



Library Vision Grant Webinar Tuesday, May 16, 10:00 AM

Submitted by James Murphy

The North Dakota State Library will be presenting a live Library Vision Grant Webinar for our new Library Vision grants, which will be opening in July 2023. We are doing our webinar earlier this time around to give more time for school and academic librarians to prepare ahead of time. We will get a recording of the webinar up a few days afterward for asynchronous viewing. This webinar will cover grants for Makerspace, Programming, and Collection Development. Supporting documents will be up on our Library Grants page after May 31. Additionally, more information along with the link to the recorded webinar will be in next week's Flickertale. You do not need to register to view the recorded version at a later date as that will be added to our [YouTube channel](#).

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North Dakota Center for the Book, a Library of Congress Affiliate, Names Books for Youth and Adults as a “Great Read from Great Places”

**National Book Festival Project Celebrates Local
Literary Heritage of the States and Territories**

The North Dakota Center for the Book has selected two books for 2023 as being representative of the North Dakota's local literary heritage. The titles chosen are:

Adult Title: *Boys and Oil: Growing Up Gay in a Fractured Land* by Taylor Brorby

Youth Title: *Josie Dances* by Denise Lajimodiere

During the 2023 National Book Festival, on Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Washington Convention Center, representatives from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and Northern Marianas will staff tables to promote their book selections and other literary works reflective of their unique locations. The area at the convention center where the 56 tables will be assembled is called the Roadmap to Reading. This activity has been a part of the festival since 2002.

The North Dakota Center for the Book is one of 56 Affiliates of the Library of Congress and its Center for the Book. The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress is a community of 56 Affiliated Centers, promoting reading, libraries and literacy through the Library of Congress and its Affiliated Centers across the country.

Contact Lexi at awhitehorn@nd.gov for more information.

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We'll discuss:

- ☑ An overview of the strategic planning process
- ☑ The library board's role
- ☑ If and when you should hire a consultant
- ☑ Plus more!

Libraries in the News

[Library Dedicated to Korean War fallen \(Minot Daily News\)](#)

"The library at Lewis and Clark Elementary in Minot has been dedicated to honor the sacrifice of a Minot native killed in action during the Korean War..."

[Someone You Should Know: Iris Swedlund, beloved librarian, teacher and advisor \(KX News\)](#)

"Iris Swedlund, the librarian known for her love of kids, as well as her love of the color red..."

[Tree planting on May 6 in Jamestown to honor Nowatskis \(Jamestown Sun\)](#)

"The James River Valley Library System and the family of Jim and Awanda Nowatski will honor the couple with the planting of a Royal Raindrops crabapple tree in front of the library at 105 3rd St. SE. The planting will commemorate the Nowatskis' years of service to the library. All are welcome to attend..."

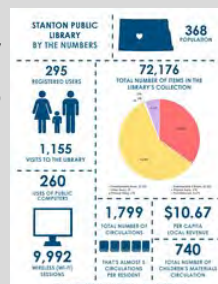
[Velva library renamed after longtime librarian \(Minot Daily News\)](#)

"It's not often a teacher, let alone a librarian, wakes up one morning to find out a library has been named after them. But that is pretty much what happened to Iris Swedlund, a mostly retired educator and librarian from Velva who recently had the school/public library renamed in her honor..."

Public Library Infographics

The North Dakota State Library is happy to provide a basic infographic based on the numbers your library submitted for the Public Libraries Survey/Annual Report. These infographics can include the number of visits to your library, registered users, items, wireless sessions, programs, program attendees, or whatever statistics you would like to highlight.

If you are interested in receiving a personalized infographic for your public library, please send an e-mail to BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.



WordPress Help

By BreAnne Meier

Keeping Your Website Updated

While it might be tempting to set up your library's website and then forget about it, your library's website is one of the first things that patrons and prospective patrons visit when trying to learn about the library's services and programs. For this reason, it is important to ensure that your website always includes current information. If your library's website has information on programs that took place five years ago or calendars that are stuck in 2019, visitors to your website won't know what information is correct or how long it's been since the website was last updated.

Here are a few things to look at:

- Make sure your most recent blog or news posts are from the past few months. If your most recent post is from more than a year ago and you don't have plans to update it or add anything, consider hiding that webpage.
- Make sure your calendar or schedules are for the current month/year. Schedules should be current at all times so patrons know when your programs are or when the bookmobile will be in their areas.
- Your website is a great place to add photos from events to show perspective patrons/visitors how much fun participants have. If your website includes photos, make sure they are from recent events.

If you have any questions or would like assistance with your library's WordPress website, please contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov or 701-328-4656.

GLOBE Eclipse Library Kits

Public libraries are invited to apply for GLOBE Eclipse Library Kits. Up to 100 applications will be selected to receive a kit with the objective of selecting a diverse group of library partners: geographically (both on and off the path of totality or maximum eclipse) programs and target audience for their program. Priority will be given to libraries with clear plans to engage underserved audiences in their program and a proven ability to deliver engaging programs, particularly related to citizen science and/or STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics). Individual libraries (including those that are a branch of a library system) are encouraged to apply.

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Picture Books About Animals

This is a combination of fictional (where animals are main characters) and nonfictional (that primarily tell facts about animals) titles. If you have any readers' advisory topic requests, contact me at tkruger@nd.gov.

This is Gus by Chris Chatterton

Publish Date: 2019

Publisher: Penguin Workshop

Summary: This short and sweet story tells how the dog, Gus, does not like much of anything! There are two exceptions... his new pup sibling and sausages! *Merry Christmas, Gus* is a sequel.

Best For: Preschool through Kindergarten

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Online Library Resource

Points of View Reference Center

Points of View Reference Center presents the pros and cons of today's social and often controversial issues. Designed for high school, academic, and public libraries, it contains hundreds of topics and is updated daily. Each topic presents an overview, point and counterpoint essay, bibliographical references, and a guide to critical analysis. Every topic search also generates links to related information from newspapers, magazines, academic journals, reference books, and primary documents.

High school and undergraduate students can use Points of View for social studies, speech, debate, or developing arguments or position papers. This resource can help students develop critical thinking and information literacy skills.

The State Library is happy to provide your library with Points of View Reference Center flyers and school postcards (English and Speech classes) that include information about the Points of View Reference Center resource. Order them today at <https://bit.ly/ndsipaform>. If you need a flyer or poster right away, there are downloadable options at <http://library.nd.gov/PromotionalMaterials.html>.

For a tutorial on how to use Points of View Reference Center, visit <https://youtu.be/gE1VmJ8wCzk>.

[Learn More](#)

Jewish American Heritage Month

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

In this week's article, I am excited to share about Jewish American Heritage Month. This annual observance is celebrated every May in the United States to recognize the contributions of Jewish Americans to American society, culture, and history. Jewish Americans have made significant contributions in various fields, including science, medicine, literature, music, and the arts. This month-long celebration provides an opportunity to raise awareness and educate others about the rich and diverse heritage and the Jewish American community.



Jewish American Heritage Month was established in 2006 by President George W. Bush. The month of May was chosen because it marks several important anniversaries in Jewish American history, including the arrival of the first Jewish immigrants in New Amsterdam (now New York City) in 1654 and the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 which included Jewish signer, Francis Salvador.

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ALA Library Building Capacity Grants

Deadline for Submission: May 24 by 11:59 PM (CT)

The ALA Building Library Capacity Grants will assist libraries at academic Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) across the United States and US Territories that have experienced economic hardship due to the consequences of the pandemic and its aftermath, which has impacted their ability to serve their students, especially traditionally underserved populations.

For 2023, up to sixteen grants of \$10,000 each to libraries to increase their capacity to provide essential services through December 31, 2023.

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Telehealth 101: What Libraries Need to Know

Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

Libraries in locations across the United States are beginning to offer their patrons access to telehealth services as a strategy for addressing inequities in digital access to healthcare.

This class introduces telehealth, why it's important, and how it enables people to have greater access to quality healthcare. Explore how different libraries provided patrons in their communities with access to telehealth services. This class will address privacy and ethical concerns and review the technology and infrastructure needed to launch a successful telehealth program in your library. The class will consist of three one-hour modules.

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Submitted by **Al Peterson**

May is National Photography Month. It's time to sharpen your skills and learn what the pros do to take perfect pictures.

Photography 101: Beginner to Intermediate will help you discover how to use the camera you have to take great pictures, including step-by-step instructions. Learn about camera lenses, exposure, and lighting in a way that actually helps you understand these concepts. By the end of this course, you will be able to take pictures worthy of submission to any local photography contest.

[Start Learning Today](#)



Artificial Intelligence in Schools

What is Artificial Intelligence?

Artificial Intelligence (AI), as defined by TechTarget (n.d.), is "the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines." Some examples include problem-solving and speech recognition. AI falls into two categories: narrow and general. Narrow AI tools are designed to perform very specific tasks. Siri, Alexa, and autonomous vehicles are examples. Most AI exists under this type. General AI possesses intelligence on par with (or better than) humans. These tools can problem-solve, learn, and plan for the future (What, n.d.). ChatGPT, which launched in late 2022, is the most recent development of General AI and the one that most commonly concerns today's educators (Goode, 2023).

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Digital Delight

"A Suggestion for Memorial Day"

Created by Thomas Henry Foley in 1920, these two political cartoons depict a man wiping a tear of joy from an eye with a handkerchief.

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



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Kit of the Week

"Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles

"From the New York Times-bestselling author of A Gentleman in Moscow, a "sharply stylish" (Boston Globe) novel of a young woman in post-Depression era New York who suddenly finds herself thrust into high society—now with over one million readers worldwide On the last night of 1937, twenty-five-year-old Katey Kontent is in a second-rate Greenwich Village jazz bar when Tinker Grey, a handsome banker, happens to sit down at the neighboring table. This chance encounter and its startling consequences propel Katey on a year-long journey into the upper echelons of New York society—where she will have little to rely upon other than a bracing wit and her own brand of cool nerve. With its sparkling depiction of New York's social strata, its intricate imagery and themes, and its immensely appealing characters, Rules of Civility won the hearts of readers and critics alike."



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