

# NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

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## 2015 Summer Summit Summary

The 2015 Summer Summit was a day-long continuing education opportunity for library leaders and administrators. The meeting was broken into four presentations which incorporated small group discussions and active Q&A participation. The topics covered were community engagement and the Aspen Institute's report *Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries*, community partnerships, open records and open meetings laws, and project management using the free online collaboration tool Trello. Summit meetings were held at the Grand Forks Public Library, West Fargo Public Library, Alfred Dickey Public Library in Jamestown, the North Dakota State Library, and the Minot Public Library. Seventy-three librarians from 52 distinct institutions attended this year, making it our best attended Summer Summit to date. School, public, academic, and special libraries were all represented.

Response to our sessions was enthusiastic, both in person and on our evaluative survey, with comments running the gamut from "I thought it was an exceptionally well-run session [...] and I was engaged with the material the whole time" to "you rocked my world!" As always, this was a learning opportunity for us as well as for our attendees. We will take all the feedback we've received to heart so that we can make future continuing education opportunities even more successful.

### Here's a round-up of resources related to the 2015 Summer Summit:

- Aspen Report Presentation: <http://www.library.nd.gov/publications/AspenReport.pptx>
- Aspen Report: <http://csreports.aspeninstitute.org/documents/AspenLibrariesReport.pdf>
- Community Partnership Presentation: <http://www.library.nd.gov/publications/CommunityPartnerships.pptx>
- Open Records and Meetings Law Presentation:  
<http://www.library.nd.gov/publications/OpenRecordsMeetings2015.pdf>
- Open Records and Meetings Law Resources from the ND Attorney General's Office:  
<http://www.ag.nd.gov/OpenRecords/ORM.htm>
- Trello online project management and collaboration tool: <https://trello.com/>



# News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

It seems like the school year starts earlier every year. When I was a kid, we started school the Tuesday after Labor Day and got out the second week of June. This year, I saw the “first day of schools” hit my Facebook newsfeed the second week of August. Wowza that seems early to me!

As August turned to September, it seemed like the days got hotter and so the kids should be in the pool or running through the sprinkler rather than putting on a school uniform. It brings to mind my first year in North Dakota, when it seemed so weird to send the kids to bed before the sun completely set as their school year was ending.

It seems like time flies more and more quickly these days. I feel like I blinked and it was the end of the summer. Important things happened at NDSL this summer that maybe you missed because the time flew by. The State Library had its first ever Adult Summer Reading program. We had a Bingo card with a variety of squares on it, all designed to help the reader become more familiar with a service or collection at the State Library. Squares included read a book by a ND author, use Digital Horizons, get your NDSL library card, and use Novelist to find your next book, among other things. We were excited to offer a summer reading program. We had a fair number of participants and look forward to increasing this next summer.

Another thing that happened this summer was the kickoff of our “Universal Class” subscription for public libraries. Universal Class is an online resource that has over 500 self paced classes, on every topic from scrapbooking and cooking to the ABCs of Algebra to Office 2010. Please encourage your patrons to access this rich resource. Contact the State Library if you have questions about Universal Class.

The State Library once again had a table at the ND State Fair. It is a great opportunity for us to promote libraries in ND and the services and resources that they offer. We answer reference questions, showcase some of the online resources and try to connect people with their local library.

The Summer Summit was once again held in 5 locations around the state. We had great turnout from all types of libraries. This year’s format was a combination of lectures and interactive networking. We’ve received positive feedback from attendees. I did a presentation on the Aspen Report, *Rising to the Challenge; Re-envisioning Public Libraries*. All attendees received a copy of the report, which has 3 different action lists: for library leaders, the community and policy makers. We have some copies of the report remaining and would love to share it with you. Please contact me if you’re interested; remaining books will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

This summer, we resumed the Librarian for a Day visits. I am thoroughly enjoying getting out to our libraries and seeing firsthand, the accomplishments and challenges that our libraries and library staff are facing. If you’d like to schedule me for a visit, please contact Kristin Byram at NDSL for more information.

As the summer slowly eases into fall, I am hoping that fall sticks around a little bit longer than summer did. I am looking forward to cool nights around a campfire at my brother’s house, snuggled beneath a blanket while someone roasts a marshmallow for me. In the winter, I’ll enjoy curling up with a book and a cup of hot tea but it’s not time for that yet.

# ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

Britannica School

Britannica School is an online learning resource designed for grades K-12. Students and teachers can easily search, filter, save, and share content. Automatic citation styles are included: MLA, APA, Harvard, and Chicago; just copy and paste into your Works Cited page. Researchers can access Britannica School anytime and with any device that has a web browser.

There are three learning levels with user-friendly interfaces: Elementary, Middle, and High School. Each learning level features a screen reader and a font size changer helpful for students with special needs. Double-click any article word for a Merriam Webster definition and pronunciation. You can also translate articles into one of 50 languages.

Britannica School supports Differentiated Learning. Content and interface work together to give the user an experience tailored to their needs. Each article allows you to choose a different reading level. Struggling readers are often reluctant to move to a lower reading level because the interface and experience are designed for younger students. For example, middle and high school students stay in their more advanced interfaces, even if they choose the elementary reading level.

Accurate up-to-date content is aligned to Common Core State Standards and covers a wide range of subjects written by educational experts. Content includes articles (from encyclopedias, magazines, and journals), biographies, images and videos, interactive lessons, activities, and learning games. Students can also find educator-approved websites related to search topics. Britannica's editorial team updates content daily with new and revised articles.

There are resources for teachers that promote reading skills, vocabulary, research, and critical thinking. Use the research aids to build information literacy skills. Teachers can adapt ready-made lesson plans on many subjects or create their own with the Lesson Plan Builder.

Britannica School is a student-friendly learning resource, which School Library Journal listed as one of the 10 Best Digital Resources, 2014. The Online Library Resources available through the State Library are a great place for students to begin research for papers and projects. Parents and teachers can rest assured that these databases are evaluated for quality and are appropriate for students of all ages. Contact your school librarian or call the State Library at 1-800-472-2104 for more details. Take advantage of these free educational tools and make learning more fun.



Select learning for any level.

The screenshot shows a user interface for selecting a learning level. At the top, the text "Select learning for any level." is displayed. Below this, three tree icons of increasing size represent the learning levels: Elementary (a small sapling), Middle (a medium tree), and High (a large, full tree). Each tree is positioned above a corresponding button labeled "Elementary", "Middle", and "High". Below the buttons is a search bar with the word "Search" and a magnifying glass icon. Underneath the search bar, there are three bullet points: "• Look for people, places, and things.", "• Watch and learn with videos and animations.", and "• Have fun with games and activities."

## National Book Festival

This year the State Library had two staff members, Dave Anderson and Shari Mosser travel to the National Book Festival in Washington D.C. They were also accompanied by Elgin Library Board President, Kelly Hoffman. They all worked the North Dakota State Booth. Here are their accounts from the trip:

“We started out at the Bismarck airport very early Friday morning (3:30 am) and flew to DC by way of Minneapolis. Having never been to DC, I was amazed to the size of everything. When we left the airport we rode the Metro which was another new experience and kind of fun.

Saturday was the book fair. It was quite fun and you wouldn't imagine the amount of people that came through. I think it must have been several hundred thousand without exaggeration. All the kids had maps for us to stamp and we gave out cups that said “I read past my bedtime” and pins that said “I'm in love with a fictional character”. Both the cups and pins were big hits with young and old alike. By closing time I was exhausted. So we went back to our hotel for dinner.

Sunday was back to the airport for the return flight home and then some much needed catch up sleep. All in all I think a good time was had by all. I would definitely recommend the trip to anyone who might think about signing up to go along next year.”

*Kelly Hoffman—Elgin volunteer and President of the library board*

“Attending the National Book Festival in Washington DC is one of those experiences that anyone interested in books and reading should add to their bucket list. I am not sure that a person could find a festival anywhere in the country that brings together 150 nationally known authors and over 100,000 festival attendees. You will find book lovers of all ages who are so excited to be a part of this event, and just as excited to share their favorite authors and titles. The Pavilion of States, where I had the privilege to spend most of my day, is a pavilion dedicated to children's books and authors from every state. It is fun to watch the kids and their parents as they interact with each other. The kids are given a map of the United States and they go around to each booth and have their map stamped by a representative from each state. It is very interesting visiting with the children and parents and to hear what knowledge they have of our state. An often heard comment was, “oh this is the state that has all of the oil.” Some of the children are very knowledgeable about the states. Many parents use this event as an educational experience for their children and challenge them to not only find each state on the map, but name each state capitol. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend the National Book Festival, and to be a part of such a wonderful event.”

*Dave Anderson - North Dakota State Library*

“Kelly Hoffman, Dave Anderson, and I recently attended the 15th Library of Congress National Book Festival at the Washington DC Convention Center. The festival's theme was “I Cannot Live Without Books” and featured more than 170 authors, poets, illustrators and special presenters. We celebrated reading and talked to many people about the literary heritage of our state. We also gave out some fun cups that encouraged reading past bedtime and buttons proclaiming “I'm in love with a fictional character”!

I did miss the book signings, author talks and panel discussions, but I got to participate in many of the children's events! I would whole heartedly encourage everyone to attend the National Book Festival. It is free and an amazing experience!”

*Shari Mosser - North Dakota State Library*

..... **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>

**LearningExpress Library for Adult Basic Education (Minitex)**      **REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/1UMtw5Y>  
*Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 12:30-1:30 PM CT*

You may know about the test prep material in LearningExpress Library or even the job and career information and assistance. But did you know about the learning material available in the Adult Learning Center of LearningExpress Library? This webinar will discuss how the Adult Learning Center offers adults resources to improve their basic skills in reading, writing, and math, prepare for the GED test, or become a U.S. citizen.

**New Interfaces for Teens: Research in Context & Explora Secondary (Minitex)**      **REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/1QtEBly>  
*Thursday, September 24, 2015, 12:00-12:45 PM CT*

We'll take a look at the features in Explora Secondary, EBSCO's new interface for grades 6-12. It searches the rich content of several databases (Middle Search Plus, MAS Ultra, MasterFILE Premier, Consumer Health Complete, Literary Reference Center, and Science Reference Center). We'll also take a tour of Gale's new interface, Research in Context, designed for Middle School students. It searches Discovering Collection, Junior Edition, and Junior Reference Collection.

**Freegal Suite (NDSL)**      **REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/1UltL7i>  
*Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 3:30-4:30 PM CT*

The Freegal (free and legal) suite includes: Freegal Music, Freegal Movies, Freeding, 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.

**E-rate: What's New for 2016? (WebJunction)**      **REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/1XUnhRO>  
*Thursday, October 29, 2015, 2:00-3:30 PM CT*

There are big changes on the E-rate horizon! E-rate is an important program to many libraries. Whether you have participated in E-rate in the past, or are looking to apply for first time, you will want to know about the changes. This federal program provides discounts to assist schools and public libraries in the U.S. to obtain affordable Internet access and connections. This workshop will cover the basics of the E-rate program and demonstrate how to get the information you need to be successful in your E-rate application. Presented by: Christa Burns, E-rate Coordinator for Libraries, Nebraska Library Commission

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## E-rate: the Funding Commitment Decision Letter

Submitted by Al Peterson

For those participating in E-rate, you should have been through the Program Integrity Review, submitted your answers to the reviewer's questions, and now you have received your Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL). After you receive your FCDL, you can start the preparations to begin receiving discounted services. You should discuss with your service provider(s) any details involved in the provision of services and invoicing for those services. Once services have started, you should be ready to file the FCC Form 486. After you have received your Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) and the delivery of your services has started, you file an FCC Form 486 to inform USAC that:

- Services for which you have been approved for discounts have started and invoicing can begin,
- Your technology plan (you are required to have one if applying for Priority Two category of services) has been approved by a USAC-certified Technology Plan Approver,
- You are in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) (or CIPA does not apply because your application is only for telecommunications services and/or interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services).

### REMEMBER: THE FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER IS NOT THE END OF THE PROCESS!

The FCC Form 486 must be certified no later than 120 days after the Service Start Date or 120 days after the date of the FCDL, whichever is later. This certification date can be found within your FDCL notice. Look for the phrase, "Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: (ex) 10/28/2015." With the new changes being made with the E-rate program by the FCC, only one extension may be filed before the 120 day deadline. Al's advice: get the Form 486 filed sooner rather than later.

After USAC has processed your FCC Form 486, you will receive a Form 486 Notification Letter. Now, you or your service provider can invoice USAC for the discount share of those services. There are two methods that can be used:

#### **Invoice Method #1**

Applicants file FCC Form 472, the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form, if they have paid the service provider in full for the services and want to be reimbursed for the discount amount.

The service provider must approve the form before it is submitted to USAC. USAC will review the invoice and process a payment to the service provider if payment is approved. The service provider then passes the reimbursement on to the applicant.

#### **Invoice Method #2**

Service providers file FCC Form 474, the Service Provider Invoice (SPI) Form, if they have provided discounted bills to their customer and want to be reimbursed for the discount amount.

Under both invoice methods, USAC will review the invoice and process a payment to the service provider if payment is approved. Note that applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the services.

If you have any questions about E-rate, feel free to contact me at 701-328-4021 or [alpeterson@nd.gov](mailto:alpeterson@nd.gov).

### SAVE THE DATE

The dates for the **2016 Spring Workshop** will be Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12.

The goals of the workshop are to provide opportunities to explore a variety of relevant library issues, build community among librarians, and enhance learning.

Details and updates for the 2016 Spring Workshop will be available closer to the workshop.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Steve Axtman at 1-800-472-2104 or [saxtman@nd.gov](mailto:saxtman@nd.gov)

## SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### EBSCO ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1**

This \$1,000 travel award reimburses actual expenses to allow librarians to attend the ALA's Annual Conference. Applicants must be ALA members.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: <http://bit.ly/liDakLY>

### CARNEGIE-WHITNEY GRANT

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 6**

Provides grants for the preparation and publication of popular or scholarly reading lists, indexes, and other guides to library resources that will be useful to users of all types of libraries. Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded annually and are intended to cover preparation costs appropriate to the development of a useful product, including the cost of research, compilation, and production exclusive of printing.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: <http://bit.ly/VWweclD>

### MDU RESOURCES FOUNDATION

**DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1**

MDU Resources supports communities where they operate to share the success and help their neighbors make our communities better places to live and work.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: <http://bit.ly/ICRo5MX>

### OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION GRANT

**DEADLINE: OCTOBER 6**

Grants are made to organizations in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, with priority given to local and regional organizations that support Bremer Bank communities. The funding focus is on activities that move communities forward and they give highest priority to those opportunities with the potential to move a community forward in meaningful, powerful, and broad-based ways.

To find out more information: <http://bit.ly/1KggwUy>

### LAURA BUSH FOUNDATION FOR AMERICA'S LIBRARIES

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 2015**

Applications open in October 2015 and are focused on school libraries only. Grants of up to \$7,000 are given to school libraries where at least 85% of the school's student population qualifies for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: <http://bit.ly/lijXthU>

## Summer Food Service Programs at North Dakota Libraries

During the school year, many children receive free lunches at school. When school lets out for the summer, that often means kids go hungry. That's where the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) steps in. During the summer, any child age 0-18 can eat lunch at an SFSP site. Public libraries make ideal sites, since they are natural gathering places for children during summer reading programs! As a meal service site, libraries do not prepare the food, they simply offer a place for children to eat.

This year, two North Dakota libraries were involved in the SFSP. The Grand Forks Public Library SFSP site was sponsored by the St. Joseph's Social Care and Thrift Store. They served lunch Monday through Friday for eight weeks. The Grand Forks Public Library has participated as an SFSP site for two years. The Morton Mandan Public Library participated as a site for the first time this year. Lunch was served in Dykshoorn Park Monday through Friday for nine weeks.

Linda Austin, Children's Program Coordinator at the Morton Mandan Public Library, also organized 34 programs to tie into this year's summer reading theme. "Lunch with Heroes" featured different heroes from the community, and included the fire department, police department, National Guard, nurses, doctors, Humane Society, musicians, crafters, gymnasts, and many more. Heroes provided a short program that highlighted their role in the community. On average, 77 children attended each program. First Lady Betsy Dalrymple also participated by reading to the children and giving away books provided by the United Way.

To learn more about getting involved in the SFSP in North Dakota, visit the Department of Public Instruction's Child Nutrition & Food Distribution website. We would love to see more North Dakota libraries participate!



*"Dreams in Motion" gave the kids an opportunity to play wheelchair basketball.*



*"READ" therapy pets who read with the kids for the Reading Tails Program.*



*First Lady Betsy Dalrymple helped kick off of the program by reading to the kids and giving away books provided by United Way.*

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## North Dakota Library Coordinating Council Corner

Submitted by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

The ND Library Coordinating Council met August 3 at the Grand Forks Public Library to conduct regular business and on August 4 for site visits. The Council reviewed and approved the applications for the next round of Library Vision 2020 grants, which were announced September 1. Grants are open to publicly funded school, public and academic libraries. The Council also conducted elections; Ted Smith from the Supreme Court Law Library was re-elected as Chair and Stephen Banister from Minot State University was re-elected Vice Chair. The committee renewed its commitment to conducting site visits as part of their quarterly meetings, as long as the agenda and weather allow. Members of the Council will be at the State Library table at the NDLA Conference and also present at the grant pre-conference.

If you have questions about what the Council does or who the current members are, please visit our website at <http://library.nd.gov/coordinatingcouncil.html>. The next meeting of the Library Coordinating Council will be November 2-3 at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, with site visits to be conducted on the 3rd.



## Librarians Like a Bunch of Authors

During each of our recent Summer Summit meetings, we asked attendees to volunteer one of their favorite authors or (since picking favorites can prove daunting) someone they've recently read. Here's the list of authors we love at the moment:

Louisa May Alcott	Kate DiCamillo	Elizabeth Kostova	Nora Roberts
Jay Asher	Philip K. Dick	Erik Larson	J.K. Rowling
Margaret Atwood	Dave Eggers	Harper Lee	Lawrence Sanders
Jane Austen	Janet Evanovich	Susan Lee	Dr. Seuss
Paul Auster	Fannie Flagg	Madeleine L'Engle	Shel Silverstein
Amiri Baraka	Joel Fuhrman	Susan Mallory	John Steinbeck
C.J. Box	Tess Gerritsen	Melina Marchetta	Neal Stephenson
Alan Bradley	John Green	Anne M. Martin	Chevy Stevens
Meg Cabot	Phillippa Gregory	Charles Martin	Bram Stoker
Kate Carlisle	John Grisham	Anne McCaffrey	Cheryl Strayed
Robert Caro	Heather Gudenkauf	G.A. McKeveatt	Donna Tartt
Kierra Cass	Michael Hall	China Miéville	John Kennedy Toole
Linda Castillo	Kristin Hannah	Margaret Mitchell	Megan Whalen Turner
Lincoln Child	Julia Heaberlin	Liane Moriarty	Kurt Vonnegut
Harlan Coban	Robert Heinlein	Haruki Murakami	Kellerman Walls
Michael Connelly	Frank Herbert	Melanie Nilles	S.J. Watson
Pat Conroy	James Herriot	Louise Penny	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Patricia Cornwell	Melanie Hoffert	Jodi Picoult	Mo Willems
Michael Crichton	Alice Hoffman	Terry Pratchett	Connie Willis
Chris Crutcher	Craig Johnson	Douglas Preston	
Drew Daywalt	Jonas Jonasson	Kate Karyus Quinn	

Oh, and if you're wondering who showed up on the list most frequently that would, of course, be J.K. Rowling. Harper Lee was a close second and Margaret Atwood, C.J. Box, Patricia Cornwell, John Grisham, Erik Larson, Jodi Picoult, Nora Roberts, Dr. Seuss, and the combination of Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child were the other repeats.

You can learn more about these authors and their books and find read-alikes by using [NoveList](#).



# Multi-State Offer

Bring early literacy to your public library!



AWE is excited to offer the North Dakota State Library  
**Multi-State Group Purchase Special**  
 September 1, 2015 through December 15, 2015

**Provide a safe, digital learning experience at your library.**

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## Early Literacy Station™ & AfterSchool Edge™

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Product	Regular Price	Special Rate
Early Literacy Station*	\$3,150	<b>\$2,599</b>
AfterSchool Edge*	\$3,150	<b>\$2,599</b>
Early Literacy Station - Bilingual Spanish*	\$3,350	<b>\$2,750</b>
Early Literacy Station Tablet^	\$2,750	<b>\$2,255</b>
AfterSchool Edge Tablet^	\$2,750	<b>\$2,255</b>

Note: This special cannot be combined with any other offers. \*Pricing includes all-in-one touchscreen platform, customized color coded keyboard, child-sized mouse, three-year hardware warranty, and annual version upgrades. ^Pricing includes two-year warranty & stylus pen.

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## Librarian for the day at Carrington City Library

Submitted by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

On a beautiful fall-like day in August, I headed to Carrington. It was my first time to visit that part of the state. I learned that you really need to stop in Steele when you venture off of I-94, and I had my first experience with a pilot car in road construction.

My first thought upon walking in the door of the library was what a warm and welcoming space I had walked into. I was greeted with a friendly smile by Lenore, the library director, and given a tour. The library was beautifully renovated when they moved in 5 years ago. The building began its life as a grocery store and then a daycare but was empty when the library moved in. In addition to lots of natural light, the library has warm colors, plenty of comfortable seating plus a table that the community uses for different purposes, including putting together puzzles that the library provides. There is a high top table and chairs near the coffee maker; the suggested donation for a cup of coffee, tea, apple cider or hot chocolate is one dollar but patrons are often more generous. I love when libraries look to meet community needs in different ways like providing drinks.

Since the library was a former grocery store, there is plenty of storage, a commodity that many libraries are lacking. There is a separate entrance to the community room in addition to a full kitchen and bathrooms, which gives the library the opportunity to rent out the room. Lenore said they have had everything from baby showers to the ND Water Commission using the space. On the day that I was there, the room was setup for storytime, including a craft and a superhero maze. The room was large enough to have plenty of tables setup with an additional space at the front to place the rug for storytime.

I had the opportunity to chat with Michele and Claudia, the Carrington school librarians, who dropped in during their lunch hour. Michele is the school representative on the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, but I hadn't had the opportunity to meet Claudia. I also had the opportunity to visit with several patrons. One person, the husband of a very active library patron and a former city council member, hadn't visited the library before and he was very impressed by it. I predict he'll now accompany his wife more often rather than having her check out his books. We also had a lovely conversation with the patron about libraries, censorship, and materials selection.

I was the guest reader for storytime, which is something I really enjoy doing. I've been a guest reader more times as State Librarian than I was as a library director. I also had the opportunity to check books out to patrons after storytime, which was fun. I sometimes miss working the circulation desk, visiting with patrons about what they're reading and just in general, chatting about life. I learned about a local beekeeper, the harm that pesticides can cause to a tree, and talked with a homeschooler.

I also met with members of the library board to talk about strategic planning, mission statements, and vision statements. We talked about a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis and the role it can play in strategic planning and reviewed the community survey results from the prior year.

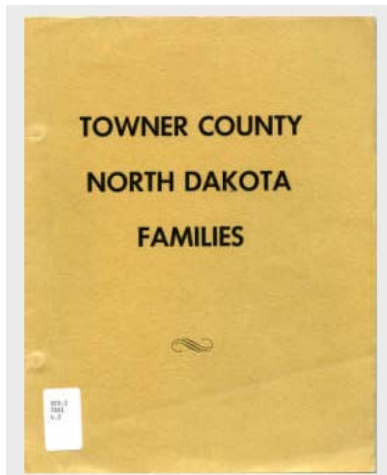
I enjoyed visiting Carrington Library. The idea behind "Librarian for a Day" is to acquaint me with our libraries while providing whatever assistance the librarian needs. I love that each of my visits have been different while still having some similarities. If you're interested in scheduling me at your library, please contact Kristin Byram at [kbyram@nd.gov](mailto:kbyram@nd.gov) or 701-328-4656.



## *North Dakota Library Tidbits*

- Griggs County Public Library received funding from the Cooperstown Community Foundation and the local PEO for the purchase of new computer carrels.
- Fargo Public Library hosted the 6th annual “Hit the Big Time Talent Show”.
- New England Public Library hosted about 70 people at its annual picnic which concluded the Summer Reading Program.
- New England Public Library received funding from the Founding Fathers Fun Run & Walk to purchase 100 new children’s books.
- Paula F. Winskye, North Dakota author of the Tony Wagner mystery series, spoke at the Cavalier County Library.
- Michigan Library hosted an open house during Michigan Days and served coffee, cookies, and lemonade.
- Cathy Burkhardt retired as Library Director from the Minnewaukan City Library on August 14.
- Bottineau County Public Library hosted an ice cream social with local heroes, including law enforcement officers, firemen, and National Guard members.
- McVile Community Library served dessert at the Nelson County Health Foundation’s Picnic in the Park this summer.
- Carrington City Library received donations from Gate City Bank (\$750), Lions Club (\$500), and Kiwanis Club (\$100) to help offset the cost of their Summer Reading Program.
- The Morton Mandan Public Library set up games and activities during the Back to School Extravaganza.
- McVile Community Library took part in the McVile Days Festivities serving ice cream sundaes, coffee, and lemonade. They also passed out bookmarks, stickers, trinkets, and candy in the parade.
- Stanton Public Library received donations from Union State Bank, Dakota Gasification Company, Hardware Hank of Hazen, Basin Electric Power Coop, Great River Energy-Coal Creek Station, WalMart, Target, Cinema Flix, and Krause Market to help with the Summer Reading Program.
- Alan Guebert, nationally syndicated agricultural columnist, read from his new book, “The Land of Milk and Uncle Honey,” at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.
- Eight soldiers from the Cavalier Air Station and the Grand Forks Air Force Base visited the Walhalla Public Library. They told the kids about the importance of their jobs and their travels.
- Valley City Barnes County Public Library had First Sergeant Darin Leick from the Valley City National Guard Company B of the 231st Brigade Support Battalion read to the kids during story hour.
- Harry L. Petrie Library held a Bike Safety Program for children ages 3-10. The program was instructed by Emmons County Sheriff’s Deputy Myron Rankins, Sheriff Gary Sanders, and Deputy Justin Roehrich.
- James River Valley Library System received a grant of \$41,200 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. This money will go towards the purchase of a new bookmobile.
- Walhalla Public Library received a donation of new shelves for the library from the UPS Supply Chain Solutions out of Pembina.
- Mayville Public Library received a grant for 60 new children’s books from the Libri Foundation.

## DIGITAL DELIGHTS



We just added 3 volumes of Towner County Families by Mable Jacques to the North Dakota Memories Collection. This is an extensive genealogy of the people who lived in Towner County. Look for the other 3 volumes soon!

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