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College SAVE Reading Champions

The North Dakota State Library partnered with Bank of North Dakota to bring the College SAVE Summer Reading Champions Campaign to participants of the 2024 Collaborative Summer Library Program, "Adventure Begins at Your Library."

Every student completing their library's goal for "Adventure Begins at Your Library" received a redeemable certificate for a \$10 contribution to an existing College SAVE account or a \$25 contribution to a new College SAVE account. More than 525 children have taken advantage of the contribution and families have until December 31, 2024, to redeem the certificate. In addition, there were 10 recipients selected from random drawings who were awarded \$529 College SAVE contributions.

"Summer reading with a touch of financial literacy? Sounds like a winning combination! The North Dakota State Library's partnership with the Bank of North Dakota not only encourages children to take part in the Summer Reading programs offered by their local libraries, but also aids these learners by contributing to their College SAVE (529) accounts," states Tammy Kruger, Literacy Specialist at the ND State Library. "Everyone who takes part in Summer Reading is a winner in multiple ways!"

More than 4,200 youth from across the state participated in this year's summer reading campaign. The \$529 scholarship recipients are:

- Lolo Naas, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library
- Micah Morris, Williston Community Library
- Noah Nagel, Bowman Regional Public Library
- Malina Vetter, Minot Public Library
- Chloe Currier, Fargo Public Library
- Rowan Nere, Fargo Public Library
- David Durand, Grand Forks Public Library
- Leo Martel, Casselton Public Library
- Everett Ard, Leach Public Library
- Ramsey Triplett, Dickinson Area Public Library

"Bank of North Dakota congratulates all of the young people who participated in their local library's summer reading programs," states Don Morgan, Bank of North Dakota president. "It is well-established that reading is an important component of academic success which leads to a well-prepared workforce."

The College SAVE Plan is a 529 plan established by the State of North Dakota. Bank of North Dakota acts as trustee of the College SAVE Trust and is responsible for administering the Plan. To learn more about College SAVE, visit collegesave4u.com.

Engineers Week Outreach Grants

Applications for **outreach grants** are now available - spread the word! It's a great opportunity for volunteers and educators to fund their activities and events for Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering. We have \$250-\$1000 grants including:

- Girl Day grants for programs centered around girls and students of marginalized gender
- Engineers Week grants for underserved students



The grant application deadline is Monday, November 4.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Native American Heritage Month

Submitted by Kathy Cline

In recognition of Native American contributions and achievements to our nation, we annually observe Native American Heritage Month in November. President George H. W. Bush designated November as Native American Heritage Month in 1990. While this month provides an opportunity for Native Americans to share their traditions, music, dance, and crafts with others, it is also a time for non-Natives to learn about, recognize, and honor Indigenous Peoples, their culture, traditions, struggles, and histories.



Visit the [National Native American Heritage Month LibGuide](#) to access resources and information to celebrate Native Americans in November and throughout the calendar year.

Resources

National Archives and Records Administration. (2023). *Native American Heritage month*.

National Archives and Records Administration.

<https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month>

[National Native American Heritage Month LibGuide](#)

Native Knowledge 360° Lessons and Resources

Submitted by Kathy Cline

For those who may not be familiar with Native Knowledge 360° (NK 360°), it is grounded in the National Museum of the American Indian's effort to support and promote teaching and learning about Native American history and cultures. "*Native Knowledge 360° (NK360°) provides educators and students with new perspectives on Native American history and cultures. Most Americans have only been exposed to part of the story, as told from a single perspective through the lenses of popular media and textbooks. NK360° provides educational materials, virtual student programs, and teacher training that incorporates Native narratives, more comprehensive histories, and accurate information to enlighten and inform teaching and learning about Native America. NK360° challenges common assumptions about Native peoples and offers a view that includes not only the past but also the vibrancy of Native peoples and cultures today*" (Smithsonian, 2024).

While the [NK360° website](#) has numerous resources, this [link highlights](#) the most current ones. Examples of the offerings include:

2024 Indigenous Peoples' Day Curriculum Teach-In

Saturday, November 2, 11 AM–2 PM CT

Online via Zoom \$15 | Registration required

Breakout sessions guide educators through the effective use of classroom lessons and resources from Teaching for Change and Native Knowledge 360°. Register for the teach-in at [Teaching for Change's website](#).

The "First Thanksgiving": How Can We Tell a Better Story?

This resource helps teachers and students dispel misconceptions about the "First Thanksgiving" by examining the events through multiple perspectives, including those of the Wampanoag Nation, who have been largely absent from this national story. Visit the [resource page for The "First Thanksgiving": How Can We Tell a Better Story](#) to learn more.

Reference:

Smithsonian Institution. (2024). *Native knowledge 360°: Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian*. National Museum of the American Indian | Smithsonian.

<https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360>

[Learn More](#)

Digital Dimension

By Trevor Martinson

Internet Archive Hacked

The Internet Archive is under attack. This month (October 2024), the Internet Archive has been the victim of three cyber-attacks.

The Internet Archive (IA) is a nonprofit whose mission is to provide “universal access to all knowledge.” IA is the go-to archive of the internet, via their Wayback Machine service. IA also features a treasure trove of “free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more.”

For unknown reasons, hackers breached the site on October 9, stealing user data for over 30 million users and temporarily taking the site offline. Before the site went down, the hacker (or hackers) left a message: “Have you ever felt like the Internet Archive runs on sticks and is constantly on the verge of suffering a catastrophic security breach? It just happened. See 31 million of you on [\[Have I Been Pwned\]](#)!” In the next two attacks, hackers gained access to the IA’s support tickets submitted via Zendesk.

IA took down their entire site to improve security, and they have been working tirelessly to bring the site and its service back online. But, days later, not much of the site has been restored.

The hack adds to an already unlucky year for the IA. Earlier this year, the IA lost a legal battle over its e-book collection, consisting of digitized books, in which the IA was determined to have violated copyright law.

Follow the IA’s [blog](#) or [social media](#) for updates on their site restoration efforts.

The banner features a central image of two men studying together. To the right, a box contains the text 'Self-Paced, Online Class', a green '+ Join this Course' button, and 'North Dakota State Library'. Below the image are four blue boxes with white text: '50 Lessons', '96 Exams & Assignments', '37 Hours average time', and '3.7 CEUs'.

GED Test Preparation

Submitted by Al Peterson

The month of October is dedicated to calling attention to the need for dropout prevention efforts nationwide. Since 1986, graduation rates have improved nearly 10 percent across the country, but there is much work left to do. Our youth deserve the brighter future a high school diploma helps ensure. Through effective strategies for students, families, and educators, more students can obtain their diploma and gain access to a better future. The GED (General Educational Development) test serves as a pivotal milestone for many. Whether you’re aiming to accelerate your academic journey or unlock new vocational avenues, obtaining your GED can be transformative.

Universal Class has a GED Test Preparation course to provide students with a 50-lesson course covering subjects such as English, Grammar, Writing, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. These courses are free to your patrons, and they can take them at their own pace on their own time.

[Start Learning Today](#)

Poetry Out Loud

Submitted by

**Matthew Anderson, Arts in Education Director at the ND Council on the Arts and
Tammy Kruger, Literacy Specialist at the North Dakota State Library.**

What is Poetry Out Loud?

Poetry Out Loud (POL) is a national program that connects high school students with poetry in an engaging, interactive way. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, this program promotes literacy, self-expression, and effective speaking skills through the art of recitation. For libraries across North Dakota, participating in POL is an opportunity to strengthen community engagement, support arts education, and create lasting connections with young people.

Poetry Out Loud focuses on literacy appreciation, public speaking skills, creative expression, and cultural engagement. It has traditionally been seen as a program for high school English classes. However, various entities can run a Poetry Out Loud event, including public and school libraries!

What Are the Requirements?

- Participating students must be in ninth-twelfth grade. They can come from public, private, or homeschool educational settings. While it is preferred that at least two students participate per school/library, this program can work with a lone participant, as well!
- Students may not sign-up for Poetry Out Loud under more than one entity. For example, if they register through their English class, they cannot also register through their public library.
- Students choose three poems from the official [Poetry Out Loud anthology](#) to recite. One of these poems must be 25 lines or less and written before the 20th
- Poem delivery is judged on accuracy, voice, articulation, physical presence, evidence of understanding, and overall performance.

What Tools/Resources are Available?

Poetry Out Loud provides free online curriculum materials, including an online poetry anthology, a comprehensive teacher's guide, videos of student performances, lesson plans, and promotional and media resources.

How Can Libraries Participate?

- **Host a Competition:** Your library can serve as a venue for Poetry Out Loud competitions! Hosting these events provides a space for students to perform and creates a cultural event that brings the community together to celebrate youth creativity and expression.
- **Offer Workshops and Resources:** Partner with local poets, educators, or teaching artists to offer workshops that help students prepare for the competition. These could focus on the art of recitation, memorization strategies, or poetry analysis. Poetry Out Loud does offer grants for these types of workshops. For more information, visit [here](#).
- **Promote Poetry Out Loud:** Libraries are trusted sources of information in the community. By sharing information about Poetry Out Loud—through posters, newsletters, or social media—you can help raise awareness and encourage students and schools to participate.
- **Collaborate with Schools and Teachers:** Libraries can form partnerships with local schools to support their POL efforts. This could include helping with research and poem selection, offering space for practice sessions, or providing a platform for public performances.

What is the Timeline?

- Registration is due by November 8, 2024. Register [here](#).
- Local competitions occur in November 2024 through January 2025.
- The state competition is March 3, 2025.
- Nationals, in Washington, D.C., takes place May 5-7, 2025.

Reach Out to North Dakota Council on the Arts

If you're looking for a way to support creativity and literacy in your community, Poetry Out Loud offers a valuable program that can enhance your library's offerings and reach students in new and exciting ways. Please reach out to Matthew Anderson with any questions or for more information. His number is 701-328-7593 and email is mabanderson@nd.gov.

[Learn More](#)

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