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A MESSAGE FROM ARSL

Submitted by Lisa Lewis, ARSL President

As I went to bed on election night contemplating the results of the midterms, it occurred to me that the American people presented our Representatives and Senators a wonderful opportunity. The opportunity to put into action some very important things that those of us who work in the library field do every single day! Collaboration, partnerships, compromise, respect, factual information, research, teamwork, hard work, and putting aside our personal feelings to do what is best for our communities!

They can take our example in how we treat those who we serve. When you come into my library, I don't see your color, your race, your nationality, your gender, your religious beliefs or your political party. I see a person!! I see someone who needs my assistance in a multitude of different ways and I promise that I will serve that person to the very best of my ability!

So come on Democrats and Republicans! Put aside your differences and remember who you are there to serve! Learn from us Librarians because if you do what we do every single day, you can't go wrong!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 21	Be A NASA Detective Webinar
December 24-25	State Library Closed
January 1	State Library Closed
January 2	Annual Report & State Aid Forms Open
January 11	Letters About Literature Deadline
January 21	State Library Closed
January 25-29	ALA Midwinter Conference

KIT CIRCULATION POLICY UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

- Institutions are limited to **3** STEM kits at a time without prior approval
- Schools' kit requests must be made by their school library media specialists
 - You are responsible for the return postage on any kits you receive
 - You may be charged for damaged or lost kit components

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

It's November, so it's time to focus on gratitude and being thankful for all the gifts that I have. I work hard to express my gratitude throughout the year, but during November, I actively think about something I'm thankful for each day. I post something daily on Facebook for #ThankfulNovember. I've been doing this for a number of years now and have quite a few friends that join in also. I am super blessed and really enjoy the focus on remembering that during November. Here are a few library related things that I'm thankful for.

I am thankful for the gift of books and reading. I have always been a reader. I come from a family of readers. I have many fond memories of hours spent sitting in the crook of the willow tree in our backyard with my best friend, both of us reading. I miss that willow tree and those simple moments of joy, but I'm incredibly grateful to have the memory of them.

I am thankful for being a librarian. I believe that librarianship is a vocation, and I'm truly thankful that it is mine. I love everything about being a librarian. I have had the opportunity to serve in a number of different capacities during my library career, and I am grateful for all the experiences that I've had.

I am thankful to be the State Librarian of North Dakota. This is my favorite library gig so far. I love being able to help libraries of all types and sizes. I enjoy advocating for libraries in many different arenas — at the local, regional and national levels. I am grateful for my state library colleagues across the nation that I've been blessed to work with.

I am grateful for my library peeps. I have met librarians from many walks of life, and I have learned from all of them. Many that have started as colleagues have become friends. I love how helpful librarians are and that service is at the heart of what we do. I am thankful for all of the help that I've received in my library journey.

I am grateful for the librarians in North Dakota. I am honored to be able to represent North Dakota libraries in a variety of settings and opportunities. The librarians in North Dakota truly exhibit the epitome of librarianship that I treasure.

I am thankful for our Librarian for a Day program that brings me into libraries across the state. I'm also thankful for those libraries that have invited me to their library for whatever reason but especially as part of our program. It is so great to be able to talk about the successes of and challenges faced by our North Dakota libraries from firsthand experience.

I am thankful for Superintendent Baesler, Assistant Superintendents Bob Christman and Laurie Matzke and the whole DPI team. We continue to increase our collaboration and partnerships with DPI and that benefits North Dakota. I appreciate Superintendent Baesler's understanding of librarianship and always welcome an opportunity to provide for her to spend time with her people as she refers to librarians.

I would like to conclude by thanking my North Dakota State Library colleagues for the honor of serving our wonderful state alongside them. I am blessed beyond measure by those colleagues and they make it easy for me to serve you. My final thank you is to our library colleagues, patrons and the citizens of North Dakota for allowing us to serve them.

There are so very many things to be thankful for. Sometimes in this crazy, hectic, busy world we forget that. I invited you to join me in #ThankfulNovember on social media, in a journal, or whatever method works for you. I encourage you to invite your community to participate by providing a means for them to share their moments of gratitude on a Facebook page, bulletin board or a notebook at the circ desk. Drop me a line or tag me on social media to let me know what you're grateful for.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

Points of View Reference Center

[Points of View Reference Center](#) is a database that gives a neutral, pro, and con viewpoint for specific topics. This database is great for students who wish to know more about hot topics in our society or ones who are preparing for a debate. The database will provide an overview of the topic, which is the neutral, and then it will give a point and counterpoint to it. Additionally, it will provide a critical analysis guide to the topic.

Not every topic in the database will have everything mentioned, but all of the ones that have been in the news recently will have every feature available to them. Some features that are in every part of the database are the options to add it to a folder, print the topic, email a link, cite the information in several different bibliographic styles, and create notes to attach virtually to different parts of the article. Each topic has a bibliography section as well, which will help the student with further research into this topic in order to write a paper or give a speech. With all of these different options, the database is perfect for student research into the tough topics of today.

If you have any questions on this database or others that we offer please email us at nds1train@nd.gov.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Points of View Reference Center. At the top left is the logo, which features a stylized 'V' inside a circle with the text 'Points of View Reference Center'. To the right of the logo is a search bar with the text 'Searching: Points of View Reference Center | Search Other Databases'. Below the search bar are options for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Search History'. The main heading is 'Points of View Reference Center'. Below this is a section titled 'In the News' with a horizontal carousel of eight topic cards. The cards are: 'Political Economy', 'Refugee Resettlement', 'Engaging China', 'Uber & the Gig Economy', 'Religious Freedom Laws', 'Voter Identification Laws', 'Police Brutality', and 'World Climate Agreement'. Below the carousel is a 'Browse by Category' section with a blue header and a 'Click to expand' button. The categories listed are: 'Abortion Issues', 'AIDS / HIV', 'Animal Welfare', and 'Arts & Culture'. Each category has a list of sub-topics and a 'More' link.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS, PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAIL BOXES.

On October 16th, the State Library sent a letter out to public libraries to convey the upcoming timeline for State Aid applications and Annual Reports. Both documents will be available within the [Counting Opinions site](#) on January 2, 2019, and need to be submitted by February 28, 2019.

Some helpful hints for completing the forms were also provided in the communication as well as a notice that the State Library will be presenting and archiving a webinar in early January to address annual report and state aid application questions.

If you didn't receive a letter or need additional information on these topics, please contact your Library Development Specialist at 1-800-472-2104.

NEW STEM KITS AVAILABLE

BE A NASA DETECTIVE: EXPANDING YOUR SENSES

The NASA@ My Library Kit #2 is now available to be reserved through [KitKeeper](#)! This kit is full of activities that will provide space science programming for your patrons. Kit 2 assists library staff in facilitating programs around exciting NASA science mission topics and focuses on activities and experiences that help patrons (and library staff!) be more comfortable using tools of science and making predictions based on their observations. This kit focuses on things we cannot see with our normal vision or sense with our normal senses.

EVO OZOBOT

Evo is an award-winning pocket-sized coding robot great for people over 8 years old. There are a number of different ways you can code Evo; the most basic coding that you can do is by drawing lines on paper and having the optical sensor detect what color the ink is. Depending on the color of ink, Evo will do different things. Another way you can code Evo is through a programming system that will let you code actions directly into the robot using your web browser. There are some codes installed on the app to begin with, such as dancing and walking a catwalk.

This kit is now available to be reserved through [KitKeeper](#) and will definitely be a huge hit for small kids because of the blinking lights and tricks that Evo can complete.



KEVA PLANKS

No matter the skill level, everyone can enjoy building with KEVA planks. Each plank is perfectly cut and identical, making structures surprisingly stable. No glue, no connectors. This kit, which is now available to be reserved on [KitKeeper](#), includes 400 planks and a quick start guide that includes ideas on what you can build. Recommended for people ages 5 and up.

ROBOT WARS: CODING STRATEGY GAME



Coding is a fundamental skill that helps kids improve logical thinking, creativity, and cognitive skills. Robot Wars is a fun-filled coding game that can be enjoyed by 2-4 players ages 7 and up with no prior coding skills. It introduces players to how a computer executes the code through sequential logic, using Java code blended into English commands.

Players will develop skills in sequential logic, conditional logic, if-else syntax, while loop syntax, for loop syntax, functions, bugs, and robotic movements.

The goal of this game is simple: test your skills of instructing robots through a war using the cards given. The first one to reach the middle grid of the board wins. Reserve a kit today on [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.

NASA@ My Library is a project of The National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute, in partnership with the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, American Library Association Public Programs Office, the Pacific Science Center, Cornerstones of Science, and Education Development Center. The four state library project partners are: Washington State Library, North Dakota State Library, the Library of Michigan, and South Carolina State Library.

STEM KITS AND MAILING

Wow, have these STEM kits been popular! We have over fifty kits available for schools and libraries to check out and use for STEM educational programs. The North Dakota State Library Circulation Department hardly has time to even shelve them; we just turn them around and send them back out! It's not uncommon to have every STEM kit either checked out, in the mail going out, or to be waiting for one to arrive back to the State Library.

With the high demand for these kits, we want to remind libraries that it is vitally important to mail them back by the due date. Earlier than the due date is very much appreciated, especially if the due date falls before the weekend or a holiday. We have to manually check each kit and sometimes count each piece and part. By getting them back to us on time, or even earlier, we can keep them circulating onwards to the next library without any delay in the process.

If you have questions about mailing your kits or reserving them, contact our Circulation Department at 701-328-4657.

ADVOCACY TIP

State Librarian Mary Soucie

As the state coordinator for National Library Legislative Day, I have had an opportunity to participate in several webinars from the Congressional Management Foundation (CMF), sponsored by the American Library Association. CMF surveys congressional staffers and then share what they learn from the survey responses. I received the tip below from a staff member at ALA and thought it was pertinent to share.

*Here's a tip from the [Congressional Management Foundation](#) for those of you interested in inviting members of Congress to visit your libraries in the coming months! This information comes from a recent survey of congressional staffers by CMF. They asked: "For each of the following activities (site visits), how many weeks in advance should the request be made for the Member to personally participate?" Based on the staffers responses, they learned that advocates should submit their requests for site visits (aka a visit to your library or other location or event) between **3-6 weeks prior** to the event or date you'd like to host a visit.*

This tip is for federal legislators, but I think the same idea should be applied to local officials as well as state legislators. You can't always control the timeline, but in general, the more notice you give an elected official, the greater the likelihood that s/he will be able to accept your invitation. I encourage you to invite your local, state, and Federal legislators to events at your library. It is a great opportunity for you to introduce your library's successes. Invite the local press to attend. You can invite them to read a book at storytime, participate in a special program, or to recognize a "library celebration" such as National Library Week or Library Card Sign-up month.

When I was the Library Director at Wilmington Public Library District in Illinois, we worked with the city administrator to get a declaration recognizing September as National Library Card Sign-up month by the Mayor. We invited the Mayor as well as our state Senator and Representative to the library where we presented them with an oversized library card. The press came and took pictures and got quotes from each of the legislators and the Mayor on the importance of libraries in general — and our library in particular — at meeting the needs of the community. We then created a *READ* poster for each of them that we presented to them. When we visited the Representative at the Capitol for Library Legislative Day, the poster was proudly displayed on her wall. It was a great way to showcase the library for very little output.

This is just one example of taking advantage of an opportunity to invite local officials and legislators to the library. If you need help thinking of additional opportunities, send me an email or give me a call.

Another opportunity to connect with legislators will be presented during the upcoming Legislative Session. NDLA will once again be sponsoring a "Day at the Capitol" event on April 1st and will be looking for volunteers to assist with working the booth. This event will coincide with the State Library's Renewal & Development event so you'll have an opportunity to participate in the NDLA event when you attend R&D. Your time spent in Bismarck could be quite impactful for you and the library community.

Program Spotlight!: Noisy Art

Submitted by Abby Ebach

Get creative with your craft activities! Noisy art programs allow kids to be messy with their art making while making music at the same time. Attach different sizes of bells to your paint brushes or dunk an egg shaker in some paint and allow children to roll it around on their page. You can turn anything into a drum stick and let them splatter paint across their page to the beat of the music. Let your imagination run wild and allow any musical instrument to be a conduit for art.

THE READING NOOK

By Jessica Robinson

Maybe it's all the extra energy from Halloween candy, but something about November puts me in the mood to solve a mystery. Thankfully, I can do that without leaving the comfort of my cozy chair by reading some of the best mysteries 2018 has to offer. First, we'll take a look at exciting entries in a few mystery series, and then we'll finish up with some standalones.

Jude Deveraux is known for her romance fiction, but she made her mystery debut this year with *A Willing Murder*, featuring a retired romance author, a crumbling old mansion, and a couple of surprise skeletons. The Amish and murder shouldn't be such a perfect mix, but in Linda Castillo's *A Gathering of Secrets*, Police Chief Kate Burkholder finds more than a few dark secrets when investigating arson in a quiet Amish community. In *The Day of the Dead*, Nicci French's psychologist protagonist Frieda Klein returns for the last time to grapple with her longtime nemesis — a killer who's skilled at impersonation and obsessed with her. A lonely Scottish island full of POWs during World War II is the setting of Susan Elia MacNeal's *The Prisoner in the Castle*, where lead character Maggie Hope has to figure out who's killing all of her fellow spies. A plane crash and a dead politician are the focus of William Kent Krueger's *Desolation Mountain*, which unites Cork O'Connor and his son Stephen in order to solve whether it was a malfunction or something more sinister. Craig Johnson's stoic cowboy-sheriff Walt Longmire returns in *Depth of Winter* to face his greatest nightmare when a drug cartel kidnaps his daughter and threatens to auction her off to his many enemies. On the cozier side of mystery, Kate Carlisle combines rare books, a bridal shower, and murder in *Buried in Books*, the fourteenth entry in her Bibliophile series. Finally, we end *Weeping Waters*, the first translated book in Karin Brynard's Albertus Beeslaar series, which takes a Johannesburg detective to a rural outpost near the Kalahari Desert.

In Stuart Turton's *The 7½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*, Aiden Bishop is trapped in cycle of waking up on the same day in different bodies, forced to watch the same murder over and over until he can identify the killer. NBA legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar teamed up with Anna Waterhouse to write *Mycroft and Sherlock*, a story about the famous detective and his politician brother in their younger days as they attempt to solve a mystery concerning the opium trade. First love and female friendship provide the backdrop for Jennifer Hillier's *Jar of Hearts*, when Detective Kaiser Brody discovers that her childhood friend was murdered by their best friend Georgina's volatile first boyfriend, now an infamous serial killer. Christopher Huang's *A Gentleman's Murder* pairs the shadow cast by World War I with the secret society formed in an exclusive gentleman's club in London, forcing its newest member to choose between his loyalties to the law and his desire to follow in his family's footsteps. Clare Mackintosh's *Let Me Lie* follows a young mother as she attempts to investigate the mysterious circumstances surrounding her parents' supposed suicides. Tana French's *Dublin Murder Squad* is a favorite series of mine, but her standalone *The Witch Elm* promises to be a thrilling ride as well when a man returns to his family's ancestral home to recover from a savage attack, only to become embroiled in deadly family secrets when a skull is found in a trunk under their elm tree. Walter Mosley got attention in the 90s when President Bill Clinton named him as his favorite author, and he's still going strong with *Down the River Unto the Sea*, the complicated story of a disgraced NYPD investigator-turned-private-detective who has to solve the mystery of who framed him and why. Finally, K.A. Tucker's *Keep Her Safe* is the story of the children of two police officers who come together to investigate the secrets and scandals that destroyed their families.

It's hard to believe it, but 2018 is winding to a close. Next month, we'll look at the award-winning hits of the year, just in time to finish our reading goals before 2019.

NDLCC CORNER

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) met in Bismarck at the State Library and via Zoom on October 11. The main item on the agenda was to discuss and award the Library Vision grant. The Council awarded 31 grants totaling \$76,006.

The NDLCC also discussed future grant rounds. There will be a non-competitive grant round announced in January that will have a quick turnaround time. The Council also plans to have a partnership grant in the beginning of the next biennium. The purpose of the grant will be to encourage libraries to create new partnerships within their community that will assist the library in increasing the capacity to serve and will result in long lasting partnerships.

The NDLCC discussed revisions to the Standards for Public Libraries and provided some guidance for State Library staff. A committee has been formed and work will begin very soon on revising the standards. Once a draft has been approved by the Council, we will announce a comment period and hope that libraries will share their thoughts and concerns with us on the proposed changes.

Questions about the NDLCC can be addressed to [State Librarian Mary Soucie](#).

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Make: getting started with drones
- Aerial photography and videography using drones
- The book of books (official tie-in to PBS's Great American Read)
- Eco-friendly crafting with kids : 35 step-by-step projects for preschool kids and adults to create together
- Robotics for young children : STEM activities and simple coding
- Challenge-based learning in the school library makerspace
- Janice VanCleave's engineering for every kid : easy activities that make learning science fun
- Nurturing young innovators : cultivating creativity in the classroom, home and community
- The hero's closet : sewing for cosplay and costuming
- When ideology trumps science : why we question the experts on everything from climate change to vaccinations
- Banned books (written for ages 14-18)
- Internet journalism and "fake news" (written for ages 14-18)
- The man who loved libraries : the story of Andrew Carnegie (nonfiction picture book)

PBS SCRATCH JR.

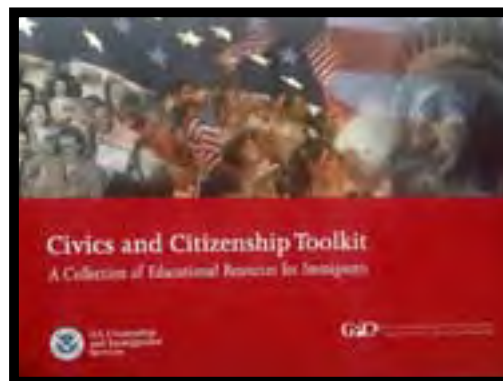
Bring the critical thinking skills and excitement of coding to your K-5 classroom with PBS Scratch Jr. Coding helps students build sequencing and problem-solving skills while learning the language of coding. PBS Scratch Jr. adds an additional layer of storytelling to help tie coding to any curriculum. Prairie Public Broadcasting provides free PBS Scratch Jr. training workshops for teachers, parents, and/or students.

Contact Darcy at dbakkegard@prairiepublic.org for more information. (60-120 minutes)

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP TOOLKIT

The State Library has received a new learning kit called "The Civics and Citizenship Toolkit." This kit is designed to help those who are preparing to take the citizenship test. The toolkit comes with study booklets in English and Spanish, a mini constitution, a quick start guide, and flashcards to review. It has everything needed to pass the citizenship test with flying colors.

This kit is available through KitKeeper and can be checked out by anyone with a State Library card for 8 weeks at a time. If paired with the citizenship class available on our database Universal Class and tutoring from TutorND, this test will be a breeze.



If you have any questions on this kit or others on KitKeeper, please email us at nds1train@nd.gov.

READING IS HEALTHY: INTRODUCING THE NNLM READING CLUB

Submitted by Darlene Kaskie,

Community Engagement Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine

Book Clubs or reading groups are a staple of library outreach and literacy efforts. People gather to discuss Oprah's picks or the New York Times' Best Sellers to socially engage with literature and current events.

To help grow health literacy, the NNLM All of Us Community Engagement Network announced the launch of the NNLM Reading Club. The goal is to support libraries' health literacy efforts and address local communities' health information needs by celebrating important National Health Observances through the fun and intimacy of a book club.

The NNLM Reading Club offers a selection of three different book titles along with corresponding free, ready-to-use materials designed to help promote and facilitate a book club discussion on a health issue or topic. It's easy to download the discussion materials and direct patrons to the library's book holdings. However, the NNLM is offering an added benefit.

Beginning November 1st, participating NNLM libraries are making the quarterly Reading Club picks available in a free, handy, portable Book Club Kit. This program-in-a-box format includes 8 copies of each of the following items: the selected book, discussion guide, MedlinePlus.gov flyer, NIH MedlinePlus Magazine, NIH All of Us Research Program brochure and additional material in support of the health topic all of which are tucked inside a handy library book bag and shipped to the requesting library.

Any U.S. library that is an organizational member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine is eligible to apply and to receive one NNLM Reading Club Book Kit from November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. Due to the limited supply of federally-sponsored NNLM Reading Club Book Kits, libraries that support outreach to vulnerable populations receive priority status.

Visit their [website](#) to browse the November selections and download the ready-to-use materials or to order an NNLM Book Club Kit from a participating region.

SCAMS USING GIFT CARDS

Submitted by Carol Kando-Pimeda, Federal Trade Commission

The Federal Trade Commission published some new and important information for your patrons to know about [scams using gift cards](#).

Gift cards are a great way to give a gift. But, now they are also a scammer's favorite way to steal money. According to the FTC's new [Data Spotlight](#), more scammers are demanding payment with a gift card than ever before – a whopping 270 percent increase since 2015. **Gift cards are for gifts, not for payments.** If someone calls asking you to pay them by buying a gift card, it's always a scam.

The [Federal Trade Commission](#) just published the contact information of the top gift card and reloadable card issuers. Consumers can now report scams using a gift card directly to them. You can access this information by visiting their [blog](#), which includes a new [video](#) that can be placed on your website and used on social media.

Finally, we also are happy to provide 15-20 minute "just the basics" train-the-trainer webinars and conference calls for public librarians – on this or other consumer, scam prevention, and money management issues. I manage our outreach to libraries – I can walk your staff through the tips and materials, then give you slides and talking points, if you'd like to use them in your programming.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Carol at 202-326-3152 or ckando@ftc.gov.



Save the Date

*Renewal &
Development
Conference*

April 1st & 2nd

*Baymont Inn & Suites
Mandan*

*For more information,
contact Angie Houser at
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701-328-3495*

YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE MONTH: RBDIGITAL COMICS

Did you know that the State Library now has comics available through RBDigital? We have a selection of some of the more popular comics available through the app on any device. We have even created a tutorial on how to access and use the comics. This tutorial is available through our YouTube Channel. Check out this new option to get your comics fix.



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

ARE YOU READY?

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

NATIONAL WRITING CONTEST

IS FINALLY **HERE**

ENTRIES ACCEPTED STARTING **NOVEMBER 1, 2018**
FOR GUIDELINES AND DEADLINES GO TO READ.GOV/LETTERS.

A photograph of a young girl with dark hair in a braid, wearing a red headband with a flower and a red shirt. She is sitting at a desk, leaning forward and writing on a piece of paper with a pen. In the background, there are several blue chairs and a blue patterned bag on the floor.

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A RATING SYSTEM FOR WEBSITES

Submitted by Carmen Redding

Are you having trouble deciding if a website is sharing the truth or feeding you a line? In August, NewsGuard, a news literacy program, was launched with the support from Microsoft. Staffed by almost 40 reporters and dozens of freelancers, the NewsGuard team diligently examined thousands of websites based on nine widely-accepted, journalistic criteria designed to minimize human bias and subjectivity. The results determine if the sites receive green or red ratings.

Steven Brill and Gordon Crovitz, NewsGuard Technologies' co-founders and co-CEOs, joined forces to give this program a human face rather than relying on algorithms to determine what we see. NewsGuard is the opposite of an algorithm. People with journalistic backgrounds are reviewing the sites. "Algorithms don't call for comment," says Brill. NewsGuard, on the other hand, gives plenty of explanation about their ratings.

Stacey Aldrich, State Librarian of Hawaii and President of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), spoke about NewsGuard and was quoted as saying, "We're delighted to be partnering with NewsGuard in this common-sense news literacy initiative. Adding this service continues the long tradition of librarians arming readers with more information about what they are reading."

NewsGuard works as a browser plug-in, giving credibility ratings to thousands of websites. A user simply downloads the extension on Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Firefox, and Safari. To get that extension, click [here](#).

After the extension is downloaded, one of the various NewsGuard icons will appear in the upper right corner of the browser toolbar. The rating icons also appear on the search pages. By hovering over the colored icon, a "Nutrition Label" appears. This label explains how NewsGuard decided the site's rating. Additional information such as the site's ownership and financing, content credibility, transparency and history is explained. Ratings and label information are updated regularly, and whenever a site changes its practices, the icon will be adjusted accordingly. NewsGuard's ratings will also be accessible on Facebook and Twitter when website articles are used.

[NewsGuard's website](#) has more information about the nine journalistic criteria and the icons they use.

SAMPLE JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Looking to update or adopt new job descriptions? The State Library has compiled some examples to help get you off on the right foot. Feel free to change and edit these samples to fit your library's needs. (Remember that the board is in charge of the Director's job description).

<http://www.library.nd.gov/jobdescriptions.html>

SUMMER READING MANUALS

The 2019 Summer Reading Manuals are now available! Just like last year, the State Library is providing downloadable manuals. To receive an e-mail with directions on how to retrieve an access code, please fill out the request form: <http://library.nd.gov/summerreadingmanual.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Carmen at credning@nd.gov.



PRIMARY & SECONDARY LEGAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

Submitted by Catie Palsgraaf, Acting North Dakota Supreme Court Law Librarian

This is the second in a series of Flickertale articles that aim to take the mystery out of North Dakota's legal reference resources. See the [October 2018 Flickertale](#) for the first article in the series, [North Dakota Legal Research Resources in a Nutshell](#).

Next month's article will get into more detail about legal research resources for the North Dakota State Constitution.

WHAT ARE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SOURCES OF LAW?

All legal information comes from either a primary or secondary source. For legal research, and when referring a patron to legal research resources, it is helpful to know the basic difference.

Primary sources of law are the law itself, which includes the constitution and laws created by the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.

Primary sources of law include:

- The United States Constitution and the North Dakota State Constitution.
- Legislative Branch: The North Dakota Century Code; City or County ordinances.
- Executive Branch: Regulations enacted by North Dakota State Agencies; Executive orders; Treaties.
- Judicial Branch: Case law; Procedural rules.

Sometimes, a patron wants to know what the law was on a specific date or timeframe. Historical primary sources of law provide the answer. Historical primary sources include the same list as above, but give the law in effect as of a past publication date. Tips for finding historical primary sources will be included in future articles.

Secondary sources of law are written by third parties who discuss, explain, interpret or analyze primary sources of law.

Secondary sources of law include:

- Legal Dictionaries: i.e. Black's Law Dictionary; NOLO's Plain-English Law Dictionary.
- Legal Encyclopedias: i.e. Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS); American Jurisprudence 2d (Am Jur 2d); NOLO's Encyclopedia of Everyday Law.
- Law reviews and journals: i.e. North Dakota Law Review; journals published by the American Bar Association on a variety of topics.
- Treatises: i.e. the Nutshell series published by West Academic Publishing on a variety of topics; the Wigmore treatise on evidence.
- North Dakota Pattern Jury Instructions.
- North Dakota Legal Self Help Center guides and forms, covering a variety of civil court processes.

Secondary sources can help a patron learn about an area of law and help them locate primary sources related to their legal issue. If a patron is unfamiliar with an area of law, secondary sources are a handy way to start their legal research.

North Dakota's secondary sources will be covered more thoroughly in a future article. In the meantime, ODIN Interlibrary Loan is a handy resource for print secondary sources. The North Dakota Pattern Jury Instructions and the North Dakota Legal Self Help Center's secondary sources are available at www.ndcourts.gov/ndlshc.

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PRIMARY SOURCES OF LAW ARE EITHER MANDATORY OR PERSUASIVE:

All primary sources of law are either mandatory or persuasive.

Mandatory primary sources are those statutes, rules, or regulations that the court must follow because they are binding on the court. For example, North Dakota statutes in the North Dakota Century Code are binding on North Dakota state courts; opinions of the North Dakota Supreme Court are binding on all North Dakota state courts.

Persuasive primary sources are those statutes, rules, or regulations that the court may follow but doesn't have to follow. For example, statutes enacted by another state and case law from courts from another state are not binding. This means that North Dakota state courts, including the North Dakota Supreme Court, can choose whether to follow the same reasoning as another state court.

In North Dakota, it's fairly common to find that little or no mandatory primary source of law exists to answer a legal question. Persuasive primary sources can be useful to add support to existing mandatory primary sources, or to support a legal argument when no mandatory primary source exists.

Herring v. Lisbon Partners Credit Fund, Ltd. Partnership, 2012 ND 226, 823 N.W.2d 493 is an example of a legal issue where no mandatory primary source of law existed and the North Dakota Supreme Court analyzed persuasive primary sources of law to reach a decision. (www.ndcourts.gov/Research)

SECONDARY SOURCES OF LAW ARE ALWAYS PERSUASIVE:

All secondary sources of law are persuasive. Because all secondary sources of law are persuasive, they are not binding on North Dakota courts.

Remember, secondary sources of law are handy legal reference resources for understanding an unfamiliar area of law, and for finding references to primary sources of law.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN SUGGESTIONS:

Some of the secondary sources of law listed above are available via ODIN Interlibrary Loan from both the North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library and the University of North Dakota Thormodsgard Law Library.

NOLO titles are written specifically for people without legal background.

Nutshell titles, published by West Academic Publishing, are written for law students and attorneys, but are still a useful legal research tool for many self-represented individuals.

Please take a look at the NOLO, Nutshell, and other titles available for ODIN Interlibrary Loan through your local library. We would to share with you!

LUNCH WITH THE STATE LIBRARIAN

Join Mary on Wednesday, December 5, at 12:30 Central Time for a 30 minute virtual lunch date on [Facebook](#). Mary will do her best to answer any questions that are posted during that time.

She is soliciting suggestions for topics for future sessions from anyone who has an idea. [Email](#), [tweet](#), or Facebook message topic ideas to Mary.

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 the chat feature to ask questions.

Be a NASA Detective

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

Recording will be made available no later than November 21, 2018

Presenter: BreAnne Meier, Marketing Specialist

The North Dakota State Library is pleased to present Kit 2 of NASA@ My Library: “Be a NASA Detective: Expanding Your Senses”. This kit assists library staff in facilitating programs around exciting NASA science mission topics and focuses on activities and experiences that help patrons (and library staff) become more comfortable using tools of science and making predictions based on their observations. This webinar will take you through the different aspects of the kit, which is now available for checkout through KitKeeper.

Technology Competencies & How to Exceed Them (Geared towards all levels of staff) (Indiana State Library)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2z2vL2D>

Monday, November 19, 2018, 10:00AM-11:00AM

Explore available opportunities for continuing education, peruse useful sites for keeping up with technology, and develop a plan for taking charge of your own learning. Topics covered will include planning for learning, time management, and state and national resources. Ample time will be given for participants to search for relevant training and education opportunities that fit their individual needs.

Out-Of-This-World Youth Nonfiction (Booklist)

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

Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 1:00PM-2:00PM

Seeking dazzling nonfiction titles for young through young adult readers? Look no further! In this free, one-hour webinar, representatives from DK, Holiday House, and Scholastic will introduce forthcoming nonfiction releases. In addition, Wendy Stephens, Assistant Professor and School Library Program chair at Jacksonville State University—and chair of the 2018 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults—will home in on the year’s biggest young adult nonfiction trends.

It’s Not Just About the Likes: Getting Strategic with Your Library’s Social Media (Texas State Library and Archives Commission)

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

Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 12:00PM-1:00PM

You know how to use social media tools like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, but how do you get followers to go beyond liking posts to sharing or even showing up for the programs or resources you’re promoting? Being strategic with your posts is an important first step. In this webinar, you’ll learn strategies for social media engagement for libraries of all sizes, but with a focus on libraries without dedicated communications staff.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

BANK OF THE WEST'S CHARITABLE INVESTMENTS PROGRAM

DEADLINE: ONGOING

Bank of the West supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life, particularly of low- and moderate-income individuals and communities. Public nonprofit organizations in the following counties are eligible to apply: Cass, Golden Valley, Griggs, Richland, and Stark. Grants are awarded for education and job training as well as for community and economic development.

Visit their site to find out more and to apply: <http://bit.ly/1qzq3M>

MIDCO FOUNDATION

DEADLINE: TBD

The Midco Foundation provides funding assistance to organizations that advance socially desirable goals in the Midco service area (which includes most of North Dakota from Anamoose to Zap). Eligible projects include facilities improvements, equipment, programs, and special projects, but not operational costs. The Spring 2019 grant application window opens the first week of December.

Apply at: <http://bit.ly/2fPujdP>

PRAXAIR

DEADLINE: TBD

Praxair makes contributions to support their communities, provide educational opportunities, promote diversity and inclusion, advance health & wellness programs, and preserve and protect the environment. They also make contributions to organizations and universities in support of STEM education.

Register to apply at: <http://bit.ly/2Swyomr>

SHELL

DEADLINE: ONGOING

Shell considers charitable contributions to eligible nonprofit organizations with priority given to organizations serving in or near US communities where shell has a major presence. They're seeking to fund community, education, and/or environment-focused projects and organizations. They have a focus on civic and human needs in the community, promoting healthy lifestyles, major and cultural arts that promote access to underserved students and communities and disaster relief efforts. They also focus on energy awareness with special publics, increasing interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and math among educators. They support K-12 programs that boost math and science skills, as well as university programs that aid engineering and geoscience students and departments. They are especially interested in supporting groups that reflect the diversity and inclusiveness of our communities, and in supporting educational outreach in math, science, and technology to women and minority students and academic institutions with ethnically diverse enrollments.

Learn more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2Jskyh0>

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

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Turtle Mountain Community College received a \$126,956 Native American Library Services Enhancement grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to digitize and stabilize audiovisual holdings, create a system to manage them, and establish a dependable backup and preservation strategy for them
- Valley City Public Schools Libraries received a \$2,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to support youth literacy
- Beulah Public Library received a grant for \$1,000 from Midco to build a bigger shelf that will hold more children's books than their current shelf
- Discussions of a merger between the Minot Public and Ward County Libraries are ongoing
- Morton Mandan Public Library held a Spooky Bookmobile event to celebrate Halloween
- West Fargo Public Library now waives late fees for children's materials
- Contemporary western singer/songwriter Kerry Grombacher gave a performance of "Songs & Stories of the American West" at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library
- Fargo Public Library partnered with the Plains Art Museum to host a portion of the "Bring Her Home: Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island" art exhibit featuring the works of artists from several tribal nations
- Valley City Barnes County Public Library is partnering with 4-H of Barnes County and the Valley City State University Naturalist Club to provide educational hands-on opportunities developing skills, cultivating leadership, and celebrating the beauty of the outdoors
- Friends of the James River Valley Library System (Jamestown) held a program and wills and estate planning
- The Williston Community Library and Lake Region Public Library (Devils Lake) recently celebrated Mental Illness Awareness Month (October) by hosting a program sponsored by the Mental Health Advocacy Network called "Building a Shared Vision of Mental Health in North Dakota"
- Mayville Public Library recently held their 13th Annual Amateur Photography Show
- Megan Wissbrod, librarian at Divide County High School, was selected as one of 24 participants of the Future Ready with the Library project, which aims to build the capacity of small, rural, and tribal libraries to provide college and career readiness services for and with middle schoolers
- The steps of the Leach Public Library (Wahpeton) are now graced by resin lion statues donated by the Wahpeton Women's Literary Club
- Grand Forks Public Library held their 7th Annual Haunted Stacks Halloween Celebration on Oct. 27th, with 450 people in attendance
- West Fargo Public Library has started providing e-cards granting access to downloadable books, magazines, and other electronic resources to users unable to visit the physical library
- Minot Public Library expanded their efforts to support and promote genealogy research utilizing their print, electronic, and staff resources in celebration of Family History Month (October)
- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library celebrated National Cat Day (October 29) with an all-ages program featuring craft-your-own cat toys, Internet cat videos, and interaction with real live cats from Furry Friends Rockin' Rescue
- James River Soil Conservation District recently donated 21 books each to the Oakes and Ellendale School libraries

DIGITAL DELIGHTS



November 11, 2018, marked the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. This studio portrait of William Bartow and his two sons wearing military uniforms and hats is from sometime between 1917 and 1919.

Credit: North Dakota Memories Collection, North Dakota State Library.

Check out Digital Horizons at:
<http://bit.ly/2qBYNmf>



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HORIZONS

Please submit library news to ndslpa@nd.gov.

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