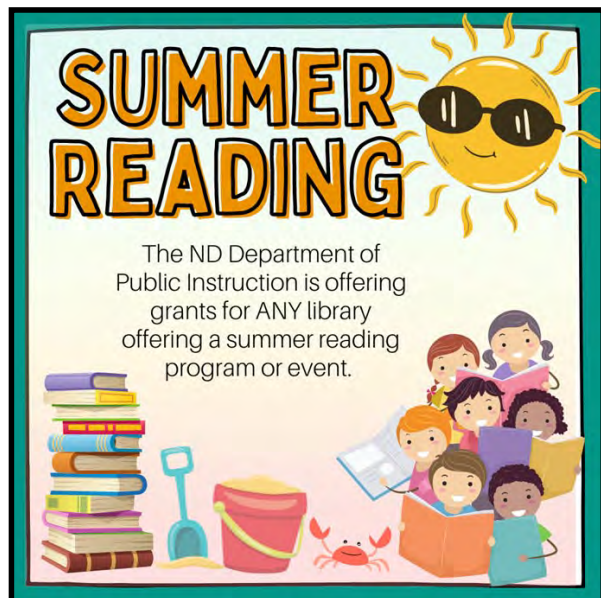


Summer Reading Program? Sum-more Opportunities!

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Is your library planning on doing a summer reading program or event? If not, you should be! The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI), in partnership with the ND State Library (NDSL) and Bank of North Dakota (BND), is hosting a Summer Reading Challenge. Their goal? To get some kind of summer reading event in every single county in North Dakota. A pretty hefty goal, huh?

To help combat summer loss, DPI is offering grants for **any** ND library that does some kind of summer reading program. These grants could be anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000 or more! What could you do in your library with an extra \$1,000? What opportunities could you offer your community with that extra money?



Complete guidance for grant eligibility will be available in mid to late May and will follow the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund's (ESSER) allowable use guidelines.

If you have not held a summer reading program before and have no idea where to start – have no fear! The NDSL staff is here to help!

Library Coordinating Council Vacancies

At-Large Seat
Public Library Seat

Libraries in the News

[Crafters invited to Fargo Library's craft supply swap \(Valley News Live\)](#)

"The Fargo Library is inviting area crafters to take part in their spring craft supply swap on Sat., April 15 at noon at the downtown Main Library. Officials say you can drop off new or gently used craft supplies at any of the Fargo Public Library locations through April 14. When you do, you get a ticket for early entry to the swap. With the ticket, you can get in at 10 am instead of noon..."

[Fargo Library to hold library garden volunteer interest meeting \(WDAY\)](#)

"The Fargo Public Library is partnering with local community garden group Growing Together to plant, maintain and harvest the garden plots at the Dr. James Carlson Library..."

[Former Minot Public Library Director reflects on her time at the library \(KX News\)](#)

"A new library director is needed in one city, after the resignation of its former director. On Thursday, Janet Anderson had her last shift as the Minot Public Library director. She's served in that role since 2015..."

[Insurance settlement not complete for water damage in Alfred Dickey \(Jamestown Sun\)](#)

"An insurance company is in the process of reimbursing the James River Valley Library System for the water damage from a burst pipe in December but an insurance settlement has not been completed yet, according to Joe Rector, library system director..."

ND Battle of the Books

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

We've had great response to interest in Battle of the Books ND! Interested in learning more about this program? I will be hosting a few Q&A sessions over the next two weeks. To register, send an e-mail to awhitehorn@nd.gov or click [here](#).

Q&A Sessions:

- Session 1: Wednesday, April 12 (12:00 PM)
- Session 2: Friday, April 14 (2:00 PM)
- Session 3: Monday, April 17 (10:00 AM)
- Session 4: Tuesday, April 18 (4:00 PM)
- Session 5: Wednesday, April 19 (9:00 AM)
- Session 6: Thursday, April 20 (11:00 AM)



Call for Requests for NLM Traveling Exhibitions

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) traveling exhibitions, available free of charge, present inspiring stories about history, society, and medicine. Drawn from NLM, they connect visitors to trusted health information resources.

NLM Traveling Exhibitions help:

- connect your community to NLM offerings like MedlinePlus and PubMed.
- publicize your institution through programming and activities.
- establish community partnerships and share NLM health information resources with partner institutions.
- foster health literacy in your community.

The seven exhibitions available for request are:

1. [“And there’s the humor of it”: Shakespeare and the four humors](#) (6 banners)
2. [Every Necessary Care and Attention: George Washington and Medicine](#) (6 banners)
3. [Graphic Medicine: Ill-Conceived and Well-Drawn!](#) (6 banners)
4. [Pictures of Nursing: The Zwerdling Postcard Collection](#) (6 banners)
5. [Politics of Yellow Fever in Alexander Hamilton’s America](#) (6 banners)
6. [Rashes to Research: Scientists and Parents Confront the 1964 Rubella Epidemic](#) (6 banners)
7. [Rise, Serve, Lead! America’s Women Physicians](#) (6 banners)

If you have any questions, please contact the NLM Traveling Exhibition Services team at NLMTravelingExhibits@nih.gov.

For more information and to request an NLM Traveling Exhibitions online at <https://www.nlm.gov/initiatives/traveling-exhibitions>.



Upcoming May Events and Deadlines

Month:

[National Preservation Month](#)

Weeks:

May 1-7 = [Children's Book Week](#)

May 1-7 = [Screen Free Week](#)

May 7-13 = [Public Service Recognition Week](#)

May 8-12 = [Teacher Appreciation Week](#)

Days:

May 4 = [National Star Wars Day](#)

May 5 = [Deadline to Register for BND Summer Reading Program](#)

May 18 = [International Museum Day](#)

May 29 = [State Library Closed](#)

LibraryReads

LibraryReads is a monthly nationwide library staff picks list for adult fiction and nonfiction. Their goal is to help connect readers to as many books as possible while drawing upon the incredible power that public library staff has in helping to build word-of-mouth for new books and the important role that libraries play in creating audiences for all kinds of authors. LibraryReads represents the collective favorites - the books library staff loved reading and cannot wait to share.

Participation in LibraryReads is open to everyone who works in a public library, whether senior staff or new arrivals, in any area of the library. It is designed to be inclusive and diverse, representing a broad range of reading tastes and showcasing a variety of new titles, including buzzed about debuts, genre favorites, bestselling authors, and lesser-known midlist titles that public library staff are raving about.

Feel free to download and print the LibraryReads display materials for your library or bookstore, together with digital marketing materials for your own website and newsletters.

To participate in voting for titles, you will need to register with either Edelweiss or NetGalley. Visit <https://libraryreads.org/for-library-staff> for more information.



ABC Books

Readers' Advisory: Librarians have been suggesting books since really the dawning of libraries! What happens when, as the "experts" in this task, library professionals are drawing a blank? I am hoping this monthly column will grant a bit of assistance with that struggle. These books are in no particular order; they are simply a collection of titles I found that tie into the theme and would recommend to others. While these lists are primarily meant for those who work with youth, I am open to requests for adult items as well! If you have a request for a readers' advisory topic, contact me at tkruger@nd.gov.

[Read More](#)



Money Smart Week

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Are you looking for ways to improve your financial literacy? Look no further than Money Smart Week 2023! This national public awareness campaign created by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago is designed to provide families and individuals with the resources and tools they need to make informed financial decisions.

Money Smart Week 2023 is taking place next week (April 15-21), and offers a series of free webinars on important financial topics. This year's webinars include:

Budgeting: Learn how to create and stick to a budget that works for your family's unique needs and goals.

Financial Institutions: Get an overview of different financial institutions, including banks and credit unions and learn how to choose the right one for your needs. This webinar will be presented in Spanish with English captions.

Debt Relief: Discover strategies for managing debt and reducing financial stress.

Retirement Planning: Plan for a secure and happy retirement by understanding the importance of retirement savings and developing a plan that works for you.

Each webinar is presented by a financial expert and is free to attend. They are offered online, so you can participate from the comfort of your own computer. In addition to the webinars, there are also free resources available.

Librarians can play an important role in promoting financial literacy by sharing information about Money Smart Week and encouraging families to participate. By providing access to resources and tools that help families improve their financial literacy, librarians can help promote financial stability and empower families to make informed decisions.

Families can benefit from participating in Money Smart Week by learning about important financial topics, connecting with financial experts, and discovering new tools and resources to help them manage their finances. By attending these webinars, families can develop the skills and knowledge they need to make smart financial decisions that will benefit them now and in the future.

So, mark your calendars for next week's Money Smart Week 2023 and take advantage of this great opportunity to improve your financial literacy!

To register for the webinars, visit the Money Smart website at www.moneysmartweek.org.



Introduction to Gardening

Self-Paced, Online Class

[+ Join this Course](#)

North Dakota State Library

11 Lessons

25 Exams & Assignments

6 Hours average time

0.6 CEUs

Video Audit Available

Introduction to Gardening Submitted by AI Peterson

Are you starting to get that gardening itch despite all the snow? Are you interested in gardening and looking for advice on how to get started? Do you want to take charge of your own food security and provide fresh fruits and vegetables to your family, plus add beauty to your life with fresh flowers? The easiest way to make this decision is to take Introduction to Gardening in Universal Class, a course that will guide you step by easy step through the process of deciding what kind of garden you wish to start, where to place it, how to be certain that the soil is ready and good for growing, and how to know what to plant and where to plant it.

Introduction to Gardening will take you from the basic plant parts and why they are important all the way to the production of fruit. You will discover the importance of having good soil, including what that means and how to correct it in your yard. You'll discover that a gardener's best friend is the composter and why making your own compost is such an important skill. Other learning outcomes include pest and disease control, garden maintenance, difficult gardening, and creating beautiful and fruitful flower, vegetable, and herb gardens. All told, there are eleven lessons in this course designed to make you a better gardener.

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

The Bias Inside Us Educator Toolkit

The Bias Inside Us Educator Toolkit is a free educational resource, which contains a set of posters and an educators guide used for facilitating conversation, and is intended to be used in conjunction with The Bias Inside Us online exhibit.

The Bias Inside Us is a community engagement project featuring a Smithsonian traveling exhibition, the centerpiece for local programs and activities that raise awareness about the science and history of bias and what people can do about it. Additional information can be found at .

For more information and to register for the toolkit, visit <https://s.si.edu/3KAdILR>.



Interdisciplinary Instruction: School Librarians and Technology Classes

Up until 2019, library and technology standards were intertwined within the same North Dakota State Content Standards document. When writing the new Library Media Content Standards, the standards writing and review teams attempted to be mindful that these two areas are considered separate. However, librarians still do regularly work with technology. Thus, the digital citizenship component to the Library Media Content Standards was created!

How much school librarians already teach technology varies. Some districts possess technology teachers as well as school librarians. Other districts combine these two roles into one job. For the sake of this article, I am approaching school librarians and technology teachers as two different jobs.

The North Dakota Computer Science and Cybersecurity Standards break down into five concepts: technology systems, computational thinking, information literacy, computing in society, and digital citizenship. While many school librarians will touch on all these concepts, the two most-overlapping ideas are information literacy and digital citizenship.

[Read More](#)

Digital Delight



Biting on League Granite

Political cartoon depicting Theodore Roosevelt trying to take a bite out of the Nonpartisan League, which is depicted as "solid granite." Date of original: November 25, 1918.

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

Courtesy of Digital Horizons (Political Prairie Fire, ND State Library)

Beanstack Reading Challenges

100 Books Before Graduation (Ongoing) (Ages: 6th-12th Grade)

The more you read, the more you know! Join this challenge and read 100 books before graduating! Log your reading in Beanstack, and earn a new set of badges!



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (Ongoing) (Ages: 0-5)

Enjoy reading 1,000 books with your little ones! Log reading and earn badges all along the way. Encourage a lifetime love of reading for your child.



500 Books Before Middle School (Ongoing) (Ages: K-6th Grade)

Can you read 500 books before middle school? You bet you can! Join this challenge and work towards new badges along the way!



Financial Literacy Challenge (April 1-30) (Ages: Everyone)

April is Financial Literacy Month! Grow your financial interest with this month's challenge. Complete activities related to financial literacy to earn your badges.



Spring Into Reading (April 1-30) (Ages: Everyone)

Spring into reading with your community! Log your reading throughout the challenge to earn a new set of colorful badges.



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

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