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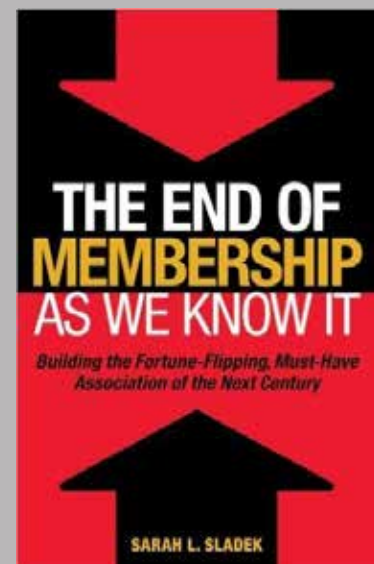
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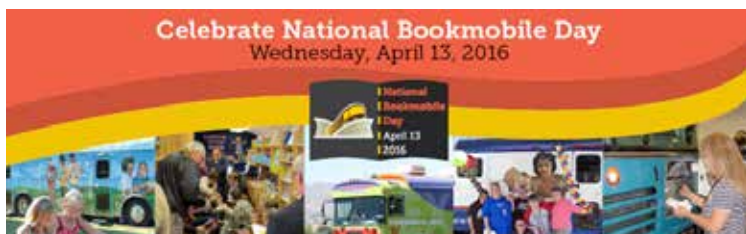
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# President's Message

BY WENDY WENDT, NDLA PRESIDENT



I recently attended the ALA Midwinter Conference in Boston where ALA's new national public awareness and advocacy campaign, "Libraries Transform," was the focus of a conference-long track of sessions. I was able to attend sessions about understanding change, social innovation, civic innovation, and more. The highlight

for me was learning about the City of Boston's Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), where they innovate and transform daily. How cool is that?!

The "Libraries Transform" campaign is very cool as well. The focus of the campaign is on what libraries **DO FOR AND WITH** people instead of what they **HAVE** for people. This emphasis on results really appeals to me on a number of levels.

First, it strikes me as something that those of us who work in libraries have always known but generally have not articulated well. Whether it's a reluctance to toot our own horns, an assumption that "everybody knows" the difference libraries can make peoples' lives, or something else entirely, too often the knowledge of the amazing things libraries do every day stays within the library walls. With "Libraries Transform," it's nice to get the word out and have someone tooting our horns for us.

Second, the "Libraries Transform" campaign helps to answer the annoyingly frequent question, "Who needs libraries in the age of Google/the Internet?" The campaign features downloadable posters featuring "Because..." answers. For example:

- *Because more than a quarter of U.S. households don't have a computer with internet connection.*
- *Because the world is at their fingertips and the world can be a scary place.*
- *Because there are more than 14,400,000 search results for the 2016 presidential election.*

Finally, "Libraries Transform" can also apply to libraries themselves as we continuously adapt to the ever-evolving needs of our communities. I would argue that libraries have been transforming ever since the first libraries in the age of papyrus. From havens for the elite Alexandrian scholar to gathering places for modern toddlers and their families, libraries continue to transform in order to provide what their communities want and need. Libraries aren't what they used to be nor are they what they are going to be!

For more information about "Libraries Transform", including a toolkit for libraries, please go to [www.ilovelibraries.org/librariestransform/](http://www.ilovelibraries.org/librariestransform/).

Here's to successful transforming in all directions!

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# LIBRARIES TRANSFORM

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# Instigating Inquiry

BY BARB SANDSTROM, LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST,  
BISMARCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS



If you have ever had the opportunity to visit a children's museum, then you know that the underlying goal for success is to create an environment that encourages imagination, inspiration, creativity, and fun! It's a place where children are supposed to build, play,

touch, and discover how things work in the world around them. At the heart of its philosophy is inquiry.

In November 2015, six Library Media Specialists from Bismarck Public Schools embarked on an adventure of inquiry when they attended the AASL (American Association of School Librarians) Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Because inquiry is a key element of Project Based Learning (PBL), an instructional practice being developed and expanded within the district, sessions where inquiry was the topic drew the group like bees to honey.

As STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Education becomes even more prevalent in K-12 schools, an understanding of inquiry as an instructional practice for educators is key to developing the 21st century skills of creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication in students. Inquiry is "a dynamic process of being open to wonder and puzzlement and coming to know and understand the world. As such, it is a stance that pervades all aspects of life and is essential to the way



in which knowledge is created. Inquiry is based on the belief that understanding is constructed in the process of people working and conversing together as they pose and solve the problems, make discoveries and rigorously testing the discoveries that arise in the course of shared activity." (Sharon Friesen, Ph.D., Galileo Educational Network, 2016). For teachers, it means incorporating the ingredients of processing, immersing, exploring, identifying, gathering, sharing, and evaluating into the learning opportunities we create for students.

As library media specialists, our role is critical in the development, promotion, and implementation of creating a culture of inquiry within our schools among students and staff. We can begin by:

- creating a school-wide participatory culture;
- building co-taught research projects in blended learning experiences;
- promoting interdisciplinary real-world problems, projects, and learning experiences that take advantage of rich information resources and useful technology tools;
- creating cultural experiences across the school, community, and across the world; and
- fostering creativity, innovation, play, building, and experimentation by making the library a place to experiment with new ideas, best practices, technologies, and other school improvement initiatives before they are implemented across the school.

*(Implementing the Common Core State Standards: the Role of the School Librarian. Publication. American Association of School Librarians, Nov. 2013.).*

So, what are the approaches and conditions that promote this mind-set change? First, we need to allow students to follow their

own passions. Let them create, tinker, invent, play, and collaborate. Second, cause situations where deeper learning and higher-order thinking is







encouraged. Third, give them time to puzzle over real-life problems and develop possible solutions.

If you are ready to dive into the art of inquiry, try one of the four movements we discovered at the conference that are being used in libraries and schools throughout

the country: [Genius Hour](#), MakerSpaces, [Unconference](#), and Guided Inquiry Design.

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# North Dakota Librarians: Rebels with a Cause

## NDLA Conference September 21-24, 2016 - Dickinson

Plans are underway for the annual NDLA Conference in Dickinson. We will gather at the Ramada Grand Dakota Hotel from September 21-24, 2016. We will even have an NDLA Spelling Bee!

Conference keynote speakers will be Jim Gill and Taylor Brorby.

- Jim Gill is a musician and author with unique credentials among children's artists. Gill is a child development specialist, having completed his graduate studies in child development at the Erikson Institute of Chicago with a special emphasis on the study of play. He has released six award-winning CDs of music play for young children that are favorites in family rooms, classrooms, and playrooms, and is also the author of two children's books. Gill's latest book, *A Soup Opera*, is a sing-along opera inspired by concerts that he performs with symphony orchestras. The book received an American Library Association award in 2010. Gill has received five separate awards from the American



Library Association for his recordings and books over the years. Jim speaks to early childhood educators, care providers, and children's librarians across the country about the many benefits of play in young children's lives.

- Taylor Brorby is the editor of *Fracture: Essays, Poems, and Stories on Fracking in America*. Brorby received his M.A. in Liberal Studies from Hamline University in 2013, and is currently pursuing his M.F.A. in Creative Writing and Environment at Iowa State University. His work has appeared in *Orion Magazine*, *Rock, Paper, Scissors*, *The Englewood Review of Books*, the *Northern Plains Ethics Journal*, and many others. Also, his work is forthcoming in the anthology, *Kissing in the Chapel, Praying in the Frat House: Wrestling with Faith and College*.



As plans are made and details become available, they will be available on the NDLA website, the NDLA Facebook page, and in upcoming issues of *The Good Stuff*.

# Libraries Transform

## Celebrate National Library Week 2016 (April 10-16)

Visit [ilovelibraries.org](http://ilovelibraries.org)



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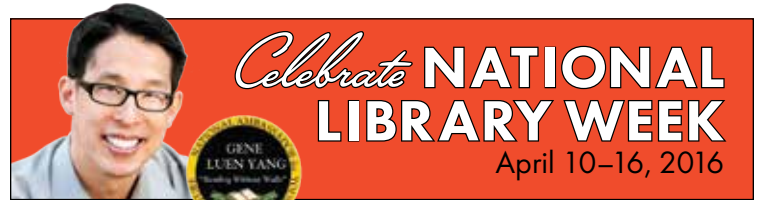
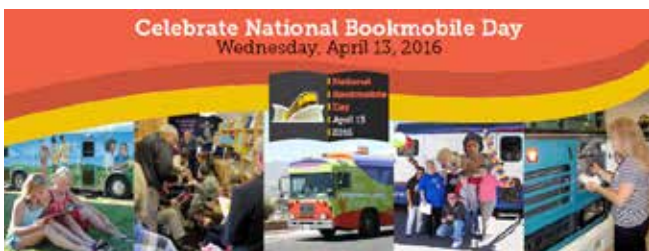


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"Libraries Transform" is the 2016 National Library Week (NLW) theme. First sponsored in 1958, NLW is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

The 2016 NLW Honorary Chair is award-winning graphic novelist [Gene Luen Yang](#), also the 2015-2016 [National Ambassador for Young People's Literature](#). Yang's 2006 book, *American Born Chinese*, was the first graphic novel to be a finalist for a [National Book Award](#) and the first to win ALA's [Printz Award](#). It also won an [Eisner Award](#) for Best Graphic Album. Another graphic novel, *Boxers and Saints*, was a 2013 finalist for a National Book Award in the Young People's Literature category.

Celebrations during National Library Week include:



**LIBRARIES TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING FREE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES, AND THE SKILLS TO HELP PEOPLE THRIVE IN THE DIGITAL AGE.**

**Visit your public, school, or academic library during National Library Week.**

**Honorary Chair Gene Luen Yang**

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[ilovelibraries.org/nlw](http://ilovelibraries.org/nlw)



• **National Library Workers Day** - Tuesday of NLW (April 12, 2016) 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 (April 13, 2016) 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.

# NDLA Awards & Grants Available

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Rewards and recognition matter. We feel good when someone recognizes our contributions and achievements. We feel appreciated and get a boost that makes us want to keep on doing good work.

This is your chance to recognize good work. Submit a nomination (or nominations) for these NDLA Awards. When you write your nomination, keep these things in mind:

- Be genuine
- Be specific – Describe the accomplishment and its value and impact

## AWARDS

For all the details for a particular award, click on the link.

Award	Nomination Deadline	Submit to:
<a href="#">Librarian of the Year</a>	May 31	NDLA President-elect
<a href="#">Major Benefactor Award</a>	May 31	NDLA President-elect
<a href="#">School Library Administrator of the Year Award</a>	August 31	SLAYS Chair
<a href="#">Youth Excellence Program of the Year</a>	August 1	SLAYS Chair
<a href="#">Notable Documents Award</a>	Submit nominations prior to annual conference; conference attendees vote for their favorite documents at the conference	GODORT Chair

## NDLA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

For the details for a particular grant, click on the link.

[NMRT Grassroots Grant](#) — Deadline: Aug 15

The Grassroots Grant gives new and future librarians a chance to attend the annual NDLA conference. This grant will finance attendance of up to two members to the annual conference. The full registration (including meals) for each recipient will be waived. The 2016 conference will be held in Dickinson, September 21-24.

[Professional Development Grants](#) – Deadline for 2016 grants: August 31, 2016

If you're planning to participate in some form of continuing education, consider applying for a Professional Development Grant. Selections will be made by majority approval of the Professional Development Grants Committee (whose members are ineligible to apply).

Grant	Submission Deadline	Submit to:
NDLA Professional Development Grant	Completed applications may be submitted at any time.	Lori K. West Interim Professional Development Chair Fargo Public Library 2801 32 Ave S Fargo, ND 58103 701-476-5977 (office) 701-476-5981 (fax) <a href="mailto:lwest@cityoffargo.com">lwest@cityoffargo.com</a>
Ron Rudser Memorial Continuing Education Grant		
M. Vivian Hubbard Memorial Grant	The deadline for 2016 grants is August 31, 2016.  Find the downloadable application form <a href="#">here</a> .	
Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Memorial Grant		



## Browsing in the Cyberstacks

By Tina Nygard, Editorial Committee Member



As an educator and a librarian (I hold an Education Degree in English and the Social Sciences), I recognize the importance of finding current primary sources, as well as reliable online sources, when researching for school projects. Because of this need, I searched diligently for a reliable source of non-fiction information, and there it was, right under my very nose - the North Dakota State Government website! To keep it interesting, I decided to veer away from the obvious choices (like the ND State Library... they provide so much material it would be too easy!) and instead settled upon the Legislative Branch and State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) sites.



The Legislative Branch page - [www.legis.nd.gov](http://www.legis.nd.gov) - is admittedly one of my favorites (and not simply because I work in Legislative Council). From this starting point, a researcher can access thousands of documents on subjects ranging from agriculture to workers' compensation - whatever piques the writer's interest. Some materials available include:

- Legislative Bill Histories - The Legislative Council Library provides legislative bill histories ([www.legis.nd.gov/research-center/history](http://www.legis.nd.gov/research-center/history)) online from 2001 through 2013; they contain minutes, votes, and testimony from committee meetings during the legislative session. This is a fantastic place to go if the researcher already has a bill in mind, as it leads directly to the files of the bills submitted that session.
- Interim Information - If a broader research point is preferred, I would suggest starting here - [www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/64-2015/session-interim](http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/64-2015/session-interim). On this page, the researcher can choose from a range of committee topics, and then narrow down their interest to a specific bill.

Whichever way is chosen, the site provides a great opportunity to study up on current events and to analyze how they affect our political climate.



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HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
OF NORTH DAKOTA**

Another excellent educational resource is the State Historical Society of North Dakota's site - [history.nd.gov](http://history.nd.gov).

- Online Exhibits – A great addition to the creative learning process are the Online Exhibits, which can be found here - [history.nd.gov/exhibits/onlineexhibits.html](http://history.nd.gov/exhibits/onlineexhibits.html). These exhibits provide a visual aspect of research, along with fascinating topics central to North Dakota's history. Well-designed and easy to navigate, this page provides plenty of information, and in a format designed to appeal to students.
- Archives – Simple and neat, the Archives page ([history.nd.gov/archives/index.html](http://history.nd.gov/archives/index.html)) provides a great starting point for finding materials related to a topic of interest. Abstracts are provided for a number of documents, and materials are fairly easy to acquire (I would personally suggest the *Frontier Scout* publication...fascinating!). One thing the user should keep in mind is some services will have a fee attached.

Government sites can be a bit dicey to navigate, mainly because they contain so much information, but they also provide an excellent opportunity for instructing keyword searches. In this case, the outcome is well worth the work!

Until next time...





# 2016 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



The [Collaborative Summer Library Program \(CSLP\)](#) is a consortium of all 50 states working together to provide high-quality summer reading materials at the lowest cost possible for public libraries. Sarah Matusz ([smatusz@nd.gov](mailto:smatusz@nd.gov)), Library Development Specialist at the North Dakota State Library, is the North Dakota CSLP representative. Sarah represents all North Dakota public libraries at CSLP through ongoing communication, committee work, and by attending the annual CSLP national conference as a voting member.

This year there are three reading themes: one for children, one for teens, and one for adults.

- On Your Mark, Get Set ... READ! (children)
- Get in the Game: Read (teens)
- Exercise Your Mind. Read! (adults)

CSLP publishes a themed summer reading manual. It is a rich resource for planning, promoting, and hosting a successful program. Every public library in North Dakota is eligible to get one free summer reading manual through the North Dakota State Library. Click [here](#) to find out how to get your copy.

Reading ... it's a good thing.

## The Digital Press at the University of North Dakota

"The Digital Press at the University of North Dakota publishes high quality peer-reviewed and popular books" in the humanities using digital and print-on-demand technologies. The Press strives to produce open access, digital publications whenever possible.

This book, *The Bakken Goes Boom: Oil and the Changing Geographies of Western North Dakota* edited by William Caraher and Kyle Conway, is now available for free download from the site. (You can also purchase a paperback copy from Amazon).

Others you can download include:

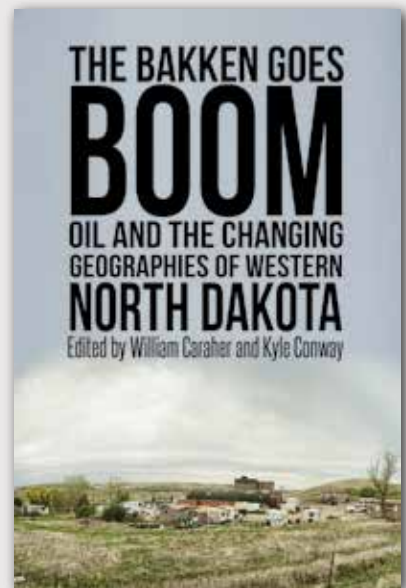
*The University of North Dakota and The Great War* (North Dakota Quarterly Reprint Series)

*The War with the Sioux: Norwegians against Indians 1862-1863* by Karl Jakob Skarstein.

*Punk Archaeology* edited by Kostis Kourelis, William R. Caraher, and Andrew Reinhard

*Visions of Substance: 3D Imagining in Mediterranean Archaeology* edited by Brandon Olson and William Caraher

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# MPLA PROUDLY ANNOUNCES . . .



## North Dakota's 2016 MPLA Leadership Institute Fellows

MPLA's [2016 Leadership Institute](#) will be held May 15-20, 2016, at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. Maureen Sullivan, a nationally known organizational development consultant, will again facilitate the Institute. Sullivan has 25+ years of experience in leadership development and is the past president of the American Library Association. She helped establish the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute and is a faculty member for its annual program. Among the several Institute mentors are two North Dakota librarians, [Mary Soucie](#), North Dakota State Librarian, and [Wendy Wendt](#), Director of the Grand Forks Public Library.

More than 50 people applied to be part of the 2016 MPLA Leadership Institute. These North Dakota librarians are among those selected as Institute fellows:



### **Mary Jo Lorenz, Reference Librarian, Grand Forks Public Library**

Mary has worked in various positions at the Grand Forks Public Library since 1998, including as a Children's Aide and Cataloging Aide. She has a Master's of Library Science from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, and a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from the University of North Dakota. Mary has been married to Kent for 35 years and has two married children, Andrea and Craig. Her first grandchild, Corbin Michael, was born this past October. Besides reading, Mary enjoys many crafts, especially knitting, and is a member of the Red River Valley Fiber Guild.



### **James Nyland, Librarian, Pingree-Buchanan Elementary School**

Jim Nyland was born and raised in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He attended Northland Community College, then moved on to Brown Institute, a radio broadcasting school in Minneapolis. His radio career began in Natchez, Mississippi, and over the next 23 years, he worked at stations in Colorado, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and New Hampshire in a variety of positions. Jim went back to school and earned an elementary education degree with a minor in library media at Valley City State University. In 2005, he began working at Pingree-Buchanan Elementary school as a fourth grade teacher and librarian. Since then, he has acquired counselor and secondary principal certification, a middle school social

studies endorsement, and a Masters' Degree in Educational Technology with a Library Science emphasis. Jim is married and has two children. In his free time, he is active in the community, including service as a board member at the library. He likes to read, write, hunt for goodies at flea markets and yard sales, and work with technology tools.



### **Sarah Nelson, Children's, Teen, and Reference Librarian, Fargo Public Library**

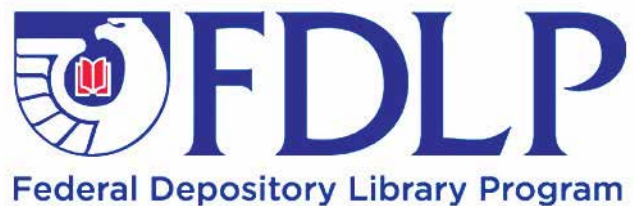
Sarah earned an MLIS from the University of Washington, and a B.A. in Scandinavian Studies and English from the University of Minnesota.

We are proud of our North Dakota Institute fellows and Institute mentors and wish them well!



# The Future of the Federal Depository Library Program

BY ALICIA KUBAS, GODORT CHAIR



For those of you in the [Federal Depository Library Program \(FDLP\)](#), you know that change is needed to keep this program sustainable. Many federal depository libraries are running out of space for their print collections and lack the staff or time to fully support their collections. Regional Depositories have been struggling especially due to their large collections that must be retained in perpetuity. GPO has been working on a solution to augment the Federal Depository Library Program with the hope of addressing some of these issues. The National Plan for the Future of the FDLP was revealed at the 2014 Federal Depository Library Conference and since then has been met with optimism as well as doubt in terms of its feasibility.

First, the National Plan would add another component to GPO. The Federal Depository Library Program will still exist in its current capacity, but there will be the addition of the Federal Information Preservation Network or FIPNet. FIPNet's goal is to be a collaborative network of libraries and other entities that seek to ensure access to government information in perpetuity. This means preservation of tangible and digital government information and includes cataloging and metadata creation, digitization, harvesting web content, hosting content, storing physical items, assessing condition of print items, conservation, and other activities.

Libraries that are part of the FDLP are called Selective and Regional Depository Libraries depending on their designation, and the National Plan adds two new designations: Affiliated Federal Access Libraries and Federal Information Access Assurance Partners. Affiliated Libraries would have an online-only collection and constitute libraries with fewer than 10,000 volumes. Access Assurance Partners are a bit more complicated because they can be Selectives, Regionals, or Affiliated Libraries who commit to

contributing to cataloging/metadata, collection condition assessment, digitization, harvesting, hosting, preservation, and any other supportive project that would ensure better access to federal government information. For example, a library can be both a Selective Depository Library and a Federal Information Access Assurance Partner because it is collecting selected federal publications and working on digitizing its collection.

For Regional Depositories, the big news was that GPO is considering a change in the retention guidelines where Regional Depository Libraries would be allowed to discard certain print materials if an approved digital version is available through GPO's FDsys. The caveat is that all Regionals cannot get rid of print copies just because a certain title is available digitally, so there have to be enough copies retained to ensure print access and preservation. Knowing how many copies that should be and how they should be dispersed geographically are the two major problems that GPO is currently trying to address with the help of government information librarians. A survey was sent to all Regional Depositories in order to gauge the likelihood that these libraries would be interested in discarding certain titles and series. The results were presented at the December 2014 Depository Library Council Virtual Meeting, and it seemed that there was a healthy mix of those that wished or needed to discard and those that were content with keeping their full print collections.

We can only hope that these changes move forward and are presented to the Joint Committee on Printing with success in their approval. To continue the FDLP as a viable program means that it has to change with the advent of high-quality digital formats and the growing concern of space and staff time in under-resourced libraries. The details of these proposed plans may take a number of years to completely refine, but the government documents community is adamant that change happen in order to remain sustainable.



In mid-January, **Bridget Burke**, Dean of Libraries at North Dakota State University, announced her plans to resign at the end of the spring semester. Bridget has accepted a position at the University of Wyoming and a return to archival work as the Director of the American Heritage Center (AHC). The AHC is an independent archival collection separate from the University of Wyoming Libraries. Bridget said, "It is collection that has been a personal landmark within the archival and heritage community for many years, in a place where I have a lifetime of connections." Bridget's last day at NDSU will be in early May. Recruitment plans and interim arrangements for the Dean of Libraries position have not been finalized.

After a long illness, **Loren Jechort** passed away on October 27, 2015. Loren earned a degree in music education from Mayville State, and an M.S. in education and an Ed.D from UND. After teaching for a few years, he pursued a master's degree in library science from the University of Arizona-Tucson, then

worked as a catalog-librarian with the State Archives at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. Loren was a longtime member of NDLA and retired in 2007. Click [here](#) to read the complete obituary.

Bismarck resident **Jason Matthews** has been appointed to the vacant at-large position on the **NDLCC** (North Dakota Library Coordinating Council). The vacancy was due to the resignation of Council member **Ray Siver**.

**Angela da Vinhqa** is the new Adult Services Coordinator at the Valley City Barnes County Public Library. Angela was born in Coimbra, Portugal, and earned a Bachelor's degree from the Instituto Superior Miguel Torga. For the last 15 years she has worked in public health and most recently as an administrative assistant to the Director of the Office of Patient Advocacy of the Portuguese Oncological Institute. Angela and her husband, who teaches at Valley City State University, recently moved to Valley City.

## NDLA One Book, One Association Summit

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### What is One Book, One Association?

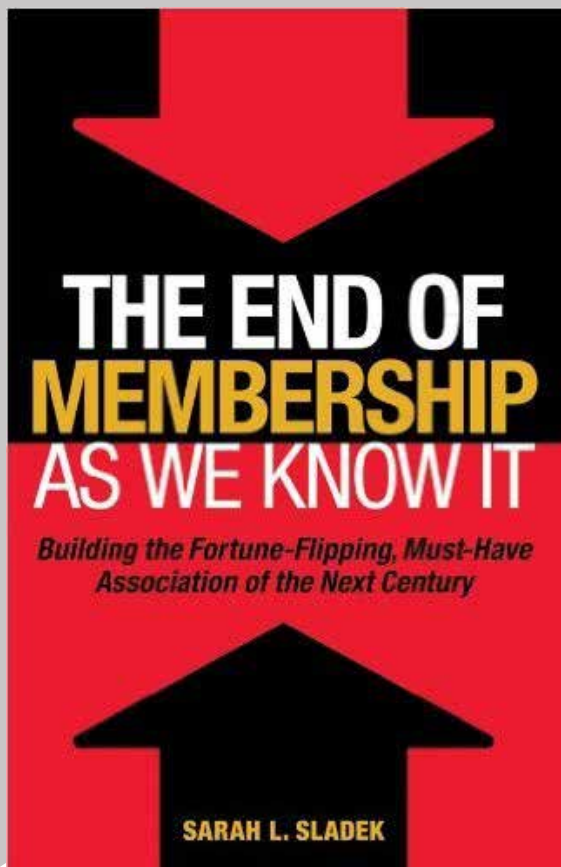
Since November 2015, a group of interested librarians has been meeting monthly via Zoom to talk about the book, *The End of Membership as We Know It: Building the Fortune-Flipping, Must-Have Association of the Next Century* by Sarah L. Sladek.

We are using the book to spark dialogue about the future of NDLA and its mission, structure, and vision. The hope is to strengthen our organization, improve member engagement, and increase NDLA's impact. Our monthly discussions have been rich and idea-filled. We have one chapter left and will talk about it on Friday, April 1, from 2-3 pm. Even if you missed some or all of the previous discussions, it isn't too late. You can join in and add your voice at any time!

### Summit

On May 6, there will be an in-person gathering to talk and brainstorm together at Bismarck State College. Attendees will also have a chance to see the new BSC library. Watch the NDLA listserv and NDLA's Facebook page (you can also join the One Book discussion group) for details and make plans to attend.

See you on May 6<sup>th</sup>!





# Dr. Anton Treuer Visits Mayville State University

BY AUBREY MADLER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES, BYRNES-QUANBECK LIBRARY, MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

In the spirit of Native American History Month, cultural awareness, and the history of the Dakotas, Dr. Anton Treuer of Bemidji State University, international speaker and author of 14 books, visited Mayville State University last November. His visit was successful beyond expectation. More than 250 students, faculty, staff, and members of the surrounding communities attended various sessions on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Treuer just scratched the surface of Ojibwe cultures, traditions, history, and language.

Together, the audiences learned about the structure of the Ojibwe language, which can grow and change with the times. For example, tribal leaders create new words by piecing together existing terms that make up the meaning for *pants* (a new concept for them at one time), *computer*, etc. The spoken word is rooted deeply in Native tradition. Like many Native cultures, they are working to revitalize their language to ensure its availability for future generations to speak and to read.

These sessions provided a safe place to ask the hard questions and spark conversation – especially during the session entitled, “Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians but Were Afraid to Ask” (also the title of his book). Many times people are so afraid of offending others that they miss out on opportunities to learn about and gain understanding of other cultures and ways of living.

Nearly 75 students, faculty, and staff from Mayville State’s Education Division participated in various sessions related to the historical treatment of Native Americans on these soils of the Red River Valley. These included their assimilation processes, boarding schools, views of education, and cultural awareness in the classroom. Did you know that there are 10,000 years of Native history in the Americas prior to Columbus’ first landing? This was a time when over 2 million Taino Indians lived on a small island in the Dominican Republic (now known as Haiti). Through 1970, this Native population dropped over 90%. Did you also know that there was a war across southern Minnesota? The Dakota-U.S. War of 1862 took place between the U.S. military and immigrant settlers and the

Dakota Indians. Stories like these are often left out of our history books, but are now starting to come more to the forefront in our educational system.

Cultural literature, movies, presentations by experts, and open, respectful conversations work together to offer us windows to the cultures, histories, and traditions that may be different from what we know and see every day. They also offer us mirrors – helping us to be more self-aware, to see others like us, and to learn more about our role in the journey through education, acceptance, and (sometimes) apologies.

## Membership Report

(as of March 16, 2016)

Submitted by Mary Sheahan,  
Membership Chair

Academic & Special Libraries Section	38
Health Sciences Information Section	10
Public Library Section	41
School Library & Youth Services Section	44
Archives/Records Management Roundtable	10
Government Documents Roundtable	6
New Members Roundtable	14
Technical Services Roundtable	14
Associate members	5
Institutional members	4
Student members	1
Trustees	10
New members 2016	19
<b>Total 2016 members</b>	<b>136</b>

\*\*The above numbers represent individuals who have renewed or joined since January 2016\*\*

Help us increase our membership in 2016 — 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 our [website](#) — click on “[Membership](#).” Dues can be paid by check or PayPal. The NDLA membership year is January to December.



Fargo native **C. J. English** is the author of *Affairytale: a Memoir* (\$11.99, 312-363 p., pbk.; \$3.99, Kindle); which chronicles her unhappy marriage and the affair that led to finding true love. To view the book trailer, click [here](#). The book is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).



*Being Fargo: a Memoir* (\$18, 308 p., pbk.) and *Becoming Fargo: Boy to Man* (\$18, 262 p., pbk.) by **Don Homuth** share the author's "thoughts, essays, and stories" about living in Fargo from 1953 to 1980. The former North Dakota journalist, broadcaster, and state senator now lives in Salem, Oregon. Both books are available from [Barnes and Noble](#), [Amazon](#), and [Zandbroz Variety](#).

Two recently published books by **Virginia Goerger** will help preserve the history of the [Bagg Bonanza Farm](#) in the Red River Valley. *Bonanza Farm Life and Beyond* (\$14.95, 29 p., pbk.) is a children's book published by Outskirts Press, and *A Century of Life on the Bagg Farm and Red River Valley* is an historical, non-fiction work. The author is a tour guide at the Bagg Bonanza Farm and began her writing project in 1990 by listening to and collecting the reminiscences of Ella Bagg, one of the farm's descendants. Eventually, the Wyndmere resident decided to take on the task of writing and publishing the books. Both books are available at Wahpeton Drug, Hankinson Drug, Popp's Hardware, and Julie's Pharmacy and Home Décor in Lidgerwood. The children's book is available online from [Amazon](#) and [Outskirts Press](#).

On January 1, 2016, the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies Press, which was established in 1950, officially became the North Dakota State University Press. The [NDSU Press](#) publishes peer-reviewed books on any topic or in any discipline that contribute to scholarly knowledge of the region or interpret regional experience. On March 3, the Press hosted a launch party to release three new books, including *Boy Wanted* (\$13, pbk.) by **Ryan Christiansen**; *North Dakota's Geologic Legacy: Our Land and How It Is Formed* (\$39.95) by **John P. Bluemle**; and *The Walk across North Dakota* (\$14.95) edited by **Gwendolyn Hoberg**. *Boy Wanted* is about 12-year-old Alvi, whose father is a failed auctioneer in Red River, North Dakota, and leaves the family during the Great Depression. Author Ryan Christiansen also wrote *The Guard House and Other Stories* (2011). John P.

Bluemle, former state geologist and director of the North Dakota Geological Survey from 1990 to 2004, penned *North Dakota's Geologic Legacy*, a scholarly work with 150+ color photos and maps. *The Walk across North Dakota* is a travelogue by five friends who traversed the state (west to east) by foot in June 2011. You can find out more about their walk on [The Blank Rectangle](#) website. All three books are currently available from [NDSU Press](#) and will likely be available from other online sellers in the future.

**SueAnn Berntson** of Buffalo, North Dakota, recently released two CDs, *Christmas on Pearl Street* and *Truth to Tell*, a southern gospel album. Both CDs were produced by RPM Sounds in Wheatland, ND, and are available locally at Quilted Ceiling in Valley City and Casselton Drug in Buffalo. Copies can also be purchased by contacting SueAnn on her Facebook page, Sue Ann Berntson's Music, or by emailing her at [suebeeme@hotmail.com](mailto:suebeeme@hotmail.com).

A native of the Pacific Northwest who now lives in West Fargo has published a collection of 90 haiku poems that he wrote between 1998 and 2013. *Dog and Fox, and Other Musings* (\$19.99, 98 p., pbk.; \$4.99, Kindle) by **L. Ruben Willis** is available from [Barnes and Noble](#) and [Amazon](#). On Twitter, Willis writes under the pseudonym "Tortured Cyclone."

*Encountering God: Reflections on the Courtship Letters of My Religious Parents* (\$9.95, 186 p., pbk.; \$2.99, Kindle; \$2.95, Nook) was inspired by a collection of letters that surfaced posthumously. Margaret was a schoolteacher in Washburn, North Dakota, when she met a Swedish farmer, Walter, at her brother-in-law's parish in Greeley, Colorado, in 1937. The couple corresponded during one year when they shared only two visits. This book includes some of their letters as well as the reflections of their son (and author of the book), **Mark A. Johnson**. It is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).



In 2003, **Raylene Frankhauser Nickel** penned *A Prayer for the Prairie: Learning Faith on a Small Farm*. Her second book, *Forever Hopeful: a Wife's Story of Winter* is an account of her journey through loss after the death of her husband, John, in 2013. Nickel is an author and agricultural journalist in Kief, North Dakota. The book is available from Gideon's [Trumpet](#) in Minot.



**Fracture: Essays, Poems, and Stories on Fracking in America** (\$24.95, 490 p., pbk.) edited by **Taylor Brorby** and **Stephanie Brook Trout** is hot off the press. This anthology “brings together a choir of established and emerging writers, giving voice to the complexities of hydraulic fracturing across the United States.” (publisher’s description).

**The Good Father**, a film by **Daniel Bielinski** and **Mark Dojs**, explores what happens “when an isolated and lonely man witnesses a possible abuse situation next-door ...” Bielinski is the Director of Theater at the University of Mary and Dojs is a filmmaker and Professor of Film/Video at the University. The film was shot in Bismarck and was screened at the  [Fargo Film Festival](#) on March 19, 2016. It was also an official selection for the [Siouxland Film Festival](#) (February 2016). According to the [film website](#), “... *The Good Father* is intended to kick-start professional narrative film-making in western North Dakota.”

“Learn the language everyone speaks but no one understands. Body language.” What began as a research project about human ability to detect smiles (sincere or not?) for a senior psychology class is now a book entitled **A Guide to Deception** (\$13.99, softcover; \$9.99, Kindle ebook) by **Spencer Coffman** of Fargo.



Coffman is a native of Holmes City, Minnesota, and earned degrees in psychology and philosophy from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2012. For more information and to order a copy, visit the author’s website at: <http://spencercoffman.com/>. The ebook version is also available online from [Amazon](#).

**Holding On** is a new CD by singer/guitarist **Josh Harty**, formerly of Fargo and a Kindred (ND) native. Harty held a CD release show at the [ecce art gallery](#) in Fargo on March 12. For more information, visit the website at [www.joshharty.com/](http://www.joshharty.com/) or [Josh Harty Music](#) on Facebook.

**House Rivals** (\$25, hardcover; \$16, pbk.; \$11.99, Kindle; \$14.99, Nook) is the latest Joe DeMarco thriller from **Mike Lawson**. There’s a North Dakota connection because it is focused on the Bakken oil boom and much of the action takes place in Bismarck. *The Seattle Times* called it “high good humor, deft prose, and insider smarts.” The book is widely available at bookstores and online from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).

**Dawn Endres** of Fargo has penned a children’s book that is “meant to inspire and give hope, even in tough times.” ***I Am Forever in His Hands*** (\$10.99, 28 p., pbk.) is about “a special little girl who faced challenges from birth and overcame every obstacle in her way with the help of God, family, and all those He placed in her life.” The book draws from the author’s real life experiences working with individuals with disabilities and at-risk children/youth and as an advocate for her own child. *I Am Forever in His Hands* is available online from [Tate Publishing](#), [Amazon](#), and [Barnes and Noble](#).



**Michael J. Lansing**, an associate professor of History at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, has written ***Insurgent Democracy: the Nonpartisan League in North American Politics*** (\$45, 392 p., hardcover; \$30.99, eBook). In 1915, western farmers formed the Nonpartisan League in an effort to empower citizens and restrain corporate influence. Before its collapse in the 1920s, the League had more than 250,000 paying members in the United States and Canada and also controlled North Dakota’s state government. Lansing’s book offers a new look at the League and its rise and fall. On December 6, 2015, Lansing gave a lecture at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck and also signed copies of his new book. Copies are available from bookstores and online from [The University of Chicago Press](#), [Amazon](#), and [Barnes and Noble](#).

Not to be confused with Gwyneth Paltrow’s new book with the same title, **Marge Horner** of Napoleon has penned ***It’s All Good*** (\$21, 166 p., softcover), a collection of favorite recipes, including many that reflect the ethnic German heritage of the Napoleon community. In her introduction, Horner says, “As of today I only bake with Dakota Maid flour for ordinary baked goods, and Dakota Maid Bread Flour for my dough recipes. And I could go on and on about what I’ve learned in the kitchen over the years. The best way to learn is to be in the kitchen working beside someone. There are still some recipes not included in this book which you will only learn how to make by being in the kitchen – dumplings, soup & dungas, etc.” The book is available from the [Germans from Russia Heritage Collection](#).

The University of Minnesota Press has released a revised edition of a book first published in 1983. ***Jewels of the Plains: Wildflowers of the Great Plains Grasslands and Hills*** (\$27.95, 288 p., hardcover;





\$15.99, NOOK; \$23.89, Kindle) was written by **Claude Barr**, a man who first intended to be a farmer when he homesteaded 160 acres in southwest South Dakota in 1910. Although Barr didn't get to see the published version of his book (he died in 1982 about a month short of his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and nearly a year before it came off the press), it was considered the definitive work on plains wildflowers and their cultivation. Now, editor **James H. Locklear** has edited the 1983 book to incorporate new scientific information, an introduction, and supplemental notes. The 2015 revised edition is available at bookstores and online from [The University of Minnesota Press](#), [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).

Jamestown's **DeeAnn Schumacher** has self-published a children's book with a Christmas theme. ***The Legend of the Christmas Candle***

(\$8.99, 34 p., pbk.) is based on a legend about a couple who shared whatever they owned with others and used a lighted candle in their window as a sign of welcome.

Schumacher's story features hedgehogs instead of humans and the publisher's description says, "A family of hedgehogs receives unexpected rewards on Christmas. This heartwarming story touches on generosity, sharing and family in the true spirit of Christmas." The book was illustrated by Emma Stuart of Australia and is available online from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).



There's life, and then, to help you live better, there's ***Life by Design: Lessons I've Learned on My Journey to Help You with Yours*** (\$21.95, 148 p., pbk.). Fargo author **Teresa Lewis** believes in living with purpose and shares her insights in her first book. Lewis is a motivational speaker and mindset coach as well as a co-host on Life 97.9 FM. For more information, visit her website at [www.teresainspires.com/](http://www.teresainspires.com/). The book is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).

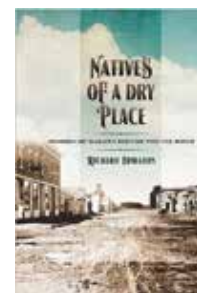
In 1994, **Jean De Dieu (Jado) Musabyimana** was a 13-year-old boy living in Rwanda when the Rwandan genocide began. Hutu extremists blamed Tutsis for problems in the country and killed more than 1 million Tutsis over a period of 100 days. Several of Musabyimana's family members and neighbors were among the victims. Musabyimana immigrated to this country as an asylum seeker two years ago and moved to Dickinson nine months ago. Now he has written a book about his experiences titled ***Love Above All: Forgiveness of a Young Rwandan Genocide Survivor***

(\$14.98, 128 p., pbk.). The book is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).

**Stephen Tiedman**, a Bismarck native and Fargo South High School English teacher, has penned ***A Mourning of Remembrance*** (\$12.99, 294 p., pbk.). The book tells the story of a mildly autistic 17-year-old boy who is trying to keep a promise to his grandfather, who has Alzheimer's disease. The journey is life-changing and forces Gavin to break from a safe routine. The book is available online from [Amazon](#). Tiedman is also the author of *Duran's Love* (2014) and *The Walking Shadow* (2014). For a 2015 Prairie Pulse interview with Tiedman, click [here](#).

In the spring of 1940, as German soldiers were closing in on the city, 14-year-old **Maria Merien Mullally** and her family escaped to London from their home in Antwerp, Belgium. Not long after the family arrived, the London blitz began, so Mullally experienced the terror of bombings there, too. Eventually, she met an American soldier, William "Bill" Mullally, and married him on August 5, 1944. After the war, the couple moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota, then to Minneapolis, and finally to Grand Forks, where Bill was a dentist and they raised their three children. Now, Mullally has chronicled her experiences in ***My Journey through World War II: a Memoir*** (143 p., pbk.; .99, Kindle ebook). The book was edited by Carissa Green and 100 copies were printed by Knight Printing of Fargo. To inquire about obtaining a print copy, email: [myjourneywwii@gmail.com](mailto:myjourneywwii@gmail.com).

South Dakota Historical Society Press recently published ***Natives of a Dry Place: Stories of Dakota before the Oil Boom*** (\$16.95, 198 p., pbk.) by **Richard Edwards**. *Natives of a Dry Place* is "part memoir, part oral history" and focuses on everyday life in the Stanley community before big oil changed things. The author was born in Stanley, North Dakota, in 1944 and lived there until his family moved out of state in 1956. He earned a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard and served as chair of the Economics Department at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Edwards is now director of the [Center for Great Plains Studies](#) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



A West Fargo woman has penned ***Not My Plan: a Mother's Unexpected Journey*** (\$28.95, 126 p., hardcover; \$11.95, 126 p., pbk.; \$5.49-\$5.99, eBook). The book is **Joyce Wexley's** story about being the





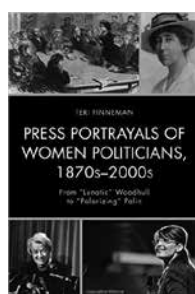
mother of a special needs child. Daughter Amy (now 34 years old), was born prematurely and suffered a cerebral hemorrhage when she was a day old. On day ten, doctors gave the new parents a poor prognosis for their daughter “with the words blind, deaf, and physically challenged.” Amy defied that early prognosis and can see, hear, and walk with a walker. Most surprising of all, at 32 months, Amy played a song on the piano after only hearing it. For more information, visit the authors’ website at [www.joycesjourney.com/](http://www.joycesjourney.com/). The book is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).

**John M. LaForge** and **Arianne S. Peterson** have edited and updated a book that first came out in 1988. ***Nuclear Heartland: Revised Edition*** (\$25 + \$5 s/h, 115 p., pbk.) is a “guide to the 450 land-based missiles of the United States.” In 1988, there were 1,000 missile silos in the US, including many in North Dakota. For more information, visit [www.nukewatchinfo.org](http://www.nukewatchinfo.org).



***A Pen for All Seasons*** is the second annual booklet of original work released by the **Dunn County Writers (DCW)**, a literary non-profit of writers on North Dakota’s Western Edge whose mission is “to chronicle the voice of a population in transition.” DCW held a release party and reading on January 4, 2016, at the Dunn County Historical Museum in Dunn Center. *A Pen for All Seasons* includes 37 original poems, reminiscences, and essays on the four seasons – spring, summer, fall, and winter – by 11 writers. **Jennifer Strange**, the group’s executive director, arranged and edited the booklet. For more information, contact: [dunncountywriters@hotmail.com](mailto:dunncountywriters@hotmail.com).

In the [December 2015 issue](#) (p. 15) of *The Good Stuff*, we reported that an as-yet-untitled book by **Teri Finneman** would be released sometime between December and April. That book – ***Press Portrayals of Women Politicians, 1870s-2000s: From ‘Lunatic’ Woodhull to ‘Polarizing’ Palin*** (\$85, 228 p., hardcover; \$84.99, ebook) – is now available. The book examines how four pioneering women politicians have been treated by the press. They include Victoria Woodhull, the first woman to run for president (1872); Jeannette Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress (1916); Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to seek a presidential nomination at a major party’s convention (1964);



and Sarah Palin, the first Republican woman vice presidential candidate (2008). The author grew up in Hazen, North Dakota, and worked as a reporter for the Dickinson Press and the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead before earning a doctorate in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Finneman teaches journalism at South Dakota State University and is also organizing an oral history project for the North Dakota Newspaper Association and the North Dakota State Historical Society. The book is available from [Rowman & Littlefield](#), [Amazon](#), and [Barnes and Noble](#).

**Karen Floan**, a native of Minneapolis who now calls Fargo home, has penned her first book, ***Pemberton Mackey ... Fashion, Romance, Intrigue, and Humor*** (\$11.95, 122 p., pbk.; \$9.99, eBook). In the novel, Pemberton Mackey, a character loosely based on the author herself, is beginning a new life as a recently divorced woman determined to pursue her dream of starting a fashion design business. The book is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).

If you like fantasy and adventure, consider reading ***Quest for the Golden Scroll: the Writings of Scheon Twirre*** (\$2.99, 115 p., Kindle ebook download) by **Sarah Becker** of Dickinson. The book is aimed at a young adult audience and was written in 2008 and edited multiple times before being released through [Amazon](#) on December 28, 2015. Although Becker’s father, Jim, is credited with editing the book, he says “it was the kids.” He used the book as a teaching tool in his language arts classes for gifted and talented students at Berg Elementary. Sarah Becker graduated from Dickinson High in 2002 and considers writing a hobby.

In ***Saying Goodbye to the Girls: a Light Look at the Dark Side of Cancer*** (\$19.95, 242 p., pbk.), **Kim Wagner** recalls finding her way through the darkness of disease after being diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer at age 50. Wagner is a motivational speaker and lives in Fargo. Her book is available from Zandbroz Variety in Fargo and online from [Barnes and Noble](#) and [Amazon](#). Her first book with Meg Spielman Peldo, *No Lumps, Thank You: a Bra Anthologie*, was the winner of the 2013 Best Book Awards in Anthologies: Non-Fiction (included in the “North Dakota in Print” column in the December 2012 issue of *The Good Stuff* on page 34). For more information about Wagner, visit [www.kimwagnerspeaks.com/](http://www.kimwagnerspeaks.com/).

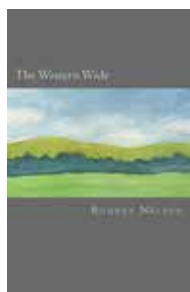
***Teaching: With a Side of Chicken Wings & a Shot of Vodka*** is the second book by **Sybil Priebe**, an associate professor of English and Humanities at North Dakota



State College of Science in Wahpeton. Written in the form of journal entries, the book is a work of fiction “loosely inspired by her own experiences” as a community college English teacher. Priebe’s first book was a memoir titled *The Big-Boobed Bridesmaid* (see the December 2014 issue of *The Good Stuff*, p. 24). Her latest book is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).

**Thomas D. Isern** and **Michael Miller** compiled and edited *The Welk Homestead: a Source Book* (\$20, 75 p., softcover). The Welk Farmstead, where North Dakota entertainer Lawrence Welk grew up, became a State Historic Site of the State Historical Society of North Dakota on July 1, 2015. The source book includes the site’s Nomination to National Register of Historic Places; Fr. Speckmeier’s Report; related Plains Folk columns; The Homestead Act; the Homestead File of Ludwig Welk; and selected readings. The book is available from the [Germans from Russia Heritage Collection](#) at NDSU.

The latest book from poet **Rodney Nelson** of Fargo is *The Western Wide* (\$11.99, 164 p., pbk.). The landscape of the West and the northern Great Plains feature largely in his work. *The Western Wide* was published by [ThrewLine Books](#), which called the book “a careful and cohesive artistic statement, creating a road through a landscape by turns lush and stark, sharp and amorphous, but always driven by a deeply human expression of wonder and curiosity.” The book is available from [ThrewLine Books](#), [Amazon](#), and [Barnes and Noble](#).



*When I Get Home* (\$14.99, 238 p., pbk.) is a self-published novel by **Paula Ranes Thompson** rooted in her memories of growing up in Lisbon, North Dakota. In the book, Penny Tomlin is on a train heading home to Lisbon for Christmas when by some quirk of fate, she is transported back to the Lisbon of 1973. Is it a second chance to do things over and get it right? *When I Get Home* is available from [Amazon](#).

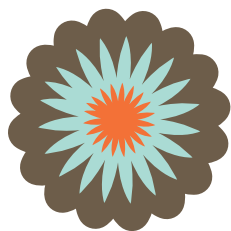
**Elizabeth Raum** of Fargo is the author of more than 100 books for children. The former high school English teacher and librarian’s first book was published in July 2001 -- *Every Day a Holiday: Celebrating Children’s Literature throughout the Year* -- and her second book, *Follow That Star: a Christmas Story*, followed in September 2001. Raum strives to write

books that children want to read and she focuses on history and simple science subjects. Four of her books were published in 2015 and she is under contract for two more in 2016-17. For more information, including a complete list of her books, visit the website: [www.elizabethraum.net](http://www.elizabethraum.net)

**Mary Louise Defender Wilson**, age 85, is a Dakotah and Hidatsa traditionalist and storyteller. Well-known in North Dakota, she was recently named a 2015 Artists Fellow and awarded a \$50,000 [United States Artists](#) fellowship, one of the most prestigious arts fellowships in the country. Defender Wilson is the first North Dakotan to receive this fellowship and the first in the nation to receive it for storytelling. Troyd Geist, folklorist with the North Dakota Council on the Arts, said, “Mary Louise is a North Dakota treasure and with her most recent recognition is solidified as a national treasure.” Defender Wilson grew up on the Standing Rock reservation and plans to use the fellowship money to preserve native dialects by visiting Dakotah and Lakotah Sioux communities where Wicheyena, Isanti, and Teton are spoken to record buffalo stories in those languages. For more information about Mary Louise Defender Wilson, visit [www.unitedstatesartists.org/fellows/2015/mary-louise-defender-wilson?rq=defender](http://www.unitedstatesartists.org/fellows/2015/mary-louise-defender-wilson?rq=defender).

### Coming Soon!

I am excited to read a new book by award-winning writer **Louise Erdrich** that is set for release on May 10, 2016. *LaRose* (\$27.99, 384 p., hardcover; \$14.99, ebook) is set in North Dakota in 1999 and concludes a trilogy that began with *The Plague of Doves* (2008; Anisfield-Wolf Award winner) and *The Round House* (2012; National Book Award winner). A *Publishers Weekly* review (January 11, 2016) said, “Erdrich spins a powerful, resonant story with masterly finesse. As in *The Round House*, she explores the quest for justice and the thirst for retribution. Again, the setting—a North Dakota Ojibwe reservation and a nearby town—adds complexity to the plot.” *Booklist’s* starred review said, “The radiance of this many-faceted novel is generated by Erdrich’s tenderness for her characters... magnificent...a brilliantly imagined and constructed saga of empathy, elegy, spirituality, resilience, wit, wonder, and hope that will stand as a defining master work of American literature for generations to come.” Erdrich grew up in Wahpeton and now lives in Minnesota and owns Birchbark Press, an independent bookstore. Her books are widely available at bookstores and from online sellers.



# 2016 Spring Workshop

## Monday, April 11 & Tuesday, April 12

### HOSTED BY THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

#### LOCATION & LODGING

Bismarck Comfort Inn (1030 E Interstate Ave)  
701-223-1911  
Single Room - \$80.10 (Ask for ND State Library conference rate; deadline for lodging rate is March 28, 2016)

#### WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- Two tracks on Monday, one track on Tuesday
- State Library staff invite attendees to join them for dinner at a local Bismarck restaurant for food and conversation on Monday evening. Each person is responsible for their own bill and participation is optional. Transportation will be provided.

#### REGISTRATION FEE

(includes catered lunch/ vegetarian option available)

- \$35 for one day
- \$55 for both days
- NO CHARGE for public librarians who bring a library board member (fee waived for both)
- NO CHARGE for school librarians who bring a school counselor (fee waived for both)

#### \$50 VCSU TUITION FEE

(for school librarians who want one LMIS 700 graduate credit)

- Tuition fee payable to Valley City State University
- Students must attend 15 hours of sessions, including 6-9 pm session on Monday, April 11
- See class syllabus for details:  
<http://library.nd.gov/publications/2015springsyllabus.pdf>
- Students must register at VCSU:  
[www.vcsu.edu/extend/vp.htm?p=1618](http://www.vcsu.edu/extend/vp.htm?p=1618)
- Students must also register and pay Workshop registration fee (\$55) to State Library

#### REGISTER ONLINE

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#### PAYMENT

- Register online and pay by check (payable to ND State Library) (*No option for PayPal or credit cards this year*)
- Print registration confirmation and send with check to:  
North Dakota State Library  
2016 Spring Workshops  
604 E Boulevard Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0800

#### QUESTIONS?

- Contact Steve Axtman: 1-800-472-2104 or [saxtman@nd.gov](mailto:saxtman@nd.gov)

### Program at a Glance (For complete program, click [here](#))

#### MONDAY, APRIL 11

Track One - Program Title/Presenter	Track Two – Program Title/Presenter
Basic Grant Writing / Mary Soucie	Digital Horizons: History at Your Fingertips / Stephanie Baltzer Kom
STEAM/STEM Education in ND / Elizabeth Larson-Steckler	Charting Your Course / Eric Stroshane
Supporting Summer Success / Ann Ellefson	Basic IT: Be Your Own Tech Support / Ryan Kroh
Eat Cake, Not Kits & Self Directed Programming / Kristin Byram, Sarah Matusz, Jessica Robinson, & Eric Stroshane	The ABCs of Job Service ND / Phil Davis and Scott McGregor

**Monday, April 11, 6-9 pm** – Class for one graduate credit (LMIS 700 from VCSU)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Program Title	Presenter
Workplace & Personal Safety	Officer Clint Fuller
Creating an Environment of Innovation	Carla Hixson
Volunteers and the Three R's: Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition	Amy Jo Johnson
Building Trust with Respect & Listening	Wayne Brostrom



# Good Stuff from Around the State

Compiled by Marlene Anderson, Editorial Committee Member

## Barnes County North Public School

was one of 467 schools to receive a Patterson Pledge grant from best-selling author James Patterson. The \$3,000 grant will be used to build and install [Little Free Libraries](#) in each of the nine towns in the district since none of them have a public library. Beth Udem, school librarian at Barnes County North, who wrote the grant, said, "This way there will be books available in each town and the 'take a book, give a book' principle will keep the libraries stocked with new materials. Now the real work will start with getting the libraries built and finding places in each town to install them. Any help by volunteers will be greatly appreciated." In addition to the money from the Patterson grant, Scholastic Reading Club will match Patterson's donation with "bonus points" that can be used to acquire books and other materials for the library. To learn more about the Patterson pledge and the Scholastic Reading Club partnership, visit <http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/scholasticreadingclub>. For a complete list of grant recipients, go to: [www.scholastic.com/pattersonpartnership](http://www.scholastic.com/pattersonpartnership). Another North Dakota school, [Cannon Ball Elementary](#), is also listed as a grant recipient.

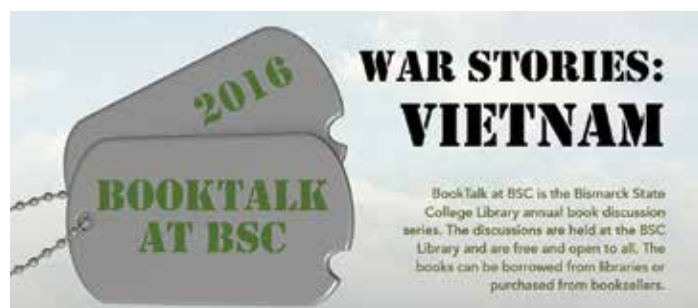


The [Bismarck Veteran's Memorial Public Library](#) is using a \$5,000 grant from the city's Housing and Urban Development Fund for a Job Club to help job seekers through classes on resume building and cover letter writing, self-marketing and follow-up, navigating online job sites, and interviewing skills. Classes began in January 2016 and will be held on the third Monday and Tuesday of each month through October.

Bismarck's [Library Foundation, Inc.](#) is raising money to upgrade the Library's teen center. The new space will be an enclosed space where teens can work independently or in groups. To date, \$120,000 of the \$350,000 budget has been raised, including a \$6,000 grant from Best Buy and an \$8,000 grant from the Bismarck-Mandan Community Foundation.

The Bismarck Lion's Club donated \$1,000 for the purchase of adult large print books, juvenile large print books, Braille books, and keyboard with large font keys for the Children's Library at the [Bismarck Veteran's Memorial Public Library](#).

The [Divide County Library](#) in Crosby has agreed to house and make the Gordon and Emma Anderson Photo Collection accessible to users. The collection includes 6,000+ images of the Anderson family, Crosby, and the surrounding communities. The oldest photos date back to the early 1900s. Librarian Traci Lund is working with Duane Anderson, Emma and Gordon's son, to work out the logistics of preserving the photos and making them accessible to users online.




"Vietnam: War Stories" was the theme of BookTalk at BSC 2016, the [Bismarck State College Library's](#) annual book discussion series. Readers gathered on January 3 to discuss *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien; on February 6 to discuss *Matterhorn* by Karl Marlantes; and on March 7 to talk about *Going After Cacciato*, also by Tim O'Brien. For more information, check out the guide: <http://bsc.libguides.com/booktalk2016>

The board of the [Dunn Center Public Library](#) made the decision to close the library after its nine volunteer librarians dwindled to four and the demand for books declined. The library opened in 2004 in Dunn Center (population about 170) and closed its doors on February 6, 2016. The collection of 25,000 books was given away to anyone who wanted them, and those that were left likely headed to the city dump or a paper recycling company. The library building, which was a house donated by a local citizen for use as a library, is being donated to the Dunn County Historical Society.

[Garrison Public Library](#) and the Sakakawea Area Council for the Arts (SACA) have collaborated to install a Little Free Library in the community. The Little Free Library "take a book, leave a book" concept is meant to promote literacy and the love of reading. Garrison's Little Free Library is located next to Garrison State Bank & Trust and SACA will serve as the steward. For more information, visit [Little Free Library](#).





Do books and basketball go together? Yes, they do! In January, the [Grand Forks Public Library](#) invited kids to pick up an activity sheet, do the 12 tasks listed (from reading a story and talking about it with someone to starting a journal), then return the complete sheet to the library for a ticket voucher to the January 23<sup>rd</sup> UND women's basketball game against Southern Utah University.

The effort to build a new public library in Grand Forks continues. The Library Board intended to make a location decision at their February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, but decided they didn't have enough information to select either a downtown or midtown location for a new, roughly \$22 million library. Instead, they created two committees – one to research the downtown location and the other to research the proposed midtown area near Grand Cities Mall. The committees will report back to the board with full proposals at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Library Board meeting minutes are available on the [Grand Forks Public Library](#) website.

The [Griggs County Public Library](#) will get a new look in 2016. New paint, new carpet, insulation, new furniture, new cupboards, and new shelving are all part of the three-phase project. Work got underway in January and the project is being funded through grants, donations, and savings designated for building repair. The plan is to have the main room completed by March. Missy Brademeyer, an architectural designer from Fort Ransom, is working with the library board to create the new look.

Fundraising for a new pitched roof for the [Harvey Public Library](#) is underway. The Library's flat roof has become a problem during rainy weather and when the snow melts. The roof replacement project will cost about \$80,000 and, so far, about \$14,000 has been raised. The local FCE (Friendly Neighbors Family/Community/Education) Club donated to the project and has challenged other organizations, businesses, and individuals to match or exceed their donation. The Library has also applied for a [Public Library Renovation and Repair Grant](#) through the [North Dakota State Library](#).

[Hazen and Underwood Public Libraries](#) are hosting the [Northern Plains Heritage Book Club](#), a series of heritage-themed book discussions, during March and April 2016. Discussions start at 2 p.m. and will be led by accomplished scholars of northern

plains history and culture. Michael Yellow Bird will lead a discussion of *Lewis and Clark among the Indians* by James P. Ronda on March 13 in Hazen and March 20 in Underwood; Frank Varney will lead discussions of *Jay Cooke's Gamble* by John Lubetkin on April 10 in Hazen and April 24 in Underwood; and Dakota Goodhouse will lead a discussion of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Encounters at the Heart of the World* by Elizabeth A. Fenn, on April 10 in Underwood and April 24 in Hazen. The program is funded by the Northern Plains Heritage Foundation and organized by the Center for Heritage Renewal. Multiple copies of the books can be checked out from the host libraries.

"Stay Warm This Winter" is a project of the [Hebron Public Library](#) to help ensure no one in the area goes without warm hats, mittens, and scarves. Community members are asked to donate new or used hats, mittens, and scarves and drop them off in a box in the Library's entry. Anyone who needs these items is invited to take what they need.

The [Community Coloring Club](#) held its first open-to-all-ages coloring session on January 5<sup>th</sup> at the [Leach Public Library](#) in Wahpeton. Coloring, which research has shown to be a stress reliever, lasts for an hour and visitors can come and go as they please. The group will meet weekly in different venues in the twin cities of Breckenridge and Wahpeton. On the second Tuesday of the month, they will meet at the [Breckenridge Public Library](#); on the third Tuesday, at the [Mildred Johnson Library](#) at the North Dakota State College of Science; and at the [Red Door Art Gallery and Museum](#) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Greta Guck, Director of the Leach Public Library, said, "We wanted this to be community-wide, to give attention to each of our different venues, to bring in new people." Some coloring sheets and colored pencils will be provided, but people are encouraged to bring their own coloring books and supplies.

What's new at the [Leach Public Library](#) in Wahpeton? A convenient, drive-through book drop! Purchasing the book drop was made possible by a generous donation from the Friends of the Library group.

To celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a [Little Free Library](#) was installed in front of the [Open Door Community Center](#) in Bismarck on January 6, 2016. Jim Unkenholz made the wooden box, which was

decorated by the 22 students of the Open Door pre-school, who stuck their hands in paint to decorate the exterior with a colorful garden, each handprint forming a flower head. Each child placed a book inside the box, too. For more information about the Little Free Library movement, visit <http://littlefreelibrary.org/>.

After the success of the first two meetings, **Minot Public Library's** Books 'N Brews Book Club has announced that the permanent location for the club will be the Tap Room at 23 Main Street South. On February 4, the club discussed *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman. On April 5, the group will talk about *A History of the World in Six Glasses* by Tom Standage. Both books are available at the library.

The Minot Story Hour is a community storytelling event in which local folks share real life stories in ten minutes or less. On February 13, the Minot Story Hour presented "Love Actually: Stories of Love and It's Complicated" at the **Minot Public Library**. The evening also featured local musicians and Valentine-themed food and drink. The Friends of the Minot Public Library supported the event.

The first phases of the **Morton Mandan Public Library's** new strategic plan are underway. The projects are based on needs identified through a 2015 community survey. Respondents asked for more library programming, including adult programming, so two adult book clubs were introduced in February. "Books and Brews" for adults in their 20s and 30s met for the first time on February 9 at Harvest Brazilian Grill and a club targeting adults 40 and up will meet the third Thursday of the month at the library. The Library is also taking steps to provide dedicated space for library programming and the teen collection is being expanded. The library offers free digital content through Freegal Music, Freegal Movies, Freeding eBooks, and Zinio.



**Mott Public Library** hosted its first "Warm Up Winter with Local Authors" event on January 25. Joyce Hinrichs read from her book, *Trails, Trains, and Old Towns*, and Jon D. Skjoldal read from *Spear*, the first book in a planned trilogy. The day also included

Shirley Halvorson talking about her travels and efforts to get perfect photographs as well as general conversation about a variety of topics related to books, reading, and writing.

**Library Vision 2020** grants were recently awarded by the **North Dakota Library Coordinating Council** and the **North Dakota State Library**. Grant requests exceeded available funds by about \$40,000 and included 42 collection development applications, two WorldCat implementation requests, and 14 tablet requests. After deliberations, the Council awarded a total of \$236,214, which funded 47 of the 58 grant requests. (Source: **North Dakota State Library Flickertale**, November 2015)

Planning is underway to renovate the **Chester Fritz Library** at the **University of North Dakota** in Grand Forks. Tentative plans include weeding unnecessary duplicates, installing compact shelving on the first floor and housing most of the books there, using the second floor as a common study space, the third floor as a quiet scholar's area, and fourth floor to house Special Collections. Adding a student collaboration center on the south side of the library is also on the wish list. The Chester Fritz Library was built in 1962, with an addition in 1982.

Now that the **Valley City-Barnes County Public Library** has been painted to match the color scheme of the building when it first opened to the public in 1903, improving the landscaping is next on the list. Director Steve Hammel expects to work on the project a side at a time over the next few years. 2016 efforts will likely focus on foundation plantings around the west entrance and the area around the new flagpole.

In November 2015, the **Ward County Library** moved from the county courthouse to the new county office building in Minot. Library staff are enjoying their new digs, which give them about 1,000 more square feet. The library is located on the ground level of the building. Among the new things at the library are a **Lego Mindstorm Robot**, which was purchased through a grant. Children can experiment with the robot at the library and can program it to do things like go in a circle or a straight line or go over obstacles.

The **West Fargo Public Library** celebrated the adult coloring craze with "It's Coloring Time." Library patrons from high school age and up were invited

to pick up a coloring sheet at the library, return the finished product, and get a free hot cocoa packet and register for a prize. The finished work was on display during January and February 2016.



### Waging WAR for Literacy

Librarians will be interested in a writing and reading conference for Grand Forks students being planned by Eileen Zygarlicke, who teaches at Community High School, and Jodi Dodson, a teacher at South Middle School. The duo want "to expose kids to the fact that reading and writing matter. They're lifetime skills. Writing is an essential part of every job out there, and while technology is great, you have to learn to write." The event is modeled after UND's Writers Conference, which will be held April 6-8. The student event, "Waging WAR for Literacy" (WAR stands for writing and reading), will be held at Red River High School

on April 9. To date, 200 students have signed up. Chris Crutcher, an award-winning author of young adult books, and David Bjerklie, a UND grad and contributing science editor at *Time for Kids*, several UND faculty members, and other local and regional speakers will be part of the day-long event. For more information, visit the [Waging WAR for Literacy](#) Facebook page or watch the [YouTube](#) video.



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Position \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

*Longer kudos?  
You may  
print this form  
and use the  
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Send nomination form and \$10 donation (checks payable to NDLA) to: Lori K. West, Professional Development Committee Chair, Fargo Public Library, 102 3rd St. North, Fargo, ND 58102-2138.

# GOT TALENT

## NDLA Needs YOU

If you go to the last page of this issue and look at the list of 2015-2016 NDLA Executive Board members, you will see the word "Vacant" five times. NDLA needs chairs for four committees -- Continuing Education; Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies; Intellectual Freedom; and Nominations, Voting, & Elections -- as well as someone to serve as the Archivist/Historian.

Here are the basic responsibilities for each of the vacant executive board slots (from the policies handbooks). Complete descriptions can be found on the NDLA website at <http://ndla.info/policydoc.htm>.

### **Continuing Education Committee**

The Committee has a dual purpose. First, the Committee assists the conference planner(s) in securing programming suitable for continuing education credits at the annual conference and makes necessary arrangements with universities in the NDUS system to offer programming for credit if applicable. Second, the Committee may, at its discretion, discover and publicize other professional development opportunities for member librarians throughout the year.

### **Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies Committee**

The Committee:

- conducts an annual review of the NDLA Constitution and Bylaws, and recommends amendments to the Executive Board;
- instructs relevant parties to review policies handbooks and suggest appropriate revisions; reviews these revisions and submits them to the Executive Board for approval;
- reviews upon request Section and Roundtable bylaws amendments for conformity with the NDLA Constitution and Bylaws and submits them to the Executive Board for approval;
- sends updated documents to the Webmaster for posting to the NDLA website and notifies appropriate parties of proposed or enacted amendments/revisions;
- sends superseded documents to the Archivist;

- reviews petitions by the membership;
- works with the Nominations, Elections and Voting Committee to conduct ballots for any constitutional and bylaws changes.

### **Intellectual Freedom Committee**

The Intellectual Freedom Committee will review and update as necessary the NDLA "Intellectual Freedom Handbook". The Intellectual Freedom Committee will encourage libraries to promote intellectual freedom and the first amendment through programs, displays, reading lists, and similar activities. The Intellectual Freedom Committee will promote librarian, trustee, and school administrator awareness of intellectual freedom concerns and issues through the "Intellectual Freedom Handbook", "The Good Stuff", workshops, conference programs and through the NDLA listserv and other electronic means.

### **Nominations, Elections, & Voting Committee**

The Committee is responsible for finding a minimum of two NDLA members to run for each of the NDLA offices of president-elect, secretary, and treasurer. In years when the terms of representatives of affiliated organizations are up, the Committee will find a minimum of two NDLA members to run for those offices (this includes ALA and MPLA). The Committee is responsible for contacting all section and roundtable chairs who then provide a list of their candidates with at least one name per office. Additionally, the committee is responsible for electronic ballots and votes of the general membership.

### **Archivist/Historian**

The Archivist/Historian serves to help North Dakota Library Association preserve records of its activities for access and use by its members, executive board members, and, potentially, by



other members of the public. The Archivist/Historian is the Executive Board's consultant on what kinds of Association records should be kept and how they should be reviewed and prepared for deposit in the archives. The Archivist/Historian also will search archived records for information sought by the board or assist Executive Board members in doing so.

This is the perfect opportunity to get involved in NDLA and share your talents.

Let [NDLA President Wendy Wendt](#) know you're interested. **Today.**

## Flicker Tale Children's Book Award

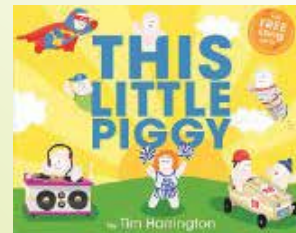
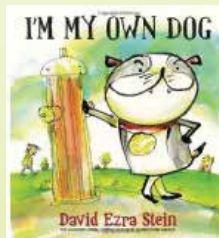
The Flicker Tale Children's Book Award is sponsored by NDLA and administered by the SLAYS (School Libraries and Youth Services) Section. Voting is underway (votes need to be in by April 1), so we will soon know which books North Dakota children like best.

### 2016 Flicker Tale Nominees

The [2016 Flicker Tale](#) nominees include:

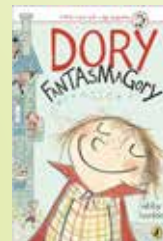
#### Picture Book

*I'm My Own Dog* by David Ezra Stein  
*Rosie Revere Engineer* by Andrea Beaty  
*This Little Piggy* by Tim Harrington  
*Giant Dance Party* by Betsy Bird



#### Intermediate

*The Miniature World of Marvin and James* by Elise Broach  
*Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanlon  
*The Chicken Squad* by Doreen Cronin  
*Charlie Bumpers vs the Teacher of the Year* by Bill Harley



#### Juvenile

*Rump: the True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff  
*Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere* by Julie T. Lamana  
*The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm  
*The Greenglass House* by Kate Milford



#### Non-fiction

*To Dare Mighty Things* by Doreen Rappaport  
*The Finest Hours: the True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue* by Mike Tougias  
*Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood* by Nathan Hale  
*Spic-and-Span! Lillian Gilbreth's Wonder Kitchen* by Monica Kulling



For more information about the award and the award process, visit the [Flicker Tale](#) page on the NDLA website.

# GAMECHANGER

By MARLENE ANDERSON, EDITORIAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

game chang·er  
Noun

1. an event, idea, or procedure that effects a significant shift in the current manner of doing or thinking about something.

In 2014, the [North Dakota Humanities Council](#) created GameChanger, an annual ideas festival focused on a major event or issue significantly changing the face of our world.

The 2016 GameChanger is “Pulitzer Prize Edition: Celebrating 100 Years of Excellence in History and Journalism” and will celebrate “the 100th anniversary of the Pulitzer Prize Foundation by encouraging people to reflect on the critical role of our free press and the pivotal events of our history.” It will be held on Saturday, September 24, at Legacy High School in Bismarck.

An amazing group of Pulitzer Prize winning historians and journalists will be part of the event and will “share their groundbreaking work and engage in dialogue with our audience.”

- \* **Seymour Hersh** - 1970 Pulitzer Prize Winner in International Reporting for his exclusive reporting of the My Lai Massacre in Vietnam
- \* **Elizabeth A. Fenn** - 2015 Pulitzer Prize Winner in History for her book, *Encounters at the Heart of the World: a History of the Mandan People*. This book is an “engrossing, original narrative illuminating the spectacular history of North Dakota’s Mandan Indians.”
- **Sonia Nazario** - 2003 Pulitzer Prize Winner in Feature Writing for “Enrique’s Journey,” a story about a Honduran boy’s search for his mother who had migrated to the United States.



- **Eric Schlosser** - 2014 Pulitzer Prize Finalist in History for his book, *Command and Control: Nuclear Weapons, the Damascus Accident and the Illusion of Safety*, a history of the management (sometimes mismanagement) of America’s nuclear arsenal.
- **Jacqueline Jones** - 2014 Pulitzer Prize Finalist in History for *A Dreadful Deceit: the Myth of Race from the Colonial Era to Obama’s America*, an examination of the “strange history of race” in America. Jones was also a 1986 Pulitzer Prize Finalist in History for *Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow: Black Women, Work and the Family from Slavery to the Present*.

The first (2014) GameChanger event, “Between Two Worlds: America and the Middle East” was held in Fargo. The 2015 GameChanger – “iHuman: How is technology changing humanity?” -- was held in Bismarck. I had the good fortune of attending the 2015 GameChanger. It was simply outstanding! I will be there in 2016, too.

For all the details, visit the [website](#). The final schedule will be posted on April 1



# North Dakota Notable Documents

BY ALICIA KUBAS, GODORT CHAIR

*Editor's note: Better late than never? This article was originally supposed to run in the August 2015 (pre-conference) issue of The Good Stuff. It slipped through the cracks and wasn't in that issue or in the December issue. Our apologies to Alicia Kubas for the mistake.*

Start thinking about the North Dakota state documents (published in 2015 or 2016) that you would like to nominate for this year's Notable State Documents award. Send your nominations to [Alicia.kubas@ndsu.edu](mailto:Alicia.kubas@ndsu.edu) (include the title and publishing information) before the annual conference (September 21-24, 2016).

Every summer, the Notable Documents Panel of the American Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable chooses the highest quality federal, state, and international documents published in the last year. Each state library association can send in their best state documents for consideration.

This year NDLA's GODORT sent in three state documents:

***Sundogs and Sunflowers: Folklore and Folk Art of the Northern Great Plains*** [CD]. North Dakota Council on the Arts. 2013.

***A Guide to North Dakota Noxious and Troublesome Weeds***, by Rodney G. Lym. NDSU Extension Service. 2014.

***Liberty Memorial Bridge: Proudly Honoring Veterans since World War I*** [DVD]. North Dakota Department of Transportation. 2013.

[See the [December 2014](#) issue of *The Good Stuff* for a summary of each of these documents.]

We were honored to see that all three of North Dakota's notable documents were chosen by the GODORT panel and included in the list published by *Library Journal* in the May 15, 2015 issue. The article can also be found online, posted on May 26, 2015, to *Library Journal's* website: <http://reviews.libraryjournal.com/2015/05/reference/meeting-information-challenges-notable-government-documents-2014/>. The state documents were from nine different states: Arizona, California, Colorado, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The subjects covered by these documents varied widely and many were available to view online. California had items on climate change and transgender votes while Washington included documents about aquatic lands and beneficial bugs for the garden, which demonstrates the wide information available through state agencies.

Federal documents also exhibit a variety of subjects and content. Included in the list were various federal documents focusing on extraterrestrial communication, climate change, the Cold War, nutrition, terrorist attacks in Benghazi, pesticide use, and historical war campaigns. Each federal document chosen is accompanied by a short summary and comments on why it is particularly valuable or well-done.

Lastly, the list includes international documents published mostly by a branch of the United Nations or the OECD. These documents often focused on human rights and well-being, including titles about violence against women, holocaust education, and gender equality. Another substantial subject was the environment with documents about environmental crimes, small island development, and how the land is used for crops.





By Eric Stroshane



Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition

## Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition

(<https://cbb.census.gov/sbe/>)

If you know me, you know I love interjecting arbitrary census data into conversations otherwise devoid of statistical integrity. Okay, that may not be entirely true, but I am really excited to share information with you about the U.S. Census Bureau's Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition website. It has a really bumbling name and abbreviating it USCBCBBSBE doesn't help much, so let's just call it SBE. SBE is a brilliant tool for easily, quickly, and visually researching segmented demographic, socioeconomic, and business data. It has applications both for supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs (as you probably surmised from its awkward stumbling name) and also for market research. Importantly, this can inform library programming and outreach efforts, strategic planning, or even decisions about where to open a new branch. Best of all, unlike other market segmentation tools, SBE is free. So let's dig in!

### 1. What type of business do you want to start or research?

Select your type of business first from the broad categories below and then from the detailed list provided.



Construction



Food Services



Healthcare



Personal Services



Prof & Biz Services



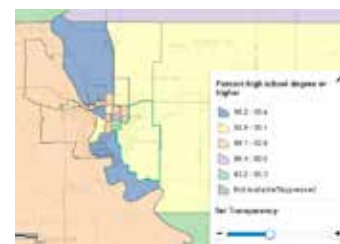
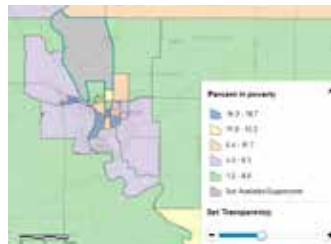
Retail

SBE is good about walking you through the paces, but the first thing you may notice is that there's no category for Library. No worries, we'll just stave ahead with the closest fit (it ultimately doesn't matter overmuch which you choose):



Mental Health

Next, you need to give SBE some information about what geographic territory you're interested in. Tip: SBE seems happiest when you feed it a county or ZIP code. Once that's done, simply click Go to Map and the magic starts. The first thing to notice once the map loads, is the blue menu of options towards the top. From here, you can Change Your Industry, Change Your Location, or, much more interestingly, Select Map Variable and Select Your Filter. Your Map Variable and Filter are what provide the really juicy details. For instance, under Map Variable, you'll find options like Demographic Characteristics, Socioeconomic Characteristics, Housing Characteristics, employment and employer information (industry specific), as well as various consumer spending information. Under Filter, you'll find the same options, but SBE allows you to range limit this second variable. The special sauce that makes SBE really intriguing, however, is that you can adjust the granularity to County, City/Town, ZIP Code, or Neighborhood (Census tract) level, so that you can learn some really interesting things about your community in a neatly segmented fashion. This can make for interesting visualizations and data comparisons, for instance, poverty detail and baseline education (if you'd ever need such a thing in a board report, or to inform marketing, programming, partnership, or outreach decisions):



Of course, this is just the tip of the iceberg, but it gives you a taste of what's there and how to delve into it. One final thing: if you click on a segment (regardless of the granularity chosen), the value of the map variable specific to that segment will display. Furthermore, if you're viewing at the City/Town or County level, you'll be able to click through to a full detailed report on that region. If nothing else, SBE provides you with an elegant means of quickly generating data visualizations.





## Upcoming Library Events, Conferences, & Important Dates

### April

- April 2016 – [School Library Month](#)
- April 2016 – [D.E.A.R. - Drop Everything and Read](#)
- April 6-9, 2016 – [Montana Library Association Conference](#), Missoula
- April 8-9, 2016 – [Spotlight on Books](#) at Chase on the Lake in Walker, Minnesota
- April 10-16, 2016 – [National Library Week](#)
- April 12, 2016 – [National Library Workers Day](#)
- April 13, 2016 – [National Bookmobile Day](#)
- April 15, 2016 – Applications due for ALA's [Great Stories Club](#) grants
- April 23-30, 2016 – [Money Smart Week](#)
- April 24-30, 2016 – [Preservation Week](#)
- April 30, 2016 – [Children's Day/Book Day - El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros \(Día\)](#)

### May

- May 1-7, 2016 – [Choose Privacy Week](#)
- May 2-3, 2016 – [National Library Legislative Day](#)
- May 2-6, 2016 – [Virtual Library Legislative Day](#)
- May 6, 2016 – NDLA "One Book One Association" Summit, Bismarck State College Library
- May 6, 2016 – Applications due for [Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award](#)
- May 10, 2016 - [25th Annual Minitex Interlibrary Loan Conference](#), Continuing Education and Conference Center on the Saint Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota
- May 20, 2016 - [Lake Superior Libraries Symposium \(LSLS\)](#), College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minnesota
- May 21, 2016 – [National Readathon Day](#)
- May 31, 2016 – Deadline for [NDLA Librarian of the Year](#) nominations
- May 31, 2016 – Deadline for [NDLA Major Benefactor Award](#) nominations

### 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 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

# TREASURER'S REPORT

As of December 31, 2015 (End of 4th Quarter)

By MICHAEL SAFRATOWICH, NDLA TREASURER

*Editor's note: Approved by electronic vote of the Executive Board on January 13, 2016*

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
<b>CHECK BOOK 1/1/2015</b>	<b>\$31,926.74</b>			
<b>NDLA Funds</b>	<b>\$31,926.74</b>			
Annual Conference 2014	\$10,522.20	\$500.00		\$11,022.20
Annual Conference 2015		\$34,057.50	\$25,592.84	\$8,464.66
Annual Conference 2017			\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Book Sales	\$921.27	\$45.00	\$0.55	\$965.72
Otto Bremer Grant	\$17,460.00		\$17,460.00	\$0.00
Centennial Cookbook	-\$2,854.34	\$114.48		-\$2,739.86
Dues		\$10,550.00	\$198.81	\$10,351.19
HSIS Partner Account	\$0.00	\$10,178.70	\$1,360.79	\$8,817.91
Investment Account Transfers		\$500.00	\$1,034.69	
Other receipts/disbursements		\$1,038.98	\$23,468.26	
<b>NDLA Funds Subtotal</b>		<b>\$56,984.66</b>	<b>\$70,615.94</b>	<b>\$18,295.46</b>

Check Book Balance 12/31/2015

**\$18,295.46**

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MONEY MARKET AND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
<b>NDLA Bank Money Market Ready Cash</b>	<b>\$9,440.65</b>			
Interest		\$0.88		
Deposits				
Transfers				
				<b>\$9,441.53</b>
<b>Professional Development Bank Money Market RC</b>	<b>\$5,144.03</b>			
Interest		\$0.42		
Deposits				
Transfers		\$1,034.69	\$500.00	
				<b>\$5,679.14</b>
<b>NDLA CD</b>	<b>\$20,553.11</b>			
Interest		\$160.37		
Transfers				
				<b>\$20,713.48</b>
<b>Professional Development CD</b>	<b>\$20,258.02</b>			
Interest		\$161.32		
Transfers				
				<b>\$20,419.34</b>
<b>TOTAL investment accounts</b>	<b>\$55,395.81</b>			<b>\$56,253.49</b>

TOTAL EQUITY 12/12/2015

**\$74,548.95**



# North Dakota Library Association

Membership for January 1 - December 31, 2016

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\$\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Membership Dues

- ☐ \$35.00 Individual
- ☐ \$20.00 Student (for persons enrolled in a library school program (3-year limit))
- ☐ \$20.00 Trustee (for library board members)
- ☐ \$20.00 Associate (non-voting membership for persons not employed in a ND Library (friends, retirees, etc.))

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Institutional Membership Dues (does not include personal memberships)

- ☐ \$50.00 Up to 3 FTE staff (one person from library's staff may register at conference member rate)
- ☐ \$100.00 4-9 FTE staff (two persons from library's staff may register at conference member rate)
- ☐ \$150.00 10 or more FTE staff (three persons from library's staff may register at conference member rate)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation to the Professional Development Grant Fund\*

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation to the Flicker Tale Children's Book Award Fund\*

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

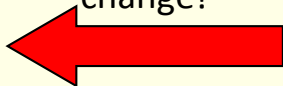
\*A receipt will be mailed to you indicating the amount of any donations. Thank you!

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