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North Dakota State Library FLICKERTALE

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DATES

July 24-August 1
State Library Booth at the ND State Fair - Minot

September
National Library Card Signup Month

September 8-9
ND Library Coordinating Council Meeting - Bismarck

September 23-26
ND Library Association Annual Conference - Dickinson

New Online Library Resources

New resources which are available to all North Dakota citizens and libraries have been added to the Online Library Resource package, thanks to the State Library's funding from the North Dakota State Legislature. New resources include topics on job preparation, Spanish language, fine arts, government documents, education, and more. Two exciting additions are Britannica Online, which will include the public library, school, and academic editions; and LearningExpress, which features practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, and information to help students and adults succeed. Other additions include ERIC, the Education Resource Information Center, a guide to published and unpublished sources on thousands of educational topics; and ¡Informe!, a reference tool created especially for Spanish-speaking users.

The new resources are being added to an already impressive list of Online Library Resources. Existing resources that will continue to be available to North Dakota libraries and citizens include WorldCat, a worldwide cooperative database of more than one billion records and EBSCO Auto Repair Reference Center. Other existing resources include Ancestry Library Edition, a genealogical resource that makes family research easy for beginners while still providing in-depth tools for even the most advanced genealogists; Opposing Viewpoints Reference Center, a virtual library of resources designed to aid students and citizens in the study of today's social issues; and Health and Wellness Resource Center, which provides access to medical, statistical, health, and related information. e-Library, a database of multi-media educational resources will also continue to be provided to North Dakota libraries and citizens.

Partnership for Online Library Resources Continues

The North Dakota State Library continues to partner with the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN), Minitex, and the South Dakota State Library to re-license Online Library Resources. The State Library's partners realize the importance of statewide access to a common suite of databases to libraries, school media centers, students, and citizens within and among the three states. Through the partnership, North Dakota is able to maximize its purchasing power, and ultimately provide a more inclusive and robust Online Library Resource package to its libraries and citizens.

Partnership resources are available to libraries in North Dakota who choose to contribute toward the price of the resources. For schools, the formula is $1.10 per high school student, and for public libraries the formula is $0.11 per citizen in the legal service area. Resources available to contributing libraries include databases from EBSCO, Gale, and ProQuest, including Health Source - Nursing/Academic Edition (which provides over 500 full-text journals focusing on medical disciplines) and other new databases. If your library is interested in participating in this program, please contact Cindy Larson at 1-800-472-2104 or clarson@nd.gov.

Thousands of youngsters swarmed the capitol grounds for the sixth annual Bismarck/Mandan summer reading kickoff event on June 1st.

At this year's "Be Creative @ Your Library" event, kids enjoyed storybook characters, face painting, temporary tattoos, live music, celebrity storytime, make-your-own bookmarks, and hands-on pottery lessons. The event was sponsored by the State Library, the State Historical Society, and many other local businesses and agencies.

The Grand Forks Air Force Base Library hosted a music-themed kickoff event on June 13th with over 80 people in attendance. Librarian Lori Kozel reports that 130 children, teens, and adults are signed up for the summer reading program.

The 2009 Center Library Children's Book Week was a huge success! There were 86 registered children for the book week during June 8-12! The "Be Creative" Book Week was filled with storytime, crafts, a ballet performance and lots of reading. Librarian Milissa Meckle tallied over 300 hours of logged reading by the participants throughout the week!

Opportunities Abound at ND Library Association Conference

The 2009 North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) Annual Conference is slated for September 23rd-26th at the Days Hotel & Conference Center in Dickinson. "Evolution of the Library" is the theme for this year's conference, which will feature a variety of workshops, networking opportunities, business meetings, vendor booths, and social events.

With all the changes occurring in the library profession - and the changes occurring in other professions which have a profound influence on librarians - keeping up can be a major task. Be sure to stay informed, educated, and entertained - attend the NDLA conference! The State Library will present a free pre-conference on September 23rd covering Online Library Resources from Gale and EBSCO. More information about the conference can be found on the NDLA website at www.ndla.info.

Think Tanks Produce Results

The North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council recently hosted three library Think Tanks throughout the state. Participants, including State Library staff, Coordinating Council members, librarians, library board members, and citizens worked diligently to update the vision for libraries in North Dakota. Results from the Think Tanks will soon be posted on the State Library website at www.library.nd.gov.

Visit the State Library booth in Commercial Building II at the North Dakota State Fair, July 24th - August 1st!

State Library Promotes Librarianship Through Ongoing Education Grant

For many years the North Dakota State Library has supported the education of professional librarians in North Dakota. Until now, individuals who were interested in pursuing a career as a librarian only had a few chances throughout the year to apply for the State Library funded Master of Library and Information Science grant, but now, all that has changed.

The Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) grant is now being offered on an ongoing basis, with applications being accepted at any time throughout the year. This change allows the State Library to be more accommodating to students who are overloaded with deadlines and workloads. "We were thinking of ways to become more aggressive with the MLIS grant and this was one of the most simple ideas," State Librarian Doris Ott said. "It will certainly help us achieve our goal of continued development of current and prospective library science students."

The grant, which requires that recipients be North Dakota citizens and also be enrolled in an American Library Association accredited school, may be used to pay tuition, university fees, and textbooks required to complete the course of study. Grant recipients must work full-time in a North Dakota library for two years following the completion of their degree. Grant awards will range from a minimum of $1,000 to a maximum of $7,000 and are awarded on a competitive basis. More complete grant guidelines and an application form are available on the State Library website at www.library.nd.gov/grants/MLIS2009.pdf. Additional questions may be directed to Cindy Larson at 1-800-472-2104 or clarson@nd.gov.

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- *The publications page contains brochures, reports, handbooks, manuals, newsletters, and library directories?*
- *Documents are available in PDF format, which can be accessed using Adobe Reader, a free downloadable software that allows users to view, print, and manage PDF documents?*
- *Current publications are modified and updated on an ongoing basis and new publications may be added at any time?*
- *Document titles, contents, and even filenames can be searched using the search box at the top of the State Library website?*
- *There are currently over four years of archived Flickertale newsletters available on the State Library website?*

The publications page of the State Library website is a valuable resource for information about the State Library and its services. Check it out by visiting www.library.nd.gov and clicking 'Publications' under the 'About Us' menu or by simply going to www.library.nd.gov/publications.html.

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