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A red banner with a white brick wall background. On the left, the words "NOW HIRING!" are written in large, bold, white letters on a black speech bubble. To the right, "Library Specialist" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below that, "Closing Date: October 9, 2024" is written in a smaller, black font.

A banner with a light blue background. On the left, the text "Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Services" is in a bold, black serif font, followed by "Free Virtual Conference" in a smaller, italicized black serif font. Below that, "October 17 & 18 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)" is in a smaller, black sans-serif font. On the right, there is a photograph of a laptop with a headset on it.

Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Services October 17-18

The world is changing before our very eyes. The emerging prominence of artificial intelligence, the challenges faced in our school libraries, and changing demographics in our communities are just a few examples of the changes taking place. To meet these changes, school media specialists must develop the knowledge and skills today to meet those changes we face tomorrow.

Please mark your planners for this virtual conference where we will learn today's skills for tomorrow's services. Credit will be available through Valley City State University. More details and registration will be available soon! Stay Tuned!

[Learn More](#)

Celebrating Global Diversity

Submitted by Kathy Cline

October brings cooler temperatures, beautifully colored leaves, and maybe even some snow, and it also brings an opportunity to recognize and celebrate global diversity in society. A diverse society nurtures growth by individuals sharing thoughts, values, and practices. Take time this month to explore, recognize, and learn from the diversity in your school, workplace, church, community, etc. Access resources acknowledging and celebrating global diversity by visiting the State Library's Global Diversity Awareness Month LibGuide.



[Global Diversity Awareness Month LibGuide](#)

Core Library Skills Needs Assessment

WebJunction and the Idaho Commission for Libraries

WebJunction and the Idaho Commission for Libraries need **your** help as they develop a [new series of self-paced courses](#) to teach core library competencies to library staff. We're collecting feedback in a survey for all library staff about the foundational skills for your job and how you learned them. The survey has been designed with busy schedules in mind and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

Please provide feedback by **Friday, October 4**. Thank you for helping us better equip library staff with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to do their jobs.

[Survey](#)



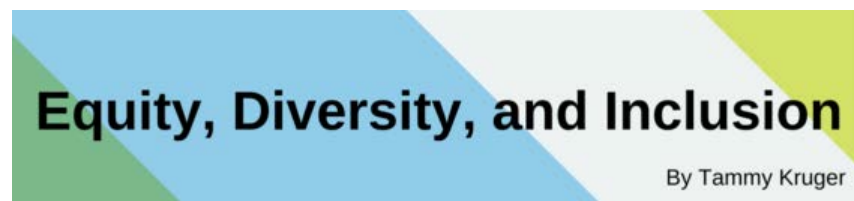
Family History Month

Just around the corner, in October, is family history month.

When it comes to doing genealogy research for the region, there is no better place to start than [Digital Horizons](#). In fact, Digital Horizons is consistently named one of the "Best State Genealogy Websites" by *Family Tree Magazine*.

Digital Horizons is an online resource for thousands of images, documents, video, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains. It is also a consortium of various cultural heritage institutions that provide, maintain, and preserve a wide range of historical and significant content. The North Dakota State Library is a member of Digital Horizons.

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White Cane Awareness Day

What is White Cane Awareness Day?

The white cane is a symbol and tool for those with blindness or very limited vision. (White canes allow operators to locate items in front of them, such as steps, curbs, or changes in path materials.) In 1964, The U.S. Congress adopted a resolution with the Federation of the Blind. This legislative measure designated October 15th as the annual observation of *White Cane Awareness Day*. It recognizes that white canes allow users to travel safely and experience more independent lives. The main goals are to help educate the public about white cane users, as well as promote equality (White cane awareness, n.d.; Understanding, n.d.).

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EduTech: North Dakota Citizens Skills for All

Today's students are learning information literacy and keyboarding starting in kindergarten. For the rest of us and our patrons who went to school before computers were prominent in school, we can feel behind the eight ball when it comes to computer and technology skills. EduTech is offering *North Dakota Citizens Skills for All* aimed at closing the digital literacy gap by providing free, quality, self-paced online learning aligned to industry jobs and connects learners to in-demand entry-level IT jobs, industry certifications, and valuable career resources. Skills for All from Cisco Networking Academy gives learners everywhere from all backgrounds and experiences a pathway to a career in technology.

These free courses are available to everyone in North Dakota and cover topics such as cybersecurity, data science, programming languages, networking, and more. If you have patrons who are asking for computer science books you don't have on your shelves, you can share with your patrons all the resources found on the *North Dakota Citizens Skills for All* site as well as getting them the books they requested through interlibrary loan. Check out the website at [NDIT-EduTech ND Citizens Skills for All](#) and see all that EduTech can offer you, your staff, and your patrons.

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Bowman Regional Public Library was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the North Dakota Community Foundation

[Fargo Public Library](#) hosted a free screening of the film "Dakota 38"

[James River Valley Library System](#) is hosting a "Public Libraries and People of Faith" program

Children of Incarcerated Individuals and Books

Submitted by Kathy Cline

In February 2023, Casey Family Programs reported that according to the U.S. Department of Justice, approximately 1.8 million individuals were incarcerated in state, federal, or local facilities in 2020. These incarcerations included parents or guardians of an estimated 4.9 million children. What impact do such incarcerations have on children? Can books play a role in helping children cope with and understand feelings and events surrounding the imprisonment of a parent or guardian? The following titles are examples of books that might make a difference for children who have or have had an incarcerated parent or guardian. Neither NDSL nor I endorse or promote content in this article.



Published in 2017, [Far Apart, Close in Heart: Being a Family When a Loved One Is Incarcerated](#) by Becky Birtha is a picture book for ages 4-8. Kirkus Reviews describes the book as "A racially and ethnically diverse sampling of children who exemplify the grief and discomfort that come with losing a parent to incarceration" and "...this book is a necessary one" (2017).

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Digital Inclusion WEEK

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STRONGER TOGETHER: MOBILIZING TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY

PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive, Supported by AT&T

This program will award \$10,000 to large public libraries and \$5,000 to small public libraries, as well as provide the necessary training resources, to conduct workshops that teach basic digital literacy skills using PLA's [DigitalLearn](#) courses and [training materials](#).

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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