CSLP Manual Requests

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

It's time to get those manual requests in!

Adventure Begins at Your Library and who has time to create new adventures? The CSLP manual has programming ideas for all ages including multi-generation programming. The ND State Library provides all ND Public Libraries with a free copy of the manual. All you need to do is request a copy **here** and you will receive an email with the access code.

The access code will not only get you into the new manual, but also gives you access to previous years too! Perfect for winter programming.

Can't wait to see your adventures!

Request a Manual

Coding in Libraries Training

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Did you know learning to code can help you enhance your analytical reasoning, problem-solving skills, critical understanding, and leadership abilities? Or that approximately 75% of elementary school students prefer to learn a programming language over French or some other foreign language? (**teachyourkidscode.com**)

Learning to code can seem intimidating but it doesn't have to be!

With new software and programs, its now easier than ever to learn. Join the North Dakota State Library in partnership with Fiero Learning on November 9th at 12:00pm CT to learn how to integrate coding into your library.

You will learn the basics of coding, get a brief rundown of the new legislation requiring cyber security courses for high school graduates, and try some coding with the support and help of professionals (aka…not me!).

If you are unable to attend at that time, please still register and a recording will be emailed to you.

Register for the Training

Promoting the Online Library Resources Survey

NDSL's Public Awareness Department is going to be reimagining the promotional materials available for ND libraries who want to promote the online library resources. We need your feedback on what types of materials your North Dakota library would like to see in the future. Which resources would you like to promote? Do you like having bookmarks on hand? Would you prefer digital-only? Let us know!

This short survey will take about 2-3 minutes to complete.

End date: November 6, 2023

Take the Survey

USDA Farm to School Grant Program

Submitted by Monica Struck

The **US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program** is designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools and help connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals. Grants can launch new farm to school programs or expand existing efforts. **Applications are open through January 12, 2024**.

On an annual basis, USDA awards competitive Farm to School grants that support state, regional, and local organizations as they initiate, expand, and institutionalize efforts to increase access to food and to food education among America's youth.

Grantees include schools and districts, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers or groups of agricultural producers, **non-profit entities, and state and local agencies.** In other words, public libraries are eligible to participate in this program, which has been **offered annually since 2013**.

Are you considering applying for a grant and need support? In partnership with the USDA, the Kids Garden Community is hosting a special, **free informational session** on November 8, 2023 (2:00-3:30 PM), to provide application support for those applying for youth garden-related projects.

Learn More and Apply

Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars:

Introduction to the Public Access Catalog
Wednesday, November 15 (3:00 PM – 3:45 PM)

Are you trying to use our library catalog or new to using the library catalog? Then, this webinar is for you. This webinar will demonstrate the basic features of the Public Access Catalog. Topics include Accessing to PAC, My Account, Search, and other features.

Introduction to Britannica Encyclopedias
Thursday, November 16 (3:00 PM – 3:30 PM)

For 244 years, the Encyclopedia Britannica was the longest running in print encyclopedia in the English language. Since 2010, the encyclopedia has stopped being printed and has moved into a digital format. As part of our Online Library Resources available through the North Dakota State Library and ODIN, we offer four versions of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Webinar and Training Opportunities

Naturally Inclusive Webinar with Dr. Ruth Wilson

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

The Inclusion Committee is hosting a webinar with author Dr. Ruth Wilson called **Naturally Inclusive** (which is also the title of her 2022 book). Find out more about the book at **https://www.gryphonhouse.com/books/details/naturally-inclusive-engaging-children-of-all-abilities-outdoors**.

This topic aligns very well with our upcoming 2024 Adventure Begins at Your Library theme, so join us to find out how to make your library's outdoor programming inclusive for all.

The webinar will be on **November 15, 2023 at 1:00 PM.** It's free and open to all members. A graphic is attached, so feel free to use it on social media channels.

A zoom link will be sent shortly before the event to all registrants, as well as the recording. The webinar will be closed captioned and a transcript provided.
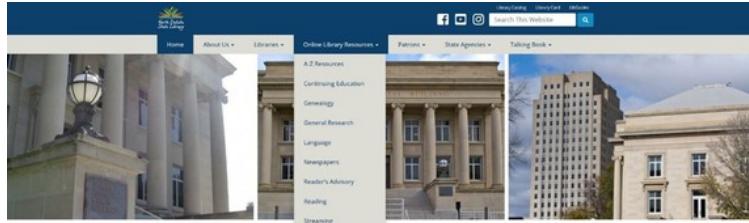
Register

Website Spotlight

By Cindy Olson

Navigation Bar – Online Library Resources

This week's feature on the navigation bar is dedicated to the Online Library Resources section.

Upon hovering over the Online Library Resources tab, you will come across a dropdown menu that showcases our entire range of resources. These resources can be conveniently explored either alphabetically or by subject.

A-Z Resources: Arranged alphabetically, you will encounter a comprehensive list of Online Library Resources, complete with descriptions and their respective subject categories.

Continuing Education: Within this subject category, you will find resources designed to enhance and advance your skills.

Genealogy: This subject category offers resources for conducting genealogical research to explore your family's history.

General Research: This category offers a broad selection of databases to assist you with your research needs.

Language: Within this subject category, you will discover a variety of courses designed for learning different languages.

Newspapers: This subject category ensures that you remain current with various news sources.

Reader's Advisory: This subject category provides tools to assist in locating titles and books.

Reading: This section offers a range of resources for downloading books, locating reading materials, and monitoring your reading progress.

Streaming: Within this category, you will find a resource for streaming motion pictures.

Next week: Navigation Bar – Patrons

Beanstack Update

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Wow! What a month for October! Besides summer reading, October has been the most active month with 75 registered participants.

November's Beanstack Challenge is Native American Heritage month. This is the perfect chance to grab a book written by indigenous people.

Some of my favorite indigenous authors are:

- Angeline Boulley
- Louise Erdrich
- Sherman Alexie
- Susan Powers

Start The Challenge Today

Celebrating Native Americans in November

To recognize Native American contributions and achievements in our nation, in 1990, President George H. W. Bush designated November as Native American Heritage Month. While this month provides an opportunity for Native Americans to share their traditions, music, dance, and crafts with others, it also is a time for non-Natives to learn about, recognize, and honor Indigenous Peoples, their culture, traditions, struggles, and histories. In this article I will share how librarians can celebrate Native American Heritage Month in the library.

Let's begin by talking about Native American characters in books. While purchasing books as a school librarian I trusted that Native Americans were portrayed respectfully and accurately in text and pictures. Through reading professional writings and attending webinars, I have learned this isn't always the case. At times, non-Native authors don't present Native American culture, history, or traditions accurately in the stories they write. While authors may not intentionally provide misinformation, it likely occurs through lack of research, neglect in speaking to experts, or result from biases previously learned in school or society. While I nor NDSL promote or endorse resources provided in this article, they may be used as collective development tools to build a library collection that portrays Native Americans accurately and respectfully.

Continue Reading

Hindi

Sunday, November 12, is Diwali (Deepavali), also known as the Festival of Lights, which marks the Hindu New Year. It is the largest holiday in the Hindu calendar and celebrated primarily in India but is also observed in other Asian nations and the United States in Hindu communities. For more information about this Festival, check out Tammy Kruger's Diwali blog post from October 23 at **https://ndstatelibrary.wordpress.com/2023/10/23/diwali/**.

The Hindi language is spoken by nearly 425 million people as their first language.

Mango teaches you the basics of the Hindi language, from common phrases all the way to more advanced concepts. Culture notes on etiquette, body language, and gestures provide a backdrop to learning material and let the Hindi culture come alive to forge a deeper connection. Critical thinking and memory-building exercises blend new vocabulary into lesson progress. Use the voice comparison tool to tone your accent against native speaker audio.

Rocket Languages takes you to the heart of the Hindi language and gives you the information you need to understand the language and the culture like a local with seven modules and a survival kit. This language course is available for beginners to intermediate (level 1).

Would you like to promote Mango and Rocket Languages to your patrons? The State Library has bookmarks and flyers that we can send to your library. There are also social media graphics and other materials available on their websites. Check out your options at **https://www.library.nd.gov/marketing**.

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Start Learning

Morphemes

We've talked about phonemes. We've talked about graphemes. Now it's time to morph into morphemes! A morpheme is the smallest unit of a word. Morphemes include prefixes, base or root words, and suffixes. When put together, we get a word. It is what helps us to know that the word "reread" means to read again. Re comes from Latin and means again. Combine re with read and you get reread. Talking about prefixes and suffixes always reminds me of the movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding".

Now, not every word comes from the Greek language, but many of the words in the English language were borrowed from other languages. The most common include Latin, German, French, Greek and Spanish. Knowing where the morpheme derives from can help a reader understand the word's meaning.

Contiue Reading

Jay M. Pasachoff Solar Eclipse Mini-Grants Program Engaging the Public with the April 2024 Solar Eclipse

The American Astronomical Society (AAS) Solar Eclipse Task Force invites proposals for small grants to fund programs, activities, and events that will engage the public with the April 8, 2024, solar eclipse across North America. Priority will be given to programs specifically designed to engage meaningfully in eclipse education, outreach, and science activities with under-represented groups (URGs; including women/girls, ethnic minorities, and people with physical and/or mental disabilities) who often don't imagine themselves in science careers or who believe that science is "not for them."

Proposals are due by 4:00 PM on Friday, November 10

Learn More and Apply

National Young Readers Week

National Young Readers Week is held the second week of November each year; this year's celebration runs November 13-17. The mission of National Young Readers Week is to instill a love of reading in children when they are young, hoping that the passion will continue as they age.
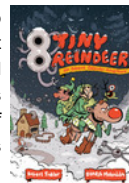
A Little History

National Young Readers Week was spearheaded in 1984 by none other than Pizza Hut's BOOK IT! Program! This reading incentive program challenges kindergarten through sixth grade students to meet reading goals for the prize of a free one-topping personal pan pizza. Kansas schools tested the program first, and it rolled out nationally the following year. In 1989, Pizza Hut, and the Library of Congress' Center for the Book, extended the BOOK IT! program by organizing a week-long reading event that brought local figures into schools to demonstrate the importance of literacy. Over 14 million students have participated in the BOOK IT! program; that is a lot of reading and an awful lot of pizza (National, n.d.)!

Continue Reading

Recently Released and Upcoming Titles

Submitted by Kathy Jo Cline

In *8 Tiny Reindeer*, by Robert Tinker, Santa has automated his workshop and released all but two of is his elves. Santa has even turned his eight reindeer back into the wild! This holiday book written for 7-10-year old children, can also be used as an advent calendar. Days until Christmas may be counted down by reading one chapter per day in December…if the reader can wait to find out what happens next! This book was released September 5.

Continue Reading

Social Media Audit, Part 2

Now that we know the importance of social media audits and why you may want to conduct it for your library's social media accounts, this week we will walk through the different aspects of social media audits and look at templates and resources that may help.

If you have any questions or concerns or want to chat about a social media audit, please contact BreAnne at **ndslpa@nd.gov** or 701-328-4656.

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