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President's Message

BY WENDY WENDT, NDLA PRESIDENT



Much like our State Librarian Mary Soucie, I am also a self-proclaimed “association addict.” I am a proud, card-carrying member of the American Library Association, the Public Library Association, the Mountain Plains Library Association, and, most importantly, the North Dakota Library Association. You might say I’ve gone a bit overboard and many would agree. I would say each association is like a group of friends – each one special in its own way and irreplaceable. ALA is bustling and huge, PLA focuses only on public libraries, MPLA is small enough to get to know people yet big enough to establish friendships across thousands of miles, and NDLA is home.

And yet, while I get so much out of each association to which I belong, my heart belongs to NDLA.

Why? Well, there are many reasons. First and foremost, NDLA Executive Board helped make North Dakota home for me. I remember going to my first NDLA conference, which was in Dickinson seven years ago, and recognizing only the staff I brought with me and one other face -- my grad school friend, Rita Ennen. I didn’t think I would ever know any other librarians in North Dakota! But by the end of that first conference, I had NDLA connections and, by the end of the year, I was signed up as Chair-Elect of the Public Library Section. That was the best move I could have made.

After a year of attending telephone and in-person NDLA Executive Board meetings, I had a group of library friends and felt like I belonged. North Dakota librarians are the friendliest people on earth and helped make North Dakota feel like home for me!

Which leads to the second reason I love NDLA so much. It offers a great opportunity to network with librarians across the state and to develop a strong professional support system. Everyone in NDLA is so willing to help a colleague, to share what works and what doesn’t, and to offer a helping hand at a moment’s notice.

Another reason that I love NDLA so much is that I am constantly inspired by my colleagues from all around the state. From large, multi-branch libraries to one-person, one-room libraries, each community library inspires me. Many North Dakota libraries do so much with so little funding. Yet the librarians love what they do and find ways to keep growing and improving. North Dakota libraries (and library workers) are the best!

These are just a few reasons why I love NDLA.

If you aren’t an NDLA member yet, please join. You will have a network of support beyond compare. If you are a member, run for an NDLA Executive Board position. Not only will you get great leadership experience, you will create friendships that will last a lifetime. No matter what, you will never regret becoming active in NDLA.

2017 Journey to the Homeland Tour (GRHC)

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL MILLER, DIRECTOR AND BIBLIOGRAPHER,
GERMANS FROM RUSSIA HERITAGE COLLECTION, NDSU LIBRARIES

Michael M. Miller, director of the NDSU Libraries' Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC), will lead the 21st Journey to the Homeland Tour to Ukraine and Germany, May 18-28, 2017. The tour will include stops at Odessa, Ukraine; the former Bessarabian and Black Sea German villages; Berlin and Stuttgart, Germany; and Alsace, France. Joining Miller from NDSU will be Jeremy Kopp, GRHC special collections associate.

Among the many things tour members will see are the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, the Berlin Wall, Odessa Opera House, Potemkin Stairs, outdoor markets, a German-Russian museum, historic churches, and Alsatian architecture.

Miller shares: "The Homeland Tours began in May, 1996. They been a rewarding, amazing, and unforgettable experience. I have met wonderful people, who have become friends, in Odessa and the former German villages. Tour members often become lifetime friends with each other and the GRHC."

James and Alice Zimmerman Ackerman, Fargo, natives of Eureka, SD and Venturia, ND, said: "These memories nobody will ever be able to take from us. In our wildest dreams we never thought we'd walk on the soil that our ancestors came from. We were lucky enough to go to a village named Glueckstal and stay overnight. It was great to meet our fellow tour members."

Penny Kramer Eberhart, Stillwater, Minnesota, native of Ashley, ND, wrote: "I better understand why our ancestors missed some parts of their life in Russia. The fertile soil, the large fields of wheat, the vineyards and fruit trees, were greatly missed [by our emigrant ancestors] when compared with the hilly rock soil, no trees, and endless wind in the Dakotas."

For more information, contact Jeremy Kopp (701-231-6596; jeremy.kopp@ndsu.edu) or click [here](#) for the brochure.



Nominations, Elections & Voting Update

NEV Committee is busy finding candidates who will run for NDLA office for the coming year. Positions that are open are President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and MPLA Representative. We have two people who've agreed to run for office: one person for Treasurer and one for MPLA Representative. Chairs of the Sections and Round Tables are also searching for Chair-Elects. Please consider doing your part for NDLA. Contact Mary Lorenz, NEV Chair at mary.lorenz@gflibrary.com to put your name on the ballot.

2017 Flicker Tale Children's Book Award Nominees

SUBMITTED BY LINDA AUSTIN,
FLICKER TALE CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Flicker Tale Nominating Committee is proud to announce these nominated books for the 2017 [Flicker Tale Children's Book Award](#). The purpose of the award is to recognize literature that children like to read. Participating schools and libraries get copies of the nominated books and children are encouraged to read the books and vote for their favorites each spring. The Flicker Tale Award is sponsored by NDLA and administered by SLAYS (School Libraries & Youth Services Section).

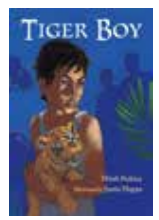
Picture Books

- *As an Oak Tree Grows* by G. Brian Karas
- *Flight School* by Lita Judge
- *One Word from Sophia* by Jim Averbeck; illustrated by Yasmeen Ismail
- *Goodnight Already!* by Jory John; illustrated by Benji Davies



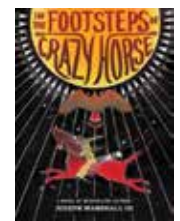
Intermediate Books

- *Escape from Baxters' Barn* by Rebecca Bond
- *The Dragonsitter* by Josh Lacey; illustrated by Garry Parsons
- *The Story of Diva and Flea* by Mo Willems; illustrated by Tony DiTerlizzi
- *Tiger Boy* by Mitali Perkins; illustrated by Jamie Hogan



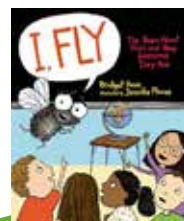
Juvenile Books

- *The Witch's Boy* by Kelly Barnhill
- *The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxier
- *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones; illustrated by Katie Kath
- *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse* by Joseph Marshall III; illustrations by Jim Yellowhawk



Non-Fiction Books

- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery as told to Elspeth Leacock and Susan Buckley
- *Big Top Burning: the True Story of an Arsonist, a Missing Girl, and The Greatest Show On Earth* by Laura A. Woollett
- *Hot Dog! Eleanor Roosevelt Throws a Picnic* by Leslie Kimmelman; illustrated by Victor Juhasz
- *I, Fly: the Buzz about Flies and How Awesome They Are* by Bridget Heos; illustrated by Jennifer Plecas



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2016 NDLA Conference Update

BY GRETA GUCK, PAST PRESIDENT AND CONFERENCE CHAIR

Summer is upon us, yet I've got fall in my head ... What is happening this fall? Our 2016 NDLA Conference!

THEME & LODGING

I hope you will join us in Dickinson, September 21-23, for the annual NDLA Conference at the [Ramada Grand Dakota Hotel Dickinson](#). This year's theme is "North Dakota Librarians: Rebels with a Cause."

NDLA has reserved a block of 100 rooms from September 21-23 at the state rate of \$89 per night. To make a reservation, contact the Ramada Grand Dakota at 701-483-5600 and ask for a room in the NDLA block. The block will expire on September 1.

CONFERENCE PLANS: A PREVIEW

Conference planning is still in the works, but here's a little taste of what you can expect!

Wednesday, September 21

Pre-conferences

There will be two pre-conference options. The first will be led by Rebecca Vnuk, an editor with *Booklist*, and will focus on Weeding and Reader's Advisory. The second pre-conference will revolve around the theme of [#WeNeedDiverseBooks](#). It will feature Skype sessions with authors as well as plenty of time for discussion. Stay tuned for more information about both of these pre-conference offerings.

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, 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, also see the March 2016 issue of [The Good Stuff](#), p. 5.]



Awards Banquet & NDLA Spelling Bee

Don't miss Thursday evening's Awards Banquet followed by the NDLA Spelling Bee!

Friday, September 23

Keynote Speaker: Taylor Brorby

Friday will feature keynote speaker Taylor Brorby. Taylor Brorby is an award-winning essayist, poet, and environmentalist who grew up in North Dakota. He 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.]



The Local Arrangements committee is hard at work making plans to ensure your time in Dickinson is well spent. Stay tuned to the NDLA listserv, the Conference website, and future issues of *The Good Stuff* for more information.

See you in Dickinson in September!

2016 Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Books Awards

SUBMITTED BY PAM WERRE, CMC LIBRARIAN/COMSTOCK-GÁG READ ALOUD BOOK AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR, LIVINGSTON LORD LIBRARY, MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD

For the twelfth year, children have chosen the best books when read out loud to them in the Minnesota State University Moorhead's (MSUM) [Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Awards](#) program.

The 2016 winner of the Comstock Read Aloud Book Award for the nine- to twelve-year-old category is *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* written by Lindsay Mattick and illustrated by Sophie Blackall. This tells the remarkable true story of the bear who inspired Winnie the Pooh. 2016 Comstock Honor Books include *Jars of Hope: How One Woman Helped Save 2,500 Children during the Holocaust* written by Jennifer Roy and illustrated by Meg Owenson; and *Tucky Jo and Little Heart* written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco.

The 2016 winner of the Wanda Gág Read Aloud Book Award for the preschool to eight year old category is *Please, Open This Book!* written by Adam Lehrhaupt and illustrated by Matthew Forsythe. This humorous book filled with "trapped" animals inside the pages will have you questioning your motives for continuing to read this book. The Wanda Gág Honor Books for 2016 are *If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't!* written and illustrated by Elise Parsley; *A Tale of Two Beasts* written and illustrated by Fiona Robertson; and *Those Pesky Rabbits* written and illustrated by Ciara Flood.

Twenty-two regional teachers and librarians, along with 196 MSUM students read aloud 218 picture



books to 21,638 children during the year. The winners and honor books are determined after the Read Aloud Book Awards Committee examines feedback from readers, which includes responses from children to each of the books. The purpose of the program is to increase literacy and promote reading aloud to children and to recognize outstanding authors and illustrators each year. A total of 239,579 children have participated in the Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Awards program in the past twelve years. Each year after the award winners are selected, the [Livingston Lord Library's Curriculum Materials Center \(CMC\)](#) donates a large portion of the picture books to area libraries, schools, and nonprofits. To date, over 7,500 picture books have been donated.

The awards program is administered by the staff of the [MSUM Livingston Lord Library's CMC](#), which holds a large collection of children's books and resource materials for in-service teachers. The book award project is partially funded by the Solomon G. Comstock Memorial Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation and the Wanda Gág Book Award Fund of the MSUM Alumni Foundation.

A Look into NDLA's Mentorship Program

BY ALISON RADEMACHER, LIBRARY-MEDIA DIRECTOR, ELLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

The beta phase of NDLA's new Mentorship Program has come to a close and it's time to take a look back at the first year, so the rest of the NDLA membership will know what the program is all about. A group of five mentors and five mentees participated in the beta phase of the program.

Here are a few thoughts collected from some of the participants:

Mentor Thoughts

"Participating in the mentoring program didn't feel like work. Instead it was emailing a friend to ask for advice, share an exciting idea, or to vent about a stressful aspect of the job. Often times being a librarian is a lonely job. I have the benefit of being part of a department and through the mentoring program, I was able to share that department feel with my mentee."

"I loved that my mentee and I were able to be in the mentoring program despite being in different parts of the state. We would email, use Google Hangouts, tweet, and text. Sometimes we'd be communicating in two different ways at the same time."

"Being a mentor was incredibly rewarding. It is a great way to give back to the profession, to share what you've learned as a librarian, and to stay on

top of trends and changes in the library world. My mentee and I have formed a friendship and I expect our relationship to continue on for long into the future."

Mentee Thoughts

"I thoroughly enjoyed having a little extra time dedicated to learning more about the profession I am in. I really wish that this program had been around when I initially became a librarian, as I felt very clueless at that point in my career. However, when I joined the mentorship program as a mentee, I had four years of being a school librarian under my belt. I learned several things and was challenged to incorporate new things in my library."

"Being in a small library, I don't have a sounding board for new ideas I have wanted to try in my library. Having a mentor to email or chat with through Google Hangout allowed me that sounding board. Even though I am done with the mentorship program, I know that I will continue my relationship with my mentor and we will both be better librarians because of participating in this program."

Do you want to know more about the NDLA Mentorship program? Take a look at the information on NDLA's website at www.ndla.info/mentorship. Also, watch for another article in the next issue of *The Good Stuff* to find out how you can join as a mentor or mentee.





THE Librarian AND Active Learning Models

BY DAWN HACKMAN, MS, AHIP, RESEARCH & EDUCATION
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SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

In January 2016, the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences at the University of North Dakota (UND) hosted a workshop called “The Librarian and Active Learning Models,” which was funded in part with federal funds from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Contract No.HHSN-276-2011-00005C with the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The primary goals for this project were to:

1. educate librarians on ways they can use active learning principles in library instruction
2. identify faculty partners to incorporate librarians into active learning activities in the curriculum

This workshop covered three common active learning models -- team-based learning, problem-based learning, and case-based learning -- and highlighted how intentional collaboration between professors and librarians can be an asset in the active learning classroom. The workshop was attended by 11 librarians (medical, law, and general academic), 13 health sciences/medical teaching faculty, two instructional designers, and the medical school’s AD for Teaching & Learning. Additionally, two off-site medical librarians attended the workshop remotely via videoconference.

The format of the workshop was probably the most valuable part of this project because the group activities allowed faculty to see concrete examples of how their librarians could contribute to active learning workshops. Some of the positive comments from faculty after the workshop included:

- “I’ve told at least 15 people about the workshop and the role that librarians can play in AL since then. . . . You did great work with that workshop and the benefits will be long-term and significant!”
- “Thank you for hosting and coordinating the workshop. I have incorporated some active learning activities, calculations/problems, for this semester. As we move to the new building, I will be contacting [a librarian] to set up textbook access for courses, developing problem-based learning strategies, and maybe some additional team-based activities.”
- “I plan to restructure a course utilizing active learning groups. I would love to incorporate a librarian into working with the students for the resources needed to complete the group work.”

The workshop proved to be a great networking opportunity, bringing together faculty and librarians from multiple disciplines. It raised the visibility of all UND librarians to select faculty stakeholders. Faculty were able to see (possibly for the first time) their librarians as more than merely “the keepers of the papers.” Rather, they saw librarians as another resource to help them improve their student learning outcomes.

UND’s librarians have discussed plans to continue building from these breakthroughs. The medical librarians, in particular, are planning to hold customized workshops in the new building to highlight the unique instructional roles librarians can play in an active learning curriculum. Several librarians are also working with faculty to present posters or papers on this topic at relevant educational and library conferences.



ARSL
The Association for Rural & Small Libraries

ARSL Conference Coming to Fargo in October

Go a little “North of Normal” and head to Fargo for the 2016 [Association for Rural and Small Libraries \(ARSL\)](#) Conference at the Holiday Inn Fargo, October 27-29.

Conference Highlights

- Pre-conference tours
 - Tour of area libraries - [West Fargo Public Library](#), [Fargo Public Library](#) (Main Branch), and [Moorhead Public Library/Lake Agassiz Regional Library System](#)
 - Hjemkomst Tour - [Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center](#)
 - Brewery Tour - [Fargo Brewing](#), [Drekker Brewing](#), and [Junkyard Brewing Co.](#)
- Pre-conferences
 - Think, Do, Show: Practical Techniques for Using Evaluation to Improve Practice and Demonstrate Impact – Presenters: Linda Hofschire, Sharon Morris
 - Frontline Staff & the Issue of Civility – Presenters: Jet Kofoot, Misty Gray
 - Tools for Preserving and Celebrating Community Voices – Presenter: Virginia Millington
- Wednesday evening welcome reception
- Featured speakers
 - Writer and comedian [Lorna Landvik](#)
 - Author [William Kent Krueger](#)

- Breakout sessions on topics relevant to small and rural libraries
- Networking opportunities

Complete conference information is available at <http://arsl.info/2016-conference/>. Join the [Facebook page](#) for more updates.

Conference Scholarships

Three scholarships for first time ARSL Conference attendees are available. Go to the ARSL website (<http://arsl.info/annual-conference-awards-calendar/award-scholarship-info-2/>) for complete information about eligibility and how to apply. To be considered, applications must be received by 5 p.m. Central on June 30, 2016.

Registration

Early Bird registration is now open. To register, [click here](#).

Lodging

The conference hotel is the Holiday Inn Fargo (3803 13th Avenue South). To make a reservation, call 701-282-2700. To get the conference rate, mention code LIA or tell them you are part of the ARSL conference. Reservations can also be made online via [Association Rural Small Libraries](#).



SnapShotND!

ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF ND LIBRARIES

Libraries around the state celebrated National Library Week (NLW), April 10-16, 2016. This year's theme was "Libraries Transform" and the Honorary Chair was award-winning graphic novelist [Gene Luen Yang](#).

As part of the celebration, NDLA sponsored "SnapShot Day." Libraries were invited to share photos of what was going on in their libraries during the week on the NDLA Facebook page and to also to track one day of selected library statistics. Janet Anderson, Director of the Minot Public Library, coordinated SnapShot Day activities and compiled the statistics.

SnapShot Day Stats

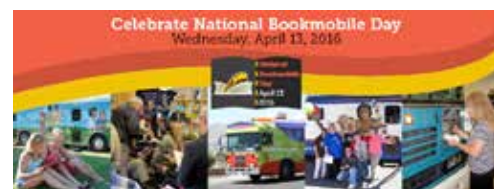
NDLA's official SnapShot Day was April 13, the Wednesday of National Library Week.



About National Library Week

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. The purpose is to celebrate the contributions of the nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. The first National Library Week celebration was held in 1958. The week-long event has grown over the years and now also includes:

- [National Library Workers Day](#) - Tuesday of NLW is a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
- [National Bookmobile Day](#) - Wednesday of NLW is a day to recognize the contributions of our nation's bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities.



Transform Your Ideas about the Library: Celebrate National Library Week

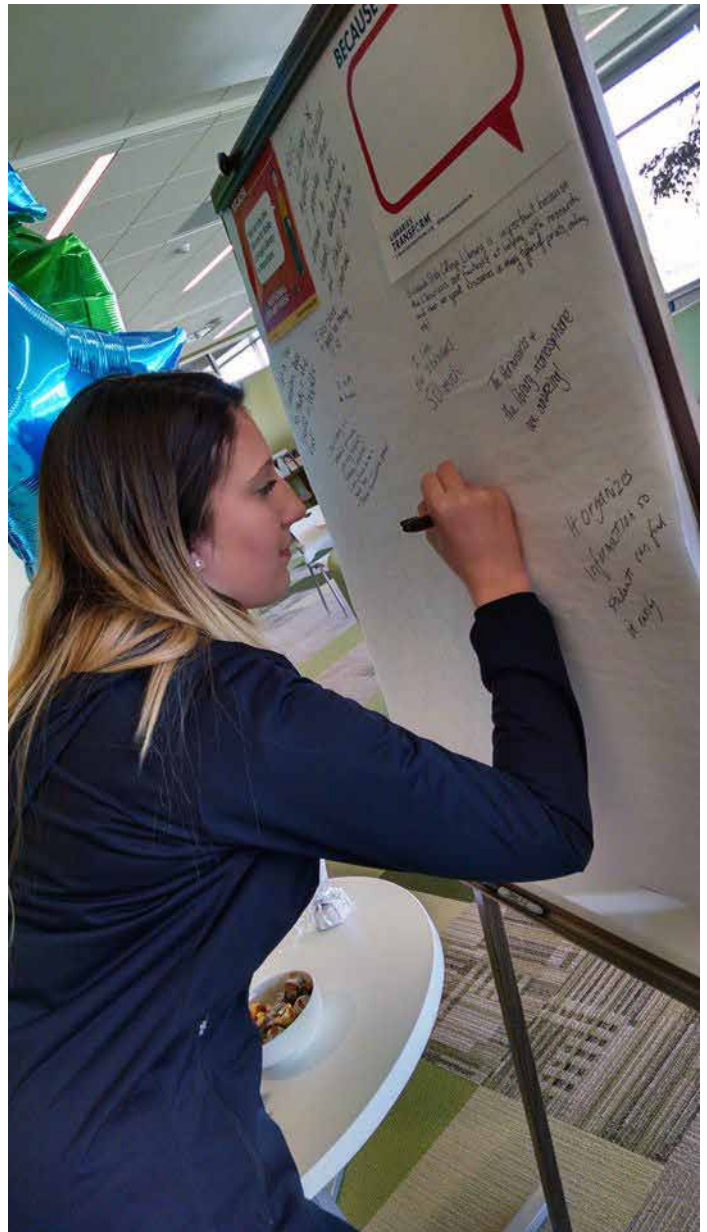
BY JANET ANDERSON, MINOT PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Editor's note: Janet Anderson wrote this piece for the Minot Daily News. Some minor editorial changes (example: deleting the times of events) have been made to the original piece.

April 10th through April 16th is National Library Week, a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers. During this week libraries throughout the Minot area and across the state will be celebrating the dynamic changes that are happening in today's libraries.

"Libraries Transform" is the theme of this year's National Library Week (NLW) and this year, North Dakota State Librarian Mary Soucie is asking library workers throughout the state to "take a moment and think about what ways your library is transforming the lives of your patrons and your community." Soucie continued, "Libraries connect people to resources, information and other people. Each time we do that, we are potentially transforming the person on the other side of the desk, the phone, or the computer screen."

National Library Week will start early for the Ward County Public Library as they commemorate the grand opening of their brand new location on Friday, April 8th. Kerrienne Tyler, the Library Administrator at WCPL, invites everyone "to come see our new location and learn more about our resources." The WCPL will also hold its regularly scheduled children's story time on Wednesday 4/13 in Minot and on Thursday 4/14 in Kenmare. April 13th is also "National Bookmobile Day" and the WCPL Bookmobile will celebrate by



making its usual stops in Makoti, Ryder, Douglas, and at Edgewood Vista.

Meanwhile, out at the Minot Air Force Base Library there are some unique programs being offered during NLW. Julie Reiten, the MAFB Library Director, hosts an open house featuring refreshments, trivia, prizes and a treasure hunt for all ages on Wednesday April 13th. "There will also be a library twist to three regular programs scheduled during National Library Week," Reiten added. "Tuesday's Game Day will include games that the Library has created, Wednesday's story time will feature library-related stories, and the Craft Club for adults will meet on Thursday, April 14th to learn how to create their own books."

At the Minot Public Library, staff will be busy presenting a variety of programs for all ages to celebrate National Library Week. In addition to the regular story times (offered Monday through Wednesday), the Library is hosting a grandparent's tea on Wednesday April 13th along with a children's movie on Wednesday. Children's book character Skippyjon Jones will also make an appearance Friday. Teens can join in the NLW celebration by trying out the 3D Doodler on Monday the 11th or learning about animation software Tuesday. In addition to these events, MPL Teen Librarian, Pam Carswell, says "On Wednesday the 13th, we're welcoming back one of our favorite guests: the Souris Valley Animal Shelter!" Teens will get to meet an animal looking for adoption and will also make dog blankets and cat toys.

MPL wraps up National Library Week with a busy day on Saturday the 16th. The Library hosts its third meeting of the "Color Me Happy" coloring club. This event is for adults and gives them the chance to unwind and take part in some child-like fun as they get the opportunity to color in intricate coloring books. Meanwhile, the Friends of the Minot Public Library celebrate winners of the annual Dallas Gilmore Poetry Contest for children in second through fifth grade. Winners will get to read their poems to the attendees and also receive their prizes.

Finally, on the evening of Saturday the 16th, the Friends of the Library host The Minot Story Hour for an event called "At the Table." Travis Gerjets who, along

with Emily Nesdahl, helped form The Minot Story Hour, explains that the event is focused on community storytelling. "On Saturday the 16th, the public is invited to come hear six members from the Minot community share real stories about food, friends, family (dynamics), and all the stuff that happens when we sit together at the table," Gerjets said. The event begins at 7 pm and includes live music and food.

While Minot area libraries are getting ready for a full week of activities, other North Dakota libraries extend National Library Week into a month-long event. At the Heart of America Library in Rugby, Director Sheila Craun waives fines on all overdue books during the month of April. In addition to waiving fines, Craun says that "if people have outstanding fines, we cut them in half if they pay them in April." Craun is inspired by Anne Herbert's statement that "Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries."

Most of these events focus on a central goal libraries across the state strive to meet: serving the community. "Service to the community has always been the focus of the library," says Wendy Wendt, president of the North Dakota Library Association. "Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who are seeking the information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life."

Libraries today focus on what they do for and with the community. Libraries aren't only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies, learn how to use a 3D printer, check out a Lego Mindstorm Robot, download eBooks, or just relax. The Minot area libraries offers all of these as well as access to a variety of print and digital resources, including Overdrive downloadable books, Freegal Movies, Freegal Music, Zinio digital magazines, and more.

Libraries of all types are evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve – they are constantly transforming and helping others to transform as well. Be a part of this transformation by stopping in your local library during National Library Week to find out what your library can do for you!

Seeking Nominations for MPLA Awards



By PAULETTE NELSON, MPLA REPRESENTATIVE

Do you know a deserving individual in the library community who should be recognized for their accomplishments? If so, you should nominate them for one of the many awards given annually by MPLA ([Mountain Plains Library Association](http://MountainPlainsLibraryAssociation.org)).

These awards will be given at this fall's annual [conference](#), in Loveland, Colorado, October 20-22.

Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award

This award is given to the individual, organization or company whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by repeated conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees, and professional activities.

MPLA Distinguished Service Award

To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.

MPLA Literary Contribution Award

To be given to an author whose published writings have successfully furthered an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Published works will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

MPLA Beginning Professional Award

To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media master's degree, has made



a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

MPLA Innovator Award

To recognize an up-and-coming individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region for a creative, inventive, trail-blazing project that has significance to the library community.

MPLA Unsung Hero Award

To be given to any library individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region who have worked on a special project that has some significance to a community but which has not been eligible for a library award, or which has for other reasons specified by the nominator not been recognized to the degree that it merits, by any library organization.

Nomination forms can be found on the MPLA website and sent to Patricia Frade, Awards Chair, at awards@mpla.us. The deadline for award nominations is August 15, 2016.



GPO Outreach Librarian Visit & Public Access Assessment



BY ALICIA KUBAS, GODORT CHAIR

Being part of the [Federal Depository Library Program \(FDLP\)](#) is rewarding but also requires a decent bit of hard work. Depository libraries offer access to tangible and digital government information, which is a much needed information resource. However, according to the [Biennial Survey of Federal Depository Libraries](#), many depository libraries are struggling to keep up with user needs, provide access to digital content and historic material, and maintain collections with less staff and budget. Your regional depository librarians and staff, as well as the [Government Publishing Office \(GPO\)](#), are here to assist in these troubling times and help to ensure the sustainability of these depository collections of federal government information.

In light of this, an outreach librarian from GPO is planning to visit this fall to understand the climate for federal depository libraries in North Dakota. The two regional depositories in the state, NDSU and UND, meet biannually to maintain close ties in their agreement to oversee the state's selective depositories. We invited GPO to attend our biannual meeting in October to hear from the regional depository staff at both UND and NDSU about our goals and priorities related to government information and the areas in which we would like further support from GPO. This is also a chance for selective depositories in the state to connect with the regional librarians and staff at UND and NDSU, as well as have an audience with a librarian from GPO. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with those involved in administering the FDLP, so please take advantage! As the date gets closer, we will be contacting selective depositories with more details and information about the state FDLP meeting.

Also pertinent to this discussion is the [Public Access Assessment](#) that should be happening in the state sometime in the near future. The meeting with GPO and regional depository staff will be helpful if you have any questions about policies and procedures related to providing access to FDLP materials and content. The Public Access Assessment reviews operations and services provided by federal depository libraries within the context of the *Legal Requirements and Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program* and Title 44 Section 19 of the U.S. Code, which pertains to access to government information through the FDLP. Never fear, though; your regional depository librarians and staff are here to assist in this process and GPO views this assessment as more of a conversation of best practices and areas to improve rather than something punitive. Again, as more is known about the dates for the assessments, your regional librarians will be in contact with you.

There are many exciting things coming up in the world of government information, so don't miss out!

If you have questions about this fall's statewide meeting or the public access assessments, contact Alicia Kubas, Government Information Librarian at NDSU and one of your regional coordinators (alicia.kubas@ndsu.edu).

Steve Axtman, Training Coordinator for the North Dakota State Library, will be retiring in mid-July. Steve has been with the State Library for 10 years and worked at the University of North Dakota before that. At the State Library, Steve first worked with state documents and as a reference assistant before taking on the role of Training Coordinator. Best wishes for your retirement, Steve!

Bridgit Burke's last day as Dean of Libraries at NDSU was May 6, 2016. Burke accepted a position at the University of Wyoming and returned to archival work as the Director of the American Heritage Center (AHC).

Larry Peterson is serving as the interim dean of NDSU Libraries on a half-time basis. Peterson is also the Director of Accreditation and Assessment at NDSU. A search for a new Dean of Libraries is underway.

Jim Chattin, longtime Director of the Lake Region Public Library in Devils Lake, has announced that he will be retiring as of August 31, 2016.

Karlene Clark, Circulation Specialist in Access Services at UND's Chester Fritz Library, was named the inaugural UND Student Employee Supervisor of the Year. In her role, Karlene supervises and trains student employees at the circulation desk and was nominated for the award by her colleagues. Click [here](#) for the full story. Congratulations, Karlene!

After 13½ years as director of the Carrington City Library, **Lenore Franchuk** retired on April 28, 2016.

Connie Brown is the new library director. Best wishes, Lenore, and congratulations, Connie!

David Haberman has been serving as the interim director of UND's Thormodsgard Law Library. Effective June 15, 2016, Dave will move to the assistant director position and **Tammy Pettinato** will replace him as interim director. Pettinato is an assistant professor law at UND and earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School and an M.S.I. (Master of Science in Information) from the University of Michigan. She also has experience in legal academia as a reference librarian. Click [here](#) for her complete profile.

Kate Hanlon, Library/Media Specialist at Mandan High School, retired at the end of the school year in May.

Stephanie Baltzer Kom, Digital Initiatives Coordinator for the North Dakota State Library, is one of 18 qualified

professionals selected to participate in the Collective Wisdom: LAM Conference Exchange, a national learning cohort through IMLS and the Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries and Museums (administered by OCLC). This link will take you to more information: www.coalitiontoadvancelearning.org/projects/.

Sarah Matusz, Library Development Specialist at the State Library, has moved to Texas to work in technical services full-time, coordinating the Federal document depository and doing original cataloging. Sarah was with the State Library for a little better than 8 years. She worked in the Statewide Cataloging department before shifting to Library Development and coordinated the Summer Reading workshops and Summer Reading celebration for the past three years. Farewell and good luck in your new job, Sarah!

Kaaren Pupino, an active member of NDLA for many years and NDLA President in 2002-03, is leaving her position as head of Head of Tech Services, Acquisitions & Serials at Thormodsgard Law Library at UND. In her announcement, Kaaren said,

"In the best interests of UND and myself I have agreed to the separation agreement offered to me. This is my contribution to alleviate budget concerns for the state. I am looking forward to working in another library setting for a few years before taking time to retire and enjoy all the benefits of that state of my life.

In light of the budget woes of UND and the state of ND, it is highly unlikely that this position will be filled in the future.

I have enjoyed the benefits of NDLA membership and will remember fondly the 2000 tri-conference and the following legislative year when I was NDLA president-elect, and then president. NDLA provides a great network across the state connecting others who do the work we do here at the UND School of Law Library. I wish you all well.

My last day will be June 30, 2016."

We wish you all the best, Kaaren!

On April 29, 2016, **Colleen Wiest** retired after 24 years as director of the Beulah Public Library. Wiest was honored with an open house celebration at the library and is now busy gardening and playing golf. Best wishes for your retirement, Colleen!



Browsing in the Cyberstacks

By Tina Nygard, Editorial Committee Member



Creating websites has never been a dream of mine. In fact, the creative process itself sometimes scares the sparkles out of me, although I must admit it is mainly due to my minimalist preferences. All personal bits aside, website design is becoming a needed skill in many fields (academic, advertising, business, government, you name it) and especially the ability to draw in customers or patrons with an unforgettable first impression. As a non-techie in a tech-centered world, how can I hope to achieve this level of greatness? Help. I need all the help I can grasp with my wee little fingers.

In light of my creative deficiencies (har, har), here are a couple of easy-to-use (and free!) Web-building sites.



Weebly

Well-known in the Web-building site realm, Weebly has made lives (including mine) startlingly easier.

First off, it is free. That is, unless you want a personalized domain name (free sites end in weebly.com, which can be a turn-off for business-minded folks), professional-grade features, and ecommerce packages. Thankfully, the pricing options are easy to find.

Building the site is a cinch. There are plenty of options for templates (most of which are appealing), editing pages is a breeze, and there are multitudes of options to really personalize your space.

Using the free option could prove a valuable tool for classroom projects at any education level (I used mine in several undergraduate courses), as well as a learning device for various professions.



Wix

A little newer to the popular scene of website-building is Wix, but man, does it pack a punch!

First off, it is visually appealing and sign up is easy. Bonus. It's also free. Double bonus. One thing to keep in mind -- like Weebly, the basics are free, but adding personalized domain names, removing Wix ads, and other extra features comes at a cost. Pricing options are a *little* bit harder to find, but Wix does provide a few more options on feature packages, which is nice. A short instructional video for basic functions (great for tech-goofs like myself) and plenty of instructional features are available with the click of a button.

For choices on themes and variety, Wix has the upper-hand by far. Not only are there more background choices, many of them are videos rather than stills, which makes them more appealing to viewers. The act of creating the website is easier, too, since everything is laid out plainly.

Finally, my favorite element of Wix is the laid-back suggestions. Although present, they aren't forced upon a user, unlike at Weebly, where tips and tutorials can be a bit forceful. This could be a positive or negative for users. In my case, I prefer to remain undistracted by pop-ups and random suggestions I don't need.

In closing, both are great sites, free (for the most part), and fun. Now get out there and be creative! Or not.

Until next time...



As Good as Gone (\$26.95, 400 p., hardcover) by **Larry Watson** will be released by Algonquin Press on June 21, 2016. Watson is a well-known North Dakota author with a string of award-winning books to his credit, among them the 1993 **Milkweed National Fiction Prize** winner, *Montana*



1948. The pre-publication reviews for *As Good as Gone* have been stellar. Smith Henderson, author of *Fourth of July Creek*, said: "Larry Watson's *As Good as Gone* is a long, hard look at western manhood, exploring the quandary of living by a code that the world no longer values or even needs. Despite the richly drawn characters, this is a deeply lonesome book, a fearless look at a man aging out of relevance only to see how much his family needs him. Honest, warm, humane, and at times shocking, *As Good as Gone* is an achievement of empathy and dignity." *Booklist's* starred review called it "Fine writing in the grand western tradition of William Kittredge and Mark Spragg." Watson was born in Rugby and grew up in Bismarck. He earned his Associate's degree at Bismarck State College, BA and MA degrees from UND, a Ph.D. from the University of Utah, and an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Ripon College. *As Good as Gone* is his tenth novel. The book will be widely available in bookstores and online from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). For more information, visit the author's [website](#).

Because of the popularity of *Bismarck-Mandan Memories: the Early Years* (published December 2015), a second book is in the works. *The Bismarck Tribune* is partnering with the Morton Mandan Public Library, Bismarck Public Library, and Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce to gather images that will be featured in ***Bismarck-Mandan Memories II: the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s***. In April, the public was invited to bring photos that met certain guidelines to scanning sessions at the Tribune offices, Chamber of Commerce, and the two libraries. Photos can also be submitted online. The pre-order price for the 144-page, hardcover book is \$29.95; go to bismarck2.pictorialbook.com for the form.

Baseball fans and local history buffs will be interested in reading about the area's first professional baseball league in ***Divorcees, Barmaids, and Cranks: the 1897 Red River Valley Baseball League*** (\$13.95, 162 p., pbk.; \$6.99, 162 p., Kindle eBook). The book was penned by Fargo native **Jeff Bozovsky**, who is a

member of the Society for American Baseball Research. Bozovsky earned bachelor's degrees in history and social science education from NDSU. The book is available in print at Hjemkomst Center Gift Shop, Vintage Point, FARM Antiques, and Zanbroz in Fargo, or via the author's blog at <http://historicbaseballfargo.blogspot.com/>. The Kindle version is available online from [Amazon](#).

On March 10, 2016, **Tanya Fyfe** was in Watford City to sign and sell both of her novels. Her latest book, ***The Dragons of Missing Lake*** (\$14.50, 382 p., pbk.) is a sequel to ***Lost and Found in Missing Lake*** (\$13.95, 228 p., pbk.), which was featured in the **March/June 2015 issue of *The Good Stuff*** (p. 22). Both books are written for a middle school audience and are available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). Fyfe and her family lived in various places in North Dakota before she graduated from Bismarck's University of Mary in 2001 and went on to veterinary school. She and her husband now split their time between Montana and North Dakota.



A former *Bismarck Tribune* staff writer, **Michael Tidemann**, has penned ***The Elk and Other Stories*** (\$10, 118 p., pbk.). The 14 stories in the collection mostly take place along the Oregon coast, but some have settings in the Dakotas, the Grand Tetons, and Lolo Pass. Tidemann also recently published a novel, ***Doomsday: a Tale of Cyber Terror*** (\$10, 210 p., pbk.), which takes place after terrorists have destroyed the Internet and civilization has collapsed. Both books are available in print from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). Kindle ebook versions are also available from [Amazon](#). You can find several of Tidemann's short stories in the online literary journal, *The Write Place at the Write Time*.

The latest science fiction book from **T. Michael Ford**, a Fargo native now living in South Dakota, is ***Errant Contact*** (\$3.99, Kindle). In the story, a survey crew lands on an unexplored planet as part of a scientific mission. Not surprisingly, things go awry. Ford's other works include a four-book "Enchanters of Xarparion" series. All of his books are available as Kindle ebooks from [Amazon](#). For more information, visit the [author's Facebook page](#).



Fargo Moorhead Lost and Found (\$16.95, 128 p., pbk.) by **Troy Larson** “is a look at the visual landscape of Fargo and Moorhead through classic postcards and vintage photographs, juxtaposed with modern photographs taken from the same spot.” The author has also been involved with the “Ghosts of North Dakota” project since 2003. The book is widely available in the Fargo-Moorhead area as well as online from [Barnes and Noble](#).

Clint Hill, grew up in Washburn, North Dakota, and served with the U.S. Secret Service for 17 years from 1958 to 1975. It was an extraordinary time and Hill witnessed and participated in extraordinary events, including the Kennedy assassination in 1963. Hill was with the presidential motorcade when the President was assassinated and jumped on the back of the presidential limousine in an attempt to protect the President and Mrs. Kennedy while shots were being fired. Hill’s first book, *Mrs. Kennedy and Me: an Intimate Memoir* (2012), tells about his experiences as Jacqueline Kennedy’s bodyguard (see *The Good Stuff*, August 2012, p. 36). His second book, *Five Days in November* (2013), commemorated the 50th anniversary of Kennedy’s assassination with photos and an inside look at the tragedy. Now, Hill has a third book (written with Lisa McCubbin) titled ***Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford*** (\$28, 464 p., hardcover; \$14.99, ebook). “In *Five Presidents*, Agent Hill brings us into his world where protection meets politics with stunning behind-the-scenes accounts during a time that encompasses the Cold War; Camelot; the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, Jr.; the Vietnam War; Watergate; and the resignations of Vice President Spiro Agnew and President Richard M. Nixon.” When Hill retired from the Secret Service in 1975, he was the Assistant Director responsible for all protective forces. His books are widely available in bookstores and online from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).



Fargo native **Jana Bommersbach** has penned ***Funeral Hotdish: a Mystery*** (\$15.95, 256 p., pbk.). Published by the Poisoned Pen Press, the story is set in Phoenix, Arizona, and the fictional town of Northville, North Dakota, “where the casserole served at the Catholic Church after every funeral is called *funeral hotdish*.” Bommersbach has lived in Arizona for many years

and is a respected and award-winning journalist. Her other books include *Cattle Kate: a Novel*, *A Squirrel’s Story: a True Tale*, *The Truck Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd*, and *Bones in the Desert: the True Story of a Mother’s Murder and a Daughter’s Search*. For more information about the author and her books, visit <http://janabommersbach.com/>. Bommersbach’s books are available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).

Robert O. Wefald, a retired North Dakota State District Court judge and also a former North Dakota Attorney General (1981-84), is a regular contributor of citizen reviews of books for the *Bismarck Tribune*. In the April 17, 2016, issue of the *Tribune*, he reviewed ***The Green and the Black: the Complete Story of the Shale Revolution, the Fight over Fracking and the Future of Energy*** (\$27.99, 288 p., hardcover) by **Gary Sernovitz**. Wefald called it “an excellent, informative and well-written book about the shale revolution in North Dakota’s Bakken formation as well as other shale formations in the U.S. The author writes with a sense of humor, which helps make this such a good read, one that is hard to put down.” The book is available in bookstores and online from [Amazon](#), [Barnes and Noble](#), and [St. Martin’s Press](#).

I Heard It on the Plains: a Compilation (CD) was released with a two-evening celebration at the James Memorial Art Center in Williston. The compilation CD put together by singer-songwriter **Keesha Renna** features the talents of 13 regional artists that “combine to tell rich, beautiful, and sometimes sorrowful tales of life in the Bakken.” The artists include Whiskey Rebellion, Jessie Veeder, Mike Endrud, DW, Adam Taylor, McKeon Hugh Roberts, Kalie Rider, Chris Garro, Keesha Renna, Wild Hands, Jazmine Wolff Schultz, Michael Bearce, and Nakoa Heavy Runner. We were unable to find purchasing information, although the CDs were for sale at the release party.

School Library Journal (October 1, 2015) gave a starred review to ***In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse*** (\$16.95, 176 p., hardcover; \$9.99, ebook) by **Joseph Marshall III** with illustrations by Jim Yellowhawk. In part, the review said, “In this novel that seamlessly integrates Lakota history and oral tradition, Marshall takes readers along for a road trip with Jimmy and his maternal grandfather as they embark on a “vision journey,” visiting famous landmarks, monuments, and landscapes integral to the





life of the great warrior and leader Crazy Horse.” Author Joseph Marshall was born in 1945 and raised on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation. He is an enrolled member of the Sicangu Lakota (Rosebud Sioux) tribe and his first language is Lakota. Marshall has published numerous nonfiction works and novels and a collection of short stories and essays (see [The Good Stuff, March-June 2015](#), p. 14-15). *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse* is also a 2017 nominee for NDLA’s Flicker Tale Children’s Book Award.

Fargo author **J.F. Cicci** drew on her experience as a military intelligence officer to pen ***The Insider Chipmunk Threat*** (\$8.99, 96 p., pbk.; free, Kindle), a satirical story of a squirrel agent (codename: Nutmeg). Cicci is also the author of *Truffle’s Sad Song* (2014). *The Insider Chipmunk Threat* is available from [Amazon](#). *Truffle’s Sad Song* is available from both [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).



140 years after the Battle of the Little Bighorn, a ledger book filled with Native American drawings that was found on the battlefield and later resurfaced at Harvard’s Houghton Library, became the inspiration for both an exhibit at Harvard’s Peabody Museum and a newly published book. ***A Lakota War Book from the Little Bighorn, the Pictographic “Autobiography of Half Moon”*** (\$50, 368 p., pbk.) by Harvard anthropologist **Castle McLaughlin** contains reproductions of all 77 original ledger drawings, the history of the document, and an analysis by McLaughlin. Butch Thunder Hawk, a Hunkpapa Lakota artist and teacher at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, helped McLaughlin uncover the “true story of the ledger.” A *New York Review of Books* blog posting by Thomas Powers said: “... The details of the discovery are interesting enough, but it is the drawings themselves -- what they represent and who made them -- that give us a rich and startling view of life on the Northern Plains in the last years before the Indians who thought they owned them were confined to reservations ... *A Lakota War Book* ought to be in the collection of any serious student of the Northern Plains or the Little Bighorn.” The book is available from [Barnes and Noble](#), [Amazon](#), and [Harvard University Press](#).



The [NDSU Press](#) has released a chapbook of poetry by **Larry Woiwode**, an award-winning author and North Dakota’s Poet Laureate. ***Land of Sunlit Ice*** (\$17.50) is a collection of Woiwode’s poems that will be available “in a letterpress, hand-bound edition that matches the precision and craft of the poems. This numbered, limited edition chapbook exemplifies the beauty and art of hand-letterpress printing on an old Chandler & Price and then sewn with a 1940s stitcher. The covers are individually stenciled, with hand-set Garamond type printed on the platen press located at The Hunter Times, Bonanzaville. The interior text—transferred to magnesium and mounted on a wood base to create sixteen wrong-reading engravings—is hand-letterpressed and assembled by publishing interns at The Braddock News Letterpress Museum, ND.” [Source: The Arts Partnership press release.] You can order a copy via the [NDSU Marketplace](#).

Patrick James Brown, a Bismarck native now living in Fargo, has penned his first novel, ***The Mick*** (\$14.95, 258 p., pbk.; \$9.99, eBook). The story follows the life of Irishman Jack O’Connor from Ireland’s 1916 Easter Rising (also known as the Easter Rebellion) to World War I to immigration to America. The book is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). For more information, visit <http://themicknovel.com/>.



[NDSU Press](#) has published ***A Moment with Strangers: Photographs and Essays at Home and Abroad*** (\$19.95, 232 p., pbk.), the latest book by author, travel writer, photographer, and Concordia English professor **W. Scott Olsen**. The project was inspired by his travels around the world and “the brief but momentous encounters with strangers along the way.” It is available directly from NDSU Press, from Zandbroz in Fargo, and also online from [Amazon](#). Olsen’s other books include: *Meeting the Neighbors: Sketches of Life on the Northern Prairie* (1993); *Stepping Out Within: the Enneagram and Essence* (1993); *Acts of Illumination: Opening Conversation for the Writing Classroom* (1996); *When We Say We’re Home: a Quartet of Place and Memory* (1999); *The Sacred Place: Witnessing the Holy in the Physical World* (2002); *Gravity: the Allure of Distance* (2003); *At Speed: Notes from the Long Line Between Two Points* (2006); *Hard Air: Adventures from the Edge of Flying* (2008); *Never Land: Adventures, Wonder, and One World Record in a Very Small Plane* (2010); and *Prairie Sky: a Pilot’s Reflections on Flying and the Grace of Altitude* (2013).



For most of his career, **Ken Aldridge** was a special agent with the FBI in Fargo. Now he enjoys retirement in Texas and draws on his experiences to write crime novels. *My Baby, My Baby: the Strange Story of Danielle Cole* (\$11.95, 212 p., pbk.) is his fifth book and is based on a true story about a baby who was kidnapped from a mall. *My Baby, My Baby* is available online from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).

Lois Berndt, Janet Gagelin, and Virginia Goerger are the co-authors of *Richland County*, a book that features historical information and photographs of the area's 36 towns and townships. *Richland County* is located in the southeast corner of North Dakota and Wahpeton is the county seat. The book is available from area locations, including the Richland County Historical Society (11 7th Ave. N, Wahpeton; 701-642-3075).

A new book about Theodore Roosevelt's time ranching in the Badlands was released on April 28, 2016, at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. **Rolf Sletten**, a Medora historian, is the author of *Roosevelt's Ranches: the Maltese Cross & the Elkhorn* (\$42.99, hardcover). The book is available at the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store, various outlets in Medora, and online from [Medora.com](#). For more information, see the posting on the [Medora Blog](#).

Coming to a theater near you?

The red carpet world premiere of *Exscind*, a fictional horror story filmed at a deserted farmhouse near McVille, North Dakota, was held at the Empire Arts Center in Grand Forks on May 14, 2016. The 80-minute film was written, directed, and produced by **Les Sholes**. The synopsis on the website says: "After reading a magazine article about a case of multiple murders 50 years ago, an excited paranormal group sets out to investigate the site where the serial killers lived and where the horrifying crimes occurred. As day turns to night and evidence mounts, they encounter a situation far beyond their control and expectations." For more information and to view the trailer, visit www.exscindmovie.com/.



Membership Report

(as of April 2016)

Submitted by **Mary Sheahan**,
Membership Chair

Academic & Special Libraries Section	42
Health Sciences Information Section	11
Public Library Section	56
School Library & Youth Services Section	47
Archives/Records Management Roundtable	10
Government Documents Roundtable	7
New Members Roundtable	15
Technical Services Roundtable	17
Associate members	5
Institutional members	7
Student members	1
Trustees	10
New members 2016	20
Total 2016 members	155

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

Welcome to NDLA!

New members for 2016 are: **David Gray**, Bismarck; **Carlie Trafton**, Bottineau; **Pamela Pierce** and **Lane Talkington**, Dickinson; **Lisa Eggebraaten** and **Justin McDowell**, Fargo; **Megan Carroll** and **Stephanie Walker**, Grand Forks; **Sabrina Serfling**, Hebron; **Prameela Garre**, **Jasmine Lee**, and **Paige Stewart**, Jamestown; **Joe King** and **Joshua Pikka**, Minot; **Carol Lynn Kunnerup**, Mott; and **Jennifer Neset**, Stanley.

Help increase 2016 membership. Tell your co-workers about NDLA and consider an institutional membership for your library! If you're at a public library, please consider memberships for your trustees or board of directors. Membership information and forms can be found on the NDLA website at www.ndlaonline.org -- click on "Membership". Dues can be paid by check or Pay-Pal. The NDLA membership year is January through December.



By Eric Strohane



Story Maps

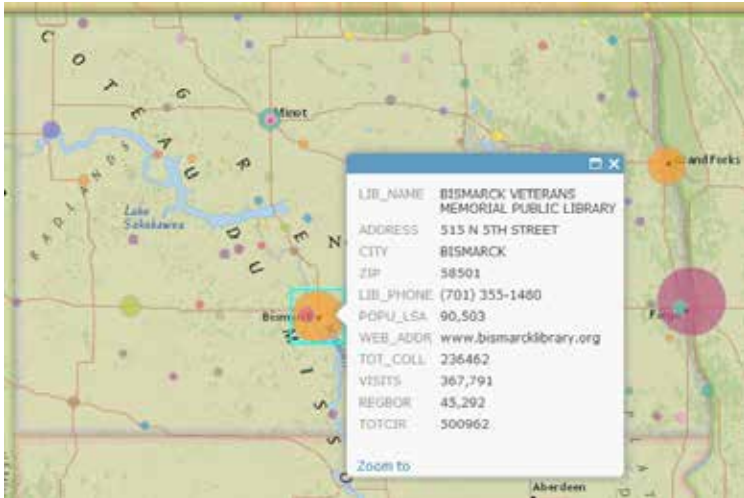
(<http://storymaps.arcgis.com/en>)

Maps again? What is this, a cartography column? Well, let me tell ya... No. It isn't. Moreover, Story Maps is not your grandmother's GIS site, nor is it straight Census data. Rather, this site allows you to create interactive mapped visualizations of data, communities, trends, histories, or really whatever you want to tell a story in relation to geography. It does so easily and for free. And it looks gorgeous.

If you work for a non-commercial library, as most reading this probably do, the amazing news is that you qualify for a free Story Maps account—simply click “Sign up for a : Free non-commercial public account” on their sign in screen. Then click on Enter Your Information (you can log-in using OAuth if you really want to, but that's for suckers and the lazily indifferent—you're better than that). You've now got access to an extremely powerful suite of GIS software and tools. That's terrifying. Let's figure out how to take advantage of it!

One thing you may have noticed once you've created your account is that you're no longer on the Story Maps site, but have rather been dumped onto their parent arcgis site. This is exciting as it means you have access to much more than just Story Maps, and it's important because this is where you create the raw maps you'll later use to tell stories with—so let's explore! First, click Map from the navigation row:

Next, zoom in on North Dakota. By default we're looking at a topographic map. You may notice that North Dakota is bland and featureless, like a dollop of ranch dressing. This is because we are devoid of significant topology. Let's change our Basemap to spice things up a little. To do so, click Basemap (top row). This gives us some more exciting options, such as Imagery, Imagery with Labels, Streets, USGS National Map, and National Geographic. Let's pick the latter, as it is quite lovely. Now so far this isn't very interesting. We have a map of North Dakota and it's pretty, but who cares? Here comes the genius bit: you can add layers. And you don't have to be a GIS wizard or know the longitude or latitude of anything; you can add data from a CSV (comma separated values) you create in Excel and so long as you include addresses, it will detect and plot them automatically. Bonzer!



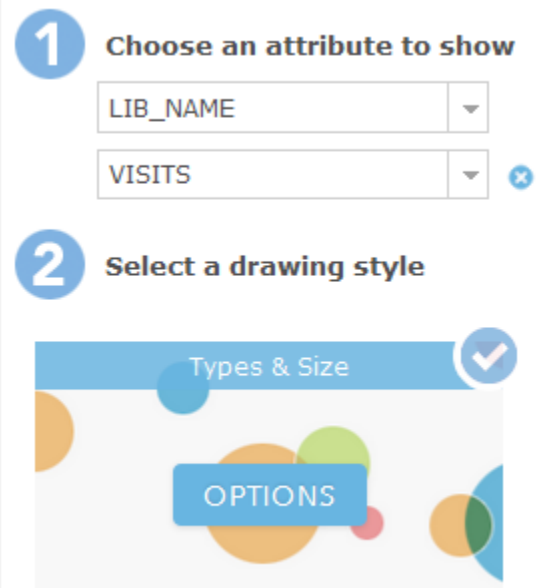
Here's an example of a map with our state's great public libraries plotted upon it, with their relative sizes based on the number of visits they received in 2015: <http://arcg.is/1Shf2xx>. Want more detail? Click on a clownishly colorful bubble to find out that library's address, phone number, website, population area, collection size, number of registered borrowers, and total circulation, also as of 2015. Now, please do keep in mind this is from raw data submitted on the most recent Public Library Annual Report (PLAR!) and it hasn't been rectified, so don't take it as gospel truth. But do take it as something awesome you can whip together if you have data, a few minutes time, and the wherewithal and gumption to create a free Story Maps account.

North Dakota: almost a perfect rectangle

So how did we get here? By clicking the Add, selecting Add Layer from File, and uploading a CSV spreadsheet I happened to have lying about. I grant that you won't have this particular spreadsheet, but you may have another (or you can fabricate one so you can play along at home), but here's all that came next: I choose which attributes to show (in this case the library name and library visits fields), then clicked on Options under "Select a drawing style":

You then get to set options for each attribute (easy choices, very visually oriented). Keep in mind that anything you set can be changed later. You can also add additional layers. Be sure to click on Done when you're done with something, otherwise your changes may not stick. I also highly recommending saving as you go (your maps will be tied to your account, but also discoverable by other intrepid souls), just in case. Once you're done, go ahead and hit the Share button for a pre-shortened link you can distribute via social media, email, or however else one publishes things these days. Who can keep up?

Brilliantly, that's just the tip of the iceberg. You can use Story Maps to combine and morph between different maps—so imagine telling the history of North Dakota library development, having a visually evolving map of library service growth, or combining PLAR data with database usage statistics to create a more comprehensive and delightfully visual representation of library usage in North Dakota, replete with all the stats you can shake a stick at, but without being overwhelmingly numbery. Good stuff, indeed.



Good Stuff from Around the State

Compiled by Marlene Anderson, Editorial Committee Member

The Walk Across North Dakota was written by five North Dakotans who grew up in Bismarck — Jeremy Bold, Tyler Bold, Gwendolyn Hoberg, Richard Hoberg, and Bruce Ringstrom. Over two summers, they walked from Beach to Fargo to test their physical limits and explore what it means to be from North Dakota. As part of BSC's annual **ArtsQuest** celebration, "The Walk Across North Dakota" book event was held in the commons area of **Bismarck State College Library** on April 25, 2016. A large crowd was on hand for a presentation by two of the walkers, Gwen Hoberg and Jeremy Bold. They read from their book, showed video shot during the journey, talked about the process of writing and publishing the book, answered questions, and did a book signing. It was great fun! For more information about the book, see the March 2016 issue of *The Good Stuff*, p. 14.

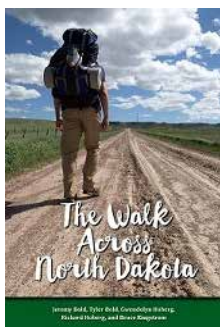


Mystic Pride Day fell in the middle of National Library Week, so **BSC Library** staff had two reasons to celebrate on April 13, 2016. BSC employees were invited to MYSTIC-ify their office spaces and to wear their BSC and Mystic apparel. Items from the Library's BSC archives collection (pompoms, photos, yearbooks, and a Mystics basketball jersey) made the reference/circulation desk festive and fun.



(L to R) Lori Smith, Johanna Bjork, Sandi Bates, Marlene Anderson, Laura Kalvoda.

(L to R) Jeremy Bold, co-author; Barb Thorson, ArtsQuest Chair, and Gwen Hoberg, co-author.




The **Bowman Regional Public Library** held its 2nd Annual Edible Book Fest on April 19. Participants were invited to make edible creations based on their favorite books. There were 10 entries in all and four were submitted by children. A panel of three local residents served as judges. Gina Harder of Bowman took the Best in Show Award as well as the award for best overall artistic design for her re-creation of Miss Spider from *Miss Spider's Tea Party* by David Kirk. The winner of the funniest (or punniest) category went to Library Director Sarah Snavelly for her interpretation of *Press Here* by Hervé Tullet. Visit the **Library's Facebook page** to see some photos from the 2016 event.

Bowman now has its first **Little Free Library**. Linda Anderson of Bowman started her little library at the beginning of March 2016.

Renovations of the **Chester Fritz Library** at the University of North Dakota are underway. To date, about \$100,000 has been spent on a paint job and carpet for the reference area on the main floor. Ergonomic furniture was also on display for testing during spring semester. Planners anticipate the overall project will cost about \$7.8 million and will be done in phases. The first \$100,000 came from a UND Alumni Association and Foundation endowment fund worth about \$7 million. The endowment fund will be used as seed money for a fundraising campaign for the project. For more information, visit <http://library.und.edu/about/master-planning.php>.

The name **Chester Fritz** is well known to North Dakota librarians since UND's primary research library as well as an auditorium on campus bear his name. Chester Fritz (1892-1983), a native of Buxton, North Dakota, made his fortune in international finance and lived in Hong Kong and Shanghai for some 36 years. Between 1950 and 1969, Fritz donated \$2.25 million to UND. Now, an exhibit created by UND Art Collections, "Chester Fritz in Shanghai," is on display at the **Empire Arts Center** in Grand Forks through



July 28. The exhibit features photos and art related to Fritz's time in Shanghai, China. For more information, visit und.edu/art-collections.

The **Dunn Center Public Library** officially closed on April 29, 2016, when the library board donated its building and property to the Dunn County Historical Society & Museum. Among the reasons for closing the library were a general lack of use of the library, lack of volunteer help, and health issues among board members. The Library first opened its doors to the public on February 15, 2005. [See *The Good Stuff*, March 2005, p. 21]

In honor of National Library Week for the **Eddy-New Rockford Public Library**, hearts were for sale at the library and at Miller's Fresh Foods in New Rockford. With the donation of a dollar, participants got a heart on which they could write what they love about the library. Transcript Publishing donated \$100 to the library in honor of May Ann Voigt, mother of former publisher Craig Voigt. Amy Wobbema, current publisher of the *New Rockford Transcript*, presented the donation to the library board and also challenged local residents to financially support the library and visit the library throughout the week. Wobbema's own heart said, "I love my library because ... it offers my family access to thousands of books both in print and online, so everyone can find something to read that interests them."

In honor of National Library Week, Anna G. Larson of *The Forum* asked Fargo area library directors to "share some of their favorite and most unique offerings." Among the things reported by **Fargo Public Library** were energy meters and an infrared thermometer; Book Club in a Bag and Children's Book Club in a Bag (10 copies of a title plus discussion guides and questions); Storytime on the Go (a collection of 3 or 4 picture books with suggested songs, fingerplays, puppets, and stuffed animals to help tell the story), and Topic Totes for Tots (a collection of 10 picture books on a theme plus theme-based craft ideas and activities). The **West Fargo Public Library** reported energy meters and an infrared thermometer; digital cameras and flip cameras for recording video; a digital piano; and a book vending machine where library members can check out & drop off books. The vending machine is located in Cash Wise Foods and is stocked with about 180 books for all ages.

The **Grand Forks Public Library** had it going on for National Library Week! What better way to show who we are than by a display of library t-shirts?!? All years, all colors, all sizes. Some old, and some new. It was an awesome way to show the years of our transformation. Mike Jacobs, former editor of the *Grand Forks Herald*, also gave a presentation on his Pulitzer Prize winning articles in the Herald during the 1997 flood. Finally, we asked for submissions from the public about how the library has transformed them and received loads of comments. We are feeling the love!

On May 19, 2016, JLG Architects presented a detailed report about the pros and cons of a downtown location or a midtown location near the Grand Cities Mall for a new building for the **Grand Forks Public Library** to the library board and interested community members. An interesting idea surfaced after "some residents said they wanted to see the choice between downtown and midtown locations put up for a public vote alongside a likely referendum to fund the library." That's when "City Council member Doug Christensen suggested that citizens voting on a funding mechanism (likely a sales tax measure) would have the chance to vote yes or no. Then, for those who voted yes, they'd have the decision to vote on two regions of the city: downtown or midtown. "Because there are pros and cons as to both locations, let the citizens decide because they've already voted in favor of it," Christensen explained, adding the measure may collect all of the possible "yes" votes for the funding mechanism; no one would be encouraged to vote no because of an earlier location decision they disagreed with." No action on choosing a location was taken at the meeting. [Source: "Grand Forks Library Board Uncovers Unexpected Idea at Key Meeting" by Sam Easton, *Grand Forks Herald* (online), May 29, 2016)

Harvey Public Library has a new roof! The total cost of the project is about \$75,000 and the library needs to raise \$60,000 of that amount. Fundraising efforts are underway. Check out the website to see what they are doing in Harvey.

On April 24, 2016, **Hazen Public Library** hosted a presentation and discussion of Elizabeth Fenn's Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Encounters at the Heart of the World: a History of the Mandan People*, led by Dakota Goodhouse, an instructor at United Tribes

Technical College in Bismarck. The event was part of the Northern Plains Heritage Book Club, a series of heritage-themed book discussions. The program was funded by the Northern Plains Heritage Foundation and organized by the Center for Heritage Renewal.

If you have a green thumb, check out North Dakota's first-ever seed library at the Stutsman County Library building in Jamestown (910 5th St SE). The seed library is a collaborative effort. Laura Miller, who is affiliated with Jamestown Community Gardens, brought the idea to Bill Kennedy, development director for the **James River Valley Library System**. The conversation continued with Laurie Podoll, a Jamestown master gardener, and the project was officially adopted by the **Jamestown Community Gardens** Steering Committee. Seed companies nationwide donated seeds, Angela Eldridge helped create the graphic design for the packets, and Alpha Opportunities Inc. helped with the packaging. The seeds are available to anyone who wants to take them to grow their own garden. Each packet will create a 10-foot row of vegetables. The library requests that those who take seeds complete a brief survey and take no more than five packets of seeds per visit.

At its May meeting, the Board of Directors for the **James River Valley Library System** contracted with JLG Architects to help them create a strategic plan to renovate Alfred Dickey Library in the coming years.

A \$700 grant from the Arts Council of the Lake Region will help support **Arch Ellwein's** presentations at **Lake Region Public Library** as part of its summer reading program. Ellwein is an entertainer and educator from Sidney, Montana. On June 22nd, he will conduct a Movie Makeup class, and on June 23rd, he will present his "I Can't Believe It's Science!" During the evening of June 23rd, Ellwein will present "H. G. Wells: the Man Who Saw Tomorrow" at the Chautauqua Gallery Room at Lake Region State College.

Wahpeton's **Leach Public Library** hosted a display of barn quilts and a presentation about the **Red River Barn Quilt Trail Partnership** on March 31st. Barn quilts are large pieces of wood painted to look like quilt squares. The partnership is "committed to developing a barn quilt trail in the southern Red River Valley. Our partnership hopes that with your help, we can create a number of barn quilts and develop a barn quilt trail in our community and the surrounding area." The group

is made up of individuals living along the Red River that separates Minnesota and North Dakota. The barn quilts were on display at the library to help create more visibility for the project and get the word out to the public. Library Director Greta Guck said, "We do hope to continue serving as a space for exposing what's going [on] around the community to people who are interested in something new ... we're open to new ideas and serving as a space for the public to visit."

Leach Public Library wrapped up National Library Week with an "I Love My Library" event that featured book-related crafts and a showing of the film, *Goosebumps*, on April 16, 2016.

Lisbon Public Library and the Lisbon School District are making a joint effort to help students keep up with reading skills over the summer. Details are being finalized, but students will be able to take Accelerated Reader exams at the library, and the points will be applied to the student's reading goal for the following school year. Librarian Bonnie Mattson is excited about the project and said, "It's a win-win for students, teachers, and Lisbon Public Library."

During National Library Week, the **McKenzie Public Library** in Watford City offered special programs, including an Adult and Teen Coloring Get-Together; Library Card Day (to get a new card or renew a card); Bookmobile Sightings (look for the bookmobile at three surprise locations in the county and search for the golden ticket); story time with a chance for three children to win a story book; and pre-registration for the Ready, Set, Read! Summer Reading Program.

The **McLean-Mercer Regional Library** (MMRL) in Riverdale has a new bookmobile! After looking at other bookmobiles in the state, the library board put together specifications for a new bookmobile and sent them to prospective bidders. OBS, Inc. of Canton,



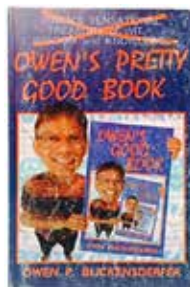
Ohio, submitted the successful bid. After many calls and emails between OBS and the library, the new bookmobile was finally finished and delivered to MMRL on January 18, 2016. Late last summer, MMRL held a contest for students, ages 10-18 and living in McLean or Mercer counties, to create graphics and lettering for the bookmobile. For the graphics, the board chose a picture of children pulling a wagon full of books drawn by Sophie Sparrow of Mercer. The board also selected the lettering design submitted by Stephanie Bingham of Max. A local company printed and installed the lettering and picture on the sides and back of the bookmobile. The new bookmobile made its debut run on March 1, 2016.

The **Minot AFB Library** celebrated National Library Week with a library-themed story time and an open house that included a “Library Treasure Hunt” information literacy game. Treasure Hunt participants found library locations using “close-up” pictures, decoded and looked up book titles, learned how to use the “advanced search” function in the library catalog, applied what they learned to complete a mini-scavenger hunt, found a treasure, and received a prize. Sixty individuals, including children, teens, and adults, participated.

On May 26th, **Minot Public Library** hosted a financial literacy event with presentations on debit and credit card safety and on credit, including how to deal with good or bad credit. Representatives from Town and Country Federal Credit Union and First Western Bank gave the presentations.

Happy Birthday, **Mott Public Library**! The Mott Public Library celebrated its 103rd birthday on April 2nd with an afternoon Family Fun Carnival and a musical story time. The party continued with an evening event for adults, including a “Grown Up Art Opportunity,” a mosaic class, music and stories, and a silent auction. The Library began as Inez Hendrickson Library in April of 1913.

As part of its “Warm Up Winter with Local Authors” series, the **Mott Public Library** hosted Owen Blickensderfer, who read from his book, *Owen’s Pretty Good Book: an Indubitable Plethora of Observations by Mott, North Dakota’s Fourth-Best Story Teller* (2003).



On April 14, the **North Dakota Library Coordinating Council** (NDLCC) **NDLA**, and the **State Library** teamed up to celebrate National Library Week by hosting **Library Legislative Day** at the State Library. North Dakota legislators, all North Dakota library staff, library supporters, and our federal representatives in Washington, D.C. (or their representatives) were invited to attend. The event was a way to showcase North Dakota libraries and show legislators what our libraries offer to the citizens of the state.

The **State Library** has adopted new vision and mission statements and also has a new logo designed by Kristin Byram, Public Information Coordinator.

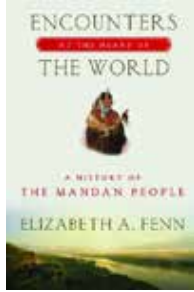
- Vision: Creating pathways to information and innovation
- Mission: Making connections, strengthening communities, impacting lives

The **North Dakota State Library's** March Madness Book Battle proved to be very popular. Library staff selected 64 popular books and randomly bracketed them. In the end, the final two books were *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Dracula*. *Dracula* won. The State Library plans to do this again next year. Click [here](#) to see the bracket.



Sitting Bull College Library has been awarded a \$99,998 **National Endowment for the Humanities** grant for a three-year project to record, preserve, and provide educational access (through the library) to interviews with tribal elders who are fluent speakers of the Lakota/Dakota language. This project will create a much needed community, college, and library resource that will be available through the library and integrated into Sitting Bull College courses and programs. The interviews will be transcribed in both English and the Lakota/Dakota language to make them accessible to those who don't know the language, as well as to fluent speakers and learners.

Underwood Public Library hosted the **Northern Plains Heritage Book Club** on April 10, 2016. Dakota Goodhouse led the discussion of Elizabeth Fenn's book, *Encounters at the Heart of the Earth: the History of the Mandan People*. The program was funded by the Northern Plains Heritage Foundation and organized by NDSU's Center for Heritage Renewal. Harmony Higbie of the Underwood Public Library reported that it was a wonderful program.



bill and library advocacy. The Association is an organization of persons interested in improving media programs in North Dakota schools. For more information about the group, contact Beth Udem, Librarian at Barnes County North School, at beth.udem@k12.nd.us.

To celebrate National Library Week, **Valley City State University's Allen Memorial Library** worked with faculty from the Art and Science departments to launch their new Makerspace with book art and Arduino workshops. The Makerspace will provide students with an accessible space for hands-on, interactive learning and exploration while also opening up new opportunities for library collaboration with faculty.



The **ND-LMA (North Dakota Library Media Association)** Spring Conference 2016 was held at Barnes County North School in Wimbledon on April 15. Kirsten Baesler, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke on how the role of librarians fits into the new education

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.

Name _____

Home Address _____

Work Address _____

Position _____

Sponsor's name _____

Reason for Nomination _____

*Longer kudos?
You may
print this form
and use the
back!*

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.



Story Stroll at Minot's Oak Park

By PAULETTE NELSON,
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN, MINOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Imagine yourself strolling through a park and enjoying a story along the way. Visitors to Minot's [Oak Park](#) will soon be able to have that experience. On June 9, 2016, Minot's first Story Stroll will be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, an inaugural walk led by a local celebrity, a picnic, and a children's concert, featuring [Jack and Kitty](#), an "Emmy Award-winning organic vaudeville folk duo."

The Oak Park story stroll is the result of the work of a group of librarians, teachers, park district personnel, and other individuals involved with community literacy efforts. For the past year, the group has been planning a storyboard walk through the park as part of L³ (The Bremer Rural Libraries, Literacy and Leadership Institute), an [Otto Bremer Trust](#) initiative.

The group was awarded \$2,000 for the project by the Otto Bremer Trust. [Give360](#), part of the Minot Area Community Foundation, also committed \$1,500 for the project.

The Oak Park story stroll will feature 32 story boards that were built and stained by students from the local Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center. To keep things interesting and give strollers different stories to enjoy, the stories along the walking path will be changed at regular intervals.

The hope is to have more boards built and placed in other Minot parks. Individuals and businesses can sponsor a board by donating money to the Story Strollers. For more information or if you would like to make a donation, contact Paulette Nelson at the Minot Public Library (p.nelson@minotnd.org; 701-852-1045).

NDLA Summit

On May 6, 2016, a group of librarians who want NDLA to become the **BEST** library association in the country gathered at Bismarck State College Library to brainstorm about how to make NDLA more useful, more relevant, more effective, and more fun. A dozen attendees were there in person and several more attended off and on throughout the day via Zoom.

The conversation was lively and the ideas and creativity flowed. Summit participants are ready to mix things up and make changes that will strengthen NDLA, improve member engagement, attract new members, retain current members, and increase NDLA's impact. You will be hearing more about it in the coming weeks and months from the project leaders, President Wendy Wendt and Past President Greta Guck.

The NDLA Summit was the culmination of the One Book One Association project, which was unveiled at the 2015 NDLA Conference. Starting on November 6, 2015, interested librarians met the first Friday of each month via Zoom to talk about the book, *The End of Membership as We Know It: Building the Fortune-Flipping, Must-Have Association of the Next Century* by Sarah L. Sladek.

2015 MPLA Conference Experience: Professional Development Grant Report

BY KATHY VANDER VORST, WEST FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thank you to NDLA's Professional Development Committee for awarding me a grant to attend the 2015 MPLA Annual Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming. I hoped to learn about trends and issues in Adult Services, specifically since I recently accepted a new position as head of Adult Services at West Fargo Public Library. The conference proved to be far more than I had hoped for and I came away excited and inspired to embrace my new job responsibilities.

A few highlights of the conference included:

- The keynote address by Scott Ginsberg, author of *The Power of Approachability*. Scott challenged us to evaluate our individual libraries and staff to see what statement we are making to the public. Are our libraries friendly and welcoming, and if they are not, what changes need to be made to change the public's view? His enthusiasm was obvious and very contagious!

- A library special events session led by Lewistown (Idaho) Public Library. We were challenged to host creative events that go way beyond basic library programming. The idea sharing session was most inspirational!
- A library volunteer session entitled "The Only Good Tears Are Volunteers". I came away realizing how much more volunteers can do for our libraries!
- Author Luncheon with guest speaker Jack Gantos. Gantos laughed us through his books and life of writing and we experienced a lovely opportunity to get to know him personally.
- Networking with regional librarians and enjoying a lovely reception at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum.

Overall, the experience was delightful and most educational. Thank you again to Lori West and the Professional Development Committee and to those who have contributed to the professional development fund.

2016 Flicker Tale Children's Book Award Winners

SUBMITTED BY LINDA AUSTIN, FLICKER TALE COMMITTEE CHAIR

The votes are in for the 2016 [Flicker Tale Children's Book Award!](#)

The winners are:

Picture Books

I'm My Own Dog by David Ezra Stein

Intermediate Books

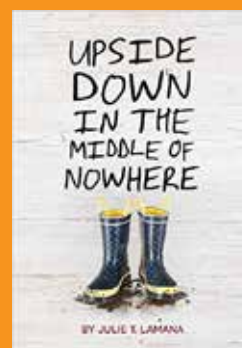
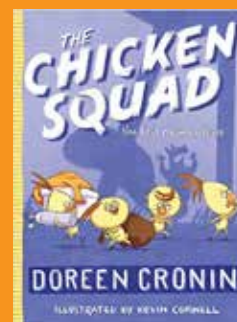
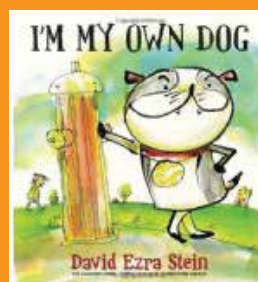
The Chicken Squad by Doreen Cronin

Juvenile Books

Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere by Julie T. Lamana

Non-Fiction Books

Spic-and-Span! Lillian Gilbreth's Wonder Kitchen
by Monica Kulling



The winning authors have been invited to attend the NDLA Conference in Dickinson this fall to receive their awards.

UND Libraries & Open Educational Resources

SUBMITTED BY STEPHANIE WALKER, DEAN OF LIBRARIES & INFORMATION RESOURCES, UND

The UND Open Educational Resources Working Group and the UND Libraries have received two grants of \$10,000 each from the North Dakota University System's Open Educational Resources group.

The first grant will go toward a pilot project to create and/or assist faculty with the adoption of Open Textbooks for their classes, if they wish. We have an additional \$12,000 for this project, thanks to the generous contributions of \$6,000 each from the Office of Extended Learning (led by Lynette Krenelka) and Dean Debbie Storrs of UND's College of Arts & Sciences. We have identified two disciplines/sets of classes with which to begin, and are working to identify three more. First, four Math faculty have decided to develop an Open Textbook to replace the text currently used for Calculus 1, 2, and 3, should the faculty member teaching wish to do so. The current textbook used for all three costs \$313.50, and last year, UND enrolled 496 students in Calculus 1 and 913 in Calculus 2. Some students in Calculus 2 will have the textbook already, but some may be transfer students, or otherwise not have access. Secondly,

Dr. Virginia Clinton has decided to adopt an Open Textbook for Psyc 111. Last year, UND enrolled 3,252 students in Psyc 111! Once we identify the additional three courses, we will be able to calculate exact savings, but we anticipate being able to save UND students at least \$1-\$1.5 million within the first year of this program! For a little more information about this, please see the video created and presented to the State Board of Higher Education at its April meeting: <https://vimeo.com/163268691>.

Our second \$10,000 grant will be added to \$23,000 raised from other sources and will go toward creating an Open Access edition of Dr. Elwyn Robinson's seminal work, *The History of North Dakota*, as well as adding a new foreword and afterword, and creating digital enhancements, such as mapping software that will allow you to map locations about which you may be reading in the book, and perhaps view them as they were then through image links or as they are today through a tool such as Google Earth. This book is widely used across the NDUS in the teaching of the history of North Dakota.

All of these endeavors will allow the open resources created to be available for free to anyone in the world. Keep watching – we'll have updates as we progress!

2016 Summer Summit **SAVE THE DATE**

The State Library's annual Summer Summit is a professional development and peer networking opportunity. This year's focus is on public library administration and will include a public library director boot camp with conversations on:

- working better with your board;
- recognizing and motivating different personality types;
- standards compliance; and
- shaping the plan for the next Library Services and Technology Act.

The Summit will also serve as a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) focus group. LSTA is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and provides funding to state libraries in support of statewide library initiatives.

The Summit will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An optional catered lunch will be provided for \$10.

Choose the time and place that work best for you!

Monday, August 22: Grand Forks
Grand Forks Public Library
[Register Now](#) or call 701-328-4622

Tuesday, August 23: West Fargo
West Fargo Public Library
[Register Now](#) or call 701-328-4622

Tuesday, August 23: Bismarck
North Dakota State Library
[Register Now](#) or call 701-328-4622

Wednesday, August 24: Minot
Minot Public Library
[Register Now](#) or call 701-328-4622



Upcoming Library Events, Conferences, & Important Dates

June

- June 2016 – [GLBT Book Month](#)
- June 23-28, 2016 – [2016 ALA Annual Conference](#), Orlando, Florida

July

- July 16-19, 2016 – [American Association of Law Libraries, Annual Meeting & Conference](#), Chicago
- July 27-28, 2016 – [Minnesota eLearning Summit](#), Minneapolis Community and Technical College

August

- August 1 – Deadline for [NDLA Youth Excellence Program of the Year](#) nominations
- August 9-11, 2016 – [Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference](#), St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa
[Note: Being held jointly with the 2016 CONTENTdm User Group Meeting, sponsored by OCLC, on August 10-11.]
- August 15 – Deadline for [NDLA Grassroots Grant](#) applications
- August 22 – [Summer Summit](#) – Grand Forks Public Library
- August 23 – [Summer Summit](#) – West Fargo Public Library
- August 23 – [Summer Summit](#) – North Dakota State Library (Bismarck)
- August 24 – [Summer Summit](#) – Minot Public Library
- August 31 – Deadline for [NDLA School Library Administrator of the Year](#) nominations
- August 31 – Deadline for [NDLA Professional Grant](#) applications

September

- September 2016 – [Library Card Sign-up Month](#)
- September 21-24, 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 20-22, 2016 – [MPLA/CALCON](#) (Mountain Plains Library Association/ Colorado Association of Libraries Conference), Loveland, Colorado
- October 21-25, 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

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of March 31, 2016 (End of 1st Quarter)

By Aaron Stefanich, NDLA Treasurer

Editor's note: Approved by electronic vote of the Executive Board on April 22, 2016

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
CHECK BOOK 3/31/2016	\$18,295.46			
NDLA Funds	\$18,295.46			
Annual Conference 2016				\$0.00
Annual Conference 2017	-\$1,500.00			-\$1,500.00
Book Sales	\$965.72	\$115.00		\$1,080.72
Centennial Cookbook	-\$2,739.86		\$6.40	-\$2,746.26
Donation - GODART		\$100.00		
Dues		\$4,580.00		\$4,580.00
HSIS Partner Account	\$8,817.91			\$8,817.91
Investment Account Transfers		\$653.03	\$50.00	
Other receipts/disbursements		\$55.00	\$6,646.33	
NDLA Funds Subtotal		\$5,503.03	\$6,702.73	\$17,095.76

Check Book Balance 03/31/2016 \$17,095.76

MONEY MARKET AND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Bank Money Market Ready Cash	\$9,441.53			
Interest				
Deposits		\$0.23		
Transfers				
				\$9,441.76
Professional Development Bank Money Market RC	\$5,679.14			
Interest		\$0.12		
Deposits				
Transfers		\$50.00	\$653.03	
				\$5,076.23
NDLA CD	\$20,713.48			
Interest				
Transfers				
				\$20,713.48
Professional Development CD	\$20,419.34			
Interest				
Transfers				
				\$20,419.34
TOTAL investment accounts	\$56,253.49			\$55,650.81

TOTAL EQUITY 3/31/2016 \$72,746.57



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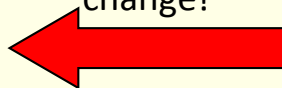
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