



ILL Bridge RFP Recruitment Now Open

It is with great pleasure that the State Libraries of North and South Dakota along with the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) would like to announce the pursuit of a **two-state regional interlibrary loan system**.

We invite you to apply to be a member of the interlibrary loan RFP (Request for Proposals) Committee at <https://bit.ly/RFPComNom>.

This committee will be charged with determining what will be needed in an interlibrary loan system to meet the needs of the libraries in both states, complete and submit a request for proposals to vendors, read and rank vendor proposals, and select a vendor that meets our needs. Volunteers should have a background in interlibrary loan and interlibrary loan systems, understand the needs of both patrons and librarians, and are willing to commit time to this effort. If you meet these qualities, please apply.

For questions, please reach out to:

- George Seamon, South Dakota State Librarian (George.Seamon@state.sd.us)
- Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian (msoucie@nd.gov)
- Jason Bedsaul, Director of ODIN (Jason.bedsaul@ndus.edu)

Apply Today

New Digital Horizons Postcards

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

Is your library in need of promotional material for Digital Horizons? Well, you are in luck. New postcards are now available!

The postcards feature images from the North Dakota State Library's various digital collections. The back includes the image's information, space to write a message for mailing the postcard, and a QR code that will take you to the image online. This new batch also includes images that have never been featured before.



Digital Horizons is an online resource for thousands of images, documents, video, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today. The State Library is a member of the Digital Horizons consortium.

If you would like postcards to promote Digital Horizons to your patrons and/or students, please fill out the form found at <https://bit.ly/ndsipaform>.

Request Promotional Materials

Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

North Dakota School for the Blind

The newest collection on Digital Horizons is "North Dakota School for the Blind." The collection is a partnership between the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind. The collection contains biennial reports, images, documents, and books relating to the school, since its inception in the early 1900s to the present. The collection is available on [Digital Horizons](#).



View The Collection



Upcoming Austen Palooza Events

Spill the Tea: Jane Austen Discussion

Monday, December 1 (12:00 PM)

Grab your lunch, grab a cup of coffee, or go all out and fancy with a traditional English teatime and join Monica Struck and Tammy Kruger, from the North Dakota State Library as they talk all things about Jane Austen. Come discuss your favorite Jane Austen books, your favorite characters, or even your favorite movie/TV adaptation. To join the discussion, use this link on December 1: <https://bit.ly/NDSLSpillTheTea>

Refusing Mr. Collins: Courtship and Conduct in Pride and Prejudice

Monday, December 1 (7:00 PM)

Sarah Faulker received her PhD in English from the University of Washington, where her research focused on British women's writing of the eighteenth- and nineteenth-centuries. She now teaches high school in Seattle, WA, as well as teaches online classes for Humanities North Dakota (soon to be The Study). Register at <https://bit.ly/NDSLRefusingMrCollins>

Jane Austen Trivia

Tuesday, December 16 (7:00 PM)

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! Register at <https://bit.ly/NDSLOnlineTrivia>

[Learn More](#)

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 we are best meeting the information and lifelong learning needs of the library community and North Dakota citizens.

Upcoming Dates:

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)

[Register Today](#)



Boxcar Children Yoto Kit

Yoto Players put kids in control of an inspiring world of audio. Packed with features for day and night, it's so much more than a storyteller. No microphone, no camera, no ads.

This kit includes a Yoto speaker, four audio cards, and four books by Gertrude Chandler Warner: The Boxcar Children; Surprise Island; The Yellow House Mystery; and Mystery Ranch.

Ages 7+

Learn more about the Yoto Player in our Library Kits Unboxed video series at <https://bit.ly/NDSLKitsUnboxed>.



[Learn More and Reserve This Kit](#)

Let NoveList Do the Browsing for You: Curated Lists

Submitted by Bethany Rants

Ever reached the end of your supposedly “never-ending” TBR pile – or at least reached the point where nothing on it feels quite right? Maybe you’re having one of those days when you want to stumble across a fresh read without the chorus of opinions from social media, podcasts, or well-meaning friends.



Sometimes you just want a book that feels *familiar enough* to trust but new enough to be exciting. And if you don't happen to have an hour to wander the library shelves, NoveList's new Curated Lists might be exactly what you need.

What Are Curated Lists?

Released this September, Curated Lists were created in response to requests from readers who wanted quick, smart, librarian-approved suggestions. The goal is simple: make your reading life easier and your book discoveries richer.

According to NoveList's announcement, these lists are designed to inspire readers, support reader's advisory, and provide ready-made ideas for displays when time is short. Because they're compiled by professional librarians and subject experts, you can count on the selections to be thoughtful and trustworthy.

[Continue Reading](#)

A banner for the 'Basic English Speaking Skills' course. It features a woman speaking into a microphone. Below her are four blue boxes with white text: '16 Lessons', '65 Exams & Assignments', '7 Hours average time', and '0.7 CEUs'. To the right of the woman is a green button that says '+ Join this Course' and the text 'Self-Paced, Online Class' and 'North Dakota State Library'.

English as a Second Language

Do you have patrons who are learning English as a second language? Are their people in your community working with immigrants trying to help with their English? Universal Class offers several courses geared towards English as a Second Language (ESL).

"Basic English-Speaking Skills" is a meticulously crafted course that provides a 360-degree learning experience. Blending vocabulary with core language structures, this course stands out, offering rich visuals, cutting-edge external resources, and immersive multimedia, ensuring a multi-sensory grasp of the English language. This 16-lesson course enhances your English-speaking skills, elevating you from the fundamentals to fluency.

The English language, while beautiful and vast, can be a complex maze for many. Whether you're someone who's embracing English as an additional language or a native speaker aiming to refine your writing skills, a robust understanding of grammar is pivotal. Grammar forms the backbone of any language, dictating how we organize our thoughts, convey our emotions, and articulate our ideas. *ESL English Basic Writing Skills* explores the foundational aspects of English grammar. You'll navigate the intricacies of sentence structure, the nuances of writing basics, and the core components of English—nouns, verbs, prepositions, adjectives, and adverbs. There's also a four level *ESL English Grammar Skills* course that delves deeper into learning the fundamentals of the English language.

There is even a 20-lesson course for people who are interested in teaching English as a second language. *Teaching Grammar to ESL Students* offers a deep dive into the methodologies, strategies, and pedagogical secrets that form the foundation of effective ESL instruction. Equip yourself with the tools, insights, and confidence that will not only enrich your teaching journey but also light the path of linguistic discovery for your students.

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, click on <https://northdakotastatend.universalclass.com/> to get started. These courses can be found in the *Language Arts* category under the *ESL* tabs.

[Universal Class](#)

New Book Club Kits



"The Liars Society" by Alyson Gerber; "Fresh Start" by Gale Galligan; "The Do-Over" by Lynn Painter; "Rez Ball" by Byron Graves; "The Knowledge Seeker" by Rae Knightly



"Smaller Sister" by Maggie Edkins Willis; "Dungeons and Drama" by Kristy Boyce; "Blended" by Sharon M. Draper; "Frizzy" by Claribel A. Ortega; "Strong Like You" by T.L. Simpson



North Dakota Titles at the State Library

Not counting the State Document Collection, how many titles about North Dakota does the State Library have?

We have over 12,000 titles that have content about North Dakota or are written by North Dakota authors. The titles include books about Native American tribes in our state, county history books, general books about our state, cookbooks with recipes of local favorites, and more. Here's a taste of some of the titles we own.

- *Jamestown: a short history of the early days in Jamestown, North Dakota* by Tom Stine
- *Boys and girls, and other poems* by James Foley (ND poet laureate)
- *July, August and winter: a cartoon look at North Dakota* compiled by Bill Hinchey
- *Cemeteries of Cass County, North Dakota* compiled by the Fargo Genealogy Society
- *Food 'n folklore* by ND Historical Society of Germans from Russia
- *The Cable years: University of North Dakota pottery* by Margaret Libby Barr
- *A Dakota boy at war* by William Russell Gietzen
- *A short history of Munich, western Cavalier County, North Dakota* by Usher L. Burdick
- *Warriors in khaki: Native American doughboys from North Dakota* by Michael Knudson
- *Rocket girl: the story of Mary Sherman Morgan, America's first female rocket scientist* by George D. Morgan
- *The legacy of Sitting Bull (Tatanka Iyotake): wet plate session revisited, Ernie LaPointe, September 6th, 2014* by Shane B. Balkowitsch
- *North Dakota beer: a heady history* by Alicia Underlee Nelson
- *Gutes essen : good eating in German-Russian country* by the Tri-County Tourism Alliance
- *The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich



[Browse NDSL's Collection](#)



December 16th is Jane Austen's 250th birthday! As part of NDSL's Austen Palooza, celebrate Jane's work by reading for 250 minutes of any books of your choice.

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