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DATES

November 16-17
ND Library Coordinating Council Meeting - Bismarck

December 2-3
ND Library Coordinating Council Meeting - Fargo

April 12-13, 2010
Spring Workshops - Fargo

April 15-16, 2010
Spring Workshops - Bismarck

June 2, 2010
Summer Reading Kickoff Day

Librarians in Literature

Some are offended by it, many laugh at it, but we've *all* seen it. It's the librarian stereotype. You know - the shhhhing, spectacle wearing, bun-sporting old maid. But it might surprise you to know that some folks examine this stereotype, including the questions of how, why, where, and when the stereotype is perpetuated.

A recent blog post by the Library History Buff titled "Libraries and Librarians in Children's Books" addresses some of those questions. Check out the full post, which includes further discussion, links to a WorldCat bibliography, and related websites, at http://bit.ly/3qQVAN.

Sitting Bull College Library Dedicated

Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, North Dakota recently dedicated a new student support center and library. One of the first tribal colleges in the United States, Sitting Bull College has been operating for 36 years and currently offers seven Bachelor of Science degree programs and 23 Associate degrees.

For the September 21st ceremony, U.S. Congressman Earl Pomery, State Librarian Doris Ott, Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman Ron His Horse is Thunder, Sitting Bull College President Dr. Laurel Vermillion, and North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Executive Director Darrell Dorgan were on hand to share in the celebration. A major highlight of the dedication was the return of Sitting Bull's headdress to Sitting Bull College from the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, where it has been on display since 2005. "The program is a celebration of not only our new building, but it also exemplifies our cultural heritage as Lakota and Dakota peoples," said Vermillion.

"The Sitting Bull College Library, which has an extensive Native American collection as well as a computer lab, microfilm collection, and reference kiosk is better equipped to meet the academic needs of students and faculty. Our patrons say it looks like a real library now!" says Library Director Mark Holman.

For more information about the college or library, see www.sittingbull.edu.

L-R: Dr. Kelly Morgan, library assistant and adjunct faculty member at Sitting Bull College; Doris Ott, State Librarian; and Mark Holman, Director of Sitting Bull College Library

New and Updated Publications

Check out the following new and updated publications, available now on the State Library website at www.library.nd.gov**.**

North Dakota Public Library Statistics - 2008
http://www.library.nd.gov/publications/2008stats.pdf

Interlibrary Loan Statistics Report - July 2008-June 2009
http://www.library.nd.gov/publications/illstatsreport.pdf

Handbook for North Dakota Public Library Board Members
http://www.library.nd.gov/trusteemanuals.html

Holiday Greetings!

The staff of the North Dakota State Library would like to wish you Happy Holidays and all the best in 2010!

Statewide Catalog Development Reaches Milestone

Since 1999, when the Statewide Catalog Development department started, the diligent librarians of the department have been adding records to ODIN and WorldCat databases for libraries that receive grants. In September 2009, the 600,000th item was cataloged! Libraries that the department catalogs for range in size from 3,000 titles to 45,000 titles. The latest libraries added to ODIN and WorldCat are Mandaree Elementary, Mandaree High School, Grafton Elementary, Grafton Middle School and Grafton High School. Newly operating ODIN libraries include Ashley Public School, Fessenden-Bowdon School, and the Ward County Library.

For more information about the Statewide Catalog Development department, check them out on the web at www.library.nd.gov/statewide.html.

State Library Staff Present Workshops at Conference

Have you ever wondered how to repair neglected books in your collection? Been thinking about hosting a summer reading program at your library, but don't know where to start? Do you have questions about State Library grants?

During the recent North Dakota Library Association Conference in Dickinson, staff from the State Library attempted to answer these questions and much more through presentations, hands-on demonstrations, and lively discussion.

Eric Stroshane, Head of Public Services at the State Library, led an interactive workshop, focusing on the background of book conservation and basic book repair techniques. Cindy Larson, Assistant State Librarian, hosted an informational session seeking to answer questions and to offer information about State Library grants. Participants at Adam Emter's post-conference Summer Reading Programs workshop had the opportunity to share ideas, discuss themed activities, and learn about planning and promoting a successful summer reading program. Shari Mosser, Head of Interlibrary Loan, coordinated pre-conference vendor workshops on Online Library Resources from EBSCO and Proquest representatives.

The State Library also staffed a booth at the conference, highlighting library services and providing a live demonstration of the State Library website and Online Library Resources.

New Calendar on the State Library Website

Visitors to the State Library website can now view an interactive calendar, showing important events at the State Library. Librarians interested in webinar trainings can use the calendar to choose and register for sessions. Users can search the calendar, sign up for an RSS feed of State Library events, and even copy particular events to personal calendars, including Outlook, Google, Yahoo, and more. Just click the "Calendar" link on the State Library website at www.library.nd.gov.

Tangled in the Vine - ActivityVine!

ActivityVine is the brainchild of Melinda Drellack and Jason Weekley, both former educators. Melinda and Jason saw the need to develop a website to connect individuals involved with school activities to improve education by meeting the changing needs of students.

"ActivityVine.com is a completely free social collaboration website for everyone involved in school activities," says Drellack. Social collaborating involves a community of people centered on a particular focus area. With ActivityVine, people including students, teachers, advisers, coaches, parents and professionals connect, share, collaborate, and stay informed with others involved in school activities.

There are 58 academic and athletic activities that people can join, which range from Book Club, Journalism, and Speech to Volleyball, Basketball and Baseball. Jason says "once people join the activities that interest them, they can ask a question, answer one, or share an experience, all while meeting others that have the same passions."

Students can connect with other students, advisers, coaches, or teachers. "If a student is from a smaller school or program, they can feel connected with others in their activity using ActivityVine," says Drellack. "This can keep kids from quitting because they feel alone."

You can also create activities specific to your school, such as a book club, chess club, or a summer reading club that will only be visible to the members you invite. Library Media Specialists are using this technology to create custom book clubs for their schools. To learn more visit www.activityvine.com.

Summer Reading @ Your Library

The 2010 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) summer reading manuals are now available. The CSLP summer reading manuals contain valuable information for planning, promoting, and hosting a successful summer reading program.

The 2010 children's theme is "Make a Splash - Read!", the teen theme is "Make Waves @ Your Library", and the adult theme is "Water Your Mind - Read!" For 2010, the State Library will provide one free manual to every public library in North Dakota. Early in October, all public libraries were sent ordering information. Accompanying the manual is a DVD which includes graphics, line-art, reproducible forms, promotional materials, and a full pdf copy of the manual.

Governor Hoeven has been requested to proclaim Wednesday, June 2, 2010 "Summer Reading Kickoff Day @ Your Library". Libraries planning to host a kickoff event are encouraged to host it on Summer Reading Kickoff Day. A summer reading kickoff event is a great way to attract community and media attention to your library!

An e-mail listserv is available for North Dakota librarians who would like to share ideas and resources about summer reading programs. To subscribe to the list, send an email to listserv@nd.gov with "subscribe NDSL-SUMREAD your name" (without the quotation marks) in the body of the message.

If you have questions about the CSLP summer reading manual or anything related to summer reading programs in North Dakota, please contact Adam Emter at 800-472-2104 or aemter@nd.gov. You can also check out summer reading info on the web at www.library.nd.gov/publicawareness.html.

New Arrivals in Library Science

Learn Descriptive Cataloging

Learn Dewey Decimal Classification (Edition 22)

Learn Library of Congress Classification

Into the Future [videorecording] : on the preservation of knowledge in the electronic age

Slow Fires [videorecording] : on the preservation of the human record

The Shelf Elf [juvenile fiction]

The Shelf Elf Helps Out [juvenile fiction]

Digital Media, Youth, and Credibility

So Many Books, So Little Time : a year of passionate reading

Managerial Accounting for Libraries & Other Not-for-profit Organizations

Our Librarian Won't Tell Us Anything! [juvenile fiction]

Goldie Socks and the Three Libearians [juvenile fiction]

Prairies and Plains : the reference literature of a region

Golden Legacy : how Golden Books won children's hearts, changed publishing forever, and became an American icon along the way

Celebrating Research : rare and special collections from the membership of the Association of Research Libraries

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