

Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Services

June 28 2024

Program Descriptions and Presenter Information

9:15 AM – 11:00 AM Main Room Keynote: Understanding Bias

Speaker: Jorden Laducer-Dix

Jorden Laducer-Dix serves as the Community Engagement Special Populations Coordinator at the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services through the Community Engagement Unit. His role focuses on leading outreach to underserved special population communities to better understand needs, facilitate information sharing and improve health outcomes while working with local health units and community organizations to address health inequities in North Dakota. Jorden is a Minnesota State University Moorhead graduate and is certified in Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in the Workforce through Cornell University. Jorden is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

Jorden serves as the department co-chair of the BeYOU Health Advisory Board through the Community Engagement Unit, the North Dakota Hepatitis C Advisory Council through the Sexually Transmitted and Bloodborne Diseases Unit, is a voting board member of the National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors and was recently the first North Dakotan and first Indigenous person to be accepted into the 2023-2024 Minority Leadership Program through the National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors. Jorden has worked within the public health sector for 13 years and serves as a liaison between the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services and Special Populations to promote access to health services across North Dakota.

11:05 AM – 12:00 AM Main Room Discussion: Intellectual Freedom

Speaker:

Mary Soucie has almost 30 years' experience as a librarian. She has served as the North Dakota State Librarian since January 2014. In addition to the State Library, Mary has also worked in public and school libraries; as the Youth Services Consultant for a Regional Library System; and was also an adjunct professor at a community college teaching Reader's Advisory and Adult Programs. She has served as a trustee for both a public library and an Illinois Regional Library System. She has served in many volunteer capacities, both within the library community and her own community. Mary believes that libraries serve as community centers, connecting all the parts of the community that they serve.

LUNCH BREAK

Breakout Room 1: 1:05 PM – 1:55 PM Programming Ideas for Academic and Special Libraries

Join us for a panel of librarians from academic and special libraries as they share information on programs that have been successful in their library as well as tips for hosting a successful program. Join in on the discussion and share ideas with your colleagues. Moderated by State Librarian Mary Soucie.

Panelists:

My name is Veronica Holseth and I received my MLIS in 2013 from St. Catherine University. Before obtaining my degree, I worked in one academic library and one academic archives. I also spent some time working in the archives of the Minneapolis Institute of Art. I received my position here, at the Grand Forks AFB Library in 2017.

Amanda Walch is the Reference and Instruction Librarian at the University of Jamestown. She coordinates outreach activities for the library and works with students and faculty to provide research help and information literacy instruction, both in the classroom and one-on-one. She is passionate about

lifelong learning, teaching research skills, and making the library an accessible and useful resource for all. Ask her about her pets or what she's currently reading if you really want to get her going.

Kelsey Riggs is the Reference & Instructional Librarian at the Bismarck State College Library. She started this position in 2023 after a 5-year tour as a Young Adult Public Librarian in Baltimore. Since starting her post in higher ed, she has hosted 29 programs with increasing campus participation such as Books & Brew- an outreach event involving the campus coffee shop. She is currently planning another set of 17 programs just for the Fall 2024 semester with a highlight on Financial Literacy!

Rebecca Brown is the Web Services Librarian and Zeineb Yousif is the Digital Initiatives Librarian at the Chester Fritz Library at the University of North Dakota. The two of them co-coordinator the student outreach efforts at the Chester Fritz Library. In the first year of the library outreach program, the Chester Fritz Library hosted 25 interactive events at CFL, 16 library events around the Grand Forks community, and provided over 600 tiny donuts to the UND student population.

Breakout Room 2: 1:05 PM – 1:55 PM Readers' Advisory: How to Find a Right Fit Read- tailor to the audience combine with Novelist

One of the best things, in my not-always-humble opinion, of being a librarian is people asking for reading recommendations. There is a certain care that goes into suggesting reading materials. However, this task can feel daunting, particularly if your reading tastes differ from those of your patrons. Join School Library Specialist Tammy Kruger for this session that explains how to conduct a readers' advisory interview, outlines advisory tools available, and highlights some possibilities for less traditional types of readers' advisory.

Speaker:

Tammy Kruger is the School Library Specialist at North Dakota State Library. She has her MEd, Concentration in Library and Information Technologies from Valley City State University, and her MLIS from San Jose State University. Tammy has worked in various types of libraries, as well as taught early childhood.

Breakout Room 3: 1:05 PM – 1:55 PM Future of the NNLM

Since 1965, the Network of the National Library of Medicine has worked to assure that researchers, health professionals, the public health workforce, libraries, and community members are aware of and have access to quality health information available from NLM and the NNLM. The Network is made stronger by nearly 7,000 member institutions committed the same goal. Come hear about how NNLM supports Network members through outreach, funding, and training, and learn about current NNLM regional accomplishments. Find out what is in store for the future of the NNLM and get your questions answered.

Speaker:

Dana Abbey, MLS is an Engagement Coordinator with the Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 4. For over 20 years, she has worked to improve the public's access to reliable information to enable informed decisions regarding health, and to enhance access to evidence-based research for clinicians and the public health workforce. She has worked in special, public, and academic libraries. Dana is a Colorado native and loves to visit and learn about the communities across Region 4 and the nation.

1:55 PM - 2:05 PM Break

Breakout Room 1: 2:05 PM - 2:55 PM Native American Literature

Is there special consideration to be given when selecting Native American literature? If so, what criteria should be applied when evaluating Native American material? Where can Native American literature be purchased? Attend this session to find the answer to these questions and so much more.

Speaker:

Kathy Cline joined the State Library in November of 2021 as a copy cataloger. January of 2023, she began working as the State Library

Academic, Special, and Tribal Library Specialist. Kathy previously worked as an educator and school librarian.

Kathy and her husband Wayne ranch south of Beulah. They have four children and four grandchildren~~referred to as “grands”, and six “grandpets”~~they are referred to as “fur therapy”.

Breakout Room 2: 2:05 PM - 2:55 PM Copyright and Libraries: Special Exemptions vs. Fair Use

Most librarians and educators are familiar with Fair Use and know educational institutions have some special exemptions from copyright, but do you remember which is which? Knowing the difference is important when advising patrons and students. A portion of the presentation will allow for a question and answer period to discuss current topics such as A.I. or whatever topics attendees would like to discuss.

Speaker:

James W. Murphy is the Grants Coordinator at the North Dakota State Library working with grants and statistics in the Library Development department. He has a background in library consulting, reader advisory, and public services. James holds undergraduate degrees in psychology and religious studies and a master's degree in library and information science. When not reading non-fiction or random Wikipedia articles, James enjoys the great outdoors, music, dancing, cycling, and, kayaking.

Breakout Room 3: 2:05 PM - 2:55 PM What's Up with A.I.

When you hear the words Artificial Intelligence, would comes to mind? Curiosity? Acceptance? Fear? Trepidation? The session is an introduction to Artificial Intelligence or A.I. Will discuss what A.I. is, what are the advantages and disadvantages, and look at some A.I. tools. We will also discuss how A. I. can impact library services.

Speaker:

Al Peterson has been with the North Dakota State Library since 2000. He has held various positions in Public Services and Training. Currently, he is the Outreach Specialist for the North Dakota State Library.

2:55 PM - 3:05 PM Break

Breakout Room 1: 3:05 PM – 3:55 What are These Things Doing in the Library

We have all heard of Makerspaces and Library of Things, but what exactly are they? This presentation will discuss what makes up a Makerspace and a Library of Things, what the difference is between the two, and how to set one up at your library.

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Breakout Room 2: 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM Mango Languages

Bienvenidos! Ni Hao! Velkommen! Learning a new language can be daunting. But not with Mango! This session will go over the basics of these two language models and how you can incorporate and support language learning in your library. We will take a look at each model individually, walking through the features and then discussing ways these could be of benefit to your library and your library patrons.

Speaker:

Lexi Whitehorn has served as the Literacy Specialist at the State Library since January 2023. As the literacy specialist, Lexi's main focus is creating awareness and programs to support different literacies across the state. Prior to this position, she worked in education for 12 years as both a

teacher and K-12 principal. With a passion for reading, she is forever trying to push new titles on to her friends and family. Lexi enjoys spending time with her kids, reading just about every genre, traveling, and learning new skills (aka hobby jumping). Her most current skill is woodworking and creating bookshelves to hold her very large collection of books.

Breakout Room 3: 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM Technology Tips and Tricks: Leveraging Your Computer's Potential

Explore the built-in features of your operating system to enhance your computing capabilities. Discover useful keyboard shortcuts. Utilize built-in tools and commands to troubleshoot and resolve issues.

Speaker:

Ryan Kroh is a seasoned technology professional with over 20 years of experience leading IT initiatives across various industries. As the Director of the Technology Services Division at the State Library, he oversees the Information Technology Department and Digital Initiatives.