



New Podcast Episodes

Two new episodes of the State Library's Pathways Through the Prairie podcast are out now.

Episode 9, which premiered on Wednesday, November 27, features Mandie Medalen, Director of the Heart of America Public Library in Rugby. 28 minutes.

Episode 10, which premiered on Wednesday, December 11, features Maddie Cummings, Director of the Lake Region Public Library in Devils Lake. 33 minutes

The next episode will be released on January 8, 2025, after a break for the holidays. Get caught up on past episodes at the link below.

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Reflect on the year you've had and get excited for a fresh start! Log your reading to earn badges throughout the challenge.

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Digital Delight

Christmas Dinner Booklet, U.S. Naval Construction Training Center, V.A., 1943



A booklet for the 1943 Christmas celebration at the United States Naval Construction Training Center, Camp Peary, Virginia. The booklet includes a greeting from the commanding officer, a menu, and a list of officers.

Courtesy of Digital Horizons (North Dakota Memories Collection, ND State Library)

[Digital Horizons](#)

Tea Party Mastery: From Brew to Ambience

Self-Paced, Online Class

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North Dakota State Library

12 Lessons

14 Exams & Assignments

2 Hours average time

0.2 CEUs

Video Audit Available

Tea Party Mastery: From Brew to Ambience

Submitted by AI Peterson

As winter has once again entered our lives and we spend more time indoors and are feeling isolated, we have a choice: one, remain isolated looking out at the wintry landscape, wishing for warmer weather, or two, invite some friends over to socialize and fight off the tediousness of winter together. While there are always game nights, potlucks and other social activities to get together, have you ever considered a tea party? Tea has always been more than a beverage. It is a bridge between people, a symbol of hospitality, and a ritual that has brought warmth and togetherness to countless moments throughout history. Imagine a warm afternoon sunlight streaming through the windows, soft laughter filling the air, and the delicate aroma of freshly brewed tea swirling around you. A table adorned with elegant china, artfully prepared treats, and the unmistakable sense of connection and joy. This isn't just a scene from a storybook-this is the magic of a perfectly crafted tea party, and it's an experience that can be yours to create.

This course, found in Universal Class, is not just about tea - it's about creating unforgettable experiences. Whether you're hosting an intimate gathering of close friends or a grand celebration, it will guide you step by step through the art of crafting a tea party that is as unique and personal as you are. Together, we'll explore the history and significance of tea, uncovering the fascinating stories that make every cup a journey through time and culture. In this course, you'll learn to curate the perfect tea menu, master the delicate art of pairing teas with delectable treats, and set the stage with ambiance and decor that capture the essence of elegance and warmth. Let's steep ourselves in tradition, creativity, and the timeless charm of tea. Enroll yourself in *Tea Party Mastery: From Brew to Ambience* and let the magic of tea parties chase away those winter blahs.

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Book Club Kit

"The Tiger Rising" by Kate DiCamillo

Walking through the misty Florida woods one morning, twelve-year-old Rob Horton is stunned to encounter a tiger--a real-life, very large tiger--pacing back and forth in a cage. What's more, on the same extraordinary day, he meets Sistine Bailey, a girl who shows her feelings as readily as Rob hides his. As they learn to trust each other, and ultimately, to be friends, Rob and Sistine prove that some things--like memories, and heartache, and tigers--can't be locked up forever.



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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 Histories

- Kulm, N. Dak.: 1892 to 1957
- Steele Diamond Jubilee, 1881-1956



Political Prairie Fire

- Gov. George F. Shafer, circa 1929-1931
- Hastings' Arrest Starts Sweeping Investigations of Leaguers' Operations [newspaper article, 1922]
- Lots of noise but little cash resulted from Townley's shakedown session held in Fargo Tuesday; no democracy wanted [newspaper article, 1919]
- Remarkable Generosity of Bank of N.D. to Scandinavian American of Fargo Clue to Present Insolvency [newspaper article, 1921]
- Scandinavian American forced to suspend after conference with Lemke [newspaper article, 1921]

Digital Horizons



Books About Interior Decorating

November's *Top Picks* came to be from a couple avenues. First, a course in [Universal Class](#) about decorating your house. (If you have not checked out Universal Class yet, do so! It contains a vast array of educational topics all for free.) Second, a desire for newness as 2024 is quickly ending. All these books are intended for an adult audience.

Rustic Homes: Barns, Cabins, Cottages & Farmhouses by Country Living

Publish Date: 2016

Publisher: Hearst Books

Summary: This beautifully photographed book highlights details associated with rustic charm. It offers tips on how to incorporate the design elements, including down-home, historic pieces, personal character, bringing the outside in, and mixing rustic with modern. *Rustic Homes* is great for perusing when someone is short on time but in want of inspiration!



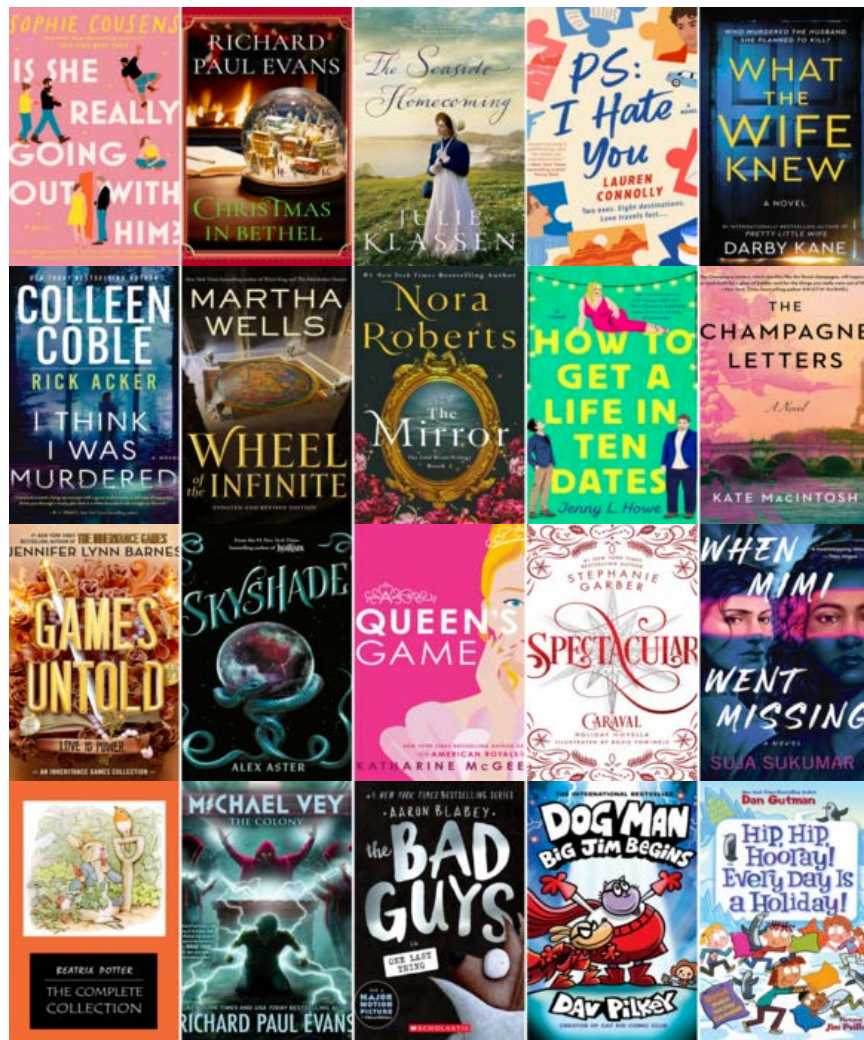
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New Items At The ND State Library

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Fiction E-Books



Fiction E-Audiobooks



Nonfiction E-Books



Nonfiction E-Audiobooks



E-Magazines



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