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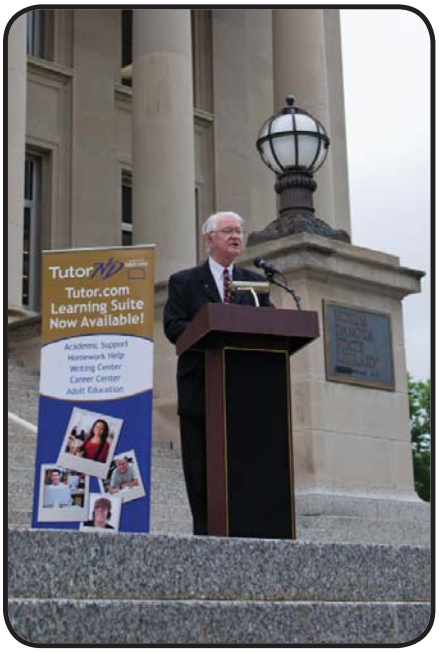
North Dakota State Library Launches Online Tutor ND Service

Tutor ND, a new service being provided by the North Dakota State Library, will provide free tutoring services to North Dakotans of all ages. Using the Tutor ND service, available at www.tutornd.com, users will be able to interact with professional tutors via the Internet in a "one-on-one" format. Students in public schools, private schools, home schools, as well as students of colleges and universities will benefit from this new service.

North Dakota State Superintendent Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead and Bismarck-area students attended a Tutor ND demonstration during a June 22nd press announcement for Tutor ND at the North Dakota State Library.

Expert tutors will be available to offer assistance in subjects ranging from English to math, science to social studies, and more. All tutors, many of whom are retired college and university professors, are professionally tested in their respective subject area. Also, all tutors are screened with full background checks, so parents can feel safe about their child's interaction with tutors. North Dakota citizens can connect to Tutor ND for live help through any computer with Internet access, including computers at their public library or at home.



North Dakota State Superintendent Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead spoke during a June 22nd press announcement for Tutor ND at the North Dakota State Library.

The service will be available statewide Sunday through Thursday evenings, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Central time, and may be accessed by visiting www.tutornd.com.

"We expect Tutor ND to help the student population of the state to excel as each student shall have the opportunity to increase their skills; the marginal student becomes an achiever and the exceptional student becomes truly outstanding," said State Superintendent, Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead.

"All students in North Dakota will benefit from this service including our home-schooled population and college students who are adjusting to a campus setting and the rigors of higher education," said State Librarian, Hulen E. Bivins.

Funding for this program is provided by the North Dakota State Library with the aid and support provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington, D.C.

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CALENDAR

August 8-10
Summer Breeze Colloquium - Bismarck

September
Library Card Sign-up Month

September 8-10
Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference - Frisco, Texas

September 21-24
North Dakota Library Association Annual Conference - Minot

Flickertale Publishing Format Change

Beginning with this July 2011 issue, the *Flickertale* newsletter of the North Dakota State Library (NDSL) will be published monthly, in electronic format only. This decision was made based upon the need for increased publishing space and frequency, inclusion of color graphics and photographs, and the desire to reduce printing expenditures. Each *Flickertale* issue will feature news and information about the North Dakota State Library, news about North Dakota libraries, and national library news.

State Library Creates New Field Services Department

The North Dakota State Library is pleased to announce the creation of a Field Services Division at the State Library. The Field Services Division is available to work directly with North Dakota libraries on a number of issues. Such issues would include, but not be limited to, library policies, bylaws, funding considerations, programming, and long range planning for services and building needs. The State Library staff members working in the Field Services Division are Elizabeth Jacobs, Sarah Matusz, and Eric Stroshane. As experienced library professionals, each looks forward to this new opportunity to share their knowledge and abilities as they work directly with libraries in the state. Libraries and librarians are encouraged to contact the Field Services Division to discuss any and all needs of an individual library. Contact may be by email or by phone at 800-472-2104.

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North Dakota State Library Volunteer Recognition

> "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."
>
> ~ Elizabeth Andrew

The State Library hosted a volunteer recognition event on May 20, 2011 to acknowledge the efforts of its many dedicated volunteers. Speakers at the event included: State Superintendent, Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead; State Librarian, Hulen E. Bivins; North Dakota Supreme Court Chief Justice, Gerald VandeWalle; and Lynn Iverson, a North Dakota State Library Talking Books patron.

State Superintendent, Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead

North Dakota Supreme Court Chief Justice, Gerald VandeWalle

Volunteers contributed 3,912 hours to the North Dakota State Library during the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. The majority of those hours were within the Talking Books department of NDSL, which offers reading services for individuals with physical, visual, or reading impairments.

Some of the volunteer positions at the North Dakota State Library include:

- Radio Announcers - Reading newspaper articles, grocery ads, and feature columns for a radio reading service.
- Book and Magazine Narrators - Recording fiction and nonfiction books, North Dakota magazines, and other patron-requested materials.
- Circulation Assistants - Assisting staff with daily circulation of talking books. Duties include shelving, book inspection, tape repair, and other duties.

About 50 volunteers and guests attended the volunteer recognition event.

Lynn Iverson, Talking Books Patron

Unable to attend the volunteer recognition event were (left to right)Russell Holm, Allen Syrstad, and Albert Holman. These men, all from the Grand Forks area, work diligently repairing cassette and digital talking book players.

State Librarian, Hulen E. Bivins

State Library to Host "Summer Breeze Colloquium"

All North Dakota librarians and public library board members are invited to attend the Summer Breeze Colloquium workshops, planned for August 8-10 at the Best Western Doublewood Inn, Bismarck. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend workshops featuring the following library-focused topics: community resources, website presence, weeding, library policies, long-range planning, data analysis, basic bookkeeping, statistical reporting, social media, genealogy, supporting foundations, and information literacy.

> "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty."
> ~ Henry Ford

The State Library will provide a stipend of up to $150 for participants who need financial assistance to attend this workshop. The stipend may cover the registration, mileage at 30 cents per mile, and/or lodging at or below state rates (a receipt must be attached for lodging).

For additional information, or to submit your registration, please visit www.library.nd.gov/news.html. We look forward to seeing you at the 2011 State Library Summer Breeze Colloquium!

The State Library: On the Road

Although the North Dakota State Library is located in Bismarck, its staff members occasionally travel throughout the state for various reasons, including exhibit booths, training sessions, library visits and more. The following is a list of dates and locations of State Library staff during the upcoming months.

July 11
Ancestry Library Edition Training - Bismarck

July 22-30
North Dakota State Fair - Minot

August 1
ND Council of Teachers of English - Mandan

August 3
Teacher Training - Devils Lake

August 4
Senior Wellness Sensation - Bismarck

August 8
ND Career and Technical Education - Bismarck

August 9
Teacher Training - Belcourt

State Library Staff Update

Matthew Lengenfelder has been hired as IT Coordinator at the State Library. Charged with keeping all facets of State Library technology running smoothly, the IT coordinator performs many challenging and essential duties.

Welcome, Matthew!

Developing Your Ready Reference Collection

As librarians, we have all had our share of difficult reference questions. You know those types of questions - the ones that took hours digging through reference books and combing the internet looking for the right answer. But not all inquiries require deep, intense research. Sometimes patrons are looking for a telephone number, a quick fact, a definition of a word or its synonym. These types of quick questions can be readily answered by establishing a "ready reference" collection.

A "ready reference" collection should be made up of resources in which answers can be found quickly. Thesauruses, dictionaries, telephone books, almanacs, fact books, directories, and atlases all make suitable additions to a "ready reference" collection. In addition to print resources, don't forget about Internet sources as well. Online "ready reference" resources should be maintained in a separate bookmarks folder within your browser. This will allow access to the sites easily without having to go through a search engine. Focus the online references on resources that answer frequently asked questions. Online telephone directories, online encyclopedias, and web dictionaries make good additions to a "ready reference" folder. Don't forget local, state, and federal government sites as well.

In order to assist librarians with creating a "ready reference" collection, the North Dakota State Library has compiled a list of useful print and online resources at http://www.library.nd.gov/readyreference.html. Please feel free to use this list as a basis on which to build your library's "ready reference" collection. Remember to add additional resources, both print and online, that fit your patron needs.

Bella Stroup (age 6) checking out a book at the North Dakota State Library, after being issued her first library card. Photo by Maurice Cook.

Bismarck and Mandan Libraries Kick Off Summer Reading

Face painting was a popular activity during the 2011 Bismarck/Mandan Summer Reading Kickoff.

On June 3rd, the North Dakota state capitol grounds teemed with young children - all brought together in the interest of reading! One World, Many Stories was the theme at the North Dakota Heritage Center and the North Dakota State Library as the Bismarck and Mandan public libraries kicked off their summer reading program. On Friday, June 3rd, these agencies and many other organizations offered a full-day of activities and fun for approximately 3,000 children in the Bismarck/Mandan and surrounding communities.

Cash Wise Foods, a major sponsor of the day, provided low-cost sack lunches for attendees. The outdoor amphitheater featured a wonderful story time with First Lady Betsy Dalrymple, a puppet show, Sons of Norway Dancers, Three Crowns Dancers, Capitol Shakespeare, Capitol City Cloggers, United Tribes Technical College Dancers, International Club, French Club, and Northern Plains Dancers.

North Dakota State Superintendent, Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead read stories to children during the kickoff event.

Also providing activities throughout the day was the North Dakota Forest Service and Smoky Bear, Dakota Zoo, St. Alexius Medical Center, Flickertail Woodcarvers, the Bismarck Tribune, the Bismarck State College Art Department, the Bismarck/Mandan Genealogical Society, Knife River Indian Villages, and many more.

In the State Library Reading Room, guest readers read their favorite stories to children. Secretary of State Al Jaeger, North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, United Tribes Technical College President David Gipp, State Superintendent Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead, State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins, Linda Austin with the Morton Mandan Public Library, and Miss Sparkles with the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library were on hand to read stories.

The Burleigh County Bookmobile and the Morton Mandan Bookmobile were present to showcase their services and encourage summer reading.

Throughout the day, children were encouraged to sign up for the summer reading programs in Bismarck and Mandan.

For more photos of the Bismarck/Mandan kickoff event, please visit the State Library Flickr album at http://bit.ly/liSXsP.

For questions about summer reading programs in North Dakota, please contact Adam Emter, Public Awareness Coordinator at the State Library and North Dakota representative to the Collaborative Summer Library Program at 800-472-2104 or ndslpa@nd.gov.

The Bismarck State College Art Department provided hands-on pottery lessons for children.

New Library Science Publications at the State Library

So you want to be a librarian

Rex Libris. Vol. 1, I, librarian [library-themed graphic novel]

Rex Libris. Vol. 2, Book of monsters [library-themed graphic novel]

The destruction of the books [library-themed fantasy fiction]

The quest for the trilogy : a Rover novel of three adventures [library-themed fantasy fiction]

A better pencil : readers, writers, and the digital revolution

ALA-APA salary survey : librarian - public and academic, a survey of library positions requiring an ALA-accredited master's degree, 2009

Staff development strategies that work! : stories and strategies from new librarians

More innovative redesign and reorganization of library technical services

Training paraprofessionals for reference service : a how-to-do-it manual for librarians

Technology projects for library media specialists and teachers. Volume II, Books, boxes, and all things fun to make

The library instruction cookbook

Readicide : how schools are killing reading and what you can do about it

Copyright and cultural institutions : guidelines for digitization for U.S. libraries, archives, and museums

Hiring, training, and supervising library shelvers

Even more great ideas for libraries and friends

Everything I need to know I learned from a children's book : life lessons from notable people from all walks of life

The case for books : past, present, and future

North Dakota State Historical Society Receives Grant

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced 6 awards totaling $1,402,322 matched with $92,270 of non-federal funds for Connecting to Collections Statewide Implementation Grants. IMLS received 12 applications requesting $2,574,747 in funds. The North Dakota State Historical Society will receive $237,703 with a match of $92,270 for the Dakota Collections Care Initiative program.

The State Historical Society will collaborate with the North Dakota Library Association, the Plains Art Museum, the South Dakota State Historical Society, the Association of South Dakota Museums, and the South Dakota State Library to disseminate best practices of collections care throughout the two states. The Dakota Collections Care Initiative will deliver a series of regional training opportunities and problem-solving workshops and facilitate the development of disaster plans and disaster-response skills. The project will strengthen the informal networks that were begun during each state's planning efforts by establishing a mutual-aid network. The effort will result in an educated and informed core of collections-care staff and volunteers across the library, museum, historical society, and archive fields who will be better prepared to provide good stewardship for the collections entrusted to their care and to assist neighboring institutions in time of need.

For information about this IMLS grant opportunity, see: http://www.imls.gov/collections/grants/implementation.htm.

Native American Library Services Grants Awarded in ND

Recently, grants for Native American Library Services were awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. A total of $1,570,000 in funding was awarded nationwide. Receiving grants in the state of North Dakota were the libraries at:

TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS - BELCOURT

Award Amount: $7,000

Grant Category: Basic with education/assessment option

Contact: Ms. Candice Davis, Library Director

SPIRIT LAKE TRIBE - FORT TOTTEN

Award Amount: $7,000

Grant Category: Basic with education/assessment option

Contact: Ms. Antonette Halsey, Library Director

STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE - FORT YATES

Award Amount: $7,000

Grant Category: Basic with education/assessment option

Contact: Mr. Mark Holman, Library Director

North Dakota Library Coordinating Council Update

The outgoing Chair of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council is Ann Pederson of Altru Hospital Medical Library in Grand Forks, ND. Ann represents Special Libraries in the state. While Ann continues as a member of the Council, she is due many thanks for her diligent work as NDLCC's Chair.

The new North Dakota Library Coordinating Council Chair is Beth Postema of Fargo Public Library in Fargo, ND. Beth, a present member of the Council, represents public libraries in the state.

Thank you to the outgoing North Dakota Library Coordinating Council members: Mark Holman of Sitting Bull College Library in Fort Yates who represented private higher education institution libraries; Rosemarie Myrdal of Edinburg, ND who represented citizens at large; and Sarah Snavely of Bowman Regional Public Library in Bowman, ND who represented public libraries.

Welcome to the new members appointed/or reappointed by Governor Dalrymple to the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council. The new members are: Diane Olson of Trinity Bible College – the Graham Library in Ellendale, ND representing private higher education institution libraries; Ray Siver in Grand Forks, ND representing citizens at large; and Jerry Kaup of Minot Public Library in Minot, ND representing public libraries. Heidi Danielson of Bottineau School Library in Bottineau, ND was reappointed to another term representing school libraries.

Allen Memorial Library at Valley City State University Secures Grant

Congratulations to Valley City State University, Allen Memorial Library, who was recently awarded a Laura Bush, 21st Century Grant, as reported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Under the grant, Valley City State University and its partner, the North Dakota Leadership and Educational Administration Development Center (ND LEAD), will implement a continuing education delivery model to train and support 25 three-person, school-based collaborative teams consisting of a school administrator, the library media specialist, and a classroom teacher. These teams will develop, implement, and disseminate projects that will integrate national content standards and 21st Century Skills in classrooms across North Dakota and neighboring states. Teams will benefit from fifteen months of intensive training and mentoring that will include both face-to-face and online support. The model will be widely disseminated in the education leadership and school library communities. The award amount was $232,029 with a matching amount of $153,834.

Grant Opportunities for North Dakota Libraries

WISH YOU WELL FOUNDATION GRANT

The Wish You Well Foundation is accepting funding requests for nonprofits with a 501(c)(3) status for projects that align with their mission: "Supporting family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs." Donations are made quarterly and proposals can be submitted any time. The amount of funding varies depending on the project, but many organizations have been awarded between $200 and $10,000. Full details and applications can be found online at: www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply.

KRESGE FOUNDATION BUILDING AND RENOVATION GRANT

The Kresge Foundation awards facilities capital to nonprofit organizations including government entities that have building or renovation projects. Grants are awarded to organizations that serve disadvantaged populations in the following program areas: arts and culture, education, community development, human services, environment, and health.

Full details can be found online at:
http://bit.ly/mYxdKh

The Foundation accepts applications year round.

MARGARET ALEXANDER EDWARDS TRUST GRANT

The Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust has announced the availability of small grants (under $5,000) for school and public libraries seeking to offer innovative programs that promote reading for pleasure for young adults. Applications that feature new or creative programs will receive special consideration. For further information and/or for an application, please visit http://www.carr.org/mae/trust.html.

Deadline: No specific deadline; applications received and reviewed on a rolling basis.

JENNY'S HEROES GRANT

Jenny's Heroes is a funding program offered by the Jenny Jones Charitable Foundation that gives up to $25,000 to any U.S. citizen planning a community project that will provide long-term improvements.

Further information and an application may be found online at: www.jennysheroes.com/index.shtml.

Deadline: Applications are accepted year-round.

BARBARA BUSH FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY LITERACY

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy is pleased to announce the 2012 National Grant competition. The Foundation's grant-making program seeks to develop or expand projects designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. A total of approximately $650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed $65,000.

In order to be considered eligible for a grant, an organization must meet the following criteria:

- The organization must have current nonprofit or public status and have been in existence for two or more years as of the date of the application
- The organization must have maintained fiscal accountability
- The organization must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least 2 years, and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults; parent education; pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-k to grade 3; inter-generational literacy activities.

For more information or to download application materials, please visit www.barbarabushfoundation.com. The application materials must be received by the close of business, September 9, 2011.

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities from the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS)

JOHN PHILIP AWARD - $300

The ABOS John Philip Award is given to recognize outstanding contributions and prominent leadership by an individual in Bookmobile and Outreach Services.

John Philip, known to all as "Mr. Bookmobile", spent his long and honorable career as an advocate of Bookmobile and Outreach Services. He is the "Father" of the National Bookmobile Conference which started in 1986 and has now evolved into the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services. Through his strong leadership and high profile advocacy, bookmobiles have been recognized as a viable library outreach service.

This award honors his dedication and tireless work and serves as a pinnacle for all bookmobile and outreach staff to aspire to reach.

CAROL COMBS HOLE TRAVEL GRANT - $500

Carol Combs Hole provided exemplary leadership on behalf of libraries, bookmobile and outreach services throughout her 32 year career as a professional public librarian. She retired from distinguished service to the Alachua County Library District on March 1, 2006 and died on October 1, 2007.

The three $500 travel grants include free ABOS conference registration and a stipend for travel expenses and/or accommodations for the conference. The winners automatically will be registered for the conference. Carol Hole Award winners will be notified by August 7, 2011.

BERNARD VAVREK SCHOLARSHIP - $1,000

In order to contribute to the education and training of library staff working in the area of bookmobile and outreach services, ABOS has created the Bernard Vavrek Scholarship.

It will be awarded annually to a student who has been accepted into or is currently enrolled in a Library and/or Information Science graduate degree program, and who is interested in this particular field within the library profession. A check will be sent directly to the ALA accredited library school where the applicant is currently enrolled to be applied to the next term of study.

Dr. Bernard Vavrek, Professor of Library Science and Chair of the Library Science Department at Clarion University, recently retired after teaching at Clarion from 1971-2008. He co-founded with John Philip the "Great American Bookmobile Conference" running it for many years until ABOS was formed and took over management of the conference. This scholarship honors Dr. Vavrek's profound commitment to library science and, in particular, bookmobile and outreach services.

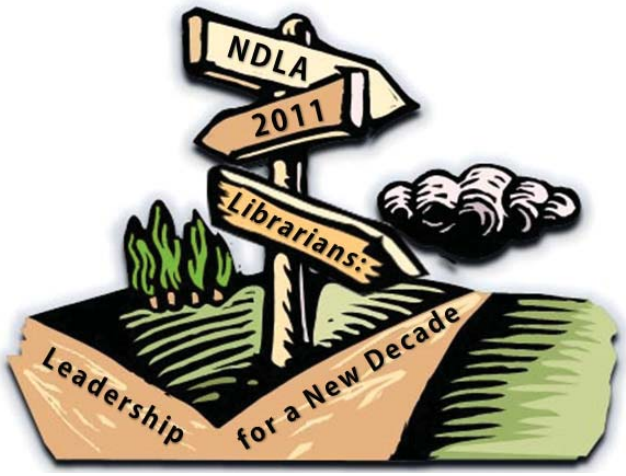
Please visit www.abos-outreach.org to apply. The application deadline for all awards is August 1, 2011.

Ezra Jack Keats Grant for Public Schools and Public Libraries

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation has changed the deadline for its minigrant proposal submissions. Going forward, submissions will be due by March 15 every year. Proposal submissions for the current grant cycle are due March 15, 2012.

For additional information about this grant opportunity, please visit http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org.

Librarians: Leadership for a New Decade
North Dakota Library Association Annual Conference



The 2011 North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) Annual Conference will be September 21-24, 2011, at the Grand International Inn in Minot. This year, the pre-conference will feature Kostas Voutsas who will present an interactive workshop about leading an organization through generational differences, improving communication in the workplace, and developing efficient practices to save time and money. Once again, continuing education credit at the conference will be offered through Valley City State University.

Make plans to attend this wonderful opportunity for education, networking, and fun! For more information or to submit your registration, please visit the conference website at http://www.ndla.info/Conference/11conf.htm.

Minot Public Library - Flood Update

UPDATED INFORMATION FROM JERRY KAUP, DIRECTOR

A National Guard soldier patrols the dike surrounding the Minot Public Library. Photo by Chris Bieri, courtesy of the Minot Daily News.

The latest is that all contents of the library are okay. The bad news is that the library basement began taking on a lot of water last night (June 26). Luckily, we had the National Guard monitoring and removing water from a leak. While they were there, water began coming up the elevator shaft very rapidly. The water pressure from the river forced the water in.

The National Guard Sergeant gave me a call immediately about 1:00 AM and I called the Minot assistant public works director to meet at the public library with National Guard officers. Dan acquired large pumps to pump water from the elevator shaft. The National Guard set up the large pumps and we were pumping in 1 1/2 hours. The basement got about 2 to 3 inches of water, but after the pumps went into action the water began to go down. The pumps are keeping the water down and the National Guard is monitoring the pumps 24/7. It could have been worse if we had not removed all of the contents to the 2nd floor. In addition to the National Guard, we had staff and volunteers who vacuumed the water, which was leaking into the exit door on the lower level. I am so glad we had the National Guard on duty at the building last night. They are great to work with and take action to protect property. I cannot say enough good about the work they do.

A National Guard soldier works to keep water out of the Minot Public Library basement. Photo by Chris Bieri, courtesy of the Minot Daily News.

The water will be high for a week to two weeks. In the mean time staff can report to work but we remain closed to service into the near future.

North Dakota Attorney General Letter Opinion

Question: May a home rule city increase by ordinance the number of members of its library board beyond the number provided in statute and also alter or eliminate the term limits of those members?

AG Opinion: A home rule city may increase the number of members of its library board, by ordinance, beyond the number provided for in statute. A home rule city also may alter or eliminate, by ordinance, the term limits provided for by statute for members of its library board.

To read the complete letter opinion, please visit http://www.ag.nd.gov/Opinions/2011/Letter/2011-L-03.pdf.

Bismarck Public Library "BARK" Program Debuts

Young readers at the Bismarck Public Library will have the opportunity to read to some unusual listeners - therapy dogs. The Bismarck Animals Reading with Kids, or BARK, program began in June and allows children in first through sixth grade to read to dogs, who listen without judging the young readers.

If you're interested in starting a similar program at your library, please visit the Intermountain Therapy Animals website at http://www.therapyanimals.org/R.E.A.D.html, where you'll find information about the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program.

Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Grant

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards grants for purchasing books published for young people in preschool through eighth grade. Public libraries, school libraries, and non-traditional libraries, operated by 501(c)(3) agencies are eligible. The Foundation provides grants to libraries or organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need. Grants for 2011 will range from $500 to $3000 and are specifically for book purchases, and cannot be used for administrative or operational uses.

For more information or to apply, please visit www.loislenskicovey.org/6.html.

North Dakota Library Staff Changes

OUTGOING

Julie Burkhart - Ward County Public Library (Minot)

Tom Jones - Bismarck Public Library

Judith Koester - ND School for the Deaf (Devils Lake)

Amy Bryn - Heart of America Library (Rugby)

INCOMING

Kristi Harms - Bismarck Public Library

Mike Jan - Heart of America Library (Rugby)

Please submit North Dakota library news to Adam Emter at aemter@nd.gov.

Former North Dakotan Donates Rare Flat-Earth Map

Don Holmuth, former North Dakota state senator and Fargo resident, has announced that he will donate his 1893 copy of "Map of the Square and Stationary Earth" to the Library of Congress. The map, created by Orlando Ferguson of Hot Springs, South Dakota, supports the theory that the Earth is flat. It will be added to the Library of Congress map collection, which currently includes approximately 5 million maps.

ProgrammingLibrarian.org debuts new look, added features

Designed for librarians who plan and present cultural programs and events, ProgrammingLibrarian.org is both a resource center and a community of librarians committed to bringing increased access to literature, music, contemporary issues, art, history, poetry, scholars, writers and musicians to their communities.

Tools recently added to ProgrammingLibrarian.org include:

- The Programming Librarian forum: Post and respond to questions about planning, promoting and executing all manner of library programs in the Programming Librarian forum.
- The PR Generator: Programming Librarian provides templates for fliers, bookmarks and postcards that can be easily customized with your own text, images and colors. After the design phase is complete, a print-ready PDF document is generated that can be taken to a local copy shop or printed in the library. Please note that you must be registered with Programming Librarian to use this feature.

Visit the Programming Librarian online at www.programminglibrarian.org.

Barnes & Noble Allows Lending of Nook E-Readers

In a recent statement, Barnes & Noble acknowledged that they have made it possible for libraries to lend preloaded Nook e-reader devices to patrons.

The program, initially implemented and used by the Sacramento Public Library, has been wildly successful.

For additional information, please contact your local store or visit www.barnesandnoble.com.

News from American Library Association

NEW "OUR AUTHORS, OUR ADVOCATES" PSAS

Three new author public service announcements will be available to library advocates on June 24, through the "Our Authors, Our Advocates" initiative. The new PSAs by Judy Blume, David Baldacci, and Mo Willems will focus on the value of public and school libraries. Video PSAs from Jerry Pinkney also will be available at a later date. The PSAs will be available for viewing and downloading at www.ILoveLibraries.org/ourauthorsouradvocates.

ALA FILES COMMENTS ON SERVICE TO NATIVE NATIONS

ALA submitted a filing to the Federal Communications Commission June 20 in response to its call for comments regarding improving communications services for native nations. The filing was submitted in consultation with the American Indian Library Association. ALA stressed that in the case of broadband access and native nations, it is vitally important to aggressively address the vast digital divide that exists between native nations and the rest of the country.

MORE GREAT WEBSITES FOR KIDS

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, has added 16 more recommended websites to Great Web Sites for Kids, its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children. The site features links to websites of interest to children 14 years of age and younger, organized into diverse subject headings. This resource is available at http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/greatwebsites.

Booklist Announces Top 10 Biographies for Youth: 2011

Jane Austen and Janis Joplin. Henry Hudson and Frederick Douglass. They're all here in the 2011 Booklist "Top 10" biographies for youth.

The list is as follows:

1. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. : Air Force General & Tuskegee Airmen Leader
2. Candy Bomber : The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"
3. Frederick Douglass : A Noble Life
4. Jane Austen : A Life Revealed
5. Janis Joplin : Rise Up Singing
6. A Nation's Hope : The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis
7. Sir Charlie : Chaplin, the Funniest Man in the World
8. The Watcher : Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps
9. Hudson
10. Lafayette and the American Revolution

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Implementation of New Cataloging Rules Delayed

The Library of Congress, along with the National Agricultural Library and the National Library of Medicine, has agreed to adopt Resource Description and Access (RDA), the standard of cataloging guidelines developed to succeed Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd Edition (AACR2), but not until an earliest date of January 1, 2013.

This decision comes in response to Report and Recommendations of the U.S. RDA Test Coordinating Committee, which outlines the results of months of extensive RDA testing in U.S. libraries, and the subsequent recommendation make by the committee that RDA implementation be delayed until a number of conditions are met. The test coordinating committee stated its opinion that RDA should be part of a larger, comprehensive metadata environment which is not currently in place. The action steps set out by the test committee to create this desired environment include: rewriting the text of RDA in plain, unambiguous English; defining the process for updating RDA in an online environment; improving the functionality of the RDA Toolkit; and most notably, making significant progress toward developing replacement for MARC, the formatting standard currently used in library cataloging.

In their June 13, 2011 response to the RDA Test Coordinating Committee's report, the Library of Congress, the National Agricultural Library, and the National Library of Medicine stated:

"We endorse the report, with the conditions articulated by the committee. Even though there are many in the library community who would like to see a single "yes" or "no" response to the question should we implement RDA, the reality is that any standard is complicated and will take time to develop. We also recognize that the library world cannot operate in a vacuum. The entire bibliographic framework will have to change along the lines recommended in the report of the Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control. The implementation of RDA is one important piece, but there are many others that must be dealt with simultaneously. We especially note the need to address the question of the MARC standard, suggested by many of the participants in the RDA test…We believe that the long-term benefits of adopting RDA will be worth the short-term anxieties and costs. The Test Coordinating Committee quite rightly noted the economic and organizational realities that cause every librarian to ask if this is the time to make a dramatic change in cataloging. Our collective answer is that libraries must create linkages to all other information resources in this Web environment. We must begin now. Indefinite delay in implementation simply means a delay in our effective relationships with the broader information community."

To view the U.S. RDA Test Coordinating Committee's full report, see http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/

A summary is available at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/cataloging/RDA_report_executive_summary.pdf.

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