



# Flickertale

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**Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Services**  
*Free Virtual Conference*  
June 27 & 28 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

## Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Services

Thursday, June 27 - Friday, June 28

The world is changing before our very eyes. Artificial intelligence, a reevaluation of traditional services we offer in our libraries and changing demographics in our communities are just a few examples of the changes taking place. To meet these changes, librarians must develop the knowledge and skills today to meet those changes we face tomorrow. Please join us for this virtual conference where we will learn today's skills for tomorrow's services.

[Find Out More and Register](#)

## Summer Reading & Beanstack

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Summer reading is on its way! This summer we have three different Beanstack reading challenges for libraries to promote. Each challenge features a registration badge, a completion badge, and nine reading badges. Challenges are set up by age groups: Early Literacy, Children, Teen, and Adult.

Those participating in the Bank of North Dakota's Summer Reading Champion program can utilize the Beanstack app to help track minutes as well as produce the report at the end of submission. (I will be sending out a template for those not using Beanstack for tracking.)

In May, we ran two different reading challenges. One for Media Literacy and the other for Mental Health Awareness. As a whole, we read over 27,000 minutes! *Our statewide goal for summer reading is 200,000 minutes from June 1st – July 31st.* Congratulations to Adams County who had the most patron participants for both of our May challenges.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**  
Reading Challenge

**Top Participating Library:**  
Adams County Library

Other Participating Libraries:	Total # of minutes read:
Cassellaw Public Library	15,846
Mayville Public Library	Total # of badges earned:
NDSL	122
Valley City Barnes County Library	Total # of active readers:
Ward Co. Public Library	16

**MEDIA LITERACY CHALLENGE**  
READING CHALLENGE

**Top Participating Library:**  
Adams County Library

Other Participating Libraries:	Total # of minutes read:
Cassellaw Public Library	11,377
Griggs Co. Library	Total # of badges earned:
James River Valley Library System	127
Mayville Public Library	Total # of active readers:
NDSL	15
Ward Co. Public Library	

[Sign Up For A Reading Challenge](#)

# Talking Book Update

## NLS Summer Reading Program

### National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled

The NLS Summer Reading Program starts with a kickoff event on June 24 at 3:00 PM featuring the Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden, reading "The Adventures of Marshmallow and Peter (BR25025, DBC30393)," a picture book written by an 8-year-old NLS patron.

On July 25, Chippewa author Angeline Boulley will discuss her highly praised YA novel "Firekeeper's Daughter (BR24040, DB102762)" and its follow-up, "Warrior Girl Unearthed (BR25116 in process, DB114761)," with award-winning author Andrea L. Rogers.

All Summer Reading Program events will be held online, so anyone, anywhere, can join the fun – but you need to register in advance.

[Complete Schedule and Register](#)

## Mini-Grant Opportunity for Libraries

### Space Science Institute

SciStarter and HHMI Tangled Bank Studios invite libraries from around the US to host citizen science-related events around the Flyways documentary this Fall. Flyways explores a global conservation effort led by bird experts and citizen scientists working to understand and protect these migratory shorebirds.

Apply to receive \$800 to host an event or program featuring the film Flyways and related SciStarter citizen science resources this Fall.

Applications are due July 1, 2024.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

## Adventures of AI & Children

### Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

Welcome to the fascinating adventures of AI and children, where technology meets imagination! As librarians, we are the gatekeepers to a world of knowledge, and understanding AI's role in children's lives can help us unlock new adventures in learning and creativity. Let's dive into the ways AI is shaping the future for our young adventurers.

#### ***What is Generative AI?***

Generative AI is like a digital magician that conjures up new content from vast amounts of data. Imagine a tool that can whip up a story, draw a picture, or even recommend your next favorite book – all by learning from existing examples! Think of it as an endlessly creative friend who always has something new and exciting to share.

[Continue Reading](#)

# Library Tidbits

Divide County Library hosted a program by Fish and Wildlife where participants were able to view furs and skulls.

[Smokey Bear dropped by the Fargo Public Library](#) and Kindred Public Library.

[Fargo Public Library is hosting summer walking club sessions.](#)

Heart of America Library has pickleball paddles and disc golf set for check out thanks to the Rugby Park Board.

[The James River Valley Library System spent around \\$54,500 for employees to review materials in the children's and teen sections.](#)

Lake Region Public Library is giving out art kits (tiny canvas and paint set) to community members. Completed artwork will be displayed in their Tiny Art Show.

Maddie Cummings, Director of the Lake Region Public Library, has been selected as one of thirty international members for the second Leadership Institute through the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

[Morton Mandan Public Library is one of ten libraries in the country chosen by the Space Science Institute to provide space-themed programming this summer.](#)

New Town City Library hosted a Japanese Calligraphy "Shodo" program by Shunsuke Aoki, International Programs & Multicultural Affairs Japan Outreach Initiative Coordinator at Dickinson State University.

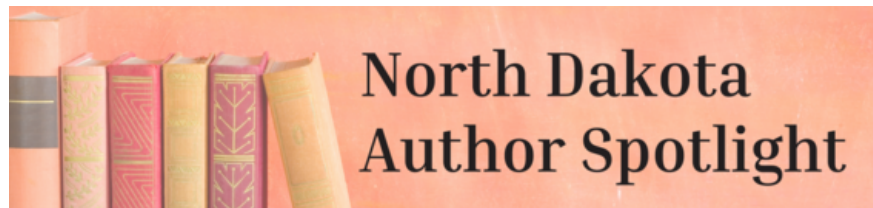
Turtle Lake Public Library had new signs installed outside the library.

Ward County Public Library is hosting a design contest where the winning entry will be put on their brand-new bookmobile.

The Badlands Dinosaur Museum visited the Washburn Public Library to show and talk about fossils.

**Send your library's highlights to BreAnne at [ndsipa@nd.gov](mailto:ndsipa@nd.gov) for inclusion on this list!**

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## 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](#)

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# Tammy's Top Picks

By Tammy Kruger



## Presidents for Adults

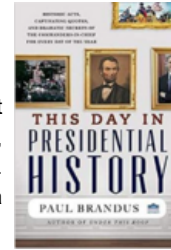
The U.S. Presidency is often seen as the highest point of power in the United States. (This is not necessarily true, but every nation wants someone to blame or credit for the country's functioning.) As such, many books have been written about individuals who run for (and sometimes win) the coveted spot of presidency. This month's *Top Picks* focuses on books about U.S. presidents for adults. If you have a topic request for a *Top Picks*, email me at [tkruger@nd.gov](mailto:tkruger@nd.gov).

1) *This Day in Presidential History* by Paul Brandus

**Publish Date:** 2017

**Publisher:** Bernan Press

**Summary:** Paul Brandus documents historical events involving the first 43 presidents (1789-2017). Some such events include signing of treaties, speeches, declarations of war, passing of laws, and presidential deaths. Each day of the year (January 1 through December 31) also gives a quote of the day from a president.



[Continue Reading](#)

# Digital Delight

## Maltese Cross Cabin in Medora, N.D., 1968



The exterior of Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin located in Medora, North Dakota. Antlers hang over the doors. Trees and the buttes of the Badlands are visible in the background.

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

[Digital Horizons](#)

## 2024 Summer Reading Grant Program

Funding Opportunity for North Dakota Schools & Libraries





# Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans Competitive Grants Program

National Institute of Food and Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

The Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans Program provides grants to non-profits to increase the number of military veterans gaining knowledge and skills through comprehensive, hands-on and immersive model farm and ranch programs offered regionally that lead to successful careers in the food and agricultural sector.

The program encourages the development of training opportunities specifically designed for military veterans. AgVets projects will offer onsite, hands-on training and classroom education leading to a comprehensive understanding of successful farm and ranch operations and management practices. Projects may also offer workforce readiness and employment prospects for service-disabled veterans.

Ensuring there are pathways for military veterans interested in pursuing careers in agriculture — regardless of age or production choice — strengthens agricultural production and rural economies across the United States. NIFA requests applications for the AgVets to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for training programs and services to establish and enhance farming and ranching opportunities for military veterans.

Applications are due July 11, 2024.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

**SUMMER**  
**READING**  
*Kickoff*

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 1:00-4:00 PM  
CAPITOL LAWN, BISMARCK


**FREE BOOK**  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST  
(LIMIT ONE PER STUDENT)

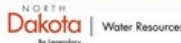
**MUSICAL**  
ENTERTAINMENT & ART  
SESSIONS *by Jessie Veeder*

**MEET**  
NORTH DAKOTA  
AUTHORS

**INTERACTIVE**  
& **INFORMATIVE**  
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# Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

## What's New in Niche

Category: Library 101 – Library Directors

New Tutorial: *Collection Development Basics- Policies*

Category: Library Staff Training and Development

New Tutorial: *Helping a Person with Low Blood Sugar*

This is a new tutorial that will help staff recognize hypoglycemia.

Category: Interlibrary Loan

New Tutorial: *North Dakota State Library ILL Services Are For Everyone*

This category will house interlibrary loan tutorials starting with last month's webinar.

Category: ODIN Polaris: LEAP and PAC

New Webinar: *How to Request Kits Through the PAC*

Niche Academy

## Upcoming Free Webinars

[Data storytelling 101](#) (WebJunction)

Tuesday, June 18 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

[The Dementia Friendly Library: Increasing belonging in Virginia Libraries](#) (NNLM)

Tuesday, June 25 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Managing Effective Library Boards](#) (Niche Academy) - *Public Libraries*

Wednesday, June 26 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[5 Steps to an Accessible Document](#) (NNLM)

Thursday, June 27 (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM)

[Getting Started with Kanopy](#) (OverDrive)

Thursday, June 27 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Digital Safety and Privacy for Librarians](#) (Niche Academy) - *Public Libraries*

Wednesday, July 10 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Build a Needs Assessment Strategy](#) (Niche Academy)

Wednesday, July 17 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Surprise! You're a Cataloger](#) (Niche Academy) - *Academic Libraries*

Wednesday, July 24 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Navigating AI Ethics](#) (Niche Academy) - *Academic Libraries*

Wednesday, July 31 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

[Work It Out @ Your Library with the Wombats!](#) (WebJunction)

Thursday, August 8 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Webinars

# Kit of the Week

## Ring Toss



Ring toss is a family-friendly game and 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 can 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 by playing games.

This kit includes one bag, four rope rings, five posts, two base pieces, and one folder with instructions.

[Request Kit](#)

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