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July 18-26
State Library booth at the North Dakota State Fair - Minot

August 15
Deadline for Master of Library Science Grant Applications

September 24-26
NDLA Conference - Mandan

TECH TIP

As the temps outside increase, ensure that your computer stays cool by removing dust from your computer. This will increase your computer's ability to shed heat.

First, shut down your PC and unplug the cables. Take the PC outside and open it up. While you can use a vacuum cleaner to remove the dust, it is best to use low-pressure compressed air to blow the dust out and away. Once open, blast away, being careful not to spin the cooling fans too much as this can lead to damage. Remove as much dust as you can, especially in the power supply and around the CPU.

After everything is blown out, check the fans to make sure the blades turn freely. If not, get them replaced before serious damage is done.

Bismarck/Mandan youngsters bit by the "Reading Bug"

Nearly 4,000 kids in the Bismarck and Mandan area were recently infected with what's been dubbed "the Reading Bug". Librarians and parents noticed the recent outbreak immediately following the fifth-annual Summer Reading Kickoff event at the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Heritage Center on May 30th.

Adam Emter, Reading Bug specialist at the North Dakota State Library, has issued a public health notice to parents, alerting them that kids who were exposed to any of the statewide "Catch the Reading Bug" events might be afflicted with the desire to read more often, keep reading journals, and spend more time in their library. Another common side effect is the sudden urge for kids to turn off the television and pick up a book. Bug displays, free ice cream, exciting crafts, bug tattoos, live music, engaging storytime readers, and other activities at the Bismarck event contributed to the rapidly spreading Reading Bug in that area.

If your child, friend, or loved one might have been exposed to a Reading Bug event, please take them to the nearest library as soon as possible and schedule a consult with a librarian. Your librarian will be able to offer relief, which is often found through participation in a summer reading program. Most kids who are bit by the Reading Bug will find that the desire to read lasts a lifetime. As with any chronic condition, severe outbreaks may be possible at any time. Visit your library soon and you, too, may fall victim to the Reading Bug epidemic of 2008!

Exciting Online Library Resources await at your library

The North Dakota State Library and the Online Dakota Information Network have coordinated the funding from the North Dakota State Legislature and libraries statewide to provide access to a broad range of full-text and multimedia resources for North Dakota citizens. Online Library Resources can be searched 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; all you need is a library card. Resources include full text articles, images, maps, transcripts, audio, and video clips. Articles can be printed, emailed or saved. The following resources are available:

Auto Repair Reference Center – The newest online resource addition is Auto Repair Reference Center which includes information on most domestic and imported vehicles from 1945 to the present. It contains wiring diagrams, drawings, videos, technical service bulletins and recalls, specifications, maintenance schedules, and a labor cost estimator.

This is a very user-friendly resource. After you have selected the year, make, and model of your vehicle, you are presented with repair options. The information is clear, concise and informative. Videos and animated technical diagrams demonstrate the function and service requirements of vehicle systems. The database presents tips on fixing your vehicle and buying the right tools and parts for the repair job. Auto Repair Reference Center is from EBSCO and the former publisher of Chilton's auto repair manuals.

eLibrary and eLibrary Elementary – These accurate and reliable educational resources contain full text magazine and newspaper articles, books, transcripts, maps, images, web links, and audio/video materials. Researchers of all ages will find the search interface easy to use. Both simple and advanced searches can be done from the same home search page using natural language, keywords, or by following topic trees.

Health & Wellness Resource Center – Use this resource to find information on prescription and over-the-counter drugs, diseases and conditions. There are links to health organizations, health assessment tools, and trusted sites. A new feature presents current topics in health and medical news, and there are short videos on numerous health subjects.

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center – This database covers the pros and cons of today's hot issues, from global warming to capital punishment, creationism to sex education. It includes opinion articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, and links to recommended websites. Opposing Viewpoints will help students develop critical thinking skills.

Ancestry Library Edition – Ancestry provides the most complete genealogical information available online. New information is continually added. Collections include: census records, military records, immigration and naturalization records, land records, family trees and so much more. Also available are images, maps, and historical videos. Ancestry Library Edition is only available from within a North Dakota library.

WorldCat (OCLC FirstSearch) – Maintained by over 10,000 member institutions, this is the largest database of library holdings in the world. It contains over a billion records including books, audio and video items, maps, and much more. Patrons can use this resource to locate materials that can be ordered through their library. Librarians can use this resource for collection development, cataloging, or interlibrary loan.

Take advantage of these educational and practical resources. Online Library Resources can be accessed through your library's website or through the State Library's website at www.library.nd.gov. Get a free library card from your library or the North Dakota State Library and dip into these reservoirs of quality information. For more information, please contact your library, or the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 or 701-328-4622 or e-mail statelib@nd.gov.

Grant available for North Dakota Library Science graduate students

Are you searching for career options? Would you like to advance your education? Have you ever considered becoming an information specialist? If so, you may be interested in an educational grant that is available from the North Dakota State Library. Beginning June 1st, 2008, and extending through August 15th, 2008, this grant is available to North Dakota citizens who are pursuing a Master's of Library Science degree from an American Library Association accredited program. Recipients are eligible for up to $7,000, which can be used to pay for tuition, fees, and textbooks. This competitive grant is available for graduate activity that takes place during the time period of July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010.

In an effort to encourage library professionals to live and work in North Dakota, the grant is being offered to North Dakota residents. The grant also requires that any recipient be employed in a North Dakota library within 9 months of receiving a degree and work for 24 months in a full time position in a North Dakota library after receiving a degree. If this exciting opportunity interests you, please contact the North Dakota State Library for more information! Please visit http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/Grants.html for complete guidelines and a printable application. For more information about the grant program, please contact Cindy Larson at (701) 328-2492 or 1-800-472-2104 or clarson@nd.gov.

The new face of EBSCOhost

Starting the summer of 2008, the EBSCOhost databases will have a new look. EBSCOhost 2.0 will present a simplified search screen. EBSCO surveyed customers and users as to what they would like in a new interface. The overwhelming response was a search screen that is more Google-like, simple, and easy to use. Google has started a trend in the design of new database search screens.

EBSCOhost 2.0 opens with the display of a clean and simple search screen. Below the Find field, users have the option of clicking on "Search Options" to display available limiters, expanders, and other search modes. Four new search options are available: Boolean/Phrase, Find all my search terms, Find any of my search terms, and SmartText Searching. SmartText Searching allows users to copy and paste an entire page into the Find field. The words are relevancy ranked and a results list is returned. This can be especially helpful if a user finds a relevant article and wants more articles that are very similar.

EBSCOhost 2.0 also presents a smarter results list page. Users can easily refine and narrow search results. Article information and images can be previewed by holding your mouse cursor over the preview icon. Another new feature is "Related Images." Whenever a search is generated, the entire database is also searched for images that relate to your search terms. These images are automatically displayed with the search results and can be copied and pasted into your research paper. Any articles, searches and alerts saved on the old interface in your "My EBSCOhost" folder will still be available with the new interface.

The philosophy of searching is changing. New searching technologies are adapting to the needs of the user, rather than requiring the user to adapt to the searching technology. Hopefully, these new EBSCOhost enhancements will enrich the research experience for the user and make searching easier, faster, and more interesting. Check it out!

Discover new training opportunities at the North Dakota State Library

New trainings are being offered by the North Dakota State Library. Available sessions include training for library staff as well as two presentations that you may host at your library.

Live Training

Homework Help for Parents is a presentation for parents who want to help their children with reports and research papers, but struggle with finding reliable sources. By using the Online Library Resources, parents can now access the same type of research materials from home that they would traditionally find only in a library. This workshop will focus on content and will also demonstrate searching techniques. The resources featured during this presentation contain full text articles from newspapers and magazines as well as transcripts from national news broadcasts, a wide variety of reference materials and maps, and a large collection of books online.

The Ancestry Library Edition presentation will focus not only on the content found in this genealogical resource, but will also demonstrate searching techniques. This training is perfect for your patrons who are just starting out with genealogy research or are interested in discovering their family history. Since genealogy is a popular topic with some of your patrons, pre-registration is strongly suggested. Additional sessions can be scheduled if demand is high.

The training presentations last about an hour which includes time for questions. The training is available at no charge; the only requirements of the library are Internet access, a room big enough to hold a presentation, and a minimum of ten participants. To assist your library with promotion, the State Library will provide a press release that you can submit to your newspaper and flyers that you can post on bulletin boards throughout your library and community. If you would like additional suggestions for promoting a training session, please contact Al Peterson, Head of Training Services at the State Library, at 1-800-472-2104.

Online Training

With the addition of the newest resource, EBSCO's Auto Repair Reference Center, the North Dakota State Library will also offer online training about this resource to librarians. Using webinar software, the training will demonstrate how to utilize this new Online Library Resource. A webinar is available on the basics of the Ancestry Library Edition database; the training will include some basic search techniques that demonstrate how you can assist your patrons with Ancestry Library Edition.

Other webinars currently being developed include a Worldcat.org overview and a State Library services overview that is designed for new librarians. Visit the North Dakota State Library website at www.library.nd.gov, for more information on how to register for these exciting training opportunities!

Spotlight on the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council

Socrates commented back in the 4th century, "Necessity is the mother of all invention." Centuries after he argued about the necessity of creating "the State", an equally important necessity existed in the North Dakota library community that helped spur the creation of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC).

In October 1995, the Library Study Steering Committee was formed to discuss concerns and issues within the state's library community. It was this committee that through active meetings, statewide forums, and working subcommittees, defined the priorities set forth in the groundbreaking document Library Vision 2004. Early in the committee discussions, the need to present a clear picture of where North Dakota library services stood at that time and how they might look in the future was identified. It was this need that led to the official formation of the NDLCC on July 1st, 1997.

The NDLCC is charged with the task of planning, coordinating, and evaluating the services and programs of North Dakota libraries. The governor appoints two representatives from public libraries; one from a school library; one from a public higher education institution library; one from a private

higher education institution library; one from a special library; one to represent disabled, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations; and two citizens at large.

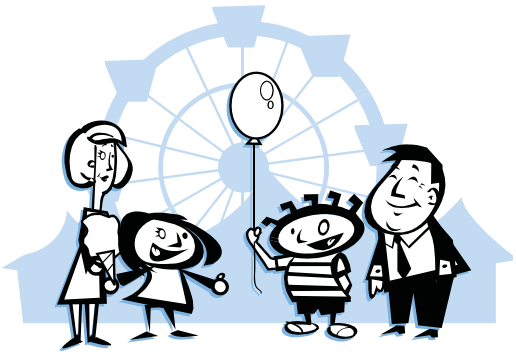
Back L-R: Cheryl Tollefson, Rosemarie Myrdal, Wilbur Stolt, Robert Anderson, Mark Holman, Doris Ott, Dr. Louise Dauphinais
Front L-R: Iris Swedlund, Bonnie MacIver, Donna James, Ann Pederson

The main duties of the NDLCC include: promotion of equitable access to information resources and library services to North Dakota citizens, coordination with the State Library in its role of enriching library service in North Dakota, facilitation of the development of a comprehensive statewide online library catalog, and promotion of statewide resource sharing. The Council members have also performed site visits to libraries throughout the state. Former Council member Cheryl Tollefson says, "The site visits have been a wonderful opportunity to see how grants have positively affected libraries throughout the state."

As if librarians don't have enough tasks to occupy their time, the librarians on the NDLCC willingly take on the extra responsibility that comes with being an active participant on the Council. "I feel it's an honor to represent school libraries, which are the largest group of libraries in North Dakota, but it's also a big responsibility," reported former Council member Iris Swedlund. However, it's not simply the work that makes the service worthwhile. Council members agreed that there's a sense of camaraderie present at the gatherings; both Iris Swedlund and Bonnie MacIver commented that the Council "feels like family."

Some current NDLCC members who are nearing the end of their terms have seen many changes since their appointment to the Council. Bonnie MacIver is in her sixth year on the Council and reports, "It's been exciting to see the changes that have happened since Library Vision 2004 was developed and adopted." Former Lieutenant Governor and Council member Rosemarie Myrdal brings her love of North Dakota's rural areas to the Council by emphasizing the opportunity that libraries have to reach the rural populations of our state. "I also enjoy seeing new opportunities for individual libraries to not only become active participants in the network of North Dakota libraries, but to also become active in the worldwide network of library services through opportunities such as WorldCat."

North Dakota Library Coordinating Council members serve as representatives for the various libraries throughout North Dakota. If you have concerns, questions, or suggestions for anything related to the Council, please do not hesitate to contact your representative. Council member Wilbur Stolt was quick to point out that the lack of publicity about the Council has always been a big issue. "I'd like to see more people bring their questions and concerns to the Council," he said. Contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 to find out the Council member who represents you or your library.



Visit the State Library booth in Commercial Building II at the North Dakota State Fair in Minot, July 18-26, 2008!

New Arrivals in Library Science

Technically Involved: technology-based youth participation activities for your library

Free for All: oddballs, geeks, and gangstas in the public library

Google and the Myth of Universal Knowledge: a view from Europe

Sharing, Privacy and Trust in our Networked World: a report to the OCLC membership

Mapping the Library Landscape [videorecording]: finding the trends that matter

Beyond the Internet: successful research strategies

Listen Up!: podcasting for schools and libraries

Every Book its Reader: the power of the printed word to stir the world

A Splendor of Letters: the permanence of books in an impermanent world

FRBR: a guide for the perplexed

Net Effects: how librarians can manage the unintended consequences of the Internet

Using Benchmarking, Needs Assessment, Quality Improvement, Outcome Measurement, and Library Standards: a how-to-do-it manual with CD-ROM

Information Tomorrow: reflections on technology and the future of public and academic libraries

Librarianship and Human Rights: a twenty-first century guide

Helping Homeschoolers in the Library

Introduction to Public Librarianship

Librarian's Night Before Christmas

Libraries Connect Communities: public library funding & technology access study, 2006-2007

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