



Library Vision Grant Opportunity

Tribal College Library General Grant

The North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council are committed to supporting Tribal College Libraries with meeting the needs of their communities. The goal of this grant is to support local tribal libraries with meeting the needs of the community by providing funds to support resources, programming, spaces, and library operations.

Application Period:
January 2 - March 31, 2024
Award Date:
April 30, 2024
Grant Period:
May 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025
Final Report Due:
June 30, 2025

No match is required for this grant.

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Notary Public Training Available in January

Submitted by Al Peterson

Are you currently commissioned as a notary public or thinking about applying for a commission? Having the ability to print out a document and be able to have it notarized at your library is a great service that you can provide to your community. As a commissioned notary public, you are an important officer of the state and are depended on to perform notarial acts accurately, truthfully, and with integrity. While this is daunting and even intimidating, the North Dakota State Library has partnered with the North Dakota Association of Counties to offer an introductory course on becoming a notary. This course is not only good for those who are considering applying to become a notary, but also those who have their commission and have questions about fulfilling their duties. In this webinar, you will learn the basics of performing notarial acts, dos and don'ts, common mistakes made by notary publics, and the reasons documents may be rejected by various parties. You will also gain insight on electronic notarizations and remote notarizations, which have become more common over the last few years. There will be an opportunity to ask questions as well.

Through our partnership with the North Dakota Association of Counties, librarians in North Dakota can take this webinar at no cost! Simply type the name of your library in the County (or enter City or Company name if not a County Official or Employee) box and NDACO will waive the \$30.00 registration fee. Don't miss this opportunity!

I'm a Notary...Now What?
January 31, 2024, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

[Register](#)

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

By Tammy Kruger

World Braille Day

January 4, 2024, marks World Braille Day. This is the birthday of braille's founder, Louis Braille. World Braille Day became a recognized celebration in 2018, with its first formal observation occurring the following year. Those who read braille belong to a subcategory of the blind and visually impaired patron population. In North Dakota, the School for the Blind provides blind instruction.

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New or Forthcoming Books

Submitted by Kathy Cline

Neither the ND State Library nor I are recommending the titles in this article. The list is simply a collection of titles that have recently been released or are to release within the next several months. There're so many books I wanted to list, but I had to refrain for the sake of time and length of the list! I hope you find something that will fit in your library collection. Happy shopping!

Author T Martin Bennet, who is also a screenwriter, began writing the nonfiction novel [Wounded Tiger](#) as a screenplay. Bennet came across information about Japanese pilot Mitsuo Fuchida by happenstance and researched Fuchida's story for three years before beginning to put words on paper. *Wounded Tiger* tells the story of the Pacific War with historical accuracy and with perspectives from the American and Japanese sides. This book was released October 24, 2023.



In [Murtagh](#), which was released November 7, 2023, **Christpher Paolini** created volume five in the Inheritance Cycle. Readers will find themselves on a journey where Murtagh and Thorn once again work together to defend Alagaesia. Kirkus Reviews says this fantasy novel for ages 12-18 is, "A much-needed follow-up centering a beloved character."

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Summer Reading Trainings

New Town - February 6 at 11:00 AM (lunch provided)
Minot - February 8 at 10:00 AM
Mandan - February 9 at 12:00 PM
Valley City - February 9 at 9:00 AM
Grand Forks - February 12 at 9:00 AM



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Digital Dimension

By Trevor Martinson

Public Domain Day 2024

Public Domain Day is coming! What is [Public Domain Day](#)? It's only the best of unofficial holidays (in the eyes of those in the cultural heritage field).

Every year, on January 1, new works enter the public domain, and that is cause for a celebration. This year, certain works from 1928 that were copyrighted in the United States (like books and movies) and sound recordings from 1923 enter the public domain, which means they can be freely shared, reused, copied, edited, etc.

What is the public domain? According to the [United States Copyright Office](#), a "work of authorship is in the 'public domain' if it is no longer under copyright protection or if it failed to meet the requirements for copyright protection. Works in the public domain may be used freely without the permission of the former copyright owner."

The works entering the public domain that have been getting the most attention are *Steamboat Willie* and *Plane Crazy*. They are both animated short films that introduce Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Over the years, Disney, the company behind the films, has famously lobbied to extend copyright protection every time the protection for *Steamboat Willie*/ Mickey Mouse was about to expire (until now).

Steamboat Willie (and that version of Mickey Mouse) may be entering the public domain, but those wanting to share and remix it must still tread carefully. Disney and Mickey Mouse have had a complex history with copyright. There are many other versions of Mickey that are still protected by copyright (and will be for many years). There is also trademark rights to consider.

Thankfully, the Center for the Study of the Public Domain (Duke University) has created a [guide for users](#) to safely navigate the *Steamboat Willie*/ Mickey Mouse waters.

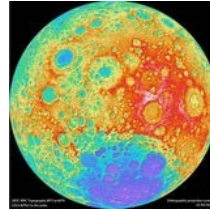
Kit of the Week

NASA@ My Library Cosmic Connection

"Cosmic Connection" is made up of three artistic activities - Art and the Cosmic Connection, UV Kid, and Planetary Poetry.

Key Concepts:

- Explore art as science and science as art through planetary images
- Learn more about topics through images
- Learn about the various forms of poetry



This kit includes drawing paper, colored pencils, Space and Earth images, UV beads, Chenille Sticks, pony beads, KWL Charts, a UV flashlight, and the book "Find the Constellations" by H. A. Rey.

[Reserve This Kit](#)

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