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NDLCC STANDARDS COMPLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

by State Librarian Mary Soucie

This is our continuing series on compliance with the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council's Standards for Public Libraries. This month, we are going to focus on library programming, one of my passions. I absolutely love library programming for all ages. In today's busy world, libraries are serving the needs of their patrons in new and traditional ways. Library programming has increased as has attendance.

The standards for public libraries indicate that libraries serving a populations of up to 12,500 should provide programs for all ages. For the libraries serving populations over 12,500, there are a specific number of programs required for each level- kids, teens and adults.

Many of our ND libraries offer programs for kids. More libraries are offering programs for adults; inculding everything from coloring clubs to books-in-bars book clubs to craft programs. Some of our libraries offer summer reading programs for all ages while others offer summer reading programs for kids and teens and a winter reading program for adults.

I think it's important to offer programs for all ages. As libraries continue to strive to prove their value and relevance in the "Google era", it is one way to meet the needs of the community. Programs will bring different people into the library and will get people talking about the library.

I am going to focus on adult and teen programs because our ND public libraries have a good handle on offering kids programs. If you're struggling with how to start expanding your programs to include adults or teens, consider offering some programs that are open to teens and adults. Craft programs are one type of program that you can easily include both age groups in. When the State Library recently held our Pokémon Go event, we had people of all ages in the library; and the different age groups participated in all aspects of the program. If you have an adult coloring group, why not open it to teens?

If you are struggling to serve teens, consider partnering with the local school district on something. Perhaps a book club that is held at the school but run by the library. Stock up on duct tape and have a drop-in "build a something", a wallet for example, from duct tape.

Consider offering adult programs beyond just a book club. There are lots of ideas for adult programs. One program that I wanted to implement at my last library (but left before I got the chance) was a "cooking club". Choose a different food group each month, such as soups, and each person makes a sample and brings it to share. The library can share the resources that they have that tie in with the food group; be creative and think beyond cookbooks. A friend of mine did this at her library and patrons were very responsive.

Programming doesn't have to be hard or onerous on the librarian. Don't feel like you have to provide all the programs either. If you know someone with a hobby, invite them in to do a library program for you. If you ever want to bounce ideas for library programs, give me a holler, as it's one of my favorite topics to chat about. You can also visit the Field Notes blog (https://ndslfieldnotes.wordpress.com/) where you will find a plethora of posts about library programs.

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

School has returned and soon the leaves will start turning and it will be time to take out your favorite hoodie. While I'm not looking forward to putting away my sandals for another year, I'm ready to snuggle into my favorite hoodie. I wasn't a hoodie wearer before I moved to ND; I wore fleece jackets but didn't own a single hoodie. There are a lot more hoodies in our house now for sure.

As the fall comes upon us, so does conference season. I don't know why but it seems that many conferences and webinars happen in the fall. The first conference this fall is the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) Conference in Dickinson, ND. I thoroughly enjoy attending the conference, getting to interact with so many of our ND librarians and library staff. The State Library will once again have a table in the exhibits hall so be sure to stop by and say hi to us.

This year, a group of us from the State Library will be driving two vans to Colorado for the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA). We are thrilled to be taking three staff from Minot Public Library and two from the West Fargo Public Library with us. I really enjoy the MPLA conference; topics are relevant since it's a regional association but there are also some larger libraries that present on new or emerging trends. It's a great way to increase your network beyond the borders of North Dakota without having to go halfway across the country.

Following MPLA is the Association of Rural Libraries Conference (ARSL) being held in Fargo. This year's conference is co-hosted by North Dakota and Minnesota. I attended my first ARSL Conference last year and it's one of the best conferences that I've been to in recent memory. What a great way to network with librarians that really understand small and rural libraries and the unique challenges that they face. The State Library is pleased that we were able to award seventeen $500 scholarships to assist with costs to attend the ARSL conference; you can read the list of winners in a separate article in this edition of the Flickertale. Last year's conference in Arkansas had a record breaking 500 attendees. As of the writing of this article, we have over 400 registered and it's still a month and a half to go until conference time. This is a great opportunity to attend a national conference that you don't have to board a train or plane to get to.

I know that it is challenging to take time out of your busy libraries to go to these conferences. For some, the costs are also prohibitive. If you can squeeze the money out of your budget, I recommend that you consider it. Staying at a different hotel that has a cheaper rate or sharing a room with a fellow librarian may be ways that you can decrease your costs. NDLA and ARSL both include meals as a part of the registration, a concept that was foreign to me when I first came to ND. The networking and learning opportunities are so beneficial, especially when you are a one person library.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

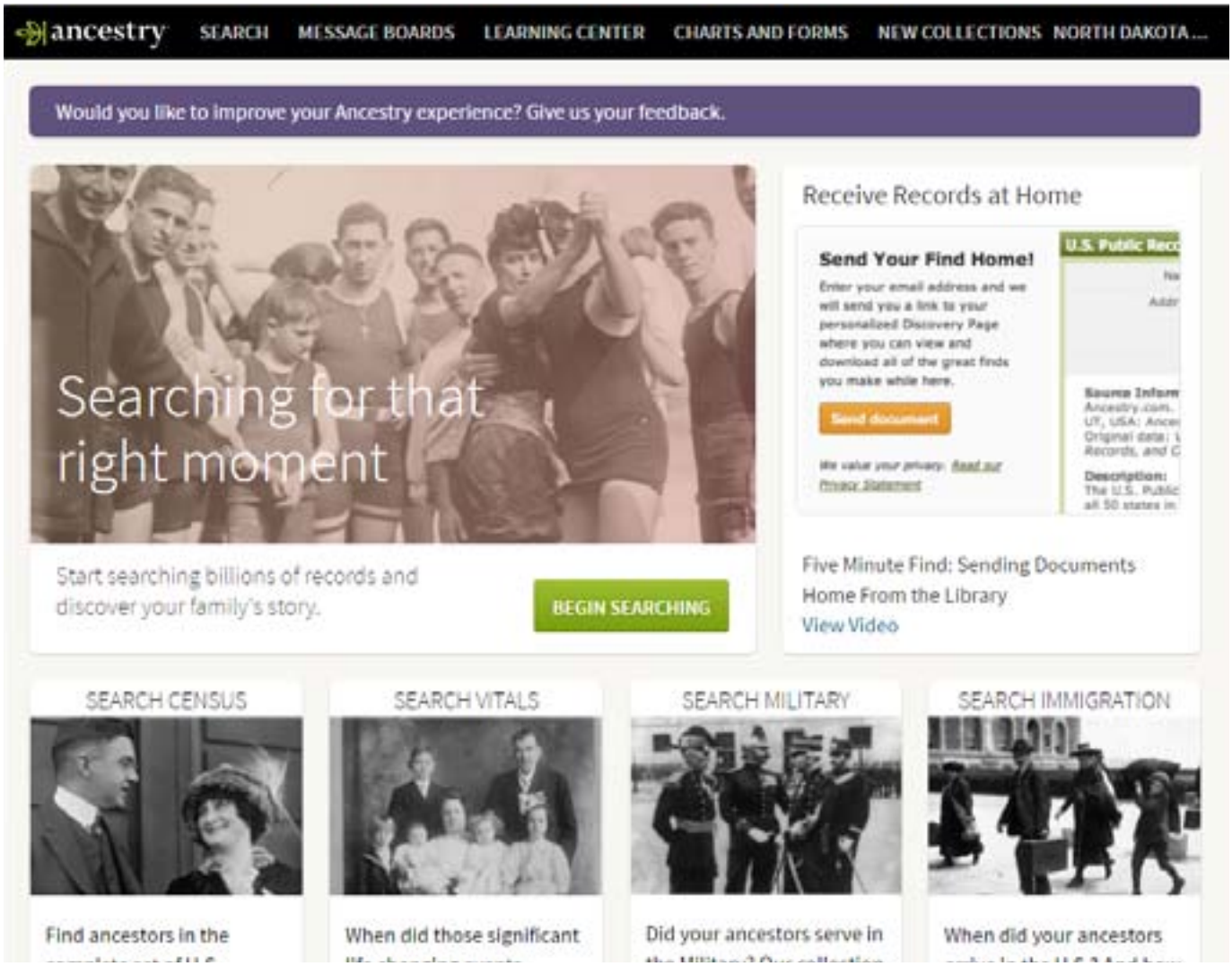
ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Discover your family history with Ancestry Library Edition! Billions of records are available at your fingertips. You can search for these records online in the numerous collections accessible through Ancestry Library Edition including birth, marriage, and death; census and voter lists; immigration and travel; military; schools, directories, and church histories; tax, criminal, land, and wills; and much more. In addition to U.S. records, you will also find records from Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Records can be printed, saved, or emailed.

Ancestry Library Edition is free to use in all North Dakota public or school libraries. It cannot be accessed from home, however. Why? Ancestry.com, the company, also has a subscription version that allows access from home for an individual subscription fee.

Visit your local library to take advantage of this free resource and begin exploring your genealogy today!

Marketing materials for Ancestry Library Edition are available at www.library.nd.gov/marketing. Guides and tutorials are available at http://www.library.nd.gov/guides.html.



LIBRARIAN FOR A DAY: MADDOCK LIBRARY

by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

I headed to Maddock, ND, on a beautiful August day. I hadn't been to that part of the state yet, although I'd been in the general direction when I was in Carrington. After getting a little turned around I found the library. What a beautiful building the library is in. Upon my arrival, the kids were ready for StoryTime so I read a few books. Library Director Priscilla Backstrom, assisted with the Shaker Song halfway through the program. The kids really enjoyed shaking this way and that.

Following StoryTime, Priscilla gave me a tour of the library. They still have a beautiful card catalog that they are using. The Maddock Library received a Coordinating Council's Collection Development Grant last year so Priscilla shared some of the books that they purchased with me. The tour of the library was followed by a ride in the only elevator in the county. Priscilla took me upstairs to see the former Opera House that the town is renovating. Such a cool old building! I met some of the volunteer laborers working on the renovation and heard about the "Hijinks of the Class of '57". From there we toured the basement.

The tour was followed by lunch with the library's board members. The Maddock Library is housed in a multi-use building, which also houses a coffee shop, a restaurant and a bar. Patrons can visit the library after hours and check out books as long as the building is open. After-hours checkout is limited to adults.

I "worked" the circulation desk, checking in two books. It's been a long time since I've worked at a non-automated library and it brought back some fond memories of my childhood library and when I was a school librarian. Priscilla and I chatted about a variety of things including patron confidentiality, shelving and library organization, open meetings act and more. My day finished up with a webinar on new books from Junior Library Guild.

The "Librarian for a Day" program is one of my favorite parts of my job. I love getting out and seeing our libraries. The program is open to all types and sizes of libraries. To schedule a visit or for more information, please contact Kristin Byram at ndslpa@nd.gov.

SUMMER READING MANUALS

Summer Reading 2016 has officially come to an end. No time like the present to start planning for next year! The State Library has ordered the 2017 Summer Reading Manuals. If you would like a manual, please fill out the request form, which is available here: http://library.nd.gov/summerreadingmanual.html

This year, the State Library will be providing downloadable manuals. It is our understanding that each library will receive a code to use to download a manual. More information should be available soon, as well as the access codes to the manuals. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Byram at ndslpa@nd.gov

NEW BOOK CLUB KITS

The North Dakota State Library has added 8 new titles, including 6 young adult books, to our growing collection of book club kits. Each kit includes 10 copies of the book and a list of suggested questions, which can be used to help with conversations about the book.

America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie
Be Frank with Me by Julia Claiborne Johnson

Young Adult Books:

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green
Dairy Queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
Heist Society by Ally Carter
Maze Runner by James Dashner

These kits, along with the rest of the book club kit collections, can be checked out from the North Dakota State Library through KitKeeper: http://bit.ly/2cBRrat

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- The child that books built: a life in reading
- What do you mean you haven't seen...?: a family guide to classic movies
- Unfairly labeled: how your workplace can benefit from ditching generational stereotypes
- The Boomer's ultimate guide to social media marketing: learn how to navigate the digital highway
- 21st century skills: learning for life in our times
- Freaked out: the bewildered teacher's guide to digital learning
- Encyclopedia of Nordic crime fiction: works and authors of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden since 1967
- Art made from books: altered, sculpted, carved, transformed
- The leadership challenge: how to make extraordinary things happen in organizations (5th ed.)
- Library robotics: technology and English language arts activities for ages 8-24
- The books that changed my life: reflections by 100 authors, actors, musicians, and other remarkable people
- A kid's guide to awesome duct tape projects: how to make your own wallets, bags, flowers, hats, and much, much more!
- Washi tape crafts: 110 ways to decorate just about anything
- Dear Miss Breed: true stories of the Japanese American incarceration during World War II and a librarian who made a difference (juvenile nonfiction)
- A likely story / Jenn McKinlay. Library lover's mysteries, book 6

ARSL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The North Dakota State Library is pleased to announce that 17 scholarships were awarded for the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Annual Conference in Fargo (October 26-29). The $500 reimbursement scholarships will be used toward hotel, registration, and mileage to get to the conference. Here are the winners:

Sheila Krueger
Casselton Public Library

Becky Ratchenski
Cavalier Public Library

Susie Sharp
Eddy-New Rockford Public Library

Debbie Carton
Forman Public Library

Sienna Sailer
Hazen Public Library

Sabrina Serfling
Hebron Public Library

Melissa Bakken
Leach Public Library

Lois Smith
Margaret Fraase Public Library

Kathy Trana
McKenzie County Public Library

Patt Czarnik
McVille Community Library

Carol Kunnerup
Mott Public Library

Sandy Popp
Satre Memorial Milnor School Library

Melissa Lloyd & Steve Hammel
Valley City Barnes County Public Library

Brenda Fletcher
Walhalla Public Library

Kerrianne Tyler
Ward County Public Library

Andrea Mitchell
Williston Community Library

LSTA FOCUS GROUPS

The State Library is engaging in a series of focus groups to assist us with an evaluation of our current five year Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) plan and to help us write our new plan. This is a process that each state is required to do by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), our federal funding partner. The purpose of the plan is to help the State Library focus on how to allocate their resources across six focal areas that IMLS has identified.

The focal areas are: lifelong learning, information access, institutional capacity, employment and economics, health and wellness, and civic engagement. Currently, the State Library focuses the majority of our resources on the first three areas listed with a little bit of focus on the fourth. The focus groups will help us determine how to prioritize services and resources going forward for the next five years.

Our first focus group was held in July with the ND Library Coordinating Council where we received great information. This was followed by shorter focus groups held at each of the four Summer Summits in August.

Jason Matthews, of JM Strategies, will be conducting a focus group for the State Library at the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) Conference in Dickinson in September. There will also be two virtual focus groups on November 3rd from 3:00-4:30 CDT and on November 4th from 10:30-noon CDT. We hope that offering the focus groups via Zoom will allow us to get a nice cross section of types of libraries. The Zoom link will be shared closer to the event. We will be doing a separate focus group for our staff and a random sampling of our Talking Book patrons.

Following the series of focus groups, JM Strategies will assist the State Library with the writing of the evaluation of the current plan, and the new plan. If you have any questions about our five year plan, please contact State Librarian Mary Soucie.

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.

Graphic Novel Book Clubs: From Idea to Reality (AASL) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/2bCgs8i

Friday, September 16, 2016, 5:00-6:00 PM CT

Many librarians report that graphic novels are the highest circulating collection in their libraries – even more than DVDs. Yet, many libraries have not been able to capitalize on this attractive new media due to a variety of factors including unfamiliarity, lack of access, and anxiety. Graphic novels provide an eloquent opportunity to welcome youth and adults into the process of critical reading and discussion.

Teen Programming: A Mover & Shaker's Recipe for Impact and Success (WebJunction) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/2crutXP

Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM CT

When "Change Agent" Courtney Saldana was featured as a 2016 Library Journal Mover & Shaker, we were treated to a sampling of her outstanding work with teens, and knew that all libraries could benefit from hearing more. Learn about her teen programming basics along with practical and actionable steps for doing a teen needs assessment, creating a teen space and hosting a teen book fest.

Weeding the School Library Collection (Wyoming State Library) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/2bCChj9

Thursday, September 22, 2016, 10:00-11:00 AM CT

School libraries are dynamic places, meant to support the changing needs of students and education. Unfortunately, time constraints, or our own inhibitions, often mean that we end up holding onto items that are no longer relevant. This takes up valuable space and could mean the difference between being a vibrant hub of the school or a storage locker. This webinar will take you through the process of weeding: what to keep and what not to keep. It will also go over what you can do with the unwanted items.

Coding Clubs: Youth Programming for Public Libraries (TechSoup) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/2c56lXC

Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 12:00-1:00 PM CT

Does your library offer programs related to coding? Coding is quickly gaining traction as an essential digital skill in the 21st century, and many public libraries are offering coding classes for youth and adults as a way of promoting STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The challenge is that coding is often a new skill for librarians and library staff who are responsible for offering programs. The good news is that you don't have to be an expert in computer science to offer effective educational programs that teach coding skills.

Using Comics to Teach STEM (AASL) REGISTER: http://bit.ly/2bCgs8i

Thursday, September 29, 2016, 3:30-4:30 PM CT

Bring a one-two punch to teaching STEM: text and images teaming up in comics! Join educators and comics creators as they present their specific strategies for teaching STEM topics.

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.

GameChanger: Pulitzer Prize Edition

As we all know, a book allows us to go to places we've never been and introduces us to people we wouldn't have encountered otherwise. The Pulitzer Prizes highlight such stories for their importance in American literary excellence. Wouldn't it be wonderful to meet with the recipients of the Pulitzer Prize and to ask them questions and hear their stories first-hand?

This year, you can. The North Dakota Humanities Council (NDHC) is delighted to announce our partnership with the Pulitzer Prize Foundation in their nationwide 100th anniversary celebration. The GameChanger is our annual ideas festival and we're bringing in 5 Pulitzer winners and finalists to discuss their journalism and historical expertise.

Follow Sonia Nazario's precarious journey on train-tops while she follows Central American children in search for their mothers in the United States (Enrique's Journey); explore the legacy of racism and its use as a means of social control with Jacqueline Jones' thorough historical account (A Dreadful Deceit); ask the tough questions with Eric Schlosser as he delves into the history and condition of America's nuclear weapons (Command and Control); re-examine the Mandan people and their importance to our state and the trade network of the Americas in Elizabeth Fenn's exhaustive account (Encounters at the Heart of the World); and finally, take in the impressive career of Seymour Hersh, one of the world's leading investigative journalists. In addition, we'll highlight North Dakota's Pulitzer winners—including three local newspapers.

The GameChanger: Pulitzer Prize Edition will take place in Bismarck on September 24, 2016, at Legacy High School. It's an all-day event that allows each speaker their time to present and also to mingle with the crowd. Whether you've never heard of them, or you've read each book several times, all are welcome.

For those seeking to get a more engaging approach, we have a scholar-led "Coffee and Conversation Cohort" and we'll be offering credit to any teachers who attend.

What does this mean for your library?

The GameChanger: Pulitzer Prize Edition will stream for FREE to any libraries willing to participate. If you'd like some aid with promotional materials, such as posters or a shout out on social media, the NDHC will gladly help.

The GameChanger theme also lasts all year long. We offer several grants that are available to your community which focus on this year's theme of the Pulitzer Prizes, news literacy, and excellence in journalism. Grant guidelines and samples can be found at: http://www.ndhumanities.org/grants1.html

Specifically, our GameChanger101 grant will help implement a communiversity course lecture at your library. Pick one or several of our 5 speakers' books and we'll send a scholar to provide an informational discussion of the text.

The GameChanger is an ongoing discussion and we're hoping to bring these important issues to each community throughout the year. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to us at: director@ndhumanities.org or 701-255-3360

Tickets are on sale now for the ideas festival! Purchase them and find out more specifics at www.gamechangernd.com

IMPORTANT INFO

GameChanger: Pulitzer Prize Edition

Where: Legacy High School, Bismarck OR livestreamed FREE at participating libraries

When: September 24, 2016

Who: Sonia Nazario, Jacqueline Jones, Eric Schlosser, Elizabeth Fenn, Seymour Hersh, and special guest Ben Franklin (Chautauqua presenter GregRobin Smith) alongside prominent North Dakotan journalists

What: A day-long festival celebrating excellence in Pulitzer-winning history and journalism for those seeking lifelong learning

Why: We live in a rapidly changing world. Travel, technology, and economics are uniting us in ways we could not have imagined just a short time ago. Advances in science and engineering are providing unheralded possibilities for problem solving and discovery. Major cultural and political shifts are transforming the global landscape overnight leading to unrest at home and abroad.

As we explore the ideas that will lead us into tomorrow, our goal is to equip emerging leaders and everyday citizens with a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing us in the 21st century and the creative solutions we need to address them.

Get informed. Be engaged. Change the world.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION FOUNDATION SMALL GRANTS — DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30

The Captain Planet Foundation's objective is to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. The Foundation awards grants in the amount of $500-$2500 to U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than $3 million. Programs include library garden projects, recycling programs, and other hands-on environmental education programming. These projects must be performed by youth and have real environmental outcomes.

For more information and to apply for this grant: http://bit.ly/2cqRsA5

MDU RESOURCES FOUNDATION — DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1

MDU Resources supports the communities where they operate in order to share their success and help their neighbors make the communities better places to live and work. Grants can be requested for capital construction projects, special projects, or operating support.

For more information and to apply for this grant: http://bit.ly/1CRo5MX

TEI LANDMARK AUDIO'S 25TH YEAR CHILDREN'S LITERACY AND PROGRAMMING GRANT — DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15

TEI Landmark Audio will award 25 grants of $1,000 each to support literacy for young people. All libraries are invited to participate in this grant opportunity, as long as they are public or non-profit community-based organization. The funds must be used for children's programming/children's literacy programming.

For more information and to apply for this grant: http://bit.ly/2cs1q3k

WALMART COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM — DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31

WalMart Foundation awards grants ranging from $250 to $2,500 through every local facilities. There are four core areas that your proposed use of the grant should fit into: Hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and opportunity. To ensure that your application has the best chance of being funded, the proposed use of the grant should fit within one of these areas of giving. However, programs that do not align with these areas may also be given consideration.

For more information and to apply for this grant: http://bit.ly/2clWImT

WISH YOU WELL FOUNDATION — DEADLINE: ONGOING

Grants are given in alignment of the Foundation's mission of "supporting family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs." The Foundation reviews donation requests with a wide array of funding needs. Most requests range from $200 to $10,000. Organizations are reminded to base their requested amount on the program's unique needs for funding.

For more information and to apply for this grant: http://bit.ly/2cE4dGl

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

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- The Friends of Hankinson Library's Dolly Parton Imagination Library received a $790 grant from the Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative with money collected through Operation Round Up.
- Leach Public Library celebrated Harry Potter's birthday with magic-themed activities, a birthday cake, and reading "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" with 30 excited youth.
- Cavalier Public Library received $800 from the Drayton Curling Club and the Cedar Inn gaming funds. This money will go towards a new building.
- Underwood Public Library held an Elementary Book Club. The kids discussed the book, Melvin Beederman Superhero: Curse of the Bologna Sandwich, and enjoyed root beer floats and pretzels. They also got to taste deer, goat, and goose.
- New Town City Library received a donation of $2500 from the Mountrail Electric Coop with money collected through Operation Round Up. The money was used to buy two chairs with ottomans, a freestanding bookshelf, and a child-sized table and chairs.
- Lakota City Library received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development for $119,800. This money will be used for an addition to the building, a handicap accessible entrance, and updated wiring to enhance technology access.
- Bernice Ferguson Community Library (Michigan) received $1,275 after holding a silent auction of donated pieces of original glass art from artist, Laurie Vasichek.
- Sienna Sailer is the new library director at Hazen Public Library.
- Lisbon Public Library received a grant from the STAR committee for $3,000 to buy new books.
- Grand Forks Public Library held its annual end of the season Children's Garden Party, where kids were able to experience "bug vision" (wearing goggles that simulate compound eyes) and build their own potato heads.
- Eddy-New Rockford Library held a Poke Walk around town.
- Grand Forks Public Library held a Child I.D. Program. Grand Forks Police Department took a photo of each child, fingerprinted, and collected basic information for a free I.D. card.
- Fargo Public Library held School Supply BINGO for kids in grades 1-6. Snacks and prizes (school supplies) were included.
- Dickinson Public Library held a Poke Party with snacks, prizes, and a scavenger hunt.
- Kindred Public Library hosted a Festival of Tables with wine, appetizers, desserts, and a purse raffle.
- Mohall Public Library received gift cards from the Farmers Union Oil of Mohall for summer reading prizes.
- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library put together a video game tournament where teens are able to socialize with other teens that enjoy gaming. The library has a new game system in the teen center for teens to put their video game skills to the test.
- Jim Chattin retired from his position as director of the Lake Region Public Library on August 31. Angela Plummer is the new library director.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FUN

Submitted by the Grand Forks Public Library

The Summer Reading Program was off to the races and to a shotgun start! We had four great weeks of food, magic, science, and all around camaraderie. Prizes were won, and books handed out like candy! What a time!

SUMMER READING SUCCESS

Submitted by the Williston Community Library

Over 580 children registered for the Summer Reading Program, which is more than DOUBLE previous years. The total attendance for our weekly programming was over 733! That's an average of 122 children walking into our library each week. 30 children had perfect attendance and came to every single program.

Williston Parks & Recreation Dept. taught kids a great fitness program, which included cardio exercises and circuit training.

Power Within Karate taught the kids all about martial arts and Sensei Ryan even gave us a live demonstration!

Elizabeth's Dance Expressions taught the kids all about Zumba, tumbling and dance!

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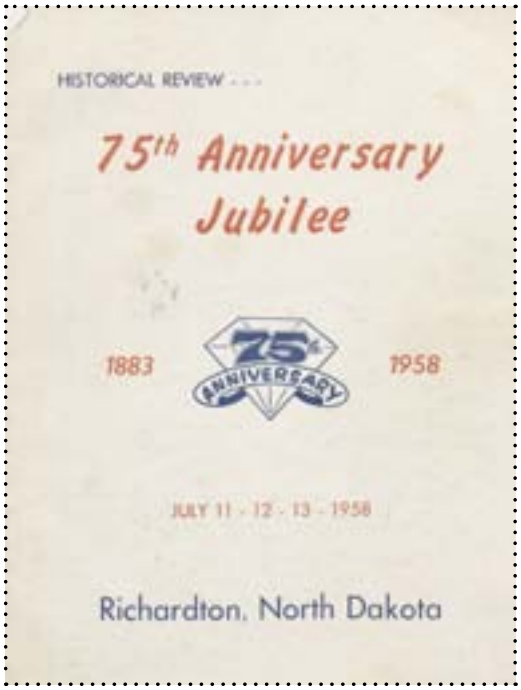

October is Family History Month.

Did you know that we have a large number of County/Town Histories digitized and available for key word searching on Digital Horizons?

A link to the collection: http://bit.ly/2bNzvcZ

DIGITAL HORIZONS

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

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