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State Library Opens with Few Restrictions

The North Dakota State Library is now open to the public Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There will be a maximum of 10 patrons in the building at one time.

“The State Library is happy to move towards establishing our ‘new normal’ by opening our doors, admitting more people in the building at one time and allowing people to explore more of the building once again while continuing to maintain the higher standards of cleanliness that were set during the height of the pandemic,” says State Librarian Mary Soucie. “We are still requiring masks and screening people upon entering the building as well as increased cleaning of our public spaces.”

There are two computers available for patrons who need them for Capitol-related reasons or to apply for unemployment, employment, or immigration. Computers have a time limit of one hour and are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

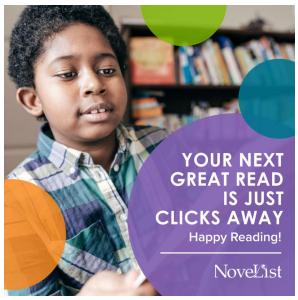
All patrons undergo screening when entering the building, which includes a questionnaire and a temperature check. If you are not feeling well or have a cough or fever, please do not enter the building. When you are in the building, please practice social distancing by staying at least six feet apart and wearing a mask. If you do not have a mask with you, one will be provided.

For patrons who do not want to come into the building, curbside pickup is available all day. Please call the library to schedule a time to pick up your items. The State Library will also send materials through the mail for those who cannot make it to the library or through interdepartmental mail for state employees.

Please continue to watch the State Library’s website for the most up-to-date information at www.library.nd.gov. Reserve items today by calling 1-800-472-2104 or by e-mailing statelib@nd.gov.

NoveList

Have you ever finished a great book and wanted to find more just like it? Or wanted to help your child find just the right book to read? Check out the NoveList database available with a library card from the State Library or your local library.



NoveList connects readers to their next book by making recommendations for what to read next. One of the most popular elements is read-alikes, which suggests titles that are "just like" other titles. Read-alikes are also available for authors and series.

If you have any questions, please contact us at statelib@nd.gov or 701-328-4622.

National Poetry Month is a celebration of poetry that takes place every April. Do you have a love of poetry? Do you want to learn how to appreciate the art even more? Do you want to improve your poetry writing skills? Check out the Poetry Writing 101 course available through Universal Class.

Poetry Writing 101 is a must-take for any budding poet out there who wants to hone their skills and learn to write high-quality, great poetry that others will appreciate. Through various assignments and essays, you will learn how to determine and understand the meanings of poems, recognize and utilize the devices used in writing poetry, become a skilled, knowledgeable poet or lover of the art, and much more.

This self-paced, online class consists of 13 lessons and 40 exams and assignments. This class can also be taken as a video audit, so you get all the information without having to do the assignments or earning the 1.7 CEUs.

Universal Class includes over 500 free continuing education courses. All you need is a library card from the State Library or your local library.

Big Library Read

Reduce stress by embracing humor during the next Big Library Read, the world's largest digital book club. From April 5-19, readers can learn stress-managing techniques from psychologist and stand-up comedian Brian King's *The Art of Taking It Easy* e-book without a waitlist through the OverDrive or Libby app available with your State Library card.

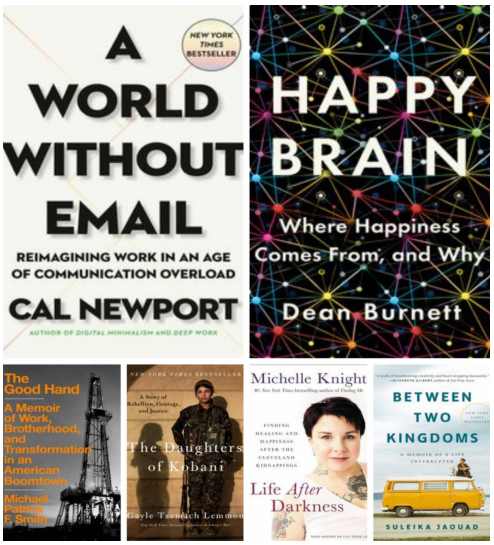
Big Library Read is an international reading program that connects millions of readers from around the world. Join the online discussion about the book.

New Items Available at the North Dakota State Library

New Nonfiction Books

New Fiction Books

New Nonfiction E-Books



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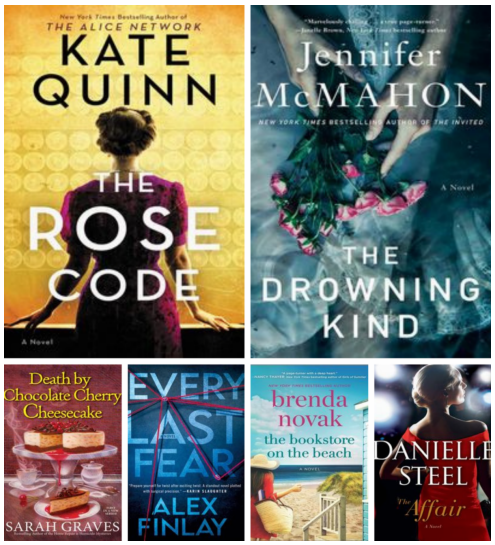

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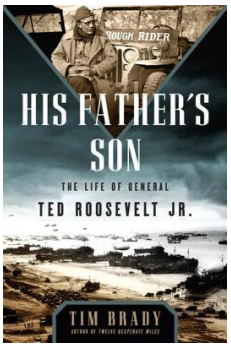
Book Review

"His Father's Son" by Tim Brady

Reviewed by Trevor Martinson



Imagine you've had a fairly prosperous career in the private sector and even made successful forays into politics, having served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Governor of Puerto Rico, Governor-General of the Philippines, and were almost elected Governor of New York. Also, imagine that you're a war hero twice over. You fought courageously in WWI and were wounded. During WWII, you served in Africa, Italy, and France (including a stint under Generals Patton and Bradley); and at age 56, you were one of the first to storm Utah Beach on D-Day (even with a heart condition and a cane), for which you were posthumously awarded a Medal of Honor. Now, imagine these accomplishments are still overshadowed by your father, who just happens to be Theodore Roosevelt (TR).

His Father's Son tells the story of Theodore Roosevelt Jr. (Ted). Even as a boy, Ted, the small, lazy-eyed son of TR, had big shoes to fill. This is evident immediately in this book,

as the title and prologue pay not-so-subtle homage to TR. But make no mistake, this book is about Ted, not TR. The author intertwines worldly and family history with Ted's life, including but not limited to his academic and football career at Harvard, military service, political career, and international hunting expeditions.

Ted lived an exciting and active life, and the book has a quick pace as a result. After casually covering Ted's life for most of the book, the author finally slows down for his military service in WWII. The author doesn't bring history alive as fervently as other writers; but, like Ted, there are frequent moments when he steps away from the shadow of others and thrives.

"His Father's Son" is available in regular print and audiobook (CDs) at the State Library and as an e-audiobook in OverDrive.

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