

## Pathways Through the Prairie Podcast Launch

The State Library's new podcast has officially launched!

In this series, State Librarian Mary Soucie will interview North Dakota librarians and library staff, state government leaders and employees, and interesting North Dakotans to gain insights into their work and roles in their communities.

"The State Library hopes that the podcast will increase awareness of the many services that are provided by North Dakota's libraries," says State Librarian Mary Soucie. "This will provide an opportunity for North Dakotans from across the state to share their stories about their pathways through the prairie."



The first episode, which premiered on Wednesday, August 7, features Williston Community Library Director Andrea Placher. Learn more about Andrea's pathway to the library and the impact the library has on the community.

Episodes will be released every two weeks on the State Library's YouTube channel.

[Pathways Through the Prairie Podcast](#)

## Globally Celebrating Indigenous Peoples

Submitted by Kathy Cline

On December 23, 1994, the United Nations General Assembly signed a resolution stating that every August 9 would be celebrated as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples worldwide. This day commemorates the first meeting, which was held in 1992, of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations.

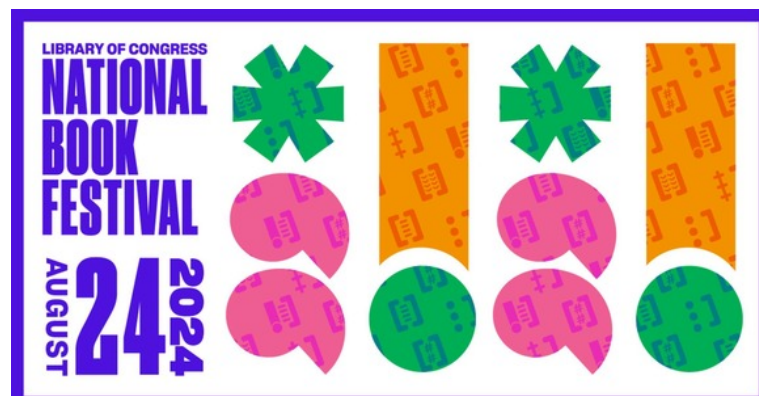
The 2024 theme is: Protecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact. There are an estimated 200 Indigenous groups who have chosen to remain isolated from the rest of the world. To learn more about these People and the challenges they face, watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuJ2HZstkw>.

Use the following link to learn more about and register to attend the virtual commemoration of the [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2024](#).

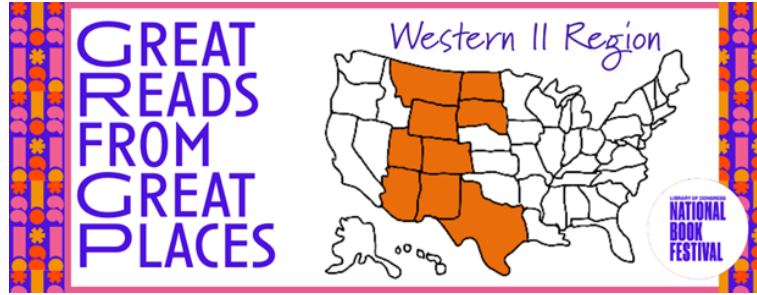
For more information or further reading, visit UNESCO's webpage on [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#).

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United Nations. (n.d.). *International Day of the world's indigenous peoples 2024 | division for inclusive social development (DISD)*. United Nations.  
<https://social.desa.un.org/issues/indigenous-peoples/events/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples-2024>



## Beanstack Reading Challenges



The Western II Region wanted to find a way to bring the National Book Festival back to our home states, so we created a reading challenge for our region's great reads!!

This challenge will run from August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025, and features a reading list from each one of our Western II Centers for the Book. Challenges are available for both our adult selections and our youth titles.



It's back to school time! Start the school year right by setting goals, getting organized, and, of course, reading! Log your reading to earn badges throughout the challenge.

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[Sign Up for A Reading Challenge](#)

## New Items At The ND State Library

### Fiction Books



### Fiction E-Books



## Nonfiction E-Books



## Fiction E-Audiobooks



## Nonfiction E-Audiobooks



## E-Magazines



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## New Items Added to Digital Horizons

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.



### North Dakota Memories

- Attendance report, First Congregational Church, New Rockford, N.D., 1914
- Bible school certificate of Gertrude Marie Dresser, 1920
- First Congregational Church centennial, New Rockford, N.D., 1984
- First Congregational Church meeting minutes, New Rockford, N.D., 1922



### Political Prairie Fire

- American National Bank advertisement, Valley City, N.D., 1917
- American National Bank, Valley City, N.D.
- House Bill 28 debate, 1919
- House Bill 28 vote, 1919
- IVA ticket, N.D., June 1918
- Journal of the House, 1923
- Journal of the Senate, 1923
- O'Connor is Backed by Strong Men on Fusion Ticket for State Offices [newspaper article, 1920]
- Portrait of Nelius G. Eggen, circa 1896
- Portrait of Thomas A. Box, circa 1918
- Scandinavian American Bank advertisement, Fargo, N.D., 1917
- Scandinavian American Bank announcement, 1917
- Scandinavian American to be Nonparty Bank [newspaper article, 1917]
- Shoot it to the other banks letter, 1918
- The Bank of North Dakota, 1920
- The Biggest Circus That Ever Came to Town [political cartoon, 1916]
- The Fighting Minority Leader [political cartoon, 1920]



Digital Horizons

Featured  
Mango Language  
By BreAnne Meier

### Korean

August 15 marks Korea's Independence Day, also known as National Liberation Day of Korea. This day is celebrated in both South and North Korea to commemorate the day when Korea was liberated from 35 years of Japanese colonial rule.



With over 78 million speakers worldwide, knowing the Korean language has its business, economic, and cultural advantages. The country is also a tourist destination with vibrant cities, rugged mountaintops, and ancient structures.

Learn Korean today with Mango, which includes:

- Grammar notes to learn about the nuances and strengthen your understanding of the language structure
- Culture notes to learn about the Korean culture and to help you forge deeper connections
- Critical thinking and memory-building exercises to help you pick up the structure of the language
- Voice comparison tool to tone your accent against the native speaker audio

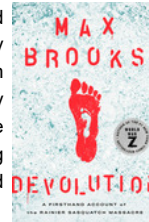
Learn a New Language

# Book Review



## "Devolution" by Max Brooks Reviewed by Paul Ebach

The acclaimed author of "The Zombie Survival Guide" and "World War Z" returns for a new horror outing, this time starring not an army of the undead, but a group of Sasquatches. Set in the fictional tech commune of Greenloop, nestled at the foot of Mt. Rainier, the story is told from the pages of the diary of Kate Holland, a member of the commune who has since gone missing. When Rainier erupts, cutting Greenloop off from the rest of the world, the small community find themselves at the mercy of the mountain's true inhabitants.



If the book has one problem, it is tone. Brooks seems to want to walk a fine line between the camp of "The Zombie Survival Guide" and the more serious found footage horror of "World War Z" and I feel like he never truly finds his footing. The book also indulges a bit too much in the usual lost-in-the-woods cliches, like characters panicking over a clattering in the darkness only for somebody to say, "It's just a raccoon," when it's clearly anything but a raccoon. As a lover of horror cliches, this did not bother me too much, but somebody with a more discerning pallet may find them hard to swallow.

The good news is that, once the book's giant, hairy antagonists show themselves, the book really gets going. The Sasquatch attacks are satisfyingly fun and gory, enough so that I'm willing to forgive the book's slow start. I'm still on the hunt for a truly terrifying Bigfoot story, but until I find it, "Devolution" is a perfectly fine stop on that journey.

[Reserve This Title](#)



## Climate Literacy Kit: Adults

Climate Literacy Kits are now available for check out. With four age categories – Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Teens, and Adults – each kit includes everything needed to conduct a full program.

The Adult Climate Literacy Program in a Box Kit includes six lesson plans about climate, ecology, sustainable living, climate change, carbon footprints, and renewable energy sources for adult learners. There are also eight craft project ideas designed to reduce, reuse, and recycle (craft project supplies are not included in this kit). Each kit includes one book and one DVD.

This project was made possible thanks to the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services through the Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the North Dakota State Library.

[Reserve A Kit](#)



Check out a State Park Pass from your local library for free daily access to any North Dakota State Park.  
Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park



## August is National Civility Month

Incivility has been found nearly everywhere – social media, airplanes, concerts, and other public spaces. The workplace should be immune to incivility, but, unfortunately, it was found that about 1 in 4 employees have experienced behavior that is rude, disrespectful, or aggressive, according to a MeQuilibrium survey. Ethisphere's 2023 ethical culture report saw workplace bullying has jumped from 20.1% to 33%.



In August, we recognize how important civil behavior is in our communities while celebrating National Civility Month. First established by the International Institute for Civil Leadership in 2014, it is "a way to spread awareness about the need for good manners, respect, and consideration for others."

### Ways to celebrate National Civility Month

- Practice active listening
- Give compliments
- Write thank you cards
- Spread positivity
- Volunteer
- Practice civility
- Influence others towards civility
- Raise awareness about civility

### References:

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[National Civility Month LibGuide](#)

## Back To School Resources

The North Dakota State Library and local libraries around the state are your pathway to student success!

One of the most important back-to-school supplies is a library card. It gives you access to books (including e-books and e-audiobooks), homework help, research, and primary sources. If you do not have a local library, sign up today for a State Library card to access all of this and more!



Some of the online library resources available:

### [Britannica School](#)

Online encyclopedia for K-12 students.

### [Explora Kids and Teens](#)

Research tool that includes encyclopedia entries, articles, and images.

### **Gale In Context:** [Elementary](#), [High School](#), and [Middle School](#)

General research tool that includes encyclopedia entries, articles, and images.

### [National Geographic Kids](#)

Includes National Geographic Kids Magazines, books, videos, and pictures.

### [PebbleGo and PebbleGo Next](#)

Interactive tool for primary students that includes videos, articles, and pictures. Subject areas include animals, biographies, Indigenous Peoples' history, and states.

### [Points of View Reference Source \(Under EBSCO Host\)](#)

Provides more than 270 topics, each with an overview, point, counterpoint, and Critical Thinking Guide.

You can find these resources on the North Dakota State Library's Online Library Resources webpage at <https://www.library.nd.gov/onlineresources>.

[Online Library Resources](#)

# Book Club Kit

## "The Moth and the Mountain" by Ed Caesar

In the 1930s, as official government expeditions set their sights on conquering Mount Everest, a little-known World War I veteran named Maurice Wilson conceives his own crazy, beautiful plan: he will fly a plane from England to Everest, crash-land on its lower slopes, then become the first person to reach its summit-- all utterly alone. Wilson doesn't know how to climb. He barely knows how to fly. But he has the right plane, the right equipment, and a deep yearning to achieve his goal. In 1933, he takes off from London in a Gipsy Moth biplane with his course set for the highest mountain on earth. Wilson's eleven-month journey to Everest is wild: full of twists, turns, and daring.

Eventually, in disguise, he sneaks into Tibet. His icy ordeal is just beginning.



This book club kit includes 10 books, a discussion guide, and a sign up sheet.

[Reserve This Kit](#)

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