LSTA Task Force

The State Library invites members of the North Dakota Library Community to volunteer to serve on our newly formed LSTA task force. We would like broad representation from all library types, as well as different sized libraries; frontline staff are encouraged to consider volunteering. The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, the NDLA Executive Board, and ODIN will be represented on the task force, and we hope to have representatives from academic, public, school, special, and tribal libraries.

The purpose of the task force is two-fold; the first purpose is to help us develop a plan to spend our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies, and the second purpose is to provide feedback on our LSTA Five-year Evaluation and Plan. The evaluation will be completed this fall, and the plan will be developed in the spring.

The LSTA Plan is the guidelines for how we spend our federal monies, and we would value having input from the library community as we develop those guidelines for the next five years. You can see our current plan and the last evaluation on the State Library’s website. We anticipate the task force meeting twice a month through June of 2021 and then once a month through the spring of 2022.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on the Task Force, please send an email to ndsladmn@nd.gov by April 14. If we get more volunteers than we need, we will draw names.

College SAVE Summer Reading Champions

Librarians, are you ready to SAVE again? The North Dakota State Library is partnering with the Bank of North Dakota on the College SAVE Summer Reading Champions.

Check out this video, which will tell you how to register and the benefits that new OR existing patrons can get when your library enrolls for the program.

North Dakota Library Marketing Group

The North Dakota Library Marketing Group will be meeting virtually for the first time on Monday, April 12, at 3:00 PM CT. The first meeting will be introductory, where we can get to know each other, decide how often we meet in the future, and discuss some great tools or tricks in marketing.

Everyone is welcome, but you will need to send an e-mail to ndslpa@nd.gov to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.
2021 Virtual Renewal and Development Conference

The 2021 Renewal and Development Conference has been scheduled for April 12 and 13! Each day will include the same four sessions to make it easier for everyone to attend.

1st hour: Mary Soucie, Welcome
2nd hour: Rita Ennen, Intellectual Freedom
3rd hour: United Tribes Technical College, Community Garden at the Library
4th hour: Sherry Niesar, Wildlife of North Dakota

This conference is free of charge. Register today for the April 12 sessions or the April 13 sessions.

NoveList

Have you ever finished a great book and wanted to find more just like it? Or wanted to help your child find just the right book to read? Check out the NoveList database available with a library card from the State Library or your local library.

NoveList connects readers to their next book by making recommendations for what to read next. One of the most popular elements is read-alikes, which suggests titles that are "just like" other titles. Read-alikes are also available for authors and series.

If your library would like to promote NoveList or any of the other databases to your patrons, the State Library has marketing materials available to help! Fill out this form and we will send them to you right away.

North Dakota Libraries in the News

Fargo Library seeks photo submissions for 'Northern...'

FARGO - The Fargo Public Library is now accepting submissions for a second annual photography project that will be displayed in a photo exhibit at the main downtown library this summer. "Northern Focus" is seeking photos from adults and teens 13+.

Read more
www.inforum.com

Williston Community Library hosts Easter Eggs-travaganza

Thousands of eggs filled Davidson Park for the Community Egg Hunt, bringing scores of children to take part in the Spring's first major event. Children ran through the park, gathering brightly colored eggs to exchange for prize bags, while taking part.

Read more
www.willistonherald.com
Children's Programs with Minot Public Library

In today’s Check it Out, we’re talking with Randi Monley, children’s librarian with the Minot Library.

[Read more](www.kxnet.com)

We love showcasing ND libraries in the news!

If your library is in the news, please let us know by sending an e-mail to [ndslpa@nd.gov](mailto:ndslpa@nd.gov). If a link with the story is available, please include it in the e-mail.

New Library Science Books Available at the North Dakota State Library

*Using digital analytics for smart assessment / Tabatha Farney*

Your library has collected massive amounts of data, and the decision-making process requires that you analyze it. Digital analytics focuses on the digital data: from library websites, electronic resources, online collections, and even social media. Farney presents technical advice that you can use to develop your own digital analytics projects, and includes contributed essays that tackle the challenges your library will face.

*Financial management for libraries / William W. Sannwald*

Presenting financial management principles and best practices applicable to both public and academic libraries, this comprehensive text elucidates a broad array of issues crucial for those entering a managerial position. This book covers such key topics as accounting, budgets, the roles of stakeholders, funding sources, operating ratios, fiscal benchmarking, and more.

*Intellectual freedom manual / compiled by the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association ; Martin Garnar, editor, Trina Magi, assistant editor*

This indispensable resource provides day-to-day guidance on maintaining free and equal access to information for all people.
Other News, Webinars, and Grant Opportunities:

**Understanding COVID-19 Vaccines: A REALM Project Webinar**

The REopening Archives, Libraries and Museums (REALM) project is hosting a webinar to explore the topic of COVID-19 vaccines and how they impact the reopening and ongoing operations plans for organizations. Presenters will provide information on...

[Read more](www.webjunction.org)

**Summer Food Service Program**

Summer sites play a valuable role in helping children learn, grow, and stay healthy. Check out the SFSP Nutrition Guide to learn how you plan and serve menus with a variety of nutrient-rich foods and beverages, and operate a safe and successful...

[Read more](www.fns.usda.gov)

**Join NASA as a Webb Space Telescope Community Events Site**

The James Webb Space Telescope will be the largest, most powerful and complex space telescope ever built and launched into space. It will fundamentally alter our understanding of the universe. This telescope will complement and extend the range...

[Read more](www.starnetlibraries.org)

**Building News Literacy: Supporting Tweens and Teens in...**

Children are exposed to more news at earlier ages through parents and teachers, students and friends, and digital devices. Join Tom Bober, school librarian and 2018 Library Journal Mover and Shaker, to gain an understanding of tweens' and teens'...

[Read more](www.nicheacademy.com)

**Training New Supervisors for**
Teaching About Juneteenth with Children's Books

Juneteenth is an annual celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the US. In this conversation with 3 experts, we will explore the importance of this holiday, how and why it's celebrated across the country, as well as relevant books ...

Read more
forms.zohopublic.com

Library Journal Day of Dialog 2021

Hear from top authors in genre fiction, literary fiction, and nonfiction and learn about the latest titles and trends. And you still get to dialog by visiting virtual booths, talking with authors, and networking with colleagues ...

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www.libraryjournal.com

Info2Go! Looking for Mirrors in the Library: Collection...

Join us as we hear from two presenters about the importance of buying high-quality books by, for, and about indigenous people. You'll also learn about local and national resources to support your library's collection development efforts in this area.

Read more
libraries.idaho.gov

Success: Don't Start from...

New supervisors need timely training as they step into their new role. Not only do they need to learn how to manage people effectively, they need to learn specific procedures particular to their library. Trainers know that it takes a lot of time, ...

Read more
www.webjunction.org

Mysteries, They Wrote

Was it the maid? Or maybe the inspector all along? In this free, one hour webinar on April 27 at 1 PM CT, we'll be taking a close look at dozens of mystery, true crime, cozy, and thriller titles that only the cleverest readers can solve.

Read more
ala-events.zoom.us

Swank K-12 Streaming Webinar: Covid and Beyond March 2021

During the last year, COVID-19 has reshaped how schools across the country approach education. Teachers have been forced to find new ways to engage students in a variety of learning environments, and as a result, digital resources have become a...

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www.swank.com

Join media literacy experts from Education Development...

In this informational and interactive session, we'll explore the close ties between media literacy and civic
Calling All Gamers: How a Day of Online Gaming Can Help...

Love video games? Put your gaming skills toward a great cause and join SciStarter, the Network of the National Library of Medicine All of Us Research Program, libraries around the world and other passionate volunteers — citizen scientists...

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publiclibrariesonline.org