winter

1. [Crafty and Bookish Holiday Displays](#)
2. [18 Holiday Bulletin Board Ideas That Will Make Your Classroom Cozy](#)
3. [Winter Bulletin Board Ideas](#)
4. [25 Fun Christmas Bulletin Board Ideas](#)
5. [Interactive Displays](#)
6. [School Library Displays](#)
7. [47 Free Christmas Bulletin Board Ideas & Classroom Decorations](#)
8. [Easy Christmas Bulletin Board](#)
9. [140 Library - Christmas/Winter Ideas and School Library Display Ideas](#) (Pinterest)
10. [Library Holiday](#) (Pinterest)
11. [Christmas Library Bulletin Boards](#) (Pinterest)



New Year

1. [20 Bulletin Boards to Ring in the New Year](#)
2. [33 New Year and Library Book Display Ideas](#) (Pinterest)
3. [New Year Library Display](#) (Pinterest)
4. [New Year Bulletin Board Ideas](#) (Pinterest)



In Other News

[United for Libraries and Penguin Random House](#) will award grants of \$500 and \$1,000 to support libraries by assisting Friends of Library groups with priority projects.

Contemplations

By Kathy Cline

“Hour of Code” Becomes “Hour of AI”

If you have previously participated in the Hour of Code, this article is to inform you that the initiative has now transitioned into the Hour of AI. If you are not familiar with the Hour of Code, read on to learn about this newest initiative.

After over a decade of success, Code.org has transformed the Hour of Code movement into the Hour of AI. This global initiative assists teachers and students to understand and create with AI for positive purposes. The event takes place annually during Computer Science Education Week, which in 2025 will be celebrated from December 8–14.

Highlights of the Hour of AI initiative include:

- Empowers students to move from being AI users to AI creators
- Builds essential skills that will shape their future
- Encourages adults and students to learn side by side
- Provides easy, hands-on, ready-to-use activities that simplify AI and how it works
- Requires no prior AI knowledge
- Activities are globally accessible
- Explores AI through games and apps learners are familiar with

Use the links below to access more information, resources, activities, and planning guides for your Hour of AI event, and Computer Science Education Week activities.

- [Hour of AI](#)
 - [About](#)
 - [Activities](#)
 - [Resources](#)
 - [How-to host a K-12 event](#)
 - [FAQs](#)
- [Computer Science Education Week](#)
- [Computer Science Education Week 2025: Fun Free Activities](#) (December 2024 information)
- [ND Hour of Code | Edutech](#)
- [5 Fast and Fun Hour of Code Resources](#) (December 2024 information)
- [Free Hour of Code Activities Ages 8-18](#) (CodeWizardHQ)
 - Free hour of code activities in Scratch, HTML/CSS & JavaScript, and Python

Library Tidbits

[Fargo Public Library](#) announced adjustments to library services that will take effect on January 1, 2026.

[The James Carlson branch of the Fargo Public Library](#) hosted Comet the mini horse. Kids had the opportunity to read to Comet, pet him, feed him treats, and create horse-themed crafts.

[James River Valley Library System](#) is hosting Thad's Amazing Magic on November 8 at The Lodge.

[Minot Public Library](#) hosted a haunted house for Halloween

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