

E-Rate Forms For Consortium Members

Submitted by Al Peterson

Last week, I sent out a couple of E-rate forms for the libraries that are participating in either the StageNET E-rate Consortium or the Public Library E-rate Consortium through e-mail. If you are part of either consortium, these two forms are the only items you need to return to me. I always get a few questions, so I thought I would write this article on a couple of the more common ones.

What is a Letter of Agency?

The Letter of Agency is a written agreement that you, as a library, are willing to let the consortium coordinator file the E-rate forms on your behalf. You need to keep a copy of this letter in your E-rate files.

What's the Form 479 for?

A Form 479 Schools and Libraries Universal Service Certification by Administrative Authority to Billed Entity of Compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act is a declaration that your library is compliant with the CIPA Guidelines. I always include instructions on how to fill out this form. For more information about CIPA, go to <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/childrens-internet-protection-act>.

If I filled them out last year, do I have to fill them out this year?

Yes.

How do I get my signed forms back to you?

These forms can be physically mailed back to me at:

Al Peterson
North Dakota State Library
604 East Boulevard Ave
Bismarck ND 58505

You can also scan them and e-mail them to me. Please keep the originals in your E-rate files for at least ten years. That way, if we ever get audited by the FCC, we can go back ten years to show compliance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at alpeterson@nd.gov or 701-328-4661.



A, B, C's of Book Challenges

On October 4th, Minitex sponsored a webinar outlining three school librarians' experiences with book challenges. Rachel Haider of Hastings, Jen Legatt of Hopkins, and Andi Bodeau of Osseo Area Schools were the presenters.

Rachel began by talking about the whirlwind of experiences she has had with book challenges over the last year, including school board members wanting to withdraw books, having to craft new Selection and Request for Reconsideration Policies, and taking part in a formal challenge in the summer of 2022. Rachel also offered takeaways pertaining to the selection and reconsideration policies.

[Read More](#)

Kit of the Week

Fairy and Folk Tales Kit: Three Billy Goats Gruff

The Three Billy Goats Gruff kit is a part of a set of kits designed to enhance storytimes and STEAM clubs alike. This kit boosts hands-on learning for young children. Read the book and have kids follow along with the figurines and construct a bridge that keeps the three goats safe from the troll.



This kit contains 4 Storytelling Hand Puppets (for librarian use, only); 1 hard cover classic book by Paul Galdone; 4 Character Figurines; Velcro Narrow & Wide Logs; Velcro Triangle Blocks; Student Cards; Story Card; Teacher's Card.

To learn more about this kit, go to <https://library-nd.libguides.com/STEMkits/goats>.

Reserve it today at <https://bit.ly/3EpSWaD>.

Digital Delight



Kids' Visit to Prairieview Nursing Home, Underwood, N.D., 1991

A group of children dressed in Halloween costumes stands in a large room. A woman stands behind them looking off to the side. There are large plastic sheets rolled up and tied back from the ceiling.

Credit Line:

Courtesy of Digital Horizons (North Dakota Memories Collection, ND State Library)

<https://bit.ly/3CLnBOT>

Libraries in the News

[New services for West Fargo job seekers available at West Fargo Library](#)

The West Fargo Public Library now offers new programs and services for job seekers.

The library recently launched an online Career Readiness Program. The self-led course walks job seekers through resources and lessons to help them prepare a resume and cover letter, practice interviewing skills, and learn more about the tools and services available from the library and Job Service ND. The program is free and available to the public by signing up or logging into Beanstack at westfargolibrary.beanstack.org.

[West Fargo Library recognizes World Homeless Day with month-long sock drive, free movie screening](#)

The West Fargo Public Library is collecting donations of new socks to support the Golden Drive Homeless Kids organization during the month of October. On Oct. 12, the library is showing a free screening of "The Public" a 2018 drama about homelessness that takes place in a public library.

[Grand Forks Library to host 'Music & Mocktails' on Saturday](#)

Alcohol-free event intended to raise public awareness of the library as well as addiction and recovery.

GRAND FORKS — The Friends of the Grand Forks Public Library organization is hosting a "Music & Mocktails" event, for guests 18 and older, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at the library.

Topic for the October 13 Many Faces of BARD

Next month's The Many Faces of BARD program will be presented in Spanish and led by Juana Gonzalez and Yanci Munoz, who are reader advisors at the Braille Institute in Los Angeles, CA. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, October 13, and will last for one hour.

The session will begin with a brief presentation. The remainder of the time will be spent answering questions related to the presentation or to BARD usage in general. Since the entire program will be presented in Spanish, we request that questions also be posed in Spanish.

The session can be joined by going to <https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1611161911?pwd=bVh5ejFsWFBIL21KY0VqaHRMUISQT09> on a computer or calling 1-669-254-5252. For full Zoom invitation information, please contact the ND Talking Books Department at tbooks@nd.gov or 701-328-1408.

All Many Faces of BARD programs are recorded. If participants do not want to be on the recording, they should refrain from speaking.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant (YALSA)

Deadline: December 1

This annual \$1000 grant aims to recognize a librarian who has a creative, innovative project that promotes literacy (digital, media, visual, computer, data, financial, civic/ethical, news, information, multicultural, and cultural).

Collection Development Grant (YALSA)

Deadline: December 1

This annual grant is funded by Baker & Taylor and awards \$1,000 for collection development to two YALSA members who represent a public library, and who work directly with young adults ages 12 to 18.

Great Books Giveaway (YALSA)

Deadline: December 1

Each year the YALSA office receives approximately 3,000 newly published children's, young adult and adult books, videos, and CDs for review. YALSA and the cooperating publishers annually offer one year's worth of review materials as a contribution to up to 3 libraries in need. The total estimated value of this collection is \$30,000.

Innovation Award (YALSA)

Deadline: December 1

This annual \$500 award is funded by Friends of YALSA (FOY). It recognizes a member who has brought a new idea to life through their library that has benefited the teens in their community.

Frances Henne Research Grant (YALSA)

Deadline: December 1

This annual grant of \$1,000 is to provide seed money for small scale projects which will encourage research that responds to the YALSA Research Agenda.

MAE Award for Best Literature Program for Teens (YALSA)

Deadline: December 1

The annual MAE Award is designed to honor a member of YALSA who has developed an outstanding reading or literature program for young adults. The award provides \$500 to the winner and an additional \$500 to the winner's library or library agency.

Service to Young Adults Outstanding Achievement Award (YALSA)

Deadline: December 1

This award of \$2,000, sponsored generously by Marney Welmers, recognizes the national contributions of a YALSA member who has demonstrated unique and sustained devotion in two or more of the following areas to young adult services: promoting services for and with young adults, conducting and publishing research about young adult services, mentoring other professionals in the field, or for notable efforts in the work of the Young Adult Library Services Association.

YALSA Volunteer of the Year Awards (YALSA)**Deadline: December 1**

The YALSA Volunteer of the Year Awards acknowledge the contributions of YALSA members who have demonstrated outstanding service to the mission, goals and work of YALSA during a given service year. Awards are given in three categories:

- **Chair/Team Lead:** leadership of an advisory board, blogging team, committee, jury, resource retreat, or task force
- **Individual Member:** contributions of an individual member who has volunteered for YALSA in an official capacity, such as serving on an appointed group, staffing a YALSA exhibit booth, writing for a publication or blog, etc.
- **Group:** work conducted as a whole by an advisory board, blogging team, committee, jury, resource retreat, or task force

ND State Library Training Webinars

Learn About Talking Books**Register: <https://bit.ly/3SzdUbk>***Thursday, October 13 (2:00 PM–2:45 PM)*


The Talking Books program at the North Dakota State Library provides eligible patrons with free access to audiobooks and magazines. It is administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), a division of the Library of Congress. This webinar will introduce librarians to this program so they can help friends and family members who may benefit from this service.

OCLC WorldCat FirstSearch Basics and Interlibrary Loan**Register: <https://bit.ly/3Cte0f3>***Tuesday, October 18 (3:00 PM–3:30 PM)*

No library has everything that every one of their patrons needs. Libraries need to share materials between each other to serve the needs of their patrons. This webinar will present information on how to successfully send interlibrary loan requests to the North Dakota State Library using FirstSearch.

ND State Library Services Review**Register: <https://bit.ly/3V090po>***Wednesday, October 26 (3:00 PM - 3:45 PM)*

Are you a new school librarian or need a refresher on State Library Services? This webinar is designed to provide an overview of the services and resources the North Dakota State Library offers to school librarians. Our role is to support you as you help your students.

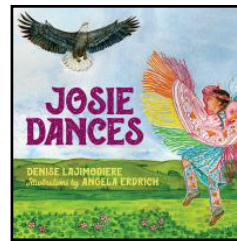
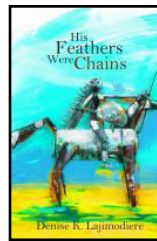
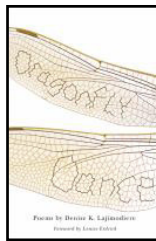


North Dakota Author Spotlight

Dr. Denise Lajimodiere

[Dr. Denise Lajimodiere](#) is a citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Belcourt, ND.

She is an artist, poet, author, and retired Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at NDSU.



Face Painting 101



Self-Paced, Online Class

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North Dakota State Library



12

Lessons

27

Exams & Assignments

10

Hours average time

1.0

CEUs



Video Audit Available

Face Painting 101

Submitted by Al Peterson

Halloween is around the corner, as well as Fall festivals, football games, and other seasonal activities.

Have you ever seen a face painting station set up and wondered how they learned those skills? Face Painting 101 is designed to introduce someone who has never painted a face to this intriguing art. It provides detailed instructions for getting started, application techniques that you can use, and outlines of patterns so you can start painting faces like you have been doing it for years. Once you learn the art of face painting, you will be surprised at the number of ways you can put your skill to use, either for fun or profit.

Whether it is painting someone's face in their school colors for a homecoming game or painting up a ghoulish look for a Halloween party, this course will walk you through every step and teach you everything you need to know. By the time you start painting designs, you will be well on your way to being a pro!

Check out this and other fascinating courses available in Universal Class at
<https://www.universalclass.com/northdakotastatend.>

Online Library Resource



Explora

Explora provides a safe, trustworthy environment for students to look up articles and facts for research papers, class projects, or homework. It provides easy-to-use features and age-appropriate content from the world's leading magazines and reference books.

There are four interfaces to choose from:

Explora Educator = Teachers

A single interface that searches ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), Teacher Reference Center, and the Professional Development Collection.

Explora Primary = Students (K-5th Grade)

Online encyclopedia portal designed for young researchers (K-5).

Explora Public Library = General Research

Online encyclopedia portal designed for public library patrons.

Explora Secondary = Students (6th Grade-College)

Online encyclopedia portal designed for students in grades 6-12.



Check it out today at <http://library.nd.gov/onlineresources.html>.

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