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STATE LIBRARY OUT AND ABOUT

North Dakota State Library staff will be at two conferences this month to promote library services and hand out free bags and other swag to attendees. If you are attending the Fall Educators Conference on October 9-11 or the Main Street Summit on October 30, be sure to stop by and say hi! We'll be happy to answer any library questions you may have and tell you about the services we provide.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TALKING BOOK

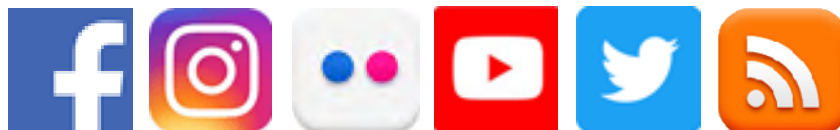
Have you ever wondered what happens at the Talking Book Department at the North Dakota State Library? Thanks to Emily from the North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind, there's now a [video](#) available on YouTube that takes viewers through a typical "day in the life" of a talking book.

Find out how a book is chosen to be recorded, how a cartridge is prepared to mail out, and what happens when it's returned by the patron.



Any eligible citizen of North Dakota can sign up to be a patron of the Talking Book program, a service provided by the National Library Service.

If you would like more information about the [Talking Book Department](#), please contact them at 701-328-1408 or tbooks@nd.gov.



NEW ITEMS AT THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY



SCARY STORIES AVAILABLE AT THE STATE LIBRARY

Since Halloween is right around the corner, it seems like the perfect time to showcase some of the horror books we have in [RBDigital](#).

YOUNG ADULT AND ADULT

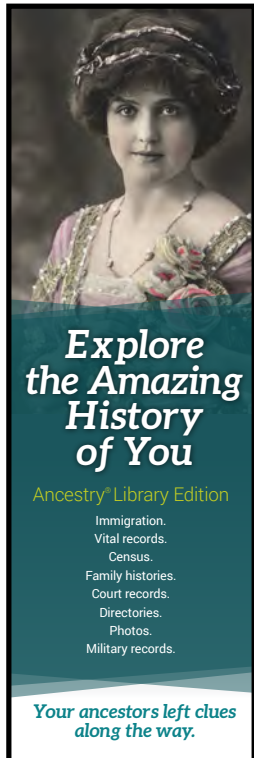


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ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Submitted by Angie Houser



It's October, and that not only means cooler weather, but it also means Halloween is right around the corner. It is during this season that families tell their spookiest tales about their relatives and anything that may (or may not) have happened to them that was strange. Well, by using Ancestry Library Edition, you can find out if these stories are just poppycock or have some truth in them.

Ancestry Library Edition offers almost everything that the subscription Ancestry database offers, and it is free for library patrons to use. In order to get started with Ancestry, just click on "Begin Searching," and you will be taken to page to put in the information on the relative you are looking for. You can search names, locations, birth year, and more when you choose to search this way. Through this search, you will come up with everyone who fits your search criteria, and you can narrow it down from there. Therefore, you can find out of your Great-Great Uncle really did do spooky-tale worthy stuff or if he was just a regular person.

Through this database, you can email or print off your finds and add them to a previously created family tree. Remember, though, that this database is only available in a public library. So, go visit your library, and learn about those family legends.

For more information on this database and others, contact us at ndsltrain@nd.gov.

UNIVERSAL CLASS COURSE OF THE MONTH:

BREAD BAKING 101

Submitted by Angie Houser

Baking shows are all the rage right now for binge watchers. After watching these shows, many people feel inspired to start baking but don't know where to start. Well, Universal Class has some courses for you to begin with. If you are feeling ambitious, starting with Bread Baking 101 would be for you. This course will teach you what tools you'll need for each part of making bread, what ingredients are essential to the task, and different techniques that will make this task smooth and painless. Not only will you be taught how to make bread, but you'll be taught about the different types of bread so that you can choose whichever feels right at the time.

This course is 12 lessons long, consists of 9 exams & assignments, and should take about 10 hours to complete. It also comes with a video audit for those who don't want to take the whole course, but want to have the knowledge. Check out this course and more on [Universal Class](#). Happy Baking!

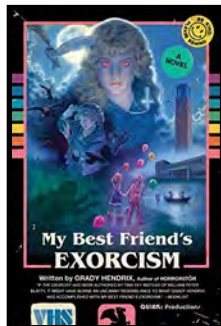


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MY BEST FRIEND'S EXORCISM BY GRADY HENDRIX

Reviewed by BreAnne Meier

When I read the description of this "heartwarming story of friendship and demonic possession," I knew I just had to read it. If you're looking for semi-horror, teen angst, and teen friendship, this is one you might want to consider.



Set in the 1980s, this book has it all - roller-skating parties, E.T., phones with cords, plus a little demonic possession to make it interesting. Abby and Gretchen are **best friends** until Gretchen suddenly starts to act differently. Putting all the strange coincidences and bizarre behaviors together, Abby realizes that Gretchen must be possessed, and she's going to have to be the one to save her.

This book is available as an audiobook from [RBDigital](#).

BOOK CLUB KITS

Did you know that the State Library has book club kits available? Each kit contains ten books, a sign-in sheet, and an instruction sheet with discussion questions. These kits can be checked out for eight weeks, and are available to anyone with a North Dakota State Library card. There are currently 101 kits to choose from, and we are continually adding more.

Use [KitKeeper](#) to find a list of the book club kits that are available and to reserve one for your book club group. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 701-328-4622 or statelib@nd.gov.



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