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## Library Vision Grant Opportunities

The State Library and the ND Library Coordinating Council are pleased to announce two upcoming grant opportunities. Applications will be open August 1-31, 2022. A match will not be required for either grant.

### Library of Things Collection grant Marketing Plan Phase II grant

For more information about the grants, go to <http://library.nd.gov/grants.html>.

Applications must be submitted in Counting Opinions. Libraries that need their Counting Opinion credentials may contact the State Library at [ndsladm@nd.gov](mailto:ndsladm@nd.gov).

The State Library will host a grant webinar on August 2 at 11:00 A.M. CT. The webinar will be recorded for those that can't attend it. [Registration](#) is required.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, please contact James Murphy at [ndsl-ld@nd.gov](mailto:ndsl-ld@nd.gov) or (701)328-3495.

A red banner with a white sign that says "WE ARE HIRING" in red letters. The North Dakota State Library logo is in the top right corner. The text below the sign lists two job openings with their closing dates.

**WE ARE HIRING**

**Public Library Specialist**  
Closing Date: July 29, 2022

**Information Services Assistant**  
Closing Date: August 5, 2022

A banner for the article "Digital Dimension" by Trevor Martinson. The background features a blue and white spiral pattern. The title "Digital Dimension" is in a large, bold, black serif font, and the author's name "By Trevor Martinson" is in a smaller, black sans-serif font.

**Digital Dimension**

By Trevor Martinson

## Software Overview: GIMP

Software for digitization projects or digital collection management can get expensive, particularly when you need multiple programs for different purposes (editing, converting, renaming, etc.) and formats (images, documents, video, audio, OCR, etc.). The [Digital Initiatives Department](#) is all for low-cost options when it comes to software, especially when that cost is \$0.

When it comes to image editing on a budget, there is nothing better than [GIMP](#). GIMP is an acronym for GNU Image Manipulation Program, and it's a free and open-source image editor.

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# Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

By Tammy Kruger

## Virtual Programming

Adaptation is nothing new for libraries. When much of the world essentially shut down in early 2020, libraries needed to find ways to provide services without users entering the physical buildings. One such modification came in the form of virtual programming. Even today, after many of the restrictions have been greatly decreased or altogether lifted, online programming showed itself as a worthwhile contender in providing library services, and reaching a wider scope of patrons!

### Advantages of Virtual Programming

Taking programs online has created opportunities to reach extended audiences. For example, in a survey about library programming given to Illinois public librarians, one director determined that attendance for virtual programming was ten times the attendance for in-person, even after COVID-19 mandates started being lifted (Rice, 2022). Various factors can affect this rise. First, online access nearly eliminates transportation and mobility barriers (Fargo, 2018). Second, particularly when programming is recorded, attendance becomes far more flexible; patrons may view the recording when it's convenient for them. Third, technological tools, such as closed captioning, can make it easier to accommodate patrons who might not experience such modifications during face-to-face programming.

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## Cisco Networking Academy, Skills for All

On July 19, 2022, Gov. Burgum announced an expanded partnership with Cisco Networking Academy skills-to-job program called Skill for All, which will be available for free to all North Dakota citizens. The Cisco Networking Academy Skills for All program provides free, quality, mobile, self-paced, online learning aligned to industry jobs, providing a pathway to a career in technology. There are numerous courses available, with an emphasis on cybersecurity, along with coding, networking essentials, Internet of things, and other technology-focused courses, some with industry badging and certification.

"This statewide program will greatly benefit the people of North Dakota by providing opportunities to acquire best-in-class skills in highly sought after, in-demand and growing professions," Burgum said. "Skills for All provides North Dakota residents from all backgrounds and experiences the opportunity to obtain 21st-century skills and help our state build a strong and competitive workforce."

EduTech, a division of the North Dakota Information Technology Department, already offers Cisco Networking Academy courses free of charge, including to tribal nations. The Skills for All program expanded the number of courses offered from seven to almost 25, and new course modules are continually being added.

For some of our patrons, the library is the only place that patrons can access a computer. As a vital partner in our community's workforce training and development, libraries play an important role across the state to promote these courses to staff and patrons alike.

Visit <https://www.edutech.nodak.edu/ndcitizenskillsforall/> for more information and a list of courses.



## Library director: Stutsman County not providing proper share of funding

Jul. 26-JAMESTOWN - Stutsman County is not providing its proper share of funding to cover the James River Valley Library System's operational costs, and the library system is an estimated \$38,200 in the hole for services currently being provided, according to Joe Rector, library system director.

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## Maker Monday offers learning outside the classroom

MINOT, N.D. (KXNET ) - A public library is now teaching kids how to grow their imagination and create all on their own. Next week, the Minot Public Library has its last Maker Monday event of the season. Maker Monday allows kids to build crafts and have story time, while the parents are at home.

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- Beulah Public Library held a summer craft night where participants created recipe book holders and bookmarks.
- Bowman Regional Public Library held an author event with Jackie M. Stebbins, author of Unwillable: A Journey to Reclaim My Brain.
- There's a new mural on the Bowman Regional Public Library.
- The Cando Community Library rearranged their youth section.
- Over 60 kids completed Cando Community Library's Summer Reading Program.
- Carnegie Regional Library participants created shell art and sand art.
- Carrington City Library hosted an entrepreneur class for students 3rd grade and up.
- Casselton Public Library is holding their annual Usborne Book Fair.
- Participants at the Dickinson Area Public Library made 3-D bubbles, under-the-sea flashlight art, buildings for hurricanes, mason jar aquariums, edible coral reefs, and underwater ocean life paintings.
- Dickinson Area Public Library hosted Michael Gallo's Imagination Theater.
- Divide County Library celebrated 110 years "of being awesome!"
- Fargo Public Library brought their BookBike and held a reading party at the Drekker Brewing Co.
- Fargo Public Library held programs at the Minnesota State University-Moorhead Oceanarium for up-close views of sea creatures.

- McVile Community Library hosted Dr. Richard Lofthus, author of From Wentworth to the Western Front: The World War One Odyssey of Private John Warns.
- Minot Public Library is currently working on digitizing their Minot Daily News microfilm collection.
- Minot Magic City Lions donated \$10,000 to the Minot Public Library for their upcoming remodel of the children's library.
- Minot Public Library hosted author Lindsey Undlin who talked about writing and the creative process.
- Mohall Public Library participants had fun making ocean and sandy beach slime; jellyfish; fishy art with celery, wine corks, and q-tips; and painted sea creatures with bubble wrap.
- Morton Mandan Public Library held a t-shirt design contest.
- Mott Public Library held their annual used book sale.
- Children at the Paulette Wentz Memorial Library (Napoleon Public School) had fun with Cosmo robots, Botley robots, Spheros, and 3-D Pens.
- Sitting Bull College Library was selected to participate in the Palace Project, which provides patrons access to e-books and audiobooks.
- Children at the Stanton Public Library made crabs and tie-dyed sea shells.
- The Turtle Lake Public Library had a visit from the Turtle Lake Ambulance visited the Turtle Lake Public Library. Kids had the opportunity to tour the ambulance.



- Garrison Public Library's Friends of the Library had their used book sale.
- Griggs County Public Library held an acrylic painting class.
- Hazen Public Library received an AARP Community Challenge Grant for two chairlifts to make the library's basement more accessible.
- James River Valley Library held canvas painting events.
- Lake Region Public Library had over 120 participants for their Summer Reading Program.
- Lake Region Public Library was at Lake Region Arts Fest with air-dry clay for kids.
- Participants at the Leach Public Library (Wahpeton) had fun with a nail polish hydro dipping activity.
- Leach Public Library (Wahpeton) held its first small art show with categories for preschool through adult.
- Participants at the McKenzie County Public Library created shadow box whales.
- The City Hall of Valley City donated to the Valley City Barnes County Public Library's Summer Learning Program.
- Valley City Barnes County Public Library and the Leach Public Library hosted The WonderWeavers Story Hours.
- Participants at the Valley City Barnes County Public Library had fun decorating wooden sharks, testing their knowledge during ocean trivia, creating boats and 3-D foam ships, and more.
- Ward County Public Library Bookmobile was in the North Dakota State Fair parade.
- Williston Community Library hosted a free dance class for 3-6-year-olds.
- Williston Community Library checks out fitness kits, made possible because of the Williston Parks and Rec Girls Run Strong Program. Available kits include yoga kits for adults and kids, exercise kits, obstacle course kits, and weighted loop kits.

## Other News, Grants, and Webinars

More webinar information can be found at:

<http://library.nd.gov/publications/webinars.pdf>  
<https://library-nd.libguides.com/c.php?g=1018436&p=8791171>.



### National Call for Libraries - Summer 2022

We are recruiting 25+ libraries to become hubs for making outdoor games and interactive stories - using your local history, community voices, and neighborhood landmarks. This is a 2022-23 initiative, thanks to an IMLS grant. Why apply today? There is a growing need to engage beyond library walls, including with digital media - as revealed by the COVID pandemic.

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### Apply to "Stories of Exile" Reading Groups for Public Libraries 2023 | Yiddish Book Center

General Application Information Please complete the online form below. Our online form allows you to save a draft of your application. Click the "save draft" button at the bottom of the page and copy and save the secure link that appears in the green box at the top of the screen.

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