SUMMER ILEAD CONFERENCE

During our three days together in June, ILEAD ND participants witnessed and took part in inspirational and informative keynote presentations from premier thinkers and innovators in the library world. Our teams received specific training they and their mentors requested, as well as some tech-intensive special sauce. On the last day, they put on professional poster sessions, demonstrating the projects they're developing and answering questions from one another and the general public—something we gave them literally zero time to prepare for during the conference.

Everyone who was there learned to write basic code in JavaScript, created a website, learned promising practices in desktop publishing, built a thermometer with LCD readout on an Arduino board, and interacted with computers by touching bits of the world through the powers of Makey Makey. In breakout sessions, teams got to focus on things that were more mission-specific, such as STEM projects with littleBits, unmanned aerial vehicle (or drone) cinematography, in-depth video editing principles, and one team practiced cutting together short dog movies on an iPad.

All three ILEAD ND teams' project funding has been approved and released in response to their grant applications. Every team that's taking part in ILEAD ND has responsively planned a means of meeting a need in their service area. These projects include the first library-loaned drone program I'm aware of outside of academia, the first circulating robot collection in the state, and an ambitious tri-state video tutorial creation and curation project.

Throughout our time together, these librarians have demonstrated leadership, courage, curiosity, and innovation. I'm impressed by their teamwork, inspired by their approach to the field we all work in, excited about their projects, and proud to be a part of ILEAD with them. I can't wait for our final conference in October!

You can learn more and watch the archived keynotes from luminaries Michael Stephens, Jamie LaRue, and David Lankes here: https://ileadusanorthdakota.wordpress.com/. If you're interested, I heartily encourage you to join us for an ILEAD ND panel discussion during NDLA.

Drones over ILEAD, courtesy of D & N Cinematics

ILEAD ND Poster Sessions

News and Thoughts...

from State Librarian Mary J. Soucie

We wrapped up the second ILEAD USA conference right before I headed to San Francisco for the ALA Annual Conference. I am enjoying being a participant on an ILEAD USA team, even though I am the only State Librarian from the 10 states participating in that way.

My first experience with ILEAD USA was in 2013 in Illinois, the state that originated ILEAD and then expanded it to ILEAD USA. From the beginning, I thought the idea of ILEAD: Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover, was a really cool one. I loved anything that the IL State Library (ISL) sponsored and had always found my experiences with ISL to be rich and rewarding. I talked with colleagues that had participated in ILEAD and was really impressed with what they shared. I was contacted by a librarian from an area library that was thinking of putting a team together but that never came to fruition. I was encouraging my staff to get a team together and participate, but that never happened either. ISL expanded ILEAD into ILEAD USA and I was asked to be a mentor for that year. I was super excited to be invited by ISL to participate in this innovative experience. I love all kinds of mentoring and was excited to have another opportunity to do that as well. I was paired up with a team in the Joliet area, which was about 12 miles from my library. My team, TEAM THOTH (Tangible, Hands-On Tech Habits) included 2 university librarians, 1 public librarian, and 1 high school librarian. Unlike some of the other teams, they were all located in the same town which made in-person meetings extremely easy to hold. My team was very self-sufficient and I didn't have to do a whole lot as their mentor. I was their cheerleader, their advisor and occasionally, the person that made sure surveys were completed and forms were turned in. I learned as much as the team did from the ILEAD USA presentations. The IL program had many more participants than our ND program does. There were 10 teams, 8 instructors, and 7 state library staff on the planning team. I loved being part of the planning team. The mentors had monthly phone calls and we provided support to the other mentors whose teams weren't as cohesive as mine and shared ideas on how to help our teams move forward with their projects.

In September of last year, I received a phone call from my dear friend Anne Craig, director of the Illinois State Library, asking if NDSL would like to participate in ILEAD USA to replace one of two states that had to drop out. I was ecstatic and immediately wanted to say an enthusiastic yes. I held myself in check though... and said yes I'd love to but I needed to check with my colleagues. Once I had calmed down, I met with Cindy, Assistant State Librarian, and Eric, our Library Development Manager. They were both as excited as I was about the opportunity and so on October 2; we confirmed that we were willing to join the fun. And the whirlwind began... 2 weeks later, Eric and his Library Development colleague, BreAnne, headed to IL to attend the final conference of ILEAD to get an idea of just what I had gotten us into. If they knew then what they know now, Eric said he still would've said yes.

We put the call out to librarians to form teams and waited for applications to begin rolling in. Eventually we got the applications from our 3 teams: Team Robot Minot, Team Unicorn (NDSL staff) and Team E-Content Leaders (ND, MN and SD). With so many NDSL staff committed to ILEAD USA already as coordinators, instructors, participants and a mentor, it was up to me to be the ND representative on our tri-state team. Being a participant, rather than a member of the leadership team, has been an interesting experience for me. I love the team I am working with and love that I've expanded my network to include additional colleagues in MN and SD. I believe our project is a good one that will help librarians help their patrons. I've missed participating in the monthly planning team calls amongst all of the states though; I really enjoyed that part of my prior experience. I enjoyed knowing who the keynote speakers were ahead of time. We've worked hard to keep my participation in the leadership decisions to a minimum so I am experiencing ILEAD USA in the same way as the other participants are.

I look forward to ILEAD USA in 2017, when I will have yet a different role as State Librarian and a member of the leadership and planning team. I have loved every part of being involved with this great program and am so excited that we were able to introduce this program to ND librarians. I hope that if we participate again in 2017, we will be inundated with applications from ND librarians that want to be Innovative Librarians <that> Explore, Apply and Discover.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE
Explora

Explora is EBSCO's new interface for schools and public libraries. It is mobile-friendly, contains reliable content, and is easy to use. There are no distracting ads or pop-up windows. It also features a screen reader and citation formats. Content covers a broad range of subjects and is written by experts. Explora supports STEM, Common Core, and State Standards. Explora Primary and Explora Secondary will replace Searchasaurus, Kids Search and Student Research Center.

There are 4 new Explora interfaces:

Explora Primary

• Searches: Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia, American Heritage Children's Dictionary, Middle Search Plus, Primary Search, Topic Overviews K-5

Explora Secondary

• Searches: Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia, Middle Search Plus, MasterFILE Premier, Health Source (Consumer), MAS Ultra, Columbia Encyclopedia, Consumer Health Complete, Literary Reference Center, Science Reference Center, Topic Overview 6-12.

Explora Public Library

• Searches: Academic Search Premier, Middle Search Plus, Teacher Reference Center, Professional Development Collection, Business Source Premier, MasterFILE Premier, Health Source (Consumer), MAS Ultra, Columbia Encyclopedia, Consumer Health Complete, Literary Reference Center, Science Reference Center, Topic Overviews for Public Libraries

Explora Educator's Edition

• Searches: ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center), Teacher Reference Center, Professional Development Collection

For more details, contact your local librarian or Steve at the North Dakota State Library: 1-800- 472-2104 or saxtman@nd.gov.

Summer SUMMIT

Coming August 2015

On Tap

This year's Summer Summit will feature a mixture of sessions and open discussions. Core topics will be Community Engagement and the Aspen Report, Community Partnerships, Open Records and Meetings Law, and Mastering Project Management with Trello.
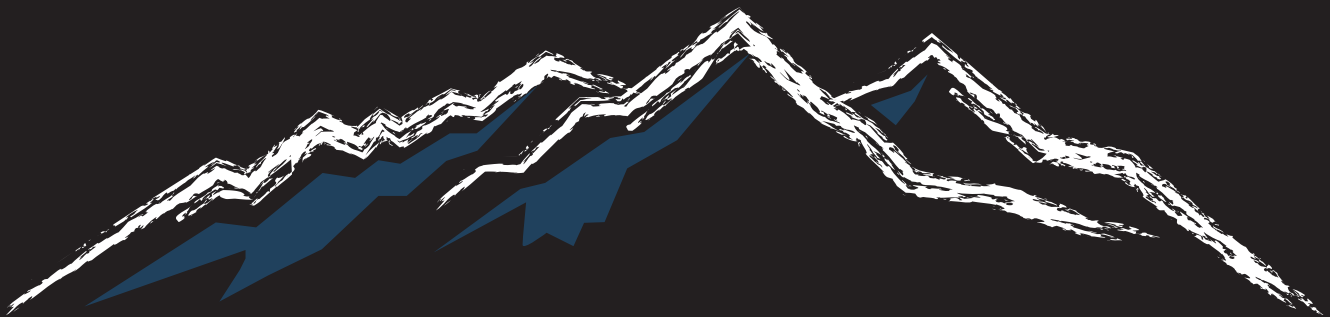
Locations

August 5: Grand Forks
August 6: West Fargo
August 10: Jamestown

August 11: Bismarck
August 13: Minot

REGISTER   http://bit.ly/1NyXEU4

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCES
Product Updates & New Resources

Several online resources are getting new interfaces. The new interfaces are mobile-friendly, easy to use, and feature text-to-speech for HTML articles.

EBSCO's **Explora Primary** and **Explora Secondary** will replace Searchasaurus, Kids Search, and Student Research Center. **Explora Primary** searches these resources: Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia, American Heritage Children's Dictionary, Middle Search Plus, Primary Search, and Topic Overviews K-5. Explora Secondary searches: Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia, Middle Search Plus, MasterFILE Premier, Health Source (Consumer), MAS Ultra, Columbia Encyclopedia, Consumer Health Complete, Literary Reference Center, Science Reference Center, and Topic Overview 6-12. **Explora Educators Edition** searches teacher resources: ERIC, Teacher Reference Center, and Professional Development Collection.

The **Explora Public Libraries** interface is the most inclusive, searching: Academic Search Premier, Middle Search Plus, Teacher Reference Center, Professional Development Collection, Business Source Premier, MasterFILE Premier, Health Source (Consumer), MAS Ultra, Columbia Encyclopedia, Consumer Health Complete, Literacy Reference Center, Science Reference Center, and Topic Overviews for Public Libraries.

All four of the Explora interfaces are available now via ODIN (http://www.odin.nodak.edu/databases) and the North Dakota State Library (http://library.nd.gov/onlineresources.html).

GALE's new **Research in Context** interface is designed for students in grades 6-8. **Research in Context** will replace: Discovering Collection, Junior Reference Collection, and InfoTrac Junior Edition. Basically it is the middle school companion to Student Resources in Context, which is designed for high school students and adults. **Research in Context** will be available before school starts next fall.

Universal Class (available July 1, 2015) is an online educational service that provides over 500 courses. It is designed for use by public library patrons. Courses are self-paced, so you can attend class and do assignments on your own schedule. CEUs (Continuing Education Units) are available for selected courses. You can also take a course for no credit and skip exams and assignments. A North Dakota public library card is required to take any of these free courses.

If you have questions about the new resources or want to schedule a free training, contact Steve at the North Dakota State Library: 1-800-472-2104 or saxtman@nd.gov

FREE TRAINING WEBINARS

These webinars are free, live, and interactive. You will connect to audio using a headset or speakers. If you do not have a microphone, you can use chat to ask questions. You can find more webinars and training opportunities on our Facebook page under the events tab! http://on.fb.me/1xOGaLB

CONTENTdm Basic Skills 1: Getting Started (Minitex)   REGISTER: http://bit.ly/PShbk6
Monday, July 27, 2015, 1:00 - 3:00 PM CT

The fundamentals of using CONTENTdm to manage your digital collections are covered in three webinars: (1) Getting Started (2) Working with Text, and (3) Maintaining Collections. This webinar provides instruction on the structure of CONTENTdm, navigating and using CONTENTdm Collection Administration to create and manage a digital collection, as well as using the CONTENTdm Project Client to prepare digital items for addition to a collection. This course is intended for learners who are new to CONTENTdm.

CONTENTdm Basic Skills 2: Working with Text (Minitex)   REGISTER: http://bit.ly/QEBlj3
Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 1:00 - 3:00 PM CT

This webinar is part 2 of the fundamental CONTENTdm course. After completing this training, learners will have the foundational knowledge required to begin using CONTENTdm to manage textual materials. This course is intended for learners who are new to CONTENTdm but have completed "Getting Started with CONTENTdm."

CONTENTdm Basic Skills 3: Maintaining Collections (Minitex)   REGISTER: http://bit.ly/PSh9sH
Thursday, July 30, 2015, 1:00 - 3:00 PM CT

This webinar is part 3 of the basic series for users new to CONTENTdm. It provides instruction on editing collection items. Additionally, it explores workflows that make it possible to import significant numbers of compound objects in one operation. After completing this web-based training, learners will have the foundational knowledge required to begin using CONTENTdm to manage digital collections.

Freegal Suite (NDSL)   REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1MagNKg
Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 10:30-11:30 AM CT

The Freegal (free and legal) suite includes: Freegal Music, Freegal Movies, Freading, and Rocket Languages. Each library card holder is limited to a certain number of downloads per week. Users must login with a recognized personal library card number and password. This webinar will navigate each module, view site features and content, and discuss logins, accounts, and apps.

Zinio (NDSL)   REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1OdiBR1
Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 10:30-11:30 AM CT

Access over 100 popular full color e-magazines via any smart device. There are no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. Learn how to connect, browse, create an account, get apps, and add magazines to your personal collection.

DISCLAIMER: The ND State Library highlights third-party webinars as a way to alert the library community to training opportunities. By doing so, we are not endorsing the content, nor promoting any specific product.

NEWSBANK PACKAGE

At the most recent meeting of the ODIN Council, several of the academic library directors shared their interest in adding NewsBank as a database, in addition to ProQuest.

The State Library volunteered to work with NewsBank on a group purchase so as to bring costs down. Information was shared with the academic and public library lists about the offer.

Individual libraries would work directly with NewsBank to purchase the database; invoicing will come through the State Library. If you are interested in more information about this opportunity, contact State Librarian Mary Soucie at msoucie@nd.gov.

Students Earn Recognition and Rewards for Reading & Writing at Youth Correctional Center (YCC)
Submitted by Judy Ringgenberg, YYC Librarian

This spring, the English department and library at YCC promoted a reading program for the students called Unbound. This program was promoted by the educational organization CEEAS, the Center for Educational Excellence in Alternative Settings. During the month of February and into March, students were encouraged to read books of their choosing and write reviews about them following a short online questionnaire. About 20 students participated and posted their responses on the website. Posts are still available for others to review what the students read and thought about as they finished the books. http://info21138.wix.com/unbound

One student won free books and $25 for his efforts and all the students enjoyed being able to post online.

The writing program from the same educational organization was "Words Unlocked."

Another one of our students won a prize for placing 15th overall in the competition. Several other students were included in an anthology published by the organization. We are proud of the hard working and gifted students at our facility.

New Librarian Resources at the State Library

- I work at a public library : a collection of crazy stories from the stacks

- Crash course in dealing with difficult library customers

- You don't look like a librarian : shattering stereotypes and creating positive new images in the Internet age

- STEP into storytime : using StoryTime Effective Practice to strengthen the development of newborns to five-year-olds

- Letting go of legacy services : library case studies

- Global voices : picture books from around the world

- Cyber-seniors (DVD documentary)

- United States v. American Library Association : the Internet filtering case (DVD documentary)

- The librarian and the banjo (DVD documentary)

- Library wars (Japanese drama DVD)

- The Internet's own boy (DVD documentary on Aaron Swartz)

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

OUR TOWN GRANTS FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS   DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 21

Organizations may apply for creative placemaking projects that contribute to the livability of communities and place the arts at their core. Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects grants are for projects that represent the distinct character and quality of their communities. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Matching grants range from $25,000 to $200,000.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: http://1.usa.gov/1GKL9LC

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM   DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1

Communities served by NTCA members can apply for grants that support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America. Grants range from $250 to $5000. FRS grants allow rural communities to take that first step towards a project or plan that can help better the lives of those around them. The Foundation will give priority to proposals that foster collaboration among different community agencies, and local government, reflect a comprehensive approach to community development, promote community participation and engagement, and make rural communities a better place to live and work.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: http://bit.ly/1HsT8lp

WESTINGHOUSE N-VISION A BRIGHTER FUTURE GRANT   DEADLINE: OCTOBER 9

Three (3) schools will be awarded $1,000 to complete a STEM-related project by the end of the school year. Another $1,000 will be donated to the school itself. The latter funds to be directed for use by the principal to enhance to school's overall science department's needs to enhance STEM learning for the student body. The total grant amount a school will receive is $2,000.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: http://bit.ly/1GXi7Mg

CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION   DEADLINE: CONTINUOUS

The mission for the Pathways to Opportunity grant is to create an environment in which children and young people from low- and moderate-income families have access to a quality educational experience that connects with family and community and leads to academic and economic success.

To find out more information: http://bit.ly/1eYviDw

WISH YOU WELL FOUNDATION   DEADLINE: CONTINUOUS

Grants are given in alignment of the Foundation's mission of "Supporting family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs." The Foundation reviews donation requests with a wide array of funding needs. Most requests range from $200 to $10,000. Organizations are reminded to base their requested amount on the program's unique needs for funding.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: http://bit.ly/1C5Zrex

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Lauraine Snelling visited the Walhalla Public Library.

- The James River Valley Library System is offering adult education classes this summer on memoir writing, marketing and digital media, and careers in broadcasting.

- In May, the Friends of the Bowdon Community Library hosted a tea to raise money for the library.

- Hannah Nyberg is the new director at the Harvey Public Library.

- Walhalla Public Library received a $1,000 donation from DHI, a gaming organization at the Walhalla Inn.

- Roberta Lemnus was hired as the new Adult Services Coordinator at the Valley City-Barnes County Public Library.

- In June, Mountrail County established Imagination Libraries in Stanley and New Town. First Lady Betsy Dalrymple attended the celebration. Donations to fund the Imagination Libraries were provided by Hess Corporation and WPX Energy.

- The Beulah Public Library is hosting a fundraiser to design a gaming chip. The Beulah Public Library Foundation will be operating a charitable gaming site in Beulah. The Foundation hopes to raise enough money to expand or relocate the library.

- The city of Cavalier now offers the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to children.

- Finley Library hosted a library open house during Finley Days.

- The Jaycees donated $1,000 to the Rugby Imagination Library.

- On Thursday evenings this summer, the Leach Public Library is hosting outdoor games on the library lawn as a free community activity.

- In June, First Lady Betsy Dalrymple was in New Town to encourage parents to sign their children up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

- The Leach Public Library recently acquired a 3-D printer.

- The Williston Community Library and the Lake Region Public Library in Devils Lake both hosted Arch Ellwein as Teddy Roosevelt as part of their summer reading programs.

Turtle Lake Summer Reading Program Finale
Written by Turtle Lake Public Library

What a WONDERFUL way to finish out this years Summer Reading Program! We have talked about Firefighters, Police, Doctors and Nurses, Parents and even how the kids can be super heroes too! We celebrated Farmers, because without them we would all be naked and hungry. Annie Carlson came in to read to the kids and brought little chicks for them to hold and it was a hit!!

SUMMER READING HIGHLIGHTS AROUND NORTH DAKOTA!

Bismarck/Mandan

Walhalla Public Library

Bowman Regional Public Library

McVille Community Library

Bismarck/Mandan

Carnegie Regional Library

Leach Public Library

Valley City Barnes County Public Library

Mohall Public Library

Divide County Public Library

Lakota City Library

Turtle Lake Public Library

Retirement Party at Harvey

Marlene Ripplinger retired from the Harvey Public Library at the end of June, after serving as the library director for 44 years. A party hosted by the library board was held in her honor at the library on June 25. Sarah Matusz, Harvey's Library Development Specialist, attended the party on behalf of the North Dakota State Library to thank Marlene for her years of service to the library community.

Clay Monsters Creations

The Bowman Regional Public Library had a great program of making clay monsters with their patrons.

Summer Reading Success

Garrison Public Library had a great Summer Reading Program this year. Their patronage doubled this year, with visitors coming up to Lake Sakakawea.

Super Hero Animal Sleepover

Casselton Public Library had a great sleepover party at the library. The furry friends got to play games, read books, help do some reshelving of books and watched a movie. All of the animals had a great time exploring the library after hours!

DIGITAL DELIGHTS

Trying to find some elusive ND library history? Try the digitized NDSL Flickertale newsletters on Digital Horizons. There are tidbits for libraries across the state from 1969-1985 currently available and full text searchable. Check out the North Dakota State Documents Collection for other interesting state documents.

Credit Line: North Dakota State Documents Collection; Flickertale, January 1, 1971 PG.1

Check out the website at http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/ — see how many digital North Dakota gems you can find!

Please submit library news and Flickertale
"subscribe" or "unsubscribe" requests to ndslpa@nd.gov.

www.library.nd.gov