

Thankful November

Submitted by State Librarian Mary Soucie

I try to always remember to be grateful and to lead from gratitude. I admit that I'm not always successful, so when November rolls around every year, I'm super happy to focus on the things in my life that I'm grateful for. Here are some of the things that I am grateful for this year.

I am grateful to be a librarian. I have been involved in the library world since I was a teenager, first as a volunteer, then as a paraprofessional and now as a professional for close to 30 years. I have seen many changes in the library field during my decades of being a librarian. Many things have changed in how we serve the needs of our community, but libraries and librarians remain committed to serving all the members of their community, providing accurate information, and supporting patrons in their lifelong learning journey.

One of the things that I love about being a librarian is the variety of people that you interact with. From the patrons we serve to the colleagues we work with to the vendors that serve us, we have the opportunity to meet and interact with people from all walks of life. I am thankful for the many people that I have met during my years as a librarian.

People who work in libraries have a heart for service. Serving our communities, connecting people with resources, and assisting them with fulfilling a desire for learning; serving as the center of whatever community we are blessed to serve. I am grateful for all the colleagues that I work with, locally, regionally, and nationally that have a huge heart for service. I am incredibly appreciative of the many colleagues who have become good friends and for the many ways that my life has been enriched by my colleagues.

It is important to have a good team to work with. I am thankful each and every day for my colleagues at NDSL and across state government. Without their tireless commitment to providing exceptional customer service to all those we serve, NDSL could not provide all that we do.

Librarians and library staff are committed to providing access to credible information, which is more important today than it's ever been. We are dedicated to providing access to both sides of an issue and to broadening people's horizons through materials, programs, and resources. I am thankful for the opportunity to support our North Dakota Library Land colleagues and my colleagues across the country in the fight to preserve intellectual freedom and the commitment to providing folks with trustworthy information.

Being in the library world can be tough at times and especially so right now. Yet there is so much to be grateful for. Thank you for indulging me once again as I reflect on the many people and things that I am grateful for. I invite you to reach out and share your gratitude moments with me via phone, text, email, or Facebook.

Libraries in the News

[Free movie screenings at West Fargo Library tell veteran stories \(Fargo Forum\)](#)

This month, the West Fargo Public Library is sharing veteran stories on the big screen.

The West Fargo Library's Monday Matinee free movie screenings start at 1:30 p.m. every Monday afternoon. Each screening is free and open to the public, however, limited seating is available...

[Minot Public Library helps seniors with tech \(KXNET\)](#)

One area library is now helping seniors, one tablet at a time. On the first Thursday of every month, the Minot Public Library visits the Parker Senior Center for Tech Education. This monthly event provides technological support and helps the elderly.

As we know, our devices are always changing and getting more complicated. So for our seniors, these tech experts are providing a much-needed service...

[Stark County Commission silent on library funding request \(Dickinson Press\)](#)

The Stark County Commission denied a request to fund the Dickinson Public Library's expansion project at the regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 1.

Library Director Rita Ennen approached the commission to request that Stark County commit to \$300,000 per year, over the 10 years. According to Ennen, the contribution would mirror that of the City of Dickinson for the project...

[A Tree for Those in Need: County Library to Set Up Angel Tree \(The Dakotan\)](#)

Though Christmas time isn't quite here according to some, Ward County is planning ahead.

County Commissioners approved Tuesday an angel tree to be set up in the employee lounge at the County Administration Building...

Digital Delight

Military portrait of Stefan Burgad, 1918

Studio portrait of Stefan J. Burgad, wearing a military uniform and hat.

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

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



Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities

Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities will offer more than \$7 million in grants to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities.



To be eligible, a library must have a legal service area population of 25,000 or less and be located at least five miles from an urbanized area, in keeping with Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries.

ALA is now accepting applications for grants to be distributed over the next three years ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Participating libraries will first conduct community input-gathering sessions to assure that their work aligns with local needs. Libraries will be required to identify the primary audience they are hoping to reach (e.g., homebound seniors, children with autism, Deaf community members) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations in order to guide improvement of the library's services. Grantees would then use the funds to create services or improve their facilities based on the needs identified by their audience.

For more information and to apply, go to <https://www.ala.org/tools/librariestransform/libraries-transforming-communities/access>.

Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is part of ALA's longtime commitment to preparing library workers for the expanding role of libraries. The initiative is offered in partnership with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL). Questions? Contact [ALA's Public Programs Office](#).

Archives Hashtag PARTY

If your library, archive, museum, gallery, etc., is on Instagram or Twitter, you may want to consider joining the Archives Hashtag Party (#ArchivesHashtagParty). This is a fun way to share your collections on social media around a topic chosen by the National Archives each month. October's theme was #ArchivesDYK

The theme will be announced about a week before each party, which is usually on the first Friday of every month.

For more information, visit <https://www.archives.gov/campaigns/archives-hashtag-party>. To be added to the participant list, send an e-mail to socialmedia@nara.gov.

Penguin Random House Grants for Small & Rural Libraries

Through the generosity of Penguin Random House, the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) is pleased to announce this grant opportunity for small, rural libraries nationwide! This grant is available to libraries that meet both the IMLS definition for small libraries (a service population of 25,000 or fewer) and the definition for rural libraries (libraries located 5 or more miles from the nearest town of 25k or more).

Applicants may request:

- One (1) monetary grant in support of a community-oriented project for up to \$1,000.
- or**
- An in-kind grant donation of up to \$1,000 in equivalent value to support a circulating collection in your library.

Applications may be submitted **beginning November 28, 2022**.

Deadline for applications is December 12, 2022.

Notifications of funding decision will be sent to applicants by January 27, 2023.

Funded projects must be completed by December 31, 2023.

Project reports must be submitted by February 1, 2024.

The program will award grants to libraries that demonstrate a true need. Monetary grants are not limited to literacy and may be used for everything from library programming and books to resources like hotspots that help community members access important information. Library seeking support for digital collections should request a monetary grant.

Learn more at <https://www.arsl.org/prh-grant>.



Veterans Day

November 11 marks a day of remembrance and thanks to all those who have served and are currently serving in the armed forces. Veterans Day, originally Armistice Day, began on November 11, 1919, as the first anniversary of the end of World War I. November 11 would go on to become a national holiday in 1938. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day (Veterans, 2022). Numerous other areas also celebrate a version of Veterans Day around or on November 11, including France, Belgium, Canada, and the United Kingdom (How, 2022). One of the biggest celebrations in the United States for Veterans Day entails a remembrance ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery (Memorial, n.d.). Various smaller celebrations occur throughout the country.

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Webinars

2022 SRRT Homelessness Summit (ALA SRRT)

Monday, November 14 (9:00 AM - 4:30 PM)

Register: <https://bit.ly/3G06rPo>

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, while November 12-20, 2022, is Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week. To help bring awareness to these issues, both as a social justice issue and in connection to libraries, SRRT is hosting our first ever Homelessness Summit on November 14th.

New Year, New Languages, and New Year Celebrations Around the World (Mango Languages)

Wednesday, November 16 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Register: <https://bit.ly/3UJ22V7>

It's just about time to start preparing for a new year! Join us as we explore New Year's celebrations and traditions around the world. We'll also share tips and ideas you can use to cross-promote Mango with your language and culture resources.

Persevering in the Face of Book Challenges (Booklist)

Thursday, November 17 (4:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

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

The increase in book challenges at school and public libraries has left many library workers stunned, weary, and worried about what comes next. But our important work must continue! Join our panel of boots-on-the-ground library workers including Cindy Hohl, Director of Branch Operations at Kansas City Public Library; Olathe East High School Librarian Shelly McNerney; and Gavin Downing, Kent School District librarian and winner of the Candace Morgan Intellectual Freedom Award, for a frank and inclusive conversation about how we press on to do the best for our patrons and communities, for intellectual freedom, and for ourselves in these difficult circumstances.

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.

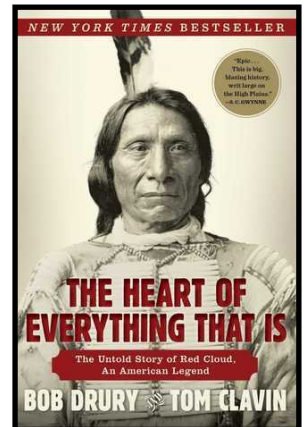
A list of webinars is available at <http://library.nd.gov/traininglibraries.html>.

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>.

Kit of the Week

“The Heart of Everything That Is: The Untold Story of Red Cloud, An American Legend” by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin

“Red Cloud was the only American Indian in history to defeat the United States Army in a war, forcing the government to sue for peace on his terms. At the peak of Red Cloud’s powers the Sioux could claim control of one-fifth of the contiguous United States and the loyalty of thousands of fierce fighters. But the fog of history has left Red Cloud strangely obscured. Now, thanks to the rediscovery of a lost autobiography, and painstaking research by two award-winning authors, the story of the nineteenth century’s most powerful and successful Indian warrior can finally be told.



“In this astonishing untold story of the American West, Bob Drury and Tom Clavin restore Red Cloud to his rightful place in American history in a sweeping and dramatic narrative based on years of primary research. As they trace the events leading to Red Cloud’s War, they provide intimate portraits of the many lives Red Cloud touched—mountain men such as Jim Bridger; US generals like William Tecumseh Sherman, who were charged with annihilating the Sioux; fearless explorers, such as the dashing John Bozeman; and the memorable warriors whom Red Cloud groomed, like the legendary Crazy Horse. And at the center of the story is Red Cloud, fighting for the very existence of the Indian way of life.”

Request this book club kit today through the [online library catalog](#).

Color Health & ARSL: Ensuring Access to COVID Testing

Libraries nationwide have partnered with ARSL, Color Health and the CDC to support free COVID-19 lab testing in areas where access is an issue. Your library is in a critical location to increase access in your community.

Testing is free for you and for patrons – and you’ll get a free year of ARSL membership plus \$7.50 for every test administered at your library. There is no cost to you to operate this program.

If you’d like to participate, you can sign up at <https://color.jotform.com/221455216935860>.

For more information, visit <https://www.arsl.org/color-covid-19-testing>.



Sexual Harassment Compliance

Self-Paced, Online Class

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5 Lessons

6 Exams & Assignments

3 Hours average time

0.3 CEUs

Video Audit Available

Sexual Harassment Compliance

Submitted by AI Peterson

Sexual harassment is a hot topic in today's world--both in the corporate arena and in the personal arena. This online class will explore the concept of sexual harassment and look at solutions. Although most of the ideas will be directed toward the corporate arena, many of the definitions and concepts apply equally to both arenas.

This five-lesson course will explore the many aspects of the rules and concepts governing sexual harassment are part of the law. That means they must be respected and followed, but it also means that they are changing--constantly.

This course is not a replacement for solid legal counsel in the area of sexual harassment. Instead, this course will be a guideline to help you understand and end sexual harassment in the workplace. Its goal is to provide practical advice, suggestions, and ideas on how to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace.

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

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.



In partnership with the American Anthropological Association (AAA), the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office is seeking sites to host **World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration**, a national exhibition that aims to help people appreciate migration histories — their own and those of others — by drawing on a wealth of case studies from across human history and the breadth of cultures.

World on the Move will tour from March 2023 through August 2025 to 15 selected sites. Public libraries located in the United States and territories are invited to apply.

The traveling exhibition is made possible through the support of the [American Anthropological Association](#) and the [Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage](#). To be notified about future grants and opportunities from ALA's Public Programs Office, sign up for [ALA's Programming Librarian newsletter](#).

For more information and to apply, go to <https://www.ala.org/tools/programming/world-on-the-move>.

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