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Staff Changes at NDSL

By Mary Soucie, State Librarian

The NDSL would like to thank Public Library Specialist, Abby Ebach, for her years of service to the State Library, the North Dakota library community, and the residents of North Dakota. Abby has been a tireless champion for the public libraries and her wisdom and attention to detail will be greatly missed. We wish her the best in her next chapter. Abby's last day at NDSL is May 11. I will be the interim Public Library Specialist. Please submit all requests to the Library Development email at **ndsl-ld@nd.gov**. I can be reached at (701)328-4654 or (701)516-6166.

The NDSL also thanks Kristen Northrup for her years of service. Kristen was the Manager of the Technical Services Department for many years and her commitment to maintaining a clean and well-organized catalog was greatly appreciated. The last several years, Kristen served as the Data Analyst for the State Library and helped us to look at data in a different way. We will miss her ability to make connections and to use data so effectively to tell a story. Kristen's last day was April 30.

We will be shifting the Data Analyst position to a Grants Coordinator position. In addition to continuing to be the State Data Coordinator and managing the Public Library Survey, this position will provide assistance to libraries that are applying for grants, will oversee the Library Vision grant program as well as our Federal grant program and will identify grants for the NDSL to pursue.

The NDSL welcomes Katie Kosse and Mariah Ralston to our staff. Katie is our new Information Services Assistant; in addition to working the reference desk, she will also work in ILL. Mariah is our new Reader Advisor in Talking Books. Elizabeth Hoffert will join us on May 9 as our other Information Services Assistant.

Mental Health First Aid for Librarians

Submitted by Al Peterson

As librarians, we are in contact with people every day, on their good days and bad. Unfortunately, some of our patrons may be suffering from a mental health crisis, and we find ourselves in the position to try to help them. Through a partnership with the Department of Human Services, the North Dakota State Library is offering Mental Health First Aid for Librarians. This eight-hour course (two hours on your own, six hours online class) will provide you with the knowledge and skills to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. This training is a certification course, and the certification is good for three years.

Through this course, you will learn:

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges
- How to interact with a person in crisis
- How to connect a person with help
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use, and self-care.

This online course is scheduled for June 8th. We are limiting the class to the first 15 registrants, and there is no cost for participants. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to **alpeterson@nd.gov**.

Registration: **https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-first-aid-for-librarians-tickets-327435156367**

Registration is open until May 20th.

Virtual Summer Reading Kickoff

Submitted by Shari Mosser

It's back, and you can help! The State Library Virtual Summer Reading Kickoff is happening June 1-3. Each day, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, our Facebook Live will feature storytimes, crafts, wild antics, and lots of fishy humor! But if you're not shore about this, just come along for the tide! We should have something that will make you feel sand-tastic!!!!

We have three big names that will cover the first hour of each day. However, we have 24 more spots to fill! If you are interested, please contact Shari Mosser at 328-4663 or ssandwick@nd.gov and let me know what you'd like to do and the time frame you'd like. Each participant will receive some Summer Reading swag for their library!

Please contact Shari by May 13th with your ideas, and let's make this Summer Kickoff a huge SPLASH!

Keynote Performers:

June 1 at 10:00 AM CT
"Signs Under the Sea" presented by Kathy MacMillan, author of the *Little Hands Signing* series

June 2 at 10:00 AM CT
"Whalemobile" presented by Cynde McInnis

June 3 at 10:00 AM CT
"Oceans – Discovery Bay + Penguins" presented by the Minnesota Zoo

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Week 24: Eastern Library Media Association, Part Three

Makerspaces and Exploration Stations

Last week, I addressed e-books and tech resources from the ELMA Conference. This week will be my wrap-up discussion of conference topics: makerspaces and exploration stations.

“A makerspace is a collaborative workspace inside a school, library or separate public/private facility for making, learning, exploring and sharing that uses high tech to no tech tools” (What, n.d.). Exploration Stations are interactive programs that give [patrons] a chance to explore, learn and play with a variety of educational activities for all ages (Exploration, n.d.). So, what’s the difference? Honestly, not much. The two terms can typically be interchanged, with exploration stations being viewed as a subcategory of makerspaces. The actual title does not overly matter. However, the goals and purposes of such activities certainly do matter!

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New Items Added to Digital Horizons

Here is a highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection

- Amelia and Emma Anderson at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, 1944
- Crosby High School prom, 1964
- Gordon Anderson dressed for NDAC prom, 1940
- Group at Betsy Ross House, Philadelphia, P.A., 1944

North Dakota Memories

- Construction on a Garrison Dam tunnel
- DeLamere Public School Yearbook, 1953
- Howard Williams interview, 1961
- Sketch of Garrison Dam intake structure compared with the N.D. State Capitol building
- St. Mary's High School Yearbook, 1935

North Dakota School for the Deaf

- Bangs family in an automobile, N.D. School for the Deaf, early 1900s
- Board of Trustees, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1910
- Supt. Anson Spear in his office, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1890s

North Dakota State Documents

- Biennial Report of the N.D. Water Commission
  - 1938-1940
  - 1944-1946
  - 1964-1966
  - 1973-1975

Find thousands of images, documents, videos, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today at **http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/**.

North Dakota Library Tidbits

VCBC Library Director Accepts New Job In Bismarck

VALLEY CITY, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - Steve Hammel has been the director of the Valley City Barnes County Public Library for nearly a decade. He said he's stepping down at the end of the month to take on a new job at the state capitol in Bismarck.

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One family's story remembered at Holocaust exhibition

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library hosted an exhibition on Americans and the Holocaust throughout April and early May. On Sunday, it featured the story of one family's past. Dina Butcher told the story of her family's experience and how some managed escaped Nazi Germany.

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Kit of the Month

By Abby Ebach

Fairy and Folk Tales: Castle Blocks

The State Library offers a variety of kits for checkout —STEM, robot, NASA, outdoor, storytime, book club, and display kits are all available. Kits are a popular program at libraries of all types for both passive and active programs.

The Fairy and Folk Tales: Castle Block kit boosts critical thinking skills by bringing hands-on learning to young children. They are geared for 2nd and 3rd graders, but with adult interaction, they can fit children even younger. To learn more about this kid and NDSL's other available STEM kits, visit the **STEM Kit LibGuide**.

This kit comes with eight storytelling wands, 60 castle blocks, an activity sheet, two castle books, a resources and lesson extension guide, a how-to-use guide, repacking guide, and a statistics sheet.

Kits can be checked out for eight weeks and reserved up to one year in advance. No more than three kits can be checked out at one time. This kit can only be checked out by libraries and educational institutions and are not for individual circulation. Kits for school or classroom use need to be checked out by the Library Media Specialist. To see when this kit is next available, check out **KitKeeper**.

Looking for funding?

The State Library's **Grants LibGuide** has been updated to include over 50 additional grant opportunities from around the country. Use this guide to find grants to fund library programs, activities, and collection growth.

Few grants will cover staffing or capital expenses, but some will. There are deadlines throughout the year, so many of these can be applied for during a lull in programming or whenever time best suits you.

The Library Development staff is happy to review grant applications and provide feedback. Please contact **ndsl-ld@nd.gov** to request assistance.

Other News, Grants, and Webinars

Communicate Your Library's Value through Partnerships - Infobase

Discover how to form & leverage partnerships to reach new people, enhance equity & inclusion, and make a difference-all without overtaxing your limited time & budget.

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Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month - Britannica

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month To help teach students to celebrate and recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States, Britannica's Curriculum Expert Team has

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2022 FTRF Banned Books Week Application

Thank you for your interest in a 2022 Banned Books Week grant from the FTRF Judith F. Krug Memorial fund. The application deadline is June 6, 2022 and the national theme for 2022 is Books Unite Us: Censorship Divides Us.

Grants are evaluated based on the following criteria:

Imagination: What makes your plan unique? How have you integrated the concept that Books Unite Us: Censorship Divides Us?

Schedule/Action Plan: Include key dates, responsibilities, and think of ways to collaborate with other groups to carry out a creative project.

Promotional Plan: What are the ways you will promote your event and who is your intended audience?

2022 FTRF Banned Books Week Application

Each year the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) distributes grants for organizations to support activities that raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Weeks celebration (September 18 - 24, 2022). Staff at all types of libraries, schools, universities, and non-profit community organizations are encouraged to apply. Grants are awarded for $1,000 and applications are accepted now through June 6, 2022.

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put together a few activities and resources for you and your students.

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ACRL EBSS & DSS: Data Visualization for Social Justice

In this session, participants will be able to identify the ways in which data visualization impacts and how the presentation of data can influence social justice. Analyze pedagogy that influences interpretation of visual data and demonstrate ways to create socially responsible digital scholarship or data visualization.

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