

Changes to Public Library State Aid Application Process

All libraries and city/county auditors with mill levies in place for library service should have received correspondence from the State Library to make them aware that State Aid applications will now need to be certified by the city and / or county auditors of each of their taxing jurisdictions before the applications are submitted to the State Library. If you have not received this communication, please contact your Library Development Specialist.

This process has been put in place to provide an additional level of accountability to ensure that the figures supplied on application forms have been input by libraries and reviewed by auditors for accuracy prior to their submission. The State Library will not be pre-populating the levy amount or the assessed valuation into application forms; this information must be supplied by the Auditor / Library Director. The Library Director will need to certify the correct information is reflected on the application prior to submission. Auditors must also complete a certification form stating that the information contained on the library's application is correct.

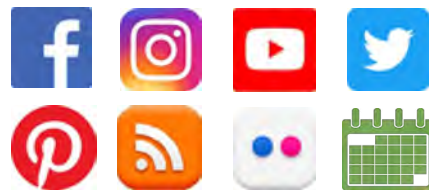
The window to complete the State Aid application has been extended to allow additional time for libraries to work with their local auditors on compiling the information needed as well as to certify the application. State Aid applications will be open February 1 - March 31, 2020. Failure to submit the auditor's certification by this date will render the application ineligible for State Aid.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 12	Webinar: Census 2020 and the Library
December 24	NDSL Closes at Noon
December 25	NDSL Closed
January 1	NDSL Closed
January 20	NDSL Closed
January 23	Webinar: New Year, New Language - with Mango Languages
February 16-22	Engineers Week

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

It's my favorite time of the year. Holiday decorations are up or going up, Christmas music is playing, the fire is roaring, and I'm curled up in front of it with a good book, a puppy in my lap, and a delicious mug of tea. Since moving to North Dakota, I even like snow a little more. I used to say that, for me, the perfect snowfall would start at 10:01 a.m. on 12/24, melt at 12:01 a.m. on 12/26 and only fall on the trees, grass and roof. I do love a tree that is covered in beautiful white powdery snow. I still wish that snow didn't fall on the streets, sidewalks, parking lots, or drives, but I think that's a dream I should accept won't come true. As I wrote last month, for me the month of November is a time to focus on gratitude and blessings. The last few years, in December, I share at least one picture each day on Facebook that makes me happy. I usually explain why it makes me happy, but sometimes, it's self-evident. I like to take time during December to reflect on the year, on what went well, what could be improved, and what I hope to achieve in the next year. I don't usually set New Year's resolutions or goals, but I do reflect on what I hope to accomplish.

We've had quite a few things that went well this year at the North Dakota State Library. One of our biggest accomplishments was adopting the new Standards for Public Libraries. Compliance is required to be eligible for Library Vision grants. Our Library Development team, along with a dedicated committee of librarians, completely rewrote the standards in such a way that we believe that all of our public libraries will be able to meet the Developing Level. We have some libraries that are working on meeting the Excelling and Future Focused levels. I look forward to visiting the libraries next year that have met the Excelling and Future Focused levels to present them with either a certificate or plaque.

One big change that our staff - along with the staff at ODIN and the public, K-12 and special libraries that belong to ODIN - have been working hard to prepare for is our migration to a new circulation system. We will be moving to this new system on December 5. We will be unable to process holds, interlibrary loan requests, or renew items while our catalog is down from December 5-11. We are excited to move to our new software system and believe that patrons will find it easier to use. They will also have many more options available in their patron accounts.

We resumed ScanDays in 2018 and continued them this year. We had 5 ScanDays this year. We held our first ever ScanDay at the Capitol. We also did ScanDays at the libraries in Bismarck, New Rockford, Minot, and Langdon. During a ScanDay, members of the community bring in up to 10 items to be scanned. The patron is given digital copies of the items, and the State Library retains a digital copy which gets added to Digital Horizons. If you'd like to schedule a ScanDay, please reach out to Trevor at tjmartinson@nd.gov.



Also in 2018, we joined the Digital Public Library of America through a partnership with the Montana State Library and the Big Sky Country Digital Network. NDSL's collections were fully ingested in 2018. The State Historical Society joined in April of 2019, and the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library joined in August of 2019. You can visit <http://bscdn.dp.la/> to view the collections.

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We had our first reverse Librarian for a Day. Allison, a teen from Cass County, spent the day at the State Library learning about each department and the services we offer. Allison is Miss Teen Cass County, and her platform is reading adventures. She has collected books and volunteered at Margaret Fraase Public Library in Buffalo. We loved having Allison spend the day with us and hope to have more of these in the future.



The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and the State Library awarded over \$195,000 this calendar year in Library Vision grants. In the spring, we awarded \$37,598 for a Non-Competitive Computer Grant. This fall, we awarded \$157,478 for Collection Development, Innovative Partnership, and Technology Infrastructure Grants. We will be revising the Library Vision document and hope to have it to the Library Community in January or February for feedback.



The State Library partnered with NASA to bring samples of lunar rocks and meteorites to public libraries across the state. Marketing Specialist BreAnne Meier, accompanied by a variety of staff members, visited 23 libraries in 11 days. Almost 1,600 North Dakotans took advantage of the unique opportunity to view the samples. We enjoyed partnering with our public library community to provide this fun event to North Dakota citizens.

We partnered with the North Dakota Library Association for the Day at the Capitol event. State Library staff ferried people to the Capitol throughout the Renewal and Development Conference so that as many librarians as possible could interact with their legislators. We received very positive feedback from folks during the ride from Bismarck to Mandan and many expressions of gratitude for providing the opportunity to connect with a legislator.

All of these opportunities would not have been possible without the dedicated and hardworking staff of the State Library. I am blessed to work with the amazing team and to have the position of State Librarian. As we head into not only a new year but a new decade, the State Library hopes to accomplish many things. Most of all, we hope to continue to partner with the North Dakota Library Community to provide the best service possible to the residents of North Dakota! I wish you a very happy and blessed holiday season, and I look forward to sharing many new memories with you in the next decade.

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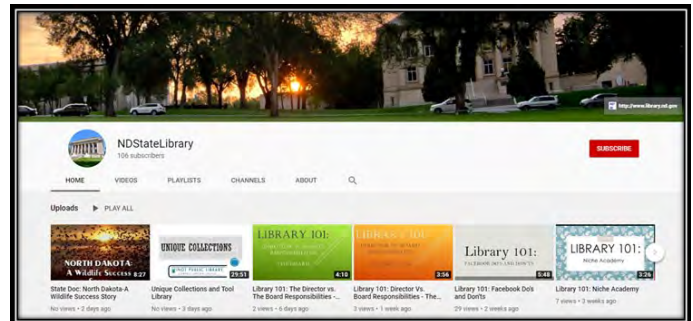
In 2018, there were 4.55 circulations of public library materials per resident. Even more impressive? There were 11.55 circulations per cardholder.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

YouTube Channel

For this month's Online Resource, we have chosen a website. We want to talk about the [North Dakota State Library's YouTube channel](#).

This channel has been specifically curated to help those who know nothing about the library profession and those who just need some help every now and then. The State Library creates videos that feature tidbits about the library profession and information on the databases that are available through us. We also feature digitized state documents, webinars, and videos that are pertinent to different topics in the library profession.



On the channel, you will see videos organized into playlists of topics such as "Library 101," "Webinars," "Understanding the Opioid Crisis," "Grant Writing Tutorials," etc. These playlists will help you find what you are looking for in the terms of videos. We have created videos on our databases so if you want to know more about Universal Class or RBdigital just look under the playlist "Tutorials". The YouTube channel provides you with how tos and more information than you ever thought you needed.

If you have any questions, please email us at nds1train@nd.gov.

Save the Date: Summer Reading Workshops

Join your colleagues to discuss ideas and start planning your 2020 Summer Reading Program. The Workshops will be held in the following locations:

- February 5 - Grand Forks at the Developmental Homes Education Center
- February 6 - Fargo at the Fargo Public Library
- February 10 - Bismarck at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library
- February 11 - Minot at the Minot Public Library
- February 12 - Jamestown at the Alfred Dickey Public Library
- February 13 - Dickinson at the Dickinson Area Public Library

Dates and locations are subject to change.
Registration will be available soon.

Get Started Writing Your Strategic Plan

Strategic Planning is an important part of every library's growth. This plan can be a roadmap as you look at goals for your library to achieve in the next 3–5 years to better serve your community. It is also a requirement at the Developing level of the NDLC Standards for Public Libraries. Currently, only 68% of public libraries in ND have an up-to-date strategic plan. Writing a plan doesn't have to be scary!

Some simple ways to start the strategic planning process are to survey your community and conduct a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats). These two things will help you identify what your community is currently receiving from the library, and the areas the library can work to grow.

From there, move on to creating goals that are both actionable and measurable. The objectives should further identify the steps your library will take to achieve the overall goal. If you need help with the strategic planning process, feel free to check out our resources or contact your Library Development Specialist.

2020 Census Bookmarks

The 2020 Census is almost here, and we want you to be as prepared as possible for it. So, in addition to the webinar we are hosting on December 12th, the Census Office has provided us with informational bookmarks that we will be sending out to all the public libraries in the state. There are three different bookmarks, and each library will receive 50 of each. If you find that you need more, please don't hesitate to contact us about ordering additional bookmarks.

If you have any questions, please email ndsldata@nd.gov.

Letters About Literature

North Dakota students in grades 4-12 are invited to enter in the 2020 North Dakota Letters About Literature statewide reading and writing competition. The contest opened December 2, 2019. Postmark submission deadline is February 14, 2020, or contestants can submit their work [online](#).

The contest asks students to read a book, poem, or play that inspires them or shows them a new way to see the world. The student then writes to the author (living or dead) to share how the work affected his or her life.

Letters will be judged in three levels: grades 4-6, grades 7-8, and grades 9-12. Winners in each of these levels will receive \$150 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, and \$50 for 3rd place. Both classroom and individual entries are welcome.

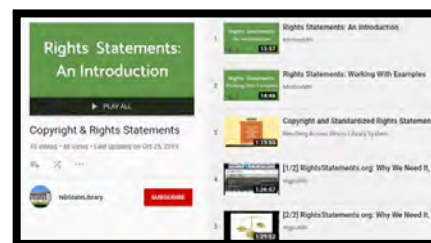
Guidelines, entry form, teaching guide, and promotional materials are available at library.nd.gov/letters.html. The teaching guide provides activities and addresses how the program can dovetail with curriculum for reading and writing.

Questions may be directed to Shari Mosser at ssandwick@nd.gov or 701-328-4622.

YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE MONTH: COPYRIGHT & RIGHTS STATEMENTS PLAYLIST

Submitted by Angie Houser

This month's highlight will be a bit different. Instead of highlighting one video, we'd like to tell you all about a playlist that we have curated on our YouTube channel. This playlist is called Copyright and Rights Statements. The playlist is comprised of 10 videos that introduce what rights statements are, introduce the basics of copyright, and even go over fair use. Don't miss out on this great resource!



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

Program Spotlight: Egg Carton Crafts

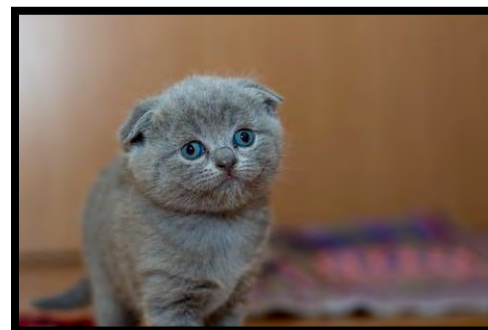
Submitted by Abby Ebach

Looking for a way to use up all of the donated egg cartons taking up space in your supply closet? Have no fear! All your patrons need are scissors, paint, and a whole lot of imagination to have fun with this simple craft. Cut up each carton into the individual egg pieces (a 1 dozen container would create 24 individual pieces). From there, paint them and add some yarn and googly eyes to create [jellyfish](#), with some pipe cleaners, you can [create bugs](#), or add some buttons to create a beautiful [flower arrangement](#). They can be transformed into [game pieces](#), [ocean-scapes](#), [wreaths](#), [mobiles](#), and [boats](#)! These ideas and more can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Copyright On The Internet

Submitted by Shari Mosser

Libraries are big proponents of sharing. We lend out our books. We give out information. We connect patrons to ideas that help shape their view of the world. Nothing is wrong with sharing, right? Well, if you don't have permission to take and copy something that is a different story. In a desire to quickly gain information and content, information may be copied and distributed without permission and infringe on others' copyright.



The US Copyright Office has a new video in the [Learning Engine](#) series called "[Copyright on the Internet](#)." The video offers a list of the steps people should take to obtain permission before using someone else's work. The video also discusses some of the common mistakes people make when trying to avoid infringement. In addition, viewers also get access to tools they can use to discover who holds a specific copyright.

Plus, KITTENS! Because kittens make everything better! So, watch and be informed and then share! Because great satisfaction comes from sharing with others.

THE READING NOOK

By Jessica Robinson

Every December, Christmas comes a little early for me when the literary world explodes with lists of the best books of the year, including award-winners, bestsellers, and quirky stand-outs. This month we'll take a look back at 2019 and see what we still need to add to our reading lists before 2020.

The beginning of the year brought us *When You Read This* by Mary Adkins, a romantic modern take on the epistolary novel from a debut author. In this, a PR expert inherits the task of getting his colleague's book published when she dies tragically young, a task that leads him to her grieving older sister.

Chernobyl was one of 2019's surprise television hits, a moving drama about the horrific 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident. Fans of the miniseries should cap off their viewing experience with Adam Higginbotham's *Midnight in Chernobyl*, an in-depth look at the incident and its devastating effects on the Soviet Union.

We live in an age of constant distraction, with the ability to be constantly available to anyone and endless opportunities to network and rebrand. In Jenny Odell's *How to Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy*, the author provides an action plan for resisting the urge to be constantly "on" in favor of forming meaningful connections with the world around us.

I love a romance novel with a good hook, and Beth O'Leary's *The Flatshare* has a great one. Tiffany Moore needs a cheap place to live. Leon Twomey has a place and only works nights. So begins the love story of two roommates who live parallel lives in the same apartment until those lives begin, of course, to intersect in the best possible way.

In Cambria Brockman's *Tell Me Everything*, Malin is an expert at ferreting out people's secrets and a professional at keeping her own. She uses both

of these skills when she first enters a prestigious New England college and befriends a close-knit group of friends. However, fast-forward four years to graduation and Malin's secrets—and everybody else's—come tumbling out with deadly results.

In the National Book Award Winner for Nonfiction, *The Yellow House* by Sarah M. Broom, the author tells the story of her indomitable mother Ivory Mae, who bought a fixer-upper in New Orleans in 1961. Thus begins decades of Ivory Mae raising her large family, including Sarah, in a troublesome but beautiful house, only to lose it in the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Tracy Chevalier is a queen of historical fiction and *A Single Thread* showcases her talent once again. Here, we follow the journey of Violet Speedwell, a "surplus woman" of the Great War—women who were considered doomed to a life of spinsterhood after the deaths of so many men in their generation. Violet moves to Winchester for a fresh start, falling in love with the beautiful cathedrals and finding a place in a community of women, only to find that another war is looming on the horizon.

Finally, we end the year with one of the books I was looking forward to the most: Erin Morgenstern's *The Starless Sea*. Morgenstern's gorgeous *The Night Circus* was a massive hit back in 2011, and her return to novel writing is somehow even better. If you like pirates, mysterious books, secret societies, and magical, subterranean libraries, *The Starless Sea* might be the book for you this year.

This was one of the hardest articles that I had to write for the Nook this year, mostly because I had to cut out so many great titles! (Seriously, my list was originally 60 books.) 2019 was a fantastic year for readers, and next month, we'll get excited about what 2020 is promising us with a short look at some of the upcoming titles for next year.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

LIBRARIES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES: FACILITATION SKILLS FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES **DEADLINE: JANUARY 20**

Librarians from small and rural libraries are invited to apply for this unique training that will help them develop facilitation skills to engage their communities. Selected participants will receive in-person training at the 2020 ALA Annual conference, a 5-part asynchronous online course, and follow-up coaching. Any library that meets the IMLS definition of small or rural is eligible to apply.

For more information or to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/2OABCEn>

NORTH DAKOTA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT **DEADLINE: JANUARY 20** **MARCH 31**

NDCA is offering \$1,250 or 50% of a project (whichever is less) to help organizations to initiate new projects or take advantage of touring events. There is a 1:1 match requirement.

For more information and to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/2QJmirM>

AASL INNOVATIVE READING GRANT **DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1**

Members of AASL are invited to apply for this grant that supports the planning and implementation of a program that encourages reading. Projects with a focus on motivating struggling readers are encouraged. Applications will be measured by its ability to demonstrate reading improvement, ability to be replicated, and originality among other things.

For a full list of criteria and to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/2D5YB4Z>

NORTH DAKOTA HUMANITIES COUNCIL QUICK GRANTS **DEADLINE: ONGOING**

Quick Grants (\$1,500 or less) support direct program costs of humanities projects that bring historical, cultural, or ethical perspectives to bear on issues of interest in our communities. They support events that engage participants in thinking critically, promote better understanding of ourselves and others, are conducted in a spirit of open and informed inquiry, provide multiple viewpoints, and which involve partnerships between community organizations, cultural institutions, and scholars in the humanities.

Read their guidelines and apply at <http://bit.ly/1ZG1Vqt>

Children's Collection Analysis

Submitted by Abby Ebach

Use this [new, free tool](#) to evaluate the diversity of your picture book collection. By creating an account on the Diverse Book Finder website, you will be able to upload a spreadsheet that includes the titles and ISBNs of the books in your collection. The Collection Analysis Tool will then cross-reference it with the Diverse BookFinder collection and provide you a report of which racial and cultural groups are best represented in your collection. The website also has a tool to help you identify books to add to your collection that will further enrich and diversify your holdings.

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Essential classification (2nd edition)
- Linked data for libraries, archives and museums : how to clean, link and publish your metadata
- Dynamic discipline / ALA Leadership Planners series
- The dysfunctional library : challenges and solutions to workplace relationships
- Libraries' guide to the 2020 census (online resource)
- Bestseller : a century of America's favorite books
- 180 days : two teachers and the quest to engage and empower adolescents
- A teacher's guide to reading conferences : grades K-8
- How to raise a reader
- The skeptics' guide to the universe : how to know what's really real in a world increasingly full of fake
- Austentatious : the evolving world of Jane Austen fans
- Censorship in Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 (written for ages 14-18)
- Cool Makerspace Gadgets & Gizmos 6-book series (written for ages 9-13)
- Making art from anything
- Sembrando historias : Pura Belpré : bibliotecaria y narradora de cuentos (Nonfiction picture book)

COURSE OF THE MONTH: [Western Calligraphy](#)

Submitted by Angie Houser

The holiday season is upon us and sending cards to family and friends can be stressful if you want to make it unique. Well, if that sounds like you, a class on Western Calligraphy is just the thing. This course will go through the basics of Calligraphy and, the best part is, you do not need to have any artistic background. The course covers the history of the writing style, what materials and supplies are needed different calligraphy styles.



This course has 16 lessons, 43 exams and assignments, and averages around 15 hours to complete.

If you have any questions email us at ndsltrain@nd.gov.

All of this is available with a public or [State Library card](#). Check out this course and more today!

New Book Club Kits

The North Dakota State Library is continually adding new book club kits to the collection for people and libraries to check out.

Here are the newest titles available:

"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

"The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" by John Boyne

"In This Hospitable Land" by Lynmar Brock, Jr.

"Boots & Saddles: Or, Life in Dakota With General Custer" by Elizabeth B. Custer

"Soulmates" by Jessica Grose

"An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones

"Life in a Jar: The Irene Sendler Project" by Jack Mayer

"The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women" by Kate Moore

"Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng

"Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

"The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson

"The Complete Persepolis" by Marjane Satrapi

"Strange But True" by John Searles

"Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip" by Jordan Sonnenblick

"The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein

"The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt

Reserve your kit(s) today by going to [KitKeeper](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 1-800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov.

North Dakota Library Association Brings Breaking Barriers Program to Public Libraries

Breaking Barriers: Harvesting LGBTQ Stories from the Northern Plains is an oral history project by the Red River Rainbow Seniors. It documents the stories of older gay, lesbian, and transgender people who grew up in North Dakota. Digital files and transcripts of the oral histories are archived at the North Dakota State University and available through [Digital Horizons](#). Curated versions of some interviews can be heard on this [Prairie Public Radio podcast](#).

The North Dakota Library Association is working with the Red River Rainbow Seniors to bring public libraries a presentation of excerpts from interviews in which members of this pioneer generation share their stories of challenge and resilience. If you'd be interested in hosting this program at your library, contact NDLA Public Library Section Chair Mary Lorenz at mary.lorenz@gflibrary.com.

Free Webinars Provided By The North Dakota State Library

Why and How Librarians Can Help with Census 2020

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

Presenter: Kevin Iverson, North Dakota Census Office Manager

When: Thursday, December 12, 1:30-2:00PM (CST)

Libraries represent 'trusted organizations' in the community with the resources and the opportunity to education members of the public on the importance of the decennial census in the local community.

Librarians also have the opportunity to explain the ease of the census, just 10 questions per person, and the rules for privacy and confidentiality for personal information the Census Bureau is required to maintain.

Often located in census tracts with higher proportions of traditionally undercounted populations, most libraries have computers and WiFi accessible to the public. These assets are important in completing the 2020 Census as it will be the first in which responses can be provided online.

According to a George Washington University Study, the Federal Government obligated \$1,445,647,171 within the state of North Dakota in 2015 using data based on Census 2010. Per capita, that works out to \$1,910 per year. As we live with the result of a census for 10 years, that works out to \$19,100 per person or \$44,312 per household (average of 2.32 persons). A decennial census off just 0.1 percent would cost the state around \$15 million.

Librarians, working with local complete count committees, can help ensure their local community is accurately counted and obtains its fair share of financial resources for the next decade.

New Year, New Language - with Mango Languages

Register: <http://bit.ly/2P63P7C>

Presenter: Sabrina Richardson, Account Manager for Mango Languages

When: Thursday, January 23, 1:30-2:00 (CST)

Bienvenue!

Learning a new language is a great way to kick off the New Year! Join us for an informational session on all things Mango including portal navigation, course review and content, Mango Premier and our mobile app. We'll also take a deeper dive into Mango's Specialty Courses and ESL Courses, available in 20+ languages.

Start the conversation today in your choice of over 70 world languages and dialects through courses crafted using conversational methodology, delivered through native speaker dialogue, and created with each individual learner in mind.

Note: If webinar registration is full or you cannot attend, please e-mail nds1train@nd.gov to get the recording.

Free Training Webinars

#eBooksForAll Campaign Update

Register: <http://bit.ly/35ded2Q>

Tuesday, December 17 (1:00PM-2:00 PM)

More than 200,000 people have raised their voices to oppose Macmillan Publishers' embargo on new eBook titles to public libraries, and the American Library Association (ALA) has filed its first report with Congress about restrictive licensing and unfair pricing for digital content. Now what?

Join the ALA Public Policy & Advocacy Office and the Public Library Association (PLA) for an update on the #eBooksForAll campaign, planned next steps with Congress and data gathering to build the library case, and specific actions you can take to advance these efforts. Bring your questions and your front-line experience to inform national planning and communications.

Note: ALA and PLA may not discuss nor provide a forum for discussing a boycott or similar activity based on our tax status.

Responding to All: Managing Relationships with Key Constituencies

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

Tuesday, January 14 (2:00 PM–3:00 PM)

Do you know an amazing library director who stumbled into trouble unexpectedly? Are you one? Every library director seeks to be responsible and successful, but sometimes things go wrong. Understanding concepts for responsible leadership and strategies for fostering key relationships will boost your effectiveness and impact as a director, whether you are new to the position or have been around the block a few times. You will identify key relationships that need to be managed well—your governing authority, your staff, your community, your profession, and last but not least, yourself. Embracing these relationships and working out a checklist of behaviors and communications for each audience will lead to more balance in your work. You'll leave this webinar inspired by big ideas and motivated by practical steps that will refine your practice as a successful library leader.

What is Structured Literacy and Why Does It Matter? Breaking Down the Buzz

Register: <http://bit.ly/343Oh8t>

Wednesday January 22 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST)

With all of the media buzz around structured literacy and the science of reading, there is a lot of confusion, not only about what really constitutes a structured literacy program, but more importantly, why it matters. This edWebinar will give insights to the science of reading, components of structured literacy, and strategies for implementing a structured literacy program.

This edWebinar will be of benefit to elementary through high school teachers, librarians, and school and district leaders. There will be time to have your questions answered at the end of the presentation.

Legal Research Resources For Modifying Custody And Visitation

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

Modifying, or amending, an existing custody or visitation judgment is a frequently requested topic by self-represented patrons of the North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library and North Dakota Legal Self Help Center.

Following are legal research and other resources available in North Dakota for modifying an existing custody or visitation judgment.

Next month's article will provide legal research resources related to driving under the influence (DUI).

CUSTODY AND VISITATION DEFINITIONS

In 2009, the North Dakota State Legislature changed the term "custody" to "residential responsibility." The Legislature also changed the term "visitation" to "parenting time."

Note that some North Dakota laws have not yet been updated to the new terms and still use "custody" and "visitation."

Custody/Residential Responsibility means a parent's responsibility to provide a home for the child.

Primary Custody/Primary Residential Responsibility means a parent with more than 50% of the residential responsibility. A parent with less than 50% of the residential responsibility is called the non-custodial parent.

Visitation/Parenting Time means the time when the child is to be in the care of a parent. This is the time a parent spends with the child regardless of the parent's custody/residential responsibility designation.

Parenting Plan means a written plan included in the judgment establishing custody and visitation. The parenting plan describes each parent's rights and responsibilities related to 1) decision-making responsibility; 2) information sharing and access; 3) legal residence of the child for school attendance; 4) custody, visitation and a visitation schedule; 5) transportation and exchange of the child; 6) procedure for review and adjustment of the plan; and 7) methods for dispute resolution.

MODIFYING CUSTODY OR VISITATION IN A NORTH DAKOTA STATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGMENT

When a North Dakota state district court grants a judgment establishing custody and visitation, the district court keeps the authority to modify, or amend, custody and visitation.

A motion is the civil court process for asking the North Dakota state district court to modify the custody or visitation in the existing judgment.

The Modify Primary Custody (N.D. Orders) webpage is a good place to start legal research when a parent wants to change which parent has primary custody or to change from equal or shared custody to one parent with primary custody.

A parent with primary custody has more than 50% of the physical custody of the child.

- Direct the patron to the Family Law section of the [ND Legal Self Help Center](#) webpage. Click on the [Modify Primary Custody \(N.D. Orders\)](#) link for forms, research guides, and links to laws and rules.

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The Modify Visitation (N.D. Orders) webpage is a good place to start legal research when a parent wants to modify the visitation in their judgment.

- Direct the patron to the Family Law section of the [ND Legal Self Help Center](#) webpage. Click on the [Modify Visitation \(N.D. Orders\)](#) link for forms, research guides, and links to laws and rules.

The Making a Motion webpage is a good place to start legal research when a parent wants to modify custody or visitation in their judgment, but the resources available on the Modify Primary Custody (N.D. Orders) and Modify Visitation (N.D. Orders) webpages don't apply to their circumstances.

The webpage provides general information about making a motion and general-use motion templates to create the required motion documents.

- Direct the patron to the District Court Civil section of the [ND Legal Self Help Center](#) webpage. Click on the [Making a Motion](#) for checklists, general-use motion templates, and links to laws and rules.

MODIFYING CUSTODY OR VISITATION IN A JUDGMENT OF ANOTHER STATE COURT OR TRIBAL COURT

When a court of another state or a tribal court grants a judgment establishing custody and visitation, that court keeps the authority to modify, or amend, custody and visitation.

A North Dakota state district court can't modify the custody or visitation in a judgment granted by another state court or a tribal court unless both courts agree that the North Dakota state district court should have sole authority over the judgment. This is called transferring jurisdiction to North Dakota state district court.

[Chapter 14-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code](#) contains North Dakota's version of the Uniform Child Custody and Jurisdiction Enforcement Act (UCCJEA). The UCCJEA has the

requirements for transferring jurisdiction to a North Dakota state district court.

[The Out-of-State or Tribal Court Custody or Visitation Orders](#) webpage has additional legal research resources related to the UCCJEA.

- The ND Legal Self Help Center does not have any self-help resources available specifically for transferring jurisdiction to modify a custody or visitation in a judgment granted by another state court or a tribal court.

TRANSFERRING A NORTH DAKOTA CUSTODY OR VISITATION JUDGMENT TO ANOTHER STATE COURT OR TRIBAL COURT

When a North Dakota state district court grants a judgment establishing custody and visitation, another state court or a tribal court can't modify custody and visitation in the North Dakota court order unless both courts agree that the other court should have sole authority over the judgment. This is called transferring jurisdiction to another state court or tribal court.

The parent who wants another state court or tribal court to take over jurisdiction of the North Dakota custody or visitation judgment will need to research the laws and court processes of the other state court or tribal court.

- For legal research starting points for other state laws, the American Association of Law Library's (AALL) [Public Library Toolkit](#) is a good place to start. It includes links to state law resources for 49 U.S. states.
- For legal starting points for tribal laws and tribal court process, direct the patron to the [North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission](#) website for links to information about North Dakota's Tribal Nations. The patron may need to contact the tribe directly.

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Alfred Dickey Public Library hosted a chess tournament to honor Tim Bratton, a retired University of Jamestown instructor who was an avid chess player.
- Jim Gill, a musician, author, and family engagement specialist, performed at Williston Community Library. He shared songs, dances, and books with the families at all 4 shows.
- Veterans shared their stories of the Vietnam War at Dickinson Area Public Library as the kickoff event to the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read.
- The North Dakota Museum of Art and the Bowman Public Library partnered up to open the Elmer Thompson: The Inventor exhibit in Bowman for two weeks. The ND Museum of Art is touring the state through the Museum's Rural Arts Initiative program.
- Enderlin Municipal received \$934 from their Scholastic Book Fair.
- Rolette City Library moved into a new space in the city mall. This makes the library more accessible and visible to the public.
- Morton Mandan Public Library hosted writing sessions throughout the month of November to connect "armchair authors" and local authors.
- Hazen Public Library hosted an Alzheimer's Association presentation entitled "Effective Communication Strategies." The presentation was funded through the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Aging Service Division.
- The public libraries in Beulah and Hazen hosted programs on how to improve money management for adults and youth. This program was put on by Union State Bank in conjunction with Banzai.
- The Northern Plains Oyate shared information about culture, traditions, stories, and crafts of the Native Americans from around the Williston area during a special program for Native American Heritage Month at the Williston Community Library. This program also included drummers, dancers, and craftsmen that created traditional dream catchers.
- Fargo Public Library hosted a series of events for Native American Heritage month through partnerships with the Fargo Native American Commission, the Plains Art Museum, and Cultural Diversity Resources. This included screenings of films by Indigenous film makers, presentations on history and significance of jingle dancing, and a multimedia artis.
- Kindred Public Library hosted their annual Tour of Homes that featured 6 homes. This unique fundraiser also includes snacks at the library and a raffle drawing for attendees.
- Casselton Public Library received 100 new books valued at \$1,642 from the Pilcrow Foundation.
- Griggs County Public Library received a \$1,000 grant to purchase medical books ranging in topics from the opioid epidemic to nutrition.
- Fargo Public Library's "Lucky Day" collection allows patrons to check out popular books immediately without any holds.

Digital Delights



This is a photograph of four year old Irwin Landers sitting on the runner of a car with seven puppies. The photo was taken in 1932 in Ward County.

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