NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

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Coming April 11th & 12th...

SPRING WORKSHOP

Hosted by the North Dakota State Library

First Day Schedule

On Monday, April 11, 2016, the sessions will follow two tracks. Choose the sessions that interest you: Grant Writing, Passive Programming, Digital Initiatives, Basic IT, KitKeeper, Project Evaluation, and more.

Featured Speaker

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, features our keynote speaker, Eli Neiburger. Eli is Associate Director for IT & Production at the Ann Arbor District Library. He is the author of "Gamers…in the Library?" published in 2007 by ALA Editions. Eli has written and presented extensively about libraries, content, and the Web. He will present two workshops on Tuesday: Access, Schmaccess (9am-12pm) & Flatland (1-4pm).

Graduate credit

School media specialists can get one graduate credit from Valley City State University. Mary Soucie, ND State Librarian, will teach an additional session Monday evening (6-9pm) for those who want the credit.

Additional information

The Spring Workshop will be held at the Bismarck Comfort Inn. A block of rooms has been reserved, call 701-223-1911 and ask for the State Library conference rate ($80.10/single). You must call the 701 number to get the conference rate.

For 2016 Spring Workshop details, go to the ND State Library webpage:
http://library.nd.gov/traininglibraries.html

Questions? Contact Steve Axtman: 800-472-2104 or saxtman@nd.gov

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

North Dakota's revenue forecast for this biennium had to be readjusted due to the impact the drop in oil prices has had on state revenues. On February 1st, Governor Dalrymple and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) director Pam Sharp shared the new forecast for the remainder of the biennium and the subsequent impact on state agencies. The state has a budget stabilization fund but before it can be accessed, most state agencies have to take a minimum 2.5% allotment or budget cut. After careful analysis, OMB and the Governor's office determined that state agencies need to take a 4.05% allotment for the remainder of the biennium. It is up to each agency head to determine how to meet the requirement.

For the State Library, the allotment amount of 4.05% means we need to amend our biennial budget by just shy of $275,000. Our revised budget is due to OMB on February 17. I have been working closely with the State Library Management Team to devise the best way to handle the allotment. Tough decisions have to be made and as I am writing this article, our plan has not been finalized.

I do know that we will not be renewing at least 3 databases. Our internal Database Review Committee reviewed the usage trends for each database for the last 3 years. We did not compare the databases against each other because that is nearly impossible since they are so different in scope and in process. We made our renewal decisions based on the usage trends, in combination with the database costs. We would like to have an opportunity to notify the vendors that we won't be renewing once we have finalized our plan. We will announce the names of the databases at that time.

In addition to the databases, we will be curtailing travel in general. Library Development will continue to work with their libraries via phone, email and videoconferencing, and visit in person when needed. Visits to libraries will be based on invitation and need, rather than scheduled as an annual visit.

The State Library will be changing the format for Summer Summit this year. Fewer staff will attend the locations that require an overnight stay, although we will still be able to present the same information. We will not be offering mileage reimbursements for Summer Summit, but we will be offering a lunch option. Attendees can choose to pre-order lunch, at their own cost. This year's Summer Summit will focus on the director-board relationship. We are excited to explore this topic with you.

Most of our other changes are completely internal. Open positions may remain vacant longer than in the past. Although each position that we have is important, we recognize the cost savings found when a position remains temporarily unfilled. We will also be cutting back on book purchases for the remainder of this biennium.

The State Library has worked hard to minimize the effect of the allotment on the services that we offer. The Library Vision grants that were already awarded will remain the same, as will the monies for the Public Library Renovation and Repair grants. We will not be cutting State Aid for Public Libraries either. If you have questions or concerns about these changes, please don't hesitate to contact me.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

ZINIO

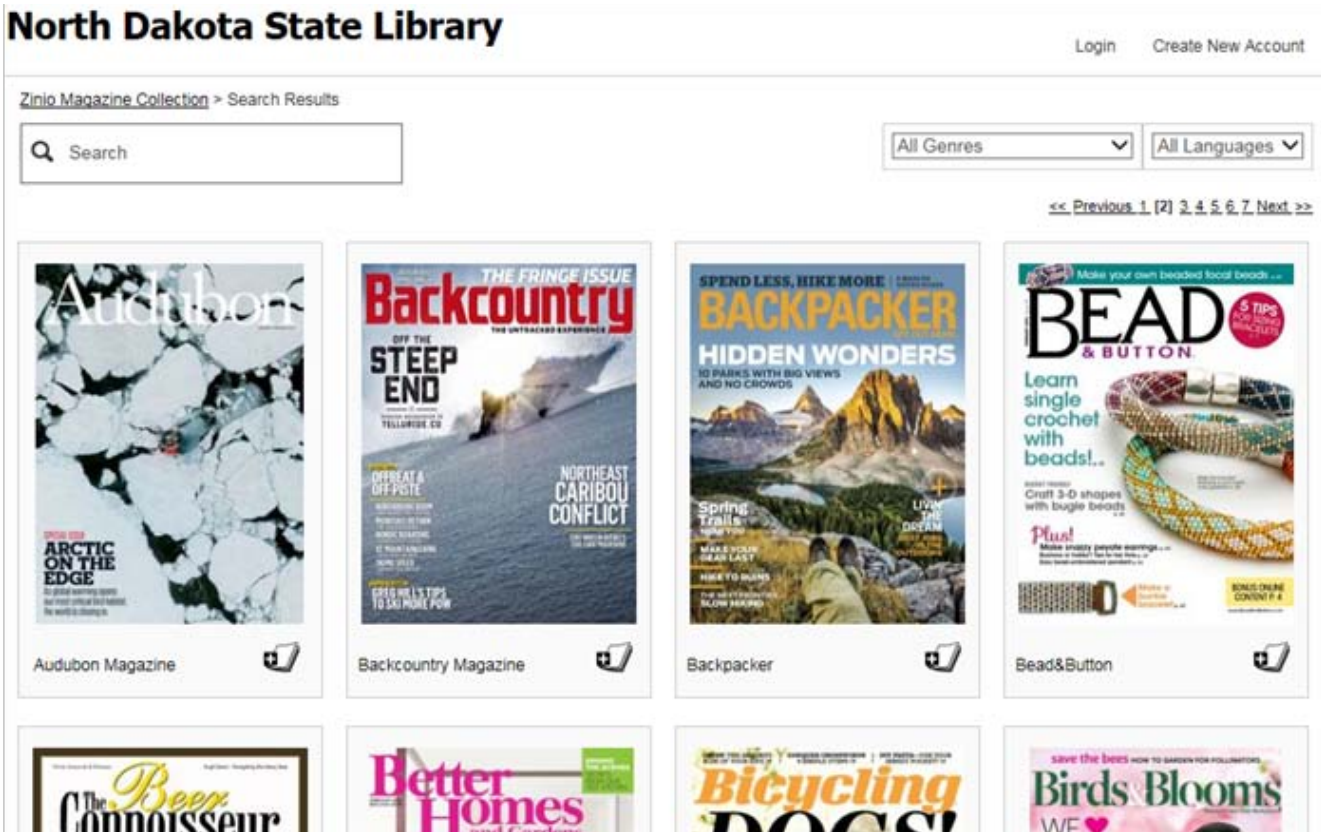
Zinio is a download service that offers full color digital magazines. Users can access 150 popular magazines from numerous publishers with any smart device. There are no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. The Zinio digital magazine collection covers news, sports, entertainment, travel, fashion, art, gardening, and more. The print and digital issues are published simultaneously.

Zinio recognizes the library cards from over 60 North Dakota public libraries. It is important to note that the Remote Access Numbers assigned to public libraries and schools will not work. Any North Dakota citizen can get a free ND State Library card if your local public library does not issue a Zinio recognized card.

Use your library card to create an account and check out magazines. Use your browser to read magazines online or download to the app to read offline. The Zinio app for your portable device is a free download at your app store. Checked out Zinio magazines do not disappear from your computer or smart device. Magazine issues will remain in your personal collection until you delete them.

More information:

- 1-800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov
- Zinio resources: http://www.library.nd.gov/guides.html
- North Dakota State Library card: http://www.library.nd.gov/librarycard.html



NEW DIRECTION FOR NDSL

By Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

The State Library recently underwent a strategic planning process. Jason Matthews of JM Strategies facilitated the process for us. We are finishing the draft of the plan and will share it on our website soon. As part of our process, we surveyed staff and asked them to make suggestions for a new vision and mission statement. The statements we have adopted are compilations of different suggestions from the staff, taking phrases and/or words from several and putting them together. In addition to the surveys, we also held an all-staff retreat, off site. It was very beneficial to have a day dedicated to sharing ideas, discussing priorities and making connections with each other.

I especially love our mission statement because I feel that is what all libraries do for their communities and I love that it will be our guiding principle. I am excited about our new vision and mission statements and wanted to share them with the ND library community as soon as possible.

The ND State Library's new vision statement is "Creating Pathways to Information and Innovation" and our mission statement is "Making Connections, Strengthening Communities, and Enriching Lives". I believe these two statements perfectly encapsulate what we do now as well as what we will do in the future.

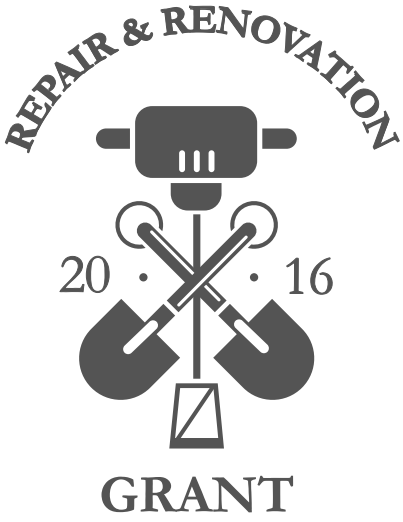
Keep your eyes open for the unveiling of our strategic plan. If you have questions about the strategic planning process, please contact your Library Development Specialist. I would also be happy to chat with you about the process that we used. The process that we used, with JM Strategies assistance, certainly strengthened our State Library community and I hope that the fruits of our labor will enrich the ND library community for a long time to come.

RENOVATION AND REPAIR GRANTS

The Renovation and Repair Grant for public libraries is open until **March 31, 2016.** Please visit the North Dakota State Library's website to view the guidelines and the scoring rubric. Please take time to read through the guidelines before you complete the grant. The guidelines and rubric can be found at: http://library.nd.gov/grants.html.

Grants will be submitted through Counting Opinions. Your library has a login and password for Counting Opinions. Please contact the Administration Office at ndsladmn@nd.gov or via phone at (701) 328-2492 if you need assistance with your login and password. You can access Counting Opinions at http://nd.countingopinions.com.

Please contact your Library Development Specialist or Cynthia Clairmont-Schmidt if you have questions about the grant. Cynthia can be reached at 1-800-472-2104 or ccclairmont@nd.gov.

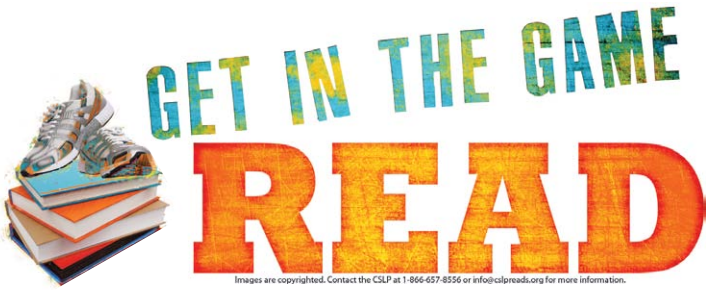


2016 SUMMER READING WORKSHOPS

Join your colleagues to discuss ideas and start planning your 2016 Summer Reading Program! The 2016 Summer Reading Workshops will be held in the following locations:

Wednesday, February 17	Bismarck	North Dakota State Library
Thursday, February 18	Minot	Minot Public Library
Friday, February 19	Dickinson	Dickinson Area Public Library
Wednesday, February 24	Grand Forks	Grand Forks Public Library
Thursday, February 25	West Fargo	West Fargo Public Library
Friday, February 26	Jamestown	Alfred Dickey Public Library

There is no charge to attend the Summer Reading Workshops. Each workshop will run from 10am-4pm with a break for lunch, which will be on your own. Please register online at http://bit.ly/1lSjhSV.



SUMMER READING TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE

Encourage your teens to participate in the 2016 Teen Video Challenge! Teens are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video with their interpretation of the 2016 teen summer reading slogan "Get in the Game–Read." The creators of the winning video will be awarded $150 and their associated public library will receive prizes worth at least $50 from CSLP, Upstart, and CSLP partners. For full details about the 2016 Teen Video Challenge and to find out how to enter, please visit http://library.nd.gov/videocontest.html

FREE TRAINING WEBINARS

These webinars are free, live, and interactive. You will connect to audio using a headset or speakers. If you do not have a microphone, you can use chat to ask questions.

Politics and the Presidential Election (Minitex)

REGISTER: http://bit.ly/20RmtOf

Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 9:00-9:45 AM CT

As the 2016 presidential race continues, libraries may see an increase in public interest in learning about the candidates. Join this webinar to learn how to help citizens learn more about the candidates and some of the issues they'll politely discuss.

Zinio (NDSL)

REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1TOk9Wm

Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 3:30-4:30 PM CT

Access over 150 popular full color e-magazines with any smart device or computer. There are no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. Learn how to connect, browse, create an account, and add magazines to your personal collection.

Creating Resource Packs & Lesson Plans in Britannica (Minitex)

REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1Px3WQ2

Friday, February 26, 2016, 12:00-12:30 PM CT

Resource Packs are a way to collect and organize Britannica School content around any topic of your choice. They can be used to support classroom discussions, or as starting points for inquiry or research projects. Resource Packs can be turned in to Lesson Plans as well. Attend this webinar to learn how to create a resource pack, lesson plan, and browse existing lesson plans that can be easily customized.

Tutor ND (NDSL)

REGISTER: http://bit.ly/1Ph7BUc

Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 3:30-4:30 PM CT

TutorND offers free online tutoring for all ND residents. Get live, one-to-one help from carefully screened professional tutors in major academic subjects like math, science, social studies, and English. Get help with writing and grammar or boost your career with resume and job search assistance. TutorND can be accessed from any device with an Internet access. This webinar is an overview of TutorND.

Information Literacy – Do Students Know What They Are Looking For? (Minitex)

REGISTER: http://bit.ly/NWnSmC

Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 11:00-11:45 AM CT

K-12 students are beginner researchers and need guidance on building search strategies and locating authoritative resources. Librarians can help students to identify the key concepts from assignments, create search strategies, and learn commonly used techniques to help with the initial stages of research.

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.

FREE, NEW TOOLKIT AVAILABLE FOR LIBRARIANS

In January, the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) released a toolkit for librarians called "Library Service to Special Population Children and their Caregivers." It was "designed to help you develop or enhance library services to special populations of children and families." The toolkit addresses a variety of special populations, including homeschooling families, LGBTQ families, children on the autism spectrum, children with incarcerated parents, Spanish-speaking families (including digital literacy), children with print disabilities, and children with teens. Each section includes examples of resources and partnerships. You can access a free copy of the toolkit at: http://bit.ly/1o28WVH

The Mountain Plains Library Association 2016 Leadership Institute

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) 2016 Leadership Institute will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies, in Estes Park, CO. The Institute will run from May 15th to May 20th. This year marks MPLA's tenth Leadership Institute. Maureen Sullivan will once again facilitate; her instructional style and professional knowledge put this event at the highest quality of leadership training available in the profession. The remote site adjacent to the Rocky Mountain National Park lends itself to exceptional bonding by the participants, personal reflection, and professional growth.

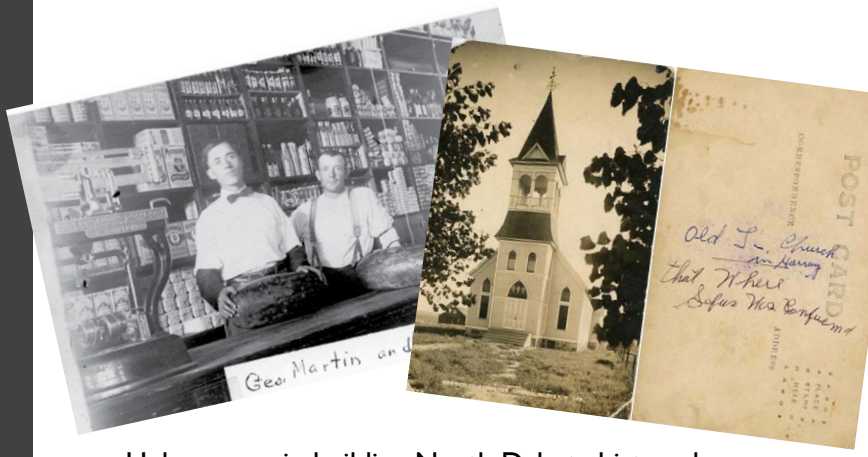
Fifty-one applications were received from librarians across the MPLA region; the following thirty were invited to join the 2016 fellow cohort: Arizona - Amber Kent, Melanie Toledo, Coreen Wagner, Ellen Greene & Matthew Harp; Colorado - Sarah Landeryou, Rebecca Cruz & Ruby Nugent; Kansas - Ashley Creek, Heather Braum, Savanna Ball & Diana Weaver; Nebraska - Seery Sky, Terri Rickel, Allison Reisig; Nevada - Stephanie Espinoza; New Mexico - Joy Poole & Eva Jacobson; North Dakota - Sarah Nelson, Mary Lorenz & James Nyland; Oklahoma - Natalie Vaughn & Leanne Cheek; South Dakota - Maria Gruener, Ana Olivier & Mary Johnson; Utah - Becky Thoms, Kara Pearson, Emily Swanson & Jason Cornelius. Congratulations 2016 Fellows!

More information is available at:
http://mpla.us/quick-links/leadership-institute.html

SCAN DAY

Monday, March 14th

Hosted by the Grand Forks Public Library



Help engage in building North Dakota history by bringing in personal records, photos, objects, etc. to be digitally converted and then displayed on Digital Horizons. Flash drives will be provided to all participants with digital copies of their documents. Please sign up by contacting the Grand Forks Public Library at: (701) 772-8116

BIG TALK FROM SMALL LIBRARIES

Registration is now open for Big Talk From Small Libraries. Big Talk From Small Libraries is a "free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries." While anyone can attend, this conference is geared towards libraries serving populations of a few hundred to a few thousand. The conference will be held on Friday, February 26, between 8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (CST). If you can't attend on the day of the conference, be sure to check out the recordings of the sessions. The speakers for the sessions will all be from small libraries or work with small libraries. More information is available here: http://1.usa.gov/1Q9o6yW

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Resource sharing today: a practical guide to interlibrary loan, consortial circulation, and global cooperation
- Closer together, further apart: the effect of technology and the Internet on parenting, work, and relationships
- Copyright questions and answers for information professionals: from the columns of Against the Grain
- Freedom of speech: mightier than the sword
- F.B. eyes: how J. Edgar Hoover's ghostreaders framed African American literature
- Scales on censorship: real life lessons from School Library Journal
- A lifetime of fiction: the 500 most recommended reads for ages 2 to 102
- Anne of Green Gables, my daughter, & me: what my favorite book taught me about grace, belonging, & the orphan in us all
- Voracious: a hungry reader cooks her way through great books
- Part of our lives: a people's history of the American public library
- Absolute value: what really influences customers in the age of (nearly) perfect information
- In real life: love, lies & identity in the digital age
- The power of pictures: creating pathways to literacy through art, grades K-6
- Developing and managing electronic collections: the essentials
- Spirituality in young adult literature: the last taboo

E-rate: Form 471

Submitted by Al Peterson

Hello North Dakota E-raters. As you probably already know, the window for the Form 471 is now open. The window opened on February 3rd and closes April 29 at 11:59:59 PM EDT, giving us a window of 87 days. I know there is frustration and confusion about the new EPC portal. USAC is offering a series of webinars this month starting on Feb. 16th. Click on the following link to access the Training and Outreach page for USAC, http://bit.ly/1PzPhUb. I will be taking as many of them as I can fit into my schedule. In addition to webinars, this page has handouts and reference guides that are useful for those who are participating in E-rate. In addition to USAC trainings, you can contact me directly at alpeterson@nd.gov or 701-328-4021.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

STEMEX: STEM EXPERT FACILITATION OF FAMILY LEARNING IN LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS (IMLS) — DEADLINE: MAY 1

This special initiative invites proposals for research on informal educational approaches that leverage community Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) professionals to reach children and families from diverse economic, social, and cultural backgrounds. They are interested in proposals for design-based research projects that develop and explore models for inquiry-based STEM programs delivered by scientists, engineers, and related technical practitioners (STEM experts) to children ages 6-10 and their families. Funding is capped at $1,000,000 per project.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at http://1.usa.gov/1XdNAkk

MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE DEGREE GRANT (NDSL) — DEADLINE: MAY 31

The North Dakota State Library provides a training grant encouraging North Dakotans to pursue a Master of Library and Information Science degree from an ALA-accredited school (ALA/MLIS) and to work in North Dakota. Applicants must be employed by a North Dakota public school library, a public library, a public academic library, or the State Library. Applicants must be accepted into an ALA/MLIS program prior to the award. Applications may be submitted for a total amount of up to $8,500.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at http://1.usa.gov/1UYmPiC

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (MPLA) INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS — DEADLINE: MAY 25

MPLA sponsors a professional development grant program to improve library services. Grants support continuing education; attendance as a participant or presenter at library or scholarly workshops, seminars, and conferences; visits to other libraries to receive or provide significant advanced training in library services or procedures; and library related research projects. Applicants must be members of MPLA.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at http://bit.ly/1olcAu5

GREAT RIVER ENERGY — DEADLINE: JUNE 15

Great River Energy contributes to organizations in the communities they serve and the communities where their employees live. Awards of $500 to $2500 are given to nonprofit organizations focusing on community service, education, environment, and youth. Contributions in North Dakota are targeted to requesting organizations in Oliver, McLean and Mercer counties.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at http://bit.ly/1Oem6UR

OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY — DEADLINE: JUNE 15

Otter Tail Power Company provides financial support for general operating and program expenses to qualifying organizations and activities in the communities they serve. Many North Dakota School and Public Libraries have received this grant!

To find out more information http://bit.ly/1JHI99I

If you have applied for a grant you found in The Flickertale and received it, please let us know!

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Mott Public Library hosted their first ever Warm Up Winter with Local Authors event, featuring Joyce Hinrich and Jon D. Skjoldal reading from their books.
- Elgin Public Library now has a website. If your library doesn't, you can apply for one on our website (PDF).
- Underwood Public Library will be hosting three book discussions through March and April; each led by a different, renowned North Dakota historian: Dakota Goodhouse, Dr. Frank Varney, and Dr. Michael Yellowbird.
- Stanley Public Library is hosting a passive Blind Date with a Book event all February, where patrons check out wrapped books and submit cards rating their dates (the books) in exchange for eligibility in a prize drawing (sponsored by the Friends of the Library).
- McVille Community Library hosts a Knit & Purl group every Saturday.
- Minot Public Library offers gallery space to highlight the works of local artists; the exhibit changes monthly and this is just one of many reasons to keep visiting.
- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library recently hosted National Weather Service meteorologist John Paul Martin, who presented a program on the history of recording the weather in Bismarck, the blizzard of 1966, and other fascinating weather-related tidbits.
- James River Valley Library System is finalizing specifications with OBS, Inc. for their new bookmobile.
- Minot Air Force Base library celebrated Star Wars throughout January with a variety of programs for children and adults, including a community Darth Vader puzzle, photo opportunities with a storm trooper, trivia, games, and the chance to build your own lightsaber.
- Griggs County Public Library has begun extensive renovations, including new carpet, insulation, a new coat of paint, and carving out dedicated space for programming, a meeting room, and a computer lab.
- Ellendale Public Library is hosting a series of free art classes led by Cindy Stave.
- Hebron Public Library began Stay Warm This Winter, a new donation-driven program to help ensure everyone in the community has warm hats, mittens, and scarves.
- Eddy-New Rockford Public Library recently conducted surveys of community adults and teens to identify areas of interest, focusing on non-fiction collection development decisions.
- Barnes County North Public School received a $3,000 grant from best-selling author James Patterson to support its school library.
- Libraries in the Fargo/West Fargo/Moorhead area are planning their fifth One Book, One Community reading project.
- Raugust Library, University of Jamestown, has a new reference/instruction librarian, Paige Stewart. Paige has an MLIS and a B.A. in International Political Economy.

When the Walhalla Public Library needed to raise money for a new cabinet for their microfilm collection, board member Jim Benjaminson reached out to Choice Financial for help funding this purchase. A marketing strategy meeting resulted in the Super Bowl Party Kit fundraiser. Anyone who makes a donation to the library is entered for a chance to win a Super Bowl Party Kit, and Choice Financial will match all the donations. Perhaps your library could partner with a local bank to host a similar fundraiser in your community! Check out their flier here: http://on.fb.me/1o2atLk

Lakota City Library

ND School for the Blind

Dickinson Public Library

SNAP SHOTS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Mott Public Library

Bowman Regional Public Library

Carniege Regional Library

McVille Community Library

Valley City Barnes County Public Library

Edna Ralston Library

DiGiTAL DELiGHTS

A shaving mug of the Knights of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Chain from the 1920's. This was photographed at our Griggs County ScanDay in November. Find it online: http://bit.ly/1PzO3IG

Credit Line: Griggs County ScanDay

Check out the Digital Horizons new logo on the website at http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/ —see how many digital North Dakota gems you can find!

DIGITAL HORIZONS

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

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