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The Library: All Travelers Welcome
The 2013 Tri-Conference

Another year of the annual conference has come and gone. This year the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA), the South Dakota Library Association (SDLA) and the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) came together to collaborate and celebrate our common thread, our love of libraries.

The conference was scheduled down to the last minute with keynote speakers, poster sessions, exhibits, meetings, trainings and so much more! On the next two pages you will find highlights from different Tri-Conference participants and snap shots from the event. Be sure to visit MPLA's archive of the Tri-Conference presentations/handouts: http://bit.ly/19xybQI

After attending NDLA for 5 years, this year I attended my first pre-conference session, Story Time Slime, and it was well worth it! Hosted by Julie Gintzler of Steve Spangler Science, Story Time Slime focused on STEM activities you can do in the library to get kids excited about science while connecting the discoveries made to books. When I signed up for the session, I knew it was about STEM programming, but I didn't realize it was hands-on! Every participant received a box of supplies so we could conduct several experiments. Throughout the day, Julie walked us through the experiments, the science behind them and the K-4 Grade National Science Education Content Standard to which they correlate, and the books she uses to connect the science to stories with which young children can identify. Instead of using non-fiction books, to which young children may not have a connection, she uses fiction books where the characters have experiences with which a young child would be familiar. In addition to supplies, our kits contained a resource guide with all the experiments and documentation for conducting the experiments in the library. It was an inspiring session that provided excellent ideas to implement at your library! If you are interested in checking out the resource guide, it has been added to the State Library collection: http://bit.ly/17jl83n. For other STEM programming ideas you can use in your library, check out the Field Services blog: http://bit.ly/15ToYHf.

- Sarah

Rick Steves
Travel Writer and PBS host
keynote. Travel As a Political Act

Eric Stroshane
NDSL Field Services Representative
Defense Against the Digital Dark Arts

It was my very great pleasure to attend and contribute to the SDLA/NDLA/MPLA Tri-Conference this past month. This was a tightly-scheduled jam-packed conference; I had events and board meetings through 8:30 p.m. one evening (and that's not including the Hot Tub Round Table meeting!) and starting up again at 7:30 the next morning. Despite the exhausting schedule, I wouldn't have missed a minute of it. Personal highlights for me included:

- Hearing Rick Steves' keynote presentation on travel as a political act—he's even more engaging and entertaining in person than he is over the airwaves
- Visiting an exceptional group of vendors in the exhibit hall, such as Kathy Grotta from LEGO Education (http://bit.ly/1aj4kNY), Peter Opa from the Ajara Library Project (www.ajaraproject.org), Paul Gillespie from RBdigital (http://bit.ly/1hzrylH), and Lisa Hill from Credo Reference (http://bit.ly/16vkgOt)
- Attending Best Books for Teens 2013, a joint presentation that unfurled through a series of compelling book talks and library-made book trailers for recent and upcoming YA titles
- Learning about STEM in Public Libraries (including LEGO Robotics) from North Dakota's own Aaron Stefanich, and discovering that Grand Forks Public Library and the Dakota Science Center have made tons of field-tested lesson plans available at: http://bit.ly/15kjQJL
- Reveling in a rousing luncheon talk from Neal Shusterman on the value of storytellers and how he became one
- Having the opportunity to present a session on how libraries can better uphold the principles of intellectual freedom by protecting patrons' digital privacy on public access computers
- Catching up and networking with acquaintances and librarians from the 12-state region that makes up the Mountain Plains Library Association
- Serving as a judge for the MPLA Professional Forum, in which capacity I scrutinized and scored presentations on the shifting framework of fair use for digital course reserves and how to introduce the principles of lean management to library staff

- Eric

Neal Shusterman. Luncheon Award-Winning YA Author

Al Peterson President of NDLA

Award Winners at Tri-Conference Banquet

LEGO Robot. STEM Presentation

Tri-Conference is always fun because you get to meet new people and have a bigger selection of sessions to attend. This year I met a few North Dakota people that I'll be working with and talked with people from other states. I thought that the conference was very well organized. Some highlights were hearing about what it's like to serve on the Caldecott Award committee (they are sworn to secrecy as far as talking about which titles were in the running), hearing Rick Steves talk about how important travel is to have a broader view of the world and hearing about how one library staff improved customer service by first improving the staff morale by acknowledging when their staff did something well, encouraging their staff to have fun by dressing up on Talk Like a Pirate Day, etc. Next year NDLA is in Bismarck-Mandan, so I encourage you to attend.

- Stacey

Congratulations to Stacey Goldade
Winner of the MPLA's Unsung Hero Award

The Unsung Hero Award is given out to library individuals who have worked on a special project that had a significance to the library community. For anyone who has met or worked with Stacey, you know she certainly fits the mold. Stacey joined the North Dakota State Library (NDSL) in August of 2000, to head up the new department of Statewide Cataloging which was charged with helping libraries across the state automate their collections. There have been 67 school and public libraries in North Dakota that have benefitted from her diligence. Cataloging for one library can often be a full time job but Stacey currently manages the catalogs of 57 libraries as well as overseeing the management of 9 state agency collections. She is also always looking for new ways to reach out and help project librarians. She is always working in the background, striving to improve people's access to materials. Her department has made a substantial impact in the accessibility of information for the people of North Dakota. From everyone at the NDSL, we congratulate Stacey and truly appreciate all of her hard work!

New Library Resource Publications at the State Library

Fang-tastic fiction: twenty-first-century paranormal reads

A few good books: using contemporary readers' advisory strategies to connect readers with books

M-libraries 2: a virtual library in everyone's pocket

Doing social media so it matters: a librarian's guide

Librarians as learning specialists: meeting the learning imperative for the 21st century

Interlibrary loan practices handbook (3rd ed.)

Collection development and management for 21st century library collections : an introduction

Books as weapons: propaganda, publishing, and the battle for global markets in the era of World War II

Booktalking around the world: great global reads for ages 9-14

Banned books: Literature suppressed on religious grounds (3rd ed.)

Banned books: Literature suppressed on sexual grounds (3rd ed.)

Banned books: Literature suppressed on political grounds (3rd ed.)

Banned books: Literature suppressed on social grounds (3rd ed.)

Graphic novels in your school library

Book repair: a how-to-do-it manual (2nd ed.)

Instructional design for librarians and information professionals

The books that mattered: a reader's memoir

Information literacy beyond Library 2.0

Wii™

have invaded the library!

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is pleased to introduce a new circulating kit, The Wii Gaming Kit, available to public libraries. The Wii Gaming Kit will be loaned to your library, free of charge, for a four-week period. During the loan period, library staff members can set up the gaming system for patrons to come in and play.

The systems include 6 games (Super Smash Brothers, Minute To Win It, Wii Sports, Wii Sports Resort, Mario Kart, and Just Dance), four remotes, and two nunchucks. The systems must be kept at the library at all times. The program will run similar to the Tech Tools Kits.

The games included with the system are for anyone over the age of four. Libraries around the country that have been trying video games in the library have been having great success. Because the target age range is so vast with these systems, libraries can get almost anyone coming in to try these games out. They are also very popular with teens, which is an area a lot of libraries have been working on.

On the www.library.nd.gov/marketing.html website there is the official lending policy handout and marketing materials. Any library participating in this program is welcome to utilize these marketing materials. On the website you will find editable PDF versions of flyers, invitations and Facebook ads.

Contact your Field Services Representative to schedule your Wii Gaming kit loan. Kits can be sent via mail; but when possible a NDSL staff member will deliver and pick up the kits in person at the beginning and end of your four-week loan period. Wii look forward to invading your library soon!

Geek the Library

Geek the Library is a community awareness campaign aimed at building support for libraries. This is a nationwide campaign funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This means all the materials and support you receive from Geek the Library is FREE! They will provide any participating library field support and initital campaign materials, such as posters, stickers and bookmarks, and access to a campaign management center. Using this online resource, library staff can download hundreds of art files and helpful documents, find detailed guidance for every phase of the campaign and share ideas.

The idea behind the campaign, is that everyone "Geeks," or is passionate about, something - and public libraries support them all. The campaign message is bold and simple, and it focuses on the critical role that public libraries play in local communities while raising awareness for local library funding challenges.

We understand that many libraries out there are understaffed and underfunded, but the NDSL is here to help and guide you along the way.

The North Dakota State Library is going to launch a state wide Geek the Library initiative this spring. We suggest any library interested in getting your community excited about the library contact their Field Services Representative.

If this program at all is interesting to you, Geek the Library is putting together an informational webinar specifically for our state. Your Field Services Representative will be sending the webinar out once we receive it. Geek the Library will also be present at our spring workshops to help and guide your library in any way they can!

If you want more information about this campaign you can visit www.geekthelibrary.org or contact the NDSL.

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Leadership Institute Dates Changed!

MPLA 2014 Leadership Institute

April 27th - May 2nd, 2014; Estes Park, Colorado

DEADLINE: Friday, November 1, 2013

The 9th MPLA Leadership Institute will be facilitated by nationally known organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan has over 25 years of experience in leadership development and is the Past President of the American Library Association. She helped establish the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute and is a faculty member for its annual program.

Estes Park, Colorado

Criteria for applicants:

- Employed in a library organization in MPLA's 12-state region
- Current member of one of MPLA's 12 affiliated state library associations
- Minimum of 5 years in a library-related job with progressive experience
- Record of experience that demonstrates leadership potential
- Expected continued contribution to the profession
- A thoughtfully completed application
- Two letters of recommendation

Registration:

- MPLA members = $550; Non-MPLA members = $650
- Includes lodging and all meals
- Attendees pay for their own transportation costs. Individual libraries, state libraries, and state associations have assisted attendees with registration and/or transportation costs in the past. It is up to the individual attendees to pursue these or other sources of financial assistance.

Selection and notification:

Thirty participants will be selected through a process involving state library associations and the MPLA Leadership Institute Committee. Notifications will be sent by December 15, 2013.

Application form: http://www.mpla.us/leadership/leadershipapp2014.doc

From past institute participants:

- *The MPLA Leadership Institute turned out to be the single most gratifying and relevant experience of my library career.*
- *I could not have asked for a more empowering experience than this Institute.*
- *What an extraordinary opportunity for learning, laughing and leadership!*
- *The Institute validated my reasons for remaining where I am and offered me the impetus to analyze my present world and see if or how I need to make changes for the better.*
- *The Institute was one of the most amazing experiences that I have ever participated in during my lifetime.*
- *The most invigorating program I've ever attended.*

Location:

The Institute will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. Located in the heart of the Colorado Rockies, the 860-acre facility is 65 miles northwest of Denver and is surrounded on three sides by the magnificent Rocky Mountain National Park. See http://www.ymcarockies.org/estes-park-center-colorado.html.

Contact:

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Links: 2012 MPLA Leadership Attendees & Previous MPLA Leadership Institute Attendees, Mentors and Photos

Three New Book Club Kits Now Available For Check Out!

Lady Almina and the real Downton Abbey : the lost legacy of Highclere Castle

By the Countess of Carnarvon

Tells the story behind Highclere Castle, the real-life inspiration and setting for Julian Fellowes's Emmy Award-winning PBS show, and the life of one of its most famous inhabitants, Lady Almina, the 5th Countess of Carnarvon. Lady Almina was the daughter of a wealthy industrialist, Alfred de Rothschild, who married his daughter off at a young age, her dowry serving as the crucial link in the effort to preserve the Earl of Carnarvon's ancestral home. Throwing open the doors of Highclere Castle to tend to the wounded of World War I, Lady Almina distinguished herself as a brave and remarkable woman.

The story of Edgar Sawtelle : a novel

By David Wroblewski

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home. When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates himself into the life of the farm -- and into Edgar's mother's affections. Grief-stricken and bewildered, Edgar tries to prove Claude played a role in his father's death, but his plan backfires -- spectacularly. Forced to flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him. But his need to face his father's murderer and his devotion to the Sawtelle dogs turn Edgar ever homeward.

Gone girl : a novel

By Gillian Flynn

On a warm summer morning in North Carthage, Missouri, it is Nick and Amy's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears from their rented McMansion on the Mississippi River. Husband-of-the-year Nick isn't doing himself any favors with cringe-worthy daydreams about the slope and shape of his wife's head, but passages from Amy's diary reveal the alpha-girl perfectionist could have put anyone dangerously on edge. Under mounting pressure from police and the media -- as well as Amy's fiercely doting parents -- the town golden boy parades an endless series of lies, deceits, and inappropriate behavior. Nick is oddly evasive, and he's definitely bitter -- but is he really a killer? As the cops close in, every couple in town is soon wondering how well they really know the one they love.

NDSL Catalog: http://www.library.nd.gov/

Audiobooks Available For Book Club Kits

The State Library has recently extended the options for users of their popular new book club kits. Audiobook editions of the following kit titles are now available: The Fault in Our Stars, Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, Home Front, The Night Circus, The Round House, The Storyteller, and Thirteen Reasons Why.

Many of these titles are not currently available from the publisher in a large print edition, so audio is another way to broaden the number of patrons who can participate. Audiobooks are not automatically included in the kits; they must be checked out separately, either by the library or by the patron. They are in general circulation, so they are not guaranteed to be immediately available.

E-rate: Let's Get Started!

by Al Peterson

In my last article, I introduced some of the basics of E-rate. In this article, I will describe the beginning phase of the process. First, you need to determine if you are eligible. Ask yourself these two questions. Are you a public library that receives state aid from the North Dakota State Library? Are you considered a not-for-profit entity and have a budget that is separate from any school district or institute of higher learning? If the answer to the two questions is yes, then you qualify for participating in E-rate.

Next, we need to examine what is considered an eligible service by reviewing the five categories on the Eligible Service List; Telecommunication Services (Priority One), Internet Access (Priority One), Internal Connections (Priority Two), Basic Maintenance (Priority Two), and Miscellaneous. Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will fund Priority One categories first, and then fund Priority Two. You can find the eligible service list on the USAC website, http://bit.ly/16PTuCV.

After you have determined what services and products you are seeking discounts for, you need to determine if you need to write a technology plan. Technology Plans are NO LONGER required for Priority One Services but Technology Plans are still required for Priority Two Services. They have dropped the budget section requirement from the technology plan. There are only four elements rather than five.

1. The plan must establish clear goals and a realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology to improve education or library services;
2. The plan must have a professional development strategy to ensure that staff know how to use these new technologies to improve education or library services;
3. The plan must include an assessment of the telecommunication services, hardware, software, and other services that will be needed to improve education or library services; and
4. The plan must include an evaluation process that enables the school or library to monitor progress toward the specified goals and make mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise.

Once you have determined your eligibility status, which services you will apply for and whether you need a tech plan drawn up, you can now move to the first form necessary for the E-rate process, the Form 470, Description of Services Requested and Certification Form). A Form 470 opens competitive bidding for vendors. If an RFP (request for proposal) is necessary, you can issue this document at the same time. Check with your local government to inquire whether or not you need an RFP. Once the Form 470 is filed, it will be uploaded to USAC's website for review. The Form 470 allows vendors to review the services requested and bid on providing those services. Bids must remain open for at least 28 days in order to ensure a fair and open bidding process. After the 28th day, you can enter into contract negotiations with vendors, BUT YOU MUST WAIT THE 28 DAYS BEFORE SPEAKING TO A VENDOR!

You can file your Form 470 either on paper by mail or electronically. You can find the Form 470 as well as all the other forms needed for the E-rate process, online by clicking this link, http://bit.ly/1bF67Cm. When applying online, it would be a good habit to write down the application number or print out the page that provides the number and store it in your 2014-2015 E-rate folder. I would suggest creating a folder to hold all of your E-rate correspondences and copies of forms, matrixes, etc, for each year. That way, paperwork doesn't get lost or mixed up with other years.

One thing to keep in mind while filling out the form, when you are seeking out bids for discounts for services, it is helpful to vendors if you include the details. For example, if you are seeking discounts on two separate telephone lines, then state "2 telephone lines." If you are seeking Internet service at a particular speed, then state it in your request.

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Once posted, you will receive an FCC Form 470 Receipt Notification Letter acknowledging that USAC has received your application. The Receipt Notification Letter will provide you with the Allowable Contract Date, which is the last day of the 28 day waiting period.

So, this is how we start the E-rate process. Go forth and apply. If you have any questions about E-rate, feel free to contact me at 701-328-4021 or alpeterson@nd.gov.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CHOICES

These webinars are free, live, and interactive. You will be connected to audio using a headset or speakers. If you do not have a microphone, you can use chat to ask questions. You can find more webinars and training opportunities on our Facebook page under the events tab!

Enrolling in a Health Insurance Plan via Marketplace (NDSL) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/2kBbOM

Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 10:30 AM CT, Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 10:30 AM CT

Librarians, are you ready for patron questions about health care reform (ObamaCare)? Open enrollment for health insurance started October 1, 2013. This webinar will overview the Affordable Care Act; note the key dates to remember; navigate the Marketplace where patrons will apply, pick a plan, and enroll; and we will survey the categories of plans and note the essential services that each plan must offer.

NoveList Plus (NDSL) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/2kBbOM

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 10:30 AM CT

NoveList K-8 Plus and NoveList Plus are comprehensive reading resources for fiction and nonfiction that help connect readers to books. Content is created by librarians and expert educational specialists. View recommended readings lists by age, genre, fiction, or nonfiction. You can also search by Lexile reading level and Dewey range or find Common Core resources. This webinar is an overview of both resources.

Zinio (NDSL) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/2kBbOM

Thursday, October 24, 2013 10:30 AM CT

Access over 100 popular full color e-magazines via computer or mobile device. There are no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. Learn how to connect, browse, create two accounts, and add magazines to your personal collection.

Britannica School (NDSL) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/16lxhdk

Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM CT

Recently updated for K-12 students, this resource contains a wealth of content: articles, images, videos, dictionary, thesaurus, world atlas, and recommended websites. Choose from Preschool, Elementary, Middle School, or High School levels, each with a unique student-friendly interface. This webinar will navigate the new interface, view site features, and search content.

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.

LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

BANK OF THE WEST'S CHARITABLE INVESTMENTS PROGRAM — DEADLINE: ONGOING

Bank of the West's Charitable Investments Program supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving quality of life for low to moderate income adults in the communities it serves. Public, nonprofit organizations in Cass, Golden Valley, Griggs, Richland, and Stark counties in North Dakota are eligible to apply. Grants are awarded in the categories of community and economic development, and education and job training. Visit: http://bit.ly/hMV81M

SCHOLASTIC NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK GRANT — DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 8

Scholastic Library Publishing will award one $3000 grant to the library that develops the best public awareness campaign using the 2014 National Library Week theme "Lives Change @ Your Library." Libraries of all types are invited to apply. National Library Week is April 13-19, 2014. Visit: http://bit.ly/Iu0O7E

BAKER & TAYLOR SUMMER READING GRANT — DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30

This $3000 grant from the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and Baker & Taylor supports theme-based summer reading programs for children in public libraries. Visit: http://bit.ly/1dWBiGT

WALMART LOCAL GIVING PROGRAM — DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1

Walmart's Local Giving Program awards grants of $250 to $2500 to tax exempt nonprofit organizations, government entities, K-12 schools and universities, and faith-based organizations through each of its Walmart stores, Sam's Clubs, and Logistics facilities. Visit: http://bit.ly/RKh60i

ROMANCE WRITERS OF AMERICA LIBRARY GRANT — DEADLINE: DECEMBER 2

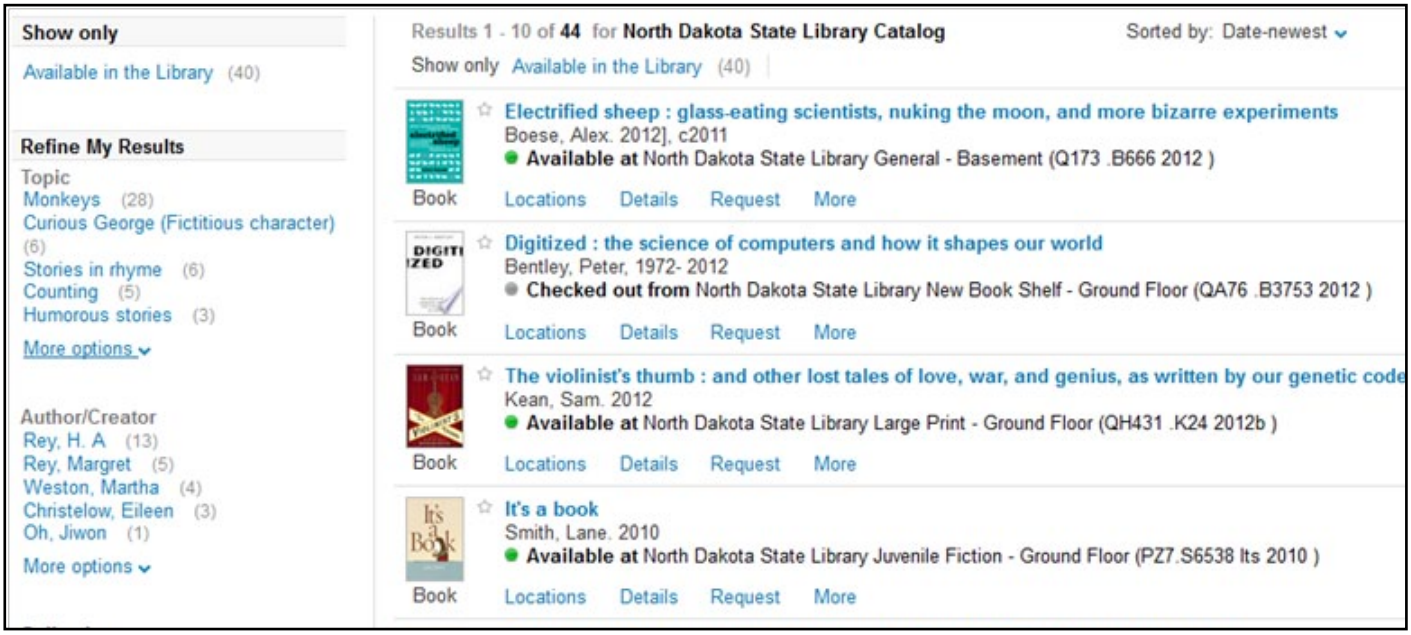
The Romance Writers of America and the Public Library Association will award a grant of $4500 to one public library to be used to improve awareness of the romance genre in the library. Funds may be used to purchase romance novels for the library collection, host romance-related library programming or training, and more. Visit: http://bit.ly/WMHmZW

State Park Passes Are Coming to all North Dakota Public Library's

The North Dakota State Library, in partnership with the North Dakota Parks and Recreation department are proud to announce that all public libraries will be given State Park Passes to add to their collections. With these passes, patrons will be able to check out the pass with their library card. This pass will provide daily vehicle access to any North Dakota State Park. The pass is good for (7) days. The passes have been sent out in the mail so keep an eye out for them!

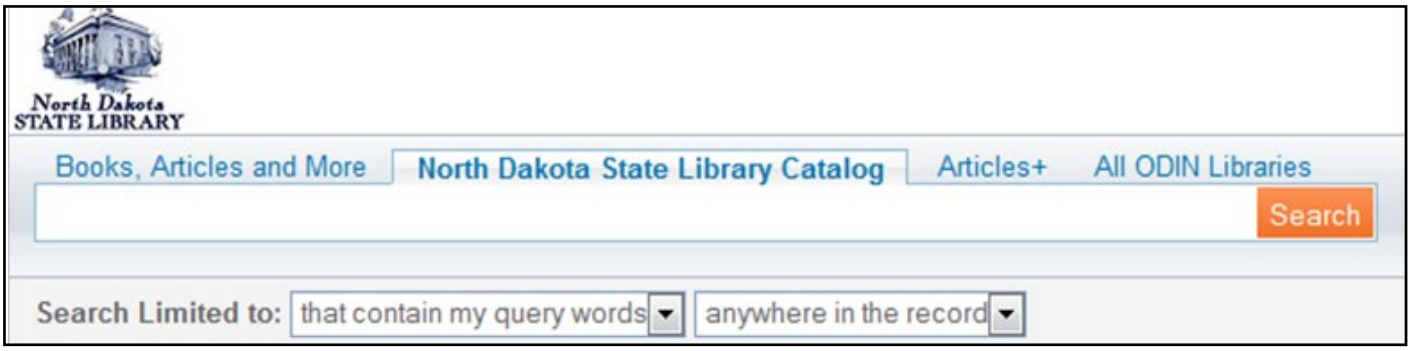
Introducing Primo, the New Online Catalog of the State Library

Starting October 21st, the search box on our website will direct all catalog searches to Primo (a discovery solution from Ex Libris). This is an exciting change that will make it easier for our patrons to tap into article content from our subscription databases. While the catalog looks a bit different, not much will change in terms of our interaction with it. Search is intuitive and results are snappily delivered.



You will still be able to refine your search using the facets along the left-hand side of your results list—things like topic, author, publication date, language, and collection. Results lists can be sorted by relevance, date, author, or title.

You can request items directly from the results list by clicking Request (you may have to sign in first, of course), saving you the step of clicking through to the bibliographic record first.



There are four search categories above the search box: Books, Articles and More searches items in our collection as well as our online resources; North Dakota State Library Catalog just searches our collection; Articles+ solely searches our online resources; All ODIN Libraries searches for items held by any library that's part of the ODIN library consortium.

All libraries in the ODIN consortium will be changing over to Primo at some point in the not-too-distant future, and a few already have. If you'd like to get a sneak peek at how Primo will work for the State Library, simply head to: http://odinlibrary.org/primo-nds.html.

North Dakota Tidbits

- The Mayville Public Library was bequeathed $50,000 by the late Ethel Hoff. Margaret Rice, library director, said the money will go towards building restoration and upkeep.
- Hettinger High School Classes of 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956 jointly presented Hettinger High School librarian LeNae Kristy with a donation of $950 for the library.
- The Fort Berthold Community College Education Program recently received 864 books from the Reader to Reader organization's Literacy Program. The books will be distributed to community schools, the College's Adult Education program, and its Elementary Education program.
- A recently concluded survey revealed that Grand Forks residents favor building a new public library over remodeling the current facility, with 43% of respondents strongly agreeing with the new construction.
- The James River Valley Library System Library Board wants to create a joint powers agreement between itself, the Stutsman County Commission and the Jamestown City Council so that it can put building a new library to a public vote. Everyone in Stutsman County would then be able to vote on whether to approve a county-wide quarter-cent sales tax to pay for the new library.
- The James River Valley Library System Library Board voted to hire a financial adviser to help put together a U.S. Department of Agriculture loan application, which would be used to pay for the new library and which would be paid back with the quarter-cent sales tax.
- The South Central Area Library (Edgeley) has secured a 99-year lease from the city of Edgeley for a lot adjacent to the library, on which they'll be building a new garage for their bookmobile.
- The Carnegie Regional Library (Grafton) has been aggressively weeding its collection. They hope to receive a grant from the ND Library Coordinating Council to participate in the Statewide Online Catalog through WorldCat.. The library is also planning to join the ODIN consortium if they receive the grant, migrating from Winnebago to the ALEPH automation system in the process.
- The Valley City Barnes County Public Library recently migrated to Biblionix for their automation system. Here's the link to their new catalog: https://valleycity.biblionix.com/atoz/catalog/
- The Ward County Library and the Kenmare Library recently hosted a Fall into Reading Event, in partnership with the Souris Valley United Way. The event featured numerous storytellers and its main purpose was to foster early childhood literacy. In this regard, it was a great way to extend the spirit of their Summer Reading Program into a new season.
- The Garrison Public Library is spurring local library use through a raffle. From October 1 - November 29, patrons will have their names entered once for every five physical items they check out. Prizes are awarded based on age categories: pre-K – 2nd graders are eligible to win a LeapPad, 3rd – 6th graders are eligible to win an iPad Mini, and both 7th-12th graders and adults are eligible to win an iPad 2.
- The Williston Community Library recently held its 13th annual "Table of Contents" fundraiser. The event features an exhibit of creative, beautiful, and extraordinary table settings and dining themes, as well as refreshments and a silent auction. Their Library Foundation sells tickets for the event and also raises money through the auction.

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

Star Wars Reads Day at The Grand Forks Public Library!

Submitted by Grand Forks Public Library

The Empire and the Rebellion flew into the Grand Forks Public Library! Saturday, Oct. 5th was STAR WARS READS DAY. Complete with a costume contest, a fantastic visit from the Mandalorian Mercs Costuming Club who came dressed for a Jedi battle! Crafts, and a STEM session dedicated to all things moon and lunar topped it all off. The force was definitely working at the Grand Forks Public Library.

The Edna Ralston Public Library, in Larimore, has recently got a new sign for their library!

Kenmare Starts a YA Book Club

The Kenmare Branch Library had their first Young Adult Book Club in September, with 18 teens signing up to participate. The book club was organized by librarian Bree Aldrich, who partnered with Kenmare High School's English/Speech teacher in order to get more students involved. The first book they are reading is "The Giver" by Lois Lowry, and the library purchased the books with funds received from the Kenmare Veteran's Club. The Veteran's Club donated $1,000 to purchase books for the book club.

Grant Awarded to Carnegie Regional

Carnegie Regional Library was recently award a grant from the Grafton Community Endowment Fund and NE Regional Education Fund to help support our upcoming new library software.

Tech Toolkits Making the Rounds

Field Services Librarian Sarah Matusz dropped off a Tech Toolkit at the Edna Ralston Library in Larimore on September 16 and answered questions for patrons about the devices. The Toolkit contains an iPad, iPod, Nexus 7, Nook SimpleTouch, Kindle Paperwhite, and Kindle Fire. Some patrons brought their own devices to ask questions about as well. The Toolkit circulates to libraries for 3 weeks, and patrons can visit the library to play with the devices during that time. If you would like to request a Toolkit for your library, please contact your Field Services representative.

Talking Books Program

Do you know anyone who is visually or physically impaired? The North Dakota State Library has a special program called Talking Books to help the visually and physically impaired still enjoy a good book. If you know of anyone who would be interested and who would qualify for this program, please contact the Talking Book Department at 701-328-1408 or 1-800-843-9948 or check out their webpage for more information!

http://www.library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html

The UND Hockey Team showed up at the Grand Forks Public Library and helped out with crafts and games to celebrate the world of hockey! It was awesome!

Submitted by Grand Forks Public Library

Use of Small and Rural Libraries Grows in the Digital Age

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently released a report on the agency's first targeted analysis of trends for rural and small library services. The report gives an overview of the distribution, service use, fiscal health, and staffing of these important community assets.

The brief's key findings include the following:

• Of the 8,956 public libraries in the US in FY2011, 77.1% can be categorized as small. Almost half of all public libraries, 46.8%, were rural libraries.

• In FY2011, there were 167.6 million recorded visits to rural public libraries, a number that has increased by 4.2% over the past three years, and there were 301.2 million visits to small public libraries in FY2011, a three-year increase of 4.6%.

To view the entire report please click the link below: http://1.usa.gov/1a5hHA7

ALSC Recommends More Great Websites For Kids!

A Press Release from ALAnews

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has added more sites to Great Websites for Kids, its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children.

Great Web Sites for Kids (GWS) features links to high-quality websites of interest to children 14 years of age and younger, organized into diverse subject headings such as art; music; computers and technology; geography and maps; museums; mathematics; and much more. Each site entry includes a brief annotation and a grade-level rating. GWS users can also rate sites, save their favorites for easy access and share sites via social media and email. For more information: http://bit.ly/1g4Kdbh

IMLS / Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Partnership

Recently, the American Library Association, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), have formed a partnership to learn what librarians can do to help patron requests for assistance in navigating health insurance options in the Health Insurance Marketplace. The Marketplace website, HealthCare.gov will be the primary tool for delivering information to Americans about their health coverage options. As prominent providers of Internet access and digital literacy training for people who lack Internet connections at home, libraries can anticipate intensified demand for computer services. IMLS and CMS will work cooperatively to make sure that libraries are aware of and able to connect patrons with information resources and community partners who are trained enrollment assistors.

To support the partnership formed, IMLS has also awarded $286,104 to OCLC to facilitate efforts through its flagship public library program WebJunction.org. The goal is to assure that librarians have the information and connections with local experts needed to connect their patrons to information about the Health Insurance Marketplace when open enrollment began October 1, 2013. OCLC will work closely with ZeroDivide, a social impact organization that helps underserved communities realize the transformative power of technology to improve health outcomes, to implement the program.

When you use the Health Insurance Marketplace, you'll fill out an application and find out if you can get lower costs on your monthly premiums for private insurance plans. You'll find out if you qualify for lower out-of-pocket costs. The Marketplace will also tell you if you qualify for free or low-cost coverage available through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Open enrollment started October 1, 2013. Plans and prices will be available then. Coverage starts as soon as January 1, 2014. For more information from WebJunction, go to: http://bit.ly/15ZMca1

PEANUTS READING ADVENTURE CONTEST

Snoopy and the Peanuts gang know that reading offers the possibility of an adventure on every page! To celebrate the excitement of reading, Peanuts is asking you to share your favorite reading adventure—whether it was losing yourself in what would become your favorite book, or traveling to someplace totally unexpected through reading—no adventure is too small!

One grand prize winner will receive:

- A visit to his or her library from Joe Cool himself (Snoopy!)
- A library of 11 titles from the newly launched imprint AMP! Comics for Kids, a line of paperback graphic novels for middle-readers from Andrews McMeel
- The exclusive ALA Graphics READ® Snoopy poster and bookmarks.

Twenty runners-up will receive six AMP! Comics for Kids books and an ALA Graphics READ® Snoopy poster and bookmarks.

Entries must be submitted by October 20, 2013.

This contest is part of a collaborative campaign between Peanuts Worldwide and the American Library Association designed to introduce the Peanuts family to a new generation of readers throughout school and public libraries.

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