

## Online Library Resources Update

### State Librarian Mary Soucie

Last year, the State Library purchased three new resources for one year. We are pleased to announce that access to Kanopy's streaming films will continue for an additional year and that we have added an additional pack of documentaries. Access will continue through June 30, 2025.

We will not be continuing the subscriptions for Ethnic NewsWatch or Rocket Languages, based on usage. Access has ended as of June 30.

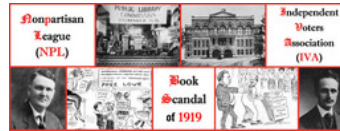
[Access Kanopy](#)

## New Exhibit: Book Scandal of 1919

### Submitted by Trevor Martinson

The [Digital Initiatives Department](#) of the North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is excited to announce the opening of another online exhibit called "[Book Scandal of 1919](#)."

The exhibit, using information and content from NDSL's [Political Prairie Fire](#) digital collection, tells the story of the State Library Commission, the Board of Administration, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, and the political battle between the Nonpartisan League (NPL) and the Independent Voters Association (IVA).



This exhibit is partially a companion to the existing "[Education Not Politics](#)" exhibit. The [title and idea](#) behind this new exhibit stems from an article from Larry Remele that was published in a 1977 issue of *North Dakota History*.

The primary way to navigate the exhibit is to start on the homepage ("[The Story](#)") and then progress through each sub-page in sequential order (using the "Next" and "Previous" buttons at the bottom of each page). The "[Timeline](#)" page/tab is a supplement to the main story, and it provides another way to experience the story (in a chronological and slightly condensed way).

The exhibit is available on [NDSL's LibGuides](#) or via the direct link at <https://library-nd.libguides.com/bookscandal1919>.

[Learn More](#)

## Disability Pride Month LibGuide

### Submitted by Kathy Cline

Disability Pride Month is celebrated every July. The celebration remembers the July 26, 1990, passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The month is a time to recognize the achievements, struggles, and experiences of individuals with disabilities.



To learn more about Disability Pride Month and available resources, access the State Library's [LibGuide](#).

#### Reference

*Why and How to Celebrate Disability Pride Month*. The arc of the US. (2024, May 7). <https://cws.thearc.org/why-and-how-to-celebrate-disability-pride-month/>

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# The Network of the National Library of Medicine

Submitted by AI Peterson

Access to professional medical research and materials has never been easier through the [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) (NNLM). This collaboration is comprised of academic health sciences libraries, hospital, pharmaceutical and other special biomedical libraries, public libraries, information centers, and community-based organizations.

The goal of the NNLM is to advance the progress of medicine and improve public health by providing U.S. health professionals with equal access to biomedical information and improving individuals' access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health.

Seven Health Sciences Libraries function as the Regional Medical Library (RML) for their respective region. The RMLs coordinate the operation of a Network of Libraries and other organizations to carry out regional and national programs. Additionally, there are three National Offices and three National Centers, which serve all members in all seven regions.

The NNLM provides classes free of charge for medical and healthcare professionals, medical researchers and librarians at <https://www.nlm.gov/training/schedule>. In addition to scheduled webinars, you can access recordings of past recordings of webinars. If you are in the medical field, serve the medical field, or just want to be more informed about governmental medical information, please check out the Network of the National Library of Medicine.

Network of the National Library of Medicine

## New Items At The ND State Library

### Fiction Books



### Fiction E-Books



### Nonfiction E-Books



## Fiction E-Audiobooks



## Nonfiction E-Audiobooks



## Popular E-Magazines



## Outdoor Game Kit: Ladder Toss

Also known as ladder golf or ladder ball, ladder toss is a family-friendly game that is great for honing the entire family's math and science skills.

Practice keeping score, measuring probability, and mentally calculating angles, distance, force, and momentum. This game strengthens skills and allows for opportunities for tangible and engaged learning for all ages and interest levels. Games help develop new brain cells, assist in number and shape recognition, grouping, counting, visual perception, hand-eye coordination, and manual dexterity. Additionally, children can be taught important social skills such as verbal communication, sharing, and taking turns.



This kit includes six bolos, six scoring runs, 22 plastic pipes, two scoring pipes with trackers, 12 "T" shaped connectors, 12 elbow shaped connectors, one bag, and a folder with instructions and questions to think deeper about STEM topics.

[Reserve This Kit](#)



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# Featured Mango Language

By BreAnne Meier

## Slovak

With over 70 languages available, Mango Languages has a lot to offer! Although Slovak used to be considered a dialect, it has been the official language of Slovakia since 1993 when Czechoslovakia voluntarily separated into two countries.



Slovak is spoken by more than five million people in various countries throughout the world, including the United States. It is based on a Latin alphabet and uses diacritics to indicate how a letter should be pronounced.

With over 100 lessons in four main units, Mango Languages will teach you the Slovak language basics, from common phrases all the way to more advanced concepts. There are also vocabulary cards and translation tools available.

[Mango Languages](#)

## Writing SMART Goals Webinar

Goal writing can be a daunting task. By using the SMART Goals parameters, you not only ensure that the goals are attainable within a time frame, but also help clarify your goals, focus your efforts to meeting your goals, and use your time and resources productively.



Join State Librarian Mary Soucie for an overview of the SMART Goals framework in this recorded webinar from April 23, 2024.

[Watch the Recording](#)

## Celebrating the United States Flag

Submitted by Kathy Cline

Every year, June 14<sup>th</sup> is recognized as Flag Day in the United States. While the date is not a federal holiday, it is a time to celebrate the adoption of the first American flag. Tomorrow, on July 4, the country will celebrate its Independence. There will be picnics, parties, parades, and fireworks, and the United States flag will be included in many of those celebrations. Now is a good time to think about the flag's history, proper flag etiquette, and how to retire a flag when one becomes unserviceable.



Did Betsy Ross really make America's first flag? The answer to this question raises some controversy. It has been stated that George Washington and a secret committee asked Betsy Ross to design and create our nation's first flag in June of 1776. While Betsy was agreeable to creating the flag, she didn't like the proposed six-pointed star (Galloway, 2006). Betsy thought the six-pointed star would take too long to cut, so changed it to a five-pointed star (Who, 2015).

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# Book Review



## "The Blade Itself" by Joe Abercrombie Reviewed by Trevor Martinson

Nearly twenty years ago, newcomer Joe Abercrombie wrote *The Blade Itself*, and his multi-book *First Law* series has since helped set the standard for gritty fantasy fiction.



The story begins in the North with Logen Ninefingers. In the wilderness, the infamous warrior flees from his gruesome past and leads a band of ruthless outcasts. Each day is a struggle to survive, especially from the Shanka (think orcs or goblins). There is also the threat of war. The so-called King of the Northmen has unified the North and is turning its sights south to the Union.

In the Union, Sand dan Glokta, once a dashing swordsman and promising military officer, is now a cripple turned royal torturer; Jezal dan Luthar, the arrogant son of a wealthy nobleman, wants nothing more than to drink, play cards, and win glory with as little effort as possible; and Collem West, a commoner with a bad temper, has risen to be a senior officer in the Union Army.

In the far south, Ferro Maljinn, an escaped slave and fugitive, wants nothing more than vengeance against those who have wronged her, and she will go through anyone who stands in her way.

What do all these characters have in common? Not much. However, that is about to change. Bayaz plans to return to the Union from his self-imposed exile after being gone for centuries, and his schemes will impact them all. The mythical wizard is powerful and not one to be trifled with. He wages his own hidden battles and will use as many pawns as he deems necessary.



The book does have its flaws. Being the first in a series, there is much worldbuilding and the stakes are presently small-scale, but Abercrombie is leading to something great. The Shanka (or Flatheads) are a letdown. There is a reoccurring fear that looms: While everyone squabbles, the Shanka will overrun the world, but this potential is not fully utilized.

But Abercrombie's writing makes it easy to look past the flaws. Don't expect thought-provoking themes, but the main story and the backstory are surprisingly complex. The book is bloody and unpredictable, but there are also moments of humor (albeit, dark humor). There is no good vs. evil (only bad vs. worse), and his characters are flawed. But Abercrombie hooks you and you can't look away.

This title is available as an [e-book](#) and [e-audiobook](#).

[Reserve This Book](#)

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