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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:

Dec 2022	Oct 29
March 2023	Feb 1
June 2023	May 3



I vaguely recall slow, lazy summers from when I was a kid ...

Whatever happened to those times? Now they slip by faster than you can blink. Here it is -- August already!

NDLA Annual is coming up soon and shaping up nicely! Rita Ennen is putting the final touches on the conference schedule and registration is open (get in before September 14 for the early bird rates).

In other news:

- **NDLA Secretary** - We are in the midst of an election for the secretary position. We have one candidate – Tonya Palmer from Grand Forks Public Library. If you haven't already done so, take a moment to vote.
- **Membership Committee** - Nicole Eckroth stepped down as Membership Chair in order to focus on her health. I would like to thank Nicole for her service and wish her a full and swift recovery. We're all thinking of you, Nicole! Liz Mason, technical support specialist at ODIN, volunteered to serve as the new Membership Chair. I would like to thank the members of the Membership Committee (Kristen Northrup, Aaron Stefanich, James Murphy, and Brittany Fischer) for stepping up and keeping things running smoothly in the interim.
- **Legislative Committee** -Tressa Graves, archivist at UND's Energy and Environment Research Center, has volunteered to chair the committee for next year's legislative session. Thank you, Tressa! We could definitely use more people to help NDLA keep an eye on the legislative process and advocate for North Dakota libraries. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tressa (tgraves@undeerc.org) or me (william.d.martin@und.edu).

Enjoy the rest of the warm weather while you can. I hope to see all of you in Minot at the conference, October 5-7!

Will Martin

NDLA President



*President's
Message*

CONFERENCE CATCH-UP: TIDBITS OF IMPORTANCE

Rita Ennen

The latest on our keynotes...



[More information
on Dan](#)

Dan Gemeinhart is the author of six award-winning books for middle grade readers: *The Honest Truth*, *Some Kind of Courage*, *Scar Island*, *Good Dog*, *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*, and *The Midnight Children*. He lives in a small town smack dab in the middle of Washington state with his wife and three daughters. He was lucky and grateful to be a teacher-librarian in an elementary school for 13 years, where he got to share awesome books with awesome kids. He loves camping, cooking, and traveling. He also plays guitar (badly) and reads (constantly). His house is *always* a mess.



The Flicker Tale Committee is pleased to welcome author Dan Gemeinhart to the 2022 NDLA Annual Conference. Mr. Gemeinhart will be presenting Friday morning (8-9:30) at the Flicker Tale Keynote followed by a book signing.

P.S.



Dear Librarians:
I am so excited to get back to North Dakota for your conference--to speak to you about books, the love of words, and the landscape of being LGBTQ+ on the Northern Great Plains!

Taylor Brorby

Registration for the 2022
NDLA Annual Conference is
now *LIVE!*

[Click here](#)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

It's a Work-in-Progress...

TA-DA! Presenting the full conference schedule ... well, as it is right now. The main thing left to nail down is the pre-conference.

Thanks to North Dakota State Library staff, we are close. Sched is next! Stay tuned, NDLA!

2022 North Dakota Library Association Conference Agenda **Rough Draft**



Exhibition Room
Ionian Room
Mediterranean Room
Aegean Room
Rhodes Room

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

9:00 am – 12 noon	NDLA Executive Board Meeting - Forum Room
12 Noon – 5:00 PM	Registration / Hospitality Open –Lobby Exhibitor Set-Up – Coliseum
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Pre-conference
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dine Arouds
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Opening Night Reception

Thursday, October 6, 2022

7:00 am – 10:00 am	Exhibitor Set-Up - Coliseum					
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration / Hospitality Open –Lobby (Breakfast – provided with your room registration or on your own)					
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Welcome / Announcements and Housekeeping – Coliseum / Keynote Address: Taylor Brorby					
10:00 am - 10:45 am	Opening of Exhibits – Coliseum					
10:45 am – 11:45 am Concurrent Sessions	Exhibits Open	The Book Nerd: What's Hot in Children's Literature Louie Lauer	Taking Action: Writing EDI Statements and Following Through Amanda Walch	Readers' Advisory Tips and Tricks Jennie Mills	Developing and Implementing a Hiring Process for Student Employees at an Academic Library Karlene Clark	Reference Collections: the Future Sally Dockter
12 Noon – 1:30 pm		Luncheon / Conference Book Club – Coliseum / Boys and Oil : Growing Up Gay in a Fractured Land by Taylor Brorby				
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm Concurrent Sessions		Native American Curriculum Resources: Meeting the Requirements of S.B.2304 Dani Stuckle	Nuances of Diversity: Becoming Aware of Microaggressions and Microexpressions Karlene Clark	Introducing 23 Linked Data Things: Let's Get Learning Sara Ring	Using Zotero Citation Manager for the Research and Writing Process Kristen Borysewicz	The Local Library's Role with Talking Books Mary Soucie
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm		Break in the Exhibits – Coliseum				
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Business Meetings		Public Libraries Section Meeting	Academic & Special Libraries Section Meeting	New Members Round Table Meeting		
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Business Meetings		SLAYS Section Meeting	Health Science Information Section Meeting	Technical Services and Government Documents Meeting		
5:00 pm – 5:30 PM		Auction Set-Up – Coliseum				
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm		Vendor Social – Cash Bar, Auction Preview, and Silent Auction in the Vendor Hall – Coliseum				
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm		Awards Banquet - Coliseum				
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm		Auction with Paulette Nelson – Coliseum / Table Games				

Friday, October 7, 2022

8:00 am – 12 Noon	Registration / Hospitality –Lobby					
	Breakfast – provided with your room registration or on your own					
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Flickertale Keynote – Dan Gemeinhart / Author signing					
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Exhibits / Break in the Exhibit Hall - Coliseum					
10:00 am - 11:00 am Concurrent Sessions	Exhibits Open	Robotics for Early Elementary Aaron Stefanich	Intellectual Freedom in North Dakota Emily Wros	What's Cookin' at Libraries Around the Region Maggie Snow / Mary Soucie	Health Mis- and Dis-information: What are Library Staff to Do? David Brown / George Strawley	Why MPLA is the Right Association for You! Randi Monley
11:15 am		Exhibits closing / Final Drawings – Coliseum (lunch buffet will be available beginning at 11:00)				
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch and General Membership Meeting – Coliseum					
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Concurrent Sessions	Author presentation Dan Gemeinhart	How to Write an Escape Room Pam Carswell	Bed Bug Bedlam Janet Anderson	Starting a Digitization Project Trevor Martinson	Stump the State Librarian! Mary Soucie	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Closing Keynote – Coliseum / Jessie Vedeer					
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Post-Conference Executive Board Meeting (includes outgoing and incoming board members) – Forum Room					

NDLA Annual 2022 Clarion Hotel, Minot



Looking to book your stay?

Early bird hotel registration rates available through September 12.

How?

Call the Clarion, ask for the NDLA block rate.

Phone: (701) 852-2504 Website:

www.choicehotels.com/north-dakota/minot/

TEASERS...

NDLA 2022 Opening
Reception!

DINE AROUNDS!
BOARD GAMES!
ART PROJECTS!

AND MUCH
MORE!

Stay tuned and watch
the facebook page for
more information.



VENDOR HUNT

Keep an eye on your email
and the Facebook page for
a fun game during the
conference.

Mark Your Calendar!



August 2022

- 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

November 2022

- [Picture Book Month](#)



[MPLA \(Mountain Plains Library Association\) News](#)

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

One of the most notable things happening is the retirement of MPLA President Robin Newell, who has been a member of MPLA since 2005. As she heads to warmer climes, we are happy to send her our best wishes. President-Elect Brenda Hemmelman, based at the South Dakota State Library, will move into the President's role.

[MPLA Officer Election and Voting!](#)

An online ballot will be emailed to all eligible voters via [MemberClicks](#). The ballot will be sent to the email listed in your MPLA member profile; now is a good time to login at [mpla.us](#) and update your profile as needed.

President/President Elect Candidates (MPLA member since [year])

- Amadee Ricketts, Director, Cochise County Library (2014)
- Elena Rosenfeld, Community Engagement & Strategies Manager, High Plains Library District (2019)

Recording Secretary Candidates

- Luise Davis, currently Nevada Library Assn. Rep (2002)
- Maribeth Elaine Shafer, currently Kansas Library Assn. Rep (2016)

[Tri-Conference!](#)

The MPLA Tri-conference, held August 3-6 in the vibrant downtown area of Missoula, Montana, brought the Montana, Pacific Northwest, and Mountain Plains library associations together. The conference theme was Building Bridges | Renewing Community, and carried out by 60+ speakers from 15 US states and Canada. Another bonus was the conference's proximity to the brand-new [Missoula Public Library](#), with its unique organization model with community partners housed within the building.

If you have questions about the conference or any of the other great things going on in MPLA, contact me: randi.monley@minotnd.org; 701-838-0606.



These committees have no current business to report: [Bylaws & Policies](#); [Finance](#); [Flicker Tale](#); [Legislative](#); [Membership](#); [Nominations, Elections & Voting](#); [Tech Services/Government Documents](#); and [Web Editors](#).

[EDI \(Equity, Diversity & Inclusion\) Committee](#)

- Submitted a proposal idea for the NDLA conference.
 - Working on creating a module for NDLA members to view on their own time.
 - Working on assessment plan to be sure we are meeting the goals of the committee.
 - Contact Karlene Clark (karlene.clark@und.edu) for September meeting details.
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[Good Stuff Editorial Committee](#) needs a volunteer to assist with contribution editing/newsletter formatting responsibilities. No experience required, only a willingness to participate. Contact the Editorial Committee Chair via the committee link for details.

[Intellectual Freedom Committee](#)

We're in the final stages of updating our handbook and web presence, and transitioning to our next project of offering workshops to help schools and libraries prepare for book challenges.

We're happy to announce that Troy Kuntz of Dickinson Public Schools has joined the IF committee. More volunteers are always welcome, library staff and librarians alike. If you're interested in volunteering, or have questions/comments, contact committee chair Emily Wros (emily.wros@und.edu). Our September meeting date has not been set yet.

COMMITTEE BLOTTER CONTINUED... *

[New Members' Committee](#)

Join the Committee in the dining area at the conference and get to know other (new) members of NDLA! Whether you're new to NDLA or the only librarian from your library at the conference or just want to branch out, everyone is welcome to join the group for any or all meals. We will have a sign up and likely a colorful tablecloth. Look for us and come say hello!

We're also working on promoting the [Grassroots Grant](#) and the New Member packet is in the final stages of review. For more information, including future meetings, contact: karlene.clark@und.edu

[Professional Development Committee](#)

Hello, all! Our committee, co-chaired by Jessica Gilbert Redman and Devon Olson, is picking up where the previous members left off. We are excited to jump in and get started! In the short term, we are focused on streamlining the grants-awarding process and the website, including the jobs listing section. In the near future, we also hope to work with NDLA President Will Martin to launch a mock interviews initiative, providing training for both interviewees and interviewers. In the long term, we want to look at re-launching the mentorship program as well as possibly developing more formal policies for the role of the PD committee in facilitating PD-type events hosted by other committees. We will be contacting committee members (as outlined in the NDLA bylaws) soon, but would love to hear ideas and suggestions from all NDLA members.

We also would love to see a variety of library types and library employees involved on this committee; don't hesitate to check in with us. If you're interested in applying for the committee, send a quick message to ndla.pd@outlook.com with your current employment type (academic, school, public, special, etc.) and location, along with a bit about your interest in joining.



Greetings from NDLA's Professional Development Committee!

We are excited to announce the launch of a new series of
online professional development meetings:

[The NDLA Professional Development Series](#)

Meetings will be held every other month and will alternate between journal-club and featured-speaker formats. Anyone with an interest in librarianship and professional development may attend, regardless of NDLA membership.

The theme for our first few meetings is "Hiring and Interviewing Best Practices." We'll first dive into some specific topics within the hiring process, and eventually broaden out to explore those "best practices" a few months from now.

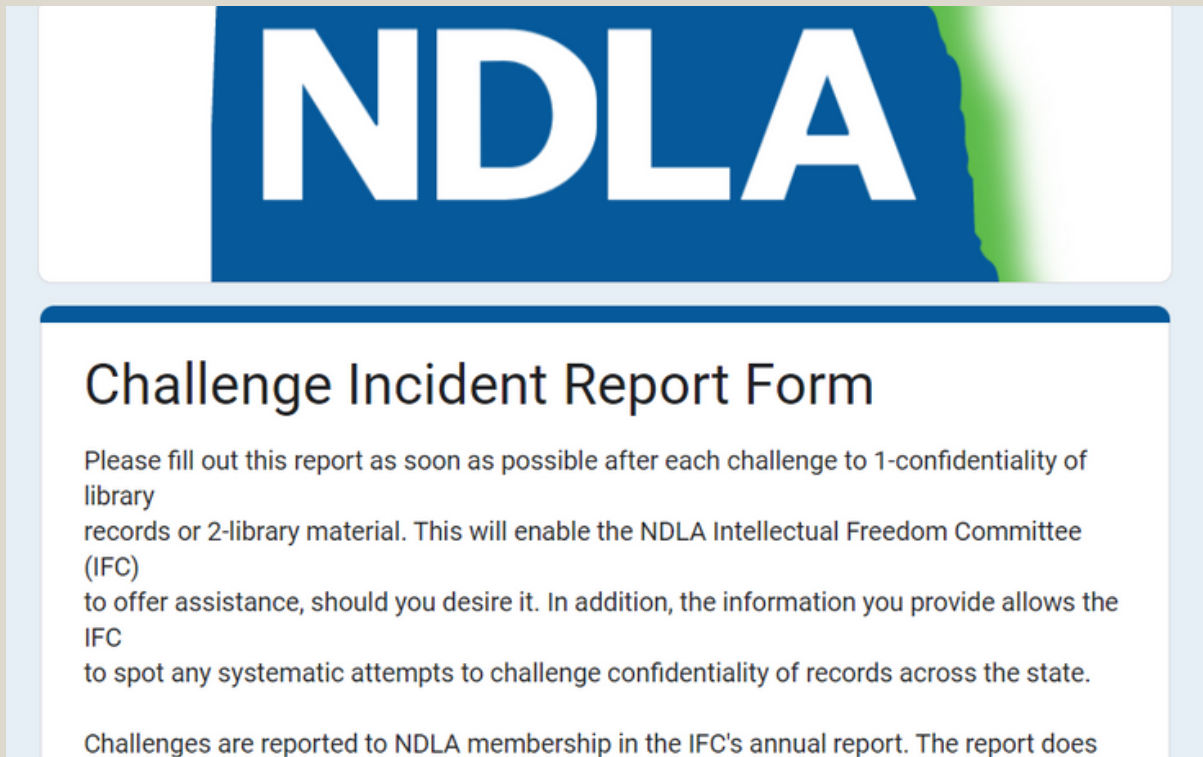
Our first meeting is a journal-club meeting on August 25 at 2 p.m. to discuss: "Normalizing negotiation! Learning to negotiate salaries and improve compensation outcomes to transform library culture." by Geraci, A. & Farrell, S. L. (2019, May 22). [Available](#) from [Library With the Lead Pipe](#), an open access, open peer-reviewed journal.

[Register](#) for the first PD Workshop now!

LIBRARY CHALLENGES

Library materials are being challenged at an accelerating rate, including here in North Dakota. By reporting challenges to the NDLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, you can help us track trends and provide support. No incident is too small to be reported! In fact, an increase in minor challenges can be an important indicator that bigger trouble is brewing. It's also helpful for other library workers to know that they're not alone in facing these issues.

Challenge Incident Report and Resolution Incident Report forms can now be completed online via links on the [IF Committee](#) site. The forms can also be used to request a phone call or meeting with an Intellectual Freedom Committee member. You are also welcome to directly contact committee chair, Emily Wros (emily.wros@und.edu).

The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "NDLA Challenge Incident Report Form". The header features the NDLA logo, which consists of the letters "NDLA" in white on a blue background, with a green and white graphic element to the right. Below the header, the form title "Challenge Incident Report Form" is displayed in a large, bold, black font. The main body of the form contains the following text: "Please fill out this report as soon as possible after each challenge to 1-confidentiality of library records or 2-library material. This will enable the NDLA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) to offer assistance, should you desire it. In addition, the information you provide allows the IFC to spot any systematic attempts to challenge confidentiality of records across the state." At the bottom of the visible text, it says "Challenges are reported to NDLA membership in the IFC's annual report. The report does".

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Trauma-Informed Library Services

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

There are many invisible matters our patrons may deal with – anything from a physical matter, like arthritis or breathing problems, to mental matters such as PTSD (post-traumatic syndrome disorder). PTSD can be caused by any event that was life threatening or highly traumatic. It can cause fear, anger, avoidance of external reminders, and more.

A great book recommendation is *A Trauma-informed Approach to Library Services* by Rebecca Tolley (ALA Editions, 2020). I have included a few quotes and thoughts from the book that address understanding trauma:

- It crosses all demographic markers.
- Chronic stress trains a person to be on constant high alert, which affects the ability to seek out and understand information. This can lead to patrons feeling awkward, vulnerable, or inadequate when entering libraries.
- “Everyone, including workers, community members, and visitors, should feel physically, psychologically, and culturally safe.” (p 47)
“Psychological safety is comprised by a range of behaviors that includes sarcasm, condescension, public humiliation, negative tones of voice and body language, inconsistent rules, procedures and policies, favoritism, infantilizing, gaslighting, shaming, and blaming, among others. People who grew up around these behaviors as part of their [childhood experiences] are easily triggered by exposure to them” (p 51). While the author speaks about childhood, PTSD, anxiety, and other psychological conditions can form at any point in a person’s life.

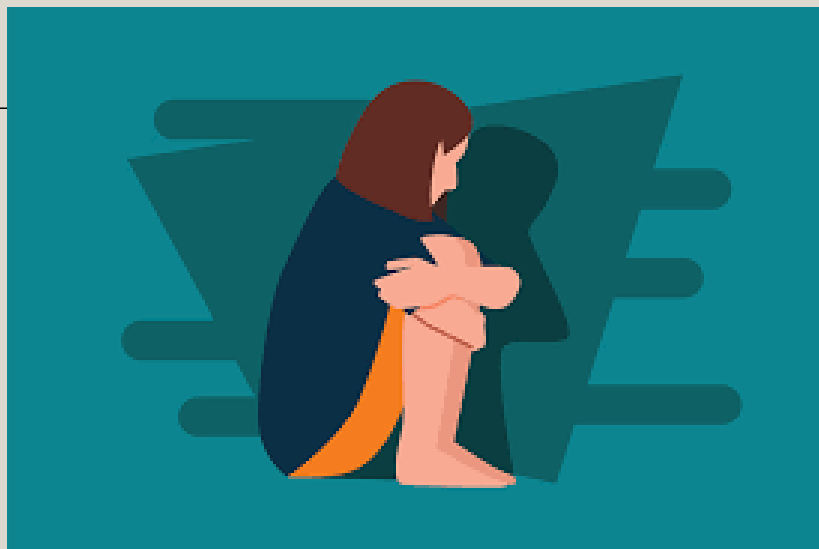
The individual person will do what they can to protect themselves, but as librarians, we can set them up for success in our buildings. Instead of using the thought process of “treat others as I would want to be treated,” we need to shift that thinking to “treat others the way THEY would like to be treated.

The author gives the example of someone having lost a parent – if we suddenly walk away from them during a visit, they may be triggered and feel a sense of loss, or that you, too, won’t come back.

- “Our lack of awareness and empathy [for the three safety factors listed above] can result in miscommunication on our part, feeling misunderstood on their part, and all individuals left stymied and possibly re-traumatized.” (p 21)
- “Safety and trust are not the same...Transparency engenders trust.” (p 61).

The book covers much more than the brief mentions here. It’s an easy read and wraps up with another important section: self-care for the librarians!

We all deal with traumas on some level. Some stay with us; some are for a time only. The section that discusses cultural safety was eye opening for me. Listening to what others need and watching their reactions to our interactions plus being kind to ourselves and each other goes a long way in starting the process to being trauma-informed. While focused on medical care, [this 3 minute video](#) further explains some of the side effects of trauma, along with other causes.



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

News from ALA ...

Hello everyone! I hope that you all are having a great summer! Did you attend ALA Annual, either virtually or in-person? If so, I would really like to hear your thoughts on the conference! I attended via the digital experience and am still working through sessions. Of note, I believe there were over 13,000 attendees split between the digital experience and in person. Once I receive the final numbers, I will send them out via the listserv.

I want to remind you about ALA's [Issues and Advocacy link](#) for information on topics such as: advocacy and public policy, EDI, banned books, intellectual freedom, literacy, privacy, and public awareness.

I believe I already sent this out in a weekly update, but I encourage you to take a look at the [State of America's Libraries Special Report: Pandemic Year Two](#).

As a final note, I have had such a great time being the ALA representative for NDLA. However, if anyone else would like to give it a try, I encourage you to think about it and ask me questions! My term ends in 2023, and while I would be happy to serve again, I want to be sure that others have an opportunity as well.

Have a great summer!

Sara Westall

ALA Chapter Councilor

Recording Announcement

[We are ALA: Making EDI-Related Change Panel](#)

On Thursday, June 16, 2022, the [ALA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion \(EDI\) Assembly](#) hosted a panel discussion on the topic "We are ALA: Making EDI-Related Change". We are pleased to share the event recording [here](#). [Note: The meeting officially starts at the 10-minute mark; you may want to skip to that part of the recording.]

The eight panelists ([names and bios](#)) spoke on these two questions:

- How have you been involved in pursuing equity, diversity, and inclusion through ALA? What barriers were there?
- What suggestions do you have for people who want to make an impact within ALA towards greater equity, diversity, and inclusion, but are not sure where to start?

The agenda for the Assembly, including contact information and resources for the presenters, can be found [here](#). During the meeting, affiliated groups shared updates about their EDI-related work asynchronously; those can be read [here](#).

The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Assembly is open to all ALA members who are interested in helping ALA move towards greater equity, diversity, and inclusion. If you are interested in joining the EDI Assembly for 2022-2023, sign up through the [ALA Volunteer Form](#). Choose ALA from the drop-down menu. You will have the option to choose from different committees; select EDI Assembly.



Congressional Hearings: What are they?

By Susanne Caro, North Dakota State University, TECHSERT/GODORT

“A hearing is a meeting or session of a Senate, House, joint, or special committee of Congress, usually open to the public, to obtain information and opinions on proposed legislation, conduct an investigation, or evaluate/oversee the activities of a government department or the implementation of a Federal law. In addition, hearings may also be purely exploratory in nature, providing testimony and data about topics of current interest.”

-Government Publishing Office.

Hearings can be a useful source of information with testimony by experts, personal accounts, and reports of findings.

What can a committee do?

A committee can investigate, can invite specialists or subpoena witnesses. “Refusal to cooperate with a congressional subpoena can result in charges of contempt of Congress, which could result in a prison term” (whitehouse.gov) A contempt charge must be considered and voted on by a chamber (House or Senate), but most charges are dropped because documents or testimony are provided.

People who have been held in contempt include: Henry Kissinger (1975), Rita Lavelle (1983, EPA official sentenced to 6 months in prison and fined \$10,000), and Attorney General Janet Reno (1998).

Although Congress can investigate just about any subject, including those involving criminal behavior, it cannot initiate criminal prosecution. Such matters can be referred to the Department of Justice for investigation.

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Hearing Highlights:

·The first congressional investigative hearing was held in Philadelphia in 1792 to investigate General St. Clair's 1792 defeat by Miami, Shawnee, Buckongahela, and Delaware peoples at the Battle of the Wabash.

·In 1938, the Red Scare led to the creation of a special investigative committee: House Un-American Activities Committee. "Committee members branded witnesses as "red" if they refused to comply or hesitated in answering committee questions." [Source: [Background Essay](#), Truman Presidential Museum and Library] The committee was made a standing committee in 1945 and was eliminated in 1975.

·In 2008, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform released the Mitchell Report: The Legal Use of Steroids in Major League Baseball. The report named 89 major league players believed to have used steroids.

·In 2022, a hearing on Department of Defense Appropriations asked about UFOs and led to the release of a report on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena.



Jenkins, R. Michael, photographer.
Jesse Jackson shaking hands with disability advocate Justin Dart Jr., who is in a wheelchair, during a hearing of the House Committee on Education and Labor on a bill which became the Americans with Disabilities Act. Washington D.C, 1989. [17 July]
Photograph.
<https://www.loc.gov/item/2019646232/>.

State Legislative Hearings:

State legislatures also hold hearings. You can find information on hearings and watch recorded hearings at www.ndlegis.gov

If you are interested in using Congressional hearing for research, the [Library of Congress](#) has guides to assist you:

- Published hearings - [How to Locate a Published Congressional Hearing: A Beginner's Guide](#)
- Unpublished hearings - [How to Locate an Unpublished Congressional Hearing: A Beginner's Guide](#)
- You can access hearings at Govinfo.gov

UNTIL NEXT TIME!...

Speaking of online resources...

ODIN recently announced that access to an additional Statewide e-Resource – **ACADEMIC SEARCH COMPLETE** – is now available.

Academic Search Complete is a comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, with 5,300+ full-text journals and magazines, and 4,000+ full-text peer-reviewed journals (most have no embargo). It offers indexing and abstracts for 9,300+ journals and a total of 10,900 publications, including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc. The database features PDF content going back as far as 1865, with the majority of full-text titles in native (searchable) PDF format. ([3-minute tutorial here](#))

The [direct link through authgate](#) has been added to the A-Z List on the [ODIN website](#). If you have trouble with access, please submit [an ODIN Helpdesk ticket](#).

**ACCESS for all North Dakota libraries available
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024**

North Dakota in Print

By Marlene Anderson, Bismarck State College

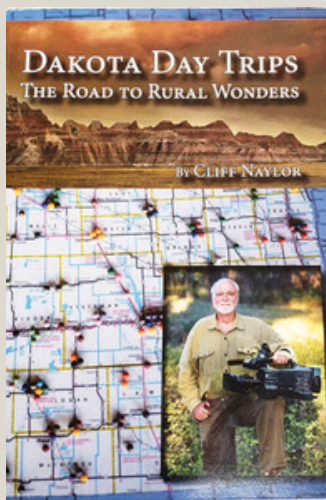


All My Love, Bob: One Man's WWII: Excerpts from Letters to Bob's Home-bound Wife, Dorothy edited by Richard J. Schonberger, with contributions from brothers Robert E. Schonberger and Father Micah (Thomas Schonberger)

(\$12, 485 p., pbk.)

Available from [Amazon](#)

This book is a compilation of some 700 letters that Bob Schonberger wrote to his wife during his 1942-46 tour as a military officer during World War II. Dorothy, who was home with their three sons, carefully saved them all. The letters are not war chronicles. Rather, they are personal letters that share details of wartime life in Europe; observations and opinions about people and culture, food and drink, and social and recreational activities; and especially, tell of Bob's longing for his wife and family in North Dakota. Richard Schonberger, a graduate of Ellendale High School and the University of North Dakota (1961), edited his father's letters with the help of his brothers, Robert and Thomas.



Dakota Day Trips: The Road to Rural Wonders / Cliff Naylor
(\$13.95, 183 p., pbk.)

Available from [Barnes and Noble](#) and local bookstores and businesses in North Dakota, South Dakota, & Montana

Cliff Naylor, known for his "Off the Beaten Path" stories on KFYP-TV, has self-published a third book featuring rural treasures in North Dakota, eastern Montana, and northern South Dakota. "These are 50 new places, all well worth a trip to," said Naylor. His "Off the Beaten Path" series started when he was at KFYP and would see and hear interesting things while on assignment. He started doing some stories on his own time and the segment became so popular that it eventually grew into a weekly story for KFYP. Naylor's first two books, *Dakota Day Trips* (1999) and *More Dakota Day Trips* (2001, 2016 reprint), are still available and were co-written with his wife, Monica Hannan.

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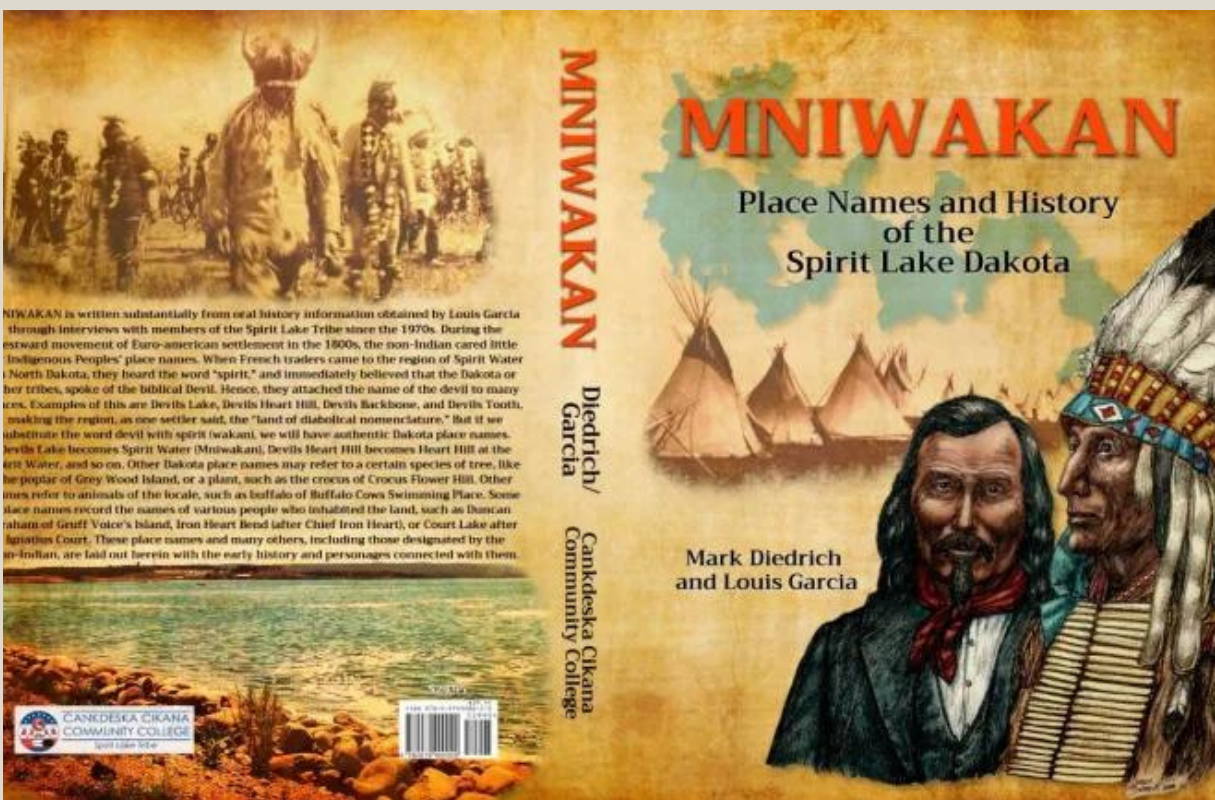
By Marlene Anderson, Bismarck State College

Mniwakan: Place Names and History of the Spirit Lake Dakota by Louis Garcia and Mark Diedrich

Contact [Cankdeska Cikana Community College](#) (CCCC) for information about how to obtain a copy.

Mniwakan means Spirit Lake and this book is a "story collection which includes nearly a hundred significant places and landmarks based on decades of research by the coauthors, Louis Garcia and Mark Dietrich [sic]." (*New Rockford Transcript*, July 25, 2022, p. B4.) Cankdeska Cikana Community College gave away signed copies during their annual alumni gathering on July 21. The co-authors were on hand for book signings and to share information "about the process of combining oral and contemporary history to tell a complete and honest perspective of the Dakota experience." (*Red Lake Nation News*, July 8, 2022).

Co-author Louis Garcia teaches Dakota Studies at CCCC and is the Spirit Lake Nation's tribal historian. Co-author Mark Diedrich has written other books on Dakota history and chiefs, among them *Mni Wakan Oyate (Spirit Lake Nation): A History of the Ssituwan, Wahpeton, Pabaksa, and Other Dakota that Settled at Spirit Lake, North Dakota* and *Grass Dance of the Spirit Lake Dakota* with Garcia.



ND in Print

Continued...

Nineteen Forty-Five / Brian Striefel

(\$16.99, 334 p., pbk.; \$6.49 NOOK; \$6.99, Kindle)

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

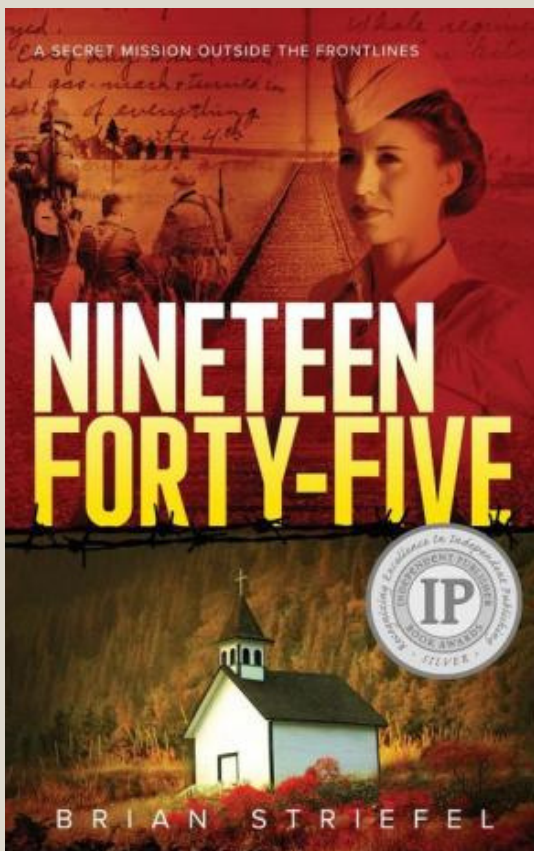
Why Mary Forgot / Brian Striefel (\$11.95, 345 p. pbk; \$2.99, Kindle)

Available from: [Amazon](#)

Nineteen Forty-Five, a period thriller, won the 2021 Silver Medal IPPY Award for Best Regional Fiction - West Mountain Region. A tale about a secret kept for almost 50 years, it “chronicles a young ranch girl's journey from innocence to heroics, from Montana to a post-prohibition speakeasy ... to Germany and back.”

Striefel's second book, *Why Mary Forgot*, is a crime thriller told “through the eyes of rookie-detective Hanna (2005) and Miss North Dakota (1927.)” It was published in October 2021.

Striefel grew up in Minot, attended Minot State University, and holds degrees in Chemistry from NDSU and a Master's in Business Management from the University of Mary. He spent his career at Dakota Gasification and now lives in Beulah.



ND in Print

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O Beautiful: A Novel / Jung Yun (\$27.99, 320 p., hardcover; \$14.99, ebook; paperback set for release on February 7, 2023)

Shelter: A Novel / Jung Yun (\$16, 366 p., pbk.; \$9.99, ebook)

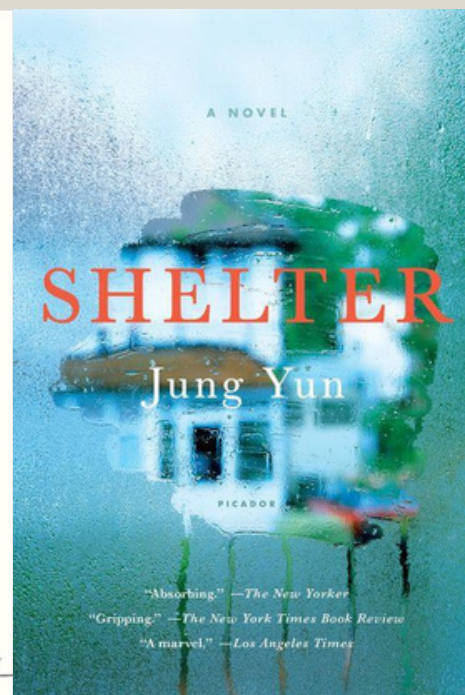
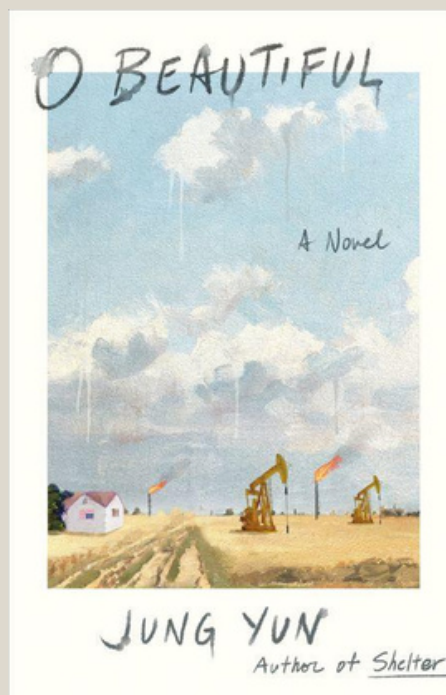
Available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#)

I recently listened to audio versions of both of these books and loved them! Author Jung Yun was born in South Korea and grew up in Fargo.

O Beautiful's dedication reads: "To my parents, who chose a strange and wondrous place to call home." In the book, Elinor, now a freelance writer in New York City, is on assignment to write a feature story about the Bakken oil boom for a prestigious magazine. She soon realizes it's nothing like the place she once called home. Rumaan Alam, author of *Leave the World Behind*, said: "With a shrewd eye and a sharp sense of humor, Jung Yun finds in the familiar tale of one woman's return to her small-town roots a story as big as the nation itself. Both an intimate look at one life and a fearless exploration of the biggest issues of our time."

Shelter, published in 2016, was longlisted for the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize, named a Best Literary Debut of the Year by BuzzFeed, and named a Best Book of the Year by Minnesota Public Radio (MPR). In its review, MPR said: "Spare and suspenseful, *Shelter* introduces readers to a young, mixed-race family, the Chos, who find themselves underwater in their mortgage and their marriage. This post-recession novel peels back the layers of emotional damage that the financial crisis wrought. And although Kyung and Gillian are raising a beloved son, the shadows of their own childhoods are ever-present."

Author Jung Yun earned a B.A. from Vassar, an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, and she has received several awards, including an honorable mention for the Pushcart Prize. Yun has twice received Artist Fellowships in fiction from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. She lives in Baltimore with her husband and is as an Assistant Professor of English at George Washington University.



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***Sins of the Father* by Sabrina Halvorson** (\$19.90, 228 p., hardcover; \$9.99, pbk.; \$1.99, Kindle)

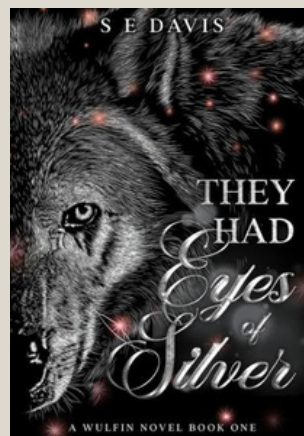
Available from [Amazon](#) and [Shared Story Press](#)

Psychological thrillers and horror stories that delve into the dark corners of human nature -- The tag line on Author Sabrina Halvorson's [website](#) is a clue to what's inside the pages of *Sins of the Father*, the first book in the Akashic series and a tale about "a scientist on the verge of a breakthrough, a child in danger, and a buried secret that'll ruin lives." The author has a background in newspaper, radio, and television news and writes articles for magazines and short stories. You can find her on [AgNet West Radio Network](#). Halvorson grew up in central California and now lives in Fargo with her husband, Rusty, who is also in the ag reporting business with KFGO. *Sins of the Father* is her first book.

***They Had Eyes of Silver* by Sarah Davis** (\$21.99, 354 p., hardcover; \$15.99, pbk.)

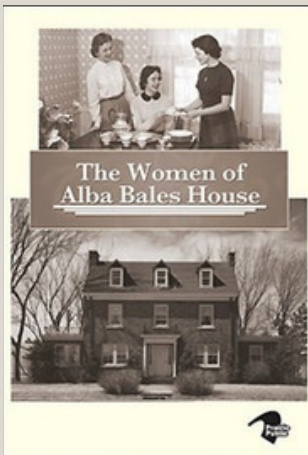
Available from: [Amazon](#), [Barnes and Noble](#)

A second book by New Rockford veterinarian Dr. Sarah Davis (penned as S.E. Davis) was released on June 21, 2022. *They Had Eyes of Silver* is Book One of the Wulfin series and tells a story about finding "family secrets grounded in the supernatural" on a trip to Belgium. The author is a supervisory public health veterinarian for the USDA-FSIS based in Glenfield, North Dakota. She grew up in Sykeston, attended NDSU, earned her DVM at Iowa State, and worked in an equine surgery facility in Los Angeles before returning to North Dakota. Dr. Davis' debut novel, *Inside Voices*, was published in 2020 and included in the North Dakota in Print column in the March/June/August 2020 issue of [The Good Stuff](#). For more information, visit the author's [website](#).



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The Women of Alba Bales House (\$24.95, DVD, 30 min.)
Available from [Prairie Public](#)

This documentary from Prairie Public features women reminiscing about their experiences at the Alba Bales House on the NDSU campus in Fargo and how it “shaped their careers – and their lives.” The house once served as a “practice house” where women lived and learned the art of household management while training for home economics careers. Matt Olien produced the film and the project was funded by NDSU Libraries, NDSU College of Human Sciences and Education, and the members of Prairie Public. For more information, see this 2018 [online exhibit](#), “Appetite for Education: The Alba Bales House,” created by Beth Twomey, then head of Research and Instruction at NDSU Libraries.



Stephanie Sapp - Journals and a Coloring Book
Available from [Amazon](#)

Thanks to Beth Reitan for sharing this information.

Stephanie Sapp, one of Beth's classmates from Bottineau, and “a FABULOUS artist,” recently published several journals and a coloring book.

One example is pictured. Visit [Amazon](#) to see more!

Comstock-Gág Awards

2022 Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Awards

Fargo-Moorhead area children have spoken! During the 2021-22 school year, 13 regional teachers, librarians, and almost 100 Minnesota State University Moorhead students, read more than 200 picture books aloud to 4,500 children.

After the Awards Committee examined feedback from readers, which includes responses from children to each of the books, these books were deemed the best in MSUM's 18th annual Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Awards program.

Winner - 2022 Wanda Gág Read Aloud Book Award

- *Mel Fell* - Written and illustrated by Corey Tabor (Balzer + Bray, 2021)
 - Mel, a kamikaze Kingfisher, decides today is the day she will learn to fly. Simple text and comic illustrations mixed with well-placed book turns make this story a magical read-aloud experience.

Honor Books - 2022 Wanda Gág Read Aloud Book Award

- *Norman Didn't Do It! (Yes, He Did)* - Written and illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins (Disney-Hyperion, 2021)
- *Maybe...* Written and illustrated by Chris Haughton (Candlewick Press, 2021)

Winner - 2022 Comstock Read Aloud Book Award

- *The Elephants Come Home: A True Story of Seven Elephants, Two People, and One Extraordinary Friendship* - Written by Kim Tomsic and illustrated by Hadley Hooper (Chronicle Books, 2021)
 - Based on the true story of Lawrence Anthony and Francoise Malby-Anthony and their wildlife sanctuary, Thula Thula, in South Africa. Lawrence adopts a herd of angry, destructive elephants and through patience, kindness and understanding wins their trust and affection and creates a home for them on the preserve.

Honor Books - 2022 Comstock Aloud Book Award

- *The Story of Bodri* - Written by Hédi Fried, illustrated by Stina Wirsén, and translated by Linda Schenck (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2021)
- *Monet's Cat* - Written by Lily Murray and illustrated by Becky Cameron (Random House Studio, 2021)

Comstock-Gág Awards

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About the [Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Awards Program](#)

- The purpose is to increase literacy, promote reading aloud to children, and to recognize outstanding authors and illustrators each year.
- Almost 334,000 children have been read to and participated in the program since its inception in 2005.
- After the award books are selected, a large number of books are donated to area libraries, schools, and nonprofits. More than 11,000 picture books have been donated to date.
- The awards program is administered by the staff of the MSUM Livingston Lord Library's Curriculum Materials Center. The project is partially funded by the Solomon G. Comstock Memorial Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation and the Wanda Gág Book Award Fund of the MSUM Alumni Foundation.

For more information, contact:

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Perspective Corner

ADVICE FROM NDLA MEMBERS



Dear NDLA, I know the NDLA Annual is your favorite BUT if you had to pick another conference, what are some that you look forward to the most?

Survey said...

Public Library Association	8
Association for Rural & Small Libraries	7
American Library Association	6
Regional Library Conferences	6
Medical Librarian Association	4
shhhh... Another State Library Association	3



The best part of any conference is building relationships.

I love the sessions don't get me wrong but the lunches and dinners where you can sit around a table and chat is the best!

MPLA: The people and the chance to socialize in the evenings (i.e. no events in the evenings).

In Your Words...

PLA because it's all for the public librarians... which I am!

I miss LITA!



Love the YALSA symposium. They have lots of author presentations, great teen specific sessions, and the chance to network with teen/youth librarians from around the country.

PLA – great public library focus and chance to connect with public librarians from across the country

MLA – The considerable amount of usable professional development knowledge gained in both theory and applicable materials.

ARSL – Because it is specific to "small and rural" libraries... Although their "small and rural" definition is becoming bigger and bigger and its maybe getting a little harder to relate... but I still really enjoy the content, appreciate their listservs and the feedback from other members. I do understand that "small and rural" is totally different for each state!

PLA is THE best conference for public library staff!!!
Not as huge as ALA and every single session focuses on public libraries in some way!

ALA was great, but MPLA tends to have things more relevant to my library. They are also very friendly!

PLA--
There are so many authors and speakers and relevant practical conference sessions and it's a big conference, but not too big (ALA is almost too big)

Of course I love NDLA the most, it's the highlight of my year! it's such a great opportunity to network, catch up with colleagues, and learn about what other libraries in ND are doing, and learning new things, and discovering new vendors. So much fun, I love it.

ARSL, it had stuff specific my small regional public library, which is the library I work for. So the information was the most useful.

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Conferences for niche areas like Graphic Medicine have a very connected and warm community feel, and it's easier to build connections and get to know people

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For all of the conferences, networking is at the top of the list for me as to why I attend a conference. I love to connect with other librarians, to learn new ideas from presentations and to be made aware of the trends in the profession.

ARSL is for small & rural libraries - like most of the libraries in North Dakota. There are a lot of good sessions on all sorts of timely topics, usually one or two nationally recognized authors attend, and everyone is very friendly and willing to share information about their library.

In addition to state conferences, I have been to MPLA, PLA, and ALA conferences. I feel a little overwhelmed at PLA and ALA and kind of come back thinking "Oh my gosh, I should be doing SO MUCH MORE - how can I do more?!" I'd love to attend other state's conferences and hope to make it to ARSL some day...

GOOD STUFF

FROM AROUND THE STATE



Grand Forks Public Returns to Pre-2020 Programming Numbers & Traffic

A busy library is a happy library! Grand Forks Public Library is thrilled to report an uptick in program attendance and foot traffic this summer. In June, the library offered nearly 100 programs for kids, teens, and adults to enjoy during the 2022 Summer Reading Program. In addition, the library presented 10 individual camps and clubs that required pre-registration (and filled up quickly!). The momentum continues in July, with over 80 programs planned, concluding with the Summer Reading Grand Finale on August 4. As a result, weekly door counts from May to June saw a 64% increase. Daily, an average of almost 600 patrons— young and young-at-heart—visit the playground for curious minds.



The Eddy-New Rockford Library received a \$1500 donation from the New Rockford Eagles Club to purchase children's books and two bikes as summer reading prizes.





Bottineau County Public Library

The summer reading kick off party on June 8, 2022, was a huge success -- our biggest turnout yet with 200+ people attending! The party was sponsored by the Library's Seeds Foundation.



Stephanie Walker Moving to U Mass - Boston

Stephanie Walker, Dean of Libraries & Information Resources at the University of North Dakota, has accepted the role of Dean of University Libraries at the University of Massachusetts – Boston, beginning August 22, 2022. Her last day at UND was Friday, August 12. Stephanie joined UND on September 16, 2015. In her time at UND, she has led the complete renovation of the state’s largest library, the Chester Fritz Library, and the welcoming of strategic knowledge partners into the building, including University IT, the Writing Center, and the Artificial Intelligence/Virtual Reality Lab. She also oversaw the development of UND’s Scholarly Commons, which has become one of the fastest growing institutional repositories on the Digital Commons platform. Under the leadership of Zeineb Yousif, Digital Initiatives Librarian, 35,000+ items have been deposited since the site launched in Fall 2016, and items have been downloaded from the site more than 1.6 million times.

Walker also led the largest Open Educational Resources initiative in the state, and among the largest in the region, with student savings of over \$11 million since 2016. Assistant Dean of the Chester Fritz Library & Head of Public Services **Sally Dockter** has generously agreed to serve as the Interim Dean of Libraries & Information Resources. Preparations are underway to launch a search for a permanent replacement.



The University of North Dakota School of Law Thormodsgard Law Library welcomes **Katie Lynn**, as its new Head of Technical Services. Katie happily set off with libraries as an undergraduate at the circulation desk at the University of Wyoming. Since then, she has worked in community college, public, state, law, and university libraries in Wyoming and Kansas over a span of more than 15 years. Her experience is primarily with technical services, though reference, interlibrary loan, and circulation have often been part of her tasks as well. She enjoys the problem-solving aspects of serials and electronic resource management and is eager to learn more about UND and North Dakota.

ODIN Personnel Moving Upwards and Onwards

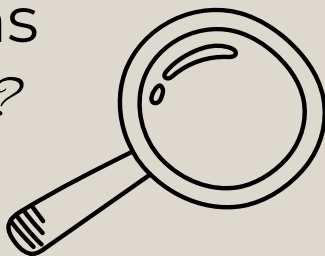
Linda Allbee is moving from her Assistant Director role to take the reins as Director for the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) on September 3. Outgoing Director **Ellen Kotrba** is retiring and her last day at ODIN is September 2.

Nicole Murphy accepted the position of Assistant Director/Training Specialist for ODIN, effective September 1, 2022. Nicole will assist with the management of operations for ODIN in coordinating staff responsibilities, identifying technology needs, budget allocation and promoting and sharing the overall vision for ODIN services. In addition, she will spearhead documentation and training efforts for our organization. Nicole has been a Technical Support Specialist with ODIN for the past two years, specializing in Alma Fulfillment and Resource Sharing and Polaris Acquisitions and Serials. She works remotely from Fargo.

Congratulations, Linda and Nicole, and best wishes for your retirement Ellen!

Group of Retired North Dakota Librarians

See anyone you know?



Please consider contributing *YOUR* Good Stuff in the next issue of NDLA's newsletter!

Treasurer's Report
As of June 30, 2022 (End of 2nd Quarter)
By Aaron Stefanich, NDLA Treasurer

CHECK BOOK 06/30/2022

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Funds	\$55,437.45			
Annual Conference 2022	\$0.00	\$1,590.00	\$0.00	\$1,590.00
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		\$6,262.00		\$6,262.00
HSIS Partner Account	\$6,969.19			\$6,969.19
Investment Account Transfers		\$0.00	-\$17.91	
Other receipts/disbursements		\$17.91	-\$4,310.86	
NDLA Funds Subtotal		\$8,304.91	-\$4,328.77	\$3,976.14

Check Book Balance 06/30/2022

\$59,413.59

MONEY MARKET & CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Bank Money Market Ready Cash	\$12,333.21			
Interest		\$0.59		
Deposits		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$12,333.80
Professional Development Bank Money Market RC	\$11,689.32			
Interest		\$0.55		
Deposits		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$17.91	\$0.00	
				\$11,707.78
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			\$60,909.96

TOTAL EQUITY 06/30/2022

\$120,323.55

Executive Board Members

Voting

President: [Will Martin](#)

Chester Fritz Library,
University of North Dakota

Past President: [Rita Ennen](#)

Dickinson Area Public Library

President-Elect: [Kerrienne Boetcher](#)

Ward County Public Library

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Treasurer: [Aaron Stefanich](#)

Grand Forks Public Library

ALA Councilor: [Sara Westall](#)

School of Medicine and Health Sciences,
University of North Dakota

MPLA Representative: [Randi Monley](#)

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North Dakota State Library

Non-voting

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North Dakota State Historical Society

[Kristen Borysewicz](#)

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University of North Dakota

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