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State Library Welcomes Hulen Bivins

There's a new face at the North Dakota State Library. Hulen Bivins began duties as State Librarian on December 6th. Bivins is replacing former State Librarian Doris Ott, who retired in November.

Bivins previously served as the Assistant Director of the Alabama Public Library Service where he coordinated the Field Services staff, in-agency library programs, services to the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and the certification program for the payment of state funds to libraries in accord with state regulations. With more than 35 years of librarian experience, he has also worked with the Public Library of Nashville (TN) and the library system of Marshall University (WVA).

"I am excited about the opportunity to work with a State Library agency known for its dedication to library services that enhance the quality of life for the citizens that it serves," Bivins said. "Whether the service rendered is for educational or leisure interest, the 100% effort of the library staff is exemplary. It is my personal hope that the vision that I bring to the staff shall challenge standard perceptions, create more analysis, and result in even more quality services for the citizens of North Dakota."

Bivins holds a B.A. in History from Lipscomb University, an M.S.L.S. in Library Science from the University of Tennessee, and a J.D. from the Jones School of Law at Faulkner University.

$200,000 INCREASE FOR STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Governor Dalrymple presented his budget to the Legislature on December 8, 2010. The great news for libraries is that he included full funding for the State Library's current services and an additional $200,000 for State Aid to Public Libraries!

State Aid to Public Libraries is distributed to city and county libraries based on the formula of $1 per capita for cities and $1 per capita and $5 per square mile for counties. The funding supports the ability to purchase additional materials, add staffing, and upgrade technology for public libraries.

The governor's budget recommendation includes current services such as Minitex, Library Vision 2014 grants, librarian and public training, interlibrary loan, reference services, state documents, statewide cataloging, and talking book services for the disabled.

State Librarian Hulen Bivins will present supporting testimony to the Senate appropriations committee for the State Library budget, including State Aid to Public Libraries.

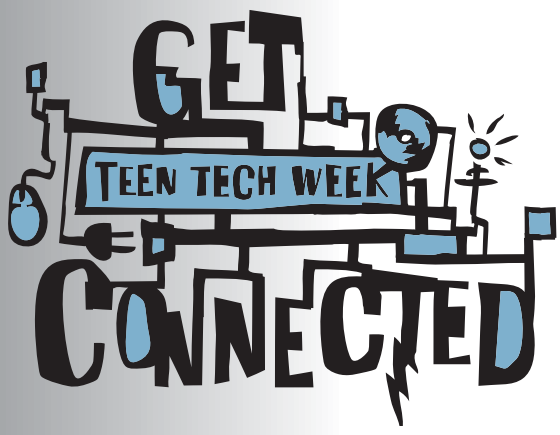
Spring Workshops 2011

Are you ready to develop a Game Plan for Success? If so, don't miss the annual North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops. The 2011 Spring Workshops will be held in Bismarck at the Radisson Hotel and Bismarck State College Library March 30th through April 1st.

Featured presenter Pat Wagner has worked with Pattern Research, Inc. since 1977. She is an educator, trainer, writer and consultant and focuses on personnel, management, leadership, marketing, career and strategic planning issues. She has special interests in conflict management, project management, community outreach and future studies. Her presentation will be "Vision and Mission: Working for the Better Future." This presentation is an excellent opportunity for you and your board members to develop a game plan for your library. We are also offering a session from the Humanities Council on the Dakota Discussions book clubs. This session will not only present information about starting a book club, but will also give attendees the opportunity to participate in a short book discussion. In addition, State Library staff will present workshops on the basics of cataloging, book repair, and reference and reader advisory services. If your game plan includes brushing up on your Online Library Resources searching skills, check out the workshops from Gale Cengage, EBSCO, Encyclopedia Britannica, LearningExpress Library and UFind. Make plans to attend and we'll work together to develop your Game Plan for Success!

Teen Tech Week

Teen Tech Week 2011 is March 6-12! Teen Tech Week is a national initiative aimed at teens, librarians, educators, parents, and other concerned adults that highlights nonprint resources at the library. The 2011 theme "Mix and Mash @ your library" focuses on encouraging teens to use library resources to express their creativity by developing their own unique online content and safely sharing it by using online collaborative tools. For more information, including tips and tools for implementing Teen Tech Week at your library, please visit www.ala.org/teentechweek.



One World, Many Stories

There's a summer reading workshop being hosted near you! In early February, workshops will be held at six different locations throughout North Dakota. The workshops will focus on planning, promoting, and hosting a successful summer reading program. The full-day workshops will also include time for craft ideas, program suggestions, and idea sharing with other summer reading program facilitators. Locations and dates include Bismarck (February 7th), Minot (February 8th), Dickinson (February 10th), Grand Forks (February 14th), Wahpeton (February 16th) and Jamestown (February 17th). Workshops will run 9:30am to 4:00pm and are being offered at no charge.

To register, please visit the calendar on the State Library website at www.library.nd.gov. For more information about the workshops, please contact Adam Emter at 701-328-4656 or aemter@nd.gov.

Students and teachers in North Dakota now have access to EBSCO's Searchasaurus, a database designed for students in grades K through 3. It is a colorful interface with a dinosaur theme that searches the Primary Search database resources. Searchasaurus is a fun way for young researchers to experience online searching, and it helps students develop basic searching skills.

From the Searchasaurus home page, students can search by keywords or topics. To search by keyword, enter terms in the Find box and click Search. The search is performed and the results are displayed. To search by topic, just click on a topic (for example, Animals), then click a subtopic (for example, Mammals), then Horse; the search results are displayed.

You can also combine a keyword search with a topic search. This might be useful if you want to search for information about bears (the animal), but don't want information about the Chicago Bears football team. For a combined search, you must choose the topic first (for example, Animals), then enter "bears" in the Find box. Searchasaurus displays a list of articles relating to your keyword within the topic you selected.

Searching by Lexile ranges is also possible. Below the Find box, select a Lexile level, enter your search terms in the Find box, and click Search. Lexile searching works with keyword searching only.

The home page also features buttons to search for dictionary words, encyclopedia articles, or pictures. Students can explore the Top Searches of the day or read Fun Facts of the day. The Teachers Resources link allows teachers to search educational journals, ERIC, and curriculum standards.

Searchasaurus accesses a variety of primary resources including full-text magazines, newspapers, Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia, American Heritage Children's Dictionary, Encyclopedia of Animals, reference books, biographies, photos, and maps.

Students, teachers, and parents can access Searchasaurus, and other valuable online educational databases, from school or home. Parents and teachers can be confident that these databases are evaluated for quality and are appropriate for students. Contact the State Library at 800-472-2104 for more details.

Teen Video Contest

The North Dakota State Library and the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) have recently partnered to create the 2011 "You Are Here" Teen Video Contest. This competition is an opportunity for North Dakota teens to develop their video skills, have fun, and encourage other North Dakota teens to use the library all summer long.

North Dakota teens are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video using the 2011 theme "You are Here," which focuses on world cultures and customs. The North Dakota winner will receive $250 from CSLP and the winner's public library will receive $100 from CSLP. Submissions are due at the State Library by March 1, 2011.

For more information, entry details, or to download a flyer that may be printed or customized, please visit www.library.nd.gov/videocontest.html.

New Arrivals in Library Science

The librarian's book of quotes

Animals in young adult fiction

Learning curves : body image and female sexuality in young adult literature

Copy, rip, burn : the politics of copyleft and open source

Grown up digital : how the net generation is changing your world

Real lives revealed : a guide to reading interests in biography

Burning books

Neal-Schuman library technology companion : a basic guide for library staff

Standard cataloging for school and public libraries

The library : an illustrated history

A chronology of librarianship, 1960-2000

Built of books : how reading defined the life of Oscar Wilde

Story circle : digital storytelling around the world

Library mashups : exploring new ways to deliver library data

The State Library will be closed Monday, January 17th to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Monday, February 21st to observe Presidents' Day.

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