

THE GOOD STUFF

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The North Dakota Library Association has had some big changes this quarter! Check out what's new in this issue.

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Reminders

Contribution deadlines:

Aug 2022	Jul 10
Dec 2022	Oct 29
March 2023	Feb 1
June 2023	May 3



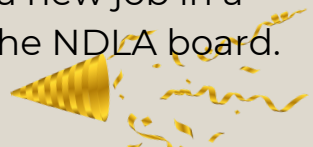
President's Message

Despite Mother Nature's best attempts to keep us in an eternal winter, it looks as though spring is finally upon us. As is traditional, my thoughts turn lightly to secretaries and legislative committees.

First up, secretaries!

Our NDLA secretary, Abby Ebach, is moving on to a new job in a different field, and resigned from her position on the NDLA board.

CONGRATS, ABBY! THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!



On to the business end of that.... There are about two-and-a-half years left in Abby's term and this means we need a new NDLA Secretary. It is an elected position with a vote on the board. The duties revolve around taking and recording minutes from executive board meetings. If you think you might be interested in running for this position, please contact [Breanne Meier](mailto:bmeier@nd.gov) (bmeier@nd.gov).

Secondly, legislative committees...

The next legislative biennium begins in January of 2023. We need to start gearing up to monitor bills and offer testimony on issues related to libraries in North Dakota. This is an appointed position which is active primarily during legislative years. We could do with two or three people to work on this. If you think you might be interested in helping NDLA participate in the state legislative process, [please let me know](mailto:william.d.martin@und.edu) (william.d.martin@und.edu).

Will Martin

NDLA President

Librarian of the Year!

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SEND THOSE NOMINATIONS IN!

This award is “To be given to an NDLA member who has made notable contributions to the North Dakota library profession, has furthered significant development of libraries in North Dakota, or has performed exemplary statewide service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of NDLA.”

Please send all nominations in by June 30, 2022.



What do I need to do???

Step 1: Contact the NDLA President-Elect to verify that the nominee is a personal member of NDLA in good standing, or in the case of retired persons, a former member.

Kerriane Boetcher

Ward County Public Library

Kerriane.Boetcher@co.ward.nd.us

Step 2: Submit a letter of nomination to the NDLA President-Elect.

Step 3: Letters should detail the nominee’s contributions to the library profession and their history of service. Supporting documentation is helpful to the selection process, but not required.

Step 4: Ideally, the nomination is supported by more than one person. Multiple letters of support or a single nomination letter with multiple signatures shows the award committee broad support for the nomination. However, nominations with a single supporter are accepted and will be given fair consideration.

CONFERENCE CATCH-UP

Opening Keynote Speaker



This year we welcome Taylor Brorby back to the conference. Some of you may remember our 2016 conference when he spoke about the environment, activism, and the book he had just edited, *Fracture: Essays, Poems, and Stories about Fracking in America*. Taylor has been busy since then. Teaching, writing, editing, getting arrested at a protest – that stuff will keep a person hopping! His newest book, *Boys and Oil: Growing Up Gay in a Fractured Land*, is set to release June 7th. Taylor is also the newly appointed Annie Tanner Clark Fellow in Environmental Humanities and Environmental Justice at the Tanner Humanities Center at the University of Utah. Learn more about Taylor and his work [here](#).

One of my first (and *favorite!*) memories of Taylor is from a gathering of friends one evening. He had been staying in Dickinson, conducting interviews regarding people's experiences of change amidst the oil boom. Taylor told a story about himself - a boy in pink spandex standing in a field in central North Dakota. Apparently, some folks thought that was a little unusual! I so wished I could have met that boy. I am very much looking forward to learning more about him in the upcoming book. I have since learned to know the beautiful heart and mind of the man he has become. I know what he shares with us will challenge and inspire us to continue to strive to make our libraries even more inclusive and equitable.

Hear ye! Hear ye!

Last, but not least.... This year's conference will see a return of the Conference Book Club with the book *Boys & Oil* by Taylor Brorby. Final logistics are in the works. In the meantime, start reading and come ready to enjoy a discussion!

Rita Ennen



June 2022

- June – [Rainbow Book Month](#)
- June 21-24 - Rare Book & Manuscripts Section (RBMS)/ACRL Virtual Conference: [What Now? Reflection, Reckoning, and Recovery](#)
- June 23-28 – [ALA Annual](#) (Washington, D.C.) Can't make it to D.C.?
 - Register for ALA's [Digital Experience!](#)
- June 30 - Nomination Deadline for [NDLA Librarian of the Year](#) & [Major Benefactor Award](#)



July 2022

- July 15 - NDLA Deadline!
[NMRT Grassroots Grant Nominations](#)
- July 16-19 - [American Association of Law Libraries \(AALL\) - Annual Meeting & Conference](#), Denver
- July 26-29 - 87th IFLA [World Library and Information Congress \(WLIC 2022\): Inspire, Engage, Enable, Connect](#), Dublin, Ireland



August 2022

- August 3-6 - [MPLA Tri-conference](#), Missoula, MT
- August 24-27 - [Archives Records 2022](#), Boston

September 2022

- [Library Card Sign-up Month](#)
- September 10-11 - [2022 Printers Row Lit Fest](#), Chicago
- September 14-17 - 2022 [Association of Rural and Small Libraries \(ARSL\) Conference](#), Chattanooga, Tennessee
- September 21 - [Banned Website Awareness Day](#)
- September 26-Oct 2 - [Banned Books Week](#)
- September 28-30 - [South Dakota Library Association Annual Conference](#), Brookings, SD


October 2022

- October 5-7 - [NDLA Annual](#)
- October 27-28 - 2022 Minnesota Library Association (MLA) [Annual Conference](#), Duluth, MN



COMMITTEE

BLOTTER

 The [Bylaws & Policies Committee](#) wishes to thank those of you who responded to the Committee's call for policy manual revision suggestions. We have incorporated them into the April 2022 revision and have added a new section - Executive Board actions and voting. Begone confusion! There are more changes needed to make the policy manual more reflective of the terrific work NDLA Leadership does and we anticipate further revisions in the next few months.

The [EDI \(Equity Diversity Inclusion\) Committee](#) is considering a conference session on writing EDI Action Statements for libraries. We'd love to feature your input and experiences in that session!

- Does your library or broader organization have an EDI action or goal statement?
- Were you involved in the process of writing it, or are you involved in the process of assessing progress towards the goals outlined in that statement?
- We are looking for 3-5 panelists from across library types who are willing to share insights and strategies for crafting actionable EDI statements as part of a moderated panel sponsored by the EDI Committee.
- Individual time commitment would likely be fairly minimal beyond being present at the 2022 conference in Minot. An EDI Committee member will coordinate and moderate the live session; at most, panelists would be asked to prepare a brief presentation about their library's statement, drafting process, and assessment process.

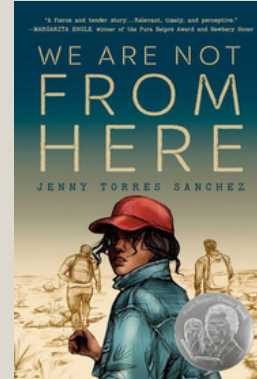
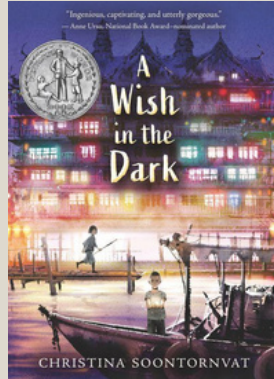
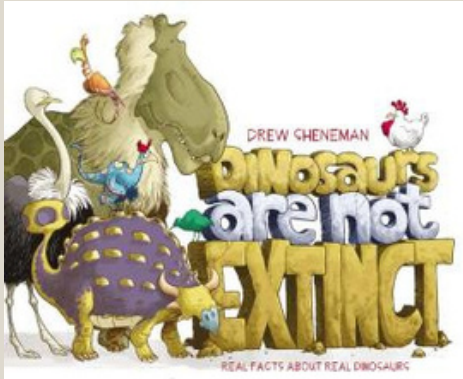
Questions? [Contact Karlene Clark](#) and join our next meeting - June 13th at 3 p.m.

The [Finance Committee](#) has nothing to report.

COMMITTEE BLOTTER CONTINUED... ✨

The [Flicker Tale Committee](#) is pleased to announce the 2022 Flicker Tale Award Winners...

- Younger Readers: *Dinosaurs Are Not Extinct: Real Facts about Real Dinosaurs* by Drew Sheneman
- Middle Readers: *A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat
- Older Readers: *We Are Not from Here* by Jenny Torres Sanchez



2023 Nominees can be found on the [NDLA website!](#)
P.S. Did we mention that we received over 8000 votes?

The [Good Stuff Editorial Committee](#) is settling into this new newsletter format. Change can be good, right?! The committee is also seeking new members. Do you have maybe one or two hours to give per quarter? The more we have on board, the lighter the workload. Interested? Contact [Shannon Yarbrough](#).

The [Intellectual Freedom Committee](#) is updating its handbook and web presence. Future committee plans include increased outreach to library workers along with constructing a framework to monitor and report intellectual freedom issues in North Dakota.

We need two more volunteers to join us and we're especially interested in recruiting from K-12 schools, tribal colleges, and community colleges. Please note: We welcome library staff as well as librarians. Our next meeting is June 1st. Contact [Emily Wros](#) if you are interested in volunteering.



COMMITTEE

BLOTTER CONTINUED. . *

The [Legislative Committee](#) has no current business to report.

Not fresh news, but still pertinent...

The [Membership Committee](#) is actively seeking volunteers - specifically, an Interim Chair!! If you feel an obligation, a calling, maybe even a vague sense of guilt for not being more involved (No shame here 😊), email [Will Martin](#), NDLA President, for more information.

The [New Members' Committee](#) is working on updating a New Member document to share on the NDLA website. Stay tuned... As always, we are also working on ways to connect new people to NDLA.

Our next meeting is 11 a.m. on Monday June 13. Contact [Karlene Clark](#) if you would like to join.

The [Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee](#) is currently seeking nominees for Secretary and President-Elect.

The term for the Secretary position would start immediately after a special election and would end at the conference in 2024.

The term for the President-Elect position would start at the 2022 NDLA Conference, transition to President at the 2023 Conference, then Past-President at the 2024 Conference.

If you have any questions or concerns or want to volunteer for a position, please email [BreAnne Meier](#).

The [Professional Development Committee](#) has no current business to report.

The [Tech Services/Gov Docs Committee](#) has no current business to report.

[Website Committee](#) has been continuing the tweaks needed to pull the new website into line. It is still a work in progress... and yes, there may be (ahem...are) dead links. Please bear with us! The good news is that we are approximately 6 months ahead of schedule. The bad news is that corrections are currently on the shoulders of two volunteers who have full-time jobs... just like the rest of you. 😊 It is slow-going at times. If you feel you can share your time (it is not particularly technical), please [contact us](#) or, better yet, join the next meeting on June 7 at 2:30 p.m.

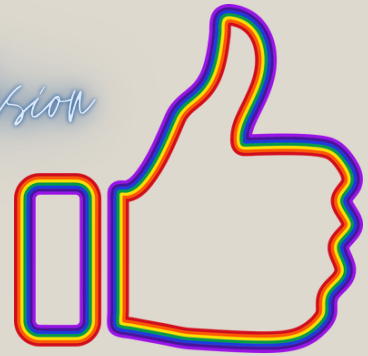


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Cross-cultural Communication

by Karlene Clark, Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota
EDI Committee Chair

Cross-cultural communication can lead to unintentional misunderstandings caused by inadequate cultural knowledge and the lack of intercultural communicative skills. Here are some tips to raise your awareness!

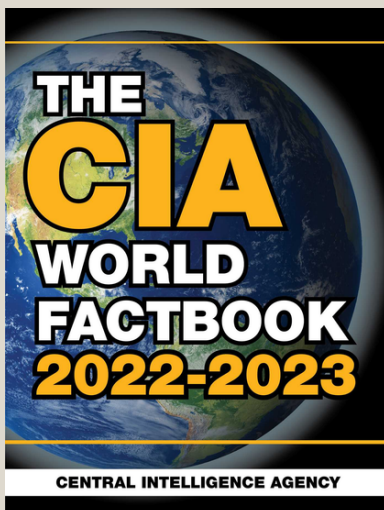
Communication encompasses both verbal and nonverbal situations. Common barriers to cross-cultural communication are language, ethnocentrism and conflicting values, stereotyping, psychological barriers (attention, premature evaluation or retention) or emotional display (such as anxiety and uncertainty), and geographical distance. For example, those who operate under “Midwest-nice” might see East-coasters as rude while those from the East may have an aversion to the common personality perceptions of West-coasters as flaky and laidback to an extreme.

Nonverbal signals often carry more weight in how a person interprets and accepts/rejects incoming messages. Nonverbal communication can include eye contact, distance between speakers, facial expressions, touch, sitting positions, gestures, or head movements. Adequate training in cross-cultural communication and exposure to other cultures is essential in eliminating these barriers. By working to understand differences, not only around the world but within the United States, we can help eliminate frustrations we may not have considered before. This [linked video](#) is a presentation I contributed to during my MLIS studies. It is shared with permission of my teammates.

Using Government Documents and Open Resources to Understand the Conflict in Ukraine

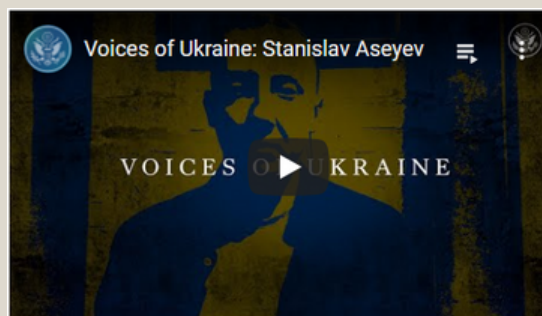
By Brian Garrison, University of North Dakota, TECHSERT/GODORT

Although attention by the news on Ukraine has fluctuated after the sustained attention during the first month of the conflict, the battle for Ukraine's sovereignty still rages. Here, is a mix of government documents and free resources that detail Ukraine's history and the conflict....




A good starting place to learn the basic facts about Ukraine (or most countries, for that matter) is the [CIA World Factbook](#). This online resource is one of the most used government publications. The database, “produced for US policymakers and coordinated throughout the US Intelligence Community, presents the basic realities about the world in which we live.” Through browsing the *CIA World Factbook*, you can learn many of the basic statistics and various dimensions that show Ukraine's unique qualities.

The United States Department of State keeps a [news feed](#) and several [informational websites](#) updated to let the American public know how the office of the United States' chief diplomat is framing the recent European conflict.



The State Department's Office of the Historian produced a [Guide to Countries](#). Among them, the official recognition of Ukraine as a country by the United States is recorded in [A Guide to the United States' History of Recognition, Diplomatic, and Consular Relations, by Country, since 1776: Ukraine](#).

In 1997, the US Census produced a [report](#) detailing how the population of Ukraine self-identified based upon how they reported the identity of their children at birth. The report outlines uncertainty about the future of Ukraine, but explains that trends indicate the population moving toward "a stronger attachment to Ukraine."

The [Congressional Research Service](#) authors [well-researched reports](#) for members of Congress to easily understand and digest issues. By doing a simple search for [Ukraine](#), you may find a series of relevant reports detailing the last several months and years of tension building. The service adds a clock icon  to many reports with historical versions that may be compared to help users understand how an issue has developed over a period of months or even days.

Maps offer a means of understanding the many ways cartographers have represented the geography of the region through time. The [David Rumsey Georeferencer](#) enables users to zoom in or out on any area of the world and overlay maps onto the globe at whatever scale a map is available. From continents to cities, one can explore Ukraine in many incarnations. The [Library of Congress](#) also offers a wealth of maps in its collections.

Finally, several countries have asserted their intentions to join NATO because of the conflict. NATO has two research guides that detail [NATO-Ukraine relations](#) and the recent [invasion by Russia](#).

Grassroots Grant Applications Are Open!

Are you new(ish) to NDLA?

Have you never attended an NDLA conference before?

Are you looking for some extra funding to be able to attend?

Apply for a [Grassroots Grant](#) from the New Member Committee! The grant covers conference registration fees for 1st- or 2nd-time attendees, open to NDLA members with less than 6 years of experience in libraries - whether you're brand new to the organization or not.

For more information and the application form, click [here](#).

Questions? Contact your New Member Committee Chair Karlene Clark at karlene.clark@und.edu.

A promotional poster for the Grassroots Grant. The background is a close-up of green grass. The text is white and black. At the top, it says 'Apply for a Grassroots Grant'. Below that, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'DEADLINE: JULY 15'. Further down, it explains that the grants cover registration fees for first- or second-time attendees with less than 6 years of experience. It provides a URL for more information and application: https://ndla.info/NMC-Grassroots-Grant. At the bottom, there is the NDLA logo (a blue square with 'NDLA' in white) and the text 'Sponsored by the New Members Committee'.

Greetings from Your American Library Association (ALA) Chapter Councilor!

First, I hope you are doing well! ALA Annual is coming up in June in Washington, D.C. Can't make it? You can experience ALA from your home/office by registering for the [ALA Digital Experience](#). It features four main stage sessions, 42 education sessions, and 14 news-you-can-use sessions. Those who register for the ALA Digital Experience also have access to conference content through August 31, 2022. Here is the list of [2022 ALA Annual conference speakers](#).

Second up! The [State of America's Libraries Report 2022](#) has been released. You can view previous reports [here](#).

Finally, ALA recently [announced](#) the winners of the 2022 [ALA Youth Media Awards](#) during [LibLearnX](#). Winners were selected by committees comprised of librarians and other literature and media experts.

Want more ALA news? Visit the [News and Press Center](#), including [Recent Media Coverage](#) for ALA leaders and issues in the news. I will also continue to send weekly ALA updates. If you attend the ALA Annual Conference either virtually or in-person, I would like to hear about some of your favorite sessions!

If you have questions about ALA or the content I have shared, please feel free to [reach out to me](#).

Have a great summer!

Sara Westall

ALA Chapter Councilor

THE TRI-CONFERENCE IS COMING!!!

By **Randi Monley**, Minot Public Library
MPLA Representative



I am so excited for the [MPLA Tri-conference](#), August 3-6, 2022, in the vibrant downtown area of Missoula, Montana. This conference brings together the [Montana Library Association](#), [Mountain Plains Library Association](#), and [Pacific Northwest Library Association](#). We might see as many as 350 to 400 conference attendees! Can you imagine such a big conference just a state away from North Dakota?!

The conference theme is **Building Bridges | Renewing Community** and more than 60 speakers from 15 states and Canada are on the schedule. The conference will be held in the [Holiday Inn-Missoula Downtown](#) (see [Tri-conference hotel booking information](#)). The conference location in downtown Missoula is just two blocks from the brand-new Missoula Public Library. [Missoula Public Library](#) has a unique organizational model with community partners housed in the building. Library tours will be provided! In addition, receptions will be held at Missoula Public Library and the University of Montana's [Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library](#).

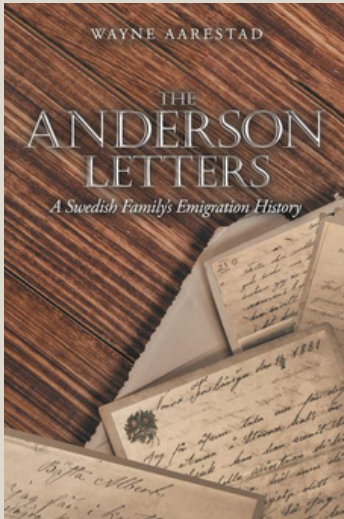
[Conference registration](#) is open. (Remember, if you are a Mountain Plains Library Association member, you get the membership rate!)

Member Registration:	Early/Late	Non-Member Rate
Full Conference (Wed – Sat)	\$250/\$300	\$300/\$350
One day only	\$125/\$150	\$150/\$175
Student, Trustee, Friend	\$150/\$175	-

If you have any questions about the conference or other great things going on in MPLA, [email me](mailto:randi.monley@minotnd.org) (randi.monley@minotnd.org).

North Dakota in Print

By Marlene Anderson, Bismarck State College



***The Anderson Letters: A Swedish Family's Emigration History* by Wayne Aarestad** (\$28.99, 414 p., hardcover; \$28.99, pbk.; \$3.99, Kindle; \$2.99, Nook)
Available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#)

“A small wooden brown trunk, reinforced with iron straps and corners, sat collecting dust in the attic of a farmhouse outside of Gwinner (Sargent County) in southeastern North Dakota.” That trunk, rediscovered many years later, held a treasure trove of Anderson family letters, dating from 1880 to 1916, and other memorabilia. The translated letters, now available in this book compiled by Wayne Aarestad, tell about leaving Sweden for America and building a new life in a new land. Wayne Aarestad is a descendant of the Anderson family and grew up on one of the pioneer Anderson homesteads in southeastern North Dakota. After practicing law in North Dakota for 40 years, he and his wife, Debbie, now live in Arizona.



***Blue Skies West* by Mattie Richardson** (\$11.95; pbk.)
Available from [appaloosybooks.com](#), Lisbon's [Petals and Pages](#), or by calling the author at 701-680-2136

Blue Skies West is Mattie Richardson's seventh book and the fifth book in her Horses in History series. The story is about Blue, a horse, and his boy, Charlie, who are heading west from Iowa to Oregon on the Oregon Trail. What adventures await them on the trail? Author Mattie Richardson doesn't let any grass grow under her feet. She is the library director for Enderlin Municipal Library; coaches other writers; works with the North Dakota State Historical Society and several newspapers and publishers; and plays in the band Raw Sugar.

ND in Print

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***Boys and Oil: Growing Up Gay in a Fractured Land* by Taylor Brorby**

(352 p., \$27.95, hardcover) Release date: June 7, 2022

Available in bookstores and from [Liveright](#), [Amazon](#), and [Barnes and Noble](#).

This memoir of a young, gay environmentalist who grew up in rural North Dakota is a coming-of-age story set in a place where homosexuality “seems akin to a ticking bomb.” In his *Booklist* review (March 2022, p. 12), Michael Cart wrote, “the memoir focuses on Brorby’s life as an out gay man but makes room for his efforts as an environmental activist, experiencing the Bakken oil boom and fighting the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline.” Taylor Brorby also co-edited *Fracture: Essays, Poems, and Stories on Fracking in America* (2016) and his work as a poet and essayist has appeared in the *Huffington Post*, *Orion*, and *North American Review*, where he is a contributing editor.

***Ésta Es Mi Casa – This Is My Home* (DVD, 30 min., \$24.95)**

Available from [Prairie Public](#)

Since the 1930s, farmers in the Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota have relied on Hispanic field workers to help hoe beet fields, tend crops, and bring in the harvest. Now, the stories of the families of the Red River Valley Hispanic community are available in this documentary from Prairie Public, produced, written, and narrated by Matt Olien.

***The Clean Daughter: A Cross-Continental Memoir* by Jill Kandel (\$32.95)**

Available from [NDSU Press](#); [Book Trailer](#)

“Any marriage is complicated, but one where two people grow up speaking different languages and abiding by different cultural codes presents unique challenges. Insert a demanding father-in-law, a healthy man who inexplicably ends his life by means of legalized euthanasia.” Author Jill Kandel grew up in North Dakota, lived and worked in Zambia, Indonesia, England, and the Netherlands and now lives in the Fargo/Moorhead community.

Inside a Snowflake by Mary Tello-Pool and Maria Elena Skjerseth

(\$19, 30 p., pbk.; \$9.99, Kindle; \$14, Nook)

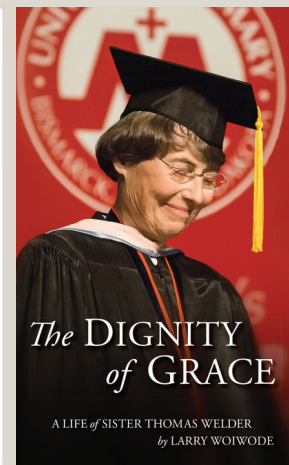
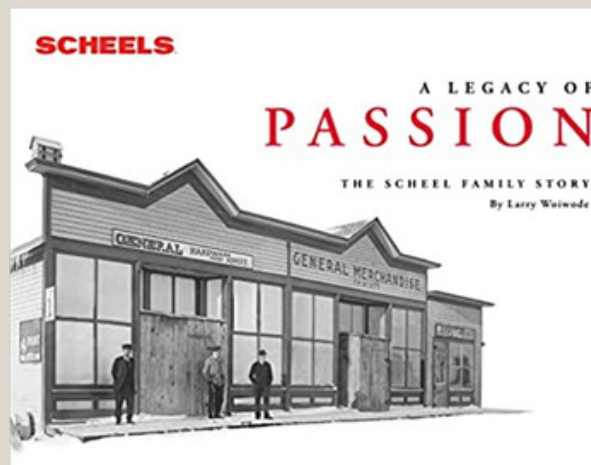
Available from [Amazon](#), [Barnes and Noble](#), and [Dorrance Publishing](#)

Mary Tello-Pool of Bismarck and her six-year-old granddaughter take us on a “whimsical ride through a winter wonderland” that started with this question posed by Maria: ‘Grammy, what does the inside of a snowflake look like?’ and the reply, “Why not close your eyes and use your imagination?” After Maria started to describe what she saw, the two were inspired to write a book to share with children everywhere. *Inside a Snowflake* also shows that just as every snowflake is unique and beautiful in its own way, so are people. All are different, all are special.

A Legacy of Passion: The Scheel Family Story by Larry Woiwode (100 p., \$24.99, hardcover); Available from [Amazon](#) and [University of Mary Press](#)

A Legacy of Passion by Larry Woiwode, North Dakota Poet Laureate and award-winning author, was published by University of Mary Press shortly before the author’s death at age 80 on April 28, 2022. The book tells the story of the Scheel family and its store franchise, which started as a small hardware store in western Minnesota in 1902 and is now one of the most successful retail companies in the country.

Author Larry Woiwode wrote everything from novels to short stories, poetry, and nonfiction. He was appointed North Dakota Poet Laureate by the 1995 North Dakota Legislature. Woiwode’s 2021 book, *The Dignity of Grace: A Life of Sister Thomas Welder* (\$24.99), is also available from the [University of Mary Press](#) and [Amazon](#).



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Continued...

Little Star Chaser by Dawn Noelle Archer (\$9.95, 24 p., pbk.)

Available from [Amazon](#) and [Shared Story Press](#)

In *Little Star Chaser*, Dawn Noelle Archer of Bismarck shares amazing things about the sky – the stars, the moon, the sun, the Northern Lights, comets, planets, eclipses, and even the space station – through rhymes and colorful mosaic collages. This is a great picture book for preschoolers and new readers. Dawn’s other books include *Oh Joy, Bok Choy & Other Greens for Me!* (2018), *Remnants of Soul* (2019), and *Even Whispered Words Echo: Lullabies for Dying Children & Other Poems* (2004; out of print). Dawn’s books are also available locally in Bismarck at Barnes & Noble, Bismarck Community Food Co-op, and Bismarck Mandan Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information, visit [Shared Story Press – Dawn Noelle Archer](#).

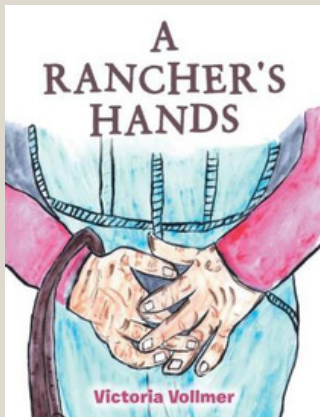
Radium: A Novel by John Enger

Available from [NDSU Press](#); [Audio sample](#)

Radium is a story about two brothers who live in a trailer outside Radium, a depressed midwestern town. Jim, the 15-year-old narrator, feels diminished and has unexplained injuries. His older brother Billy is “a man capable of things others are not.” When Billy gets in trouble, they do “what wild young men like Billy do when things go bad. They run.”

For his story, author John Enger drew inspiration from his own experience growing up in rural northern Minnesota and his work as a journalist. “His fictional characters are like so many real people — likable most of the time, yet always about three bad days from a federal manhunt.” Enger worked in journalism for ten years, first as a newspaper reporter, then moving to radio reporting. He and his family live in Bemidji, Minnesota, where he runs his own woodworking business, [Enger Grove](#), and writes fiction. For more info, visit the [author’s website](#).



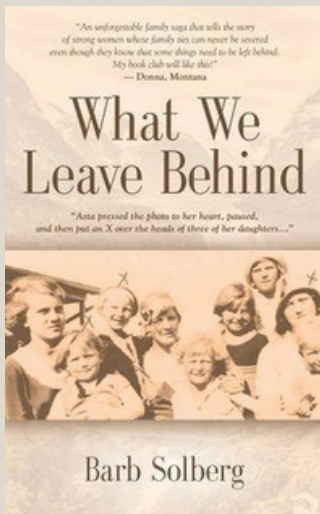


A Rancher's Hands by Victoria Vollmer

(\$29.99, 28 p., hardcover; \$20.99, pbk.; \$2.99-\$3.99, ebook)

Available from [Amazon](#), [AuthorHouse](#), and [Barnes and Noble](#)

This children's book gives readers a look at what ranchers do and how they care for their animals. Author and illustrator Victoria Vollmer emphasizes humane practices and animal welfare. Her philosophy draws on The Five Freedoms: freedom from thirst, hunger, and malnutrition; freedom from discomfort; freedom from pain, injury, and disease; freedom to express normal behavior; and freedom from fear and distress. Vollmer grew up on a small family ranch in Eddy County. She served as a Miss North Dakota Angus princess/queen and represented North Dakota as Miss United States Agriculture in 2018/19.



What We Leave Behind by Barb Solberg (\$20.95, 420 p., pbk.; \$2.99, ebook)

Available from [Amazon](#), [Barnes and Noble](#), [BookLocker.com](#), and [Walmart](#); locally from [Main Street Books in Minot](#)

[Book Trailer](#)

In *What We Leave Behind*, Minot author Barb Solberg has crafted a work of historical fiction based on the true story of her grandmother and aunts during World War II. In 1913, Solberg's grandparents left Norway to homestead in North Dakota's Mountrail County. During the Dust Bowl years, they sent three of their daughters to live with a wealthy relative in Norway for two years, but there was no one to take the two younger sisters home when Clara married a Norwegian man. In 1940, Germany invaded Norway and the two sisters missed the last U.S. evacuee ship. Would the whole family ever be reunited? Author Barb Solberg is a North Dakota native, earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from UND, and taught English during her professional career.

Major Benefactor Award

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WHAT IS THIS??

We are seeking nominations for the Major Benefactor Award which “is awarded by the NDLA Executive Board to a person or persons who have made significant contributions to a library or libraries in North Dakota.” The award winner will be profiled in The Good Stuff and receive a commemorative plaque.

What do I do?

Step 1: Submit a letter of nomination to the NDLA President-Elect.

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Step 2: Letters of nomination must include specific reasons for nomination. Letters should detail the nominee’s contributions to the North Dakota Library or Libraries. Supporting documentation is helpful to the selection process, but not required.

Step 3: Please send all nominations in by June 30, 2022.



NDLA ACCESSIBILITY

Perspective Corner

Does your Organization or Institution have an accessibility policy?



41% of librarians say yes
29% say no or are unsure

Is it sufficient to meet the accessibility needs of your library community?



42% yes or needs improvement
16% of librarians say no

Do you consider NDLA an accessible organization?



48% say yes or so-so
4% responded no



Your words,
Your suggestions...

1

Making the website easier to navigate and find resources/information

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Use of microphones at conference; close-captioning on zoom meetings

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"The EDI committee talked a little bit about this after the last conference especially in regards to using microphones in conference sessions and providing more consistent virtual attendance options.

It can also be a little difficult to find information on the NDLA website, which I suppose is kind of related to accessibility"

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A statement about the NDLA's accessibility policies would be sufficient

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Election accessibility!
"If you look at the current makeup of the board, it is heavily populated with UND employees.
I never saw a call from the president for positions needing filling or any request for diversity in library systems to participate on any of the committees.
It seems it is always the friends or colleagues of the current leadership who are appointed."

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There could be more money spent on scholarships to attend the conference for individuals where the cost is prohibitive

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More Online options

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Accessibility is a broad topic. I need more information...

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Website could do with a review for accessibility issues

Within NDLA, what areas do you see room for accessibility improvement?

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More online activities, events on topics that are applicable to both public and academic librarians, website issues with contrast

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Not sure, but none that I know of

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Remote participation in meetings, workshops could be strengthened to give many an equitable opportunity to learn and participate

GOOD STUFF

FROM AROUND THE STATE



The Bottineau County Public Library has held an annual tea since 1991. Originally started by the Bottineau Woman's Club as a fundraiser, all proceeds from this free-will offering event go to support the library. In 2011, the GFWC Bottineau Study Club took over hosting this event.

On Wednesday, May 3, 2022, the Bottineau County Public Library continued their tradition of Library Spring Tea. Patrons enjoyed punch, coffee, tea sandwiches, and pastries. Throughout the day, edible strawberry bouquets were door prizes, too!

These fun “shelf sitters” (say that 10x fast!) or door greeters were donated to the Leach Public Library by the Wahpeton Literary Club. We love the fact that dragons can read, too, and that they greet the children and all other “kids at heart” when entering the west door of our library! They were donated late last fall, but had to wait to perform until our winter was past. The City of Wahpeton Street Department helped install them, so they wouldn’t “fly” off on us!





Grand Forks Public Friends Host Mini Art Show on Library Giving Day

To kick off the Grand Forks Public Friends' 2022 focus of "Retuning You in 2022," the Friends presented a Mini Art Show on April 6, 2022. Community members of all ages and artistic abilities were invited to pick up a Take & Make Art kit, including a 3x3" canvas and supplies. The kits disappeared within one day, and after restocking later in the week, the Friends gave out a total of 200 kits and received 85 completed artworks back for the show.

Community members gathered for an evening reception on April 6 to admire the Mini Art Show, including artwork from "local celebrity" artists, and enjoy live music and sweet treats. The artwork remained on display in the library for two weeks. In addition to celebrating the community's vast artistic talents, the Friends promoted Library Giving Day at the event. Between the spring book sale and Library Giving Day, the Friends raised more than \$5,000 to support 2022 wellness programming at Grand Forks Public!





UND is home to the state's first Literary Landmark, which commemorates the work of Maxwell Anderson - a poet, playwright, author, screenwriter, and UND alum.

At a [ceremony](#) capping off [Writer's Conference](#) week in March (sponsored by the Departments of Theatre Arts and English), Maxwell L. Anderson (grandson of Maxwell Anderson) unveiled the Literary Landmark plaque, which will be permanently installed at a later date. Maxwell Anderson is famous for his 1958 "[Love Letter to a University](#)," penned when he was unable to receive his honorary degree in person. Theatre students read excerpts at the ceremony. As an established researcher and art historian himself, Anderson's grandson spent time in the Chester Fritz Library Special Collections looking at notes written in his grandfather's hand and at the Library's display of many of his grandfather's published and unpublished items.

The [Literary Landmark program](#) is sponsored by the American Library Association. Guest speaker Joel Vig said, "This is the first literary landmark but not the last in North Dakota." Interested libraries can help make his prediction come true!

NOW
RETIRED

A long-time supporter and contributor to NDLA officially retired from the University of North Dakota Thormodsgard Law Library in May. Best wishes on your next adventure,

Laurie McHenry!

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Presents Families Around the World

The Bismarck Veteran Memorial Public Library's 3rd annual Families around the World event embraced the diversity in our community and celebrated the unique cultures we share. The evening hosted lively music and dancing presentations, guest exhibitors at information tables, hands-on activities and craft projects, and tasty food samples from local purveyors. The Library presented Families around the World in partnership with Global Neighbors, Bismarck Public Schools, and the Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc.

Americans and the Holocaust Traveling Exhibition at Bismarck Library

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library was one of 50 U.S. libraries selected to host Americans and the Holocaust, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. The touring library exhibition — based on the special exhibition of the same name at the Museum in Washington, D.C. — will travel to U.S. libraries from 2022 to 2024.

"We are honored to be selected from a pool of more than 250 applicants and chosen as the only library in North Dakota to host Americans and the Holocaust," said Library Director Christine Kujawa. "We encourage citizens to experience this powerful exhibit. We are eager to connect with community partners to offer informative programs, as well. The exhibit will challenge people not only to ask 'what would I have done?' but also, 'what will I do?'" Americans and the Holocaust was on display at the Library, along with a series of related special events, through May 3, 2022.

The Bismarck Library Foundation Annual Fundraiser

The Bismarck Library Foundation held its Art of Books “fun”raiser on April 29, 2022. This sold-out event welcomed 150 guests to Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library after hours, with a silent art auction, refreshments, trivia, and a live auction that generated over \$1,000. Proceeds from the event support Bismarck Library Foundation and its funding of library programs



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Treasurer's Report
As of March 31, 2022 (End of 1st Quarter)
By Aaron Stefanich, NDLA Treasurer

CHECK BOOK 3/31/2022	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Funds	\$55,437.45			
Annual Conference 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Conference 2021	\$8,852.11	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$9,287.11
Book Sales	\$1,116.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,116.32
Dues		\$5,105.00		\$5,105.00
HSIS Partner Account	\$6,969.19			\$6,969.19
Investment Account Transfers		\$0.00	-\$10.53	
Other receipts/disbursements		\$10.53	-\$2,474.88	
NDLA Funds Subtotal		\$5,550.53	-\$2,485.41	\$3,065.12
Check Book Balance 3/31/2022				<u>\$58,502.57</u>

MONEY MARKET & CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Bank Money Market Ready Cash	\$12,333.21			
Interest		\$0.29		
Deposits		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$12,333.50
Professional Development Bank Money Market RC	\$11,689.32			
Interest		\$0.27		
Deposits		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$10.53	\$0.00	
				\$11,700.12
NDLA CD	\$21,824.24			
Interest		\$19.29		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$21,843.53
Professional Development CD	\$15,023.12			
Interest		\$1.73		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$15,024.85
TOTAL investment accounts	\$60,869.89			\$60,902.00
TOTAL EQUITY 3/31/2022				<u>\$119,404.57</u>

Executive Board Members

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University of North Dakota

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North Dakota State Library

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