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# Governor Dalrymple Honors Author Louise Erdrich With Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award

Governor Jack Dalrymple presented award-winning author and Wahpeton-native Louise Erdrich with North Dakota's Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award, the state's highest commendation for its citizens. Erdrich is the 39th recipient of the award. The presentation came during an event in Wahpeton on April 19th.

"Louise is an internationally-acclaimed author who has been a prominent figure in the field of literature since her first book was published in 1984," Dalrymple said. "Her prolific compilation of novels, poetry and children's books has earned national and international acclaim and success, including a National Book Award and being selected a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Throughout her career, Louise has maintained strong ties to North Dakota, often featuring her home state in her books. She has proudly represented our great state and it is my privilege to honor her with this prestigious recognition."

Karen Louise Erdrich was born in Little Falls, Minn., in 1954, and grew up in Wahpeton, where her parents worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs School. Erdrich is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. She graduated from Dartmouth College and received a master of fine arts degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Erdrich is the author of 14 novels, as well as volumes of poetry, children's books, and a memoir of early motherhood. Her novel *Love Medicine* (1984) won the National Book Critics Circle Award. *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse* was a finalist for the National Book Award. *The Plague of Doves* (2008) won the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2009. On November 15, 2012, she won the National Book Award for her latest novel, *The Round House*.

"I will always consider Wahpeton, and the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota, my home," Erdrich said. "As I've been helped by powers beyond my ordinary talents, this award is for all. It honors my family, teachers, friends, ancestors, the characters in my books, and the generosity of this land."

The award presentation was held as part of a celebration of North Dakota authors through ReadND, a consortium of organizations dedicated to celebrating and promoting literature created in and about North Dakota, including Prairie Public Television, the North Dakota Humanities Council, North Dakota Council on the Arts, State Historical Society of ND, and North Dakota Library Association. The ceremony will air on Prairie Public on Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

The Rough Rider Award recognizes present and former North Dakotans who have been influenced by the state in achieving national recognition in their fields of endeavor, thereby reflecting credit and honor upon North Dakota and its citizens.

# New News and Thoughts...

*from State Librarian Hulen E. Bivins*

At the end of this month, the North Dakota Legislature, after consideration of the recommendations of the Governor, completes its work for the forthcoming biennium. In the course of their deliberations several comments have been expressed regarding the modern library and what the role of the modern library is - and shall be. Indeed, some comments foresee the library's role as being so great and all-encompassing that the library community shall be truly pressed to deliver on expectations. Conversely, with the advent of Google search and ebook materials to be acquired from multiple vendors like Amazon, some individuals question the continued viability of the library as an institution that fulfills needs.

So, which opinion best expresses the role of today's library? The answer to this question begins with acknowledgement of what the library is and seeks to be. Today's library is a place for the growth of knowledge and the sharing of that knowledge; a place for encouraging exploration and the engagement of discovery; a place where work can be accomplished collaboratively and in a setting of productivity; a place where expressions of heritage and culture are displayed in a manner that enhances learning and concurrently provides pleasure; a place that fosters the individual's creativity and innovation; and, a place that is home to community engagement and community discussion.

A library is not just a place for borrowing books or a place for the storing of books. A library is a centerpiece of the local community. It is a place where library patrons can have an equal sense of worth. In the community, libraries are places where people give as well as receive. Young and old are brought together and the interchange of ideas can happen and such is often encouraged. Lessons of the past may be re-examined while the challenges of the future may be discussed. Thought is done free from the distractions of the present fast-paced world that surrounds us all. Indeed, libraries are the place where people come to ask questions, to find things, and sometimes discover who they are themselves.

Some say libraries are not needed because so much can be found on the internet and data located there is free. This argument ignores the fact that everyone does not have accessible internet at their disposal. The argument also ignores the idea that free information on the internet may not be quality information --- News Flash: everything on the internet is not factually true! Also ignored is the fact that what people want is not always the same as what they need. The instant availability of incorrect and marginal information should not be valued over quality information that enhances overall learning. Fortunately, libraries help to craft information in a free and independent manner vs. information pushed by an agenda or entity that seeks corporate gain and enrichment.

Today's library is about people and their needs. Those who work diligently in our libraries are guides and fact-finders; they are about access and equality. Libraries are open to all and librarians do not judge a book by its cover any more than they judge a reader's worth by how often they donate to the library's needs. Librarians are also not too hard on those who question the continued viability of the library as an institution that fulfills needs. They understand that things change and that knowledge is continually enhanced. The challenge is recognized and strong efforts are being made to meet these challenges. Collective support and a collective understanding is a formula for success.

## State Library Spring Workshops Presented in Bismarck

The North Dakota State Library hosted its annual Spring Workshops in Bismarck on April 8th and 9th. Seventy-seven North Dakota librarians and library board members attended the workshops.

Sue Black, a storyteller, teaching artist, and certified bullying prevention trainer presented two workshops on Monday. The first workshop focused on bullying prevention. The workshop featured stories, songs, drama, and more instruction done in an effort to raise awareness, shape attitudes, and change behaviors. The second session explored the unlimited potential for storytelling in the library. Ms. Black is an award-winning storyteller and used her passion for storytelling to teach attendees to write and tell their own stories.

Workshop attendees also had the opportunity to attend workshops about Tutor ND, Literati Public, social media, Ancestry Library Edition, crafting in the library, Census data, and free and open source software for libraries.

## Custom Training Sessions Available for Your Library

Did you know that North Dakota State Library staff will travel to your library for one-on-one training?

Topics of training include (but are not limited to):

- Credo Literati
- Online Library Resources overview
- Tutor ND
- North Dakota State Library services
- Finding library items
- Barcodes and passwords for your library
- NDSL cards
- Interlibrary loans
- NDSL circulation policies

Training staff can customize the training to suit local needs and questions. Web-based trainings are also available. All trainings are offered at no cost. Simply contact Steve Axtman, NDSL Training Coordinator, at 800-472-2104 or saxtman@nd.gov.

## Community Assessment Tool

When preparing to draft a strategic plan for your library, one of the first key steps is to perform a community assessment. The NDSL Field Services Department has developed a Community Assessment Tool to assist you with this process. Conducting a Community Assessment allows you to identify the age groups, education levels, business concerns, etc., of your community, helping you identify long-range planning needs. This data can also be shared with local government so that your library can work with them to solve community problems through the provision of community services. If you require any assistance with completing this assessment or with any other part of the strategic planning process, please get in touch with your Field Services Librarian. Check out the tool at http://1.usa.gov/XJ0Xwy.

## Flicker Tale Book Award Winners

The North Dakota Library Association Flicker Tale committee recently announced the 2013 winning titles for the Flicker Tale Children's Book Award. Authors will be contacted and invited to the NDLA/SDLA/MPLA conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**Picture Books:**

*I'm a Shark* by Bob Shea

**Intermediate:**

*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

**Juvenile:**

*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

**Non-fiction:**

*CelebriTrees: Historic and Famous Trees of the World* by Margi Preus

## Save the Date!

The 2013 edition of the North Dakota State Library Summer Breeze library management seminar is coming to a location near you. This year's program will be all about long range planning. Please plan to attend one of the following sessions, which will feature the same content in all locations.

August 5 - Bismarck Public Library

August 7 - Dickinson Public Library

August 8 - Minot Public Library

August 13 - Grand Forks Public Library

August 14 - Leach Public Library (Wahpeton)

August 16 - Alfred Dickey Public Library (Jamestown)

Stay tuned for additional details to come in a future issue of the *Flickertale*!

## Tech Toolkits Now available From the State Library

Do you have an e-reader or tablet you love, but have interest in learning about others? Are you thinking about offering e-book or e-reader lending at your library, but want some hands-on experience with different devices before starting your program? Are you currently offering e-book lending, but would like more experience for yourself or your staff in using the service with different types of devices? Are patrons asking you about e-books and e-readers, but you don't feel comfortable answering their questions without more background and experience? If so, then look no further!

The NDSL Field Services Department is happy to introduce a Tech Toolkit lending program for school and public libraries. The Tech Toolkit will be loaned to your library, free of charge, for a three-week period. During your checkout, library staff members will have the opportunity to explore, learn, and gain valuable hands-on experience with a variety of the e-reader and tablet devices people in your community are using. So what's in the kit? The Tech Toolkit contains the following devices, along with visual step-by-step tutorials to guide you through the basics:

**Apple iPad**

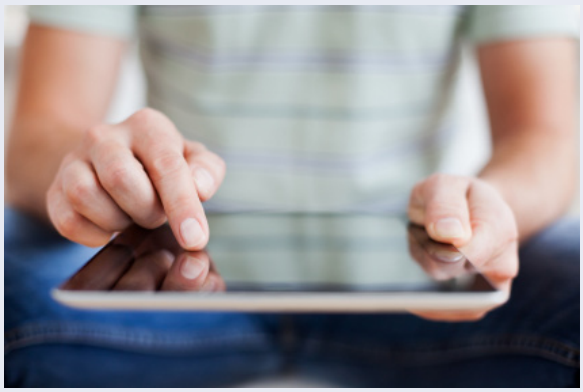
**Google Nexus 7 tablet**

**Kindle Fire HD**

**Kindle Paperwhite**

**Nook SimpleTouch**

**Apple iPod Touch**



The Tech Toolkit is a great resource for libraries currently offering e-book lending. Having hands-on access to the most common devices over a period of time allows library staff to become more familiar with how the devices work and how the e-book download process works with each. The devices can also be used during the checkout period to demonstrate the e-book checkout and download process for patrons, and to help introduce them to the service.

For libraries not currently offering e-book lending, the Tech Toolkit gives staff members the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience with utilizing e-reader and tablet devices. Many of our patrons are using these devices and asking us questions about them, and having hands-on access to them is the best way to learn about these technologies, what the devices do, and how they are changing the way we read and access information. For those libraries thinking about lending e-reader devices to patrons, or thinking about getting involved in lending e-books, this is a great chance to test drive some of the devices beforehand to help in making an informed decision for future services.

Contact your Field Services representative to schedule your Tech Toolkit loan. We will deliver the kit and help you get started, and will return to pick up the kit at the end of your three-week loan period. If you are interested in holding a hands-on device training session for the public in conjunction with your Tech Toolkit loan, just let us know. We would be happy to facilitate that session as well. We looking forward to hearing from you soon!

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# Technology Grants Awarded

Mini-grants for technology have been recently awarded to 37 North Dakota public libraries. Libraries receiving grants are listed below, grouped by the type of equipment acquired. The grant program has been a coordinated project of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and the North Dakota State Library.

### Tablet Devices

Beulah Public Library
Bottineau County Public Library
Bowman Regional Public Library
Edna Ralston Public Library (Larimore)
Hazen Public Library
Hillsboro School & Public Library
Margaret Fraase Public Library (Buffalo)
Morton Mandan Public Library
Northwood School & City Library
Park River School & Public Library
Velva School & Public Library

### E-Readers

Dickinson Area Public Library
Enderlin Municipal Library
Hatton School & Public Library
Killdeer School & Public Library
McVille Community Library
Ward County Public Library

### Desktop Computers

Divide County Public Library
Ellendale Public Library
Garrison Public Library
Hankinson Public Library
Harry L. Petrie Public Library (Linton)
Mohall Public Library
Pembina School & City Library

### Laptop Computers

Dunn Center Public Library
Stanton Public Library
Hebron Public Library

### Computer Workstation

Maddock Community Library

### Computer Software

Max Community Library
West Fargo Public Library

### Projectors

Beulah Public Library
Casselton Public Library

### Printers & Toner

Cavalier Public Library
Edna Ralston Public Library (Larimore)
Washburn Public Library

### Routers

Hebron Public Library
Pembina School & City Library
Stanton Public Library

### Digital Signage

Griggs County Public Library
Minot Public Library

### Televisions

Turtle Lake Public Library

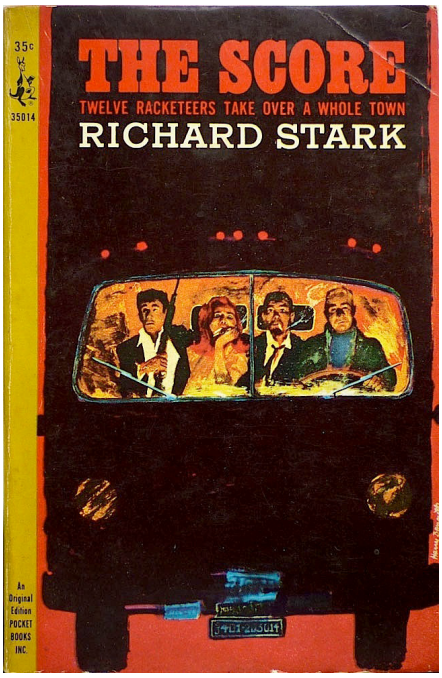
### Barcode Scanner

Washburn Public Library

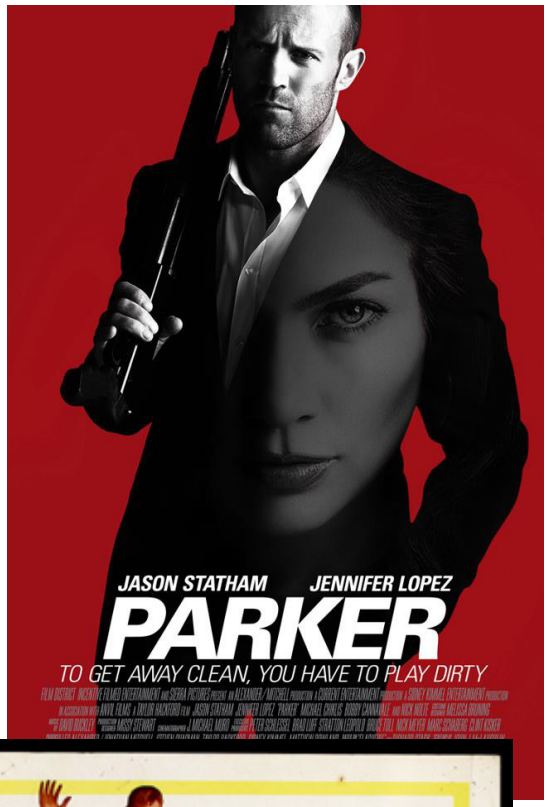
### Bilingual Early Literacy Computer Station

Williston Community Library

## New Film Continues Adaptation of Literary Works




Currently in theaters is *Parker*, a film of heist and revenge starring Jason Statham, Jennifer Lopez, and Nick Nolte. Although it is wowing neither audiences nor critics, it is an opportunity to tell your patrons about the excellent series from which it is adapted and two North Dakota connections.




Prolific author Donald Westlake also wrote under several pseudonyms, including Richard Stark. As Stark, he wrote 24 gritty novels about a professional thief known only as Parker.

The Statham film is an adaptation of *Flashfire*, published in 2000. The best known Parker novel is the first, *The Hunter* (1962). It was successfully adapted into two films but with different titles. First there was *Point Blank* (1967), starring Lee Marvin and North Dakota's Angie Dickinson. Mel Gibson's *Payback* (1999) was the other.

Not yet filmed is *The Score* (1964), in which Parker organizes a gang to rob the entire fictional mining town of Copper Canyon, North Dakota. Along with the novel, there is a gorgeous graphic novel adaptation by Darwyn Cooke, the third Parker novel he has turned into award-winning graphic form. Both are available to patrons from the North Dakota State Library, but are also affordable and well worth adding to your own collections.

Please submit North Dakota library news and Flickertale "subscribe" or "unsubscribe" requests to ndslpa@nd.gov.

## North Dakota State Library Offers 2013 Summer Class for Graduate Credit

Do you need graduate credits for your library or teaching credentials? The ND State Library is offering a summer class for one graduate credit. The subject of the class is Information Literacy and Research. The class will explore what is information literacy and the skills to be gained. This class will focus on finding and evaluating reliable sources for student research. We will explore and compare searching the Internet and searching the library subscription databases. We will discuss searching techniques, source citations, information types, and plagiarism. Searching skills and source evaluation will have a practical application to your classroom instruction. *Please note: The content for the 2013 class has been revised, so feel free to register, even if you have taken the course previously.*

The cost for the one credit is $50.00. The class can also be taken for no credit, free of charge. Participants attending the workshop are *not* required to participate in the graduate credit opportunity. Course credit is available from Minot State, UND, NDSU, and Valley City State.

The class will be offered at two locations: June 10-11 in Devils Lake and June 13-14 in Bismarck. Registration, syllabus, and additional information may be found online at http://library.nd.gov/traininglibraries.html.

## New Library Science Publications at the State Library

**Research in information studies :** a cultural and social approach

**What do employers want? :** a guide for library science students

**Metadata for digital collections :** a how-to-do-it manual

**Librarian's guide to passive programming :** easy and affordable activities for all ages

**The Smithsonian book of books**

**Second reading :** notable and neglected books revisited

**Show me a story :** 40 craft projects and activities to spark children's storytelling

**Successful community outreach :** a how-to-do-it manual for librarians

**How to find out anything :** from extreme Google searches to scouring government documents, a guide to uncovering anything about everyone and everything

**User studies for digital library development**

**Large print :** an Unshelved collection

**Teen chick lit :** a guide to reading interests

**The book in the Renaissance**

**Reference and information services in the 21st century :** an introduction

**Cool teen programs for under $100**

**Common as air :** revolution, art, and ownership

**Now read this III :** a guide to mainstream fiction

**Banned in Boston :** the Watch and Ward Society's crusade against books, burlesque, and the social evil

**The novel : an alternative history :** beginnings to 1600

**Book lust to go :** recommended reading for travelers, vagabonds, and dreamers

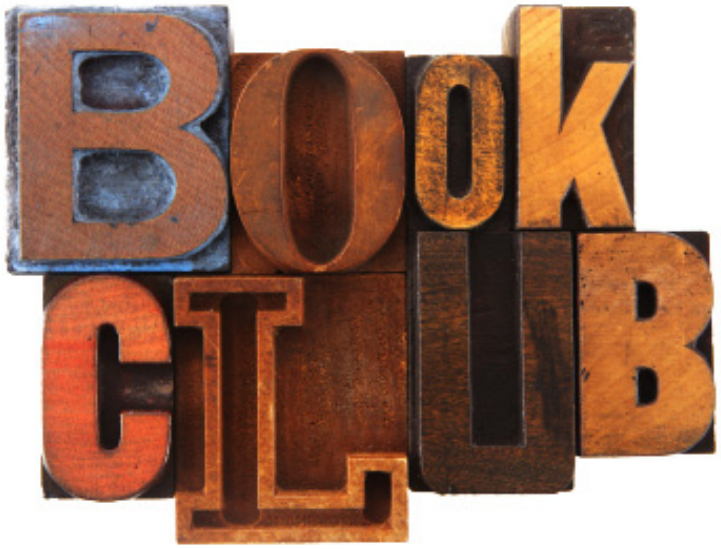
**The accidental health sciences librarian**

**The l!brary book :** design collaborations in the public schools

## North Dakota State Library Book Club Kits

People who love to read also love to talk about what they read! Now is your chance to offer a book club to your community by checking out a Book Club Kit from the North Dakota State Library. Each kit contains ten books, sign in sheets, an instruction sheet with discussion questions, and a mailing label. Kits can be checked out for eight weeks. When the book club is finished with the kit, simply return the kit in the same box it came in. Anyone with a North Dakota State Library card can now lead a book club discussion by checking out a Book Club Kit. For more information or to check out a kit, please contact the North Dakota State Library at 800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov.

**Titles now available for checkout:**




*The Round House* by Louise Erdrich, ND Author

*13 Reasons Why* by Jay Asher

*The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand (nonfiction)

*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

*The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

*Downtown Owl* by Chuck Klosterman, ND Author

*Home Front* by Kristin Hannah

**Titles coming soon:**

*The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult

*Horseman, Pass By: A Novel* by Larry McMurtry

*Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey: The Lost Legacy of Highclere Castle* by the Countess of Carnarvon (nonfiction)

*Color Blind: The Forgotten Team That Broke Baseball's Color Line* by Tom Dunkel (nonfiction) This book is about Satchel Page playing for the first integrated semi pro baseball team in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Your North Dakota State Library Field Services representative will work with you, in your library.

Call 800-472-2104 for more information or to schedule a visit.

## Tech Tips:
## Microsoft Office Alternatives

Is your library considering a purchase of Microsoft's Office suite? If so, you may want to consider the following alternatives that offer a similar experience at no cost and also have the ability of opening and saving in the Microsoft Office formats.

**Apache OpenOffice** – Formerly known as OpenOffice.org, this suite is probably the most well-known open source office suite. Apache OpenOffice offers six sub programs very similar to Microsoft's suite. Visit www.openoffice.org for additional information.

**LibreOffice** – This office suite is a derivative of OpenOffice, which means the underlying code is the same. LibreOffice was created by a group of OpenOffice developers that were worried about Oracle's plans with the source code. LibreOffice offers the same six applications, but uses a slightly different graphical user interface as well as a few different features. Many users favor LibreOffice, because LibreOffice continues new development, whereas OpenOffice development seems to be stagnant. Visit www.libreoffice.org for additional information.

**NeoOffice** – This suite is another derivative of OpenOffice, created for the Mac operating system. NeoOffice was created before OpenOffice and LibreOffice had Mac support. NeoOffice has basically all of the functionality of OpenOffice, but is tuned for the Mac user by supporting the unique features of the Mac operating system. Visit www.neooffice.org for additional information.

**Kingsoft Office** – This program is very much like a knock-off, stripped-down version of Microsoft Office. Kingsoft offers the three basics - a word processor, a spreadsheet application, and a presentation application. The downside to Kingsoft Office, other than its limited applications, is that it only supports Windows and a few other mobile devices. Visit www.kingsoftstore.com for additional information.

**Google Docs** – This web-based suite is becoming popular among Google users, because of its online architecture which allows you to sync it with a number of internet connected devices and other Google services. Google Docs makes it easy to share documents and collaborate with other Google users using the cloud environment. Google Docs offers the basic office suite including a word processor, a spreadsheet application, a presentation application, and an image editor. Visit http://bit.ly/17Z8g7k for additional information.

## Poetry Out Loud State Finals Winners Announced

The North Dakota Council on the Arts has announced that the first place winner of the North Dakota State Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest is Janessa Hensrud of Northwood High School. The second place winner is Alexandra Howatt of Northern Cass High School. Third place was awarded to Reed Wagner of Bismarck High School.

The competition was presented in partnership with The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation. The state finals competition took place on Monday, March 18, at the Belle Mehus Auditorium in Bismarck. Janessa Hensrud will advance to the National Finals in Washington, DC on April 29-30, 2013, where a total of $50,000 in scholarships and school stipends, with at least a $20,000 college scholarship for the Poetry Out Loud National Champion, will be awarded.

For more information about Poetry Out Loud, visit www.poetryoutloud.org, or contact the North Dakota Council on the Arts at 701-328-7593 or rengelman@nd.gov.

## Continuing Education Opportunities

The following webinars are free, live, and interactive. In order to participate, you will need a computer with Internet access, a headset or speakers, and a microphone. If you don't have a microphone, the chat feature may be used to ask questions.

North Dakota State Library webinars and registration information is available at http://bit.ly/2kBbOM.

**Extending Access to e-books for Public Libraries: New Strategies** (WebJunction)
Tuesday, April 30, 2013, 12:00-1:00 PM CT

Access to e-books is one of the most important issues facing public libraries today. This webinar will discuss recent research and data regarding public library e-book purchasing strategies and policies. Register online at http://bit.ly/Z0BwHx.

**Ancestry Library Edition** (ND State Library)
Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 10:30-11:30 AM CT

Researching family history has gotten easier and faster with this online genealogical tool. It contains census records, military records, passenger lists, church records, land records, and so much more. In addition to U.S. records, you will also find records from Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. This webinar will focus on navigating Ancestry Library Edition, searching techniques, and it will suggest additional online genealogical resources. Register online at http://bit.ly/ZvmLJh.

**Elementary School Databases** (ND State Library)
Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 3:30-4:30 PM CT

This webinar will explore the Online Library Resources that are perfect for K-6 students. Attendees will learn how to navigate, search, and explore results formats for several different databases designed for younger students. The webinar will also focus on teacher resources and materials provided by the databases to enhance the learning experience. Whether you are a school librarian or a public librarian, this webinar will provide an overview of K-6 resources. Register online at http://bit.ly/XZaG1I.

***DISCLAIMER:*** *The ND State Library highlights third-party webinars as a way to alert the library community to training opportunities. By doing so, we are not endorsing the content, nor promoting any specific product.*

## Disaster Planning

As the snow of North Dakota begins to melt, many areas of the state become concerned with the problem of flooding. The flooding problem, caused by snow melt, can be very damaging to libraries and library collections. North Dakota's libraries are reminded that the North Dakota State Library has a "Disaster and Emergency" planning guide available. The planning guide provides information regarding emergency procedures and emergency recovery. The guide also provides information regarding salvage methods for library materials.

The guide is available for download at www.library.nd.gov/publications/disasterplan.pdf

## Classic Book Downloads

Many classic literary works can be found around the web as free and legal downloads. The challenge is to find wanted titles and the desired device formats. There are sites that can help, whether you use an iPad, an e-reader, or a computer. Visit any of the following websites for a list of available titles:

http://manybooks.net
http://en.childrenslibrary.org
http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/l/literature/childrens
http://bit.ly/11hCHiJ

## Websites for Knowledge and Fun

Astrobiology Magazine (www.astrobio.net) Where better to turn for fascinating information about the Earth, the origins of life, and the search for life across the solar system than NASA, which sponsors this site?

Blank on Blank (http://blankonblank.org) At this online resource, journalists provide old interview recordings, which are refashioned into fresh, compelling audio and video productions.

Gamasutra (http://gamasutra.com) A must-visit site for video game fans, Gamasutra features in-depth articles on the art, audio, design, production, and business of making games. You simply won't find a more cerebral take on electronic gaming.

Lapham's Quarterly (http://laphamsquarterly.org) This highbrow quarterly compiles historical writings on topics relevant to today and offers an eclectic mix of essays on politics, religion, and social issues.

Stack Exchange (http://stackexchange.com) Collected are a network of 100 Q&A sites, including developer site Stack Overflow, that offers expert answers on topics ranging from mathematics to bicycles to home brewing.

Scoopinion (https://www.scoopinion.com) Scoopinion is a browser extension that tracks the articles you read on the internet, then suggests more stories that match your tastes. It's truly a helpful reading advisor.

Crash Course (http://www.youtube.com/crashcourse) With the premise that you should never stop learning, Crash Course will help eliminate many knowledge deficits, whether they be in literature, biology, or anything in between. The site's video hosts are an enjoyable bunch, offering up funny and informative visuals that entertain and help lodge information into your cerebral cortex.

## In an Internet Minute

Intel has broken down what happens in an internet minute into an easy-to-digest infographic. In a single minute of internet time, 204 million emails are sent. Online denizens view 20 million photos on Flickr. Twitter processes 100,000 new tweets and 320 new Twitter accounts are created. That's more than five new Twitter users per second! Check it out at http://cnet.co/10hPmbu.

## Agriculture Innovation and Heritage Archive

With the Agriculture Innovation and Heritage Archive, the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History is asking the general public to help preserve the innovations and experiences of farming and ranching across the United States. Online visitors can share their personal stories about the technologies and innovations that have changed agricultural work, as well as how these changes have affected their communities. The museum hopes to build a comprehensive digital archive of modern agriculture through user-submitted personal stories, photos, and other ephemera. Visit http://americanhistory.si.edu/agheritage/about.

## 2013 ALSC Notable Awards

ALSC has selected its 2013 list of Notable Children's Books. The list of titles, available at http://bit.ly/11gLwvO, includes fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and picture books of special interest, quality, creativity, and value to children 14 years of age and younger. ALSC has also selected its 2013 list of Notable Children's Videos, available at http://bit.ly/15i03eS, which includes videos for children 14 years of age and younger that exhibit especially commendable quality, show respect for children's intelligence and imagination, and reflect and encourage the interests of children.

## 2013 Ezra Jack Keats New Writer and New Illustrator Awards

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation has recently announced the winners of its 27th annual New Writer and New Illustrator Book Awards. The winning new writer is Julie Fogliano for *And Then It's Spring* (Neal Porter) and the winning new illustrator is Hyewon Yum for *Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten!* (Frances Foster Books).

## Free Case Law on the Internet

Until recently, case law has not been widely available on the internet, leaving researchers with no choice but to seek out print reporters and commercial electronic databases to locate cases of interest. This situation has started to change, however, and now researchers have several free, online databases at their disposal. Some of the most prominent are noted by the Library of Congress at http://1.usa.gov/XIoE81.

## Foundation Corner

**Otto Bremer Foundation**
www.ottobremer.org

Since 1944, the Otto Bremer Foundation has supported the economic, social, and civic activities of the communities in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin in which Bremer Banks operate. The Foundation is open to a wide variety of grant requests, giving highest priority to those with the potential to "move the community forward in meaningful, powerful, and broad-based ways." In 2011, the Foundation invested $30.5 million in local communities through grants and program support. Grants are awarded to organizations that are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of IRS Code, as well as government entities. The Foundation conducts four grant cycles per year. Remaining submission deadlines for 2013 are: April 12, August 9, and October 18. A number of North Dakota libraries and library organizations have received Otto Bremer Foundation grants: Carrington City Library; Heart of America Library (Rugby); Lake Region Public Library (Devils Lake); The Library Foundation, Inc. (Bismarck); Lisbon Public Library; Max Library Partners; and Minot Public Library.

For more info and grant application instructions, please visit www.ottobremer.org/grantmaking.

# Library Grant Opportunities

## FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS GRANTS

Deadline: April 30, 2013

The Foundation for Financial Planning awards grants to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations for pro-bono advice and community outreach activities that build the financial literacy and life skills of people in need by connecting them with professionals from the financial planning community. Qualifying organizations are asked to submit a Concept Inquiry form by April 30th to initiate the grant process. To access the Concept Inquiry form and for more information, visit http://bit.ly/abmddp.

## JUDITH KRUG BANNED BOOKS WEEK EVENT GRANTS

Deadline: April 30, 2013

The Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund awards grants to organizations to help them stage "Read-Outs" or other events during Banned Books Week (September 22-30, 2013). Grants are awarded in amounts of $1000 or $2500, and funds awarded can be utilized for the purpose of funding a single project or multiple activities. To access the grant application and for more information, visit http://bit.ly/SzqUHH.

## *PUSHING THE LIMITS* DISCUSSION SERIES GRANTS

Deadline: May 15, 2013

The CALIFA Group (a California-based library consortium) will award grants to 75 rural public libraries across the United States to facilitate the Pushing the Limits reading, viewing and discussion series for adults. The series focuses on current issues and future developments in science and technology, and is facilitated by the local library and a local STEM professional. For more information, visit http://califa.org/limits.php.

## BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP HUGS FOUNDATION LITERACY AND EDUCATION GRANT

Deadline: Oct. 31, 2013

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Hugs Foundation funds programs that help teach the value and wonder of reading to children across the United States, with particular focus on funding for schools, shelters, social services organizations, and libraries to provide books for children from underserved populations. Grant amounts range from $1000-$5000, and eligible applicants must be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of IRS Code. Applications are accepted beginning February 2013 through October 31, 2013 and are reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year. For more information, visit http://bit.ly/idXsxu.

## BSNF RAILWAY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Deadline: Ongoing

The BNSF Railway Foundation has supported and helped improve quality of life for thousands of communities across the twenty-eight states through which BNSF operates, and where BNSF employees live, work and volunteer. Your organization, or program, should exist in or serve a community near one of BNSF's rail lines to be eligible to apply for grants. Strong preference will be given to requests that fall under one of the following areas of interest: Health & Human Services, Education, Youth, Civic. For additional information, please visit www.bnsffoundation.org/programs.

## North Dakota Sights and Scenes : World's Largest Sandhill Crane

An adult sandhill crane stands 3-4 feet tall and sports a wingspan of 6-7 feet - not a small bird. The real thing, however, is easily shadowed by the world's largest sandhill crane, located in Steele, North Dakota. "Sandy" stands 40 feet tall, weighs 4 1/2 tons, and is made of a steel skeleton covered by rolled sheet metal. It was built in the late 90's by local farmer and self-taught ironworker, James Miller.

The Coteau Rangeland, or "prairie pothole" region of North Dakota is an area that's characterized by small lakes and ponds created by glacial movements. This geographical region is along a major migration flyway, which brings many migratory birds to the area, including sandhill cranes. Sandy was created and built to recognize the flyway and the wonderful birding opportunities in Kidder County.

If you're driving Interstate 94 in Central North Dakota, pull off Exit 200 at Steele and check out the world's largest sandhill crane. Don't forget to stop by the Kidder County Public Library, just blocks away.

*Photo courtesy of www.tworvgypsies.us.*

## EveryoneOn Campaign Seeking Assistance From Libraries

The national EveryoneOn campaign, sponsored by Connect2Compete, seeks to promote the importance of digital literacy skills and increase access to free computer and Internet training classes.

In the United States, low-income and minority Americans disproportionately find themselves on the wrong side of the digital divide and excluded from the $8 trillion digital economy and all of its benefits. The EveryoneOn campaign aims to help the millions of Americans who do not have the digital literacy skills they need to succeed and help them understand the relevance the Internet has in their lives. Whether it's finding a job, helping their children complete homework for school, accessing e-commerce, or connecting with distant family, it is vital that we encourage every American to take advantage of the tools they need to succeed.

Libraries can participate by using the Connect2Compete Training Locator tool to update with information about digital literacy training and resources that you provide to your community. Information about the Training Locator tool, along with resources for promoting the campaign in your community are available at http://everyoneon.adcouncil.org.

By calling 1-855-EVRY1ON or visiting www.everyoneon.org, users have access to a zip code search tool to find free computer and internet training classes in their area. The website also includes information on computer basics, job searches, accessing government resources and how to connect with friends and family.

## Farewell

This will be my final issue as editor of the *Flickertale* newsletter. I have resigned from my position as Public Awareness Coordinator at the North Dakota State Library. If you have any correspondence to direct to the NDSL Public Awareness office, please send to ndslpa@nd.gov.

Happy trails to you, my library friends and colleagues!

***Adam Emter***

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."
- Robert Frost

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