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Episode 16: Jim Nyland, Elementary Librarian and Cyber Security Instructor at Jamestown Public Schools

ND State Librarian Mary Soucie sits down with Jim Nyland, Elementary Librarian & Cyber Security Instructor at Jamestown Public Schools, on this episode of the Pathways Through the Prairie podcast. Learn about his pathway to the library world, how he makes cyber security fun for young children, and more.

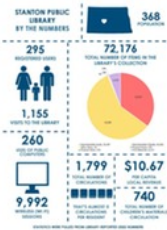
Are you interested in being featured in an episode of Pathways Through the Prairie? Contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.

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Public Library Infographics

Each year, the State Library provides a personalized infographic based on the numbers your library submitted for the Public Libraries Survey/Annual Report. These infographics usually include the number of visits to your library, registered users, items, wireless sessions, programs, and circulations, but we can personalize it to meet your needs.

If you would like an infographic, please fill out the form below or contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov.



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TODAY'S SKILLS FOR TOMORROW'S LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

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Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

Concordia Revealed

The "Concordia Revealed" collection consists of over 2,000 photographs taken of life on and surrounding Concordia College from the creation of the college to the present day. Included in this collection are photographs that show many aspects of student life including dorm living and free-time activities, campus activities such as sporting events, theater productions, and classes. Look through this collection to see the evolution of Concordia's campus, buildings and student body through the decades as revealed through these photographs. This digital collection is provided by Concordia College and is available on Digital Horizons.



[View the Collection](#)

Upcoming NDSL Webinars

WordPress Website Q&A Session

March 24 (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

If you have questions, concerns, or just want to discuss your library's WordPress website, join the State Library's next quarterly Teams call on Monday, March 24, anytime between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM by going to <https://bit.ly/WordPressCall>. No registration.

[United for Libraries Overview](#)

March 25 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

United for Libraries is a division of ALA dedicated to library boards, friends groups, and foundations. Join this webinar to get information about what our Statewide Access to United for Libraries gives you and how to access it.

[Learn About the EPA Region 8 Community Library Program](#)

March 26 (3:30 PM - 4:00 PM)

The EPA Region 8 Community Library Program offers printed, high-quality EPA educational resources to libraries across Colorado, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and 28 federally recognized Tribal nations. Participating libraries build their own EPA Community Resource Kits by choosing what their communities need from an extensive list of available resources. In turn, libraries offer and distribute the resources to individuals and schools in their communities, either as take-home materials or available for checkout. Committed partners will have additional opportunities to schedule EPA guest speakers, set up indoor and outdoor air monitoring, and participate in EPA's Air Quality Flag Program, among other opportunities.

[The College Save Program](#)

April 1 (10:00 AM - 10:45 AM)

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 AM to dig deeper into how the College Save program works and how to advertise it to your patrons.

[2025 Summer Reading Training](#)

April 8 (11:00 AM - 11:45 AM)

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, the Bank of North Dakota's College Savings program, and Beanstack. Hope to see you there!

[School Library Chat](#)

April 22 (3:15 PM - 3:45 PM)

As the idiom goes, two heads are better than one. It can be easier to solve problems or generate ideas in a group setting rather than alone. This half-hour session is an opportunity for school librarians to share ideas, resources, and news (both good and not-so-good), as well as to provide professional support. Please note that this School Lib Chat will not be recorded. Join Kathy once a month to discuss any topics related to the school librarian world.

Library Tidbits

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is celebrating National Library Week with a [Peeps Diorama Contest](#). Participants will create a scene inspired by their favorite book or movie using Peeps candy.

Divide County Library has a brand-new [Gavyn's Gadgets STEM/Game Closet](#). This project was made possible through grants and donations and gives the community the opportunity to check out games, puzzles, and STEM activities.

Stanley Public Library held an "[Art From the Heart](#)" Kids Art Show in February, presented by Eazy Breezy Artworkz.

WebJunction Highlight

Rooted in Connection: Libraries Designing for Belonging and Community

Submitted by AI Peterson

Despite living in an age of unprecedented digital connectivity, people are feeling the increasing effects of loneliness and isolation. These challenges extend beyond individuals, weakening the health, resilience, and trust of entire communities. WebJunction has published an interesting article on how libraries serve as essential social infrastructure, places where connections are made, trust is built, and belonging grows. Libraries have always played this role in community involvement, but it's our efforts to create programs, open spaces, and partnerships that can make a measurable difference in reducing disconnection and strengthen our communities. Libraries have long been spaces where people come together, find belonging, and build relationships. By approaching social connection with intentionality and creativity, libraries can deepen their impact. This article provides six strategies for improving social connections and gives insights on how libraries can be a leader in fostering an environment where relationships can grow.

[Read the Article](#)

[Webinar Recording](#)

April is Financial Literacy Month!

Submitted by Lance Hill, CEPF® Leader of Education Outreach & Financial Literacy Bank of North Dakota

Financial literacy is about more than just budgeting and managing credit cards. It's about understanding the personal behaviors and experiences that shape how we approach money. Because each person views finances differently—based on their unique personality, emotions, and past experiences—financial literacy must go beyond the basics to address the behavioral side of money management.

To help residents of North Dakota, SmartWithMyMoney.nd.gov provides free resources that go beyond traditional financial education. By visiting the site, patrons can create a free account and take a personalized assessment to discover their unique money personality.

Once an assessment is completed, a user receives tailored recommendations to help manage money in ways that align with their individual circumstances. The site also offers access to over 34 courses, a library of more than 120 financial topics, and over 2,800 pieces of content, including articles, videos, tools, and courses.

The North Dakota State Library has distributed brochures to libraries to inform patrons about this valuable resource.

Librarians, if you'd like to further promote this site and need additional free printed materials, please place an [online order](#) or call (701) 328-5619.

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Pages of the Prairie

By Bethany Rants

Bismarck State College

Submitted by Bethany Rants

In 1939, the Bismarck Junior College was created in response to a need in the community for a local college. The first students entered classes on September 4, 1939, and the college was housed on the third floor of Bismarck High School. There were 107 full- and part-time students and 12 instructors. The Bismarck Junior College (also known as BJC) Library opened as part of the BHS Library and had a collection of 500 books. By the late 1940s, enrollment was increasing with the return of soldiers and the need for a new location became a high priority. Because of this need, a new building was funded through a local mill levy and the college and its library moved to its new home at 900 Boulevard Avenue on the southeast corner of the capitol grounds in 1955. This location was short-lived due to increasing enrollment and in 1961 the library opened its doors in Schafer Hall on a tract of land overlooking the Missouri River that had been donated by Harold Schafer.

In 1968, the Bismarck Junior College Library was moved to its own building on the BJC campus. This building also housed classrooms, English and History faculty offices, a staff lounge, the North Dakota Curriculum Library, the Gannon Gallery (inside the BJC library), and the Learning Skills Center. In 1987, the name of Bismarck Junior College was changed to Bismarck State College (or BSC) as it joined the North Dakota University System. The library remained in this location and was remodeled several times throughout its years. During the summer of 2015, the library moved to a new location on the ground floor of Skogen Hall. Demolition of the previous library building was completed September 29 of that year.

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