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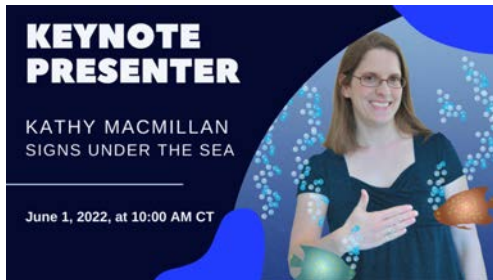
Virtual Summer Reading Kickoff Update

It is almost time! The Virtual Summer Reading Kickoff is right around the corner on June 1-3!

This year, we would like to try something a little different. With the first presenters each day at 10:00 AM CT, we would like to offer libraries the ability to Zoom into the presentation. This way, you can let your community know you'll not only be able to watch LIVE, but your audience can ask questions of our presenters.

If your library would like to participate, please contact Shari at ssandwick@nd.gov, and we'll get the links out to you. If you are unable to participate live, please remember that we are recording these presentations and will be available throughout the summer for you to use in your libraries.

Happy Summer Reading!



Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

By Tammy Kruger

Patrons and Incarceration

The topic of today's EDI article is a more sobering one: What are libraries' places in helping currently and formerly incarcerated individuals, as well as their families? This is primarily a public library concern; however, other library types (especially school and academic) can adopt programming and access to resources as their patrons experience loved ones being imprisoned or reentering society after imprisonment themselves.

Support in Prison and Jail Libraries

ALA's [Prisoners' Right to Read](#) outlines how the Library Bill of Rights pertains to incarcerated individuals, as well as their correctional facilities' libraries.

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STATE AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

By Al Peterson

North Dakota Parks and Recreation

Does your public library have State Park passes? If so, I encourage you to check out the North Dakota Parks and Recreation website and how you can promote that pass to your patrons. The ND Parks and Recreation website is loaded with information on our state parks system. You can look up which parks offer hiking opportunities, historic sites, water access for aquatic recreation, and primitive camping for your patrons who enjoy "roughing it." Their website also includes camping sites, cabin rentals, and yurt rentals.

Do you have patrons who like off-road biking, horseback riding, or cross-country skiing? By getting familiarized with Parks and Recreation's website, you provide your patrons with a state park pass while also giving them some great suggestions for opportunities near the library or a short drive away. Check out North Dakota Parks and Recreation at <https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/>.

Speaking of the State Park Pass program, The North Dakota State Library is working with ND Parks and Recreation to update the program. While no new passes are available at this time, we will have them available in the future once we work out all the details with Parks and Recreation.

Voter Information

North Dakota Secretary of State

Submitted by Al Peterson

With elections coming up next month for many towns and counties in North Dakota, the North Dakota Secretary of State offers a one-stop website for voting information.

Information on absentee ballots and voting by mail, campaign finance, and tribal voting can all be found at <https://vote.nd.gov>. If you get calls asking where the polling station is, you can use this website to look up where your patrons need to go to vote and what they need to bring with them for identification. There is even a link to the North Dakota Department of Transportation to complete an online address change to update the voter's file.



NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARY MARKETING

June Discussion

The June Library Marketing Discussion will be postponed until June 9 at 2:00 PM CT due to the State Library's Summer Reading Kickoff.

If you want to discuss ways to market your library and the services you provide, please attend this discussion.

Register at bit.ly/NDLibraryMarketing.



Ways to Encourage Summer Reading

Welcome to the last Tammy's Teaching Tidbit for the 2021-2022 school year! Regular classes are coming to a close in North Dakota, with some schools already done. (In a couple of weeks, summer school will begin!) This is the perfect time to talk about encouraging reading during the summer months.

Reading Challenges

Reading challenges can either be through an organization, usually with a physical prize offered, or independently with more intrinsic motivation attached (I am not going to say that one type of incentive is better than the other. Physical prizes, such as gift cards, free books, or tickets to activities, can be fantastic ways to "hook" reluctant readers. I firmly believe the most important aspect is that people read, both for enjoyment and lifelong learning.)

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Talking Book Services

Talking Book Topics (TBT)

If you're a Talking Book patron, you may have noticed that you are no longer receiving the bimonthly Talking Book Topics (TBT) large print edition. Due to supply-chain issues and a worldwide paper shortage, the National Library Service (NLS) has informed all network libraries that they have decided to discontinue the TBT print edition. Many Talking Book patrons were subscribed to this publication to get information on the newest digital books (DBs). However, there are alternative ways to access the TBT now that the large print edition has been discontinued.

We have always offered, and will continue to offer, the TBT as an audio cartridge. This audio cartridge comes directly from NLS in a maroon case and includes an order form, which you can send to us after you've marked which DBs you'd like to add to your request list. You can navigate the cartridge using your Talking Book machine to hear the genres, titles, and annotations of the various new offerings from NLS.

If you would like to access past versions of the 2022 TBTs, you can order them as DBs from your Readers' Advisors.

- January - February 2022 – **DB106440**
- March - April 2022 – **DB107254**
- May - June 2022 has not come out as a regular DB yet, but it will be available as a digital book in early June.

You can also access the TBT edition directly from the NLS website at www.loc.gov/nls/tbt. Additionally, we've set up a link to the site from the North Dakota State Library website at <http://library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html>. You'll find it on the Talking Book services page for the public listed under "Related Information." You can use the HTML version, where you'll find direct links to BARD for downloading or adding books to your wish list, or the PDF format, which contains a printable order form for mailing. An abridged version of TBT is also included in the Braille Book Review, which is available as a Braille Ready File (BRF) on www.loc.gov/nls/bbr.

Please contact your NDSL Readers' Advisors at 1-800-843-9948 or tbooks@nd.gov for assistance in accessing these alternate TBT formats. We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

North Dakota Library Tidbits



Bringing the past to the present

News from the past is easier than ever to read search for and learn about in the present. This can be done at the 98-year-old Leach Public Library in Wahpeton, at home or anywhere with access to the library website.

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Minot Daily News

Virtual Summer Reading kickoff set for June 1-3

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) has partnered with libraries across the state and state agencies to bring a virtual summer reading kickoff on June 1, 2 and 3. The free Facebook event will take place each day from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., starting with a keynote presentation.

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Digital Dimension

By Trevor Martinson

ND Memories Collection: By The Numbers

The State Library's [North Dakota Memories](#) digital collection has hit a milestone: over 2,500 items have been added. Hip hip, hooray! In honor of this milestone, the [Digital Initiatives Department](#) decided to do a breakdown of the collection. Here's a look at the numbers.

Since its launch in late 2014, ND Memories has grown exponentially. The collection had about 55 items at the end of 2014. A few years later, at the end of 2018, that number had increased to about 1,560. Now, roughly halfway through 2022, the collection has 2,505 items uploaded and readily available.

At its core, ND Memories is a community-driven collection, which means items (images, documents, objects, etc.) are contributed from the private collections of residents, organizations, and cultural heritage institutions. About 64% of the items in the collection have been contributed by residents, or former residents, of North Dakota. Of the remaining 36% of the collection, 19% came from the collections of libraries (public, academic, school, etc.), 14% came from museums and historical societies, and 3% came from 'other' (businesses, churches, etc.).

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Widgets

WordPress widgets are blocks of content that can be added to the sidebars, footers, and other areas of the website. Your website's theme will make a difference in where you can add a widget. There are many widgets to choose from - signup forms, videos, photos, social icons, maps, and more are available.

After you have logged into your WordPress website, go to Appearance and then click on Widgets. WordPress will automatically show you the different areas you can add widgets - the areas available are dependent on what theme you are using.

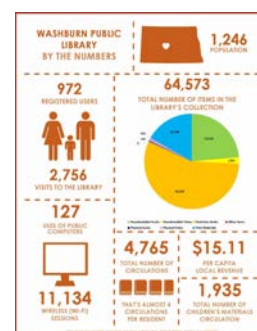
Once you click on the plus sign next to Widgets at the top of the screen, it will show the many different options you have, or you can search for what you want.

For more information, contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov | 701-328-4656 or go to <https://www.wpbeginner.com/glossary/widgets/>.

Public Library Infographics

The North Dakota State Library is happy to provide a basic infographic based on the numbers submitted for the Public Library Survey/Annual Report. These personalized infographics can include the number of visits to your library, registered users, items, wireless sessions, programs, circulation, or any other statistics that your library would like to highlight.

If you are interested in receiving a personalized infographic for your public library, contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.



Other News, Grants, and Webinars



Academic Library Marketing 101: Identifying Priorities, Creating a Budget, and Tailoring your Message

In this presentation, Stephanie Espinoza Villamor and Kimberly Shotick will help you learn how to create assessable outreach and marketing goals tied to institutional priorities. You'll also learn how to draft a related budget and tailor your communication strategy. Academic librarians will get the most out of the presentation, though much content is applicable across all library types.

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Professional Development Awards 2022-2023 | NNLM

The purpose of this funding is to strengthen the professional knowledge and experience of individual network members within Region 4 in data science or health information access/delivery, build professional capacity in support of the mission of the NNLM, and enable libraries and other organizations to train staff in skills needed to deliver reliable health information.

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Random House Children's Books Fall 2022 Librarian Preview

Join Random House Children's Books on Wednesday, June 15, at 2:00 PM ET / 1:00 PM CT to hear from a special author guest and staff as they tell you about their Fall 2022 list!

This free, 90-minute webinar will begin with Carole Boston Weatherford, author of *Standing In The Need Of Prayer*, in conversation with Booklist's Books for Youth associate editor Ronny Khuri.

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Engagement and Outreach Awards 2022-2023 | NNLM

The overarching purpose of this funding is on building partnerships and collaborating with local community groups and other key groups to reach underserved populations with health information outreach projects that use community-driven approaches to increase access to health information by working through libraries and other members to support a highly trained workforce in biomedical, health information, and data science resources.

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Program Improvement Awards 2022-2023 | NNLM

The purpose of this funding is to support short-term projects that involve program improvement concepts that may enhance the applicant's communities' access to health information resources by acquiring new or upgraded hardware or software that supports improving health literacy skills.

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Judith Krug Fund Banned Books Week Event Grants - Freedom to Read Foundation

Books Unite Us: Censorship Divides Us Each year the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) distributes grants for organizations to support activities that raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Weeks celebration (September 18 - 24, 2022). Staff at all types of libraries, schools, universities, and non-profit community organizations are encouraged to apply.

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