

North Dakota State Library FLICKERTALE

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DATES

March 25-March 29, 2008

PLA, Minneapolis, MN
www.placonference.org

March 31-April 1, 2008

Spring Workshops, Grand Forks

April 3-4, 2008

Spring Workshops, Bismarck

REFERENCE CORNER

Put the North Dakota State Library Reference Department to work for you by using the “Ask a Librarian” link on the ND State Library website, www.library.nd.gov. The reference staff at the State Library will do basic research for individual North Dakotans and extensive research for North Dakota government agencies. Please make your request as clear and complete as possible, and refer all genealogical research questions to the State Historical Society. If you’re ever in a pickle and don’t know where to search for answers, please don’t hesitate to “Ask a Librarian” at the North Dakota State Library!

Homework Help: FOR PARENTS!

The North Dakota State Library is offering a brand new training workshop for parents!

Homework Help: FOR PARENTS! is geared towards parents who want to help their children with reports and research papers, but struggle with finding reliable resources.



By using the Online Library Resources, parents can now access the same types of research materials from home that they would normally find in a library.

The workshop will focus on content as well as demonstrate searching techniques. The databases featured during the presentation contain full-text articles from newspapers and magazines as well as transcripts from national news broadcasts, a wide variety of reference materials, maps, and a large collection of books online.

Call the State Library at 1-800-472-2104 TODAY to schedule a training at your library! Visit www.library.nd.gov for more information.

You're Invited!

- You are invited to an orientation at the State Library on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. The two-hour orientation includes an overview of the State Library's mission, a tour of the building and collection, and an introduction to the online catalog and electronic resources. You can sign up for a library card and even check out items the same day. Take advantage of this free service and tap into the wealth of reliable, accurate information from the Online Library Resources and from library collections across North Dakota. Whether your research is work related or personal, the resources of the North Dakota State Library can help.

Teacher Tools eLibrary BookCart

Submitted by Steve Axtman, Training Services

Featured in the **eLibrary** and **eLibrary Elementary** databases are teacher tools for lesson planning, creating assignments, and giving multiple choice quizzes. Teachers and librarians can create virtual book carts that contain selected publications, reading lists, web links, and quizzes. The resources can be customized into digital lesson plans that focus on student research and classroom activities. Students can access and use the carts from school or home and email completed quizzes directly to the teacher.

Using the BookCart Editor, educators can easily create subject-specific carts containing links to relevant articles, images, maps, multimedia, favorite websites or Homework Central websites. Carts can be created for specific reference assignments or for special learning activities. Carts can also be shared by educators in the same school or any school in the district.

Teachers or librarians can create new book carts from scratch or access almost 500 existing carts created by ProQuest Curriculum Specialists. These existing carts can be copied and then edited or changed to meet local classroom needs. Educators can also search for existing carts to edit by using the standard search or by using the grade level search feature to customize resources to specific reading levels or curriculum standards.

eLibrary and **eLibrary Elementary** are two databases in the group of Online Library Resources that are funded by the North Dakota State Legislature and North Dakota libraries. Contact your librarian or call the State Library at 1-800-472-2104 for more details.



SPOTLIGHT

State
Documents
Department



*Submitted by Kristin Northrup,
Head of State Documents*

The State Library administers the North Dakota State Document Depository Program. This program ensures the permanent retention of documents published by North Dakota state agencies, and catalogs them for easy public access via ODIN. State documents include reports, newsletters, brochures, and meeting minutes, as well as maps, videos, and sound recordings.

Agencies are required by the North Dakota Century Code to submit eight copies of every publication intended for general public distribution to the State Library. Six of those copies are then distributed to the other depository libraries – State Historical Society, University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University, Minot State University, Valley City State University, and the Library of Congress. The remaining two copies are retained by the State Library, one for circulation and one for permanent retention. Although the circulating copy says 'Ask at desk' next to the call numbers, this simply means that a library employee will need to pull it from the shelf. The item can still be checked out in person or requested through interlibrary loan.

The State Library currently receives and disseminates about 200 titles per month from over 150 agencies.

In addition, a rapidly-increasing number of documents are being published electronically, either as well as or instead of on paper. Electronic documents can be accessed through ODIN the same way as the print versions; both formats are retrieved through one simple search. All electronic documents are currently in .pdf form and are viewed via a link to a website. No downloading is required.

2008 Spring Workshops: Back to Basics

The 2008 Spring Workshops are just around the corner. The State Library will hold the workshops at two locations: Grand Forks on March 31st and April 1st at the Ramada Inn, and Bismarck on April 3rd and 4th at the Best Western Doublewood Inn and the Bismarck State College Library Computer Lab. This year, the workshops are going "Back to the Basics" with programs on teen library services, the summer reading program, organizing a book club at your library, de-selection and weeding, applying for E-Rate for telecommunication services, an overview of services offered to libraries from the North Dakota State Library, applying for North Dakota State Library grants, and more. We will also be bringing in representatives from the vendors who supply the Online Library Resources from (Bismarck workshop only). Mark your calendars! Visit www.library.nd.gov for more information.

State Library Receives Award

Congratulations to the second place winner for Minitex's "Top Ten Catalogers in the Minitex Region Award".

The State Library's Catalogers created 2,346 original records in 2007. That means 729 more original records were created in 2007 than in 2006. This award is given to libraries that contribute the most original cataloging records to OCLC within the Minitex region. Minnesota State University at Mankato took first place with 2,429 records.



Catch that READING BUG!

Giant caterpillars, inflatable spiders, glow-in-the-dark beetles, and ant farms.....OH MY!

The 2008 Summer Reading Program "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library" is full of possibilities. The State Library

would like to welcome everyone to

participate in the fifth annual Summer Reading Kick-Off on May 30, 2008. Plan your own kick-off event! A huge statewide kick-off would be a great way to get North Dakota kids excited about summer reading programs.

The Bismarck kick-off event is scheduled at the North Dakota Heritage Center and the North Dakota State Library in Bismarck from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

If your library would like to participate by having a kick-off event on May 30, please call the state summer reading program coordinator, Lacey Wahl, at 701-328-4656. Your event, along with other summer reading events throughout the state, will be posted on the State Library website at www.library.nd.gov. There will also be a link to your website!

The North Dakota State Library participates in the national Collaborative Summer Library Program with 43 other states. The Collaborative develops a yearly program theme, manual, attractive artwork, and engaging educational activities.



Catch the Reading Bug!

New Arrivals in Library Science

- **Technology and the School Library :**
A comprehensive guide for media specialists and other educators.
- **The Oxford Guide to Library Research**
- **The Teen Reader's Advisor**
- **The Thriving Library :**
Successful strategies for challenging times.
- **Training Library Staff and Volunteers to Provide Extraordinary Customer Service**
- **Glut :**
Mastering information through the ages.
- **Rethinking Information Work :**
A career guide for librarians and other information professionals.
- **Genrefied Classics :**
A guide to reading interests in classic literature.
- **A Day In the Life :**
Career options in library and information science.
- **Access to Medical Knowledge :**
Libraries, digitization, and the public good.
- **Designing a School Library Media Center for the Future**
- **Conflict Management for Libraries :**
Strategies for a positive, productive workplace.
- **The Readers' Advisory Guide to Nonfiction**
- **International Encyclopedia of Information and Library Science**
- **The Yellow-Lighted Bookshop :**
A memoir, a history.
- **Books on Fire :**
The destruction of libraries throughout history.
- **Library Acquisition of Music**

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