

Are You Part of Summer Reading 2025?

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

Join us for two informational opportunities:

The College Save Program Webinar

This program offers students opportunities to build their college savings simply by taking part in summer reading! Join the Bank of North Dakota and NDSL on April 1 at 10:00 AM to dig deeper into how the College Save Program works and how to advertise it to your patrons. More information and registration coming soon!

2025 Summer Reading Training Webinar

Were you unable to make it to an in-person Summer Reading Training? No fear! NDSL is offering a virtual training on April 8 at 11:00 AM. We will go over components of CSLP's 2025 *Color Our World* manual, ideas for using this theme, basics of the Bank of North Dakota's College Save Program, and Beanstack. Hope to see you there! Register at <https://www.library.nd.gov/events/webinar20250408-2>.



Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

Submitted by Al Peterson

March is coming in like a lion with a full slate of webinars. The North Dakota State Library is hosting a number of webinars and check-ins.

- **WordPress Website Q&A Session Open Call**
March 24, 2025 (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
Join the call at <https://bit.ly/WordPressCall>
- **United for Libraries Overview**
March 25, 2025 (2:00 PM -3:00 PM)
Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/174b59e4-53d7-4dcc-b11a-b46f2cb1df66@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>
- **North Dakota State Library Webinar: School Library Chat**
March 25, 2025 (3:15 PM – 3:45 PM)
Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/d999b013-53e5-49c0-8827-f480dd0d3daf@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

In addition, we have teamed up with the Environmental Protection Agency to talk about how a program that assists libraries to build their own EPA Community Resource Kits.

- **Learn About the EPA Region 8 Community Library Program**
March 26, 2025 (3:30 PM - 4:00 PM)
Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/e4c4e131-243d-4745-85e9-0badd084168a@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

[More Webinar Opportunities](#)

Legislative Update

Submitted by Dani Kappel

Here are the updates as of March 6, 2025.

HB 1013: PASSED HOUSE – Senate has received the bill. The bill has passed the House floor with 72 yeas and 17 nays. There were three hearings regarding this bill. This bill appropriates funds for the 2025-2027 biennium for the State Library and its sister agencies, including the Department of Public Instruction, the School for the Deaf, North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind, and the Center for Distance Education.

HB 1142: PASSED HOUSE – Was introduced to the Senate and assigned to the Judiciary Committee. This bill has passed on the House floor with 86 yeas and 1 nay after leaving the Political Subdivisions committee with a 13-0-0 Do Pass as originally written. The bill proposes amendments to the North Dakota Century Code to increase the statutory liability caps for political subdivisions and the state.

HB 1220: PASSED HOUSE – Was introduced to the Senate and assigned to the Workforce Development Committee. The bill has passed the House floor with 73 yeas and 15 nays after leaving the Education committee with a 9-5-0 Do Pass. The bill establishes a North Dakota accelerated degree program aimed at preparing students for high-demand occupations. State higher education institutions can offer these programs as alternatives to traditional degrees.

HB 1254: PASSED HOUSE – Was introduced to the Senate and assigned to the State and Local Government Committee. The bill has passed the House floor with 90 yeas and 0 nays after leaving the Political Subdivisions committee with a 11-1-1 Do Pass. This aligns Century Code with current NDSL practices by allowing all North Dakotans to have a NDSL library card.

HB 1353: DEFEATED - This bill was defeated on the House floor with 25 yeas and 63 nays. The bill introduces limitations on property tax levies and a cap on increases by taxing districts without voter approval, effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024. Cities and counties cannot override these restrictions through home rule authority.

HB 1420: PASSED HOUSE – Was introduced to the Senate and assigned to the Education Committee. The bill left the House Finance and Taxation committee with a 12-0-2 Do Pass. It passed on the House chamber floor with 92 yeas and 2 nays. The bill amends §54-24.4-05 of the North Dakota Century Code to clarify that the Library Coordinating Council only approves state funded grants except for State Aid for Public Libraries. It aligns Century Code with current practices.

HB 1561: PASSED HOUSE - Was introduced to the Senate and assigned to the Industry and Business Committee. This bill passed the House floor with 91 yeas and 0 nays. It seeks to add a new section to Chapter §51-07 of the North Dakota Century Code to establish liability for commercial entities that publish or distribute sexual material harmful to minors online without implementing reasonable age verification methods.

SB 2180: PASSED SENATE – The bill passed on the Senate floor with 41 yeas and 6 nays. It has been received by the House and assigned to the Political Subdivisions Committee. This bill was hog-housed and now creates a new section of Century Code §44-04. It requires opportunity for public comment at a meeting of a public entity and includes stipulations for those comments. It has not been voted on yet.

SB 2219: PASSED SENATE – A hearing has been scheduled for March 6 at 3:00 PM. The bill was introduced to the House and assigned to the Political Subdivisions Committee. This bill has passed on the Senate floor with 46 yeas and 0 nays after leaving the State and Local Government committee hearing with a 6-0-0 Do Pass. This bill clarifies that libraries must complete the annual Public Library Survey to be eligible to receive State Aid for Public Libraries.

SB 2278: PASSED SENATE – Was introduced to the House and assigned to the Education Committee. This bill has passed on the Senate floor with 44 yeas and 1 nay after leaving the Education committee with a 4-0-2 Do Pass after receiving an amendment to include the fiscal and collection management impact on libraries within this study. The proposed bill mandates a legislative study during the 2025-26 interim to evaluate the feasibility and desirability of requiring state agency libraries, including the state library and those at state-controlled higher education institutions, to retain copies of original versions of written materials. The study will also assess the impact of artificial intelligence on library material retention, updates, and alterations.

SB 2307: PASSED SENATE – This bill was introduced to the House floor and assigned to Judiciary Committee. No hearings have been scheduled. The bill has left the Senate Judiciary Committee with a Do Pass recommendation after a few amendments were added. The bill had a committee hearing on Feb. 10th where several individuals gave testimony. NDSL is trying to keep up with committee work regarding this bill. The bill proposes updates to North Dakota obscenity laws, focusing on public libraries, school districts, and state agencies to protect minors from explicit sexual material. The bill mandates digital or online resources offered to K-12 students to incorporate safety policies and technology protections.

United for Libraries Webinar

March 22 (11:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

Friends groups make a lasting difference for their libraries. Learn how to ensure your library Friends have a bright future and strategic direction in the areas of recruitment, succession planning, board development, advocacy, and membership. Find out how resources from United for Libraries can help as you grow and strengthen your Friends group. Scalable ideas will be shared for libraries and communities of all sizes. The program will include panel presentations, activities, and idea sharing.

The presentations and panel discussion will be recorded and available on-demand.

Registration is free for [statewide partners](#) in MA, MD, MI, MN, ND, NE, OR, SC, and VA.

[Register](#)

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

[Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection](#)

- Anderson boys by a bicycle, circa 1946-1950
- Duane Anderson on a bicycle, summer 1955
- Irwin Landers riding a bicycle, circa 1940



[North Dakota Histories](#)

- Diamond Anniversary of Stanley, N.D.: 1902-1977

[North Dakota Memories](#)

- George F. Griffin in military uniform, circa 1917
- Gold Star Band concert program, Fargo, N.D., circa 1919-1939
- Griffin family on Christmas, 1923
- Griffin twins boxing, Jamestown, N.D., 1930s
- Portrait of Leone Griffin and Richard Griffin, circa 1943
- Portrait of the Griffin children, 1915
- Program for Junior Prom, Minot, N.D., 1924
- Reishus Beauty School diploma for Juanita Conklin Heinlein, 1930s
- Sarah Griffin selling tickets at the Grand Theater, Jamestown, N.D., 1950s
- Victor Ball's letters to Elizabeth Ball while in Burma and China, 1945



[Political Prairie Fire](#)

- An Accurate Portrayal of the N.D. Senate Voting on Bill 44 [political cartoon, 1917]
- Be On Hand to Help Your Team to Victory [political cartoon, 1916]
- Farms of North Dakota Make New Year's Resolutions [political cartoon, 1916]
- League Candidates for Governor in Three States
- Legislature gives greetings and taxes [political cartoon, 1919]
- Lynn J. Frazier for Governor
- NPL rising and falling [political cartoon, 1919]
- Old King Coal [political cartoon, 1919]
- P. M. Casey, Candidate for State Treasurer
- Portrait of Clark W. McDonnell, circa 1920-1931
- Thawing the Old Constitution water pump [political cartoon, 1917]
- The Gladiator [political cartoon, 1916]
- The People of North Dakota Are Listening, Gentlemen! [political cartoon, 1917]
- The Victory Parade [political cartoon, 1916]
- Townley gives Gov. Frazier a pay raise [political cartoon, 1920]



[Prairie Recipes](#)

- Leeds Active Women All School Reunion Cookbook

Library Tidbits

[West Fargo Public Library](#), is opening its first satellite library on March 18, which will be located in the West Fargo City Hall. This mini library will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and offer a rotating selection of books, a place to pick up holds, study areas, computers, and printing services.

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