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Jan. 14-19	ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston, Ma.
Mar. 31 & Apr. 1	Spring Workshops, Bismarck
Apr. 4 & 5	Spring Workshops, Fargo

## Reference Corner

If you are new to the field of medical librarianship, or interested in medical resources, the North Dakota State Library has recently acquired *The Medical Library Association Guide to Managing Health Care Libraries and ARBA In-Depth, Health and Medicine*. The *Medical Library Association Guide to Managing Health Care Libraries* provides the reader with advice and insight on managing a resource library in the health profession. *ARBA In-Depth, Health and Medicine* provides information for librarians for academic, public, and corporate health libraries in the systematic selection of suitable reference materials for their collections. Please contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 for availability of these valuable resources.

## Who's Using the Online Library Resources?

The online library resources are a great asset to the citizens of North Dakota. In fact, over the past year these resources have been accessed nearly 1.5 million times! These resources provide people of all ages access to full-text articles from hundreds of magazines, newspapers, journals, and reference resources and are accessible 7 days a week, 24 hours a day via the Internet.

## What are the Online Library Resources?

- **Gale Group** - Contains a collection of databases that have been designed specifically for elementary, middle school, and high school students.
- **EBSCOhost** - Includes more than 8,000 full-text journals, over 2,000 full-text general periodicals, and more than 8,500 full-text business journals designed for the general public, business people, and educators.
- **ProQuest** - Appeals to the general public, librarians and professionals, and includes more than 550 regional, national, and international newspapers with up-to-date articles from around the globe.
- **Health & Wellness Resource Center** - Provides up-to-date medical articles from reference books, periodicals, and newspapers you can trust.
- **Electric Library** - Offers a broad range of full-text and multimedia content for people of all ages.

To access any of the online library resources, go to the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, or call 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-2492 for assistance with searching techniques or training.

## It's Back!!!

It's 3 a.m. and you have yet to fall asleep because of the throbbing pain in the ankle you injured at tonight's volleyball game. You lay there and wonder whether you should go to the emergency room, or if there is something you can do to ease the pain. Why not log on to the Gale Group's Health and Wellness Resource Center to find out what your options are? You can access this resource right from your home computer to get help to make the right decision about your condition.



Thanks to funding from the North Dakota State Library, the Health and Wellness Resource Center is back online and available for public access through your local library, or the North Dakota State Library's Web site at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ElectronicResources.html#Health>.

The Health and Wellness Resource Center is full of health-related topics including magazines, journals, newspapers, and a variety of other health-related information. This resource is intended for informational purposes only.

## Gates Grant Helps North Dakota Libraries Stay Connected



Library services across North Dakota are about to become better thanks to a "Staying Connected" grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and local community support. The North Dakota State Library was awarded \$128,000 from the Foundation to support and sustain

public access computing in public libraries across North Dakota.

A portion of the grant will be used for a statewide training program provided by professional staff from the North Dakota State Library. Thirty workshops will be held in communities across North Dakota in an effort to teach librarians and citizens how to use the statewide online library catalog and access the many online library resources available to North Dakota citizens.

With this funding and matching dollars from their communities, twenty-six libraries will be able to purchase public access computers that patrons can use to find employment, research health issues, complete academic assignments, or stay in touch with distant friends.

North Dakota State Librarian Doris Ott says it is hard to imagine the long-term impact the Gates grant program will have on public libraries in North Dakota. Ott says, "This funding will enable many public libraries across North Dakota to provide equipment, training, and services that would otherwise be unattainable in many of these rural communities."

Libraries receiving grants through the Gates Foundation were required to raise a total of \$52,000 in local financial support to match the \$104,000 grant.

## Learn to Write Your Family History

You've heard them for years at family gatherings, you've even told them yourself to your friends and other family members; you know, those crazy family stories that make-up your everyday life.

If you are interested in getting them on paper to ensure they are passed down through the generations, sign up for a free creative writing class sponsored by the North Dakota State Library and the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Anyone of any writing ability aged fifteen and above is welcome.



Sarah E. (Sandwick) Oliveira, former North Dakota resident and writer currently working on a humorous novel of a *farm girl* gone to the city, is a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) candidate at Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont. Sarah will be teaching a session of

"Writing in Your Life," a practical guide to teaching yourself and others how to tell a story. Sarah has published her personal essays and memoir in several regional and national publications, and will use tips and tricks she has learned during her writing career to help you tell your story.

To sign up for one of the following classes, go to the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us> and <click> on "Writing in Your Life."

Classes are scheduled at the North Dakota Heritage Center located at 612 East Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND on Tuesday, December 28 at 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, December 29 at 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; and Thursday, December 30 at 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. One session will also be offered at the Linton High School Library located at 101 NE 3rd Street, Linton, ND on Thursday, December 30 at 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you may sign up by calling the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-2492 and ask for Lorretta.

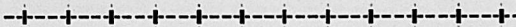


*The online library resources were accessed nearly 1.5 million times over the past year.*



**Best Practices**

- The Lakota City Library has pictures printed in their local newspaper of children who have visited their library recently.
- The Maddock Public Library raffled a quilt to raise funds to purchase new books for adults.
- The Fargo Public Library held the first annual battle of the bands this past August.
- The Valley City Barnes County Library held a salad luncheon and social on December 7.
- The Williston Community Library Foundation presented a "Tables of Contents" program recently. The event included unique table arrangements, dining themes for various occasions, and the history of antique dishes.



**State Library Presents Budget to OMB**

The North Dakota State Library presented its 2005-2007 budget to the Office of Management and Budget recently.

The proposed budget includes a base budget that contains current services: statewide interlibrary loan, reference, training and continuing education, state aid to public libraries, Library Vision 2010 grant funds, disability services, and state document services.

It also contains a supplemental package that includes an additional \$1 million dollar request for State Aid to Public Libraries, and a request for \$200,000 for additional online library resources.

Information on dates for legislative budget hearings will be made available through the State Library and NDLA lists.

**Peterson Attends MPLA Conference**

*By: Al Peterson*

"All That Jazz" was the theme for the 2004 joint conference of the Mountain Plains Library Association and the Colorado Association of Libraries. In addition to some wonderful live jazz performances, this conference provided librarians from Colorado and the Mountain Plains states some wonderful and interesting programs, sessions, speakers, you know, "all that jazz." It was held October 21-24 in Denver, Colorado.

This conference had many excellent programs with interesting topics, but unfortunately like all conferences, you have to pick and choose just a couple. I signed up for the pre-conference program entitled, "Planning, Knowing, and Showing Your Public Value." This session was an introduction to the outcome-based evaluation presented by Karen Motylewski and Laurie Brooks from the Institute of Library and Museum Services. Another session I found interesting was "The Fascinating Villa of the Papyri." This program was on the discovery of a "library" located at Herculaneum that contained Greek and Latin scrolls.

I was also able to attend sessions on reader advisory, literacy programs, and a session by representatives from other state libraries on the challenges and achievements in statewide library services. The conference also featured a diverse array of speakers including children's author Avi; science fiction writer, Connie Willis; controversial author Michael Willhoite; Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel; and Bob Wendover, Director of the Center for Generational Studies.

A personal highlight for me was having the chance to visit some of my fellow Ghost Ranch alumni. It was nice to see people with whom I had the privilege of experiencing the MPLA Leadership Institute. I look forward to many more joint MPLA-state association conferences, and I encourage librarians in North Dakota to consider joining the Mountain Plains Library Association.



### Want Summer Reading Information?

Many librarians are looking for new and better ways to promote summer reading programs in their communities. Summer Reading Coordinator Terri Wilhelm says North Dakota's librarians are interested in providing solid, innovative summer reading programs to the students in their communities. She says many of the state's libraries are using the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) summer reading manual to design their summer programming, but thinks some librarians are not getting information about what is available to them through the CSLP program and other sources.

Wilhelm is collecting the names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of those who are interested in receiving up-to-date information specific to summer programming.

If you would like to have your name on the list to receive this information, please call Wilhelm at (701) 328-4656, or e-mail [twilhelm@state.nd.us](mailto:twilhelm@state.nd.us).

If you missed ordering your 2005 summer program manual *Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds*, you can still order a copy from Highsmith by calling 1-800-448-4887, or order online at [www.highsmith.com/upstart/2005CSLP.htm](http://www.highsmith.com/upstart/2005CSLP.htm).

### Training Grant Program

The North Dakota State Library has established a training grant program to encourage North Dakotans to pursue a Masters of Library Science (MLS) degree and work in a North Dakota library.



Any North Dakota resident who is interested in obtaining their ALA/MLS (American Library Association accredited Masters of Library Science) degree, and working in a North Dakota library for a minimum of two years, may apply for a grant by December 31, 2004. The application is available on the North Dakota State Library Web site at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/Grants/MasterGrant.html>. It can be printed and sent in with original signatures to Cynthia C. Larson at the North Dakota State Library at 604 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0800.

This training program assists in developing professional librarians who will work in a North Dakota library.

#### *Sign up for Spring Workshops*

*Brochures will be mailed to all libraries the beginning of January and will include all the information about the 2005 Spring Workshops, or to register online, go to the State Library home page then <click> on Spring Workshops 2005.*

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Apr. 11-17	National Library Week
Apr. 16-18	CSLP Annual Meeting,
	Bismarck
June 1	Summer Reading
	Kick-Off, Heritage
	Center, Bismarck

*Reference Corner*

The North Dakota State Library invites you to schedule a free community training session at your school or library. You will learn valuable searching techniques relating to the Online Library Resources. The training sessions will include techniques on searching the full-text magazine articles, 550 full-text newspapers, reference resources, and the Statewide Online Library Catalog. For more details, or to schedule a session for your community, contact Al or Sue at the North Dakota State Library Reference Department at 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-4622.

**Legislative Update**



There are four bills before the North Dakota Legislature this year that could have an effect on North Dakota libraries. The bills of interest to libraries include House Bills 1013, 1079, 1080, and 1025.

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HB 1013 relates to the North Dakota State Library budget. This budget proposal includes the North Dakota State Library base budget, an increase for State Aid to Public Libraries of \$155,693, and funding of \$200,000 for additional Online Library Resources.

HB 1079 relates to State Aid to Public Libraries. If passed, it will change the requirement of submission of the public library annual report from 90 days from the end of the fiscal year, to 90 days from the end of the calendar year.

HB 1080 relates to the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council. If passed, this bill would update the language in the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) to conform to Library Vision 2010.

HB 1025 relating to the consolidation of county mill levies, failed to pass the House on February 1, 2005, and will not be sent to the Senate for consideration. This means that county public libraries are not exempt from NDCC 57-15-06.10.

The North Dakota State Library will send information out on the status of these bills via the North Dakota State Library LIST as updated information is received. If you are not currently subscribed to this LIST, but are interested in receiving information, please contact Lorretta at 1-800-472-2104, or (701) 328-2492.

To access information about these or other bills, go to the North Dakota Legislative Branch home page at <http://www.state.nd.us/lr>, <click on> *Bills, Resolutions, & Journals* under "Information Center." There you can find information on bill status, committee hearings, and the latest information about the 59th Legislative Assembly.

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***Did You Know?***

*The North Dakota State Library has begun retrieving, storing, and cataloging online state documents. These electronic documents are part of the State Document Depository Collection. To view these documents, go to <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, <click> on the Online Catalog and search by title, author, or keyword.*

### Grants to be Announced



The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and the North Dakota State Library will be announcing the next round of LSTA and

Library Vision grants late spring/summer, 2005.

Please watch the North Dakota State Library LIST, or go to the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us> for up-to-date information about these grants.

Once the announcement has been made, the grant guidelines will be mailed to all public, academic, and school libraries.

If you do not subscribe to the State Library LIST and would like to, please contact Lorretta at 1-800-472-2104, or [lgraumann@state.nd.us](mailto:lgraumann@state.nd.us).

### Hot Docs

*A Vast and Open Plain: The Writings of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in North Dakota, 1804-1806* is now available on compact disc. This North Dakota Lewis and Clark audio adventure was produced by the North Dakota Tourism Division along with Clay Jenkinson.

Author Clay Jenkinson guides the listener through the Lewis & Clark Trail in North Dakota, providing historical background of the expedition and suggested stops along the way. A map also accompanies the CD and helps the listener visualize the adventure.

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



*Did you know you have access to 550 newspapers by using the Online Library Resources?*

### Earn Your MLS Degree from Home

If you are interested in learning how you can earn a Masters Degree in Library Science through the University of North Texas (UNT) Distance Education program, you have the opportunity to attend an informational session about their program via the Interactive Video Network (IVN).

These informational sessions are scheduled on April 4, 2005, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (CST) at the following locations across North Dakota: North Dakota State University, Fargo, (EML 183); Bismarck State College (Vo-Tech # 218); Dickinson State University (North Campus #104); University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, (Gamble #120); Minot State University (Student Union-Prairie Room); and Williston State College (Main #120). For a map of each location, go to <http://ndivn.nodak.edu> and <click> on the site you wish to attend. Anyone interested in this program is invited to attend.

Phil Turner, Vice Provost for Learning Enhancement, and Professor of School and Information Sciences, will host the sessions from the NDSU site. Information about UNT can be found at <http://www.unt.edu/slis/viatheweb/viaweb.htm>.

The North Dakota State Library has established a grant program to encourage North Dakotans to pursue a Masters of Library Science degree from an ALA accredited school. The next grant opportunity will be in the fall of 2005. For information on the IVN sessions, or grant opportunities offered by the State Library, contact Cindy Larson at 1-800-472-2104.

### What People Are Saying

*"I am a school counselor and company owner in northeast ND and each time I have contacted the State Library I have been treated courteously, professionally and promptly. It is evident your staff is most knowledgeable and up to date when it comes to the latest available resources, as well as their willingness to research additional avenues that may be of interest or benefit."*

~Angela~ Cavalier, North Dakota



## @ Your Library

Griggs County Central School Library is enjoying its new home. The library moved into a multipurpose room this past fall and is enjoying a new media center, all purpose room, and six new classrooms.

Media Center Director, Lois Johnson, says since moving to the new site, library circulation has increased.

The new school library is a combination of the elementary library at Hannaford, and the elementary and high school libraries in Cooperstown.



*Students studying in the new addition to the Griggs Central School Library*

The library now boasts over 20,000 volumes which are all catalogued on the Spectrum computer program for easy patron access.



*Kindergartners enjoying the new "library pit" while listening to some great stories*

Johnson says the new library includes a reading pit on the elementary half of the library and a spacious study area for both elementary and high school students with an eight station computer lab. She says the addition of

five more computers has made an impact on the students. "It's fun to see how proficient the students are getting in using the online catalog, and I am now able to teach more students how to access the library's collection," said Johnson.

Johnson says she really enjoys her new circulation desk and her own office space, but the best thing about the new location is she is now available to assist the faculty and students with their educational needs each day.

## Summer Programming Opportunities for Libraries

Two storytellers have expressed an interest in bringing their summer reading programming to North Dakota: Jo Ho, storyteller from Overland Park, Kansas; and the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company out of San Diego, California.

Jo Ho is a native of North Dakota and is interested in touring the state the week of July 18, 2005. Jo's



program includes "Royalty Around the World" and "Once Upon A Time Grimm Brothers."

The cost of her program is \$250 per show. Discounts will be offered for booking more than one show in the same city.

Storytelling workshops are also available for a cost of \$100 per hour.

For more information about her programming, go to [www.johostoryteller.com](http://www.johostoryteller.com), or call (913) 402-9530. Jo will only tour North Dakota if there are enough libraries interested in booking her for performances.

The Traveling Lantern offers great stories to children of all ages built on the model of travel actors from the Middle Ages through Elizabethan times.

The cost of their show is \$425 with a 10 percent discount for any reservation made for consecutive performances on the same day. This group will only tour North Dakota if there are enough libraries interested in booking them for performances.



For more information about their programming, go to [www.travelinglantern.com](http://www.travelinglantern.com), or call 1-800-936-4723.

The North Dakota State Library will occasionally pass on information of this nature, but is in no way endorsing these opportunities. For information about booking a program, please contact the performers directly.



### Kick-Off Summer Reading June 1

You are invited to the second annual summer reading kick-off at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck, on June 1, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's program is *Discover Dinosaurs and Dragons*.

North Dakota Summer Reading Coordinator, Terri Wilhelm says, "The kick-off is an opportunity for libraries across the state to promote their summer reading programs and get students excited to read over the summer months." Wilhelm adds that any North Dakota library is invited to take part in this event, or plan their own kick-off celebration in their own community.

This event is sponsored by the North Dakota State Library, State Historical Society of North Dakota, North Dakota Council on the Arts, and the Bismarck and Mandan Public Libraries. Watch for more details about this event on the State Library LIST.

#### Upcoming Events

The Sensational Sundays Series including authors, music, and lectures will be held at the North Dakota Heritage Center every Sunday (except Easter Sunday) now through April 24, 2005.

For more information about the Sensational Sunday Series, go to [DiscoverND.com/hist](http://DiscoverND.com/hist).

### Librarians to Meet in Bismarck

A group of about 50 librarians from around the country are scheduled to arrive in Bismarck this April for the annual Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) meeting.



North Dakota State Library Public Awareness Coordinator, Terri Wilhelm, is organizing this year's meeting, which will be held in Bismarck April 16-18, 2005.

The annual meeting is an opportunity for CSLP representatives to brainstorm, plan, and work on the CSLP's summer reading manual for 2007 and beyond. The representatives spend three days choosing themes, prizes, and illustrators.

If you have any ideas or concerns about future summer reading themes, prizes, or manual content, please contact Terri at the North Dakota State Library at (701) 328-4656 or e-mail [twilhelm@state.nd.us](mailto:twilhelm@state.nd.us).

The State Library still has a few copies of the 2005 summer reading manual for *Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds* for sale at a cost of \$10.00 which does include shipping charges. Please contact Terri for more information.

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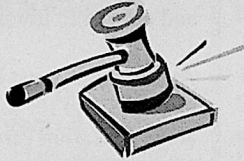
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## Legislative Session Favorable to ND Libraries

The North Dakota Legislative Assembly wrapped up the 2005 session on April 26, 2005. Five bills directly affecting North Dakota libraries were presented to North Dakota lawmakers during the 2005 session. They were House Bills 1013, 1079, 1080, 1025, and Senate Bill 2411.

HB 1013 relating to the North Dakota State Library budget was passed. This bill includes the North Dakota State Library base budget, an increase for State Aid to Public Libraries of \$155,693, and funding of \$200,000 for additional Online Library Resources.

State Librarian Doris Ott says the additional funding is great news for North Dakota's libraries and the citizens who use library services. Ott says, "The funding will be used to purchase new resources which will be available to every North Dakota citizen and librarian, and to enhance public library services."

HB 1079 relating to State Aid to Public Libraries, passed and changed the requirement of submission of the public library annual report from 90 days from the end of the fiscal year to 90 days from the end of the calendar year.

HB 1080 relating to the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, passed and updated the language in the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) to conform to Library Vision 2010.

HB 1025 relating to the consolidation of county mill levies, failed to pass. This means legislation will remain the same as in the last biennium.

SB 2411 relating to property tax levies by joint public library services by cities and counties (NDCC 40-38-11, Section 5) passed. This bill enables city and county libraries in North Dakota to become a joint library and allows each library to have their own mill levy structure.

To access information about these or other bills, go to the North Dakota Legislative Branch home page at <http://www.state.nd.us/lr>, <click on> *Bills, Resolutions, & Journals* under "Information Center." There you can find the latest information about the 59th Legislative Assembly.

## Dates

June 1	Summer Reading Kick-Off, Heritage Center, Bismarck
Aug 4	Governor's Summer Reading Celebration, Bismarck
Sept 21-23	NDLA, Grand Forks
Oct 1	Grant guidelines due to the North Dakota State Library

## Reference Corner

Are you having trouble creating forms? Need help writing procedures and policies? The North Dakota State Library has recently acquired a copy of *The Public Library Manager Forms, Policies, and Procedures with CD-ROM* by Rebecca Brumley. This book tackles the tough questions such as where to start and what types of policies, forms, and procedures a library needs. This helpful manual is divided into three parts: public service, administration, and collections. Policies on circulation, reference services, and Internet usage are covered in this book as well as addressing mission statements, memorials, donations, and other administrative policies. Check ODIN using the new catalog or contact the North Dakota State Library for availability.

## Did You Know?

Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school, or work.

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### New PSA Spotlights Librarians

Technology has truly changed today's libraries. Libraries offer patrons an array of services that are vital to our citizens and the communities in which they live.

In an effort to acknowledge the important role librarians play in the lives of our citizens, the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council have produced a Public Service Announcement (PSA) featuring North Dakota librarians as "The Ultimate Search Engine."

This 30-second PSA was released to all North Dakota television stations during National Library week. A link which allows you to view this PSA is available on the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, <click> on *North Dakota Librarians-The Ultimate Search Engine*.

Copies of this PSA are also available on DVD for loan through the North Dakota State Library. You may use it as a promotional tool at staff meetings, board meetings, or to promote your library.

This PSA was produced locally by Makoche Recording Company of Bismarck and Bruce Wendt Productions, Judson, ND, and includes fascinating images of North Dakota, compliments of NASA. It is a fast paced look at how North Dakota's libraries are connecting people to the information they need and want.

We are interested in finding out where this PSA is getting air time. Please let us know if you see this spot on your local television stations by calling or e-mailing Terri Wilhelm at (701) 328-4656 or [twilhelm@state.nd.us](mailto:twilhelm@state.nd.us).



The Statewide Catalog Development Department helped 35 libraries and 8 state agencies migrate their data during the ODIN conversion.



### State Library Releases New Grant Guidelines

The North Dakota State Library released the new Library Vision 2010/LSTA grant guidelines to all public, school, and academic libraries on May 2, 2005.

Applications must be submitted by October 1, 2005, to be eligible for this round of grants. The guidelines and application forms are available on the State Library Web site, <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, for viewing or printing.

When submitting your grant application, you must include a paper copy with original signatures plus twelve extra copies of the grant request. For further information or questions, contact the North Dakota State Library at (701) 328-2492.



### Librarians Learn About Marketing

Librarians from around the state took a break from their daily duties at their libraries and participated in the 2005 Spring Workshops sponsored by the North Dakota State Library.

One highlight of this year's workshops included "Telling Your Library's Story" presented by Sharon and Dan Wiseman of Wiseman Consulting, Chicago, Illinois. This workshop gave librarians a chance to develop strategies to help market and promote library services in their communities.



Dan Wiseman (left) and Sharon Wiseman (right) present "Telling Your Library's Story" to a group of ND librarians

Other workshops included basic cataloging, reference services, and online library resources training, including EBSCOhost, ProQuest, and ODIN. The workshops were presented by North Dakota State Library staff and company representatives.





*"Together We Made it Happen"*

You may have heard that many libraries across the state were part of a plan to convert to new ODIN software.

The circulation system and the public catalog have been converted to a new software system on ODIN. Library patrons will see the changes when searching the online catalog. The new software presents library users with an increased integrated online library system which allows wider flexibility, access to more material, and more searching capability. Work is progressing on the Interlibrary Loan component.

Stacey Goldade, Head of Statewide Catalog Development, has been involved with the conversion of thirty-five libraries for which the State Library catalogs. She says, "Migration has been a long process, but the new software is very powerful and I'm excited to learn more about what it can do."

Everyone involved with the conversion should be proud of all the hard work that went into making this project a success. A special thanks goes out to the staff at the ODIN office for their efforts in making this project a success.

### Summer Reading PSA Debuts

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) has released a Public Service Announcement (PSA) promoting the 2005 summer reading theme *Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds*. This PSA was produced in Hollywood, California, and was specifically produced for the CSLP. This PSA is being used in an effort to encourage students to sign up for a summer reading program at their local library.

This PSA has been distributed to all North Dakota television stations. You are able to view this PSA by going to the North Dakota State Library home page and then <clicking> on Summer Reading PSA.

### Pottery Road Show Visits Harvey Library

The North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society has developed a program called the "NDPCS Pottery Road Show." The program provides historical and general information about the major producers of the types of pottery made from North Dakota clay.

The Road Show recently visited the Harvey Public Library and was a big hit with Harvey residents.

People brought in their family treasures to see how much they

were worth. Vases, flower planters, dishes, and animal figurines of all sizes were identified and appraised by NDPCS member Quentin Christman.



*Quentin Christman examines a family heirloom brought to the Pottery Road Show for appraisal*

The major pottery types include: University of North Dakota Pottery, Dickota Pottery, Turtle Mountain Indian Pottery, WPA Ceramics, Rosemeade Pottery, Ceramics by Messer, Little Heart Ceramics, and Three Tribes Stoneware.

The two-part program includes a visual presentation and an identification/appraisal session. Volunteer NDPCS members are available to present one- or two-hour programs.

The NDPCS invites your organization to consider hosting the Pottery "Road Show" in your community. Details and information about scheduling the event, location, and facilitator will be worked out on an individual basis. Further details may be obtained on their Web page at [www.ndpcs.org](http://www.ndpcs.org), or by calling (701) 776-6080, or e-mail [qchristm@gondtc.com](mailto:qchristm@gondtc.com).

The NDPCS will be holding their annual convention June 10-12 at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND.



**North Dakota Hosts CSLP Conference**

What do you get when you take 65 librarians from around the country and put them in one room? The answer is, a whole lot of creativity, brainpower, and the annual meeting of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP).

The CSLP held their annual meeting in Bismarck this past April. North Dakota Summer Reading Coordinator Terri Wilhelm says, "It was a great opportunity to get a lot of work done and show off our state." Wilhelm says the main purpose of the annual meeting is to plan future summer library themes that will be used in thirty-two participating states across the country, and to discuss issues facing the CSLP.

The Children's summer reading theme for 2006 will be *Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales*. Writer and illustrator David Shannon will be providing the artwork for the children's theme. The teen theme for the summer of 2006 will be *Creature Features*, with artist Russell Walks providing illustrations.

The CSLP is a consortium of states working together to provide high quality summer reading program materials for children available at a low cost to their public libraries. Please check out the CSLP Web site at <http://www.cslpreads.org> to access great summer reading resources and find out more about what the CSLP provides member libraries.

**Student Writers Honored**

Over eight hundred students across North Dakota participated in the 2005 Letters About Literature essay contest sponsored by the North Dakota State Library and North Dakota Center for the Book.

Each student's essay was submitted for judging and the top writers in each level were honored during a ceremony at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck recently.

The first place essayist in each category received a plaque, a \$50 Target gift card donated by Target Corporation, and a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond provided by North Dakota Center for the Book.



*Dr. Wayne Sandstead presents Fargo essayist Mia Barnett with an award for her accomplishments*

At the National level, three North Dakota students placed in the top six in this year's essay contest. For more information about this program, contact Dave at the North Dakota State Library at (701) 328-4189.

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## Reference Corner

Tsunamis! Earthquakes! Tornadoes! It seems wild weather is in the news these days. If your patrons have questions about weather, the North Dakota State Library has recently acquired *Dangerous Planet*, a three-volume set. Each volume is broken down into chapters focusing on a natural disaster, and features a glossary of key term sources for further reading, and a general index. *Dangerous Planet* explains the science behind earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes, avalanches, mudslides, tsunamis, and other devastating natural disasters. This excellent resource is housed in our general collection and is available for loan. To check the status of this and other resources on ODIN, go to the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us> or contact the North Dakota State Library at (701) 328-4622 for availability.

## New Online Library Resources Available

New Online Library Resources are now available to North Dakota citizens thanks to funding provided by the North Dakota State Legislature. These resources can be accessed from your library, home, office, or any Internet site.

The new resources include *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center* and *Health and Wellness Resource Center*, which are accessible through the North Dakota Internet connections; and *Ancestry Library Edition*, which can be accessed at any North Dakota library during normal library hours. Libraries currently subscribing to these three resources should work with their vendor representative to receive a refund.

State funding will also provide every North Dakota library and citizen with continued access to *Electric Library*. The following Online Library Resources will continue to be offered to libraries that currently participate in the state-wide contract: *Kids InfoBits*, *Junior Edition*, *Junior Reference Collection*, *Discovering Collection*, *Student Edition*, and *Professional Collection Online* provided by Thomson Gale; *Academic Search Premier*, *MasterFILE Premier*, *Business Source Premier*, *Regional Business News*, and *EBSCO MegaFILE* provided by EBSCO; and over 550 regional, national, and international newspapers provided by ProQuest.

North Dakotans can access these new Online Library Resources by requesting the barcode and password from their library. If you have questions about accessing these or other resources, please contact any North Dakota library, including the Reference Department at the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-4622.

## Event Kicks-off Summer Reading

Just days after dust and paper were settling in school hallways across North Dakota, a grand event took place at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. *Discover Dinosaurs and Dragons* was held on June 1, 2005, in an effort to kick-off summer reading across North Dakota and provide a fun-filled day of family programming.

The North Dakota State Library co-sponsored this event and invited visitors to the library for a walk through a dinosaur maze and to receive a dragon tattoo encouraging them to read.

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The event drew 2300 visitors and offered a variety of activities for people of every age. Event Coordinator Marilyn Snyder said the day was a smashing success. "Kids and adults had the time of their lives watching puppets, learning about dinosaurs, watching knights and ladies, trading furs for goods, getting their faces painted, their arms tattooed, and making great crafts." Snyder added that she thinks the celebrity readers had almost as much fun as the kids did.



*KFYR news anchor Brenda Scholten shares a story with a group of children*

Students were able to sign up for summer reading programs at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, Mandan Public Library, and Morton County Library.



*Clifford gets a group hug*

collaboration between many agencies." Thirteen agencies played a role in organizing and implementing this year's program including the North Dakota State Library, State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, North Dakota Council on the Arts, Bismarck Parks and Recreation District, Mandan Public Library, Morton County Library, North Dakota Geological Survey, Dakota Zoo, Kiwanis Club of Mandan, Bismarck Shire of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Mandan Girl Scouts, and North Dakota Forest Service. Wilhelm says plans are already in the works for another event next year.



*Wizard Al Peterson recites a magic riddle*

**Need Assistance?**

If you need assistance from the North Dakota State Library but are not sure who to call, here is a listing of the staff and their areas of expertise. Call 1-800-472-2104, or use the direct number listed below.

Automation	Todd	328-4658
Cataloging	Naomi or Stacey	328-4610 328-1860
Disability Services, Talking Book Program, DRIS	Stella	328-2185
E-Rate, Stagenet, Internet Filtering	Stella or Todd	328-2185 328-4658
Grants, Gates Grant	Cindy L.	328-2492
Gift Books	Al	328-3495
Intellectual Freedom Issues	Doris	328-2492
Interlibrary Loan Requests	Reference Dept.	328-4622
Interlibrary Loan Issues/ Services	Doris or Shari	328-2492 328-3252
Library Cards	Joanne	328-4657
Library Directory	Lorretta	328-2492
Library Procedures (School & Public)	Cindy L.	328-2492
Overdues	Joanne	328-4657
Personnel	Cindy L.	328-2492
Public Awareness	Terri	328-4656
Public Library, Mill Levy, & Legal Questions	Cindy L.	328-2492
Public Library Annual Reports	Sheryl	328-3499
Questions from Librarians	Cindy L. or Doris	328-2492
State Agency Services	Stacey	328-1860
State Document Depository Program	Virginia	328-2491
Statewide Library Catalog	Stacey	328-1860
Subject Requests	Reference Dept.	328-4622
Summer Reading Program	Terri	328-4656
Training	Sue C.	328-4622
Volunteer Program	Dave	328-4189
WebJunction	Elizabeth	328-1868
Workshop Registration	Lorretta	328-2492



### Looking for Answers?

Are you interested in developing a Web site for your library but have no idea where to begin? Have you been looking for advice about which computer hardware or software is right for your library but don't know who to ask?

If you would like answers to these and other questions, why not sign up for WebJunction. WebJunction is a unique online resource specifically geared toward the issues and needs of librarians. This service is available to anyone interested in library issues and offers an abundance of valuable resources at little or no cost. WebJunction also offers you the opportunity to get and share information with your peers.

This Web site is organized by topic and includes valuable information on policies and practices for public use computers, technology product guides, and purchasing advice. WebJunction also offers free or low cost online training on topics such as designing and creating a library Web site and troubleshooting computer problems. Through WebJunction, you will also have access to handouts and worksheets to share with your staff, community discussion space, and a rural and small libraries section that addresses issues librarians face.

Librarian Elizabeth Jacobs says, "Many rural and small libraries don't have ready access to an information technology professional who can handle computer maintenance and troubleshooting when something goes wrong. WebJunction is a great resource for information and advice that can help the staff of rural and small libraries deal with day-to-day technology issues."

If you are interested in registering for WebJunction, go to <http://webjunction.org/do/Home> and complete the online registration form. For more information about WebJunction and what it has to offer, please contact Elizabeth Jacobs at (701) 328-1868, or e-mail [ejacobs@state.nd.us](mailto:ejacobs@state.nd.us). WebJunction is brought to you by the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), Benton Foundation, Colorado State Library, Isoph, TechSoup, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

### State Library Offers Training

The North Dakota Online Library Resources now feature EBSCO databases including *Academic Search Premier*, *Business Source Premier*, *Regional Business News*, and *MasterFILE Premier*. Other electronic resources include the recently added *Ancestry Library Edition* provided by ProQuest, and *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center* provided by Gale. Other Gale resources include *Health and Wellness Resource Center*, *K-12 Resources*, and *INFOTRAC Professional Collection*.

In order to provide patrons across North Dakota training on using these new resources, the reference staff from the North Dakota State Library is offering training sessions for the general public and library professionals.

The general public training is a 90-minute session on accessing electronic databases through LaND, Library Access North Dakota, and using the new ODIN catalog. These sessions can be scheduled at your public library, a town meeting, or after hours at a school.



These sessions include an introduction to searching the Online Library Resources while giving libraries the opportunity to get exposure through their local media.

The North Dakota State Library staff can also provide education professionals with a three-hour training session on how to use the Online Library Resources and become more efficient at searching and locating information for themselves and their patrons. This session can be scheduled during an in-service day or after school hours, depending on your needs. These sessions are provided at no charge.

For more information or to schedule a training session, please contact either Al Peterson or Sue Clark at the North Dakota State Library. Call 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-4622, or e-mail them at [statelib@state.nd.us](mailto:statelib@state.nd.us).

**Lewis and Clark Book Honored**

The book "A Vast and Open Plain: The Writings of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in North Dakota, 1804-1806" received national honors in the American Library Association's (ALA) Notable Documents list for 2004.



This book was published by the State Historical Society of North Dakota and edited by humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson. It is one of only ten state publications recognized by ALA.

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For questions about these or other grants, please call Cindy Larson at (701) 328-2492.

**MPLA Schedules Joint Conference**

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) has scheduled a joint conference with the Wyoming Library Association, October 12-15, 2005, at the Snow King Resort in Jackson, Wyoming.

The conference, *Beyond Borders: Inspiration, Innovation & Imagination* will include: Children's Literature and How to Use it in Your Program, Hands-On Information Power: 21st Century Library Media Strategies, and Copyright in the Digital Age.

There is still time to submit a paper to the Academic Section Professional Forum. The Forum presents ideas, innovations, and case studies in librarianship that benefit the profession. Research methodology is encouraged, but not essential. Academic, school, and public librarians are all invited to participate. The papers are peer reviewed, and the winner will be awarded with a \$300 prize.

Look for conference information and registration at <http://www.wyla.org/2005conference/index.shtml>.



The North Dakota State Library has nearly 11,000 large print titles available for loan.

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Nov. 2-3	North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, Bismarck

*R*eference Corner

The North Dakota State Library has recently acquired a new business resource, *The Directory of Business Information Resources*, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition 2006. This resource covers ninety-eight different industries and includes a variety of industry-specific information about associations, magazines, Web sites, journals, newsletters, trade shows, directories, databases, etc. *The Directory of Business Information Resources* would be helpful to market researchers, advertising agencies, job placement and career planning offices, public relations personnel, and anyone else in business who uses this type of information. *The Directory of Business Information Resources* is just one of many reference books available for use at the North Dakota State Library.

**We're There !!**

Libraries of the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) consortium have shifted to a new online catalog system. A tremendous amount of work is taking place at each participating library, all with the goal of improved access

and functionality for library customers. The North Dakota State Library has taken the final steps of transferring from the old software to the new, and this will affect how you use the Library.

Interlibrary loans (ILL's) will now be performed on the new system, so please use the new catalog to place ILL's. You must also use the new catalog to access the up-to-date ODIN catalog, place holds, renew items, check the status of items checked out from the State Library, and check fines on your account.

To place an ILL in "system-wide search" of the catalog, find the record you want, then go to "view" to look at the item and <click> on "Interlibrary Loan Request." This will bring up the "ILL Request" form. Fill in the information on the form and <click> "submit," (this form includes all the information the ILL staff at the North Dakota State Library needs to fill your request). You will get a confirmation notice to let you know your request was successful. Any ILL that was placed after August 8, 2005, will appear on your account in the new system.

If the material you are looking for is not in the union catalog, go to the "my account" button on the top portion of the screen and <click> on it. This will bring up the option to choose a book or journal request form. You are able to submit this form so NDSL staff can locate the material you have requested. The old catalog will no longer be available as of August 31, 2005.

If you have any questions about ODIN or would like to schedule training for your staff, please contact Al or Sue at 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-4622.

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### ND Libraries Receive Grants

Fourteen public libraries across North Dakota were awarded *Books for Children* grants by the Libri Foundation. These grants enable rural public libraries to purchase new hardcover children's books with matching grants at a 2 to 1 ratio.

The following North Dakota libraries received grants: Adams County Library, Hettinger; Beulah Public Library, Beulah; Bottineau County Public Library, Bottineau; Bowbells Public School Library, Bowbells; Cando Community Library, Cando; Foreman Public Library, Foreman; Golden Valley County Library, Beach; Hatton Public School Library, Hatton; Mott Public Library, Mott; Northwood Public School & City Library; Northwood, Sitting Bull College Library; Fort Yates; Stutsman County Public Library, Jamestown; Hebron Public Library, Hebron; and Tioga Community Library, Tioga.

Agnes Jensen, Stutsman County librarian, says her library was able to purchase 67 new children's books with the funding. "I am exceedingly pleased with the quality of books that were offered and encourage other libraries to give it a try," Jensen said.

The Libri Foundation awards over 300 grants per year, and Foundation President Barbara McPhillips says she would like to see more North Dakota libraries take advantage of this great opportunity.

The deadline for the next round of grants is December 15, 2005. Information is available at <http://www.librifoundation.org>.

### NEW Online Library Resource

Have you checked out the new Online Library Resource *Opposing Viewpoints*? This new resource is now available to the citizens of North Dakota thanks to funding from the North Dakota Legislature.

This unique resource offers the pros and cons of today's hottest social issues. Access this and many other Online Library Resources through your local library, or through the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>.

### Summer Readers Celebrate

Participants of the Governor's Summer Reading Program recently celebrated their accomplishments during a special outdoor party held in their honor.

Summer readers and their families attended an afternoon of fun and games at the North Dakota State Library. Dr. Wayne Sanstead, Superintendent of



*Dr. Wayne Sanstead praises participants for their efforts during the 2005 Summer Reading Program celebration*

Public Instruction, was on hand to award participants certificates and a special t-shirt for completing requirements for the 2005 Governor's Summer Reading Program.

The State Library staff along with Mary Verlinde, a vision outreach teacher with North Dakota Vision Services, provided interactive stories, games, and refreshments for everyone.

### Coordinating Council to Hold Open Session

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council has scheduled an open session during the North Dakota Library Association's annual conference in Grand Forks this September.

The open meeting is scheduled on Thursday, September 22, 2005, from 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. in the Wheeler Room at the Holiday Inn, Grand Forks. Stop in and meet your representatives.

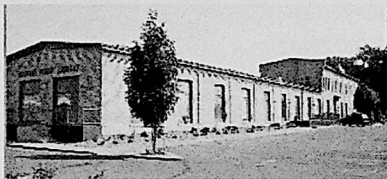
The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council is also planning to sponsor "*Think Tanks*" across North Dakota in February of 2006. Librarians, library board members, and citizens from your communities are encouraged to attend these sessions. Featured topics will be to evaluate current library services and to study, compare, plan, and define library services of the future.

The "*Think Tanks*" will be held in Fargo on February 17, Dickinson on February 24, and Minot on February 27, 2006. Watch for more details in the near future.

## @ Your Library

### Mandan Public Library

The Mandan Public Library moved to its new home in April of 2003. Since then its programs, collections, and readership has grown tremendously.



The Mandan Public Library is located at 609 West Main Street, Mandan, ND

Library Director Kelly Steckler says the library is truly something of which the community can be proud. She thinks the

library has really become a showcase for the city. "I think the ambiance and the space in our library really gives people a comfortable spot to meet and get information." She says the city has really been behind the library and because of that, the library has been able to attract a broader base of citizens.

Since 2003, the number of items circulated has grown from about 40,000 to 70,000 per year. Although the new location has played an important role in the growth of the library, Steckler also attributes its success to the devoted staff at the Mandan Public Library.

The library offers a summer reading program for students, story time for K-6 grade, and Big Kid Theatre program. The library is in the process of establishing a *Friends Group* to assist with the needs of the library.



*The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company from San Diego, California, performed at the Mandan Public Library*

Many community groups like the Mandan Golden Kiwanis Club, Knitting Club, Aquarium Club, and Girl Scouts make use of the many meeting rooms the library has to offer.

### ND Students Earn Their MLS Degree

Five North Dakota students have received their Master of Library Science (MLS) degree. Shari Sandwick, Peggy Zimmerman, Deb Igoe, Kristi Engle, and Jennifer Jenness, recently graduated from the University of North Texas' Minnesota III program, and Mark Holman received his degree from the School of Library and Information Management (SLIM), Emporia State University, Kansas.

All of the students were part of cohort programs offered by the two universities which enabled them to stay in North Dakota while working on their MLS degree.



*Pictured from left to right: Peggy Zimmerman, Shari Sandwick, Kristi Engle, & Deb Igoe on graduation day*

Shari Sandwick said, "Getting my MLS degree will enable me to be in a changing profession using emerging technologies to help plan and create better programs and services." Peggy Zimmerman said, "I did it for satisfaction; it is something I have always wanted to do," and Mark Holman added, "I learned a lot through the Emporia program, and I now have the tools to do my job more effectively."

During their studies, Sandwick, Zimmerman, and Igoe were selected to Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Studies Honor Society. Selection for membership in Beta Phi Mu is by invitation only.

Sandwick is currently Head of the Interlibrary Loan Department at the North Dakota State Library. Zimmerman and Engle are librarians at the University of Mary, Welder Library; Igoe works for the state of North Dakota as a civil rights officer and plans to work in a library after she retires; Jenness is the Technical Services Coordinator at Williams Library, Aberdeen, South Dakota; and Holman is the library director at Sitting Bull College in Ft. Yates.



**Updated Brochures Available**

The North Dakota State Library has recently updated the *Online Library Resources* brochure. This brochure now includes the new resources *Ancestry Library*, *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*, and *Health & Wellness Resource Center*.

The brochure is available for use in promoting these resources to the citizens of North Dakota. If you are interested, the State Library public awareness coordinator can even tailor the brochure to meet the needs of your library. If you would like brochures or are interested in a customized version for your library, contact Terri Wilhelm at (701) 328-4656.

**Reminder**



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*The guidelines and application form is available on the State Library Web site at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us> for viewing or printing.*

*The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council will meet in November 2005, to review all grant applications.*

*For questions about these or other grants, please call Cindy Larson at (701) 328-2492.*

**Get Your Ideas Heard**

Do you have ideas about summer reading programming you would like to have heard? If you are interested in helping plan future summer reading programs for North Dakota libraries, stop in at the *Summer Reading Programs of the Future* session during the NDLA conference on Friday, September 23, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the Merrifield Room, Holiday Inn, Grand Forks.



The program will include a brainstorming session to assist with future summer reading themes and prizes. Learn how the Collaborative Summer Library Program works and how to get your ideas heard. Find out how you can become part of a new idea sharing network for your summer reading programming.

If you are interested in summer reading programming, don't miss this session! Please bring your ideas for summer reading theme names, books, prizes, chapter headings, craft ideas, and illustrators for a *BUG*-related theme.

This fun and active session will be presented by Terri Wilhelm, Public Awareness Coordinator at the North Dakota State Library, and Kelly Loftis, Children's Program Coordinator at the Mandan Public Library.

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Feb. 28	NDLCC Regular Meeting, Minot

## Reference Corner

If you are looking for career information, the North Dakota State Library recently acquired *The Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance, 13th Edition*. This five volume resource provides an overview of different aspects of career guidance. Volume one covers career guidance and includes preparing for a career, finding a job, applying for a job, and a variety of useful information after you are hired. The other four volumes profile career fields and provide an overview of more than 90 careers. This five volume set is available for loan to North Dakota libraries for in-house use. The previous edition of *The Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance* is housed in our circulation collection. Check the Online Catalog at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, or contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 for availability.

## North Dakota State Library Serves North Dakota

Part of the State Library's mission is to provide access to information for all North Dakota libraries and citizens. The State Library plays an important role as a leader in promoting and advocating library services across the state.

Some of the State Library's responsibilities include professional services to citizens and libraries, training, grant opportunities, disability services, statewide cataloging, state aid, interlibrary loan, library connectivity, technology assistance, public awareness, reference resources, and more.

During the 2003-2005 biennium, the State Library sent out materials to answer 8,252 subject requests, received or placed 2,797 telephone calls, sent 13,571 e-mails, and processed 74,224 interlibrary loan requests. In addition to providing service to patrons through telephone or electronic requests, 17,840 patrons visited the State Library. The North Dakota State Library mailed out 78,231 items, and 86,653 items were checked out from the State Library collection. Currently 11,805 citizens and librarians in North Dakota hold a North Dakota State Library card.

Patrons can access ODIN and several Online Library Resources such as full-text magazines, newspapers, and reference sources from the State Library's homepage. In addition, patrons have access to electronic books with over 8,139 titles being available. Because of this immediate access to information, patrons can now research topics in their office or home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thanks to funding from the North Dakota Legislature, there are three new Online Library Resources available including: *Ancestry Library Edition*, *Health & Wellness Resource Center*, and *Opposing Viewpoints*.

Funding provided by North Dakota libraries provides access to these additional resources: *Electric Library*, *Kids InfoBits*, *Junior Edition*, *Junior Reference Collection*, *Discovering Collection*, *Student Edition*, *EBSCO MegaFILE*, *Professional Collection Online*, *Academic Search Premier*, *MasterFILE Premier*, *Business Source Premier*, *Regional Business News*, and over 550 regional, national, and international newspapers. These online resources can be accessed from your local library or the State Library's homepage at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>.

If you have questions about accessing these or other resources, please contact any North Dakota library, including the Reference Department at the North Dakota State Library at (701) 328-4622 or 1-800-472-2104.

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### Don't Miss Important Library Information

If you would like to receive important information regarding library issues, legislative updates and much more, make sure you are signed up to receive e-mails through the State Library LIST for *public libraries*, *school libraries*, or *academic/other libraries*. Please send your name, e-mail address, name of your library, and the LIST to which you would like to subscribe to [lgraumann@state.nd.us](mailto:lgraumann@state.nd.us).

### NDLA Looking for Recipes

The North Dakota Library Association is looking for a few good recipes for the NDLA Centennial Cookbook.



You are encouraged to submit your recipe online using one of the cookbook recipe submission forms located on the NDLA Web

page at <http://www.ndla.info>, or submit them to Marlene Anderson, Chair, NDLA Centennial Cookbook Committee, c/o Bismarck State College Library, PO Box 5587, Bismarck, ND 58506-5587.

The deadline for recipe submissions is January 31, 2006. The cookbook will be ready in time for the NDLA Centennial Conference scheduled for September 20-22, 2006, in Fargo.

### NEW Online Library Resource

*Ancestry Library Edition* offers census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from Canada and other areas. This collection contains more than 4,000 databases and 1.5 billion names. *Ancestry Library Edition* is available to any North Dakota resident through their public library by requesting a library card and password from your local library.



*Ancestry Library Edition* is available by visiting your local library. Many other Online Library Resources are available through your local library's Web page or through the North Dakota State Library's Web page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>.



### You're Invited

The North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council are co-sponsoring "Think Tanks" across North Dakota in Fargo - Friday, February 17; Dickinson - Friday, February 24; and Minot - Monday, February 27. Librarians, library board members, and citizens from their communities are invited to attend the sessions.

The Think Tanks will give participants an opportunity to study, compare, plan, and define library services of the future. Watch for more details in the Flickertale, U.S. mail, and State Library LIST in the near future.

### Beware! Major Error on CSLP Incentive Form

There is an error in the incentive catalog for the 2006 Collaborative Summer Library Program, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales!"



The error is on page 10 of the 2006 incentive order form. The phone number SHOULD be 1-800-~~448~~-4887, and the fax number SHOULD be 1-800-~~448~~-5828. These catalogs were mailed to all public libraries in September.

Remember to get your summer reading orders in early to insure you receive all of the items you would like for your summer reading program.

### Summer Reading Manuals Almost Gone

There are only a few 2006 Summer Reading Manuals left for purchase through the State Library. If you are interested in purchasing one for \$10.00, please contact Terri Wilhelm at the North Dakota State Library at (701) 328-4656, or e-mail [twilhelm@state.nd.us](mailto:twilhelm@state.nd.us). The order form for the manual is available on the State Library Web page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>.

If you are unable to purchase a manual from the State Library at this time, you can purchase one for \$12.00 plus the cost of shipping through Upstart by using the CSLP incentive form or ordering online at [www.highsmith.com/upstart/2006CSLP.htm](http://www.highsmith.com/upstart/2006CSLP.htm). These will not be available until March 2006.



## @ Your Library

After many years of dreaming and planning, the new West Fargo Public Library is open for business. The library held its grand opening on October 1, 2005.

Additional space, more computers, a business center, and homework center are just a few features of the new library. West Fargo Library Board President David Saxowsky says, "The role public libraries play in their communities is critical to their future, and this new facility says we are ready to be a player."



*A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the grand opening of the new West Fargo Public Library.*

Saxowsky says, "The success of this project was due in large part to the professionalism of the West Fargo Public Library staff." He says, "They now have the space needed to enhance library services in West Fargo, and with the added technology the library is now in a better position to be a collaborative resource for all of North Dakota."



*The new West Fargo Public Library is open for business.*

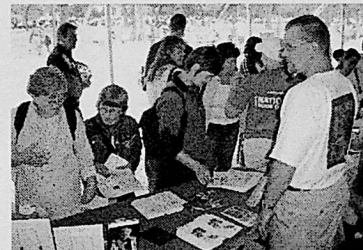
The library has recently expanded its hours to serve the needs of its patrons.

The library is located in the Lodoen Community Center at 109 3rd Street E., in West Fargo. The new library was renovated from a former school gymnasium which gives it a

## Louis L'amour Featured Author

Thousands of book lovers of all ages converged on Washington, D.C., recently for the National Book Festival. The festival was hosted by First Lady Laura Bush and is a way for states to promote libraries, authors, and the love of reading.

In order for states to promote their libraries, authors, and literary heritage, the festival hosted a Pavilion of States event. Dave Anderson of the North Dakota State Library, and Susan Hammer-Schneider, Chairperson of North Dakota Center for the Book, represented North Dakota at this year's event. Anderson says, "By participating in the National Book Festival, we were able to share the history and culture of North Dakota with people from around the United States and other countries."



*Dave Anderson promotes North Dakota at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C.*

Author Louis L'amour and children's author Peggy Brooke were North Dakota's featured authors at this year's event. The festival included readings and book signings by award winning authors and illustrators of adult and children's literature and also included appearances by R.L. Stine, Sandra Brown, and Phyllis Reynolds Naylor.

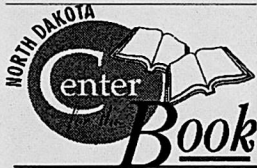
Participation in this event was made possible through a partnership with the North Dakota State Library, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), North Dakota Center for the Book, North Dakota Humanities Council, and Buffalo City Tourism Foundation.



The North Dakota State Library processed 74,224 interlibrary loan requests during the 2003-2005 biennium from public, academic, school and special libraries, and citizens of North Dakota.

### Center for the Book Affiliates with Humanities Council

North Dakota Center for the Book will be affiliating with the North Dakota Humanities Council (NDHC) effective November 1, 2005. The NDHC will be directing the Letters About Literature Program, a national reading-writing contest, and the April is for Authors Sensational Sunday Program, held each Sunday during the month of April and features North Dakota authors.



Susan Hammer-Schneider, Chairperson for North Dakota Center for the Book says, "We are pleased for the opportunity to affiliate with the North

Dakota Humanities Council, as it will give our organization and our sponsored programs more exposure to the general public." Hammer-Schneider adds that with financial support from the NDHC, they will be better able to provide the literary arts of North Dakota a bigger variety of program events.

Hammer-Schneider says, "The programs offered by North Dakota Center for the Book reach all ages, from young children to senior citizens, so many will benefit from what we have to offer. This is an exciting time for Center for the Book."



### Grants to Libraries

The American Library Association (ALA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) are now accepting applications for the *We The People Bookshelf* on "Becoming American." The grant project is an effort to encourage young people to read and understand great literature while exploring themes in American history. Fifteen classic books for young readers, as well as three titles in Spanish, will be awarded to 1,000 libraries across the country. Libraries interested in receiving the collection are required to develop and host a program to introduce the collection and its theme of "Becoming American" to students and patrons.

Guidelines and applications are available online at <http://www.ala.org/wethepeople> from September 6, 2005, through January 17, 2006. All applications are due by January 17, 2006.

To access a list of titles, please visit <http://www.ala.org/wethepeople>. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to receive the "Becoming American" collection for your library. The application process is relatively simple and quick. For questions concerning this grant, please contact [publicprograms@ala.org](mailto:publicprograms@ala.org).

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