



# Flickertale

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## New Vision and Mission Statement

Submitted by State Librarian Mary Soucie

I am pleased to announce that the State Library has adopted a new vision and mission statement along with updated guiding principles.

The State Library's new vision statement is providing pathways to knowledge and opportunities.

Our mission statement is represented by these words:

*Strengthen • Connect • Ignite*

The mission of the North Dakota State Library is to strengthen and enhance ND libraries, connect people to reliable resources, and ignite lifelong learning.

### Guiding principles:

The North Dakota State Library is committed to

- Providing leadership and expertise to the North Dakota Library Community
- Delivering access to and assistance with credible information sources
- Fostering a welcoming environment to all
- Collaborating with state government to meet the needs of North Dakota

We will be incorporating the new vision and mission statement into our strategic plan, which we are currently updating.

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## Library Coordinating Council Nominations Sought

Submitted by State Librarian Mary Soucie

The North Dakota Library Community Council (NDLCC) serves as the State Library's advisory board. The NDLCC assists with the creation and implementation of the Library Vision strategic plan, including the awarding of Library Vision grants. The Governor appoints NDLCC members according to Century Code §54-24.4. Typically, the Council meets quarterly with two meetings held in-person and two via videoconference. The in-person meetings also include tours of libraries.

Several of the current members have terms that are ending on June 30, 2025, and they have reached their term limits. One current member was filling a partial term and has indicated an interest in being re-appointed. The following seats will be open for appointment: Citizen At Large, School Libraries, and Higher Education Institution. The two library positions must be filled by someone working in a North Dakota library of that type. Please share the information with your community.

Nominations, including self-nominations, may be sent to the NDSL Administrative e-mail at [ndsldmn@nd.gov](mailto:ndsldmn@nd.gov) by May 15. The State Library will compile the list of applicants and forward it to the Governor's office. Nominees will also need to complete the Governor's board application at <https://apps.nd.gov/gov/boards/Application/PersonalInfo>.

This is an interesting and exciting opportunity to help shape library services in our state so please consider applying. If you have questions about the NDLCC, please contact State Librarian Mary Soucie at (701) 328-4654 or [msoucie@nd.gov](mailto:msoucie@nd.gov).

[Learn More About NDLCC](#)

## Promotional Materials Available

Does your library need bookmarks, postcards, or brochures to help promote the online library resources available to your patrons? The North Dakota State Library has you covered!

There are promotional materials available for the following OLRs:

- Ancestry Library Edition
- Britannica Public and School
- Kanopy
- Libby
- Mango
- NoveList
- Universal Class
- And more!



Any North Dakota library can request promotional materials at the link below. All items will be sent free of charge. If you have any questions, concerns, or requests for other materials, please contact BreAnne at [ndsipa@nd.gov](mailto:ndsipa@nd.gov).

[Request Promotional Materials](#)



## Liberty Memorial Building Exhibit

The [Digital Initiatives Department](#) of the North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is excited to announce the opening of another online exhibit called "LMB 100." This exhibit celebrates the 100-year anniversary of the Liberty Memorial Building (LMB) on the North Dakota State Capitol grounds in Bismarck. The exhibit tells the story of the building from its inception to today.

The story of the LMB begins in 1919, during the Nonpartisan League (NPL) era, when the legislature appropriated funds for the construction of the building. The LMB's purpose was to alleviate cramped quarters in the Capitol and to commemorate the thousands of men and women from North Dakota who had served in the Great War (or World War I).

Construction began in 1920, and in August 1924, the LMB was completed. About a year later, in November 1925, the LMB was formally dedicated in a ceremony led by Governor Arthur G. Sorlie. Over the next 100 years, the LMB housed several state agencies and has become a landmark on the Capitol grounds.

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 main story is organized into 5 categories, or time periods: The Beginning (1918-1919), The Early Years (1924-1970), The Museum Years (1970-1981), and The Modern Years (1981-Today).

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 primarily features content (like images and documents) from the various digital collections of NDSL, but other contributors include the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

[View the Exhibit](#)



## Let's Celebrate Reading!

March is a busy month as we celebrate two significant reading events: National Reading Month and Read Across America Week. In 1994, March was designated as National Reading Month in honor of Dr. Seuss's March 2nd birthday. In 1998, the National Education Association (NEA) initiated Read Across America as a one-day event to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. This event was later expanded into a week-long celebration to inspire a love of reading and foster a reading culture. Join the 2025 Read Across America celebration from March 3-7.

I hope you find the following resources useful as you celebrate reading with those around you!

1. [NEA: Read Across America](#)
2. Celebrate daily with Kwame Alexander as the 10th anniversary of *Crossover* is recognized
3. Access resources for sharing *Crossover*
4. [Edmentum: K-8 National Reading Month Lessons & Activities](#)
5. [37 Read Across America Activities to Celebrate Literacy](#)
6. [Reading Month Ideas and Freebies](#)
7. [Seven Ways to Celebrate Read Across America Day 2025](#)
8. [Reading is Fundamental: National Reading Month](#)—2021 information, but still good ideas and tips to share with parents
9. [Daily Book Bites | RIF.org](#)

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## Registration open for 2025 Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

Registration is now open for the 2025 Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference! The conference will take place at St. Paul's Union Depot on May 6-7. Day 1 will feature a selection of preconference workshops on topics including digital storytelling with Knight Lab tools, collaborative and practical digital preservation, and the new version of CONTENTdm. Day 2 kicks off with a talk by keynote speaker Craig Stevens from Northwestern University IT and the Knight Lab, followed by fifteen breakout sessions covering a range of subjects. There is also a streaming option for those unable to join in person.



[Learn More](#)

# Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

By Tammy Kruger

## Greek-American Heritage Month

Greek-American Heritage Month is celebrated during the month of March. National Greek Independence Day also falls on March 25th. Greek-American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate, preserve, and educate others on Grecian cultural (Greek-American Heritage, n.d.).



### A Little about Greece

Greece, also called the Hellenic Republic, is a mountainous peninsula in southeastern Europe; its land mass covers 51,000 square miles. Greece's peninsula is surrounded by a couple thousand islands. The capital city is Athens, and Greece carries a strong mythological history. Most religious Grecians follow the teachings of the Eastern Orthodox church (Jurgens, n.d.).

[Continue Reading](#)

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## WebJunction Highlight: Shelving with Dewey: Self-Paced Course UPDATED

Submitted by AI Peterson

WebJunction is offering a recently updated course on shelving using the Dewey Decimal Classification system. This course is great for providing new staff or volunteers training on mastering Dewey shelving. During this course, staff and volunteers will learn the fundamentals of subject-based classification, how to read call numbers and, most importantly, how to accurately shelve books based on those call numbers. Not only is this course an opportunity to learn more about the Dewey classification system, it's also designed to provide online training that will help new staff members and volunteers become productive as quickly as possible. Learners are invited to explore the main classes, divisions and sections of Dewey, to practice reading call number labels and to put that knowledge into practice through shelving simulations. What better way to practice shelving before even entering the stacks!

If you or your staff are interested in taking this Shelving with Dewey course, sign up today at <https://learn.webjunction.org/enrol/index.php?id=19>.

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## Library Tidbits

Bowman Regional Public Library is hosting a Foodie February series where they highlight a recipe from a cookbook in the library's collection for people to sample.

Children are invited to participate in [Fargo Public Library's](#) Northern Narratives Junior writing and art contest. This is open for students from kindergarten to sixth grade. Entries can be submitted in the following categories: short stories, poetry, comics, nonfiction essays, drawing, and photography.

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# Free Webinar Opportunities

## [Summer Fun for All Ages with GLOBE Citizen Science! \(Star Net\)](#)

**March 4 (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)**

Join STAR Net and the NASA Earth Science Education Collaborative (NESEC) to round out planning for your 2025 summer library programs. Discover hands-on STEAM activities that can support either the Collaborative Summer Library Program (Color Our World) or iREAD (Level up at your Library with games and puzzles). These can be used in active and passive library programs to inspire and prepare patrons of all ages – from kids to seniors – to participate in NASA GLOBE Observer citizen science.

## [Resources for Rural Patrons \(NLS\)](#)

**March 5 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)**

Join a roundtable discussion about free resources for librarians who serve rural patrons. The virtual conversation will be moderated by the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) and will feature speakers from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC); the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), a part of the Library of Congress; and AARP. The FTC and AARP will feature information on spotting, avoiding, and recovering from scams, and NLS will highlight their free braille and talking book library service.

## [Marketing Made Easy: Top Tips to Engage Your Community \(OverDrive\)](#)

**March 19 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)**

Ready to boost your library's presence and raise awareness of your digital collection? Don't miss this exciting 60-minute webinar, where OverDrive Marketing experts will share real-world strategies, actionable tips, and ready-to-implement resources to elevate your library's brand and connect with more of your community. Learn how to leverage the power of the Check Out Your Library movement, promote services like Libby and Kanopy, and discover creative ways to reach more users.

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