



State Library Hosts Summer Reading Workshops

The North Dakota State Library hosted summer reading workshops at six locations in February. Fifty librarians, library board members, and library volunteers attended the workshops in Bismarck, Dickinson, Minot, Grand Forks, Wahpeton, and Jamestown.

The workshop attendees had the opportunity to connect with other librarians, share ideas for summer reading programs, and have fun learning ideas related to the 2012 themes. The upcoming summer reading themes are Dream Big - READ! (Children), Own the Night (Teens), and Between the Covers (Adults).



Librarians from New Rockford Public Library, Valley City Barnes County Public Library, Casselton Public Library, James River Valley Library System, Griggs County Library, and Maddock Community Library discuss ideas for the upcoming 2012 summer reading programs.

“I was really pleased to be able to host the workshops again this year,” said Adam Emter, Public Awareness Coordinator at the State Library. “It’s a great opportunity for me to connect with the librarians who host local summer reading programs every year,” he added.

Because the workshops were hosted in multiple cities throughout the state, many librarians were thankful for the limited travel time to attend the workshop. In addition, most attendees agreed that the idea sharing and program suggestions would add significant value to their upcoming summer reading programs. “I love the networking opportunity. Being able to visit with other librarians and share ideas encourages me to host a really great summer program,” reported one librarian.

Kidder County Librarian Honored

Eric Stroshane, ND State Library Field Services Representative, and Michele Balliet Unrath, ND State Library Data Coordinator, recently travelled to Steele to honor Paulette Fischer, director of the Kidder County Library, for being the first librarian to correctly submit the 2011 public library annual report. With her board members, colleagues, and local media in attendance, Paulette was presented with a certificate of recognition, a small assortment of young adult and children’s books for the library, and a beverage cooler.



New News and Thoughts...

from State Librarian Hulén E. Bivins

Since the state library association convention last September in Minot, the North Dakota State Library (NDSL) has been involved in several tasks that support the state's continued participation in the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program as administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The following paragraphs provide an informational update regarding these tasks and an update of the totality of the LSTA program as it affects North Dakota.

For more than 50 years, the federal government's LSTA program, and its predecessors (LSA and LSCA), have provided funds to each of the nation's states to support the delivery of library services. Under the provisions of the program, known as the "Grants to States Program," funds are allotted to each state library to support statewide library initiatives and library services. The funds are distributed to each state based upon a population-based formula; the "Grants to States" program allows each state to develop individual statewide plans designed to meet the needs of each state.

As a participant in the grant program, each state must complete an evaluation of the services the state has provided using the federal LSTA funds. The evaluation, to be completed every five years, is to note the degree of success in each program. The report is due to IMLS this month (March 2012). During the past six months, NDSL has been working in the development of a new five year report for North Dakota. This report is due June 2012.

The evaluation process provides an opportunity for an analysis of changes in information technology that often brings a need for the significant reorganization of library work and necessitates major changes to library service in public, academic, school, and research library settings. As libraries expand their traditional mission of collecting and circulating physical holdings to a mission that also provides access to computers, software, and a host of new services, including digital information services, a refreshed analysis of each state plan provides a reassessment opportunity to insure a maximum effort is made to meet the needs of the citizenry of each state.

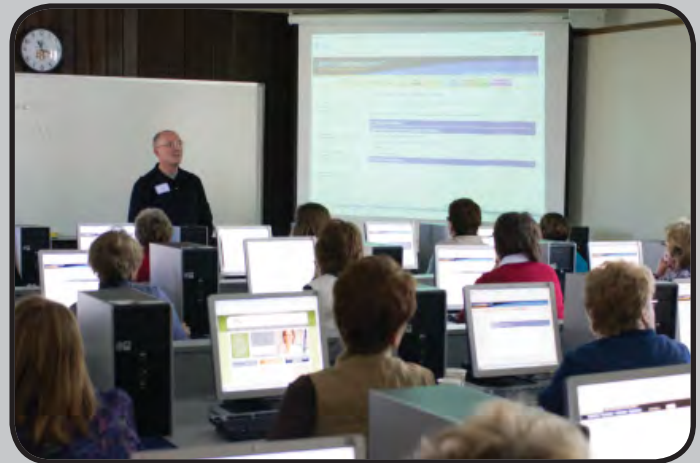
An evaluation of the library services of the North Dakota State Library for the past five years of 2008-2012 has, this month, been completed by the University of North Dakota's Mr. Galen Cariveau, Director of the Office of Professional Services, and Dr. Dennis Elbert, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. Their independent evaluation was completed using data obtained from a series of Town Meetings across North Dakota held last September, a self-evaluation study completed by the staff of NDSL, a survey of North Dakota's public libraries, a survey of users of the NDSL Talking Book program, and a library patron user survey. The results of all of the information gathered were compared to the long range plan for federal programs of NDSL for the time of 2008-2012. The resulting comparison provided a full analysis of tasks attempted and tasks completed. A weblink will be provided to anyone that would like to read the final evaluation report, as submitted to IMLS. To receive the weblink, please contact the State Library Administration Department at 701-328-2492 or ndsladmn@nd.gov.

The evaluation results shall be used as the backbone of a new plan for the use of federal LSTA funds for the future years of 2013-2018 in North Dakota. Many of the tasks included in the 2008-2012 evaluation document shall be carried forward into the new plan. Examples of such tasks include: providing for the databases available in ODIN, the availability of the Tutor ND program, cataloging and technical assistance for ND libraries, and maintenance of statewide Talking Book services. Library employees and library users in North Dakota are encouraged to convey any suggestions for consideration as part of the new plan of NDSL for the next five years to either members of the Field Services staff or to the office of the State Librarian. NDSL sincerely hopes that library users and library workers in the state shall share their suggestions for programs to be considered in a new LSTA program plan. Suggestions are requested prior to May 11, 2012.

Make Plans to Attend the 2012 State Library Spring Workshops!

The North Dakota State Library will host the 2012 Spring Workshops in Bismarck on April 2nd and 3rd at our State Capitol. This year's featured workshop will explore teen library services. Shari Haskins, Young Adult Librarian from the Fremont County Library System in Wyoming, will present the workshop "Teen Up" on Monday, April 2nd.

Ms. Haskins previously conducted workshops for the Montana State Library and the Utah State Library with a focus on teen services, summer reading programs, and advocacy. She also presented a teen-focused workshop at the 2010 PLA Conference. Featured topics for the "Teen Up" workshop will include: teen book clubs, teen collection development on a budget, gaming as a daily service, teen summer reading programs, and much more.



Professional staff from the State Library will present workshops on a wide range of popular topics.



Spring Workshops offer a great opportunity to connect with other North Dakota librarians.

Other workshops, to be presented by staff of the North Dakota State Library, will feature topics such as: collection development of graphic novels; de-selection and weeding; E-books and E-readers; and, free web applications and blogging basics. Also, Sgt. Pedro Armendariz, Director of Security at the State Capitol for the North Dakota State Patrol, will present a workshop on workplace safety and security.

In addition to the workshop opportunities, the staff of the North Dakota State Library would like to invite you out to dinner at one of several restaurants in Bismarck on Monday night, April 2nd. The State Library will provide transportation to two (or more depending on participation and interest) eating establishments. Dining participants will meet in the lobby of the Kelly Inn at 5:30 PM. Each person will be responsible for

their own bill and participation is purely optional. Please consider joining us for an evening of food, fun, and networking among your peers!

For more information or to register, please visit http://www.library.nd.gov/training.html#tab_2 or call the State Library at 701-328-4622.

MEET THE COLLECTION : JUVENILE FICTION



Young children who are read to by their parents have above-average reading levels when they reach age 15, according to a study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The study concludes that parents can help their children achieve their full potential by spending some time talking and reading with their children. This can be achieved with the help of the North Dakota State Library! Since early literacy support can have a such a long-term effect on reading skills, parents are encouraged to check out the collection at the State Library for books to read with children.

The NDSL collection offers award-winning children's books, including books that have won the Flicker Tale award, sponsored by the School Libraries and Youth Services division of the North Dakota Library Association, along with winners of the Newbery and Caldecott Medals. Like the rest of the NDSL collection, there is an emphasis on collecting materials by a North Dakota author or with North Dakota content.

There's no need to stop reading with your children once they can read on their own. According to The National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance, literacy skills tend to decrease around the age when parents stop reading aloud to their children. In addition to helping maintain literacy skills, reading aloud together sends a clear message

to your child – reading and books are important! It's never too early or too late to start reading with your child. Reading with your child can begin at birth and continue as they mature, as even older children benefit from the one-on-one interaction with their parents. The State Library has a collection that includes materials for all ages. Younger children will enjoy the picture books, independent readers will enjoy middle grade chapter books, and teens will enjoy the selection of popular young adult materials. Like the adult fiction collection, young adult fiction is offered primarily in large print format.

The juvenile fiction collection is shelved on the ground floor of the State Library. Juvenile non-fiction titles are shelved with the rest of the non-fiction on the lower level of the building. When searching the catalog for children's books, you can limit your search to juvenile fiction by choosing it from the list of collection options. You can also choose to search the oversized juvenile fiction collection from the same list of options.

With a parent or guardian's signature, children under 18 are eligible for their own North Dakota State Library card and can check out up to 20 books at a time. Books may be borrowed for 4 week periods, and large print books circulate for 8 weeks.

Happy Reading!

North Dakota State Library : On the Road

March 20

Ancestry Library Edition Training - Bismarck

March 23-24

ND Homeschool Association Conference - Jamestown

March 29

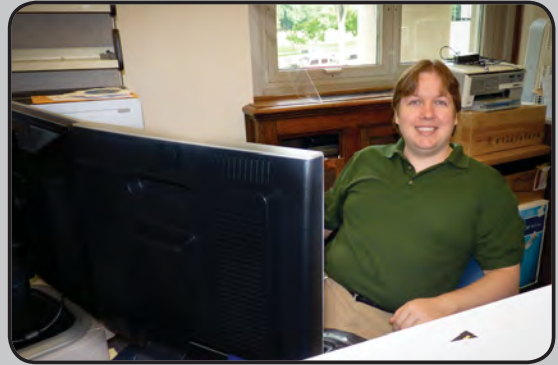
Ancestry Library Edition Training - Buffalo

ND Library Tidbits

The New Rockford Public Library book club read the book *Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman. At the discussion on February 21st, the author joined the discussion via phone! It was quite a treat for a small town in ND to have a nationally-published author join the book discussion. Book club members said that it was really neat to be able to talk to Ms. Hoffman about what she meant by certain things in the book and what her inspiration was for certain characters. After being thanked, Ms. Hoffman said, "Y'all were wonderful! Thanks so much for having me!" Book club members were very excited that librarian Susie Sharp was able to facilitate the meeting, which was set up through contact with the author on Twitter and Facebook.

State Library Staff Update

Matthew Lengenfelder has resigned duties as IT Coordinator at the State Library. Best wishes for your future endeavours, Matthew!



North Dakota Library Association Announces Conference Dates

Mark your calendar! The NDLA 2012 conference "Finding Your Voice" will be September 19-22 at the Best Western Doublewood Inn & Conference Center in Fargo. For additional information, visit the NDLA conference website at <http://ndla.info/Conference/12conf.htm>.

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CALENDAR

April

School Library Month

April 2-3

NDSL Spring Workshops - Bismarck

April 8-14

National Library Week

April 10

National Library Workers Day

April 11

National Bookmobile Day

April 19-21

*ND Reading Association Conference
Dickinson*

OCLC President to Deliver Address at UND Chester Fritz Library

The librarians and staff of the University of North Dakota Chester Fritz Library invite you to a very special presentation by Mr. Jay Jordan, President and Chief Executive Officer of OCLC. Mr. Jordan will deliver the 21st Annual Elwyn B. Robinson Lecture on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 in the Chester Fritz Library at the University of North Dakota at 1:00 pm. Mr. Jordan will offer his perspectives on the world of libraries and information services. This is the first time Mr. Jordan has visited North Dakota.

Jay Jordan is the fourth president of OCLC serving since 1998. He came to OCLC after a 24-year career with Information Handling Services, an international publisher of databases. Prior to joining IHS, he held positions with the 3M Corporation in Europe and the United States. He graduated from Colgate University in 1965 with a B.A. in English literature and served as a U.S. Army officer in Germany. He has spent more than seven years living and working outside the United States.

Mr. Jordan is active in professional organizations, including the American Library Association and the Special Libraries Association. He is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Library Administration, serves on the School of Information and Library Science (SILS) Board of Visitors for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and is a board member of the Governing Board for Publishing of the American Chemical Society.

Founded in 1967, OCLC is a nonprofit, membership, computer library service and research organization dedicated to the public purposes of furthering access to the world's information and reducing library costs. OCLC and its member libraries cooperatively produce and maintain WorldCat, the world's largest online database for discovery of library resources.

Under Mr. Jordan's leadership, the OCLC cooperative has grown from 30,000 to more than 72,000 libraries, archives and museums. The number of participating institutions outside the U.S. has increased from 3,200 in 64 countries to 16,215 in 170 countries. At the same time, the OCLC cooperative has become global in its governance, with regional councils sending delegates to a new OCLC Global Council.

Since 1998, the WorldCat bibliographic database has grown from 38 million records to more than 240 million, and the number of location listings attached to those records has increased from 668 million to more than 1.7 billion. In 2006, WorldCat became available to people everywhere on the Internet. In recent years, OCLC has built a new technological platform, introduced new Web-scale services and created a library advocacy program.

Federal Support for Libraries in North Dakota Update

President Obama has requested \$231,953,777 for fiscal year 2013 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an amount equal to the current funding of IMLS. Included in this amount is \$156.3 million to be distributed through the "Grants to States" (LSTA) program. If the President's requested funding for IMLS is approved, North Dakota would receive approximately \$939,800.

Your North Dakota State Library Field Services representative will work with you, in your library.

Call 800-472-2104 for more information or to schedule a visit.

New Library Science Publications at the State Library

Game on! : gaming at the library

Moving your library : getting the collection from here to there

Librarians as community partners : an outreach handbook

Building a buzz : libraries & word-of-mouth marketing

Library camps and unconferences

Effective blogging for libraries

Microblogging and lifestreaming in libraries

A social networking primer for librarians

Crash course in library gift programs : the reluctant curator's guide to caring for archives, books, and artifacts in a library setting

Wikis for libraries

Technology training in libraries

No shelf required : e-books in libraries

Serving new immigrant communities in the library

Keep it simple : a guide to assistive technologies

¡Hola, amigos! : a plan for Latino outreach

Crash course in children's services

The teen-centered writing club : bringing teens and words together

Crash course in teen services

Teen-centered library service : putting youth participation into practice

North Dakota State Library's Most Popular Authors of 2011

This list of authors was created using circulation data from the State Library Aleph Circulation Module.

ADULT FICTION

10. Debbie Macomber
9. Christine Feehan
8. Janet Evanovich
7. Agatha Christie
6. James Patterson
5. Karen Kingsbury
4. Beverly Lewis
3. Nora Roberts
2. Lauraine Snelling
1. Louis L'Amour

JUVENILE FICTION

10. Rick Walton
9. Sarah Weeks
8. Melissa Marr
7. Christopher Paolini
6. Pittacus Lore
5. Jeff Kinney
4. Ellen Hopkins
3. Sara Shepard
2. Suzanne Collins
1. Erin Hunter

Report From the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council recently met on March 6 and 7 at the Dr. James Carlson Branch of the Fargo Public Library, under the direction of Beth Postema, Chair. Several items of interest to the North Dakota library community were considered and discussed. Among the items discussed was the need for a uniform standard for digitization projects; the framework necessary for an active mentoring program among library workers; the status of available downloadables plus consideration of the various publisher restrictions relating to downloadables; and, the steps needed to develop standards for public libraries in North Dakota. Further, consideration of the future plans and activities of the Council regarding future grant projects that might be supported by the Council was undertaken. Special emphasis was placed on the future as it might conform to the Council's *Library Vision 2014* document.

The Council also completed a review of recently submitted grant project requests. Grant requests in the category of "Technology to Provide Access to Information" were approved for: Enderlin Municipal Library; Stanton Public Library; McVille Community Library; Hankinson Public School; Bottineau Public School (Jr.-Sr. Library); Beulah Public Library; and the Barnes County North School District. Grant requests in the category of "Innovative Partnership with a Non-Library Entity" were approved for: West Fargo Public Library and the Grand Forks Public Library. A grant request for "Participation in the Statewide Online Catalog through WorldCat" was approved for the Harvey Public Library. Funding for these grants utilizes state dollars only. The total amount of all approved grants was \$68,936.

In addition to Beth Postema, Council members attending and participating in the meeting included: Heidi Danielson, Diane Olson, Ray Siver, Ilene Larson, Aubrey Madler, Ann Pederson, Judy Ringgenberg, Jerry Kaup, and Hulen Bivins.

'Why We Love Our Bookmobile' Video Celebration Puts Spotlight on Mobile Outreach

As libraries gear up to celebrate the third annual National Bookmobile Day on April 11, they can now share what makes their bookmobile special through the "Why We Love Our Bookmobile" YouTube video celebration. Through April 11, libraries across the country are invited to submit videos on the National Bookmobile Day YouTube channel that highlight the essential library services that bookmobiles and their dedicated staff provide every day, in communities large and small.



"Why We Love Our Bookmobile" is open to libraries and library agencies who post videos that feature at least one of the following themes: patron support for the bookmobile; bookmobile services; or the library's 2012 National Bookmobile Day celebrations. On National Bookmobile Day, three videos will be selected at random to receive \$50 gift certificates from ALA Graphics.

For more information about "Why We Love Our Bookmobile," including submission guidelines and instructions, please visit www.ala.org/bookmobiles and click on "Why We Love Our Bookmobile."

Freeware For the Masses

You have probably heard it said, "If it is free, it probably isn't any good." Well, many times, that is true. But just on the chance that you are willing to take a peak, here are three free software programs that just might be of interest.

VLC MEDIA PLAYER

VLC media player is from Video LAN Organization. It's an all-purpose video player, which also plays all audio formats. If VLC can't play a media format, it's a good bet that nothing will. This program may be the answer to all those error messages from Windows Media Player, saying it does not have the necessary codec or cannot play a particular file. VLC not only plays all formats but plays them well. This is an important piece of free software that works on Windows, Linux, Mac and Unix computers. Visit www.videolan.org/vlc.

IRFANVIEW

You may already know about Irfanview from Irfan. It's the definitive viewer made great when you also download the plug-ins. The program can read almost everything, including old Kodak .kdc files, Adobe native files, and even TXT files. It will also play most movie formats, as well as audio files. For the best experience, experts advise users to install Irfanview before VLC and allow VLC to function as the default viewer for media files. Irfanview has a lot of features and is a great photo manager, but it only does minor photo editing, so you'll still need Adobe Photoshop or a similar program if you're serious about photo editing. Visit www.irfanview.com.

AUDACITY

A great free sound editor is Audacity. If you are an amateur podcaster or someone who likes to work with sound files but doesn't want to go pro with Cakewalk or the other professional systems, this program should be your free choice. It's a nice, feature-rich sound editor that can do almost anything and since it works on all platforms you can quickly download it for emergency editing when you aren't on your main machine. Visit www.audacity.sourceforge.net.

Are You Pinning? : Using Pinterest in Your Library

Pinterest is a digital pinboard application that has quickly become one of the most trafficked social network websites. Pinterest's boards have great potential for libraries and other organizations for creating visual displays of resources and services. The following is a list of articles related to library use of Pinterest.



"5 Ways to Use Pinterest in Your Library" - <http://bit.ly/x7iTbj>

"Use Pinterest to Promote Your Programs And Services" - <http://bit.ly/AvKAVY>

"20 Great Ways Libraries Are Using Pinterest" - <http://bit.ly/xM2eIT>

"More on How to Optimize Pinterest" - <http://bit.ly/yvzaCo>

"Pinterest" - <http://bit.ly/yYrgS6>

AASL Gives National Recognition to VCSU's Graduate Library Concentration

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) division of the American Library Association (ALA) has recognized the Library and Information Technologies Concentration of VCSU's online Master of Education program as a quality school librarianship program. VCSU is the only university in a four-state region (MN, ND, SD and Montana) with a nationally recognized program of this type.

"School library preparation programs that attain national recognition status from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) have undergone a rigorous peer review process that examines a diverse array of data and key components tied to national standards recognized by the profession," said Carl Harvey, AASL President. "Nationally recognized school library preparation programs have demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence on behalf of their candidates and the K-12 students and communities they serve. By virtue of their recent national recognition, VCSU's faculty and staff have positioned themselves as strategic leaders in 21st Century School Librarianship."

Donna James, grant project director and Graduate Library Education Director at VCSU, said, "One of our goals for the original IMLS grant was to develop a high quality program that would qualify for ALA/AASL recognition. It is certainly rewarding to receive this notification." James is an advocate for library education in North Dakota and former North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) president.

The LIT concentration is designed for practicing librarians who wish to further their careers with graduate-level credentials, or teachers outside the library wishing to add new credentials to their backgrounds. Previous recognition the program has received includes a \$573,909 IMLS grant in 2007 and an ALA/AASL statement of commendation in 2008.

The curriculum and assessment tools were developed by a team that included Konnie Wightman, Library Media Coordinator (retired) for Bismarck Public Schools, and Gay Galles, Program Manager for Library Media Services for the Moorhead Area Public Schools (both also evaluate student data and are adjunct instructors in the program). The curriculum was designed to meet the AASL standards for initial preparation of school librarians which focuses on preparing school librarians who teach 21st century information literacy skills, collaborate with colleagues, advocate for the school's library program, and lead the school community in the effective and ethical use of information.

Congratulations to Valley City State University and Donna James for securing this commendation!

Did You Know?

The publication you are reading has been submitted to the Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) for consideration as the "Best of Show Award" for public relations materials. LLAMA is a division of the American Library Association.

The annual "Best of Show Awards" recognize the very best public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year. Entries are judged on content, originality, design format, and effectiveness, by a team of experts in public relations and marketing.

Fictional Characters Whose Names You Don't Know

In the June 8, 2010 issue of *Mental Floss*, writer Jason English wrote about fictional characters whose names you don't know and the article provides for interesting discussions, especially for librarians. Below are just a few of the characters as mentioned in the article at <http://bit.ly/GDwzcC>.

- Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts. (Ken's last name is Carson.)
- Cap'n Crunch's full name is Captain Horatio Magellan Crunch.
- Snuffleupagus has a first name - Aloysius.
- The policeman in the board game Monopoly has a name, too. You can thank Officer Edgar Mallory the next time he sends you to jail.
- On the television show Night Court, Nostradamus Shannon was better known as Bull.
- The Michelin Man's name is Bibendum.
- On Gilligan's Island, Jonas Grumby was simply called The Skipper and The Professor was Roy Hinkley.
- The Pillsbury Doughboy's name is Poppin' Fresh. He has a wife, Poppie Fresh, and two kids, Popper and Bun Bun.
- The true identity of The Lone Ranger was John Reid.

Resume Writing Tips for Job Seekers

For many people, just getting started on writing or revising a resume is the toughest part. Here are a few tips for breaking through resume-writer's block :

- Look at sample resumes to get ideas. Check out books on resume-writing from your library, or look at samples online.
- Write to your audience. How can your experience, skills, and degrees benefit them? How will your work history translate to learning a new job?
- Proofread the final document twice, then once reading backward.
- Ask at least one other person to review it and proofread your document.
- Save your final document and prepare to rewrite a version for each job you apply for.



For more tips, including a list of common “Do and Don’t” mistakes, visit <http://bit.ly/y4TK5W>.

Notable Children's Recordings

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) has selected its 2012 list of Notable Children's Recordings. The list includes recordings for children 14 years of age and younger that are of especially commendable quality; demonstrate respect for young people's intelligence and imagination; exhibit venturesome creativity; and reflect and encourage the interests of children and young adolescents in exemplary ways. The complete list with annotations can be found on the ALSC website at <http://bit.ly/wkc5d3>.

Free 1940 Census Online

The National Archives, with its partner organization Archives.com, recently launched the website www.1940census.archives.gov in preparation for the first-ever online US Census release, which will take place April 2. The public is encouraged to bookmark the website now in order to more quickly access the 1940 census data when it goes live. Users will be able to search, browse, and download the 1940 census schedules, free of charge, from home computers or public computers at National Archives locations nationwide.

Mr. Morris Lessmore Film Wins an Oscar

William Joyce and Brandon Oldenburg's *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*, is the Academy Award winner for Best Animated Short Film. The wordless film's most inspiring scenes take place in a fanciful library full of living books. It is the production of Moonbot Studios in Shreveport, Louisiana. To view the complete film, which is a little over 15 minutes in length, visit <http://bit.ly/yQVkv5>.

YALSA Book Awards and Middle School Readers

Middle school librarians face the unique challenge of building a collection that is appropriate for both teens and tweens. Join Megan Fink for "Finding a Place on the Shelf: YALSA Book Awards and the Middle School Library," a discussion of the YALSA award winners and honorees for middle school readers on March 22 at 2 p.m. Eastern time. For additional information or to register online, visit <http://bit.ly/xUxnbt>.

How to Remove Individual Google Web History

On March 1, Google implemented a new, unified privacy policy. The policy directly affects the data Google has collected on individual web users prior to March 1, 2012, as well as data it will collect on users in the future. Until now, an individual's Google web history (your searches and sites visited) was cordoned off from Google's other products, such as YouTube and Google+. To learn how you can remove all items from your web history and stop it from being recorded in the future, see the article of Eva Galperin as noted in *Electronic Frontier Foundation* (Feb. 21, 2012) at <http://bit.ly/Ap6vXr>.

Google has, however, announced it will allow a "Do Not Track" button to be embedded in its web browser, allowing users to restrict the amount of data that may be collected about them. Google is getting into the initiative as the Obama administration unveiled plans to provide consumers with more control over their personal information online. In early February, Google acknowledged it had been circumventing the privacy settings of people using Apple's web-browsing software on their iPhones, iPads, and computers. The Chrome browser is expected to embed this new functionality by the end of 2012. But "Do Not Track" will not completely stop all data collection on consumers. More information is available in a *Wall Street Journal* issue at <http://on.wsj.com/xDSM7Y>.

25 Essential Keyboard Shortcuts

Jill Duffy, in the February 13 issue of *PC Magazine*, writes a column that suggests 25 essential keyboard shortcuts. The selected shortcuts picked (for both Windows and Mac) operate predominantly at the operating system level, although a few work across many programs, and five are specific to browsers. Visit <http://bit.ly/AogMVy> for the complete list.

Seven Misconceptions About Student Learning

In the February 14 issue of *The Washington Post*, writer Valerie Strauss provides discussion regarding new ways for students to learn. This is an interesting read for librarians and educators alike. The article notes that many people, educators included, cling to seven prominent misconceptions about learning because they base what they think on their own experiences in school, ignoring what 21st-century science and experience are revealing. View the full article online at <http://wapo.st/x95kyQ>.

North Dakota Sights and Scenes

With the opening game of the 2012 Major League Baseball season just a few weeks away, you might be interested in taking a trip to the most famous baseball site in North Dakota - the Roger Maris Museum in Fargo. The museum, housed within the West Acres Mall, features a video room to watch an expanded collection of videos while sitting on actual Yankee Stadium seats from the Maris era, replicas of Roger's Yankee Stadium monument and his 1961 locker, and displays and artifacts from Roger's youth and Major League days.

In 2005, *USA Today* dubbed the museum one of the "10 Great Places To Touch Base With The Best." So the next time you're in Fargo, stop by the Roger Maris Museum, North Dakota's permanent shrine to a reluctant hero. Visit www.rogermarismuseum.com for more information.



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While you're in Fargo, don't forget to stop by one of the three Fargo Public Library locations - Main Library, Dr. James Carlson Library, and the Northport Library. Visit <http://bit.ly/GDxb20> for more information about the services and events at the Fargo Public Library.

24 Sites for Certificates and Awards

With Summer Reading just around the corner, you might need ideas for certificates and awards. Julie Greller, in the February 24 issue of *A Media Specialist's Guide to the Internet* writes, "We all love to be recognized. After all, who doesn't like being told they are wonderful? Students respond to the reward system, and with so many templates and online creation tools, you should have no problem finding the perfect coupon or certificate." Check out the author's suggestions at <http://bit.ly/zodS5k>.

BookType Lets You Self-Publish Your Writing

Books can now be published by their authors using a growing selection of self-publishing software and websites. For those disappointed in the current selection of self-publishing tools, there's a new option. "BookType" is a self-hosted, open source, and collaborative authoring tool for ebooks and print books. Need more information? Visit <http://rww.to/yZw4r9>.

Readers' Advisory Guide to Mysteries Updated

The *Readers' Advisory Guide to Mystery*, second edition, published by ALA Editions, is now available and has, according to ALA, all the clues needed to help librarians solve the mystery of which titles readers should check out next. Authors John Charles, Candace Clark, Joanne Hamilton-Selway, and Joanna Morrison include several well-chosen book lists, practical programming ideas, and a new compendium of print and web-based resources. Check it out at <http://bit.ly/y3t320>.

School Libraries to Receive Money for Mazda Test-Drives

Mazda, Universal Studios, the National Education Association's Read Across America, and the NEA Foundation have created a program to benefit public school libraries nationwide. For each test-drive of a Mazda vehicle between February 21 and April 2, Mazda (Zoom Zoom!) will donate \$25 toward public school libraries nationwide, up to \$1 million. To participate, consumers must obtain this certificate and take it to any Mazda dealer in the US. For additional information about this program visit <http://bit.ly/yxXsG6>.

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