

Around the State

The Kindred Public Library celebrated the grand opening of their new library recently. Their hours are 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Dates

Jan. 1	New Year's Day NDSL closed
Jan. 7	Legislative Session Begins
March 10	Trustees Workshop Bismarck
March 11	Trustees Workshop Fargo
April 1-2	Spring Workshops Bismarck
April 3-4	Spring Workshops Fargo

Reference Corner

Need help choosing a college? The North Dakota State Library has recently purchased *Peterson's Complete Guide to Colleges 2003*. For the past 35 years, Peterson's has given parents and students up-to-date information on undergraduate institutions in the United States and Canada. *Peterson's Guide* provides profiles about different colleges including tuition, contact information for admission, test requirements, and campus population. This particular edition covers both two-year and four-year institutions.

Peterson's Complete Guide to Colleges 2003 is just one of many reference books available at the North Dakota State Library. For more information about this and other resources in the reference collection, please ask one of our reference librarians for assistance.

Book Festival Promotes North Dakota

In just seven hours, two representatives from North Dakota gave out over three thousand Sakakawea bookmarks and North Dakota Lewis and Clark Trail Guides to people attending the National Book Festival, Pavilion of States event in Washington, D.C. Dave Anderson, Center for the Book Coordinator for the North Dakota State Library, and David Borlaug, President of the North Dakota Lewis & Clark Foundation, recently represented North Dakota at the event which was hosted by First Lady Laura Bush.

Anderson says it was an honor to represent North Dakota at this event. "It was a tremendous opportunity to visit with thousands of people from around the United States, and showcase several children's books that demonstrate the important role this area played in the Lewis and Clark expedition."

North Dakota chose Sacagawea as its featured literary character as depicted in the book *Sacagawea: American Pathfinder*, by Flora Warren, along with a Lewis & Clark theme to promote the state. Borlaug says the event was worth the effort. "The reaction from the thousands of people who streamed by our display was incredible. What really struck me was the solid recognition of Lewis & Clark, coming from all ethnic backgrounds. It didn't matter if the school children and adults were African-American, Asian, or Caucasian, they had an equal understanding of the Expedition, and North Dakota's central role." The success of the event was due to the cooperation and partnership between the North Dakota State Library, the North Dakota Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Foundation, Department of Commerce Tourism Division, and the Department of Public Instruction.



Dave Anderson (left) and David Borlaug (right) attend the Pavilion of States event

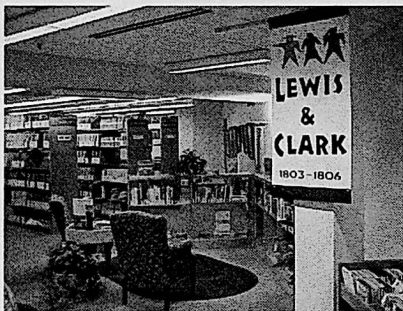
John Y. Cole, Director for the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, says it was wonderful to have North Dakota participate in the Pavilion of States event. "This year's National Book Festival, which attracted a crowd of 45,000 was a huge success." This was the second annual National Book Festival, but the first to include each of the fifty states at the Pavilion. It also included readings and signings by 60 authors and illustrators, including Mary Higgins Clark and Sebastian Junger.

The spelling of Sacagawea was chosen by the State Library because this was the spelling of the book that was promoted at the Pavilion of States event titled: *Sacagawea: American Pathfinder*, by Flora Warren. The change in the spelling was used for this event, and was not a policy change by the North Dakota State Library.

@ Your Library

Programming and consistency seem to be the recipe for the success of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library according to Library Director Tom Jones. "I think a lot of it is long term consistency to a good program and sticking with it." He says their role is to inform the public about what is available to them through their library.

Bismarck Public offers a variety of programming and special collections that you will not likely see anywhere else. They recently purchased a large selection of Lewis & Clark materials in a variety of formats, including some rare materials. The collection has been compiled and arranged in one area of the library for easy access to library patrons.



Pictured is the library's collection of Lewis & Clark materials

The library works closely with the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony, and hosts a variety of musical events such as the upcoming Mozart Festival scheduled at the library this February. Jones says they are also working hard to expand the library's collection of classical repertoire, which now includes the complete set of Bach totaling 53 CD's.

They work hard on their children's programming which includes thirteen story times each week for toddlers and pre-school aged children, an active Summer Reading Program, and the Junior Great Books Program for grades 2-6.

You can access Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library's home page at <http://www.bismarcklibrary.org>.

Noise Guy

The Noise Guy is coming to North Dakota! Who's the Noise Guy? His name is Charlie Williams, and he is a sound effectonist, who also happens to be a storyteller. Williams shows what fun storytelling can be by using his vocal chords to make the most amazing sounds you may have ever heard coming from somebody's mouth. He plans to make a pass through North Dakota early this summer, and is available to entertain at your library for your summer reading kick-off, or just for fun.



Williams enlightens his audience with his wide array of vocal effects

His program is flexible, and can be tailored to fit your needs. The more libraries that sign up for a presentation, the better rates Williams is able to give. To learn more about the Noise Guy go to www.noiseguy.com, or call him at (866) **be noisy** for more information, or to book a show.

Spring Workshops Scheduled

The State Library is hosting spring workshops in Bismarck and Fargo this April. Each session will run two days, and include training on Gale Group, ProQuest, Electric Library2, fundraising, grant writing, public awareness, and library advocacy.

The Bismarck workshop will be held April 1-2 at the BSC Computer Lab and the Bismarck Public Library. Rooms have been reserved at the Radisson Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn) and will be offered at state rate if reservations are made by March 3, 2003 by calling (701) 255-6000.

The Fargo workshop will be held April 3-4 at the Fargo Public Library. Rooms have been reserved at the Radisson Hotel, and will be offered at state rate if reservations are made by March 2, 2003 by calling (701) 232-7363. Rooms cannot be guaranteed at the hotels if reservations are not made by the stated dates.

Did You Know?



The North Dakota State Library coordinates the State Document Depository Program. The Program is an effort to house and distribute multiple copies of state agency publications for reference and historical purposes.

Each agency is required by law to provide the State Library with 8 copies of their agency’s publications. Two copies are kept at the State Library, and the remaining copies are sent to other libraries across the state to ensure their continued availability in case of unforeseen circumstances, or natural disasters. The depository libraries include: the State Historical Society, Library of Congress, University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University, Minot State University, and Dickinson State University.



Hot Docs

The North Dakota State Library has a variety of state documents available to the public. If you are interested in North Dakota, its history, and the people who live here, you will be interested in the hundreds of documents available at the State Library.



Two documents that capture North Dakota’s history are *The Elders Speak: Dakota and Ojibway Stories of the Land*, and *My Relatives Say: Traditional Dakotah Stories*. They are available on CD-ROM, and contain stories as told by Gourd Woman (Mary Louise Defender Wilson). They celebrate the preservation of the aboriginal people through oral tradition.

If you are interested in accessing a listing of state agency publications, go to the NDSL website at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us> and click on {State Government}, go to the *State Document Checklist*. If you need assistance, please contact the State Library at 1-800-472-2104.



The State Library Disability Services Department mails out over 5,300 talking books per month to patrons of the talking book program.

Patriot Act

Accessing the records of library patrons has changed recently due to new federal policies put in place after the September 11 terrorist attacks. The North Dakota State Library recently held a workshop to discuss the USA Patriot Act, and the legal and moral obligations librarians could face since the law was enacted.

Lawyer Jack MacDonald addressed how the new law could affect libraries. He says it’s crucial for libraries to be prepared in case they are approached by law enforcement

concerning patron information. “While the Patriot Act has the potential to be very intrusive of library operations, librarians shouldn’t panic about it. The most important thing North Dakota librarians can do, is review the provisions of the Patriot Act, and prepare a plan that can be implemented should they be faced with a demand for information under the Act.” He says this could include chains of command, whom to contact, and how to respond if this information is asked for.



Librarians from around the state attend the Patriot Act Workshop

If your library is approached by a law enforcement agency and is served with a warrant, you may ask to consult legal counsel and have them present for the search.

Summer Reading Orders Due

Remember to get your incentive orders in to Upstart as soon as possible! Orders were due December 1, 2002, so they could start production of the incentive materials for *Laugh it up @ Your Library*. If you did not get an incentive form, please contact Terri Wilhelm at (701) 328-4656 or e-mail twilhelm@state.nd.us.

Summer reading manuals for *Laugh it Up @ Your Library* are still available for \$10.00 including postage. This includes a CD with all of the clipart you will need to promote your summer program.

Legislative Documents Program Discontinued



The paper Legislative Document Distribution Program for libraries has been discontinued due to a drop in the number of participating libraries. In 1989 over fifty libraries participated, but during the last session only three libraries were still using the service.

Session materials are available without charge on the Internet. The Legislative Document Subscription Service is available to individuals and groups that need paper copies on a subscription basis. The cost is based on the type of service you need. To subscribe to this service, go to the Legislative Branch website and fill out a subscription form located at: <http://www.state.nd.us/lr/information/services/subscribe.htm>, or request a form by phone at (701) 328-2916, or fax (701) 328-3615.

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Each year at the North Dakota Library Association annual meeting, librarians from around the state vote for the most notable state documents produced during that year. The top three state documents are then submitted to American Library Association for national competition. This year's winners were:

1st More Dakota Day Trips by Cliff Naylor and Monica Hannan published by the North Dakota Department of Commerce, Tourism Division.

2nd Experiences and Discovery: Plants and Animals from the Lewis and Clark Expedition of North Dakota produced by North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.

3rd North Dakota Lewis and Clark Trail Guide compiled by North Dakota Department of Commerce, Tourism.

Library Directories Available Soon

An updated North Dakota Library Directory will be available in February. The new directory will contain up-to-date information about all North Dakota libraries.

The directories will be available through advance orders at a cost of \$10.00 each, or by going to the State Library home page and printing a copy. No extra copies will be printed, so make sure you order all the copies you need at this time. Please make your checks payable to the North Dakota State Library.

Send your request and payment by January 31 to:

**North Dakota State Library
C/O Loretta Graumann
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Bismarck ND 58505-0800**

If you have any additions/changes for your library or if you have any questions, please contact Loretta Graumann at (701) 328-2492 or 1-800-472-2104, or e-mail lgraumann@state.nd.us.

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The North Dakota Library Association named Betty Gard of Grand Forks, "Librarian of the Year." Gard is the Head of Reference and Research Services at UND, Chester Fritz Library. She has been at the library since 1971.

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Get Energized



If you have ever been asked to serve on a library board, you know that it can be both difficult and rewarding. Learn how to build confidence in your role as a board member, or how to solve problems boards are faced with today at the North Dakota State Library's Board Member/Trustee Workshop. The workshops will be provided by the North Dakota State Library, and are scheduled for Monday, March 10, at the Radisson Inn, Bismarck, (formerly the Holiday Inn), and Tuesday, March 11, at the Radisson Hotel, Fargo.

The workshop will feature Pat Wagner of Pattern Research, Denver, Colorado. Wagner says the workshop is designed to provide you with the tools you need to become a more effective board member. "People are going to feel more confident about their role as a board member, and better able to serve their library and greater community."

Library directors, board members, and trustees are invited to attend the workshop at no cost. Persons who are interested in serving on library boards are also invited to attend. The workshops are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. each day. A continental breakfast will be available at 9:30, and lunch will be provided on site.

Personal invitations will be sent out to library directors and board members, but please share this information with your library personnel and boards. Information and registration information about the workshop is posted on the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us> under "Training". You can also register by calling Lorretta at 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-2492.

Legislative Update

The North Dakota State Library had a hearing before the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, January 13, 2003. State Librarian, Doris Ott, as well as librarians and citizens from across the state, gave testimony at this hearing. You can access this testimony in its entirety through the State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us> by <clicking> on Senate Appropriations Committee Testimony.

Important items during the 2003 Legislative Session include: the continued support for services provided in the State Library base budget, the optional budget, which includes the online resources, (Gale and ProQuest \$400,000), and an additional (\$1 million) in state aid to public libraries.

Dates

Feb 22	Crossover Day ND Legislature
Mar 10	Trustees Workshop Bismarck
Mar 11	Trustees Workshop Fargo
Apr 1-2	Spring Workshops Bismarck
Apr 3-4	Spring Workshops Fargo
Apr 18	NDSL Closed Good Friday

Reference Corner

Have you checked out the Recommended Resources section of the North Dakota State Library home page recently? Now it is easier than ever to search other North Dakota online catalog systems. This information has been updated to include the North Central Library Authority Union Catalog (Minot area) and North Dakota Information Authority Union Catalog (Williston area). To access the listing of North Dakota online catalogs go to <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/Subject/Library.html#online>. By using these online catalogs, you can access the collections of many libraries in North Dakota.



Spring Workshops

Sign up now! It's time to get your registration in for the North Dakota State Library spring workshops. The workshops will be held on April 1-2 in Bismarck, and April 3-4 in Fargo.

The workshops will include training on the Gale Group, ProQuest, netLibrary, Electric Library2, fundraising, grantwriting, public awareness, and library advocacy. The workshops contain two separate tracks. Participants will only be able to sign up for one of the tracks offered.

Track 1

Grantwriting
Library Advocacy
Public Awareness

Track 2

Gale Resources
E-Library2
ProQuest & netLibrary

The Bismarck workshop will be held April 1-2, at the BSC Computer Lab (track 2), and the Bismarck Public Library, (track 1). Rooms have been reserved at the Radisson Inn, (formerly the Holiday Inn), and will be offered at state rate if reservations are made by March 3, 2003, by calling (701) 255-6000.

The Fargo workshop will be held April 3-4, at the Fargo Public Library. Rooms have been reserved at the Radisson Hotel, and will be offered at state rate if reservations are made by March 2, 2003, by calling (701) 232-7363.

The cost of the workshop is \$30.00 for one day, and \$55.00 for two days, if your registration is received by March 14, 2003. After March 14, the cost of the workshop will be \$40.00 for one day, and \$65.00 for two days.

You may register online at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, or by calling Lorretta at the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104, or (701) 328-2492.



Over two thousand Electronic Books were accessed through netLibrary statewide from July 1, 2002 through October 31, 2002.

@ Your Library



Leach Public Library has had the pleasure of serving the residents of Richland County for over seventy-five years. The library was built by local businessmen, and is listed on the Register of Historic Buildings. "One unique feature of the library is its dome-like windows that make the library an inviting place to visit," says Library Director Bonnie MacIver.

The library provides a story time for pre-schoolers every Monday and Tuesday morning. About two hundred students take part in their annual summer reading program. They have a large collection of audio books, and are working to build their collection of CD books and DVD movies.

MacIver says she attributes some of the library's success to the ongoing support of Friends of the Library Group. The Friends Group takes an active role in supporting library projects through grants and fundraisers. Their annual Chocolate-Chocolate Binge is a big hit in the community, as well as providing needed materials to the library.

The library celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the Teddy Bear, by hosting Teddy Bear month this past November. Over three hundred bears adorned the library during the celebration. Prizes were given for some special bears including: the biggest bear, smallest bear, most loved bear, and most colorful bear.



The Leach Library celebrates the anniversary of the Teddy Bear.

MacIver says even though few physical changes have taken place over the past seventy-five years, the library is a modern place to visit. "We have kept up with technology. Thanks to our community for supporting the library the way they do, we are very fortunate." The library is open Monday through Saturday during the winter and Monday through Friday during the summer months. Contact the library at (701) 642-5732 or e-mail leachplib@702com.net.

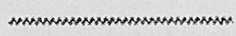
Frantes Awarded Scholarship

Naomi Frantes is the recipient of a \$3,000 national scholarship awarded by the American Library Association Government Documents Roundtable. The W. David Rozkuszka scholarship is awarded annually to one librarian across the United States, who is currently working with government documents in a library, and working to complete a master's degree.

Frantes is currently working toward her Master of Library Science (MLS) degree through Southern Connecticut State University. She is employed as manager of State Document Services at the North Dakota State Library, where she has worked for twelve years. Frantes will use the award to pursue her lifelong dream of getting her masters degree in library science. "I love library work and am honored to be the recipient of this scholarship. Government documents are a valuable information resource." She plans to finish her MLS degree by May 2004.

She was selected for the scholarship based on her strong writing skills and her contributions to other students pursuing their MLS degrees.

This award was established in 1994, and is named after W. David Rozkuszka, former Documents Librarian at Stanford University.



CSLP Meeting Scheduled

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) annual conference is scheduled for April 28 & 29 in Reno, Nevada.

Summer Reading Coordinator, Terri Wilhelm, will be attending this years conference. The 2003 program is *Laugh it up @ Your Library*. Manuals for the 2003 summer program are available through the North Dakota State Library at a cost of \$10.00.

The 2004 theme will be *Discover New Trails @ Your Library*. Wilhelm would appreciate input from librarians concerning the 2004 theme, in time for the CSLP Conference in April. Contact her at (701) 328-4656, or twilhelm@state.nd.us. For more information about the CSLP, go to its website at: <http://www.summerlibraryprogram.org>.

Workshops for Credit Offered

The North Dakota State Library is offering a series of workshops this summer. Graduate credit is available through the North Dakota State University (NDSU).

They will focus on all aspects of the statewide online library catalog including: the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN), Gale Group's Periodical/Reference Package, ProQuest newspaper database, Electric Library2, and netLibrary electronic books collection.

They are scheduled in Minot, Jamestown, Devils Lake, and Dickinson. Registration information is available on the State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us> under "Training" *Electronic Resources Searching Techniques*. You can also register by calling Lorretta at the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104, or (701) 328-2492. For questions concerning the workshop, contact Stella Cone at (701) 328-2185.

The cost of the three-day workshop is \$35.00, if registration is received by May 1. After May 1, the registration will be \$45.00 payable to the North Dakota State Library. For those who wish to receive graduate credit, the cost will be an additional \$50.00 payable to NDSU the first day of the workshop.

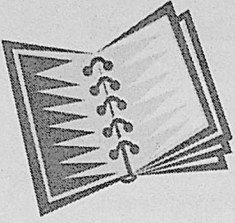
Workshop Schedule

- June 23-25 Minot-Minot State University
- July 14-16 Jamestown-Jamestown College
- July 21-23 Devils Lake-Lake Region State College
- July 28-30 Dickinson State University
(co-sponsored by West River Teacher Center)



Best Practices

- How can people in your community learn about your services?
- Do you have a unique collection you would like to promote?
- Does your library provide special programming or events for your patrons?
- Share your stories by contacting Terri at (701) 328-4656 or twilhelm@state.nd.us.



State Agency Collections

Depression, nutrition, substance abuse, North Dakota water issues, and emergency preparedness, are just some of the topics you can access through the statewide catalog.

The materials are available for loan through state agencies such as the Prevention Resource Center, Department of Transportation, Water Commission, Children's Special Health Services, and Division of Emergency Management.

Many of the resources can be pretty specific, but according to Rachel White, Head of Technical Services, you may find just what you're looking for by accessing these materials. "Libraries may not collect these types of things because they don't have a need, so these collections may contain hidden resources that people could use."

White says state agencies also benefit from having their collection cataloged. It is easier for staff to access the information, and they are able to show administrators and tax payers how some of their budget is being spent.

The North Dakota State Library assists state agencies that are interested in cataloging their materials. If you are interested in having a collection cataloged, or would like more information about the collections available, contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104.



Books For Children

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for grants for *2003 Books for Children grants*. The Foundation awards local support by matching any amount raised by a library's local sponsor from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. This means a qualifying library could receive up to \$1,050 worth of new books through this program.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization that donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural and public libraries.

Libraries qualify on an individual basis, and should serve populations under 10,000. It is usually required that you be at least 30 miles from a city with a population of over 40,000, and have a limited operating budget.

Applicants are encouraged to return their completed application forms as soon as possible. Application deadlines for 2003 are: (postmarked by) March 15, July 15, or November 15, 2003. All of this information is available on the Libri Foundation's home page at <http://www.librifoundation.org>.

To request an application packet, please e-mail your name, your library's name, and mailing address to: The Libri Foundation at librifdn@teleport.com. You may also request an application packet by mail, telephone, or fax at: P.O. Box 10246, Eugene, OR, 97440, phone: 541-747-9655, or fax: 541-747-4348.

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Minot Public Library will hold a book buddy program this summer. Elementary school-aged children will be paired with their own special reading buddy. Contact the Minot Public Library by May 2. For more information about this program call (701) 838-0606.

Dates

- May 14-17 - National Library Service Conference, Bismarck
- May 30 - ILL Manual Revision Meeting, Minot
- June 11 - Discover Your State Library Open House, Bismarck
- June 23-25 - Electronic Resources Searching Workshop, Minot

Reference Corner

The North Dakota State Library has recently acquired new library science materials. Some of the new titles include *Classic Readers Theatre for Young Adults* by Suzanne I. Barchers and Jennifer L. Knoll, *Defusing the Angry Patron* by Rhea Joyce Rubin, *Fundraising for Libraries* by James Swan, *Protecting Library Staff, Users, Collections, and Facilities* by Pamela Cravey, *The Library's Legal Answer Book* by Mary Minow and Tomas A. Lipinski, *Copyright Essentials for Librarians and Educators* by Kenneth D. Crews, *Administration of the Small Library* by Darlene E. Weingand and *Managing and Analyzing Your Collection* by Carol A. Doll and Pamela Petrick Barron. Check the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, or contact the North Dakota State Library for availability, (701) 328-4622.

Discover Your State Library

Come and discover your State Library on Wednesday, June 11 and see what we have going on! John Wayne Thompson and his publicist, Paula Crain-Grossinger, co-authors of *Home in One Piece*, will be our featured speakers. We will also be featuring photography by former North Dakota artist Sarah E. Oliveira, whose art represents the beauty of North Dakota through a camera lens. The North Dakota Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center will be providing an afternoon children's story time and fun activity, as well as an exciting book giveaway.

The event will kick-off at 10 a.m. and is open to the public. Check out the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us> for more information about this special event.

This open house is co-sponsored by the North Dakota State Library, North Dakota Center for the Book, the North Dakota Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, and the North Dakota State Historical Society.

North Dakota Student Wins National Essay Contest

Student writers from across North Dakota were recently honored at an awards ceremony for their efforts in the 2003 Letters About Literature Essay Contest. Nearly 500 students from across the state took part in this year's event co-sponsored by the North Dakota State Library, North Dakota Center for the Book, and the Weekly Reader Corporation.

First place student writers from three grade levels received a \$100 savings bond and plaque commemorating their achievement. Many other students received honorable mentions for their essays.

Fargo North Junior Abby Swegarden's essay won national honors in the 2003 Letters About Literature Level III essay competition for her letter to late poet and novelist Sylvia Plath. This is the first year that a student from North Dakota has taken national honors. Swegarden will receive a \$500 cash award from the Weekly Reader Corporation for her winning entry.



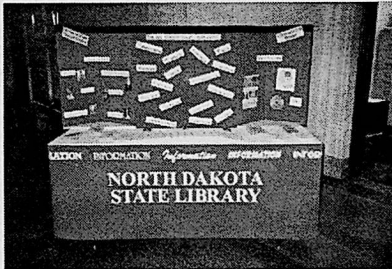
National essay winner Abby Swegarden accepts her award

This is the ninth year the North Dakota State Library and North Dakota Center for the Book have sponsored Letters About Literature.



Promoting libraries is in the forefront these days. Librarians know they have to do what they can to promote their services, collections, and programming. As many of you know, this isn't an easy task with limited staff and budget constraints.

The North Dakota State Library puts a great deal of effort into promoting library services across the state. One venue the State Library utilizes is a promotional booth which is set up at a variety of events across the state each year. This gives our staff a chance to network with other agencies, as well as promote the North Dakota State Library and its services.



We also produce library related brochures that are available to the public including: online resources, e-books, e-library, Talking Books, Dakota Radio Information Service, State Document Program, and State Library cards. These brochures are a great tool for informing legislators, citizens, and librarians about our services, and how to access them. All of these brochures are available on the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>.

Other tools used to promote the State Library include: press releases, news articles, training and workshops, newsletters, and the State Library LIST.

Public Awareness Coordinator, Terri Wilhelm, is available to assist librarians with their own promotional efforts. You can contact Terri at (701) 328-4656 or e-mail twilhelm@state.nd.us.



2,750 publications were included in the state document depository program in 2002.

Librarian of the Year Award



Get your nominations in for the Librarian of the Year Award. The award will be given to an NDLA member who has made notable contributions to the North Dakota library profession, has furthered significant development of libraries in North Dakota, or has performed exemplary statewide service for an extended period of time.

The nominee must be a member of NDLA in good standing, or in the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of NDLA. To verify this information, e-mail membership chairperson, Kathryn Thomas at Kathryn.Thomas@ndsu.nodak.edu.

The honoree will be profiled in *The Good Stuff*, receive a commemorative plaque, and a one year free NDLA membership. Recognition of the recipient will be made during the NDLA Awards Banquet at the NDLA Conference in Bismarck. The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2003.

To nominate a librarian, detail the nominee's contributions to the library profession and history of service through articles, newspaper clippings, and any other material which may illustrate the nominee's work in the profession. Letters should not be mere endorsements. Nomination letters need to be current (no older than 2003).

The person or persons nominating a candidate should present individual letters of support (minimum of five), articles, newspaper clippings, and any other material which illustrates the nominee's qualifications. A single letter with multiple signatures is NOT acceptable.

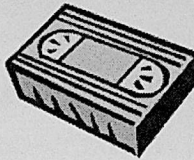
Nominees from previous years may be nominated again. The Librarian of the Year Award is not necessarily presented every year.

For more information or to submit nominations electronically, contact LaDean Moen at ladean.moen@sendit.nodak.edu.

To mail nominations send them to:

LaDean Moen
P.O. Box 908, Hettinger, ND 58639
Fax: (701) 567-2741, Phone: (701) 853-2566

Check it Out!



Ever find yourself with a box of plastic straws and a classroom full of children, wishing you had an art project to fill a class period? Don't be stuck for an idea, check out *Designing with Everyday Material*, a videotape available from the North Dakota State Library. In this eleven minute video, a variety of beautiful projects are crafted solely from plastic drinking straws. The State Library has over 3000 videos available for loan to anyone with a State Library card, on topics such as: art, history, outer space, recycling, geography, and much more. You can see the mountain goat in its natural habitat, learn responsibility with Winnie the Pooh and his friends, and even visit exotic lands such as Thailand, and Malaysia.

Teaching an English literature class, or just want a feature film to show the kids? The State Library also has many high quality film versions of children's classics, as well as classics of literature. From *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, to one of our three versions of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, available for classroom or family entertainment, usage for 28 days. The State Library is also building a collection of visually described videos, so that people with visual impairments are able to hear a description of the action, characters, and costumes on the screen. Check one out and enjoy such films as *Spy Kids*, *Cinderella*, and *Gone With the Wind*.

If you're searching for a touch of Dakota, the State Library also collects videos featuring North Dakota in front of, and behind the camera. If you're looking for a film version of a Louis L'Amour classic, or are a fan of Fargo native Richard Edlund's special effects, or researching silent film maker Angela Murray Gibson from Casselton, ND, then let the North Dakota State Library recommend something for your viewing pleasure. You can search the State Library's video collection on ODIN, or call the reference staff at 1-800-472-2104, or (701) 328-4622 for assistance.

Major Benefactor Award

Has someone contributed financially to your library, or the library services in North Dakota? Please acknowledge this gift by submitting the name of that generous individual to NDLA for recognition and commendation.

The Major Benefactor Award winner will be recognized at the NDLA Awards Banquet in Bismarck, receive a commemorative plaque, and be profiled in *The Good Stuff*.

The deadline to nominate someone for this award is July 1, 2003. To nominate an individual, send a letter which includes specific reasons for your nomination to: ladean.moen@sendit.nodak.edu or mail to:

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Trustees Learn New Skills

Library trustee and board members from across the state recently attended workshops in Bismarck and Fargo to enhance their skills as board members.

They featured trainer Pat Wagner of Pattern Research, Denver, Colorado. Board members learned what role they should play on their individual boards. Trustee workshops are held annually.



Librarians Attend Spring Workshops

The North Dakota State Library provided a series of spring workshops in Bismarck and Fargo. Topics included: Gale Resources, ProQuest, netlibrary, grantwriting, library advocacy, electric library, and public awareness.

Stella Cone, workshop coordinator says, "The workshops provided librarians an opportunity to enhance their online searching skills, learn how to better promote their libraries and services, and network with other librarians across the state."

Workshops for Credit Offered

The North Dakota State Library is offering a series of workshops this summer. Graduate credit is available through North Dakota State University (NDSU), Minot State University (MSU), and University of North Dakota (UND).

The workshops will focus on all aspects of the statewide online library catalog including: Gale Group's Periodical/Reference Package, ProQuest newspaper database, Electric Library2, and netLibrary electronic books collection.

Registration information is available on the State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>.

The cost of the three-day workshop is \$35.00, if registration is received by May 15. After May 15, the registration will be \$45.00 payable to the North Dakota State Library. If you wish to receive graduate credit, the cost will be an additional \$50.00 payable to the universities the first day of the workshop. Registration deadline is June 15, 2003.

Workshop Schedule

June 23-25 Minot-Minot State University

July 14-16 Jamestown-Jamestown College

July 21-23 Devils Lake-Lake Region State College

July 28-30 Dickinson - Dickinson State University
(co-sponsored by West River Teacher Center)

Association of Rural and Small Libraries

The Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) is comprised of libraries of all types, including public, school, small urban branches, special and corporate, and small academic.

In 1978, the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship (CSRL) was established in the Department of Library Science at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. The center is a research, publishing, consultative, and continuing education facility. Its most recent endeavors include library outreach, particularly bookmobile services in the United States and overseas. Additionally, the CSRL is concerned with the development and use of information technology in rural communities.

ARSL Objectives

Organize a network of individuals concerned with the development of rural and small libraries.

- Provide an opportunity for the continuing education of those involved.
- Provide an ability for individuals to exchange ideas and to meet on a sustaining basis.
- Enable individuals to act together for mutual goals.
- Provide a source of current information.
- Collect and disseminate information that is critical to this network.

If you would like more information about ARSL go to <http://arsl.clarion.edu>. The ARSL is supported by annual membership dues of thirty-nine dollars.

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Around the State

Carnegie Public Library in Devils Lake recently held a groundbreaking ceremony. Construction of a new library has begun, and is expected to be completed by December. The library is also changing its name to Lake Region Public Library. The community of Devils Lake has been working toward a new library for more than eleven years.

Dates

July 14-16	Electronic Resources Searching Workshop, Jamestown
July 21-23	Electronic Resources Searching Workshop, Devils Lake
July 28-30	Electronic Resources Searching Workshop, Dickinson
August 8	Summer Reading Celebration, Bismarck
Sept 24-26	NDLA, Bismarck

Reference Corner

The North Dakota State Library recently purchased a new set of books, *Facts on File: An Eyewitness History*. Each volume provides an introductory essay that provides background information, firsthand accounts, and a chronology of events as well as photographs, maps, and illustrations. This series of fifteen books will be housed in our circulating collection. Some of the titles include: *America's Gilded Age* by Judith Freeman Clark, *Women's Suffrage in America* by Elizabeth Frost and Kathryn Cullen-Dupont, and *The Great Depression* by David F. Burg. Check ODIN at: <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, or contact the North Dakota State Library for availability.

State Library Holds Open House

The North Dakota State Library and North Dakota Center for the Book kicked off the summer by hosting the *Discover Your State Library* open house. The event was an effort to educate people about what the library has to offer, promote books and reading, and invite patrons from across the state to stop in and visit the library.



Stella Cone introduces Paula Crain-Grosinger and John Thompson at the State Library open house

John Thompson and Paula Crain-Grosinger, co-authors of *Home in One Piece*, were featured at this year's event. The book is Thompson's account of his courageous struggle to live and regain use of his arms after a farming accident. Thompson also held a book signing at the library after his presentation.

Families were invited to an outdoor story time provided by the North Dakota Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. *Mouse Raid* was the featured book that focused on the activities of an eight-year-old boy named Jumping Elk. Each of the participants received their own copy of the book. The children also had the opportunity to create their own parfleche bag. Their creations were replicates of those used by different Native American tribes to carry food, clothing, or other important items.



Kristie Frieze reads *Mouse Raid* to a group of children on the lawn of the State Library



Debi Rogers entertains visitors with her Gaelic harp

An art show featuring photographs by former North Dakota artist, Sarah E. Oliveira, will be on display at the library through the end of June. Oliveira is known for her black and white photography depicting North Dakota. Celtic music provided by Sue Bicknell and Debi Rogers entertained visitors who were able to enjoy lunch on the front steps of the library.

Event Coordinator, Terri Wilhelm, says the success of this year's event was due to the partnering effort of the North Dakota State Library with other agencies including: North Dakota Center for the Book, North Dakota Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, North Dakota State Historical Society, Missouri Slope Areawide United Way, Dan's Supermarket, and Dean Foods.



@ Your Library

After numerous fundraisers, grants, donations, and a fifteen year struggle to secure funding for a new library, 1990 was the magic year for the city of Harvey. This was the year their new library building was dedicated. According to Library Director Marlene Ripplinger, this was quite a relief. "It was a challenge to have the building constructed and see that we could obtain some of our goals."

Ripplinger and Librarian Stephina Gisi are the driving force that keeps the library open and running smoothly. The two of them have devoted over half a century to their work at the library. Ripplinger says even though it has been trying at times, it has been worth it. "Having a good co-worker has made it pleasant here, we like to try new things and that makes it fun."

According to Ripplinger, the library is said to be haunted by a ghost named Sofie. Whether it is haunted or not, she

says, some weird things have taken place behind their doors.

Author William Jackson has even

featured the library in the book *Dakota Mysteries and Oddities*. The book contains personal accounts of strange occurrences at the library.

The library serves the community seven days a week, and offers patrons an expanded genealogy section, large print, audio books, a summer reading program for children, workshops, meeting space, and other special presentations throughout the year. This fall they plan to resume the children's story time for three to five year olds. Marlene and Stephina can be reached at (701) 324-2156, or e-mail hpublib@stellarnet.com.



Harvey's Public Library building

Electronic Document Project Begins

Preserving our state's documents is important to the citizens of North Dakota. In order to preserve and ensure permanent accessibility, the North Dakota State Library collects documents from all executive, legislative, and judicial agencies; boards; commissions; and institutions of higher education.

The State Library also realizes the importance of preserving state documents that are only produced electronically. Once a document is removed from an agency's website due to lost or broken links, it is very difficult to retrieve.



Currently over seventy state agencies are publishing documents over the Internet because of greater accessibility and cost efficiency. Since preserving these documents is imperative to our state, the North Dakota State Library has begun using an automated webspider

to retrieve important documents from the Internet.

The North Dakota State Library received a grant from the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council in November of 2002, to purchase a computer with sufficient memory.

This project is in its initial stages. Project coordinator, Virginia Bjorness, says the State Library is taking pragmatic steps to ensure the success of this program. "This is an exciting project to coordinate. Collecting documents in this new format has already proven challenging and rewarding." Once these documents are retrieved, they will be cataloged and made available for viewing on the North Dakota State Library's online catalog at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>.



The North Dakota State Library receives more than 19,000 phone calls annually.

CSLP Continues to Grow



The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is thriving. The CSLP currently has twenty-three members. North Dakota CSLP Representative, Terri Wilhelm, says other states are interested in becoming members after they find out they can get high quality manuals and reading materials at reasonable prices.

The Collaborative Summer Library Program is a consortium of states working together to provide high quality summer reading program materials for children, at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries.

By combining resources and working with a commercial vendor to produce materials designed exclusively for CSLP members, public libraries in participating states can purchase posters, reading logs, bookmarks, certificates, and a variety of reading incentives at significant savings.

Wilhelm says this year's theme *Laugh it Up @ Your Library* has everyone, including the vendor, excited. "Libraries have purchased nearly half a million dollars in prizes and t-shirts to go along with this summer's program. The best news came in the form of a \$39,750 check from Highsmith for the CSLP's share of the profits." Some of this income will be used to develop and produce a summer reading manual for young adults. This will be available to libraries for purchase during the 2005 summer program.

For those libraries who have been asking about a Lewis and Clark theme, or just like to plan ahead, the 2004 summer reading theme will be, *Discover New Trails @ Your Library*.

Wilhelm is always interested in your input to bring to the annual meeting. Please let her know of any ideas, problems, or concerns about the summer reading manual and prizes. She can be reached at 1-800-472-2104 or e-mail twilhelm@state.nd.us.



Grant Program Underway

The North Dakota State Library is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for libraries to apply for grant funding. This funding is made possible through Library Vision 2004 grant funds provided to the State Library by the North Dakota State Legislature.



Library Vision 2004 grant funds can be used to fund numerous projects, including: public access technology, digitization, and innovative projects.

The major focus of this Library Vision 2004 grant round is to use technology to bring information to people in new and effective ways. It is also intended to assure that library service is accessible to all. Approximately \$200,000 is available during this grant round.

Applications for grants must be postmarked no later than October 1, 2003. The grant awards will be made by December 1, 2003. Projects must be completed by June 1, 2005. If all grant funds are not awarded during this grant round, another grant round will take place after January 1, 2004.

Information and guidelines about the application process and the grant application form can be located at: <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/Grants.html>.



In Remembrance

The State Library is sad to report that Kathy Morken passed away May 27, 2003 after a courageous battle with cancer. The staff will remember her for her witty sense of humor and her love for gardening, and stuffed bears.

Kathy worked at the State Library for twelve years, most recently in Document Delivery Services. We will all miss her deeply.

Volunteers Honored

Volunteers at the North Dakota State Library clocked nearly seven thousand hours this past year. Recently they were honored for their efforts at a reception held at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

Volunteer Coordinator, Dave Anderson says, "Volunteers are essential to the agency because without the time and talents our volunteers offer, we would never be able to provide all of the services we are now capable of providing."

Nearly one hundred volunteers donate their time performing various jobs, including: radio announcers, book narrators, newspaper editors, talking book inspectors, shelf readers, and circulation assistants.

Each volunteer received a special gift along with a certificate for his or her efforts. Lilian Wilson and Clarence Freimarck were presented



Lilian Wilson and Clarence Friemarck celebrate over 2,000 volunteer hours

with an honorary plaque for donating over 2,000 hours to the Disability Services Department. The North Dakota State Library appreciates the dedication and commitment of its volunteers.

Add Space to Your Library

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the American Library Association (ALA), and the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), invite you to host a traveling exhibit.



The traveling interactive exhibit will spend a month at chosen public libraries across the country. It will feature special presentations specifically created to encourage students interested in careers in space and research, as well as child care providers, members of your community, and health care professionals.

A stipend will be given to each library as part of the NASA @ Your Library™ grant awarded to ALA and managed by ALSC. This free exhibit will tour 120 libraries across the country within a two-year period beginning in July 2003. Each library will host the exhibit for one month.

The exhibit is self-contained and complete with six desk top computers and work space. Apple will provide the computers, and transport the exhibit to your library. All applications must be received by July 25, 2003. If you are interested in hosting an exhibit in your library, please contact Linda Mays at 1-800-545-2433, extension 1398, or e-mail lmays@ala.org, or go to <http://www.ala.org/alsc>.

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Around the State

In the May 15, 2003, issue of *Library Journal*, page 56, *More Dakota Day Trips Discovering North Dakota's Hidden Treasures* is listed as a national winner. This book was co-authored by KFYP Television personalities Cliff Naylor and Monica Hannan.

Dates

Sept. 1	Labor Day, NDSL closed
Sept. 8	Maureen Sullivan Workshop, Moorhead, MN
Sept. 9	Maureen Sullivan Workshop, Bismarck
Sept. 24-26	NDLA Conference, Bismarck
Nov. 6-7	Coordinating Council Meeting, Bismarck

Reference Corner

Did you know that the North Dakota State Library will loan materials from our reference collection to your library? If you need a reference book that we own, you may borrow it from our library. With a few exceptions, any of our reference resources can be borrowed by your library. The check-out period is two weeks, and the material must be used within the borrowing library. To find out how to borrow materials from our reference collection, contact our reference department at 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-4622. Watch for more about our reference services in the next edition of the Flickertale.

Acclaimed Consultant to Present Library Workshop

If you would like to learn more about your role and responsibilities in the library and how to better prepare for the future, sign up for the upcoming workshop *Learning to Thrive in Changing Times*. Maureen Sullivan, an organizational development consultant whose practice focuses on the delivery of consulting and training services to libraries, will present the workshop.



It will be held in Moorhead, Minnesota at Northwest Technical College from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2003, and in Bismarck at the Doublewood Inn from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2003. There is no cost to attend this workshop. Librarians in North Dakota are welcome to attend either workshop.

Participants will explore the many ways in which the work we do in libraries is evolving and how to embrace this change. As libraries undergo many transformations to survive and thrive in these turbulent times, library staff face many challenges. These include trends and developments in technology, telecommunications, education, economics, and public policy.

The following issues will be presented at each session:

- *Identify the new roles and expectations of library staff*
- *Explore ways to embrace these changes*
- *Learn effective ways to prepare for change*
- *Develop a personal plan for learning and development*
- *Understand and appreciate the value of collaboration with others*

To reserve your spot for this workshop go to:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/train-conf/announce/sullivan.asp> and complete the online registration form.

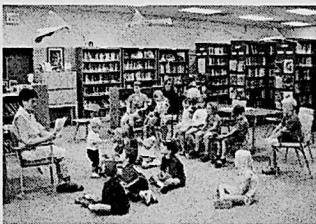
The workshops will be sponsored by MINITEX Library Information Network in partnership with the following organizations: North Dakota State Library, South Dakota State Library, Northern Lights Library Network, MELSA, Metronet, SELCO, SMILE, SAMMIE, Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange, and the Arrowhead Library System.



She planned it and they came! Librarian Beverly Drager revived the Summer Reading Program at the Casselton Public Library after a four-year hiatus. She says she was shocked by how much interest this year's program received. "I was surprised by the overwhelming response, we had seventy-two kids sign up for our Summer Reading Program."

Drager says the community rallied to provide great prizes to the young readers including: bookmarks, books, mini pizzas, Barnes and Noble certificates, and a special picnic for the participants.

The library was recently awarded a grant from the North Dakota State Library that will enable them to purchase two new public access computers. Drager says the new computers will include large screens for visually impaired patrons, and will also be more user friendly. "They will be more handicap accessible, and we are also looking into providing some new programs for the seniors in our community."



Rita Diaanti reads to children during Thursday's story time

The library holds an annual book sale to raise money which helps enhance the collection. Residents can also take part in a monthly book club with members ranging from 32 to 80 years old. Children

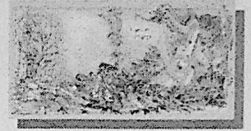
from 2-6 years old can attend story time at the library each Thursday morning beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The library is working to build its collection of books on tape, and presently has nearly one hundred titles available for loan. They also have a deposit collection of Talking Books, from the North Dakota State Library's collection. Patrons, who are active with the Talking Book Program, may check these out at their convenience.

For more information about the Casselton Library, please contact Beverly Drager at (701) 347-4861.

Hot Docs

A delightful array of Celtic melodies and stories from the British Isles is currently available at many libraries across North Dakota. A musical CD titled *Faerie Harp* has been donated to a number of libraries across North Dakota. This CD has also been added to the State Library's state document collection.



Debi Rogers and Sue Bicknell, two North Dakota musicians, recorded *Faerie Harp*. The music on this CD conjures images of a land steeped in magical enchantment. With a strong sense of tradition, three ancient stories, instrumental tunes, and lush vocals sung in Irish, Welsh, and English, with a blend of guitars, Gaelic harps, Highland bagpipes, and fiddle to transport you to Celtia.

Musician Sue Bicknell says this CD is a great introduction to Celtic storytelling and music. "We put a lot of energy into learning this music, and it is very gratifying to have a tangible product from those efforts." She says it's a good starting point for people who are not familiar with this type of music.

A grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts made it possible to produce this material, and schools are welcome to include it in their curriculum. *Faerie Harp* can also be purchased at the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store at the State Historical Society of North Dakota, or contact Debi Rogers at drogers@ndonline.com.

If you are interested in accessing a listing of state agency publications, go to the NDSL website at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, click on *State Government*, then go to the *State Document Checklist*. If you need assistance, please contact the State Library at 1-800-472-2104.



Volunteers at the North Dakota State Library have recorded 280 books for patrons of the talking book program.

Electronic Resources Training

The North Dakota State Library provided four Electronic Resources Training workshops across the state this summer. Each session featured searching library catalogs, including Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN), Infolynx, and the North Central Library Authority online.

Al Peterson, Head of Public Services, and Virginia Bjorness, State Documents Librarian, presented the workshops in Minot, Jamestown, Devils Lake, and Dickinson.

Peterson says the participants were also able to receive a graduate credit to fulfill continuing education requirements by completing a practical project which was pertinent to their professional life. "It not only teaches them about the use of online databases and catalogs, it also provides them the background of information to show students, administrators, librarians, and the general public how they can access these types of resources."

Peterson says he sees a real need for training of this kind and says the North Dakota State Library can provide shortened versions of these sessions (not for credit) to libraries, schools, and the general public, by contacting him at (701) 328-4622 or 1-800-472-2104.



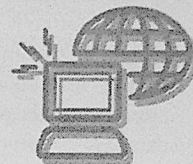
In Remembrance

We are sad to report that Mark Bowman, a former employee of the North Dakota State Library, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Mark worked at the North Dakota State Library from 1988 to 1998 as Head of Technical Services.

Mark will be remembered for his strong faith, his amazing sense of humor, his quiet strength, and the deep commitment and love he felt for his family and friends. He will be dearly missed, and yet live on to all those who knew and loved him.

Grants Enhance Access

Card catalogs that once lined the walls of libraries are giving way to computers. For libraries and library patrons across North Dakota, this is great news because it is now possible to access a multitude of materials from homes and offices instead of having to make a trip to your local library.



It's been over six years since the North Dakota State Library began awarding grants to North Dakota libraries that participate in the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN). This has enabled libraries to automate their systems, and add their holdings to the statewide catalog. Once a library has successfully completed this process, library patrons can access these resources through the Online Dakota Information Network, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Statewide Cataloging Department at the North Dakota State Library catalogs the collections of these libraries and assists librarians with their project.

The following libraries have recently completed automating their systems: Carrington High School and Elementary School; Hillsboro Elementary School; Napoleon High School; Velva School & Public Library; Hope-Page Cooperative; Mandan High School; Mandan Junior High School; Roosevelt Elementary School, Mandan; Fort Lincoln Elementary School, Mandan; and Midway High School, Inkster.

Work on the remaining libraries is expected to be complete by September 2003. They include: Custer Elementary School, Mandan; Mary Stark Elementary School, Mandan; Lewis & Clark Elementary School, Mandan; West Fargo Public Library; and Midway Elementary School, Inkster.

The grant awards were made possible through the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), and Library Vision 2004 (LV 2004), funds.

New Online Resources Just for Kids



Another exciting database has been added to the Gale Group Online Resources. *Kids InfoBits* is like having two databases in one, and includes curriculum support references, nearly 100 full-text age appropriate magazines, and 2 newswires. This database is jam-packed with eye popping graphs, charts, maps, and more than 2,500 searchable images.

Kids InfoBits meets the needs of young students with simple, quick access to curriculum-related information on current events, arts, sciences, health, people, government, sports, history, and more.

It is simple to use and encourages young students to research and find information using colorful graphics which help guide students through the information they need quickly. You can access *Kids InfoBits* through any North Dakota library that subscribes to the Gale Group Online Resources.

Sandwick Accepted to MLS Program

Shari Sandwick has been accepted into the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences program to pursue her Master of Library Science degree. She will begin her studies this fall and plans to finish in the summer of 2005.

Shari is currently the manager of Document Delivery Services at the North Dakota State Library. She was awarded a grant from the North Dakota State Library Staff Scholarship Program.

NDLA Conference Scheduled

The North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) will hold this year's conference September 24-26 at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck. The theme is *Successful Libraries, Successful Communities*.

Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Deputy Director with the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom, is one of the featured speakers. She will present a session dealing with libraries and confidentiality after the 9-11 tragedy. Sally Reed, Executive Director of Friends of Libraries USA, will provide an informative session that includes implementing membership drives, programs, fundraisers, and advocacy for all types of libraries.

This conference is a way for librarians across the state to network and continue growing in their profession. According to North Dakota Library Association Chair Elect, Pam Drayson, the conference is a way for librarians across the state to re-charge their batteries. "There is nothing worth more in your library than the people that work there. The books, materials, and your library building depreciates, but the employees don't." She says this year's conference will offer some great sessions for everyone.

To register for the conference, or get the most up-to-date workshop information, go to the NDLA home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla>.

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Spring Workshop



If you are losing sleep over writing a strategic or library filtering plan, why not sign up for the North Dakota State Library's Spring Workshop in March 2004, and learn more about implementing these at your library.

The workshop will include a section on software migration, filtering of your library's computers, writing a strategic plan, Gale Group Resources, and more.

The workshop will be held March 4 & 5 in Bismarck and March 8 & 9 in Fargo. Watch for updated information and registration information on the State Library LIST, and on the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>.

NDSL Offers Assistance

The Reference Department at the North Dakota State Library offers a variety of services to libraries in North Dakota. Our reference staff includes four librarians with a Master of Library Science Degree, and a reference assistant. The State Library serves patrons and libraries throughout the state including residents who do not have a local public library. Our staff can assist patrons in requesting materials and locating information.

We also function as a back-up reference center for other North Dakota libraries. Our staff is willing to help librarians who are "stumped" with difficult questions. Our reference collection consists of over 6,000 titles. With a few exceptions, any of our reference resources may be borrowed by librarians. The check-out period is two weeks and the material must be used within the borrowing library. For information about borrowing reference materials from the State Library or to request assistance on a question, contact our Reference Department at 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-4622.

The North Dakota State Library is committed to providing training for librarians, teachers, state employees, and citizens in using the online resources and library catalogs. We are currently offering a ninety minute introductory training session for the general public; a four hour staff training course for teachers, administrators, and other librarians; and a three hour state employee library orientation. Training is provided by our reference staff in the computer lab at the State Library. Staff will also travel to your site to provide training sessions. For more information, contact Al Peterson at 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-4622.

Dates

Nov. 6-7	Coordinating Council Meeting, Bismarck
Nov. 11	Library Closed Veterans Day
Nov. 27	Library Closed Thanksgiving
Jan. 9-14	ALA Midwinter Meeting San Diego, CA
Mar. 4-5	Spring Workshop Bismarck
Mar. 8-9	Spring Workshop Fargo

Reference Corner

If you have patrons interested in immigration issues, the North Dakota State Library has two copies of *USA Immigration & Orientation, Sixth Edition Revised*, English and Spanish language. These books answer questions about immigrating to the United States. Topics include nonimmigrant classifications, green cards, and citizenship. They provide information about importing belongings, obtaining a social security number, and buying or renting property. They are part of NDSL's circulating collection. Check ODIN at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, or contact the North Dakota State Library for availability.

Help for Librarians



Librarians now have a single information source for all of their public access computing needs.

WebJunction.org is a portal site devoted to helping librarians evaluate hardware, software, write grants, trouble-shoot computer problems, and teach patrons to use the Internet. The Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), in partnership with the Colorado State Library, the Benton Foundation, TechSoup, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Isoph, has designed WebJunction as an information center and forum for ideas. There are several discussion boards including topics such as coping with legislation, Children's Internet Protection Act, and choosing an Internet service provider.

Another popular WebJunction service is the learning center. Here, librarians can enhance their skills by taking free online training courses, and learn to effectively teach the public about Internet use.

WebJunction can be whatever librarians want it to be, so sign up and give them your input. For more information contact Elgin Bunston at (701) 328-4622, or look for articles about WebJunction in *Library Journal*, May 15, 2003, or the *OCLC Newsletter*, April 2003.



Sandwick Awarded Grant



The North Dakota Library Association has awarded Shari Sandwick a \$1,000 Professional Development grant. Sandwick was chosen for the award after submitting a narrative statement about how her class instruction will assist her in her current

position as Head of Document Delivery Services at the North Dakota State Library.

Sandwick was recently accepted into the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences program to pursue her Master of Library Science degree.

Look No Further!!

Are you looking for information on a North Dakota topic, only to find out that no book on the subject exists? Have no fear; let the North Dakota State Library come to the rescue! The State Library has over 5200 packets of North Dakota materials cataloged in the North Dakota Resource File. The resource file, composed of newspaper clippings, brochures, and leaflets, covers four major areas of interest to North Dakota researchers: biographies, towns, libraries, and North Dakota miscellany. In the biography area, find clippings on personalities from recalled Governor Lynn Frazier, to former North Dakota poet laureate Lydia O. Jackson.

With over 2000 North Dakotans profiled, you may be surprised to find yourself or someone you know! Take a trip through the *towns* section, and find fun facts for your town's centennial, or read more about your local history. It doesn't matter if you live in Ashley, Zap, or anywhere in between, we have a variety of information available. If you are a librarian, you can find clippings on public, school, and special libraries from across the state. Statistics, public awareness programs, and special event clippings featuring North Dakota libraries have all been carefully filed away. The *miscellaneous* section has the widest scope, with folders on North Dakota governors, the Garrison Dam, drill team librarians, and the Norsk Hostfest.

The resource file has historical and contemporary content. Some clippings date back to the 1920s and earlier, while others are more current, with new materials being added all the time. All of the materials in the resource file are available for keyword searching in ODIN. Although the items in the resource file do not circulate, State Library staff is happy to make photocopies of articles or entire folders as requested. Please call the State Library at (701) 328-4622 or 1-800-472-2104 for more information.



Over 296,000 titles have been added to Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) by the North Dakota State Library's Statewide Cataloging Services.

@ Your Library

The West Fargo Public Library is beginning a new chapter in the way they serve their patrons by switching from the traditional card catalog system to an automated system. This new catalog system is now available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The library began the project in January 2002 and nearly 30,000 titles have been added to the statewide catalog. Librarian Miriam Arves says the project is nearing completion and this is great news for the library and the patrons. "They are now able to look at an item electronically and tell if it is available, without walking to the shelf to find it." Arves says, another benefit to our patrons is the accessibility of the catalog, "They won't have to physically get in the car and come over here because they can access the collection from home, school, or a personal computer to see what we have in our collection."

For the history buffs, the library has an extensive collection of North Dakota History books, or if it's movies you enjoy, nearly 100 DVD's have been added to the collection and are available for loan.

Since automating their system, the library provides the kind of service they are proud of. They are presently organizing a Friends of the Library Group, have a story time for children, and plan to open their doors on Sundays in the near future to better serve their patrons.

\$\$Grant Tips\$\$

The North Dakota State Library is starting a new section beginning with this issue of the Flickertale. This section will include information about grants that could be useful to school, public, special, and academic libraries. The grant information will contain a description of the grant, deadlines, and a web address that will include further information, as well as, grant submission forms. If you have not discovered the section of the State Library's homepage for grants, check out the grants that are listed there. The address is <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/Grants.html>.

They Laughed It Up

Participants of the Governor's Summer Reading Program celebrated their efforts with a party at the North Dakota State Library this past August.

The students who took part in the Summer Reading Program are all active in the State Library Talking Book Program and use talking books or Braille books to fulfill their reading requirements.

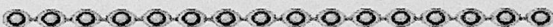
Forty-one students signed up for this year's program, *Laugh it up at Your Library*.

The State Library staff entertained the readers with their rendition of Robert Munsch's books *Andrew's*



Library staff entertain participants of the Governor's Summer Reading Program

Loose Tooth, and *Zoom*. The participants also attended a small carnival complete with a duck pond, grab bags, and prizes.



Librarians to Attend Ghost Ranch

Two North Dakota librarians will be attending a week long leadership seminar at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico. Al Peterson, Head of Public Services and Training at the North Dakota State Library, and Jeanne Narum, Circulation Supervisor at Minot Public Library, will take part in the seminar this November.

The North Dakota Library Association in cooperation with EBSCO Information Services and the Mountain Plains Library Association, awarded Peterson and Narum funding to attend the seminar.

The seminars are held to help librarians develop their leadership skills and use what they learn to develop their full career potential. Nationally known facilitator Maureen Sullivan will lead the Institute which will include interpersonal communication, risk taking, organizational change, and development. This will be the 2nd annual Leadership Institute at Ghost Ranch.

Target Supports Student Writers

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress has partnered with Target Stores to promote *Letters About Literature*, a national reading-writing contest.



Readers in grades 4 through 12 are encouraged to enter the essay contest by writing a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre; fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves.

The North Dakota State Library in partnership with the North Dakota Center for the Book is coordinating the contest statewide. Guidelines and entry forms were mailed to every school in the state. Coordinator Dave Anderson says the partnership with Target Stores is great news for everyone! "Target's involvement in Letters About Literature is a huge boost for an already successful program. This is just a great partnership for everyone involved, the students, teachers, parents, and the North Dakota Center for the Book will benefit from this alliance."

Last year a Fargo High School Student was a national winner in the Level III portion of the competition. For more information about the contest, contact Dave Anderson at the North Dakota State Library at (701) 328-4189 or go to <http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/letters.html>.

Four Students Receive Their MLS

Four North Dakota students earned their Master's of Library Science degree (MLS) from the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Science this past August. They include Kathy Vander Vorst, Bismarck Public Library; Kelly Steckler, Mandan Public Library; Suzanne Malard Fuchs, formerly from Bismarck; and Charlene Weis, United Tribes Technical College Library.

These students began their classes in the fall of 2001. The program included two four-day institutes and the remainder of the instruction was delivered online.

Vander Vorst, Steckler and Weis were recipients of a \$5,000 grant from the North Dakota State Library Scholarship Program to pursue an MLS degree.



Pictured: Kathy Vander Vorst, Kelly Steckler, Dean Turner, Suzanne Malard Fuchs, Charlene Weis

Graduate Kelly Steckler says she was impressed with the school's MLS program. "The UNT program was a terrific method for us to earn an accredited degree while managing a busy life and career. The instructors and staff were helpful in making this program a success," says Kelly Steckler. This was the second cohort to graduate from the program.

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