

## EBSCO Reference Databases Move to a New Interface

Submitted by Kathy Cline

Since releasing a new user experience for [Explora](#) in July 2022, EBSCO has been transferring their reference databases onto the new interface. In July EBSCO will move the following four databases to Explora.

- Biography Reference Source
- Consumer Health Complete
- Literary Reference Plus
- Literary Reference Source

EBSCO expects to transition Points of View Reference Source and Poetry and Short Story Reference Source to Explora in September 2024.

Benefits of transitioning reference databases to Explora as stated by EBSCO:

- Students, educators, and library patrons will enjoy a more consistent, familiar user experience.
- Highly visual, fully responsive interface offers a manageable set of filters to support novice researchers.
- Featured subject-specific topics display front and center at the top of the home page and are updated frequently. These interesting and popular topics can help users jump-start their research, inspire further investigation, and stimulate lifelong intellectual curiosity.
- Carefully curated categories provide users with a visual entry point to browse popular research topics and subject areas.

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## New Exhibit - Book Scandal of 1919

The [Digital Initiatives Department](#) of the North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is excited to announce the opening of another online exhibit called the "[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 at <https://library-nd.libguides.com/bookscandal1919>.

[View the Exhibit](#)

# Library Tidbits

Carrington City Library had a special guest, Smokey Bear, at storytime at the Foster County Fair

[Minot Public Library hosted two cultural events conducted by Shunsuke Aoki, Coordinator for the Japan Outreach Initiative Program](#)

[Morton Mandan Public Library hosted Rodeo Queen Lindsey Miller as a guest reader. Miller read her new book, "The Girl in Lime Green Jeans"](#)

[State Librarian Mary Soucie was interviewed by Nicholas Quallich for KX News's The Voice of the People podcast](#)

[Valley City Barnes County Public Library hosted their annual Pie and Ice Cream Social Fundraiser with 45 donated pies. The proceeds totaled \\$1,321, which will be used for the restoration and roofing project](#)



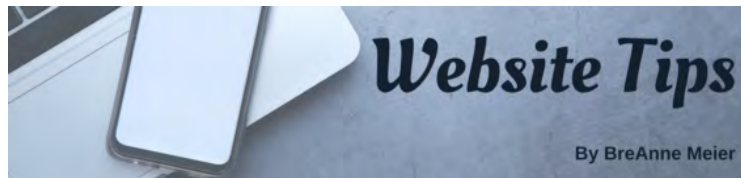
## Secretary of State: Notary and Apostille

A Notary Public is a person commissioned by the Office of the Secretary of State to perform notarization services, such as taking an acknowledgement, administering and taking a verification of an oath or affirmation, witnessing a signature, and other services. A notarized signature certifies that a signature was made willingly and lawfully.

Offering notary public services to patrons is a great outreach opportunity for libraries, but how do you get a commission? The Secretary of State's office has a division called Notary and Apostille that provides all the information needed to get a commission. This website will provide information on becoming a notary, renewing a notary commission, guidance on administering notary duties, as well as Apostille services, which are notary services for use in a foreign country.

If offering Notary Services is something you are interested in providing your patrons, check out the Notary and Apostille services page at <https://www.sos.nd.gov/notary-apostille>.

[Learn More](#)



## Website Accessibility: Motor/Physical Challenges

The next part in the website accessibility series is making sure your library's website is accessible for people with motor/physical challenges/barriers. There is a wide range in severity, including, but not limited to:

- Weakness or limited muscular control
- Limited sensations
- Joint disorders
- Pain/Injury that would impede movement
- Missing limbs
- Tremors/spasms
- Paralysis

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# Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

By Tammy Kruger

## Seneca Falls Convention

Women's History Month occurs in March. (View NDSL's LibGuide [here](#).) However, July 19<sup>th</sup> marks an important event in the Women's Right Movement: the anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention!

The Seneca Falls Convention happened on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of 1848 in the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York. This event, organized by [Elizabeth Cody Stanton](#), [Lucretia Mott](#), [Mary McClintock](#), [Martha Coffin Wright](#), and [Jane Hunt](#), sought to address inequalities in education, employment, the church, and voting rights for United States' women. Organizers presented the [Declaration of Sentiments](#). This document outlined 19 abuses and usurpations that placed females as possessing fewer rights than their male counterparts. This first convention was highly criticized and only 300 men and women attended it. However, it set in motion what would become the Women's Rights Movement. Even after the convention, participants continued to push the Declaration of Sentiments onto leaders in government, churches, and members of the press. This campaign lasted from 1848 to 1862. During those almost two decades, women continued to slowly be granted more rights. The right to vote proved to be the most difficult to secure, finally occurring in 1920 with the signing of the Nineteenth Amendment (Seneca, 2024; and Seneca, n.d.).

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## IMLS Debuts New Federal Resource InformationLiteracy.gov

*Information Literacy Initiative Empowers Libraries and Museums to Promote Digital, Financial, and Health Literacy to Serve Communities*

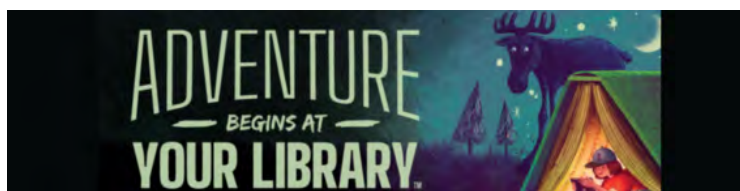
**WASHINGTON, DC**—The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) today released [InformationLiteracy.gov](#), a website with specialized tools and resources designed for library and museum professionals to engage diverse communities in developing critical information literacy skills. The website and resources will debut at the [American Library Association \(ALA\) Annual Conference and Exhibition](#) in San Diego, California.

The work of the Information Literacy Initiative focuses on providing library and museum professionals with successful practices, tools, and programs related to financial, health, digital, and other information literacy subject areas. In 2022, the U.S. Congress and the White House invited IMLS to explore ways to improve information literacy across the country. Under the guidance of the Information Literacy Taskforce, this effort focuses on disseminating [training and technical assistance resources](#) for professionals in libraries, museums, zoos, aquaria, botanical gardens, arboretums, nature and science centers, archives, and other community-serving institutions.

"Guided by an Information Literacy Taskforce comprised of 16 federal agencies, we set out to help confront the challenges, faced by people of all ages and backgrounds, of a lack of information literacy in many areas," said IMLS Acting Director Cyndee Landrum. "We want to empower these trusted library and museum professionals who play a critical role in helping improve digital, financial, and health literacy to serve the needs of diverse communities."

Landrum and IMLS Deputy Director for Museum Services Laura Huerta Migus are featured in a [new video](#) showcasing the mission and program highlights of the IMLS Information Literacy Initiative.

[Watch the Video](#)



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