

2022 Public Library Services for Strong Communities Survey

All U.S. public libraries are invited to complete this new survey to help us better understand how libraries are utilizing their unique programs, services, partnerships, and facilities in support of community needs. The survey was developed by PLA's [Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment Committee](#) in response to demand for actionable data to understand how and in what circumstances libraries engage, through their own efforts and partnerships, to help foster resilient communities.



To complete the survey, login to your library's [Benchmark](#) account. Click on "Surveys" in the menu and you will see the PLA Services Survey listed under "Open Surveys." All public library directors or your library's contact in Benchmark should have received an invitation to this year's survey. If you did not, please contact plabenchmark@ala.org for assistance in accessing your Benchmark account. Additional information about the survey can be found in [this document](#) (PDF).

Please complete the survey by **Saturday, December 10, 2022.**

New Beanstack Challenge: Native American Heritage Month



November is National Native American Heritage Month. Celebrate the rich cultural traditions, histories, and contributions of Indigenous peoples in North America. Complete activities and read books written by Indigenous authors. Log your reading and activities throughout the month to earn badges.

Challenge Structure

- 1 Registration Badge
- 1 Completion Badge
- 10 Logging Badges (Minutes)
- 5 Activity Badges

Register today at <https://librarynd.beanstack.org/reader365>.

Libraries in the News

[Remodel slated for Minot children's library; staff hope project will aid childhood literacy development \(KMOT\)](#)

Libraries are seen as “great equalizers” for communities since they offer resources for residents, no matter a person’s financial status. That’s why staff at the Minot Public Library are eager to use a \$50,000 grant from the Minot Area Community Foundation to benefit area children.

[Sweater Weather Reading Challenge Kicks Off in November \(Minot Daily News\)](#)

The leaves are falling, the wind is blowing, the snow is about to fall and sweaters are brought to the front of our closets. It’s time for Minot Public Library’s Sweater Weather Reading Challenge! This is the Library’s cold weather reading program where there’s a monthly theme, and readers choose a book on that theme. Librarians have created booklists to help readers select the perfect book, but readers are also welcome to choose another title that fits the monthly theme. The program only requires readers to read one book a month to be entered for some great prizes.



Picture Book Month

November 2022 celebrates Picture Book Month! Created by author and storyteller Dianne de Las Casas, Picture Book Month is an international celebration of the power of picture books, even in a very digital age (Celebration, n.d.).

Importance of Picture Books

Picture books offer various benefits to learners, especially those in early childhood and elementary school. However, picture books certainly can (and should) be used in secondary education, as well as adulthood. Such books help build an understanding that words have meaning, typically through connections between the images and their corresponding texts. Illustrations help children see clues not offered by the words, such as the setting, characters’ facial expressions, and background knowledge. Since illustrations better hold the attention of little ones, picture books help spark a love of reading. While picture books certainly can be primarily for entertainment—Mo Willem’s Pigeon series is an example—many address social-emotional conflicts that help students empathize with others (Balcazar, 2019). Additionally, in spite of their apparent simplicity, several picture books actually introduce learners to new and interesting vocabulary (Churchill, & Everts Danielson, 2021).

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Webinars

The Basics of a Book Challenge (NDSL)

Tuesday, November 8 (3:30 PM - 4:00 PM)

Register: <https://bit.ly/3T0aHRG>

Across the United States, including North Dakota, libraries and schools are increasingly becoming the focus of book challenges by community members. Sometimes these challenges can lead to very public and heated discussions within our communities. As librarians, it's time to consider and prepare for similar local challenges.

This webinar will examine the basics of a book challenge, what steps are needed to take when facing a challenge, and how the North Dakota Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee and the North Dakota State Library can assist with the challenge process.

ESL Conversation Groups: Up Close and Personal (Niche Academy)

Wednesday, November 16 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Register: <https://bit.ly/3WubywV>

English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation groups can be a valuable addition to your library's programming calendar. These sessions provide an opportunity for non-native speakers to practice listening and speaking skills in a safe and welcoming environment. They may be offered with a minimal investment of time and resources, and attendance is virtually unlimited. Hosting conversation groups does not require a high degree of subject area knowledge or formal teaching experience.

Join Claudia Ratay to learn more about hosting an ESL conversation group. Following this webinar, participants will be able to select appropriate topics that can result in productive, engaging conversations. Various scenarios will also be discussed allowing participants to learn how to successfully manage typical challenges that arise in these meetings.

Learn about the Cardiac Ready Community Program (NDSL)

Thursday, November 17 (1:00 PM - 1:30 PM)

Register: <https://bit.ly/3fxESCO>

The primary purpose of the Cardiac Ready Community Program is to support bystander-emergency responder and community private-public partnerships for strengthening community-based capacity for cardiac and stroke emergency response and risk reduction programs throughout the state. Join Christine Greff, State Cardiac and Stroke Systems Coordinator, to learn about the main goals of the Cardiac Ready Community Program, what it means to be a designated Cardiac Ready, and the steps your community can take to become designated.

Presented by Christine Greff, BSN, RN, SCRNP, in partnership with the North Dakota Health and Human Services and the North Dakota State Library.

A list of webinars is available at <http://library.nd.gov/traininglibraries.html>.

If you missed a webinar presented by the staff at the North Dakota State Library, they are archived on the State Library's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/NDStateLibrary>.

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection

- Corn Palace, Mitchell, S.D., 1953
- Dick Anderson on a dinosaur statue, Black Hills, S.D., 1942
- Division Street, Kenmare, N.D., circa 1948-1952
- Grave of Edgar Allan Poe, Baltimore, M.D., 1944
- Ice castle in Minneapolis, M.N., 1940
- Landers, Anderson, and Nelson families at Mount Rushmore, S.D., 1942
- Long Creek Dam, near Crosby, N.D., 1947
- Montana-Dakota Utilities parade float, Kenmare, N.D., 1947
- Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox statues, Bemidji, M.N., 1947
- Spillway gates, Garrison Dam, N.D., 1957
- Street scene after a blizzard, Kenmare, N.D., 1943
- Tornado near Svea, M.N., circa 1890
- Welcome to South Dakota sign, 1961



North Dakota Histories

- Tuttle, North Dakota, 50th Anniversary, 1911-1961

North Dakota Memories

- Minnie Nielson, N.D. Superintendent of Public Instruction, circa 1918-1927



North Dakota State Documents

- The Nodak Guardsman
 - o 1980-1982

Find thousands of images, documents, videos, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today at <https://digitalhorizonsonline.org/>.

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) 2023 Manual Available



Digital downloads are available for CSLP's 2023 "All Together Now" Summer Reading Program.

To request an access code for your library, register at <http://library.nd.gov/summer-readingmanual.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy at tlkruger@nd.gov or 328-4744.

Kit of the Week

KEVA Planks

KEVA planks are perfectly cut, identical construction blocks that build a foundation for math, as well as art, science, and engineering. No matter the skill level, KEVA planks can be enjoyed by everyone.

This kit contains 400 planks and a Quick Start Guide.

Recommended for ages 5+.

No device is required for KEVA planks.



Learn more about the KEVA plank kit at
<https://library-nd.libguides.com/STEMkits/kevaplanks>.

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