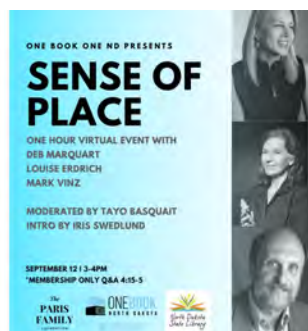## Sense of Place

Recently, public and tribal libraries received a blue package containing "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich and a message from Humanities North Dakota. On September 12, 2021, there will be a virtual gathering of North Dakota's most beloved writers. This free event will feature Pulitzer-Prize winning author Louise Erdrich, author/poet Debra Marquart, and their mentor and poet Mark Vinz.

This mailing also included some marketing material for the "Sense of Place" event. If you need more items, or if you are a school that would like to advertise this event, please go to **https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HHhExY3gDellS5r_z31BQtdShYfmezSX?usp=sharing**

Use the **link** to print out any items you need to advertise this free virtual event to your patrons.

NDSL Kit of the Month

As of July 1, STEM and Display kits are again available from the State Library for checkout by libraries. Kits are a popular program at libraries of all types; today we will highlight Q-BA-MAZE 2.0 Mega Stunt Set.

This kit is a unique system of colorful, interlockable cubes to create marble runs. Users will create maze sculptures while developing critical thinking skills, hand-eye coordination, and spatial reasoning. Q-BA-MAZE strengthens understanding of physics, basic engineering, strategy, and fine motor skills while fostering creativity, collaboration, and logical thinking.

This kit is designed for ages 6+ but can be enjoyed by adults as well as children. No device is needed.

Q-BA-MAZE 2.0 Mega Stunt Set comes with over 100 cubes, trays, and other fun gadgets to create the marble maze of your dreams. To learn more about this kit and NDSL's other available STEM kits, visit the **STEM Kit LibGuide**.
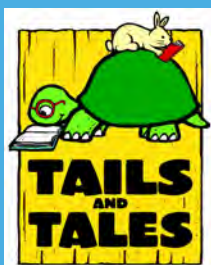
Kits can be checked out for eight weeks and reserved up to one year in advance. No more than three kits can be checked out at one time. Kits for schools or classroom use need to be checked out by the Library Media Specialist. To see when this kit is next available, check out **KitKeeper**.

The Kids' Book Choice Awards is a national book awards program where the finalists and winners are picked by kids and teens! Encourage the young people in your life to vote between August 3 and September 8. They can pick up to five favorites in each of the various categories divided by age groups.

Adults are welcome to collect votes from kids and enter them. For all the awards categories and nominees, visit **EveryChildaReader.net/vote**.

You are invited to share this voting opportunity on social media using #KidsBookChoiceAwards.

Bank of North Dakota Update

As your summer reading programs come to a close, don't forget to turn in your reports for the Bank of North Dakota scholarship! If you signed up at the beginning of the summer, you need to report out the names of the parent, child, email address, and phone number so they can communicate with everyone once the winners are drawn. Please send that information, or if you have any other questions, call/email Shari at 328-4663 or **ssandwick@nd.gov**.

North Dakota Libraries in the News

07/29/21 - Joe Rector & Pam Phillips, JRVLS

James River Valley Library System (JRVLS) Director Joe Rector and Board Member Pam Phillips were on to talk about the concerns with possible budget the Stutsman County Library is facing and what you can do to help.

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www.newsdakota.com

Grand Forks library to conclude summer reading program...

The Grand Forks library is hosting a celebration to mark the finale of its summer reading program with a host of activities Thursday, Aug. 5. The free event, which runs from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the library's front lawn, is open to everyone, even...

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www.grandforksherald.com

Library hosts free art camp for kids

The North Dakota Women's Network and Youth Action Council through a partnership with the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is offering an art camp Aug. 2-5. Art Empowered: A Camp For Kids will focus on women who helped shape the art world ...

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bismarcktribune.com

Public Library Infographics

The North Dakota State Library is happy to provide a basic infographic based on the numbers your library submitted for the Public Library Survey/Annual Report. These infographics will include the number of visits to your library, registered users, items, wireless sessions, programs, program attendees, and circulations.

If you are interested in receiving a personalized infographic for your public library, please send an e-mail to BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov**.

Other News and Free Webinars

International Observe the Moon Night

International Observe the Moon Night is a time to come together with fellow Moon enthusiasts and curious people worldwide. Everyone on Earth is invited to learn about lunar science and

ConnectED: An Academic Library Program Designed ...

How can an academic library foster conditions that help students become academically and socially engaged? Experience some of the creativity and fun of the ConnectED program with Barb

exploration, take part in celestial observations, and honor ...

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moon.nasa.gov

Eshbach as she presents how one academic library developed a ...

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www.nicheacademy.com

Inaugural BCALA Children and Youth Literary Awards...

The BCALA Children and Youth Literary Awards, sponsored by SLJ, honor phenomenal works of fiction and nonfiction by Black authors in four categories. The Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) and SLJ announced the inaugural...
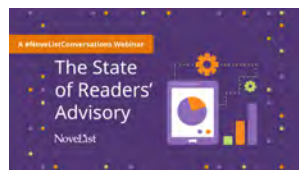
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www.slj.com

Free Webinar: Now That's What I Call Content! Four ...

Join OverDrive's Content Specialists as we discuss books we're most looking forward to in the coming months. We'll share the most anticipated titles in Sci-Fi, Thriller, Mystery, and Young Adult genres, and hope you'll share your own picks with...

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Free Webinar: Readers' Advisory in 2021

Libraries are always evolving to meet the changing world and needs around them; however, helping readers is a constant, essential service. Does your library offer a readers' advisory (RA) service? Have your RA efforts changed over ...

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more.ebsco.com

Free Webinar: OurStoryBridge: Creating Community Through ...

Our communities are made up of people and their stories. And what better place is there to help tell, share, and preserve these stories than the library! Sparked by the efforts of the Keene Valley Library in New York, OurStoryBridge is a project...

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Free Webinar: Get the Word Out: School Librarians Share ...

You've invested time, thought, and budget dollars to create an amazing collection of materials for your teachers and students. Make sure it receives the attention it deserves! Join us in this webinar to hear from school librarians, Christy James...

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Free Webinar: Getting Started with Libby

Join OverDrive's training team for this live session to learn how easy it is to get your patrons started with Libby, the one-tap reading app. This session will demonstrate: * How to browse and borrow ebooks and audiobooks on a mobile device. *...

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