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Virtual Summer Reading Event
June 1-3, 2022

It's back! The State Library Virtual Summer Reading Kickoff is happening June 1-3. Each day from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM CT, our Facebook live will feature storytimes, crafts, wild antics, and lots of fishy humor! But if you're not shore about this just come along for the *tide!* We should have something that will make you feel sand-tastic!!!!

Keynote Performers:

June 1 at 10:00 AM CT
"Signs Under the Sea" presented by Kathy MacMillan, author of the *Little Hands Signing* series.

June 2 at 10:00 AM CT
"Whalemobile" presented by Cynde McInnis.

June 3 at 10:00 AM CT
"Oceans – Discovery Bay + Penguins" presented by the Minnesota Zoo.

More information will be shared on the **State Library's Facebook page** soon.

OverDrive Server Maintenance

Between May 3 and July 28, 2022, OverDrive will perform server upgrades to enhance the performance and security of the systems used to access your digital collection.

The upgrades will be completed between 5:00 AM and 7:00 AM Central Time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your OverDrive service will be impacted only once for approximately 60 minutes or less.

We expect the impact to be minimal. You will still be able to sign in to the digital collection and browse or read titles, but you may encounter errors when attempting to borrow, place a hold, or return titles during the maintenance period.

Talking Book Services

You've maybe already heard about Talking Books, or may even be a current patron, but have you heard of BARD?

BARD stands for Braille and Audio Reading Download, and with it, you have access to the full catalog of books and magazines from the National Library Services (NLS) for the Blind and Print Disabled. In the same way that you would order books through the Library's Talking Book service, BARD allows you to search, download, and read any of the thousands of titles in our database without having to wait on cartridges coming in the mail. You can use BARD in a regular computer browser, in an Android or iOS phone application, with your current talking book player, or with your own commercial player.

In order to use BARD, you must be part of the Talking Books program. You can find the application for Talking Books at **http://www.library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html**.

If you are already a Talking Books patron and are interesting in utilizing BARD, give us a call at 701-328-1408 or email **tbooks@nd.gov** and our Reader's Advisors can get you set up with an account!

Want to get away for the weekend immersed in a book? What better way than to read the book and then watch the movie. We can request books, audiobooks, and even DVDs.

Let us help get your week started the right way - with a book in your hand.

For any Interlibrary Loan (ILL) requests or questions, contact our ILL Department at **ndslill@nd.gov** or 701-328-3252.

Upcoming Online Reading Challenges Through Beanstack

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2022
May 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated each year from May 1-31. Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander voices through recommended books and activities. Log your reading and activities here to earn badges all month long.

Look Up! Step Back in Time with the James Webb Space Telescope [NASA]
May 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022

Welcome to the Look Up! Step Back in Time with the James Webb Space Telescope challenge. This challenge is designed to help you explore the science behind NASA's newest space telescope mission, the **James Webb Space Telescope** (JWST), now in orbit around a point in deep space known as the second Lagrange point, or L2. JWST is the most advanced infrared space telescope ever launched and allows scientists to look deeper into time and space than ever before! Read books about space science, watch videos, and complete activities to complete this challenge.

Mental Health Awareness
May 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Talking and sharing about mental health can be tricky, but we're here to help #BreakTheStigma. Lower your stress level by reading a good book and check out the resources and activities below to help on your mental health journey. Log your reading and activities to earn badges all month long.

If you have any questions about the online reading challenges, contact the State Library at **statelib@nd.gov** or 1-800-472-2104 | 701-328-4622.

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

Here is a highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection

- Amelia and Emma Anderson at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, 1944
- Crosby High School prom, 1964
- Gordon Anderson dressed for NDAC prom, 1940
- Group at Betsy Ross House, Philadelphia, P.A., 1944

North Dakota Memories

- Construction on a Garrison Dam tunnel
- DeLamere Public School Yearbook, 1953
- Howard Williams interview, 1961
- Sketch of Garrison Dam intake structure compared with the N.D. State Capitol building
- St. Mary's High School Yearbook, 1935

North Dakota School for the Deaf

- Bangs family in an automobile, N.D. School for the Deaf, early 1900s
- Board of Trustees, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1910
- Supt. Anson Spear in his office, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1890s

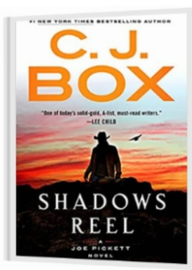
North Dakota State Documents

- Biennial Report of the N.D. Water Commission
  - 1938-1940
  - 1944-1946
  - 1964-1966
  - 1973-1975

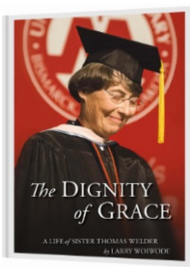
Find thousands of images, documents, videos, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today at http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/.

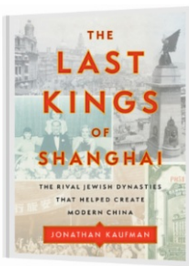
New Items Available at the North Dakota State Library

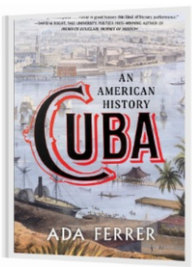
New Fiction Books

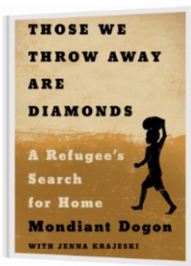


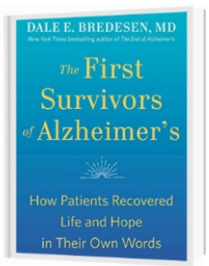
New Nonfiction Books



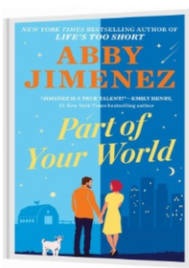


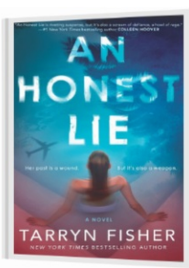


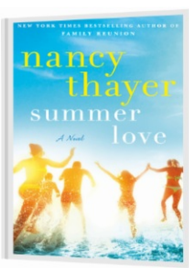


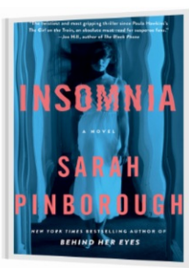


New Fiction E-Books









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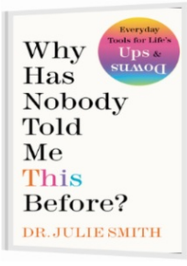
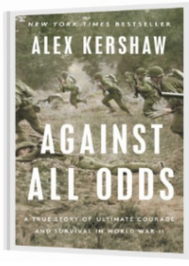




New Fiction E-Audiobooks

New Nonfiction E-Audiobooks

Need Help Writing Policies and Procedures?
Submitted by Al Peterson

Do you need to write or revise policies and procedures for your agency or business? In today's rapidly changing business environment, you need a carefully planned policy and procedure manual that effectively communicates the goals of the agency/business, the expectations for staff, and the standards of behavior. When these rules are in writing, it makes it easier for everyone, from your top supervisors to your part-time employees.

If you need help and guidance with writing policies and procedures, check out *How to Write Effective Policies and Procedures* in Universal Class. This course will guide you through the process of developing an effective policy and procedure manual that reflects the high standards and goals of your company. You will find helpful information for both the large and small organizations, whether you are updating an existing manual or starting a new one from scratch. This course is broken out into 12 lessons, taking you from the beginnings of writing an effective policy and procedures manual to exploring the legal considerations of a policy and procedures manual and even covering how to make it look good.

How to Write Effective Policies and Procedures and other great professional development courses can be found in the Career Training section of Universal Class. Sign up for a course today at **https://www.universalclass.com/northdakotastatend**.

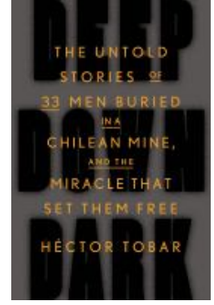
Book Review
"Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle That Set Them Free" by Héctor Tobar

Reviewed by Jessica Robinson

An engaging account of the 2010 Chilean mining accident, this book manages to be comprehensive and yet respectful of the men who were rescued. The greatest strength of the novel for me was Tobar showing how psychologically damaging the whole experience was for them, divided into three main parts:

- The horrific 17 days before they were all found alive but united
- The agonizing, divisive weeks they had to wait until they could be tunneled out

- The debilitating shock of becoming the center of international attention while still dealing with their trauma.



This was a claustrophobic novel to read at times, but I do recommend it to anyone who remembers the incident and wants to learn more or to anybody who likes stories about people surviving in extreme circumstances.

"Deep Down Dark" is available in the North Dakota State Library's **collection** and **ND Library2Go**.

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