

## ND State Library Kits Available for Check Out

The North Dakota State Library is excited to announce that kits are now available to be checked out by anyone with a library card from the State Library.

These kits include outdoor games, robots, fairy tales, telescopes, book clubs, and board games, among many other fun activities and crafts for all ages. The kits can be checked out for up to eight weeks, so there is plenty of time to enjoy them.

"The State Library is excited to open up access to the resources that will support personal enrichment and education," says State Librarian Mary Soucie. "We hope that many people across the state will enjoy them."

The State Library will send out the kits at no cost. However, you will be responsible for getting them back by the due date, which can cost around \$1.00 per pound in shipping. The weight of each kit is provided in its catalog record to assist in estimating the return costs.

If you have any questions, please contact the State Library at [statelib@nd.gov](mailto:statelib@nd.gov).

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## Beanstack Reading Challenge

Adventure Begins At Your Library

Ages: All

June 1, 2024 - July 31, 2024

This summer, adventure begins at your library! Log the books you read to earn badges and rewards.

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## Celebrating National Dairy Month

Submitted by Kathy Cline



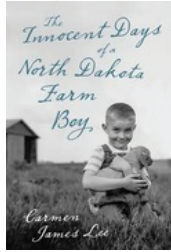
According to the American Dairy Association, due to a 1937 milk surplus National Milk Month was originated to promote drinking milk and alleviate the surplus. The title was later changed to National Dairy Month to recognize the contributions dairy farmers make to the dairy industry. This month-long June celebration is not only an opportunity to promote the dairy industry and its products, but it's also a good time to share information about the industry such as how a dairy farm operates, nutritional benefits of dairy products, recipes using various dairy products, or dairy industry facts. Don't forget to round out the month with some yummy dairy treats!

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# North Dakota Author Spotlight

## Carmen James Lee



Carmen James Lee wrote his memoir, *The Innocent Days of a North Dakota Farm Boy*, about growing up on a rural farm in North Dakota in the 1950s. This collection of stories tells about his time as a child walking through fresh snow with a kerosene lantern in hand to milk the cows, what it was like attending a one-room school, and how he sawed a huge hay stack in half with a rope made of barbwire. Learn about his challenges, his dreams, his successes, and his failures.

"*The Innocent Days of a North Dakota Farm Boy*" is available at the ND State Library.

[Request It Today](#)

## New Items At The ND State Library

### Fiction Books



### Fiction E-Books



### Nonfiction E-Books



## Fiction E-Audiobooks



## Nonfiction E-Audiobooks



## E-Magazines



 **Featured  
Mango Language**  
By BreAnne Meier

## Italian

June 2 marks the Festa della Repubblica, or Italian Republic Day. This day commemorates the institutional referendum of 1946 when Italians voted to decide the form of their government after World War II. The day became an official national holiday in 1949. Each year, a massive celebration and military parade take place in Rome, while ceremonies, speeches, concerts, and parades take place across the country.



Learn Italian with Mango Languages, an online library resource that delivers a blend of learning features, exercises, and personalized review with a conversational learning process that focuses on the four skills necessary to connect in another language: grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and culture.

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## Juneteenth LibGuide

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

Juneteenth, also called Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day, is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, observed annually on June 19. Although President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, it was not until June 19, 1865, that this news reached slaves in Galveston, Texas. One year later, the first official Juneteenth celebration occurred in Texas. Since then, this event has spread across the United States, and all states (and the District of Columbia) view Juneteenth as a state holiday or observance.

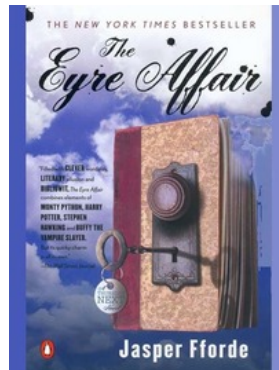


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## Book Review



### "The Eyre Affair" by Jasper Fforde Reviewed by Monica Struck



It is the year 1985. The Crimean War still rages; cheese is the most heavily taxed commodity on the market; and books are so popular that there is a branch of the police who specialize in monitoring them. Our heroine, Thursday Next, must risk everything to save Jane Eyre (the novel and the character) from the dastardly villain, Acheron Hades and maybe, if she's lucky, marry the man of her dreams.

If you enjoy offbeat humor, literary references, and alternate realities, *The Eyre Affair* is for you! Join Thursday Next for all of her adventures available in Libby in eBook and eAudiobook.

[Check It Out!](#)

## World Refugee Day

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

June honors a few major celebrations including Juneteenth (check out NDSL's LibGuide [here](#)), Pride Month (LibGuide [here](#)), and Father's Day. This article focuses on another observation: World Refugee Day.



World Refugee Day is celebrated annually on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This day shines a light on the needs and rights of refugees, as well as encourages them to thrive in their new homes. In December 2000, the United Nations General Assembly recognized the upcoming year (2001) as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the [1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees](#). The UN decided to designate this 2001 anniversary as the first World Refugee Day (Calendarr, n.d.; United Nations High, n.d.).

An average of 42,500 people flee their homes seeking asylum, or safety, in other countries every day. Approximately half of these individuals are children under the age of 18 (Calendarr, n.d.). Many of these persons leave with little notice and few possessions.

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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](#)

- Kelly Ave. looking north, Devils Lake, N.D., circa 1920
- Post Office Building in Devils Lake, N.D., circa 1920

### [North Dakota School for the Deaf](#)

- Aerial of School for the Deaf, Devils Lake, N.D., circa 1920-1934
- Aerial of School for the Deaf, Devils Lake, N.D., circa 1950-1975



- Aerial of School for the Deaf, Devils Lake, N.D., circa 1950s
- Aerial of School for the Deaf, Devils Lake, N.D., circa 1975-1989
- Arbor Day celebration, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1949
- Barber class, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1950s
- Bonfire event, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1955
- Campus scenes after the Blizzard of 1966
- Clara Halverson and her class, 1894



- Demolition of Old Main, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1975
- First school, N.D. School for the Deaf, early 1890s
- Halloween costume contest winners, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1922
- Laundry building, N.D. School for the Deaf, circa 1950-1969
- Laundry class, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1960s
- N.D. School for the Deaf track team, 1921



- Peanuts rolling game, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1969
- Peter Pan pageant, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1929
- Pied Piper pageant, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1924
- Portrait of Supt. Burton W. Driggs, circa 1921
- Portrait of Supt. Frank Read, Jr., circa 1915-1920
- Portrait of Supt. William C. McClure, 1921
- Removing the Old Main cornerstone, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1975
- Sadie Hawkins Day activities, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1949
- School for the Deaf building, Devils Lake, N.D., 1890s
- Sewing and embroidery class, N.D. School for the Deaf, early 1900s
- Students in classroom, N.D., School for the Deaf, early 1900s



- Track team, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1922
- Winners of the Masquerade Party, N.D. School for the Deaf, 1922

### [Political Prairie Fire](#)

- Mr. Townley, and Fargo's Bank Blow-Up [Literary Digest, 1919-11-01]
- Report of the N.D. State Examiner [1918-1922]
- Scandinavian American Bank, Fargo, N.D., circa 1917-1921

### [Prairie Recipes](#)

- Country Goodness: Recipes from Martha's Kitchen

## Pride Month LibGuide

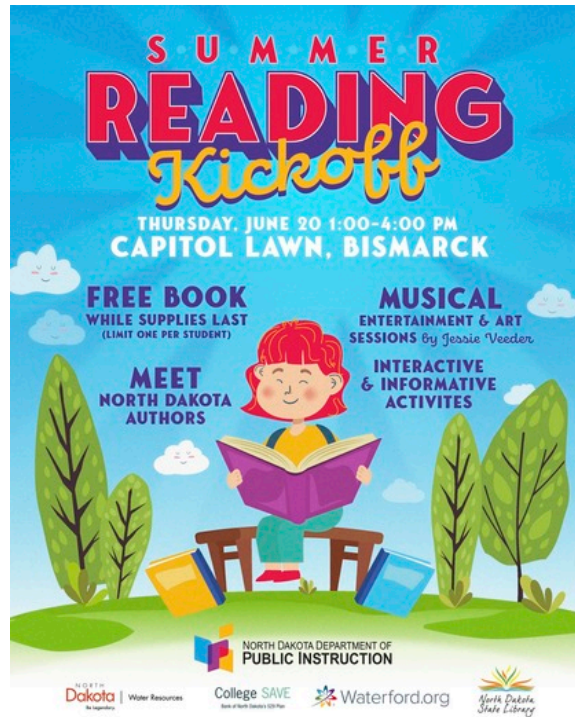
Pride Month is celebrated in June in the United States to commemorate the Stonewall riots. June is a time for the LGBTQ2S+ community to "celebrate their identity and visibly affirm their worth as people." To learn more about the history of Pride Month and the available resources, check out the State Library's [LibGuide](#).



### Reference:

Britannica Library, s.v. "Gay Pride," accessed May 28, 2024, <https://library.eb.com/levels/youngadults/article/Gay-Pride/634628>.

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