

Connections



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The North Dakota State Library Expands Statewide Services

The North Dakota State Library has recently acquired ten new book vending machines that will be placed around the state in communities that currently do not have access to a local library or where countywide library service is not available.

“The State Library is committed to meeting the needs of North Dakotans across the state, through partnering with the local library community and through direct service,” says State Librarian Mary Soucie. “We look forward to working with our partners to bring items to North Dakota residents that don’t have access to a local library or to countywide library service.”

These auto-lend machines will be available to anyone who has a library card through the State Library, which North Dakota residents can receive at no cost by applying online at www.library.nd.gov/librarycard.html.

With over 200 bestselling titles, there will be something for everyone.

Find a location close to you:

Slope County Courthouse – Amidon, ND
North Dakota State Capitol (temporary) – Bismarck, ND
Burke County Courthouse – Bowbells, ND
Oliver County Courthouse – Center, ND
Sioux County Clerk of Court – Fort Yates, ND
Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone – Hillsboro, ND
McClusky City Hall – McClusky, ND
Other locations pending

The book vending machine at the State Capitol is currently fully functional and includes leadership books. The other locations will be ready in the next couple of months.

The machines are being funded using American Rescue Plan Act funds through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. More information will be coming soon.

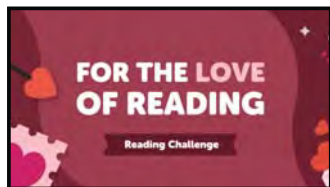


Book vending machine located at the Sioux County Courthouse in Fort Yates



State Librarian Mary Soucie (left) and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Kirsten Baesler (right) next to the machine at the State Capitol

Beanstack Reading Challenge: For The Love Of Reading

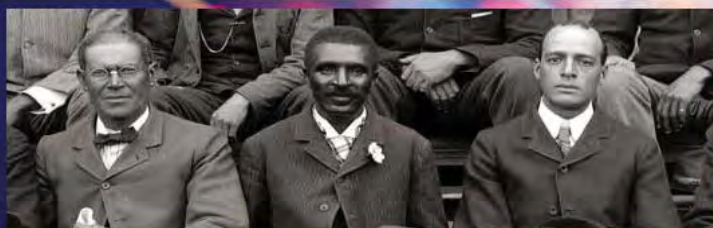


Fall in love with reading this February! Log your reading throughout the challenge to earn badges all month long.

This challenge is for everyone of all ages!

Sign up today at <https://librarynd.beanstack.org/reader365>.

Twenty African Americans Who Changed History



Self-Paced, Online Class

+ Join this Course

North Dakota State Library

15

Lessons

32

Exams & Assignments

3

Hours average time

0.3

CEUs

Twenty African Americans Who Changed History Submitted by Al Peterson

February is Black History Month, and we invite you to take this informative course that highlights twenty African Americans who knew firsthand the wrongs that had to be set right and dedicated their lives to creating a better America, not only for themselves but for those who would come after them.

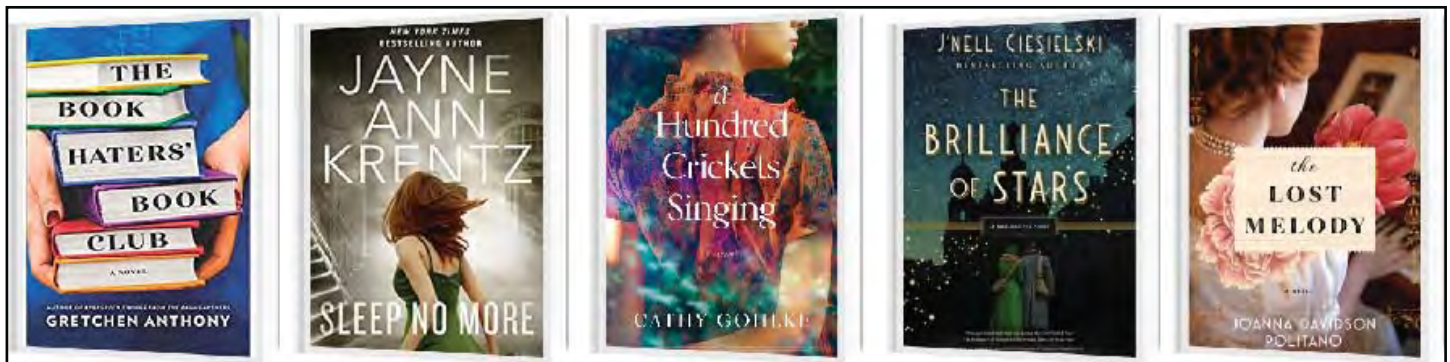
This course examines the circumstances into which these African Americans were brought or born and the obstacles they faced.

- The course begins with Francisco Menendez, who owned not even his own name, and goes on to James Amistead, without whom British rule of the colonies might not have ended when it did.
- Take a look at the lives of those who documented, in painful detail, the horrors of slavery, such as Harriet Jacobs and William Wells Brown.
- Look at those who transcended their own status as slaves to attend and even found institutions of higher learning, such as Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois.
- Examine the Civil Rights Movement from its beginnings through the eyes of visionaries such as Lucy Craft Laney and Mary McLeod Bethune, women who understood the necessity of education as a way for oppressed people to rise above their circumstances.
- See American life through the eyes of men and women like Thurgood Marshall and Daisy Lee Gatson, who fought and ended school segregation, and learn about people like Medgar Evers, who died for the cause.

Check out this and other history courses available in Universal Class at <https://www.universalclass.com/northdakotastatend>.

New Items At The North Dakota State Library

Fiction Books



E-Magazines



Fiction E-Books



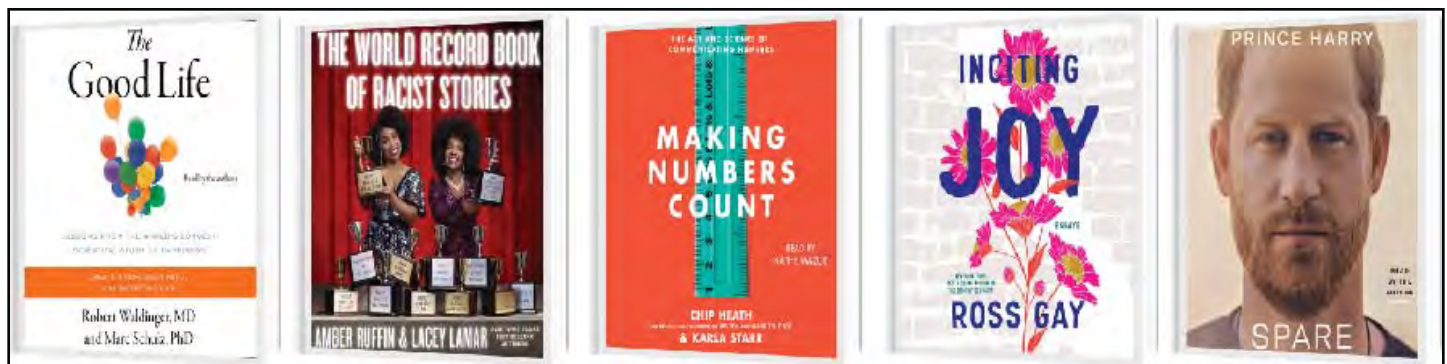
Nonfiction E-Books



Fiction E-Audiobooks



Nonfiction E-Audiobooks



The ND State Library will mail out items from the collection to anyone in North Dakota who has a State Library card. If you don't already have a library card with the State Library, fill out an [online application](#) and a card will be sent to you. State employees can receive items through inside mail. Visit the Libby app to check out electronic materials, including e-magazines!

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

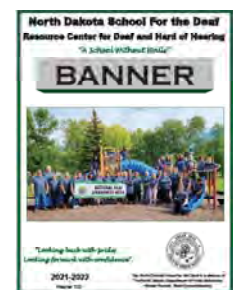
Here is a highlight of the items that were added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

[North Dakota Histories](#)

- 75th Anniversary: Milnor Lutheran Church, 1885-1960
- Immanuel Lutheran Church Centennial, 1883-1983

[North Dakota School For The Deaf](#)

- The Banner, 2021-2022



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. Find a fascinating snapshot of the lives, culture, and history of the people who shaped life on the prairies at <https://digitalhorizonsonline.org/>.

“Doctor Sleep” by Stephen King

Reviewed by Jessica Robinson

If *The Shining* was about isolation and losing your sense of self, *Doctor Sleep* is the exact opposite, focusing on support systems and self-actualization. In some ways, this book feels less like a sequel to *The Shining* and more like the spiritual successor to *The Stand*, with its heavy emphasis on the elaborate lives of its villains and its questions of morality when facing evil.

I had misgivings coming into this that I wouldn't want to see little Danny Torrance grown up and fighting his own battle with alcoholism, but I adjusted after the first part, and it became one of my favorite aspects of the novel. I don't love this like I love *The Shining*, but, honestly, I think it's a great sequel, not a true thematic continuation of the original story but an exploration of what you do with your life after the worst has happened when you have to pick yourself back up and keep living because the rest of the world didn't stop when you did. But if you're lucky, it might circle back to you on your way up.



This title is available as an audiobook on the Libby app
or at <https://ndlibrary2go.overdrive.com/>.

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