

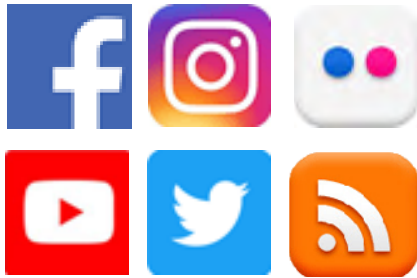
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CONNECTIONS SURVEY

The North Dakota State Library continually strives to provide interesting and pertinent information in the *Connections* newsletter. In order to do this, we need to hear from you!

Please take a minute to fill out this [short survey](#) (3 questions) about what you like, what you don't like, and what you would like to see in the future.

FREE TOTE BAGS!

Stop by the State Library booth on Tuesday, September 10 (9:00-1:00). We'll be located in the hallway across from the Capitol Café. Come grab a tote bag, check out some books, or learn about the services the State Library offers, including our newest database Mango Languages!

BISMARCK PUBLIC LIBRARY JOINS DPLA

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library (BVMPL) has joined the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)! This will expand on the [Big Sky Country Digital Network \(BSCDN\) hub](#) on DPLA that also includes the Montana State Library, Montana State University, University of Montana, Montana Historical Society, North Dakota State Library, and the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

BVMPL's collection ("[Bismarck - Capital City Memories](#)") includes images depicting the history of Bismarck from its early pioneer days through the 1990s. This collection is now a part of the 34 million items on DPLA, the 88,000 items on the BSCDN hub, and the 16,000 items contributed by North Dakota institutions.

[DPLA](#) is an online repository that connects people to the millions of hidden riches held within libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural heritage institutions.

NEW ITEMS AT THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

NEW PRINT FICTION

(in addition to all the *New York Times* bestsellers)

Stay and Fight by Madeline ffitch

House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea

Thin Air by Lisa Gray

A Song of Joy by Lauraine Snelling

NEW PRINT NONFICTION

(in addition to all the *New York Times* bestsellers)

The Bastard Brigade by Sam Kean

Coffee With Mom by Mike Glenn

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei

The Kennedy Heirs by J. Randy Taraborrelli

NEW E-BOOKS

Someone We Know by Shari Lapena

Montana 1948 by Larry Watson

Never Have I Ever by Elizabeth Berg

The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff

One Good Deed by David Baldacci

NEW E-AUDIOBOOKS

The Inn by James Patterson

Raised in Captivity by Chuck Klosterman

The Bitterroots by C. J. Box

The Plantagenets by Dan Jones

The Second Mountain by David Brooks

ASK A LIBRARIAN

The State Library is happy to provide reference services to any resident of North Dakota. Our staff will dig into your inquiries (as much as we can) to get you a reasonable answer. Thirty minutes of research is provided to all residents, but lengthier and more extensive research will be performed for state employees. Fill out [this form](#) and ask away!

ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER

Not only does the State Library offer great databases to improve your personal skills, but we also provide databases that are perfect for research. Many of these databases hold scholarly, peer-reviewed resources that will support a report or paper.

One such database is Academic Search Premier. This database searches journals, research papers, books, etc., for the most relevant information. Searching can be refined by selecting choices on the left hand side of the page: search terms, expanders, limiters, publication date, source types, publications, publishers, language, and more. Advanced searches are another option.

All of these options will yield a more focused research experience and the best end product.

For more information on this database and others, contact ndsldata@nd.gov.

BLOOD TRUTH BY J.R. WARD

Reviewed by Angie Houser

As the last book in the *Black Dagger Brotherhood Legacy* series, fans were expecting a lot from it and they weren't disappointed. This book was fast-paced, and, though it is part of a series, it reads like a stand-alone novel.

In this story, Boone is trying to figure out his new role in a world where his father betrayed the king and was killed because of those actions. He needs something to take his mind off of the events he tried to prevent, so, when a serial killer is discovered killing women of the species, he jumps on board with finding the person who is doing it. Little does he expect to create a quick and natural bond with the only lead the Brotherhood has on these killings. Helania is everything Boone didn't know he needed or wanted but he will do anything to keep her safe. So, when she is the logical next victim, Boone won't let her out of his sight until the killer is caught.

Both of the main protagonists were written with great character growth, and the storyline never halted or stalled throughout. The mystery of who did the killings and how they were going to find him tied the whole book together to make it so much more than a fantasy novel.

This book and others in the series are available on [RBdigital](#).

UNIVERSAL CLASS COURSE OF THE MONTH: GED TEST PREPARATION

This is one of the longest courses offered on Universal Class, but it is designed to take the place of any GED test preparation classes that a student could take. The course goes through each section of the GED test and gives exams and assignments for each one. Unfortunately, a student cannot skip around areas of the test depending on what they need to work on. Every lesson must be done in order. When students are done with this course, they will be ready to take the GED test without any additional courses.

This course is comprised of 50 lessons, 96 exams and assignments, and should take about 37 hours to complete.

For more information on Universal Class, please contact us at nds1train@nd.gov.

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