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DATES

March 23-24, 2009
Spring Workshops - Bismarck

March 26-27, 2009
Spring Workshops - Fargo

June 1, 2009
Statewide Summer Reading Kickoff

Reference Corner

On December 1st, over 3,400 miles of groomed snowmobile trails opened to the public. The State Library has trail maps as well as the latest safety and operation guidelines. You can also review the state's 2008-2012 Snowmobile Program Strategic Plan and see the results of recent surveys of North Dakota snowmobile usage and public opinion. Visit www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreation/snowmobile/index.html for interactive electronic versions or to request personal copies.

Many state agency brochures and fact sheets are also available in the ODIN catalog in an electronic format. You don't need to find a spot in your home to store them, and you don't need to remember where that spot was. One tip sheet to periodically pull up and review is Winter Survival in Your Car from the Dept. of Emergency Services www.library.nd.gov/statedocs/EmergencyManagement/winterweather20070313.pdf

Governor Hoeven Releases Budget to Legislature

Governor Hoeven presented his 2009/2011 budget to the legislature early in December. It contained funding for the current North Dakota State Library services, including $1.2M for State Aid to Public Libraries, $237,000 for Library Vision 2010, $200,000 for Online Library Resources, reference and interlibrary loan services, training, talking book and radio reading services, and cataloging and state document services. It also included an optional package of an additional $100,000 for State Aid to Public Libraries and $120,000 for Online Library Resources.

This is just the first step in the process which ends with both the House and the Senate making final decisions about the budget.

The Legislature begins January 6, 2009. The State Library will send information out each Friday, beginning January 9, 2009, about library bills, hearings, and other library related information.

Doris Ott, North Dakota State Librarian, and her husband Rich Ott attended a lecture and reception at the White House on October 27th in honor of the 150th birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt. During their visit, Doris and Rich had the opportunity to meet President George Bush and First Lady Laura Bush.

White House photo by Chris Greenberg

Featured Online Resource: Professional Collection

Is your subscription budget for professional journals gasping for breath? Do you need more resources for professional development? Would you like convenient access to professional journals 24 hours a day, seven days a week?

Well, the Professional Collection is available online to all North Dakota citizens, teachers, and librarians. It can be accessed from the North Dakota State Library homepage – just click on "Online Library Resources." If you logon from home, you just need a library card, which is free. This valuable resource is a product from Gale/Cengage Learning, a world leader in e-research and educational publishing for libraries, schools and businesses.

The Professional Collection is comprised of almost 400 journals targeted to educators and librarians. Most articles are full text and many are peer-reviewed. Here you can find journals relating to almost every academic discipline from sports to psychology, art to nutrition, technology to the humanities, and much more.

A partial listing of journals that focus on librarianship and information technology include: *American Libraries, Booklist, Computers in Libraries, Information Outlook, Information Technology & Libraries, Library Journal, Library Trends, Macworld, PC World, Publisher's Weekly, School Library Journal,* and *Teacher Librarian*.

The Professional Collection will help you get up to speed with your professional development goals. Check out the tutorial on the North Dakota State Library homepage (click "tutorials"). The Online Library Resources are funded by the North Dakota State Legislature and North Dakota libraries. For more information contact the State Library at 1-800-472-2104.

Attention School Librarians

Do you know that the training staff at the North Dakota State Library can train your students as well as your colleagues? Classroom trainings for your students can be scheduled during the normal class period. The trainers can tailor the presentation to fit the needs of the students and present grade-appropriate resources. The training can focus on a particular database or give a quick overview of all available resources. These trainings are free to schools and they can be scheduled as hands-on training using a computer lab located in your school. If you have any questions, or if you would like to schedule a training session, please contact either Steve Axtman or Al Peterson at 1-800-472-2104 or 701-328-3495.

Mini-Grants Awarded

The North Dakota State Library awareded twenty-three North Dakota public and school libraries a "mini-grant" for resource sharing in November, 2008. The LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funding, totaling $67,000, went to libraries whose collections are on WorldCat and who loaned a minimum of 25 items per year for the last five years (2002 – 2007) to other North Dakota libraries. The grant amounts of $5,000, $3,000 or $1,000 were based on the five-year average of items loaned. The grants will purchase materials that will be placed on WorldCat and become available to libraries and citizens throughout the state.

Spring Workshops
Destination: Library

The 2009 North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops are coming together and there's some good programming in the line-up! This year's workshops will be held in Bismarck on March 23rd and 24th and in Fargo on March 26th and 27th. The locations for Bismarck will be the Best Western Doublewood Hotel and Bismarck State College library. The Fargo locations will be the Best Western Doublewood Inn with the technology classes being taught at the West Fargo Public Library.

The State Library has a great lineup of workshops including technology workshops in both locations. Topics for this year's workshops include: library marketing, developing programs in your library, basic book repair, summer reading programs, and video gaming in your library. A new addition this year will be round table discussions on various library related topics. Technology workshops will feature representatives from ProQuest, EBSCO, and Gale. Another new program addition is being presented by the UND School of Medicine and Health Science staff. This workshop will present Go Local, an online resource that provides information about health services available to the residents of North Dakota. This workshop will also present Medline, an authoritative information resource from the National Library of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health, and other agencies and health-related organizations.

Look for flyers in the mail, advertisement on the North Dakota State Library website and e-mails for registration information. We hope to see you at the 2009 State Library Spring Workshops!

Did You Know?

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The North Dakota State Library facilitates 34,000 interlibrary loans annually.

Staff at the North Dakota State Library train over 500 librarians, trustees, and citizens in the use of the statewide catalog and Online Library Resources.

The North Dakota State Library awards and distributes $800,000 in state and federal grant dollars to public and school libraries statewide.

The North Dakota Talking Book Library sends an average of 1,500 talking books to its patrons per week. That's nearly 78,000 per year!

Public Libraries

North Dakota has 93 public library locations.

There are 220 full-time equivalent staff positions at public libraries across the state, including 31 ALA/MLS professionals.

Public librarians assisted patrons with 395,700 questions in 2007.

Attendance at public libraries totaled 2.3 million in 2007.

School Libraries

294 school librarians teach students in North Dakota's K-12 school libraries.

North Dakota has a total of 380 school libraries.

New Arrivals in Library Science

Libraries and the book trade : the formation of collections from the sixteenth to the twentieth century

Connecting young adults and libraries : a how-to-do-it manual for librarians

Fundamentals of technical services management

Uncovering our history : teaching with primary sources

Tracing your Dakota roots : a guide to genealogical research in the Dakotas

Intellectual property : everything the digital-age librarian needs to know

Partners in literacy : schools and libraries building communities through technology

Don't steal copyrighted stuff! : avoiding plagiarism and illegal Internet downloading

Strategic planning for results (Public Library Association)

Human resources for results : the right person for the right job (Public Library Association)

Preservation management for libraries, archives and museums

Research-based readers' advisory

Cataloging with AACR2 & MARC21 : for books, electronic resources, sound recordings, videorecordings, and serials

Acquiring copyright permission to digitize and provide open access to books

Toward a 21st-century school library media program

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