

LUNCH WITH THE STATE LIBRARIAN

NDSL has been experimenting with different ways to use social media, specifically Facebook Live. For the past 6 months, we have been doing a 30 minute Facebook Live presentation each month on a variety of topics. Beginning in May, we are going to shift gears a little bit. State Librarian Mary Soucie invites you to join her once a month for a virtual lunch date.

Mary will give a 30 minute talk on a variety of topics, some library related and some not. She is soliciting suggestions for topics from the ND library community... or anyone that would like to suggest a topic. As we work on learning the technology, Mary will do her best to answer questions that are posted during the live session. [Email](#), [tweet](#), or Facebook message topic ideas to Mary.

Join Mary on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 Central Time for her virtual picnic.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 22** = [Not-Just-Books-Mobile](#) webinar
- April** = [School Library Month](#)
- April 8-14** = [National Library Week](#)
- April 10** = [National Library Workers Day](#)
- April 11** = [National Bookmobile Day](#)
- April 12** = [D.E.A.R - Drop Everything and Read](#)
- April 21-28** = [Money Smart Week](#)
- April 22-28** = [Preservation Week](#)
- April 23-24** = [NDSL Renewal and Development Conference](#)
- April 30** = [Children's Day/Book Day](#)
- May 1-7** = [Choose Privacy Week](#)
- May 7-8** = [National Library Legislative Day](#)

UPDATE ON KITS

Starting July 1, libraries will be responsible for return postage on ALL kits (including STEM kits like littleBits). Schools and libraries can request kits through [KitKeeper](#).

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

I was asked to serve on an advisory panel for an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant which is very exciting to me. The grant is looking at smart communities and how libraries fit into that space. Smart cities, also known as sustainable cities, have been adopted by the corporate world to mean different things. In this context, it means cities that are using smart technologies such as traffic lights that monitor traffic patterns and adjusts accordingly, smart parking lots that make it easier and quicker to park, more efficient energy uses enhanced by utilizing smart technologies and similar innovations. Smart cities used to be a thing of the future but the future is here. I am really excited and honored to be serving on this board.

The project will look at what role libraries should play in the "smart" revolution and how libraries can ensure that they are at the table when these initiatives are being planned. One of the things that I really like about this particular advisory board is that it is bringing together library experts with smart technology experts.

As with many of the boards and councils that I serve on, my role is to represent that small and/or rural library perspective. During conversation at our first meeting last week, we decided to use the term smart communities rather than cities so as to be more inclusive and not limit the conversation to the larger communities that people often think of when they hear the word city.

We talked quite a bit about what the role of the library community might be in this technological evolution and we will continue to explore that over the next three years of the project. At the end of the project, we'll host a half or full day summit to share the findings of the project.

One of the roles identified for libraries is to be the sharer of information about the technologies and how they will help the community. Since there are non-library folks at the table, one of the team members from the Center for Technology in Government (CTG) based out of the State University of New York in Albany, gave an overview of libraries in cities that have been identified as utilizing smart technologies. Quite a few of the things that the non-library folks considered innovative have become just part of our normal landscape, although they were innovative five or ten years ago or in some cases, such as early literacy, many years ago. I was happy to note that everything identified by her as an innovative or best practice was represented in ND Library Land.

I commented after the presentation that while some of those things were innovative when they were first introduced, such as makerspaces, they have become a normal part of the library world. Which got me to thinking what other things do we in library land take for granted as "just what we do" that those outside of the field are surprised about? We need to do a better job of shouting from the rooftops about all the wonderful, innovative, and life changing services and programs that we provide.

I'll share updates with you throughout the project. I am enjoying learning more about new technologies and also educating my new colleagues about libraries. As always, I'm honored to be representing ND libraries and to be the voice for rural and small libraries and I look forward to sharing more information with you as the project progresses.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

TUTORND

We know that taking standardized tests is hard. We also know that not all tests are equal in their cost of preparation materials. Your students can't go out and get a used copy of last year's test prep resources because they are out of date, but this year's is just too expensive for them to handle. Don't worry! The State Library has your students covered. North Dakota students of all ages can get access to test preparation resources from TutorND. You know that TutorND is great for online tutoring but did you know that there are a plethora of test preparation resources within the database as well? These resources are available in the 24/7 Skills Center found on the [TutorND website](#).

Each type of exam comes with a variety of resources to get an in-depth understanding of the questions that may be asked. The user can choose to take a crash course on the subject of the exam, view videos on exam topics, take practice exams, and/or review vocabulary. The college entrance exams available are the SAT, ACT, and PSAT. A few of the other exams that have resources available are the TOEFL, GED, Armed Services Vocation Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), and almost every subject for the Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

In addition to test prep, your students will also find that there is a writing drop-off service in the 24/7 Skills Center. Where, within 24 hours, they will get detailed feedback and suggestions on how to improve their essays. Using this type of service will complete the test preparation by improving the writing sections on the college entrance exams as well as the AP, GED, & TOEFL.

If you have any questions about these resources available on TutorND, contact the North Dakota State Library at ndslibrary@nd.gov or 1-800-472-2104.

The screenshot displays the TutorND website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Create an Account' and 'Sign In'. Below the site logo, there are several service icons: 'Real-Time Tutoring', 'Essay & Research Drop-Off', 'On-Off Workshops', 'Assessment Quizzes', and 'SAT/ACT Essentials'. The main heading is 'Test Prep Resources', followed by a search bar and a 'GO' button. Below this, there are three dropdown menus labeled 'Topic', 'Subject', and 'Subtopic'. Three purple arrows point from these dropdown menus to the search results below. The search results show a grid of resource cards under four categories: 'Websites', 'Videos', 'Sample Tests & Worksheets', and 'Flashcards'. Each card includes a title, author, and a 'See all' link.

**RENEWAL AND DEVELOPMENT
BAYMONT INN AND SUITES
MANDAN, ND
APRIL 23-24, 2018**

**A more detailed
program will be
sent out next week!**

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS:

CALL TO ACTION

Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian

State Librarian Mary Soucie will lead a discussion on advocacy. She will define advocacy, discuss informal and formal advocacy activities, and provide concrete ideas for attendees to become advocates for their library and for the larger library community. Please come prepared to share examples of your own personal advocacy, questions you have about being an advocate, and a willingness to commit to at least one new advocacy activity.

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ITS CHALLENGES

Deborah Jendro, Parent Coordinator for ND Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

Through this presentation, one will learn about mental health and the challenges that can arise through all stages of life. Participants will also gain knowledge of the more common mental health disorders and focus on the indicators of someone in distress. We will also come to know the importance of being a compassionate guide for someone experiencing a mental health crisis and the skills needed to attend to their despondency.

SECOND DAY:

Breakout sessions the second day will include: public and school safety, how to hold a comic con in your library, AASL Standards examined, how to utilize Google Expedition kits, NASA programming at your library, how to do a break-in-box program, an overview of the uCodeGirl organization, and more.

GRADUATE CREDIT:

School library media specialists can get one graduate credit from [Valley City State University](#). Carmen Redding, School & Youth Services Specialist, will teach an additional session Monday evening for those who want the credit. VCSU charges \$50 for the credit and you will need to register for it separately.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Renewal & Development will be held at the [Baymont Inn & Suites](#). A block of rooms has been reserved - call 701-663-7401 and let them know you're attending the State Library's conference to get state rate.

REGISTRATION:

Cost to attend is \$55 for both days, \$35 for a single day. Register online and pay when you attend or send a check to North Dakota State Library, ATTN: Cheryl Pollert, 604 E Boulevard Ave. - Dept 250, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800. [Register here!](#)

Contact Angie Houser at 701-328-3495 or ndsctrain@nd.gov if you have questions.

Note: Programming subject to change.

SAY HELLO TO COZMO!

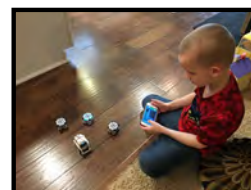
The Cozmo robot kit is now available to reserve through [NDSL KitKeeper](#).



Cozmo is a friendly AI robot with a wide range of skills. Compete with Cozmo in a series of games using his special power cubes, spark him to play a trick, or see the world through Cozmo's eyes (er...camera) by driving him around like a race car. With his built-in facial recognition software, Cozmo can even recognize up to ten unique faces (including pets!).



Cozmo opens up the world of coding to beginning, intermediate, and advanced programmers. Children in Preschool and Kindergarten can begin coding Cozmo in Sandbox Mode while older children and teenagers refine their skills using the scratch block method in Constructor Mode.



Each kit will include six Cozmo robots with 3 power cubes each, coding challenges for all levels and ages, and a quick-start guide to help you get the most out of your time with Cozmo. Reserve your Cozmos today through KitKeeper.



This STEM initiative was made possible by the collaboration of the Air Force STEM Program and Grand Forks AFB, School Liaison Office. The mission of the Air Force K-12 STEM program is to inspire and develop student interest in Department of Defense STEM education and careers. The Air Force provides numerous K-12 STEM outreach opportunities to K-12 students both on Air Force bases and in the local communities. For more information on AF STEM programs, visit www.afstem.org or Facebook at AirForceSTEM.



NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- National school library standards for learners, school librarians, and school libraries / American Association of School Librarians
- The book : a cover-to-cover exploration of the most powerful object of our time
- Novel destinations : a travel guide to literary landmarks from Jane Austen's Bath to Ernest Hemingway's Key West (2nd edition)
- A girl walks into a book : what the Brontës taught me about life, love, and women's work
- Courthouse research for family historians : your guide to genealogical treasures
- Getting started with digital collections : scaling to fit your organization
- New on the job : a school librarian's guide to success (2nd edition)
- Everybody lies : big data, new data, and what the Internet can tell us about who we really are
- Denying to the grave : why we ignore the facts that will save us
- Passionate readers : the art of reaching and engaging every child
- Big machines : the story of Virginia Lee Burton (nonfiction picture book)
- STEAM kids : 50+ science, technology, engineering, art, math hands-on projects for kids
- 20 Makey Makey projects for the evil genius
- Invent your own computer games with Python (4th edition)
- Rubber band engineer : build slingshot-powered rockets, rubber band rifles, unconventional catapults, and more guerrilla gadgets from household hardware

AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK RESOURCES

Submitted by: Eric Stroshane

I recently had the good fortune of attending the 3rd Annual [North Dakota Afterschool Summit](#). If you aren't familiar with North Dakota's Afterschool Network, it's an organization that supports and advocates for high-quality, out-of-school-time programming, resources, and services for school-age youth. The Summit is their annual day-long conference, attended by teachers, librarians, and others interested in their mission.

I wanted to share some highlights you may be able to utilize at your school or public library.



- [You Can do the Rubik's Cube](#) loans out educational sets of 12, 24, or 36 cubes, as well as mosaic sets of up to 600 cubes for 6 weeks and all you have pay is the return shipping. Educational Sets arrive complete with cubes, guides, a curriculum, day-by-day lesson plans, and more. They align Rubik's Cube-based lessons to Common Core, National, and State standards and gleefully combine STEM with 21st Century Skills. The cube lending program is open to schools and public libraries and they have 2x2 as well as 3x3 cubes, with programs for grades 3-12. One small caveat: they do recommend you request your kit at least two weeks in advance of when you need it.
- Prairie Public and PBS Kids have tons afterschool programs on their websites, ranging from one-off one-hour session to full-on 12 week camps. Many of their offerings tie-in to popular PBS Kids shows and have lesson plans as well as customizable certificates of completion. Also: there's some coding! The PBS Kids site proper is a bit busy with games and videos, but here's a curated list of their afterschool program options: <http://bit.ly/2sNyp3k>. Teachers may also want to check out [Prairie Public's PBS LearningMedia site](#) or scope the [PBS Kids Lab](#) for stellar stuff like the Math Activity of the Day.
- Donors Choose is a site that pairs donors with public school teachers whose classroom projects need funding. Teachers can sign up and learn more at <https://www.donorschoose.org/teachers>
- [UND's Center for Rural Health](#) offers health career awareness activities in collaboration with rural schools. They also loan out K-12 Educational Resources including Eyes In-A-Box, fitness dice, and a giant inflatable colon kids can walk through while discovering horrific gastro-intestinal ailments. All these and more await you at: <https://ruralhealth.und.edu/what-we-do/health-workforce/teacher>
- EduTech Ask Me! is a Mentors and Experts in STEM program designed to give students the opportunity to meet STEM professionals through videoconference calls. Sessions typically last one hour or class period. This is a free program for schools to take part in. You can learn more and request your professionals at: <http://www.edutech.nodak.edu/askme/>

FACEBOOK LIVE: GARDENING READS

In this Facebook Live session, Public Services Manager, Al Peterson, will show off some of the great books on gardening that can be found in the North Dakota State Library collection. We have books ranging from small container gardening to small scale farming plus books on getting into farmers markets and starting a CSA program. If you know somebody who can't wait until the snow melts and ground softens up to start digging and planting, then watch this Facebook session for some good reads available at the North Dakota State Library.

This Facebook Live will be held on Wednesday April 4, 2018 at 2:00 (CT)

THE READING NOOK

Jessica Robinson

This month *Black Panther* joined the ranks of one of the top 10 highest grossing movies of all time, trailing behind only Marvel's *The Avengers*, which made an astonishing worldwide total of over a billion dollars. There has never been a better time to be a superhero fan and thankfully Marvel, one of the giants of comic book publishing, has way more to read than even the most devoted fan could tackle.

Anyone who fell in love with the fictional techno-utopia of Wakanda is in luck. Begin with Christopher Priest's classic run, collected in four volumes as *Black Panther: The Complete Collection*, for a series of larger adventures, and then move on to bestselling author Roxane Gay's intimate look at two members of the royal family's elite task force of women warriors, the Dora Milaje, in *Black Panther: World of Wakanda*.

Once you've explored Wakanda, there's no place to go but up with the legendary Jim Starlin. Explore space in *Infinity Gauntlet*, the basis for the upcoming *Avengers* movie, and then read the *Death of Captain Marvel*, a human and heartbreaking story about the alien warrior who gave his powers and name to the Captain Marvel coming to theaters next year.

Now that you've had a couple of space adventures, come back to the center of Marvel action—New York City—and see what's happening with the Avengers. Follow the new Hawkeye's solo adventure in Kelly Thompson's *Hawkeye: Kate Bishop, Volume 1: Anchor Points* and then try to figure out what it means to be human with the Vision in Tom King's award-winning *Vision, Volume 1: Little Worse Than a Man*. Sometimes Avenger Peter Parker is having the sort of troubles that only plague a superhero when his old enemy Dr. Octopus switches bodies with him—and proves a more effective hero than he ever was in Dan Slott's *Superior Spider-Man, Volume 1: My Own Worst Enemy*. Finally, forget the

idea of being a superhero altogether and follow the newest team-up of Marvel's favorite odd couple antiheroes in Fabian Nicieza's sequel to his cult favorite *Deadpool & Cable* run, *Deadpool & Cable: Split Second*, just in time for their big-screen reunion.

If you've read all the adventures starring your favorite movie incarnations of these characters, then why not move on to the small-screen as well? Get ready to solve mysteries at Alias Investigations with Brian Michael Bendis's *Jessica Jones, Volume 1: Uncaged!* and then see what the superhero best friends Luke Cage and Danny Rand are doing in David F. Walker's *Power Man and Iron Fist, Volume 1: The Boys are Back in Town*. Then follow S.H.I.E.L.D. agent Bobbi Morse's mission to save her on-again, off-again love interest and fellow agent Lance Hunter in bestselling author Chelsea Cain's *Mockingbird, Volume 1: I Can Explain*. Once you've successfully committed espionage, superhero-style, take on a more cerebral assignment in Simon Spurrier's *X-Men Legacy, Volume 1: Prodigal*, a comic that follows the attempts of David Haller to make amends for his years of psychotically-induced villainy. You can also see David Haller struggle with mental illness on Fox's *Legion*, soon to start its second season. Finally, read the collection that propelled the Runaways from print to television in Brian K. Vaughan's *Runaways: The Complete Collection*, where a group of unusual teens run away from home after discovering that their parents are secretly supervillains.

The most exciting part is that the action doesn't stop here. Next month we'll take a look at Marvel's longtime companion and competitor in the comic book business, Detective Comics (DC), now enjoying acclaim not through their film ventures but from their wildly successful new rebooted universe, which combines elements from several eras to form a whole new world.

STEALTH PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Submitted by Abby Ebach

Stealth programs, also called passive programs, are often considered “easy kid and teen programs.” However, these programs can be used to engage adults as well. Stealth programs are excellent for libraries that have limited staff time or budgets for programming. They are informal and interactive events that occur over the course of a predetermined day, week, or month; no registration is required, and the set-up can be as minimal or fancy as you decide.

For adults, it’s important to show that the library is more than just a quick errand to run when they need a new book, and stealth programs are a great way to show that the library cares about their patrons. A great way to interact with adults is through social media hunts. Hide an object or picture somewhere in your library and give out clues to those that interact with your social media posts or who ask for a hint at your information desk. This is simple to set up and many libraries offer a small prize (waive fines or extended DVD checkouts) to winners. You can also expand this program to nearby businesses or parks. When patrons discover your hidden item, they simply have to tell the librarian where it is to earn their prize. If you want to go more in depth with your scavenger hunts, consider creating a library geocache location. Geocaching is a popular pastime where participants use GPS and latitude/longitude coordinates to find hidden caches. Create a cache box and register it on geocache.com to increase foot-traffic near your library. (Note: traditional caches cannot be indoors, so it is best to start with an outdoor cache near your library.)

Simpler and more traditional stealth programs for adults are as simple as providing board games, puzzles, coloring sheets, mind benders, Sudoku, crossword puzzles, and other word games in the reading room. Adults waiting for children to find their books can sit down and relax, and patrons that are using the library for reading materials or internet access may take some time to unwind in a comfortable environment. If you want to increase community interaction with the library, consider hanging up a white board or butcher paper on a wall with a question written on it. Encourage your users to respond to the question, draw a related picture, or react to another’s answer.

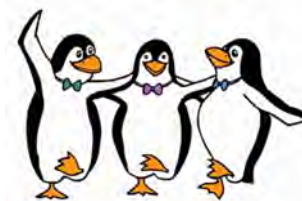
Remember that stealth programs don’t need to be fancy or cost a lot of money. They just need to be set up ahead of time and monitored for the duration of the program. Programs can be themed around upcoming events like National Library Week or the Fourth of July, but you can also create your own themes that tie in with other library activities like the summer reading theme.

THE 2021 CSLP THEME HAS BEEN DECIDED!



Drum roll, please... The theme for the 2021 Collaborative Summer Reading Program is ANIMALS. With Salina Yoon as our artist, her animals are sure to come alive. The 2022 theme is on the horizon and will be announced yet this month. The general themes will no longer be decided at the CSLP conference.

Another change is the spring conference. It will move to the fall. The 2019 CSLP Conference will be held in September.



YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE MONTH

Directly from the North Dakota State Documents collection, Macaroni Menu Magic demonstrates the correct methods of preparing pasta dishes and discusses the benefits of pasta as a main or side dish.

In a series of videos put out by the North Dakota State Wheat Commission in the 1960s & 1970s, we are introduced to the values of durum wheat and how it not only has a whole slew of nutritional values but was a staple to the North Dakota economy.



Subscribe to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/NDStateLibrary>

FRANKENSTEIN

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* celebrated its 200th anniversary this year and in order to honor the occasion, the North Dakota State Library will be hosting a **statewide book discussion club** via Zoom during National Library Week in April. Libraries are invited to host an event at their library and log in via Zoom as a group to participate in the discussion. There will be multiple time slots in order to accommodate as many participants as possible.

If you are worried that you don't have enough copies of the book to hold a book club discussion, you can check out our book club kit, which is available through KitKeeper (<http://bit.ly/1tgOGKP>).

If you are interested in attending or have any questions or concerns, please send an e-mail to BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AUDIOBOOKS

Do you have patrons interested in learning a foreign language? The North Dakota State Library has decided to purchase five Pimsleur language audiobooks in [RBdigital](#). We currently have Spanish, German, French, Norwegian, and Modern Arabic.

Each language course includes a comprehensive user guide, which provides guidance on how the Pimsleur method of language learning works and hints on how to learn a foreign language. Also included is a lesson guide. Both of these resources are in PDF and are able to be printed out and used along with the audiobook.

You can download these resources and other great e-audiobooks and e-books from [RBdigital](#). The link can be found on the North Dakota State Library website under databases. For those who are new to [RBdigital](#), we have video tutorials showing how to sign up and download materials.

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.

Active Shooters and Armed Assailants: Responses and Realistic Tools (Texas State Library and Archives Commission)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2mxEA14>

Monday, March 19, 12:00-1:30 PM CT

Cases of workplace violence involving armed perpetrators in libraries are both rare and catastrophic. Not all subjects have used guns in these attacks; edged weapons are a concern as well. Recent events have heightened the awareness of the need for library employees to follow the national DHS protocol: Run - Hide - Fight. Since all employees are in charge of their own sense of security, they need to know what to do, what not to do, and how to protect themselves and other patrons or students during these life-changing events.

Not-Just-Books-Mobile (NDSL)

Register: <http://bit.ly/w3pTgC>

Thursday, March 22, 1:30-2:00 PM CT

Presented by Abby Ebach, Library Development Specialist

Learn different ways to engage bookmobile patrons through programming. Don't let fear of limited space or lack of staff stop you from providing a well-rounded and unique library experience. Whether your stops are jam-packed or slow-and-steady, we have a variety of adaptable programs to help you expand your patrons' library experience past the traditional bookmobile services at both your regular stops and special events.

Robotics, Maker Spaces, and Mixed Reality, Oh, My! (School Library Journal)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2loHXiB>

Wednesday, March 28, 12:00-1:00 PM CT

A fast-paced, practical share of the hottest tech trends in the classroom and library, and how to implement them. Panelists will tip you on creative ideas in DIY electronics, student-created augmented reality, maker activities, and more.

Assessment Made Simple (NDSL)

Register: <http://bit.ly/w3pTgC>

Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:30-2:00 PM CT

Presenter: Eric Stroshane, Library Development Manager

All our libraries offer programs running the gamut from story time and author talks through health care enrollment and financial planning. We generally do a solid job of recording basic statistics, like the number of programs held and their attendance. However, it's much more challenging to measure, understand, and share the actual impact our programs and services have on our community. Usually the most we get is anecdotal evidence. In times of tightening budgets when the ongoing relevance of libraries is being questioned, outcome-based assessment can create datasets demonstrating libraries' substantial community impact at the local, state, and national levels. In this short webinar you'll get an overview of how to use free tools and readymade surveys from Project Outcome to tackle this tough problem in a simple straightforward fashion.

Disclaimer: There must be at least 5 participants signed up for the webinar by Monday, April 16th. We will not have the session if there are not enough participants.

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.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

STATEWIDE GREATEST NEEDS—NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

DEADLINE: JULY 31

The North Dakota Community Foundation aims to bring together people and organizations in order to strengthen communities. NDCF offers grants to help meet the educational, charitable, art, scientific, and health needs within a community. Priority is given to projects that have limited sources of funding and that complement the work of other community organizations. The grants are only available to 501(c)3 organizations and government agencies and normally do not exceed \$5,000.

For guidelines and to apply for this grant visit: <http://bit.ly/2IsNHru>

DEVILS LAKE AREA FOUNDATION GRANT

DEADLINE: MAY 31

The Devil's Lake Area Foundation grant provides funds for 501(c)3 organizations in the Devil's Lake area. Funds can be used for concrete items such as equipment, technology, and building improvements (to be completed in less than 6 months). DLAF funds organizations that enhance educational, scientific, musical, art, historical, and human service programs to their community.

To learn more about this grant or to apply visit <http://bit.ly/2IsBtIR>

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

DEADLINES: MARCH 28, MAY 30

MPLA sponsors a professional development grant program to improve library services in the Mountain Plains region by supporting continuing education and research experiences for individuals employed in the library or related professions. Grants are awarded to support formal course work leading to an advanced degree in library science or directly related to an individual's library position, attendance as a participant or presenter at a library or scholarly workshop, seminar, or conference; visits to another library to receive or provide significant advanced training in library services, and library related research projects.

Applicants must be members of MPLA; maximum grant amount is \$600. <http://bit.ly/2Cr40oW>

AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION GRANT

DEADLINES MAY 1, AUGUST 1

The American Honda Foundation supports scientific education for children and young adults through this grant. Imaginative and forward-thinking STEM education programs as well as programs focused on the environment, job training, and literacy will be giving funding priority. Honda places a special emphasis on individuality in program designs with broad impact and outreach possibilities. This grant ranges from \$20,000–75,000 over a one year period; on average the American Honda Foundation has funded 27 grants annually. To learn more visit <http://bit.ly/2xAlPZe>

If you have applied for a grant you found in *The Flickertale* and received it, please let us know!

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Walhalla Public Library hosted a Murder Mystery Night at the library - A Roaring Night of Murder, Mayhem, and the Mob. Snacks and music were a part of this adult only night.
- Dickinson Area Public Library has begun the process of designing a new building adjacent to their current location. Their goal is to create a children's activities center and a Friends of the Library Bookstore, among other things.
- The Ottertail Power Company donated \$750 to Harvey Public Library to benefit their Summer Reading Program.
- The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library has replica model ships on display. The collection was rigged by Joel Brostrom, a blind man and Bismarck native.
- Williston Public Library and Heart of America Library held special programs to celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day in February.
- Jon Lommen, library director at the Minnewaukan Public Library, passed away at the age of 38.
- Fargo Public Library hosted its second annual winter writing project for adults and teens. "Northern Narrative" poems, essays, and fictional short stories were submitted; the winners will have their pieces printed and included in the library's North Dakota Collection.
- Minot Prairie Quilt Guild encouraged people to learn more about quilting and its history by displaying some of their quilts throughout the Minot Public Library for the month of February.
- Cavalier Public Library hosted a puzzle race program. Teams of 2-4 competed against each other to complete a 300 piece puzzle the fastest. Winners took home cash prizes.
- The Park River Area Elementary students hosted a Mock Caldecott event over the past month. Students voted, and the winner was "The Bad Seed," by Jory John. Second place went to "Wolf in the Snow" by Matthew Cordell, and third place was awarded to "After the Fall" by Dan Santat.
- The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library hosted a successful escape room. The theme was a blast from the past with all 80's themed technology and computer games. Six teams of all ages braved the 80s, solved the puzzles, and made it back to 2018. It was a totally tubular time.
- Forman Library has started a Makerspace program with hands-on STEM programs hosted at the library.
- Crocheted dolls created by a local resident are on display at the Hazen Public Library.

NEW BOOKMOBILE FOR MCKENZIE COUNTY



The new McKenzie County Bookmobile is stocked and ready to hit the road.

McKenzie County Library received their bookmobile in January and it took to the road in February. The graphics on the outside of the bookmobile feature a cowboy reading, bison, sunflowers, animals, an oil derrick, and features the library's new logo.

HARP LESSONS AT THE GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

A special Harp Class was given at the Grand Forks Public Library. Amariah Pearlstein & Arioso Music Academy brought their harps and gave a special lesson to all attendees.

Children and adults alike were given simple exercises and taught to play a simple tune!



DIGITAL DELIGHTS



Watering Flower in Snow, 1953-1954.

The unidentified woman in this picture taken by Bill Shemorry is kneeling in the snow to water her flowers.

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