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President's Message

BY WENDY WENDT, NDLA PRESIDENT



Wow! I can't believe how fast this past year has gone by! It seems like yesterday Greta Guck was handing me the NDLA presidential gavel and now we are gearing up for our annual conference and I will soon hand the gavel to Lesley Gunderson. It has been an amazing year and I am

so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your president. I can't wait to see all of you at the NDLA conference in beautiful Dickinson, September 21-23, 2016!

This year's conference theme is "North Dakota Librarians: Rebels WITH a Cause" and it could not be more fitting. In the words of comedian Paula Poundstone:

“It's funny that we think of libraries as quiet demure places where we are shushed by dusty, bun-balancing, bespectacled women. The truth is libraries are raucous clubhouses for free speech, controversy, and community. Librarians have stood up to the Patriot Act, sat down with noisy toddlers, and reached out to illiterate adults. Libraries can never be shushed.

There will definitely be no shushing at this conference! There **will be** innovative ideas, inspirational speakers, and lots of opportunities for networking. From STEAM to makerspaces, from providing legal information to #MysterySkype, there promises to be something for everyone. We will even have a team-based, not-your-average spelling bee following Thursday evening's awards banquet. It's going to be a blast!

While you are in this beautiful area of the state, be sure to take extra time to explore the treasures of western North Dakota. In [Dickinson](#), you can visit the [Dickinson Museum Center](#), the [Theodore Roosevelt Center](#) located in Dickinson State University's Stoxen Library, the [Ukrainian Cultural Institute](#), and even take a self-guided walking tour of the city.

Within a short drive from Dickinson, you can experience the awe-inspiring view of Painted Canyon in [Theodore Roosevelt National Park](#), explore the incredible larger-than-life sculptures along the [Enchanted Highway](#), and bring home delicious wine from [Assumption Abbey](#) in Richardton. Having recently vacationed in this area, I can promise that you will be glad you took the extra time. It's an amazing place and I can't wait to go back.

I can't wait to see all of you as well. I look forward to learning together, laughing together, and rebelling (a little) together. See you soon!

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2016 NDLA Conference
September 21-23, Dickinson

Rebels know how to have fun! Get ready to rumble in Dickinson at the 2016 NDLA Conference.

Lodging

NDLA has a block of 100 rooms reserved at the [Ramada Grand Dakota Hotel Dickinson](#) from September 21-23 at the state rate of \$89 per night. Make your reservation today! Contact the Ramada Grand Dakota at 701-483-5600 and ask for a room in the NDLA block. The block expires on September 1.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Thursday, September 22

Keynote Speaker: Jim Gill

Our conference will kick-off Thursday morning with keynote speaker [Jim Gill](#). Over the years, Jim Gill's music and books have received many honors, including five awards from the American Library Association. Probably of most interest to library professionals is the fact that Jim Gill's music play is created with a purpose that is based on graduate studies in child development and 20 years of experience leading play programs for families with children with special needs. In this energizing session, Jim Gill will explain the purpose behind his play. Gill will also present a session in the afternoon filled with the musical inspiration you'll need to stay energized. It will be a great follow-up to his morning keynote address. [For more information about Jim Gill, see the March 2016 issue of [The Good Stuff](#), p. 5.]

Friday, September 23

Keynote Speaker: Taylor Brorby

Taylor Brorby is an award-winning essayist, poet, and environmentalist who grew up in North Dakota and is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts at Iowa State University in Ames. Most recently, Brorby served as editor for *Fracture: Essays, Poems, and Stories on Fracking in America*. [For more information about Taylor Brorby, see the March 2016 issue of [The Good Stuff](#), p. 5.]

Live Auction

After Thursday's Awards Banquet, we're having a live auction! Items of all types and size are being sought — the more diverse the better. You can drop off auction items at the registration desk when you arrive at the conference.

Auction proceeds will go to NDLA's Professional Development fund, which awards grants to NDLAers pursuing Professional Development opportunities.

Please join us to make this a fun and lively event!

NDLA Spelling Bee

Spelling bees aren't just for kids! Get into the groove Thursday night after the Awards Banquet with this one of a kind event. Bust out your dictionary now and start practicing — a room full of librarians will make for some tough competition!

NDLA 2016 Conference Registration

NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARIANS:



REBELS WITH A CAUSE

2016 NDLA Conference
September 21-23, 2016 • Dickinson

Editor's note: Visit the conference website for online and print-an-mail registration options.
Deadline for early registration is September 7, 2016

Name Badge Information*

*Name _____

*Institution _____

*City _____

Mailing Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

I will serve as a conference host & introduce a speaker. I understand that I will be contacted at or prior to the conference with more information about the session I will host.

Conference Registration & Fees

Tour- Dickinson Museum Center [Dinosaur Exhibits]	\$6.00	PAY DAY OF _____
Opening Reception- Dickinson Area Public Library	No Charge	_____
Pre-conference:		
Librarian Boot Camp: <i>Feel the Need to Weed/Reader's Advisory 101</i>	\$50.00	_____
Presented by Rebecca Vnuk, Editor, <i>Booklist</i>		
#WENEEDDIVERSEBOOKS	\$25.00	_____
Presented by SLAYS		
Conference:		
Full Conference	\$130.00	_____
Thursday only	\$70.00	_____
Friday only	\$70.00	_____
Additional Banquet ticket(s)	\$25.00	_____
If non-member add	\$35.00	_____
If postmarked after September 7 add	\$15.00	_____

Full conference registration includes Thursday and Friday continental breakfast and lunch and Thursday Awards Banquet. One-day registration includes continental breakfast and lunch for that day only. All meals aside from the Thursday Awards Banquet will be buffet. We will do our best to accommodate a variety of dietary needs. You have the option of opting out of meals, but there will be no reduction in cost of conference registration.

Special dietary restrictions: _____

Opt-out of: Thursday Breakfast Thursday Lunch Thursday Night Awards Banquet
 Friday Breakfast Friday Lunch

For Information on Continuing Education Credits, visit www.vcsu.edu/extend

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291 Campus Drive
Dickinson, ND 58601

If you have registration questions, please contact
Mary Sheahan: (701) 483-2883
ndla.membership@gmail.com

Full refund of registration fees will be made if canceled more than two weeks before the conference. A \$25 processing fee will be assessed if canceled less than two weeks before the conference. No refund will be made once the conference is underway.

Preliminary Schedule at a Glance

2016 NLDA Conference

[Note: This schedule is subject to change]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

Noon - 6 PM	Registration Open
1 - 4 PM	Pre-conferences: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Librarian Boot Camp▪ #WENEEDDIVERSEBOOKS
2 - 4 PM	Dinosaur Museum Tour
4 - 6 PM	Executive Board Meeting
4 - 8 PM	Exhibitor Set-Up
5 - 7 PM	Dine Around Dickinson
7 - 9 PM	Opening Reception: Dickinson Public Library

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

6:30 - 8 AM	Exhibitor Set-Up
7:30 AM - 6 PM	Registration Open
7:30 - 9 AM	Breakfast
8 AM	Welcome to Exhibits and Ribbon Cutting
8 AM - 6 PM	Exhibits Open
8:15 - 9 AM	Roundtable Breakfast Meetings
9 - 10 AM	Keynote Speaker: Jim Gill
10 - 11 AM	Vendor Break
11 - 11:50 AM	Breakout Sessions
Noon - 1:15 PM	Spotlight on Author's Lunch
1:30 - 2:20 PM	Breakout Sessions
2:30 - 3:20 PM	Breakout Sessions
3:20 - 3:45 PM	Vendor Break
3:45 - 4:30 PM	Section Meetings: SLAYS, PLS, ASL
4:40 - 5:30 PM	HSIS Meeting
4:40 - 5:30 PM	Breakout Sessions
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Vendor Social
6:30 - 8 PM	Awards Banquet
8:30 - 10:30 PM	Live Auction/NDLA Spelling Bee

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

8 AM- Noon	Registration Open
8 AM - 4 PM	Exhibits Open
8 AM - 9 AM	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:15 AM	Keynote Speaker: Taylor Brorby
9:15 - 10 AM	Vendor Break
9:15 - 10 AM	Library2Go Consortium Meeting
10 - 10:50 AM	Breakout Sessions
11 - 11:50 AM	Breakout Sessions
12 - 12:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Closing Ceremony
12:30 - 2 PM	Lunch
1 - 2 PM	General Session
2:10 - 3 PM	Breakout Sessions
3:10 - 4 PM	Breakout Sessions
4 PM	Executive Board Meeting



CONFERENCE EXHIBITS

SUBMITTED BY LESLEY GUNDERSON,
NDLA PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hey all! I am so excited for our conference and to set up exhibits for you. We have a great mix of both your old favorites and some new faces this year. We also have an exciting new way for you to interact with our exhibitors and will be giving some freebies to those who participate. Make sure to look for more details in Dickinson!

As of July 28th, 2016 exhibitors include:

- ABDO Publishing
- Badland Comics (NEW! Stop by for all your comic and gaming needs!)
- Baker & Taylor
- Capstone
- EBSCO
- Gumdrop Books
- Learning Opportunities
- Library Loot
- Quality Books

I have made contacts with other exhibitors and expect this list to grow as we get closer to the conference. Although time is growing short, if you have suggestions for exhibitors you would like to see at the conference (even if they are non-traditional!), let me know at librarylesley40@gmail.com

Can't wait to be a Rebel Librarian in Dickinson!

PRE-CONFERENCES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 • 1-4 P.M.

NDLA is offering two pre-conference sessions during the afternoon on Wednesday, September 21. Both sound compelling – it will be tough to choose!

LIBRARIAN BOOT CAMP

Presented by Rebecca Vnuk, Editor, Collection Management and Library Outreach, *Booklist*

Feel the Need to Weed!

Everything you wanted to know about weeding and then some: the why, the how, the pitfalls, and the joys. Participants will leave with a renewed understanding of the importance of weeding for good collection development, along with current resources to help them with the task.

Reader's Advisory 101

Rebecca Vnuk will share proven readers' advisory techniques and leave you with a list of good starting points for leading your readers to their next favorite book.

Presenter Rebecca Vnuk

When Bill Ott, editor and publisher of *Booklist*, and Rebecca Vnuk first met at a PLA conference in Portland, a very strange thing happened. Listening to Rebecca (a recent recipient of PLA's coveted Allie Beth Martin Award) talk about readers' advisory work and her passion for what was then the emerging genre of women's fiction, Bill thought to himself, "I wonder if there's any way to get Rebecca on the *Booklist* staff." Moments later, as the dinner was winding down, Rebecca said to Bill, "I've decided I want my next job to be at *Booklist*."

Shortly after, the inevitable happened and Rebecca arrived at *Booklist* as reference editor. She was promoted to Editor, Collection Management and Library Outreach last fall, and, in this newly created position, Rebecca is helping *Booklist* carve out new markets and launch new products through her editing of two crazy popular e-newsletters, *Corner Shelf* and *Top Shelf Reference*; her SRO (standing room only) weeding webinars; and her role as "on-air talent" in *Booklist's* newest venture, the production of live events, including a recent series of readers' advisory programs sponsored by EBSCO and presented in partnership with the Illinois library consortium, RAILS. In addition to all of that, Rebecca writes books, including the recent ALA Editions bestseller, *The Weeding Handbook*.

#WENEEDDIVERSEBOOKS

Hosted by SLAYS (School Libraries and Youth Services Section)

Join in this afternoon discussion of the importance of putting more books that feature diverse characters into the hands of all children.



Rebecca Vnuk

2016 NDLA CONFERENCE

PROGRAMS & PRESENTERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Breakout Sessions 11 AM

Inspiring Music Play for Story Time!

Jim Gill

This session is a great follow-up to Jim's morning keynote address and filled with the musical inspiration you'll need to stay energized! Librarians in youth services will be sure to find many new ideas to enhance story times. Jim will share music and play that can be utilized in programming for pre-schoolers as well as with infants, toddlers, and parents. Be prepared to "Do Re Mi" on your "Toe Leg Knee" and bring a repertoire of musical play back to the young ones at your library.

How to Increase Customer Service at Our Desks

Karlene Clark

Customer service starts with the words we use. The Chester Fritz Library (CFL) underwent changes this past year to develop service standards, evaluation forms, and ways to train student employees toward future success. Discussion will cover how CFL accomplished this, how it's working, and ways for others to get started on developing their own standards.

Karlene Clark has been the Circulation Specialist at Chester Fritz since 2001. In Spring 2016, she was awarded both UND's inaugural Student Supervisor of the Year and the ND State Student Supervisor of the Year awards. She feels strongly that student employees need to be prepared for the work force beyond college, including providing them with tools such as customer service training.

Important Voices: Women and Politics

Susan Wefald

Did you know that North Dakota had the first Democrat and Republican women elected state officials in the United States? In this session, you will learn about the experiences of these women and examine the impact women (including you!) can have in the political arena.

Susan Wefald is the author of *Important Voices:*

North Dakota's Women Elected State Officials Share Their Stories, 1893 – 2013 (2014) and *Spectacular North Dakota Hikes: Bring the Dog* (2011). Wefald served on the Bismarck School Board (1990-93) and was the first woman to serve on the North Dakota Public Service Commission (1993-2008). She enjoys researching and writing about North Dakota, serving as Board President of Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons, playing violin in the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony (40-year member), and gardening. She is married to Bob Wefald and has lived in Bismarck since 1970.

Breakout Sessions 1:30 PM

Book Trailers

Paula Weiler and Rob Arneson

Learn to create a book trailer (similar to movie trailers) in this session! Not only are they a great way to promote books and reading, creating a book trailer is a good assignment for students. Not only will they need to read the book and comprehend what they read, they will need to apply research skills to locate images and other information, learn about copyright law, and apply technological skills. The finished product also provides a way for students to reflect on their own learning and evaluate their own performance.

Paula Weiler is the Technology Coach at Carl Ben Eielson Middle School in Fargo and has been with Fargo Public Schools for 17 years. She has a Master's in Speech Language Pathology and has worked as an Assistive Technology Specialist and an Instructional Technology Coach.

Rob Arneson is the Media Specialist at Carl Ben Eielson Middle School and has a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. He taught grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 for 20 years prior to his move to the library.

M&M Unconference

Aubrey Madler

Do you have a mentorship story to share (from any walk of life)? Do you want time and space to think about your goals and burning questions? Join the New Members Round Table and the Mentorship Committee where great minds will come together in reflection and discussion surrounding the M's of

mentorship (Mentors and Mentees). Hear an update on NDLA's Mentorship program, share stories, make personal goals, sign up for the mentorship program (optional), even meet a potential mentor or mentee! To entice you further, we have door prizes ... and candy!

Presenters: Allison Radermacher, Library-Media Director, Ellendale Public School; Aubrey Madler, Assistant Director, Byrnes-Quanbeck Library, Mayville State University; Janet Anderson, Library Director, Minot Public Library; and Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian.

Harry Potter and the Art of Spying: Presentation + Trivia

Professor Albus Dumbledore

The Harry Potter series is more than a story about a young wizard who saves the world from He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named. The seven-book saga is an excellent primer on spying, intelligence, and politics. Join Professor Albus Dumbledore as he reviews the spy craft employed and celebrated in J.K. Rowling's bestselling books. From the invisibility cloak to house passwords to Fred and George Weasley's Extendable Ears, *Harry Potter and the Art of Spying* is full of spy lessons for the secret-agent-in-training in the Muggle realm. This session will also include some trivia, as time allows.

Professor Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore was born in 1881 to Percival and Kendra Dumbledore. He is considered by many to be one of the most powerful wizards of his time. Professor Dumbledore hails from the house of Gryffindor and is the owner of a fifteen-inch Elder and Thestral tail hair wand. In his free time, he enjoys ten pin bowling and chamber music. Albus Dumbledore died on June 30, 1997. [Biographical information courtesy of www.pottermore.com]

Legal Information vs. Legal Advice: Assisting Self-represented Patrons

Catie Palsgraaf

More and more people are representing themselves in North Dakota courts and in courts all over the country. Self-represented litigants often turn to libraries for assistance with law-related problems. Concerns arise about how much assistance can be provided before crossing the line into giving legal advice. This presentation will clarify, as much as possible, how to provide permissible legal information to patrons without giving legal advice. It will also offer practice tips and resources for directing self-represented litigants to helpful materials

and services.

Catie Palsgraaf, J.D., is the Citizen Access Coordinator for the North Dakota Legal Self Help Center, a division of the North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library. She has a B.A. in History from the University of Utah and a J.D. from the University of North Dakota School of Law.

Penny Marketing

Bobbi Wood

Marketing for libraries can be confusing. While we have the stigma of being "a place for books," the reality is that the library is also the place where people take the first step to better their lives. To get that word out in a way that reaches many people and is also cost effective forces one to think outside the box. Bobbi Wood will share the ideas and failures that have helped bring the Grand Forks Public Library into the public eye.

Bobbi Wood has worked at the Grand Forks Public Library (GFPL) for almost 12 years. In 2011, Library Director Wendy Wendt asked Bobbi to become the Library's Marketing/PR person. With no training and a nonexistent budget, she took on the task and says it's been a wild ride. Bobbi started out in Circulation at GFPL, then moved to Cataloging in 2007. She says she keeps busy, or otherwise insane, cataloging children's materials and being the face behind all of GFPL's marketing content.

Breakout Sessions 2:30 PM

Storytime with Every Child Ready to Read

Aaron Stefanich

Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) is designed to shift story time from a child-centered focus to a more family focused activity that engages parents in early literacy practices (talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing). This presentation will provide an overview of ECRR and discuss how the five early literacy practices can be implemented into your story time.

Aaron Stefanich has been the Children's Librarian at Grand Forks Public Library since 2009.

Tweet with Us @ #ndlibchat!

Maggie Townsend and Allison Radermacher

Have you heard about #ndlibchat, but aren't really sure how to participate? Have you watched the #ndlibchat tweets, but never known how to tweet along? Are you an active #ndlibchat fan and want to join in the conversation once again and maybe

meet some of your library friends face to face? If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, come and “tweet” together and help us grow our PLN (personal learning network) -- something that will continue working for us long after the conference has ended.

Maggie Townsend and Allison Radermacher are school library-media specialists who joined together to create #ndlibchat. Maggie, LMS at Bismarck’s Legacy High School, and Allison, LMS at Ellendale Public School, both attended VCSU and earned master’s degrees in Education with a concentration in library and information technologies. They have worked in school libraries for a combined 13 years.

Digital Book Talks: Increasing Reading Outside of the Library

Jackie Brown

This presentation is an introduction to digital book talks, a way of promoting books from anywhere. As more and more library services are becoming available online, digital book talks allow librarians to help students find “best fit” books even when they can’t come to the library. Learn how to create and share digital book talks and get some tools students can use to create their own digital book talks and add to the book talk bank.

Jackie Brown is a former English teacher and a current library media specialist in the Fargo school district. She completed her M.Ed. in Library Information Technologies from Valley City State University in May and began a Ph.D. program in Teaching and Learning from UND in June.

Outcome Measurement Made Easy: A Free Toolkit for Public Libraries

Samantha Lopez

Learn about PLA’s Project Outcome, a free online toolkit designed to help libraries measure outcomes with patron-facing surveys, tools for collecting and analyzing data, and practical guidance on using the results to take action. PLA staff will discuss how libraries can measure outcomes for their programs and services and share how participant libraries have used the free Project Outcome toolkit to better capture their community impact.

Samantha Lopez is the Project Coordinator for PLA’s performance measurement initiative, Project Outcome, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, providing coordination, content, and user support. Prior to joining PLA, Samantha worked as a membership coordinator for the Teamsters Local Union No. 703 where she provided dues and

benefits support for members and also managed the Local’s website. Samantha earned a Master’s in English Literature from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Bachelor’s in English Literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Are Public and School Libraries Really Falling Down on the Job Teaching Information Literacy Skills or Are Academic Librarians Just a Bunch of Whiners?

Steve Hammel

In the past, school and public librarians have taken some heat from our colleagues in academic libraries who feel we are not adequately preparing incoming students. This program will demonstrate that developing information literacy skills is more dependent on a student’s age and intellectual development rather than a particular style of teaching those skills. We will examine some particulars of child development, how information literacy skills develop over time, and how everyone involved in helping a student become an effective searcher can best apply this knowledge.

Steve Hammel is the director of the Valley City Barnes County Public library. Prior to moving into management, he worked in both youth and adult services in public libraries. Through research and practical experience, he customizes information literacy training to best suit an individual student’s level of development and skill set.

Breakout Sessions 4:40 PM

Information Literacy Games for Instruction and Library Orientation

Julie Reiten

Information literacy games make learning how to use the library more enjoyable for students and an opportunity for hands-on learning. This session will include a step-by-step example of how to create an instruction-based information literacy game for your library as well as handouts you can use to adapt a Library Murder Mystery game. While intended primarily for academic and school librarians, the information in this session will also be of interest to public librarians. The session is based on programs created for the Minot AFB Library in the last year.

Julie Reiten is the director of the Minot Air Force Base Library.

Gardening at the Library

Joseph Rector

James River Valley Library System partnered with Jamestown Community Gardens, Alpha

Opportunities, and several seed companies to bring the first seed library to North Dakota. We believe seed libraries will strengthen partnerships between North Dakota librarians and the communities we serve. In this session, we will talk about the origins of the seed library, its successes and its challenges, as well as ways to promote a seed library.

Joseph Rector (MLIS 2014, University of Oklahoma) is Director of James River Valley Library System.

Ignite NDLA

Wendy Wendt

Inspire and enlighten us... but make it quick! Come hear from rebel librarians across the state as they "Ignite NDLA" by sharing their ideas and passions. Our rebels will each have 5 minutes and 20 slides (that automatically advance every 15 seconds) to inform and inspire us. This event promises to be inspiring ... and FUN!

Wendy Wendt is currently the Director of the Grand Forks Public Library. She has a BS in business administration with a minor in accounting from North Dakota State University, a Master's in Information Media from St. Cloud State University, and an ALA-accredited Master's in Library Science from the University of North Texas. Wendy has worked in libraries for nearly 20 years and currently serves as president of NDLA. She is passionate about the transformative power of information, the human connection libraries create, and the joy of reading. Wendy feels blessed to have a job that changes lives – one person at a time.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Breakout Sessions 10 AM 

Kindergarten Crazy: Library and Early Childhood

Lesley Gunderson

After a year as the librarian of a kindergarten center in West Fargo, Lesley has plenty of fun projects and lessons to share. The lessons and projects incorporate both the WFPS district standards and North Dakota Library and Technology standards.

Lesley Gunderson (last name is gonna change soon!) is a crazy librarian who loves to bring literature to life for the little kiddos in her school. She also works with enrichment students and loves getting messy with STEAM projects. This past February, Lesley decided she didn't have enough to keep her busy and began her second master's program. Woohoo!

Lesley has been an elementary librarian for 11 years and is honored to be allowed to hang out with the WFPL staff part time. Lesley is also NDLA's president-elect.

Active Shooter Policies in Libraries

North Dakota State Library Staff

Be able to complete an environmental scan to identify potential risk areas at your library, as well as write an active shooter policy/procedure for your library. Most libraries have policies dealing with a problem or unruly patrons. Find out how to protect your patrons and staff from a darker problem, someone intent on inflicting actual physical harm. The North Dakota State Library active shooter procedure will be presented as a model as well as provide tips for writing your policy.

This program will be presented by North Dakota State Library staff members.

From A(DHD) to Z(its): Providing Health Information to Kids & Teens

Marcia Francis and Erika Johnson

Answering medical and health questions for kids and teens can be a challenge for a variety of reasons. Join us to discuss common and often sensitive health issues faced by kids and teens, as well as strategies for meeting the information needs of this age group. Learn how to make kids and teens feel more comfortable asking questions and increase your confidence in answering those questions. Medical librarians will recommend credible information resources designed for kids and teens.

Marcia Francis and Erika Johnson are Clinical Campus Librarians at the University of North Dakota's Library of the Health Sciences. They have over 30 years of combined experience working as librarians and enjoy helping health consumers and professionals locate high quality medical/health information. Marcia is a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals and earned a M.A. degree from the University of Arizona and a M.Ed. degree from Idaho State University. Erika earned a M.L.I.S. degree from College of Saint Catherine and Dominican University and a B.A. in Biology degree from Concordia College.

New and Noteworthy ILL Trends and Best Practices

Carol Nelson

This presentation will highlight techniques and best practices used by libraries in the Minitex region and other high performing interlibrary loan operations. Learn how electronic resources, patron expectations,

fee-based services, and changing discovery interfaces are making big impacts on interlibrary loan. Get tips to make sure you are leveraging these changes to enhance your services. In this presentation, Carol Nelson will share the trends, best practices, and challenges that make working in interlibrary loan so interesting and unique.

Carol Nelson has worked at Minitex for more than 30 years. Her current responsibilities include managing the University's ILL Lending division (Documents to U), electronic delivery, and the Resource Sharing website.

Library Linked Data for the Uninitiated

DIME staff

This workshop will provide a firm foundation on the principles of linked data and what it means for all libraries. We will discuss the emerging BIBFRAME model for library (and other) data and show how it fits into the linked data world. With several types of audience participation, we will present one possible workflow for transforming your own library data into linked data. Case studies of libraries already working with this technology will also be highlighted.

Digital Initiatives & Metadata Education staff are leaders in training and updating library staff across the region in cataloging, digitization, and many other topics.

Breakout Sessions 11 AM

Rooting Data Privacy in Libraries

Eric Stroshane

Data privacy looms over a panoply of today's policies, controversies, legislation, and corporate compacts. Unfortunately, the conversations emerging around it are often marred by alienating jargon, intimidating technical complexities, contradictory claims, and hyperbolic brinkmanship. At this session, we're going to take a step back and examine what we're really talking about when we talk about encryption. Along the way, we'll explore the history of intellectual freedom and the Internet, and examine the tools and guidance within easy reach. In so doing, we'll discover the roles librarians can play at the tangled intersections of paranoia and possibility.

Eric Stroshane has been employed by the North Dakota State Library since 2004 and is now their Library Development Manager. He is the President of the Mountain Plains Library Association, a member of the American Library Association's Subcommittee on Privacy, and was project director of ILEAD North

Dakota 2015. He has presented at LibTech and MPLA, served as a facilitator at the 2015 Research Institute for Public Libraries, and was the Featured Speaker for ALA's 2014 Choose Privacy Week. He has juggled all but one of the following: kittens, eggs, knives, scarves, clubs, bricks, and Theodore Roosevelt bobblehead dolls.

What Do We Collect? Libraries and Health (mis) Information -- A Discussion

Merete Christianson, Lisa Eggebraaten, and Jylisa Doney

We looked at traditional, alternative, complementary and integrative health materials and found that quality and delivery of information influenced our likelihood of purchasing, suggesting, or keeping an item. Alternative, complementary, and integrative medicine has become extremely popular while at the same time coming under fire from traditional venues for their non-evidence-based or anecdotal health claims, which presents ethical collection management dilemmas. With this in mind, we will introduce some of our own research and lead a discussion on ethics and collection management in public and academic libraries regarding balancing intellectual freedom with providing evidence-based information.

Health Sciences Librarian Merete Christianson, Humanities Librarian Lisa Eggebraaten, and Social Sciences Librarian Jylisa Doney are colleagues at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

Story Strolling and Community Partnerships

Kerriane Tyler and Paulette Nelson

A Story Stroll was installed at Oak Park in Minot this summer. This session will share the process of creating the Story Stroll and illustrate how to draw in community organizations to promote reading and literacy in the community.

Kerriane Tyler is the Library Administrator at the Ward County Public Library in Minot. Paulette Nelson is the Children's Librarian at the Minot Public Library.

Minitex Cataloging & Metadata Update

DIME Staff

Join Minitex Digital Initiatives & Metadata Education staff to learn about the latest trends and emerging standards in cataloging and resource description. RDA, BIBFRAME (Bibliographic Framework Initiative) development, and OCLC cataloging updates will be discussed.

The Minitex Digital Initiatives & Metadata Education staff provides services and resources pertaining to cataloging and metadata, digitization and digital preservation, and OCLC products and services. The Minnesota Digital Library staff also reside in the DIME unit.

A New Spin on Database Lessons

Gina Phillips and Maggie Townsend

Are you tired of boring lessons about databases? Engage your students with Search App Smackdown! Combining game-based learning and flipped instruction, this is a great method for getting your students excited about using databases. Gina Phillips and Maggie Townsend will share how they learned about this method and implemented it in their own schools. Originally used at the secondary level, this method could be adapted to students of all ages.

Gina Phillips and Maggie Townsend are library media specialists for Bismarck Public Schools. Gina is at Century High and Maggie is at Legacy High.

Breakout Sessions 2:10 PM 

S.T.E.A.M.

Andrea Mitchell

S.T.E.A.M. = Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Get students excited about S.T.E.A.M. subject areas with hands-on programming in your library. This program features a hands-on demo that will give participants a chance to experiment and come away with ideas to take home to their own libraries.

Andrea Mitchell has been the Children's Librarian at Williston Community Library for five years. She ran a successful S.T.E.A.M. program this past school year and loves to share her ideas with others. Andrea is also a science nerd and loves to get kids thinking about how things work and why.

So Many Books, So Little Time

Eddie Thiel

With more books than time to read them, it's important to choose wisely. Join Eddie Thiel to talk about books, including new releases and award-winning fiction and nonfiction, for independent reading and interdisciplinary book study at the high school level (grades 9-12).

Eddie Thiel is a Library Media Specialist at Fargo Davies High School. She has been with Fargo Public Schools for 27 years, including 17 years teaching 8th & 9th grade English and 10 years as a Library Media

Specialist. Eddie earned a Bachelor's degree in English Education and a Master's in Reading Education from Moorhead State University (now known as MSUM - Minnesota State University Moorhead).

DIY Games in the Library

Pam Carswell and Julie Reiten

Creating your own board games is a great youth program. Find out how Minot Public Library did it in their Makerspace, how the Minot Air Force Base Library did it with crafting supplies, and how you can do a game creation program of your own.

Pam Carswell is the Teen Librarian at Minot Public Library and Makerspace wrangler. Julie Reiten is the Minot Air Force Base Library director. Together they have collaborated in many capers, including ILEAD ND and this presentation!

Broadband in North Dakota: Opportunities for Using E-rate Funds to Increase the Speed

Al Peterson

One of the goals of the E-rate Modernization Order is to maximize cost effective spending for E-rate supported purchases. One of the methods being encouraged is consortium purchases. The North Dakota State Library is interested in exploring the possibility of developing a consortium application to assist public libraries with getting faster Internet service. This session will present how a consortium application can be used to increase speeds for multiple public libraries and will also explore how to upgrade broadband delivery equipment using E-rate funds.

Al Peterson is the Head of Public Services at the North Dakota State Library and has served as the state E-rate Coordinator for libraries since 2009. Al has been with the North Dakota State Library since 2000. He is a graduate of MPLA's Leadership Institute and a past president of NDLA. Al earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Master's of Science in Library Science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Breakout Session 3:10 PM 

Third World Librarianship Perspectives and Practice

Lori J. Smith and Johanna Bjork

This session will explore the challenges of providing cultural relevance in literature, protecting and organizing books with limited resources, and creating minimal cataloging and circulation services in Third World countries. The presenters will share photos and information about working in

elementary and secondary libraries in Africa with the Rafiki Foundation and Every Child Ministries. The presentation will include limited information about libraries in the Caribbean, Mexico, and South Africa, as well as information about secular and religion-based opportunities to donate materials or time.

Lori J. Smith has a BS in Community Dietetics from UND, a MA in Counseling and Guidance from UND, and a MS in Library and Information Science from UNT (University of North Texas). She has 6+ years' experience with special needs students and 8 years' experience as a part-time reference librarian at Bismarck State College. Lori has done short term mission work to schools and orphanages in Ghana (5 weeks), Ethiopia (3 months), and Uganda (3 weeks). She also spent 6 weeks in Malawi during the summer of 2016.

Johanna Bjork has a BA in Public Relations from Union College and a MLIS from UNT. Bjork has 15 years' experience as a Reference and Instructional Librarian at Bismarck State College. She is the mother of two and enjoys traveling. She has traveled to South Africa, Germany, Mexico and Bermuda, as well as extensively in the United States and Canada.

OverDrive Questions Answered

Janice Sayers

Learn more about OverDrive and how to use Content Reserve Marketplace, including its searching, reporting, ordering, and other support functions. The session will include a hands-on demo of Content Reserve Marketplace and time for questions.

Janice Sayers has been a reference librarian at Grand Forks Public Library for 25 years. When the North Dakota Digital Consortium became operational, she became the collection development chair and the adult non-fiction selector. She has two children and three absolutely amazing, wonderful grandchildren.

Connecting Patrons around the World with #MysterySkype

Allison Radermacher

Get ready to break down the walls of your library! #MysterySkype allows your patrons to experience world geography, communicate with others worldwide, develop critical thinking and reasoning skills, and practice cooperative learning strategies in an authentic, engaging learning environment.

Allison Radermacher earned her master's degrees in Education with a concentration in library and information technologies at Valley City State University. She is in her seventh year as library-media director at Ellendale Public School.

District Initiatives = Library Priorities: Long Range Planning for School Libraries

Amy Soma

Learn how one library program created a long range plan aligned to the district's strategic plan in order to increase librarian visibility and value in the eyes of stakeholders and collect data about how the library program contributes to the goals of the district.

Amy Soma has been the Library and Instructional Resources Coordinator for Fargo Public Schools since 2012. In 2015, she was accepted to the Lilead Fellows Program, an intensive professional development experience for school library leaders. Prior to her work in school libraries, she worked as an instruction and reference librarian at Concordia College. Amy earned her MLS at Emporia State University as part of the North Dakota II cohort. During this experience she met many fine librarians who continue to serve North Dakota libraries.

Creating Spaces for Makers

Lesley Gunderson

Makerspace is a hot topic in libraries. But what is right for your library patrons? In this session, you will learn about makerspaces from different perspectives. Lesley will showcase a project from Kathy Berg, who redesigned her library at Horizon Middle School in Bismarck to become a more innovative and interactive space for her middle school patrons, and will also discuss her own smaller scale adventures with STEAM in a kindergarten setting and how students smashed through her expectations of what they would accomplish. Lesley hopes to inspire your own ideas and goals for your patrons and library. If you've already done something to create space for makers, there will be time to share that information.

Lesley Gunderson has been an elementary librarian for the past 11 years. She is currently the librarian at Osgood Kindergarten Center in West Fargo and is enjoying the enthusiasm the K-kiddos bring to the library. Getting messy with STEAM/Makerspace activities is a passion and she loves to geek out with her students over science-y stuff.



Let the Adventure Begin at MPLA in Beautiful Colorado

SUBMITTED BY PAULETTE NELSON, MPLA REPRESENTATIVE

MPLA CALCON, the 2016 joint conference of the [Mountain Plains Library Association](#) and the [Colorado Association of Libraries](#), will be held October 20-22 at the Embassy Suites Loveland in beautiful Loveland, Colorado. There's something for everyone at this stellar conference, which features [three keynote speakers](#) and [93 programs](#) organized in tracks to appeal to librarians working in all types of libraries.

On your way to or from MPLA CALCON, plan some extra time to explore the area. Loveland, located just 45 minutes north of Denver, is often hailed as the gateway to Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park.

Here are some fun things to do while you're in the area:

- Take the Loveland Brewery Tour – If you're a beer lover, plan to visit one or all eight of the Loveland Breweries!



- Take a hike on the Loveland Recreation Trail System. Loveland boasts an 18-mile recreational trail (portions paved) that runs from the west side of town near Wilson Avenue and along the Big Thompson River corridor.
- Love trying new foods? The Loveland Do-It-Yourself Food Tour is for you. Try tapas at Door 222 in downtown Loveland or \$4 tacos at Laureate Publick House. If you want good old American food, try Henry's Pub.
- Want to hang around Colorado after the conference? Head to Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch. This is one dude ranch you won't want to miss!
- Enjoy the wonder of fall and the majestic views of gold, amber, and vibrant red leaves throughout the city. No doubt this will make you want to come back and visit beautiful Loveland again.

Make plans now to attend the spectacular MPLA CALCON conference in the Rockies!

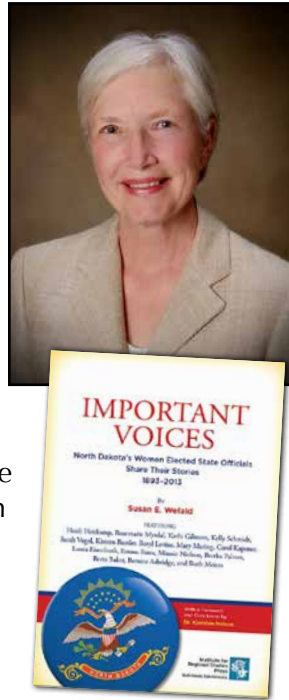
Author's Alley

The North Dakota Library Association is honored to host Author's Alley, a gathering of some of our exceptionally talented local authors. Author's Alley will be in full swing on Thursday -- be ready to interact with our guests, talk with them about their published works, and perhaps buy a book. Some of the authors will be featured at Thursday's lunch, too.

Featured Authors

Susan Wefald

As a former Bismarck School Board member (1990-93) and the first woman to serve on the North Dakota Public Service Commission (1993-2008), Wefald decided to write *Important Voices: North Dakota's Women Elected State Officials Share Their Stories, 1893-2013*. Since the book's publication by the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies (now NDSU Press) in December 2014, Wefald has given talks to groups around the state. These non-partisan presentations have given her the chance to encourage women to run for public office at the local, county, or state level. Wefald is also the author of *Spectacular North Dakota Hikes: Bring the Dog* (2011), a book that has encouraged many North Dakotans and people from other states to get out and enjoy hiking in the state.



Mary Ellen Erickson dmarysbooks.com

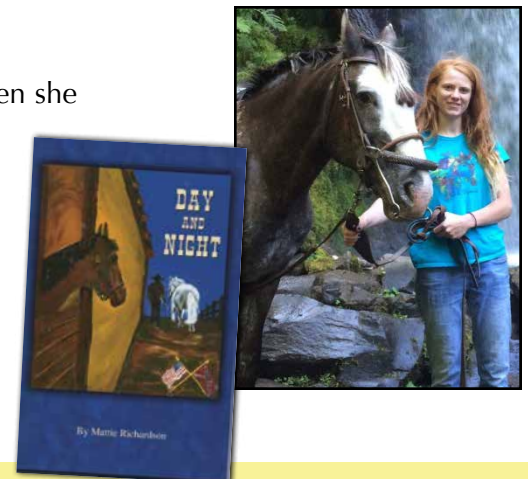
"Variety is the spice of life." That's what Dr. Mary Ellen Erickson believes and that's why she writes a variety of books for a variety of readers. Dr. Erickson is a life-long resident of North Dakota now living in Bismarck and a retired teacher/school counselor whose motto is "Building a Better Society One Book at a Time." In keeping with that motto, Dr. Erickson has written children's picture books that stress values, character, and ethics, as well as a juvenile fiction series called "The Peanut Butter Club Mysteries." Her non-fiction books are *Common Sense Caregiving* and *Humble & Homemade: Survival in Tough Times*. Erickson's adult novels include two "Geezettes" books about retired women, a historical fiction work called "Otis," and her latest novel, "Dontcha Know" (published May 2016), which will be featured at Author's Alley. This cozy mystery is full of adventure, mystery, romance, and humor. Visit Dr. Erickson's booth and check it out!



Mattie Richardson

[facebook.com/appaloosy7](https://www.facebook.com/appaloosy7)

Mattie Richardson lives in Lisbon, North Dakota, and started writing when she was thirteen years old. Now twenty-two, she continues her crusade to encourage kids to read, write, and learn more about American history through her children's historical fiction books. She currently has five novels to her credit -- *Appaloosy*, *Dusty's Trail*, *Golden Sunrise*, *Day and Night*, and *Blackberry Blossom* -- and is working on more. She has traveled the region to discuss her books and ideas, as well as to teach and inspire kids and adults to continue writing, often while providing entertainment with her fiddle. Richardson will be selling her books at the conference and is available to speak and play the fiddle at events and schools.



J.F. Cicci

www.jfcicci.com/

J.F. Cicci is originally from Palatine, Illinois, and has lived all over the United States, including North Dakota. With the support of her parents and their insights into the teaching profession, Cicci wrote her first published work, *Truffle's Sad Song* (2014). Her latest book is *The Insider Chipmunk Threat* (2016). Before becoming a writer, Cicci served in the US Armed Forces and separated as a commissioned military intelligence officer, where she trained to become an All-Source Intelligence Analyst. Cicci also has experience working as a counterintelligence analyst in support of Obama's "Insider Threat" initiative. Cicci has two rambunctious Siberian Huskies and enjoys reading, dwelling in libraries and used bookstores, hot cocoa, and music.



Geno Sloan

Geno Sloan spent her childhood in Mott, married, then wandered the U.S. and Western hemisphere with her husband, Sherman. Sherman worked with an industrial construction firm that was involved in projects for Boeing, General Motors, and Exxon Coal in many states, as well as in Colombia and Mexico. Their children were part of the adventure before they went on to live their own lives, leaving Geno and Sherman to continue to explore other countries on their own.



After hearing about the Bakken oil influx of people and some of the problems that went with it, Sloan decided to write about her own adventures and experiences as a traveling construction wife in *Construction Wife Life*. Her story was written to inform, entertain, and possibly assist those in similar circumstances in what is an increasingly transient society. Her book includes interviews with her husband about his construction projects and will give readers insight about the size and scope of each job.

Missy Ohe

www.theohepenmind.com/

Missy Ohe of Grand Forks is an author, radio talk show host, speaker, business trainer, and coach. Her book, *The You Cans and Their Big Adventure*, was written to help children with self-confidence and to help build teamwork.



Dawn Kaiser

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Author and Joy Refueler Dawn Kaiser inspires individuals to unleash joy in their life, in their work, and in their leadership. Delivering more than 100 live events annually, Kaiser is a humanitarian, entrepreneur, and national speaker who has become known for her inspirational ideas on heart-driven leadership, cultures of joy, and positive psychology that fuel success. She has contagious enthusiasm and passion for life. As one person said, "When you listen to her speak, she just makes you feel good about yourself."

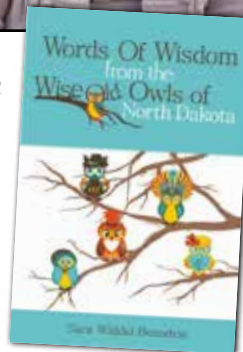


Kaiser's first book, *Joy Notes: 90 Days of Delight*, was published in the fall of 2015. Kaiser has her ME, BA, ACB, SHRM-CP, PHR (and a whole other host of other alphabet letters), all of which boil down to mean that she has experience in HR, education, and communication. Kaiser has been in the HR/OD Training field for more than a decade. She is a joy junkie who loves to spread delight to the world!

Sara Beaudrie

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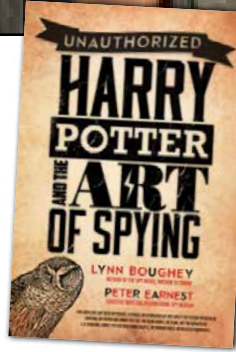
Sara Beaudrie is a North Dakota girl, born and raised, who loves North Dakota and its people. Beaudrie's first book is her answer to this question -- "Why not learn from our 'wise old owls' and their life experiences?" *Words of Wisdom from the Wise Old Owls of North Dakota* is a compilation of short stories, memories, poems, advice, sayings, and quotes from senior citizens across North Dakota. The book retails for \$15, but the special Author's Alley price will be \$10.



Lynn Boughey

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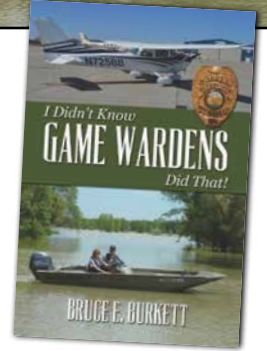
Lynn Boughey is North Dakota's first Truman Scholar (a Congressional Scholarship begun in 1977), graduating from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, in 1979 and from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, cum laude in 1983. Boughey has clerked for a federal trial judge and a state Supreme Court justice, held a political post as Deputy Insurance Commissioner for the State of North Dakota, worked as a trial litigator in North Dakota for more than 25 years, and taught numerous college-level courses from 1983 through 2008, including Introduction to Political Science; International Studies; Terrorism; Law and Society; Criminal Law; and Criminal Procedure. Boughey is the author of *Mission to Chara*, a spy novel published in 2000. He lives in Montana, practices law in North Dakota, and has twin daughters, age eleven. Boughey published *Harry Potter and the Art of Spying* with co-author Peter Earnest in 2014. Forthcoming titles include *Harry Potter and the Art of Spying Intelligence Studies Workbook* and *Harry Potter and the Art of Spying (Children's Version)*.



Bruce Burkett

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Bruce Burkett recently released a book highlighting his career as a protector of the state's natural resources. *I Didn't Know Game Wardens Did That!* features nearly 50 stories Burkett assembled from his years with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.



Burkett is a native of Jamestown and graduated from NDSU. He started his law enforcement career in 1971 as police chief in Steele. In 1972, he became a Game and Fish Department warden, working in Beulah and Hazen until 1978, when he transferred to Devils Lake. He spent the bulk of his career in Devils Lake, first as a district game warden and later as warden supervisor for northeast North Dakota, a position he held from 1990 until 2003. From 2003 until retirement in 2013, Burkett was supervisor of the investigation section of the Game and Fish Department. His dogged approach to his game warden job led to unhappy endings for dozens of poachers. A certified pilot, flight instructor, and diver, Burkett was involved in about 65 drowning incidents, either in recovering bodies or investigating what happened. Burkett is married to Beverly, has two daughters, Jackie Lundstrom and Sheri Walsh, and four grandchildren.

Canoe Kudos Nomination Form



NDLA has a vehicle for recognizing individuals who do a wonderful job in their libraries or who have shown support or done something special for libraries. Any member of NDLA can honor a deserving individual by submitting this nomination form along with a \$10 donation to the Professional Development Grant Fund. NDLA will present the honoree with a Canoe Kudos pin and, if appropriate, submit a press release to the local newspaper. Canoe Kudos honorees will also be listed in *The Good Stuff*. You may buy or receive more than one pin.

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Reason for Nomination _____

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Send nomination form and \$10 donation (checks payable to NDLA) to:
Lori K. West, Professional Development Committee Chair, Fargo Public Library, 102 3rd St. North, Fargo, ND 58102-2138.

How Healthy is Your Family Tree? (And How Libraries Can Help)

By MARCIA FRANCIS, SOUTHWEST CLINICAL CAMPUS
LIBRARIAN, HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
DAKOTA

Summer is a time to break away from work and school to enjoy reconnecting with family during vacations or at reunions. Every family seems to include at least one amateur genealogist who takes advantage of this time to quiz relatives about family history and collect old photographs. In November 2004, the U.S. Surgeon General launched the [Family Health History Initiative](#) to encourage families to collect and share their health histories whenever they spend time together.

Why is this important? All of us have probably filled out a questionnaire at a doctor's office that includes questions such as, "Do you have a family history of diabetes, heart disease, etc., etc.? Was it your father, mother, sibling, grandfather, grandmother?" Accuracy counts! For years, I faithfully checked the box to indicate my grandmother had glaucoma, only to discover there are different types of glaucoma and my grandmother's glaucoma *cannot* be inherited. How did I find out? I talked to a relative who knew more about our family's health history than I did.

As a librarian, you may already highlight the local history and genealogy resources your library has available and may even teach genealogy workshops. Have you ever considered also pointing out the value of gathering a family health history and resources available to help with that? A recent survey found that although 95.7% of respondents felt knowing their family health history was very or somewhat important, only 36.9% had ever actively collected that information. Of those, a total of 2.6% had used an Internet-based tool (Welch, O'Connell, & Schiffman, 2015).

Here are some free, quality family health history tools to recommend, as well a consumer-friendly genetics website to explain related topics that can be confusing or scary.

- [Before You Start](#) (Available in English & in Spanish)
- www.hhs.gov/programs/prevention-and-wellness/family-health-history/before-you-start/index.html

Two-page document written by the U.S. Surgeon General that provides step-by-step advice for getting organized, asking questions, being sensitive to family members, and recording information appropriately.

My Family Health Portrait

A tool from the Surgeon General

- (<https://familyhistory.hhs.gov>)
Website tool to help families save their health histories, print, and share them. The online tool is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian; English and Spanish print forms also are available. Data is saved on the Microsoft HealthVault website with more specific information about privacy and confidentiality included on the "Learn more about My Family Health Portrait" page.



Genetics
Home
Reference

Your Guide to Understanding
Genetic Conditions

- (<https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov>)
The subtitle of this website developed by the U.S. National Library of Medicine sums up its purpose. Genetics Home Reference includes information about diseases/conditions, genes, chromosomes, how genetic changes impact health, and the *Help Me Understand Genetics* book to download or search and read online.

One last note -- If your library takes advantages of holidays and other observances to market your resources and services, keep in mind the Surgeon General declares Thanksgiving every year to be National Family History Day.

About Us

The University of North Dakota Health Sciences Library (<https://undmedlibrary.org>) is part of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and North Dakota's only Resource Library in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Health Sciences Library staff promote awareness and effective searching of quality health information resources for both consumers and professionals.

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NDLA Election 2016

SUBMITTED BY MARY LORENZ, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VOTING CHAIR

Editor's note: Slate of candidates approved by the Executive Board on June 26, 2016

NDLA OFFICER CANDIDATES

President-elect

Candidate: Stephanie Baltzer Kom

Current Position: Digital Initiatives Coordinator, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck

Education: BA, Criminal Justice, Minnesota State University-Moorhead; MLIS, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee



Professional Development: Member: NDLA, Former Chair, Technical Services Roundtable; Member: American Library Association (ALA); 2016 Women's Leadership Program participant; 2016 Libraries, Archives, and Museums (LAM) conference exchange cohort participant; DPLA Community Representative

Vision Statement: I am a born and raised North Dakotan and love everything about this state. I decided to run for President-elect this year because I am very excited about the direction the Association is heading and want to continue the momentum. I want to help make this association a vibrant part of the ND library community. Therefore, my focus will be on continuing the changes that we are currently discussing and implementing the ideas that come forward. I am typically a person of few words because I like to listen to what people say and then make an informed decision based on my observations. It would be an honor to be chosen as President-elect of NDLA and I look forward to the challenges and rewards that it will present. Thank you for your consideration.

Secretary

Candidate: Lane Talkington

Current Position: Children's and Young Adult Librarian, Dickinson Area Public Library

Education: BS in Elementary Education with a Minor in Art, Dickinson State University



Professional Development: Member: NDLA, SLAYS, Badlands Reading Council; ND Library2Go Digital Consortium Chair, 2014-2016.

Vision Statement: I love libraries. I love the contemporary feel and ideas of a newly built high-tech library and I love the history, nostalgia, and knowledge of an old Carnegie library, like mine in Dickinson. No matter what library you're in, you can feel the heart and soul of the people working there and the patrons who attend. I will never tire of being in a library. For this reason, I want to continue to promote and educate people about libraries and library services. We are a hub for information, creativity, new ideas and old, a place for children to learn and grow, a meeting place, and most importantly, a place of community. It is important to me to continue to advocate for my library and all others, and to keep evolving and fulfilling our communities' needs. To do this, I believe that it is important to take an active role. Whether I am a voice of many at my local reading council meetings, a committee member for NDLA, or the Chair for the ND Library2Go Digital Consortium, it is essential to be a part of a larger library community than just my own. I love libraries and I am happy to continue to serve them in any capacity.

Treasurer

Candidate: Aaron Stefanich

Current Position: Children's Librarian, Grand Forks Public Library

Education: MLIS, San Jose State University; BS, Social Work & English, Bemidji State University

Professional Development: Current NDLA Treasurer; SLAYS Secretary, 2013-14; Flicker Tale Committee member. Current member of ALA and ALSC.

Vision Statement: Working with former Treasurer Michael Safratowich during my first year as NDLA Treasurer, I have gained familiarity with financial software, reports, tax returns, and so forth. As someone who is detail-oriented and enjoys working



with finances, I look forward to the possibility of continuing to serve as NDLA Treasurer.

MPLA Representative

Candidate: Paulette Nelson

Current Position: Children's Librarian, Minot Public Library

Education: BS, Education, Minot State University

Professional Involvement: NDLA, 1979-present; Chair of Children's Roundtable; Chair of SLAYS; Chair of Public Library Section; Flicker Tale Chair; Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair; Nominations and Election Chair; MPLA member, 20+ years; MPLA Representative 2014-2016; NDLA Librarian of the Year 2015; North Central Reading Association

Vision Statement: I have had the opportunity to attend several MPLA conferences. Each conference brings new adventures and networking opportunities as well as countless ideas that can be used in the work place. I have shared ideas from the conferences numerous times with our staff. I would like to encourage more involvement in the organization because it is a great way to find out what other libraries in the region are doing. It is especially amazing to see the technological advances made by libraries in the MPLA region and it would be great to be able to share these advances and ideas with librarians in North Dakota. Since I have been a member of the board for the past three years, I feel I am really getting the "hang" of being a board member and I feel that I know the workings of the board very well. I would be honored to serve as MPLA Representative for another term.

SECTION & ROUNDTABLE CANDIDATES

Academic & Special Libraries Section (A&SL) Chair

- Kristen Borysewicz, Humanities Librarian, UND Chester Fritz Library, Grand Forks

Chair-elect

- Tuya Dutton, Electronic Resources Librarian, Allen Memorial Library, VCSU, Valley City
- Laura Trude, Business Librarian, Barry Hall Business Learning Center, NDSU, Fargo



Archives/Records Management Roundtable

- No candidates; roundtable is dissolving

Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT)

Chair-elect

- Tawnie Reisenauer, State Document Depository Program Coordinator, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck

Health Science Information Section (HSIS)

Chair-elect

- Dawn Hackman, Reference/Education Librarian, UND Library of the Health Sciences, Grand Forks

Secretary

- Erika Fischer, Librarian, UND Health Science Department, Grand Forks
- Mike Safratowich, Bibliographic Control Librarian, UND Library of the Health Sciences, Grand Forks

New Members Roundtable (NMRT)

Chair-elect

- Sarah K. Nelson, Librarian, Fargo Public Library

Public Library Section

Chair-elect

- Kerriane Tyler, Library Administrator, Ward County Public Library, Minot

Secretary

- Beth Reitan, Library Director, Bottineau Public Library

School Library & Youth Services Section (SLAYS)

Chair-elect

- Pam Carswell, Teen Services Librarian, Minot Public Library

Secretary

- Allison Radermacher, Library-Media Director, Ellendale Public School
- Karen Hannegrefs, School Librarian, United #7 District, Des Lacs

Technical Services Roundtable (TECHSERT)

Chair-elect

- Renae Tholkes, Government Documents Specialist, UND Chester Fritz Library, Grand Forks



The TIME is NOW!

BY ALLISON RADERMACHER, NDLA MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

NDLA's Mentorship Committee is ready and excited for another great year of connecting colleagues across the state. The time for you to participate is NOW! Whether you want to gain knowledge from others in your field or feel you have information to share with others, keep reading to find out how you can be involved in a powerful partnership that can lead to professional growth.

How do I begin?

www.ndla.info/mentorship is the hub for information about NDLA's mentorship program. The steps are simple and easy on the website.

How do I know if I can be a mentee? Here are the qualifications:

- NDLA member
- Work in a library setting
- May hold a degree, minor or certificate in library sciences
- May be a student
- Commit one year to the program
- Be open to viewpoints
- Be a good listener
- Desire to grow as a professional librarian

How do I know if I could be a mentor? Here are the qualifications:

- NDLA member
- Worked in a library setting for a minimum of 5 years
- Hold a degree, minor or certificate in library sciences

- Commit one year to the program
- Be willing to share your experiences
- Be a good listener
- Desire to support, guide and give advice

What are the advantages?

There are many awesome advantages to being a mentor or mentee. You get to participate in professional development on a monthly basis. You can also hone or gain leadership and communication skills and work on career/professional goals.

Join Us @ the NDLA Conference

If you still aren't sure if mentoring or being a mentee is for you, come to the NDLA Conference in September and join us at the M&M Unconference program where great minds will come together in reflection and discussion. You will hear stories about mentorship and have a chance to make personal goals, sign up for the mentorship program (optional), and even meet a potential mentor or mentee!

Do you want to be a winner?

Obviously, the potential for making lasting professional relationships will make you a winning library professional, but we will also be a drawing for a prize for those who sign up to be a mentor or mentee before conference AND at the conference. You don't want to miss out on this awesome opportunity!

Questions?

Browse www.ndla.info/mentorship or contact NDLA's Mentorship Chair for more information.



We Are Notable!

BY JESSICA ROBINSON, GODORT CHAIR

Everyone involved in government work knows the dedication and passion that goes into creating quality documents for the public. The American Library Association (ALA) also recognizes this and each year the Notable Document Panel of ALA's Government Documents Roundtable celebrates the best of the federal, state, and international documents published that year. NDLA's own GODORT submitted these documents (the top vote getters at our 2015 conference) for consideration:

North Dakota Is Everywhere: An Anthology of Contemporary North Dakota Poets, edited by Heidi Czerwiec. Institute for Regional Studies, North Dakota University. 2015

Roads of Progress. North Dakota Dept. of Transportation. 2014.

A Traveler's Companion to North Dakota State Historic Sites, 3rd edition. State Historical Society of North Dakota. 2015.

We were honored when all three North Dakota documents were selected for inclusion in the May 19, 2016, issue of *Library Journal* (<http://reviews.libraryjournal.com/2016/05/books/prototype-of-open-access-notable-government-documents-2015/>). Among the other states whose public documents were recognized for excellence were California, Colorado, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The documents run the full gamut of fascinating topics, from the most current of issues in the health industry to a second, thoughtful look at the infamous pirate Blackbeard. All are well worth a look and represent the best of the information being disseminated through state government publishing.

The federal side of the panel was equally diverse. Among the twenty documents selected, almost all are available for the public to view for free online. The topics range from a huge study on the musical history of New Orleans brass bands all the way to an exploration of the Hubble Space Telescope, complete with stunning photographs.

On the international side, climate change dominated the scene with four of the ten documents discussing the issue. However, the documents also represented a plethora of other current topics, such as terrorism viewed specifically through a financial lens, wildlife trade and the various policies associated with it, and using geothermal energy in agriculture.

Nominate a Document!

While you explore last year's notable documents, please also take a moment to consider what should represent North Dakota this year. Look back at state documents created since September 2015 and send your nominations to jrobinson@nd.gov, including the title and publishing information. Let's do our best to show the ways in which North Dakota is contributing to the global pool of information.

Valerie Albrecht, library director at Hazen Public Library, is retiring on August 31, 2016. Val says she has a room full of craft supplies that are calling her name and that she and her husband also have a bucket list of about 35 places they want to experience once he retires sometime next year. Until her husband retires, Val plans to do some deep cleaning and decluttering, refinish some old furniture, work on projects that have accumulated over the years, enjoy having the time to actually do things with friends and family, and (of course!) READ! ☺ Best wishes for your retirement, Val!

After 15 years of service at Lake Region State College, **Celeste Ertelt** retired from her position as Library Director on August 15, 2016. How will Celeste spend her new-found leisure time? She has a pile of books to read, a list of house projects to do, and she's signed up for a Master Gardener Class offered by NDSU and the Extension Service (something she's wanted to do for a long time). Celeste and her husband also long to travel, so they will be on the road as well. Best wishes for your retirement, Celeste!

Lenore Franchuk retired after nearly 14 years as director of the Carrington City Library on April 28, 2016. On June 29, the Library hosted an open host to honor both Franchuk and **Illa Zink**, who served on the library board for 19 years.

Greta Guck, Director of Leach Public Library in Wahpeton and current NDLA Past President, is leaving us! Greta has accepted a new position as Acquisitions Librarian with the **L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library** in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Greta's last day at Leach Public Library was August 10th and she starts her new job on August 22nd. The good news is that Greta, who is also this year's NDLA Conference chair, will be at the NDLA Conference in Dickinson in September. We will miss you, Greta, and wish you all the best in your next adventure!

Rebekah Kjos is the new director of the Beulah Public Library. Rebekah grew up in Hazen and earned a degree in university studies with a concentration in library science from Valley City State University before moving back to her hometown. In January 2016, she started at the Beulah Public Library as an unpaid intern, took some time off after giving birth to her son,

and was then hired for the full-time library director job (starting in June) when **Colleen Wiest** retired at the end of April. It's been a whirlwind kind of year!

In late May, **Alicia Kubas**, Government Information Librarian at NDSU, accepted a position at the University of Minnesota Libraries in the Twin Cities as the Government Publications and Regional Depository Librarian, and her last day at NDSU was July 5th. Alicia's new position is similar to her role as regional coordinator at NDSU. Alicia served NDLA as chair of the Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) for almost two years. Chair-elect **Jessica Robinson** of the North Dakota State Library has now stepped into the GODORT Chair position.

Trevor Martinson recently joined the North Dakota State Library's **Library Development** team. Trevor supports libraries in these communities: Adams, Aneta, Bottineau, Cando, Carrington, Cavalier, Cooperstown, Devils Lake, Drake, Grafton, Harvey, Hatton, Hillsboro, Lakota, Langdon, Larimore, Leeds, Maddock, Mayville, McVillage, Michigan, Minnewaukan, Mohall, New Rockford, Northwood, Park River, Pembina, Rolette, Rolla, Rugby, Sherwood, and Walhalla.

On June 30, 2016, **Lila Pedersen**, Director of Libraries at the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences, retired after 41 years with UND's School of Medicine and Health Sciences, the last 25 as director. A retirement reception was held in Lila's honor on June 23th. Congratulations and best wishes for your retirement, Lila!

Mick Pytlik, Assistant Chief Information Officer, retired from the North Dakota University System on June 30, 2016. As he bid farewell, Mick sent a message saying, "I wish you all the best as you look at the future of library systems, and know you're in good hands with Tony [Stukel] and his [ODIN] staff."

Stephanie Walker, Dean of Libraries and Information Services at UND, reports that there are many changes happening at UND Libraries, some of which are changes in staffing. On July 11, 2016, **Zeineb Yousif** joined UND Libraries as the new Digital Initiatives Librarian. Zeineb came to UND from Toronto's York University, where she had responsibility for

Membership Report

(as of June 2016)

Submitted by Mary Sheahan, Membership Chair

Academic & Special Libraries Section	47
Health Sciences Information Section	16
Public Library Section	91
School Library & Youth Services Section	67
Archives/Records Management Roundtable	14
Government Documents Roundtable	11
New Members Roundtable	18
Technical Services Roundtable	29
Associate members	5
Institutional members	8
Student members	3
Trustees	10
New members 2016	25
Total 2016 members	218

These numbers represent individuals who have renewed or joined since January 2016

building the Osgoode Hall Law School Institutional Repository. In August 2016, **Christopher Gasink** joined the Libraries as a Specialist in Access Services. In the wake of some reorganization, three staff members were promoted: **Randy Pederson** is now Head of Collections, **Sally Dockter** is Assistant Director of Libraries & Head of Public Services, and **Kristen Borysewicz** is Coordinator of Information Literacy. **Will Martin** was also appointed to the position of Head of Library Digitization, Systems, & Services, effective July 1, 2016. On June 30, 2016, longtime Periodicals Supervisor **Richard Suggs**, who had been at Chester Fritz Library since 1992, retired. We wish everyone well in their new positions and also extend our congratulations and best wishes for retirement to Richard.

NDLA Professional Development Grant Evaluative Report MPLA Leadership Institute

By MARY LORENZ, GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Editor's note: Submitting an evaluative report for publication in The Good Stuff fulfills one of the requirements for receiving NDLA grant funds.

Thank you, NDLA, for giving me a Professional Development grant, making it possible for me to attend the MPLA Leadership Institute held in Estes Park, Colorado, this past May. Maureen Sullivan, past ALA President and recent recipient of the Joseph P. Lippincott Award for distinguished service to the library profession, along with four mentors, led the Institute. It was an extraordinary week-long experience!

The MPLA Leadership Institute is the best learning experience I have ever attended! Maureen and our mentors helped me define myself as a leader through self-evaluation, small and large group discussions, exercises, and lots of information about the key components of leadership: communication, team work, managing differences, influence, change, commitment, and community engagement. This Institute made me think outside the box and take a good look at my current leadership skills.

I am not in a managerial position; yet I've learned that I am a leader and can lead and be powerful from within my organization. I was very pleased to learn strategies that will help me use an indirect method of leading so I can facilitate change without actually being in a management role. By focusing on the big picture and keeping my purpose in mind, I can build trust and respect with my co-workers, model the behavior I'm looking for, and elicit positive feedback and actions. This will help immensely with projects I'm planning and will boost my self-confidence.

Working through exercises with the other Fellows proved invaluable as I gained insight into myself as a person and as a librarian. The connections I've made through the Institute are priceless. I met librarians, like myself, who want to become better leaders in our field. They are now friends and colleagues whom I can go to for advice.

I recommend that anyone who can, apply for the MPLA Leadership Institute. It is an outstanding program and experience that has taught me so much about myself, my goals, and about being a LEADER!

Proposed Dues Increase and Bylaws Changes

SUBMITTED BY ANTOINETTE (TONI) VONASEK, CHAIR
NDLA CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS & POLICIES COMMITTEE

After careful consideration, discussion, and analysis of the fiscal needs of maintaining a strong association, the NDLA Executive Board recommends that annual membership dues be increased beginning with 2017 dues. The last time NDLA increased membership dues was in 2001.

Proposed Membership Dues Rate Changes

The proposed changes for individual membership dues are based on salary.

Individual Members

- \$35 – Salary up to \$30,000
- \$45 – Salary \$30,001 - \$49,999
- \$60 – Salary \$50,000 or more

Student, trustee, and associate annual memberships would increase from \$20 to \$25.

The proposed changes for institutional memberships are based on staff FTE (full-time equivalent)

Institutional memberships

- \$70 – Up to 3 FTE
- \$135 – 4-9 FTE
- \$200 – 10 or more FTE

Rationale

Among the reasons the Finance Committee recommends a dues increase are:

1. A three-tiered level for individual membership considers the ability of members to absorb an increase while avoiding complexity resulting from more tiers. Fewer tiers also allow for more accurate projections of dues income.
2. The percentage increase for individual dues is greatest for those with salaries 50K and above and for institutions. The rationale is that members in these categories may be more able to afford a larger increase.
3. The percentage increase for individual dues is lowest for those with salaries under 50K and for students, trustees, and associate members. The rationale is that members in these categories may be less able to afford a larger increase.
4. Considering inflation, the proposed increases result in values in each membership category that are roughly equivalent to the dues that were established in 2001, which was the last time dues were increased.

This chart shows the impact of inflation on a dollar's buying power:

Inflation Based on CPI Inflation Calculator	Dues Established in 2001	Equivalency in 2015 dollars
Individual	\$35	\$47
Student / Trustee / Associate/ Institutional	\$20	\$26.86
- Up to 3 FTE	\$50	\$67.15
- 4-9 FTE	\$100	\$134.30
- 10 or more FTE	\$150	\$201.44

5. NDLA dues would continue to be lower than comparable dues in other state associations within our region (IA, MN, MT, and SD).

Proposed NDLA Bylaws Changes - Article I. Section 2. Dues

The proposed changes are highlighted in yellow. An email message with this information will be sent to all NDLA members two weeks before the NDLA annual conference. Online voting will begin two weeks after the conference.

NDLA Bylaws Article I.

Section 2. Dues

Annual dues are payable at the beginning of each calendar year. Privileges begin upon receipt of payment and expire December 31 of the same year. If a new member pays the active membership fee at the time of conference registration, his/her membership is good through the end of the following calendar year as a one-time benefit.

A. Dues structure:

1. Active Membership

- a. Individual Personal Membership: ~~\$35~~
 - Salary of \$0.00 - \$30,000 annual dues of \$35.00*
 - Salary of \$30,001 - \$49,999 annual dues of \$45.00*
 - Salary of \$50,000 and over annual dues of \$60.00*

b. Student Membership: ~~\$20~~ \$25

c. New Director Membership: waived

d. Library Trustee Membership: ~~\$20~~ \$25

2. Non-voting Membership

a. Associate Membership: ~~\$20~~ \$25

b. Institutional Membership:

Permanent staff FTE	Library Dues	Staff can register at member rate for conference
3 or fewer Up to 3 FTE	\$50 \$70	1
9 or fewer and more than 3 4-9 FTE	\$100 \$135-	2
10 or more FTE	\$150 \$200	3

c. Honorary Membership: waived

B. The Executive Board will review the dues structure annually. When directed by the Executive Board, the Finance Committee will recommend changes to the dues structure.

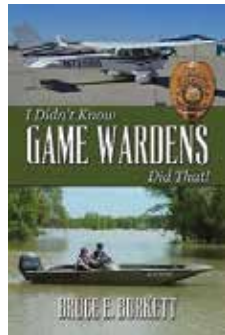
C. All proposals for changing the dues structure will be submitted to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies Committee. Proposed dues changes will be presented to the membership at least one month before voting. Passage will require a majority of those voting.



How Mommy Got Her Groove Back (\$19.95, 277 p., pbk.) is a new book from **Rebecca Udem**, a North Dakota farm girl who returned to her home town of Oakes and has become an advocate for rural living. Udem says her book is “my personal story of the process I went through to find my groove again after returning to my small hometown and becoming a mother made me question everything I thought I knew about myself.” On her website, Udem also says, “I help people find the magic in the mundane by embracing both the quaintness and the quirks of living and working in rural America.” *How Mommy Got Her Groove Back* is available from [Amazon](#) or via the author’s website at www.rebeccaudem.com/.



Bruce Burkett recently released a book highlighting his career as a protector of the state’s natural resources. ***I Didn’t Know Game Wardens Did That!*** (\$19.50, 276 p., pbk.; \$7.99, Kindle) features nearly 50 stories Burkett assembled from his years with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Burkett began his law enforcement career in 1971 as police chief in Steele. In 1972, he became a Game and Fish Department warden, working in Beulah and Hazen until 1978, when he transferred to Devils Lake. He spent the bulk of his career in Devils Lake, first as a district game warden and later as warden supervisor for northeast North Dakota, a position he held from 1990 until 2003. From 2003 until retirement in 2013, Burkett was supervisor of the investigation section of the Game and Fish Department. *I Didn’t Know Game Wardens Did That!* is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). For more information, visit www.outdoorsandthebadge.com.



Fargo photographer **Kari Barchenger** has captured the beauty of the International Peace Garden in a new book, ***International Peace Garden: Promise of Peace*** (\$34.95, 88 p., hardcover). The book includes more than 90 images from the gardens as well as brief narratives about the buildings, monuments, art works, and plants. The book was inspired by a visit to the peace garden in 2015 and the realization that there were no books about it in the gift shop. Barchenger

and her father, Arthur Norby, creator of the “Promise of Peace” sculpture, decided to fill that gap with their own book. *International Peace Garden* was formally released with a book signing at the International Peace Garden on July 24th to coincide with the formal dedication of the Promise of Peace sculpture. The book can be purchased online as well as in several locations around the state. For complete information, visit <http://mfphotos.net/product/promise-of-peace/>.

On the run from an assassin in an English castle, FBI agent Kendra Donovan escapes into a stairwell that turns out to be a portal in time. When she comes out again, it’s the same place, but the year is 1815 and a body has been found on the grounds. Can she solve the mystery? How will she get back to her own time? ***A Murder in Time*** (\$25.95, 320 p., hardcover; \$12.99, ebook)



is the first book written by **Julie McElwain**, a native of Max, North Dakota. After graduating from Max High in 1983, McElwain attended NDSU, majoring in journalism and textiles & clothing. She has traveled throughout the world, working for fashion magazines and other publications, and now lives in California. *Library Journal’s* review (April 15, 2016) of *A Murder in Time* said, “This first novel is absolutely captivating and will appeal to readers of fiction, mystery, and romance. Expect to stay engaged until the final page. Author, a sequel, please!” Reviewer Susan Carr is getting her wish. A sequel, *A Twist in Time*, is slated for publication in April 2017. *A Murder in Time* is available from bookstores and online sellers, including [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). For more information, check out this interview with the author: <http://qwillery.blogspot.com/2016/04/interview-with-julie-mcelwain-author-of.html>.

The Music of Bobby Vee (\$13.95, 120 p., pbk; \$8.99, ebook) by **Robert Reynolds** is available from [Amazon](#) and [Lulu](#). **Bobby Vee** grew up in Fargo and got his big break when Buddy Holly was on his way to do a concert in Moorhead, Minnesota, when his plane crashed on February 3, 1959. Rather than cancel the show, promoters called on local talent to fill in. Bobby Vee, his brother Bill,

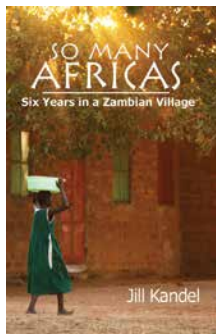




and the “Shadows” took the stage and the rest is musical history. During his career, Vee produced 38 Top 100 hits and 7 Gold Records. He retired in 2011 after a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease.

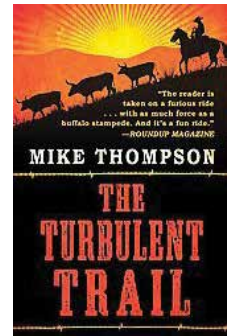
Security (\$25.95, 240 p., hardcover) is the debut novel of Bismarck native **Gina Wohlsdorf**. Published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, *Security* is a “fast-paced horror/thriller” about staff members being murdered at a high-tech hotel in California. Both *Booklist* (February 1, 2016) and *Publishers Weekly* (April 18, 2016), gave it starred reviews. *Booklist* said, “Flawless . . . *Security* is perfectly tuned for blockbuster status . . . They don’t make a hotel big enough to house all the people who will want to read this, and soon, as in *Manderley*, all eyes will be on Wohlsdorf.” New York Times bestselling author Sandra Brown called it, “Original and imaginative . . . Ripping suspense, sheer terror, and a wrenching love story.” The book is widely available at bookstores and from online sellers, including [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). Wohlsdorf now lives in Colorado and has two more book deals lined up. For more information, visit her website: www.ginawohlsdorf.com/.

Congratulations to **Jill Kandel**, author of ***So Many Africas: Six years in a Zambian Village*** and winner of the **Sarton Women’s Book Award** for Memoir. Kandel is a native of Valley City and now lives in Moorhead, Minnesota. The Sarton Women’s Book Awards are sponsored by the Story Circle network, an international nonprofit community of women writers. Kandel accepted the award in Austin, Texas, in April. *So Many Africas* was included in the “North Dakota in Print” column in the March-June 2015 issue of *The Good Stuff*.

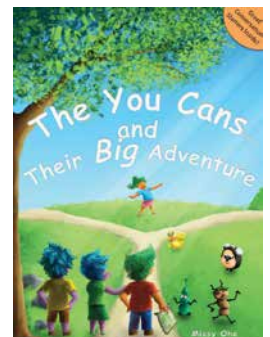


Grace Fisher has been a parishioner of **St. Leo’s Catholic Church** in Minot for most of her life. In 1986, the former *Minot Daily News* journalist published a history of the church. At the urging of Rev. Justin Walsh, Fisher expanded on that book and self-published ***St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Minot, North Dakota, A History, Book I*** (\$40, softcover). The book contains many old photos and historical accounts and can be purchased locally at [Main Street Books](#), [Home Sweet Home](#), and the **St. Leo’s** parish office.

Mike Thompson, a Bismarck native who now lives in San Angelo, Texas, has penned his third book, ***The Turbulent Trail*** (\$25.95, 280 p., hardcover; \$3.99, Kindle). *The Turbulent Trail* is a tale about Charlie Deegan, a young man who joins the Army and is assigned to Fort Yuma in the Arizona Territory. Deegan ends up killing a man in a drunken bar fight, lands in Yuma Territorial Prison, escapes, and then heads north to try to change his life. Thompson’s other books are *The Curse of Al Capone’s Gold* (see [The Good Stuff](#), August 2008, p. 26) and *Wolf Point* (2015). All three are available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). Thompson was at Bismarck’s Barnes and Noble store on June 25, 2016, for a book signing.



Grand Forks author **Missy Ohe** has a new book for children, ***The You Cans and Their Big Adventure: Encouraging Positive Attitudes, Character Building, Self-Confidence, and Teamwork*** (\$9.99, 108 p., pbk.; \$7.99, Kindle). The author sent this synopsis: “The You Cans and their teachers go on an adventure. While on the adventure they learn more about themselves and their teammates. Together they work through challenges and celebrate victories. They also learn who to listen to and who not to listen to. Many lessons are learned by those that read this adventure! As a result of reading this book, many insightful conversations occur with students and their mentors!” Children ages 6-12 are the target audience for this book, which is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). For more information, visit the author’s website: www.theohepmind.com/.





By Eric Stroshane



The End of an Elephant

For many years now, I've used and relied upon the freemium cross-platform note-taking app [Evernote](#). While I first tried it out as a novelty (taking notes on my phone and syncing them to my laptop didn't seem profoundly useful at the time), the features it provided rapidly proved indispensable.



Evernote allowed me to easily follow up on ideas which occurred to me while traveling, attending conferences, sitting in meetings, or lollygagging about. It helped me document and stay on top of tasks and emerging issues, so I could better support the libraries I work with. It was also my go-to for making grocery lists and delineating errands. In fact, it was so easy to use and made such a difference in my organizational acumen in both my work and personal lives, I advised others to use it as well, and presented on it during both the State Library's Spring Workshop and at an NDLA conference.

Evernote was great. I remained doggedly faithful to it as competitors emerged, technology trends shifted, and my needs and expectations evolved. That era has come to a close, however. On June 28th, Evernote sent out the news that their basic (re: free) accounts were being nerfed beyond meaningful usability. They were transitioning into a software-as-a-service company, billing at both monthly and annual rates. Don't get me wrong -- I want to support them and I gladly would have paid a one-time fee to continue using them, but I seriously don't need another subscription in my life. Thus began my (totally not at all) epic journey of discovery and migration to a new note-taking/list-making/thought-organizing platform. Here's what I learned along the way:

1. There are oodles of to-do list apps out there in the world.

Oodles! What you'll wind up replacing Evernote with (or simply start using) really depends on where you want to use it and what you want it to do for you. While I use Android (both stock and custom ROMs), Windows 7, and Windows 10, none of the apps I recommend below are platform-exclusive.

2. **Accessing and creating lists from my phone is essential behavior for me.** So I started my search in the Google Play Store. If you do the Apple thing, start in iTunes, instead. Got a Windows Phone? You have my sympathies.

3. **I really wanted something that would sync across my devices.** Being able to effortlessly access notes from the road when I'm back at my work computer is huge. I also didn't want to have to update anything in more than one place, because that's just silly. Adding this requirement narrowed the field considerably. If your needs truly do end there, I'd recommend giving [Wunderlist](#) a go. It's super good at lists and available everywhere (even on Windows Phones!)

4. **The lists were not enough...** I soon realized that lists are great, but I've been using Evernote for a lot more. This led me to consider task management apps and to try out a few of them. Such apps add a greater capacity to organize and share lists. They also typically integrate external content seamlessly (links, clips, images, etc.). I didn't have to look far for these, as I was already using [Trello](#) for task management at work. In short order, I also stumbled over [Any.Do](#) and [Todoist](#). All three of these are great options if you're looking for a task management app. The differences between them are subtle and ultimately your preference may be aesthetical.

5. Turns out, I'm a notes-first kinda guy.

Okay, so cross-platform lists that sync across devices? Check. Really robust lists with fancy options for collaborating and stuff? Check. But what initially sucked me into Evernote was the fact that it was really good for taking notes. And that's something that list-centric and task management apps honestly kinda suck at. I do love Trello and find it incredibly

useful for organizing thoughts and managing work projects. I'm not about to stop using it. However, note-taking figures into my creative process and is part of how I document and navigate life. I put notes everywhere and on everything and Evernote let me do this digitally in a way that made sense.

I only found two respectable options that did what I wanted them to and were unburdened by subscription costs: [Google Keep](#) and [Microsoft OneNote](#). While these are made by two of the biggest players in the technology world, I was still surprised that this was where I wound up. These apps are easily overlooked and far from the most prominent products either company has to offer. Here's what you need to know to decide between them:

- Both allow you to take and organize notes and sync them across devices
- Both manage lists in addition to notes
- Both allow you to easily clip and store data from websites
- Both have sharing functionality and the ability to store non-textual data, including audio and doodles
- OneNote has a dedicated desktop app
- Keep does not offer a desktop app, so for desktop/laptop access, you'll need to use their website or a browser extension

- I find Keep to be far more intuitive; it works how I expect it to and it's snappy
- OneNote is clunky and awkward in Windows; using it there makes me regret my birth
- Google Keep has around a 20,000 character limit per note; if you try to cram in more, you'll be prompted to spill over into Google Docs (be attentive to this if you're pasting over content from Evernote so you don't unwittingly lose content!)
- Notes in OneNote are effectively unlimited in length -- I pasted the text of an 84-page document into it and it didn't even stutter

I honestly thought that not having a desktop app would be a deal-breaker for me, but it turns out I pretty much always have a browser window open anyway. Moreover, I vastly preferred the in-browser feel of Keep to the on-the-desktop feel of OneNote. Having a character limit for notes seems like an artificially-imposed impairment, but honestly 20,000 characters should be enough. They're notes, by gum, not novels. Neither OneNote nor Keep is exactly what I left, but the migration gave me a good excuse to review everything I'd been keeping in Evernote, and clean it up considerably. All that being said, it may ultimately come down to which eco-system you prefer to inhabit. If you're gung-ho Microsoft, then sally forth and do that OneNote thing. Personally, I'm now playing with Keep.

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Good Stuff from Around the State

Compiled by Marlene Anderson, Editorial Committee Member

In the March 2016 issue of *The Good Stuff* (p. 20), we told you about the Little Free Libraries planned for the **Barnes County North (BCN) School District**. Now they are a reality! BCN librarian Beth Udem's husband, Steve, built the ten boxes over the winter. The royal blue boxes with tin roofs and see-through windows have been placed in the communities of Sanborn, Leal, Rogers, Dazey, Sibley, Wimbledon, Courtenay, Spiritwood, Spiritwood Lake, and the school. White lettering spells out "Little Free Library Book Trading Post" on the front of each box. The books inside are arranged by age group and there is also a notebook where visitors can sign and leave messages. The idea is to take a book to read and return it quickly, or replace it with a book of equal value.



Otaku Club is a new club for teens at the **Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library**. It's a perfect fit for teens who enjoy Japanese culture and want to meet other people who like manga and anime as much as they do. It provides a place where teens can watch and discuss anime while enjoying Asian treats from the Asian Market.

Beginning in May and ending in September, **Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library** partnered with the **North Dakota Humanities Council** to offer monthly GameChanger 101 Communiversity Classes at the library. Interested persons were invited to attend public lectures and discussions of the issues raised in five Pulitzer Prize-winning books whose authors will be in Bismarck for the **2016 GameChanger** ideas festival at Legacy High School on September 24. The 2016 GameChanger is a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Pulitzer Prize Foundation.

Little Songbirds is a program offered by **Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library** to introduce music to young children. The classes focus on singing, movement, instrument play, and dance to help children reach early developmental milestones, foster bonding between child and caregiver, and develop a love of music.

The **Finley Public Library** hosted an open house and book sale on June 9, 2016. The Library also did a small construction project in May after a portion of the ceiling in the paperback room fell down. Everything is

fixed and back to normal now.

Things were hopping at **Garrison Public Library** this summer. Garrison is a bustling little town when summertime visitors come for fishing, camping, and boating at nearby




Ft. Stevenson State Park and Lake Sakakawea – library patronage goes up when the temperatures do. The Library's Summer Reading Kick Off was held on June 2, 2016 and included healthy snacks, goodie bags, a coloring table, and games. Giant Jenga (made using empty 12-pack soda pop boxes) was a huge hit with kids. The Summer Reading Program (SRP) also featured the **Jeff Quinn Magic Show** on June 22nd and wrapped up with a party on July 20th. All 57 SRP participants were given a certificate and a small prize. Grand Prize winner Bailey Berntson took home an iPad Mini and twelve other top winners received gift bags that included a book of their choice, an SRP t-shirt, a movie theater pass, ice cream coupons, and more.

In November 2015, **Garrison Public Library** was awarded a 2020 Library Vision Grant to use for non-fiction collection development. Approximately 250 books have now been purchased with these grant funds.



In June, the Cooperstown Community Foundation gave **Griggs County Public Library** a \$1,000 grant to purchase new shelving. The Library also hosted STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programming this summer.

The **Little Red Reading Bus** made its debut in Grand Forks on June 6, 2016. The library on wheels delivered thousands of books to children during the summer as a way to help prevent the loss of reading skills over the summer months. The bus was a joint project of the city's park district, **public library**, school district, and the Grand Forks Foundation for Education. The mission is to advance the school district's **RED (Read Every Day)** program, which aims to inspire kids to discover the joy of reading so it becomes a lifelong



habit and engages families and caregivers in literacy development. The bus stopped at Grand Forks locations on weekdays through August 19.

At its meeting on June 22, 2016, the Library Board voted to back a downtown location for a new **Grand Forks Public Library**. The City has the final say and the City Council is now reaching out to landowners in the downtown area to get a purchase agreement as well as proposals for a new building. All of that needs to fall into place quickly in order for the public to vote on a sales tax to fund the project in November.

A generous donation of \$50,000 from the estate of Pauline “Polly” Groneman will be used to update the children’s library with new carpeting, shelving, and furniture at Wahpeton’s **Leach Public Library**. When the work is complete, hopefully by the end of the year, the space will also be dedicated and renamed as the Polly Benn Groneman Children’s Library. Polly’s husband, John Groneman, said, “She loved the library, loved the community, and I know she’s happy knowing she will be remembered and has contributed (to the library).”

In May, through the support of donors, the **Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation** gave more than 1,000 books to every middle school, high school, college, and public library in North Dakota. The three titles were: *A Free and Hardy Life: Theodore Roosevelt’s Sojourn in the American West* by Clay S. Jenkinson, sponsored by Roers Construction, Jim and Sandra Roers; *Hunter’s Log: Poems* by Timothy Murphy, sponsored by Starion Financial; and *Sheheke: Mandan Indian Diplomat* by Tracy Potter, sponsored by Northern Plains Heritage Foundation. These books were first published by The Foundation through its former Dakota Institute Press.

The **Minot Air Force Base Library** summer reading program used a theme shared by other participating Department of Defense Libraries – “Read for the Win.” Sports and games were highlighted as part of that theme. The Minot AFB Library’s summer reading program also focused on the amount of time spent reading vs. what participants read or how quickly they read. The idea is that any reading improves literacy much like practicing a sport or a musical instrument improves skills. Since there was no required reading list, people read for pleasure and chose what interested them. Studies show the educational benefits of reading

for pleasure, including a 2006 report from the UK’s National Literacy Trust entitled “[Reading for Pleasure: a Research Overview](#).” An article by Bernice E. Cullinan, “[Independent Reading and School Achievement](#)” (*School Library Media Research*, vol. 3, 2000), also demonstrates the value of reading for pleasure.

The Children’s Department at **Minot Public Library** had a team of volunteers to read with children through the summer. Each volunteer met with his or her reading buddy at the Library for one hour a week for eight weeks.

Children, teens, and adults enjoyed the Harry Potter Party sponsored by the **Minot Public Library** on June 27, 2016. Muggles and wizards alike enjoyed wand making, potion making, trivia, and more.

Morton Mandan Public Library and Mandan Public Schools teamed up for a second year for “Lunch with Heroes,” a USDA-sponsored summer feeding program to serve free lunch to kids and teens, ages 18 and younger. Lunch was served Monday-Friday, June 9 – August 5, with the library providing special “Lunch with Heroes” events every Tuesday and Thursday. Kids had the opportunity to meet and interact with community heroes, such as Reading Tails Therapy Pets, Mandan Fire Department, Dakota Star Gymnastics, Shade Tree Players, and more. Local volunteers, sponsors, and donors helped make the program a success.

Plans for a **Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum** in Dickinson moved a step closer to reality after the foundation behind the project hired **Mortenson Construction** of Minneapolis as its project manager in June. The board wants to have a plan in place before the upcoming state legislative session begins in January 2017. For more information, visit TheodoreRooseveltCenter.org.

The **University of North Dakota Libraries**, in partnership with the UND Center for Instructional Learning Technologies (CILT) and the UND Open Educational Resources Working Group, and with the assistance of grants from the North Dakota University System, launched a pilot program on Open Educational Resources. Eight faculty members involved in the pilot program each received a \$3,000 stipend for the additional work of adapting their courses to use OERs. All teach large introductory sections of

courses with large enrollments, including courses in math, psychology, sociology, political science, and atmospheric science. With the high cost of many of the textbooks used in these classes, planners anticipate the OER pilot program will save students somewhere between \$1 million and \$1.5 million in the first year, depending on how many students would otherwise have actually purchased new copies of the textbooks. To assist faculty with integrating their selected OERs into their courses, CILT and the Chester Fritz Library co-hosted a series of workshops for participating faculty. Librarians involved in the workshops were Megan Carroll, Holly Gabriel, and Dean of Libraries Stephanie Walker. For more information, check out the [LibGuide](#) on Open Access.

The summer reading program at [Valley City Barnes County Public Library](#) featured programs for three different age groups – children, teens, and adults. On May 31, 2016, the program for children kicked off with the Messy Olympics. Water balloons, kiddie pools full of slime, and washable paint were all part of the fun. For teens, participants were locked in a room in the library and given clues to escape before an evil villain showed up. The adult reading program used a bingo format that gave readers a variety of tasks to complete, e.g., reading a book by a North Dakota author, participating in a blind date for a book, etc.

The Friends of the [Valley City Barnes County Public Library](#) hosted a salad luncheon fundraiser in April and a Pie and Ice Cream Social on June 18, 2016, as part of the Rally in the Valley. In addition to pie and ice cream, the Friends sold slushies and popcorn. As part of the Rally, the Library and Chamber of Commerce also partnered to host a visit by North Dakota author Rebecca Udem, who discussed and signed copies of her new book, *How Mommy Got Her Groove Back*.

On June 28, 2016, [Valley City Barnes County Public Library](#) hosted a preview screening of *To Begin the World Over Again: the Life of Thomas Paine*. Paine was one of the founding fathers and Ian Ruskin's one-man play was filmed in front of a live audience at the Lillian Theatre in Hollywood. Interested in showing it at your library? Sign up to [host a screening](#) (available through December 31st).

Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry (AKA [Valley City Barnes County Public Library](#)) was the place to be on July 29th for a party celebrating Harry Potter and the release of *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, a new play by J. K. Rowling, John Tiffany, and Jack Thorne. Party-goers played games, watched potion demonstrations, made bookmarks related to the house they chose when they arrived (Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin), and feasted on chocolate frogs.



The [Williston Community Library](#) signed up more than 500 children for its Summer Reading Program. Children's Librarian Andrea Mitchell networked with several community groups to incorporate the theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!" Presentations by a fitness instructor, a karate dojo, and a Zumba teacher got children dancing and moving and also exposed them to programs available in the community.

The [Williston Community Library](#) used Collection Development grant funds awarded by the North Dakota State Library and North Dakota Library Coordinating Council to purchase nonfiction books and audio books in several different languages to accommodate the diversity of the Williston area, something that has exploded over the last five years with the oil boom. Languages featured include: Spanish, German, French, Turkish, Chinese, Tagalog, Russian, Japanese, Italian, Arabic, and Lakota Sioux. Materials on Sign Language and English as a Second Language were also purchased.

Using grant funds from the Robert El Herman Foundation, the [Williston Community Library](#) has purchased materials to benefit the children and youth of Williams County. Playaway Views are now available for the very young, Playaway audio books for juvenile and young adult readers, and a Krayon Kiosk with three iPads loaded with children's apps has become a favorite. [Jim Gill](#) is also scheduled to give a public performance and conduct a workshop for teachers and librarians in September.



Browsing in the Cyberstacks

By Tina Nygard, Editorial Committee Member



Job-seeking is an inevitable introduction to adulthood, and one many people dread, including me. Even if you have a perfectly constructed résumé and a list of credible references a mile long, finding a job to apply for can be a daunting task. As librarians, we are often called upon to assist patrons in one or more steps of the process, so having some quality resources in hand can count as money in the bank, more or less. In that light, here are a couple resources and the pros and cons of each.



Job Service North Dakota

I've used this resource frequently and there are many benefits to this site. First, it's fairly simple to use as long as you are knowledgeable about keyword searches. There are thousands of jobs listed on the site, so Advanced Job Search tab will be your (or your patron's) best friend. The site is reliable, as evidenced by the number of employers who use it for advertising positions. Second, the site provides tips for writing résumés and cover letters as well as links for unemployment benefits and disability, senior, veteran, and youth services. One thing to note (as with most job search sites), when you click on 'apply', it leads to an outside site (usually belonging to the company advertising the job opening) and some of the companies are not exactly above board on their business practices. As long as the patron/applicant is aware of this, they should be fine.

It isn't the prettiest layout, and the number of results and services available can be a bit overwhelming, but I would highly recommend the Job Service North Dakota site for job-seekers, especially if they are knowledgeable, or willing to learn, about keyword searches.



Indeed

It was, indeed, quite the experience. And yes, I cringed a bit when I typed that, but I couldn't resist. All puns aside, Indeed.com was more impressive than I anticipated. The site itself is simple, which translates into easy-to-use. I liked the type of filters they provided (distance, salary range, job specs, location, company, and experience), especially since, like Job Service North Dakota, there were oodles of listings. The Advanced Search tool was nice -- easy to understand, simple, and effective, although the link itself wasn't easy to spot. There was a résumé-builder on-site (under the user account options, so the applicant would have to create an account first), and I'd say the end result was pretty cool. It was easy to navigate, edit, print, and save - all pluses in my book, and a benefit to those of us who are less acquainted with using formal templates.

One drawback would be the 'sponsored' listings, which generally do not relate to the search. However, they are marked accordingly, so they are easy to ignore. Another thing to keep in mind -- some of the companies advertise as being in the area of search even though the position is actually located elsewhere (as in states away). Again, easy to fix, but something to keep in mind.

All-in-all, both Job Service ND and Indeed proved to be good resources and didn't require an overwhelming amount of effort to navigate. By using these sites, instead of focusing on the search process, you and your patrons can conserve your energy for the fun part of job-seeking -- the interview!

Until next time...

MPLA Leadership Institute

Professional Development Grant Report

BY JAMES NYLAND, LIBRARIAN, PINGREE-BUCHANAN
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Editor's note: Submitting an evaluative report for publication in The Good Stuff fulfills one of the requirements for receiving NDLA grant funds.

The [MPLA Leadership Institute](#) is and has been the type of high quality professional development that a librarian, such as myself, rarely has the opportunity to attend. It was with great pleasure and appreciation that I found myself able to attend this year because of the generosity of NDLA when it awarded me a grant to cover the costs. I appreciated it when I received it and even more so after attending. This event was excellent and has already had a significant positive impact on me as a librarian. I believe it will help me as I work toward becoming the highest quality professional I can be. Because of that, it will help my school and positively impact our students.

This was very possibly the highest quality event of its kind I have been able to attend in 11 years as a librarian and educator largely because of the people involved. The bar was set quite high and that level was maintained through the excellent and diligent work of Aubrey Madler. I was, to be kind, "needy" leading up to this event. I imposed on Aubrey multiple times and she was helpful and professional in every case. While at the event, she actively coordinated the event in a casual but very hands-on way. She was everywhere doing everything, including giving fellows rides to their shuttle at 4:30 a.m. on the last day. She did an incredible job and I believe my experience was positive largely because of her work.

Maureen Sullivan was the Institute facilitator and led us through mid-day on Wednesday. I have rarely, if ever, been so impressed with a presenter. The depth of knowledge and experience was very impressive and

she managed a variety of situations and circumstances in a way that promoted independent thought and active conversation while maintaining a flow that made the most of our time. Many of these types of events basically force people into interaction and are often handled so ham-handedly that it becomes uncomfortable and unproductive. Maureen had us actively engaged in exercises and interactive activities that fit perfectly with the program and were facilitated very smoothly. They were natural and productive and were a big part of the unusually pronounced sense of connection fellows felt early in the Institute. The quality of the mentors was also very impressive. I was particularly struck by what Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian, brought to this event. She combined a depth of knowledge and caring that was impressive with an outgoing personality that drew people in and got them engaged. Finally, the quality of the participating fellows brought this to a higher level. There was a beautiful mixture of experiences and opinions and all came to actively participate.



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Some of the highlights for me included:

- The binder each of us received. The binder was laid out sensibly and really concentrated on good, practical information and content. There was no “fluff” here. I brought back a tool that is very useable and relevant to what I do.
- The section on leadership took us through what a leader actually is and defined the difference between a manager and a leader – a very important distinction that is often misunderstood.
- The discussions on communication were very relevant to what I do every day. I especially appreciated Maureen’s guidelines for active listening and the discussions having to do with dealing with difficult people. This is one of the topics that Maureen led into a very good conversation; one that I feel was very productive.
- We had numerous and intense discussions about diversity and the need to respect differences. As I said earlier, one of the things that made this event so productive was the quality of the mentors and fellows and their willingness to actively participate. This really showed in the discussions about diversity. The emotions ran high and we had some people share personal stories and some pretty raw emotions. It could have been quite messy, but Maureen guided the conversation expertly and it wound up being one of the most productive sessions with a great deal of impact on most of us.
- Maureen provided a great deal of information based in research and the long work of others, such as the concept of “Focusing on Team Basics” by Jon Katzenbach and the concept of leading change. I also found the discussions and information from the Aspen Institute on re-visioning libraries and their strategies for success to be very useful, particularly in my work as a board member of the James River Valley Library System.
- There was also an unplanned moment that could have been disastrous, but it was handled so well and so professionally by Maureen that it wound up being a positive. A tweet was sent out that broke the concepts of confidentiality that we had discussed. Maureen brought it up in a calm, professional manner and led a thorough, honest discussion on it. Because of that, the fellows actually drew closer together. It was an impressive, impromptu display of leadership that I appreciated a great deal.
- There was an exercise centered on a topic promoted by a mentor. I chose to be part of Mary Soucie’s group on confidence. Honestly, in the past, I have found this kind of thing to be uncomfortable and unproductive. However, Mary’s leadership and the active, enthusiastic participation of not just our group, but other fellows as well, turned this into a fun and meaningful project that I enjoyed and learned from.
- One negative note. MPLA decided to take advantage of our presence to hold a focus group with MPLA board members. This was by far the worst part of this event. It was a conference call and the technical end was not tested beforehand so communication was incredibly clumsy. I also found it very off-putting that they produced a list of questions and then literally had every one of us answer one at a time. It was ponderous and a huge waste of our time. They could have easily e-mailed us the questions and we could have responded in writing. Instead, they decided to take two hours out of one of the most productive conferences I have ever attended and waste that time with a self-serving conference call that had nothing to do with what we were doing. At some conferences, it would have fit in and served to give us a break from possible weak content. In this case, I felt a little cheated because I felt we could have used that time much more productively.

Overall, this was a very high quality event. I learned a great deal and I appreciate very much NDLA giving me the chance to attend.



Upcoming Library Events, Conferences, & Important Dates

August

- August 22, 2016 – [Summer Summit](#) – Grand Forks Public Library
- August 23, 2016 – [Summer Summit](#) – West Fargo Public Library
- August 23, 2016 – [Summer Summit](#) – North Dakota State Library (Bismarck)
- August 24, 2016 – [Summer Summit](#) – Minot Public Library
- August 31, 2016 – Deadline for [NDLA School Library Administrator of the Year](#) nominations
- August 31, 2016 – Deadline for [NDLA Professional Grant](#) applications

September

- September 2016 – [Library Card Sign-up Month](#)
- September 21-23, 2016 – [North Dakota Library Association Conference](#), Dickinson
- September 28-30, 2016 – [South Dakota Library Association Conference](#), Watertown
- September 25 – October 1, 2016 – [Banned Books Week](#)
- September 28, 2016 – [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#)
- September 29-30, 2016 – [Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference](#), Duluth

October

- October 9-15, 2016 – [Teen Read Week](#)
- October 16-22, 2016 – [National Friends of Libraries Week](#)
- October 17-19, 2016 – [Internet Librarian 2016](#), Monterey, CA
- October 20-22, 2016 – [MPLA/CALCON](#) (Mountain Plains Library Association/ Colorado Association of Libraries Conference), Loveland, Colorado
- October 21-24, 2016 – [Joint Meeting of the Midwest Chapter and the Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association](#), Des Moines, Iowa
- October 26-29, 2016 - [Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference](#), Fargo
 - ~ Go a little “*North of Normal!*” and head to this conference at the Holiday Inn Fargo. [For more details, see the June 2016 issue of *The Good Stuff*, p. 10). Check out this [video](#), too!

November

- November 2016 – [Picture Book Month](#)
- November 19, 2016 – [International Games Day](#)

January 2017

- January 19-24, 2017 – [American Library Association Midwinter Meeting](#), Atlanta, Georgia (Registration and housing for 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits opens at noon (Central) on September 7, 2016)

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 30, 2016 (End of 2nd Quarter)

By Aaron Stefanich, NDLA Treasurer

Editor's note: Approved by electronic vote of the Executive Board on July 20, 2016

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
CHECK BOOK 6/30/2016	\$18,295.46			
NDLA Funds	\$18,295.46			
Annual Conference 2016		\$1,650.00	\$37.80	\$1,612.20
Annual Conference 2017	-\$1,500.00			-\$1,500.00
Book Sales	\$965.72	\$140.00		\$1,105.72
Centennial Cookbook	-\$2,739.86		\$6.40	-\$2,746.26
Donation - GODART		\$100.00		
Dues		\$6,820.00		\$6,820.00
HSIS Partner Account	\$8,817.91			\$8,817.91
Investment Account Transfers		\$2,230.40	\$105.00	
Other receipts/disbursements		\$105.00	\$10,813.61	
NDLA Funds Subtotal		\$11,045.40	\$10,962.81	\$18,378.05
Check Book Balance 06/30/2016				\$18,378.05

MONEY MARKET AND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Bank Money Market Ready Cash	\$9,441.53			
Interest				
Deposits		\$0.45		
Transfers				
				\$9,441.98
Professional Development Bank Money Market RC	\$5,679.14			
Interest		\$0.23		
Deposits				
Transfers		\$105.00	\$2,230.40	
				\$3,553.97
NDLA CD	\$20,713.48			
Interest				
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				\$20,713.48
Professional Development CD	\$20,419.34			
Interest				
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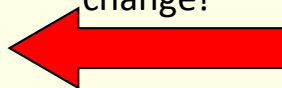
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