

THE GOOD STUFF

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Reminders

Contribution deadlines:

March 2023	Feb 1
June 2023	May 3
September 2023	Aug 1
December 2023	Nov 1





President's Message

Hello Fellow Book Warriors, Bibliognosts, and Bibliothecaries! So, I may have panicked a little when I remembered that being NDLA President meant having to write a message for The Good Stuff! What would I write? How would I start? What if no one likes it? Then, I took a deep breath and said to myself..just introduce yourself, girl!

If you don't know me, I am Kerrienne Boetcher and I am the Library Director at the Ward County Public Library in Minot, ND. I grew up in a small town north of Minot and my number one career goal was to be tall. That obviously didn't happen, so librarian made the next best sense. I have been director at Ward County since 2012 and I absolutely love it....most days.

I am excited to be NDLA President this year and a little nervous. Librarians across the country have been under attack recently and I am worried for our profession. We must work together to combat these attacks as they affect all of us together.

The Public Library section passed a resolution at the annual conference for NDLA to release a statement in opposition of recent book challenges and censorship taking place across our state. I believe this is great, but I want to do more because it isn't about me or you or that librarian friend that you see once a year at conference. This is about ALL of us working together.

If you have wonderful ideas about what NDLA can do, please let me and the rest of the Executive Board know. It doesn't just have to be about book challenges or censorship or the like. If you have an idea of how we can work to better NDLA and libraries across the state, let us know! We truly do want to work to make your North Dakota Library Association work better for you and for your library. To end, I do want to make one plea before we start the next ND Legislative Session in January. If the NDLA Legislative Committee and/or the North Dakota State Library puts out a call for testimony or letters of support; PLEASE consider doing so. Librarians have been considered a silent group for too long and we need to work together to make our voices heard.

Kerrienne Boetcher
NDLA President





Happy December, NDLA!!

Your NDLA Legislative Committee will be hosting a virtual meeting on Wednesday, 12/7/2022 at 4:00 pm via Zoom and we'd love to have you attend. For meeting info, contact one of the fabulous ladies below:

Tressa Graves and Janet Anderson
NDLA Legislative Committee Chair
NDLA Legislative Committee member
tgraves@undeerc.org
janet.anderson@minotnd.org





The [Bylaws, & Policies Committee](#) work seemingly never ends, but it's gratifying to assist in supporting the great work of our NDLA leadership and members. As a result of discussions at the October Executive Board meeting, we are preparing some Bylaws change proposals to be put before the membership vote.

Please make sure you keep your Active membership (defined in the Bylaws Article III, Section 1A) up-to-date and participate when the voting opens. There is a 30-day review period before voting occurs.

It's important to hear from as many voices as possible for these important changes

[EDI \(Equity, Diversity & Inclusion\) Committee](#) has put together a list of openly or easily available resources to help the NDLA community develop understanding and empathy around equity, diversity, inclusion, and related topics. It is our hope that this list of resources can be a starting point in our collective journey toward equitable, diverse, and inclusive libraries. The list is available in our committee's section of the NDLA website: <https://ndla.info/EDI-Resource-List>.

We intend this list to be updated regularly. To that end... Do you have personal or institutional lists of resources, or can you recommend individual resources? We'd love your input! Send resources to Amanda Walch, amanda.walch@uj.edu, or Karlene Clark, karlene.clark@und.edu. Resources can be in any format—books, articles, videos, websites, podcasts, webinars, etc.—but should be freely available or easily obtainable through library collections. We welcome resources about any aspect of EDI work or any expression of identity, and resources don't have to be library-focused.



 **COMMITTEE**
BLOTTER CONTINUED... *

The [Good Stuff Editorial Committee](#) has a committee chair stepping down. Interested in the position? Fill some not-so-big shoes and help an org out! Contact [Kerriane Boetcher](#) for more information.

The [Legislative Committee](#) are still looking for more members for the Legislative Committee. "We especially need people that are interested in helping keep track of legislation during the ND legislative session, which starts in January." If you are interested, please contact Tressa Graves at tgraves@undeerc.org.

The [Membership Committee](#) met in October to discuss the plans for the coming year. "We plan to review the membership webpages on the NDLA website and the policy handbook. We have a couple of other ideas as well that we will develop over this year. Our next meeting will take place in February, so if you have a suggestion for our committee, please reach out to us."

NDLA Membership Report – Oct. 27, 2022	
Submitted by Liz Mason, Membership Chair	
	Active
Sections	
Academic and Special Libraries	59
Health Science Information	13
Public Library Section	112
School Library and Youth Services	68
Types of Membership	
Individual	230
Retired and Friends	8
Institutional	5
Student	9
Trustees	7
Total Members	259

The [New Members' Committee](#) will have a short virtual meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 4pm to start planning our work for the year—watch the usual listservs for reminders and a Zoom link. Join us to meet new members and learn about the work of the committee! All are welcome to attend.

☀️ COMMITTEE BLOTTER CONTINUED... ☀️



In the meantime... we'd love to hear from you!

- If you're new to NDLA, what questions do you have about the association? What kinds of programming or information would be most useful to you?
- If you're not so new to NDLA, what do you hope new members know about or get involved in? What do you wish you had known when you joined NDLA?

Send your thoughts to Amanda Walch, NMC Chair, at amanda.walch@uj.edu.

Be sure to check out the updated New Member Information Packet available on our section of the website. Even if you've been part of NDLA for a while, feel free to give it a read-through and remind yourself about the work of the association and all of its committees and sections.

The [Professional Development Committee](#) is rounding out the year with the opening of our grant application period as well as several events (both past and upcoming!) focused on empowering library workers.

Past sessions:

- August's meeting was focused on negotiation during the hiring process, and the reading, "[Normalize negotiation! Learning to negotiate salaries and improve compensation outcomes to transform library culture](#)" from *In the Library With the Lead Pipe*, fostered a lively and wide-ranging discussion on negotiating as a process as well as more regional aspects of this aspect of the hiring process.



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- For October's meeting we welcomed Gail Betz as our first speaker. Gail spoke about her research, which focuses on the experiences of people with disabilities navigating library hiring processes. We recorded Gail's portion of the meeting, and **this recording is available to view.**

Next session: December 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Central. [Register for this session now!](#) In the upcoming December meeting, we will really dig into Gail's research. In order to fully participate in this meeting's guided discussion, attendees are asked to read one or both of Gail's articles prior to the meeting:

- "[Navigating the academic hiring process with disabilities](#)" from *In the Library with the Lead Pipe*
- "[Researcher's corner: Navigating the library interview process with disabilities](#)" from *Hiring Librarians*

This meeting will not be recorded.

February Session

This session is still under development.

If you have any ideas for future session speakers, themes or topics, please reach out to the Professional Development Committee at professional.development@ndla.info

Grant applications now open! Apply now for a Professional Development grant! Applications are now open for several of the PD Committee's grants:

NDLA Professional Development Grant: [Apply here!](#)

NDLA believes that furthering an individual's skills is beneficial to the North Dakota Library environment. Each year NDLA sets aside

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general fund dollars for this purpose. The Professional Development grant may be used for college or university classroom work, independent study, workshops, conferences, or participation in any committee that may benefit the library community of North Dakota.

Mike Jaugstetter Memorial Leadership Grant: [Apply here!](#)

The Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Memorial Grant honors the superb leadership skills in librarianship which Mike Jaugstetter demonstrated while he was employed as the State Librarian of North Dakota. The grant money may be used for library leadership institutes or programs.

Rod Rudser Memorial Continuing Education Grant: [Apply here!](#)

Ron Rudser was a librarian and library science instructor at Minot State University at the time of his death in 1986. This memorial grant fund was initiated by his wife, Kaye. The Ron Rudser Memorial Continuing Education Grant may be used for credit courses, workshops, seminars or pre-conference programs that enhance the education of a practicing librarian in any type of library. Regular conference programs or conventions do not qualify.

The [Web Editor's Committee](#) keeps busy with post-Annual Conference updates. Did you know that the annual reports of the outgoing Section and Committee chairs can now be found on their respective pages? It's a way to see the work they are doing and hopefully an inspiration for you to see involved (you can even see our website committee annual report). This year we will work with the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee on Website accessibility improvements

Congrats!

2022 NDLA AWARD WINNERS



Librarian of the Year: Stephanie Walker

Stephanie Walker became Dean of Libraries at the University of North Dakota's Chester Fritz Library in 2015. Over the course of her tenure, she organized and executed a renovation of the building, and persuaded the administration to significantly increase the library's base budget. The end result is a more welcoming library, better positioned to serve its patrons. In addition, she established a successful Open Educational Resources program, helping faculty at UND identify and adapt freely available course materials for their teaching instead of using expensive textbooks. The OERs program is estimated to have saved UND students some twelve million dollars in textbook expenses just in the past few years. For these achievements, NDLA is happy to name her the 2022 North Dakota Librarian of the Year. Stephanie has since found a new job as Dean of Libraries at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, and we wish her all the best going forward.

**President's Award:
BreAnne Meier**

Every association runs on people, and NDLA is no exception. We need people to serve committee chairs, people to serve on committees, and in particular people to serve as officers of the organization. For years now, BreAnne Meier has been helping to find those people in her capacity as the Nominations Chair. She has spent countless hours seeking candidates for our elective offices. Her efforts have benefited NDLA tremendously, and for that, we recognize her with this year's President's Award for outstanding service. Thank you, BreAnne!

**Major Benefactor Award:
Odella Fuqua**

Odella Fuqua is an accountant by profession. She began working with the Chester Fritz Library in about 2017, side by side with Stephanie Walker. She worked cheerfully to assist the library in both getting their accounts sorted out, and also in documenting the library's longstanding budget shortfalls and the reasons for them. Her careful, detailed work proved crucial in seeking an increase for the library's base budget of approximately \$3 million dollars, which was approved. For that, NDLA is happy to recognize Odella Fuqua as one of this year's Major Benefactors. Congratulations, Odella!



And last...but not least

Major Benefactor Award: The Robert E. Herman Family Foundation

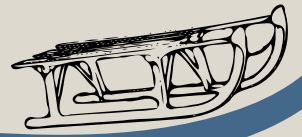
Over the past several years, the Robert E. Herman Trust has awarded the Williston Community Library over \$170,000. The funds awarded to the library were slated for several different programs - Children's furniture, the children's librarian's desk, bookshelves, materials, summer reading program, children's technology, steam kits, special events, and so much more! Recently, the Williston Community Library was able to complete the Community Room with funds awarded from the Robert E. Herman Family Foundation; to include installing new technology, lighting, paint, and carpet... Through their generosity, the library was able to present a brand new space. Another donation from this foundation awarded the library \$50,000 towards the 2023 purchase of the Williams County Bookmobile.

"Without donors like the Robert E. Herman Family Foundation, we would not be able to serve our community these wonderful opportunities."
- Lea Heiney, Williston Community Library Board President -



Say Cheese!

2022 NDLA CONFERENCE



From old to new...

Will Martin



Kerriane Boetcher



Honoring dedication to library service...



Many thanks, Shelby Harken!



Located in...
Minot, ND

Did you have a chance to catch at least one of these entertaining (and thought-provoking!) speakers?

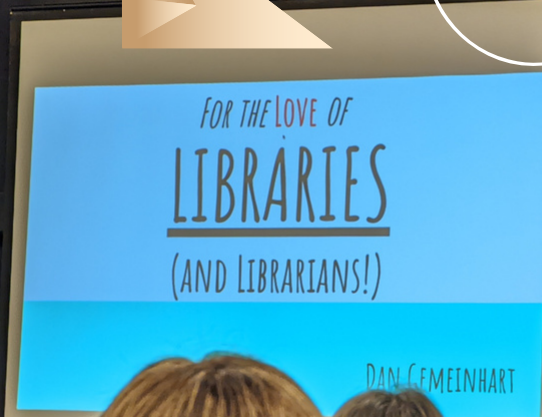
Jessie Vedeer



North Dakota

Taylor Brorby

Dan Gemeinhart



BIG Thank you to Rita Ennen and the Local Conference Crew from Minot Public, Ward County and surrounding areas!!



Something You Should Know About...

There are many of you who have faced governing boards, concerned citizens and community groups over the issue in this article... in this last year even! So, for those of you who have not been following the Dickinson Public Library controversy or for those of you to whom this is fresh news...

The Latest -

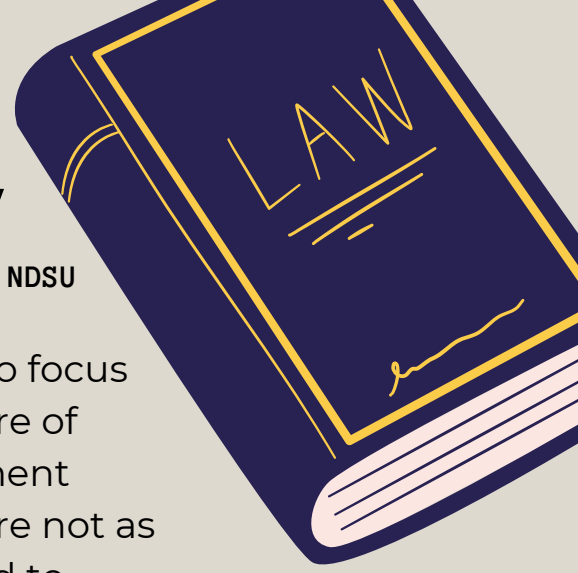
- Nov 23, 2022 [Library Board to Implement Parental Controls](#)

What came before -

- 11/9 [Dickinson Library Board Hears From Residents on Sex Education Book](#)
- 11/9 [Library Board Meeting Addresses Controversial Teen Sex Guide; No Decision Reached](#)
- 10/12 [Tense Dickinson Public Library Board Meeting Centers on Controversial Sex Book](#)
- 10/12 [Dickinson Residents Argue Over Sex Education Book in Public Library](#)

Banned Books and the Law

By Susanne Caro, Government Information Librarian, NDSU



Many laws restricting access to materials tend to focus on materials available in K-12 schools, or exposure of obscene materials to minors. The First Amendment rights of minors, especially in school settings, are not as broad as those of adults. Some state laws extend to universities, and public libraries and some laws make it a criminal offense to provide access to materials deemed obscene or perverse.

Since 2021 PEN America has tracked the introduction of 185 education focused bills in 41 states. Nineteen have become law in 15 states. Many of these laws were written in a very similar manner because they were model legislation provided to legislators. Much of the news of state bans that occurred this summer passed by North Dakota since the state legislature was not meeting. The 2023 session started on January 3rd, 2023. It is unknown if a similarly restrictive bill will be introduced. There is some common language with these bills, the terms and phrases that are appearing in these bills include “divisive concept,” and teaching “certain concepts.”

Below is some background on the history of censorship in the United States:

North Dakota defines obscene as:

- a. Taken as a whole, the average person, applying contemporary North Dakota standards, would find predominantly appeals to a prurient interest;
- b. Depicts or describes in a patently offensive manner sexual conduct, whether normal or perverted; and

c. Taken as a whole, the reasonable person would find lacking in serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Whether material or a performance is obscene must be judged with reference to ordinary adults, unless it appears from the character of the material or the circumstances of its dissemination that the material or performance is designed for minors or other specially susceptible audience, in which case the material or performance must be judged with reference to that type of audience. [Century Code 12.1-27.1-01](#).

Federal Laws

The primary law used to ban books was the Comstock Laws, the first of which was passed on March 3, 1873, as the Act for the Suppression of Trade in, and Circulation of, Obscene Literature and Articles of Immoral Use. This prohibited the use of the U.S. Postal service to send obscene content including personal letters. Another law in 1909 prohibited the use of private carriers such as railroad from transporting these materials. Section 305 (a) of the [Tariff Act of 1922](#) forbade the importation of any contraceptive information or means. Those found guilty of violating the act could be fined up to " \$5,000, (Equivalent of \$87,655.62 in 2022) or by imprisonment at hard labor for not more than ten years, or both."

Comstock laws were rendered moot by by Supreme Court decisions [Griswold v. Connecticut](#) (1965) and [Eisenstadt v. Baird](#) (1972).

Supreme Court

The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech and press but the Supreme Court has established guidelines, or tests, for defining what constitutes protected and unprotected speech. Courts have ruled that obscenity and materials encouraging the overthrowing of the government is not protected.

Gitlow v. New York (1925), the Supreme Court has applied the First Amendment freedoms of speech and press to the states through the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The court ruled government could suppress publications advocating to “overthrow and destroy organized parliamentary government”

Roth v. United States (1957). Roth was charged with sending obscene materials through the mail. This case resulted in a series of criteria by which to judge a work based on contemporary community standards and if a work appealed to a “prurient interest in sex, and whether the material was utterly without redeeming social value.” Some obscenity charge against Roth, who had been publishing a magazine called American Aphrodite, were upheld.

Jacobellis v. Ohio (1964) Could the state of Ohio ban the showing of Louis Malle’s film The Lovers? Manager of an art theater, Nico Jacogellis was convicted of possessing and exhibiting an obscene film in 1964. He appealed and the Supreme Court found the work was not obscene, “I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of material I understand to be embraced within that shorthand description [“hard-core pornography”], and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so. But I know it when I see it, and the motion picture involved in this case is not that.”- Justice Potter Stewart

Memoirs v. Massachusetts (1966), Fanny Hill a novel by John Cleland and first published in 1748, was outlawed in Massachusetts in 1821. The publisher, Peter Holmes, was convicted for printing a lewd and obscene novel. The judge called him “a scandalous and evil disposed person.” In 1963 Putnam republished the book with a different title leading to the arrest of a book seller and leading to *Memoirs V. Massachusetts* which found the book to not be obscene. A plurality of the Court, in an opinion by Justice Brennan, articulated a new three-part test:

“(a) the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to a prurient interest in sex;

(b) the material is patently offensive because it affronts contemporary community standards relating to the description or representation of sexual matters; and

(c) the material is utterly without redeeming social value.”

Miller v. California (1973), Believing that the previous criteria was too rigid this court adopted a test that elaborated on the standards established in Roth v. United States. Miller defines obscenity by outlining three conditions for jurors to consider:

“(a) whether the ‘average person, applying contemporary community standards,’ would find that the work taken as a whole appeals to the prurient interest;

(b) whether the work depicts or describes in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by applicable state law; and

(c) whether the work taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.”

The court ruled that obscene material was not protected by the First Amendment. The charges against Marvin Miller (aka King of Smut) were not overturned.



North Dakota in Print

By Marlene Anderson, Bismarck State College

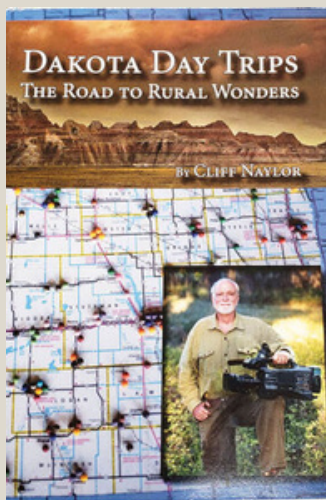


All My Love, Bob: One Man's WWII: Excerpts from Letters to Bob's Home-bound Wife, Dorothy edited by Richard J. Schonberger, with contributions from brothers Robert E. Schonberger and Father Micah (Thomas Schonberger)

(\$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

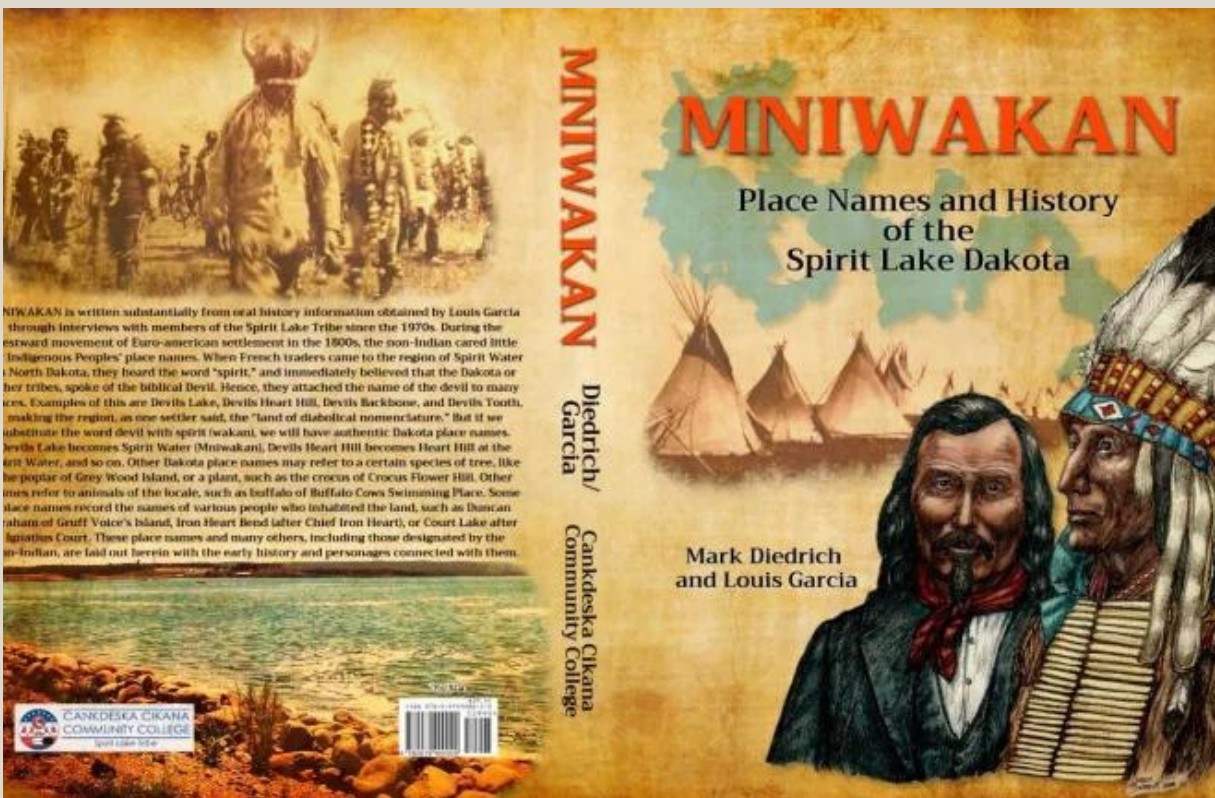
Cliff Naylor, known for his "Off the Beaten Path" stories on KFYP-TV, has self-published a third book featuring rural treasures in North Dakota, eastern Montana, and northern South Dakota. "These are 50 new places, all well worth a trip to," said Naylor. His "Off the Beaten Path" series started when 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.

***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 Sisituwan, Wahpeton, Pabaksa, and Other Dakota that Settled at Spirit Lake, North Dakota* and *Grass Dance of the Spirit Lake Dakota* with Garcia.



Nineteen Forty-Five / Brian Striefel

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

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

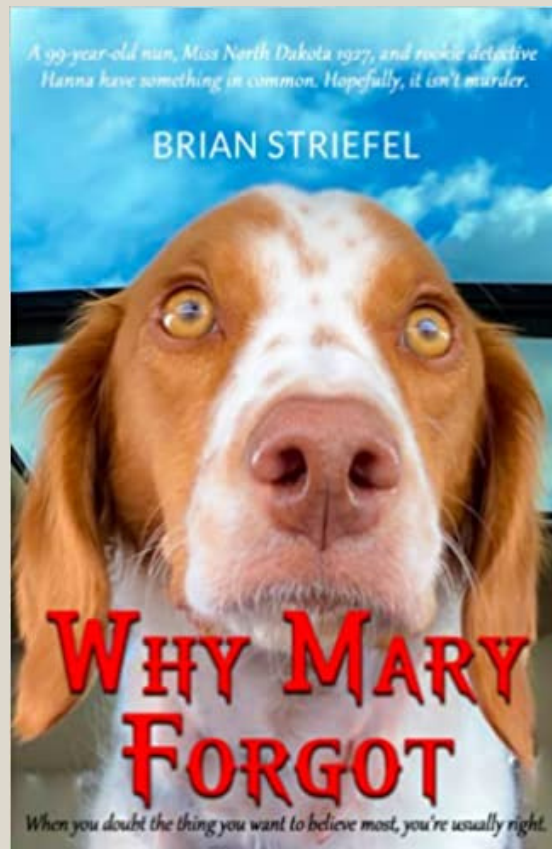
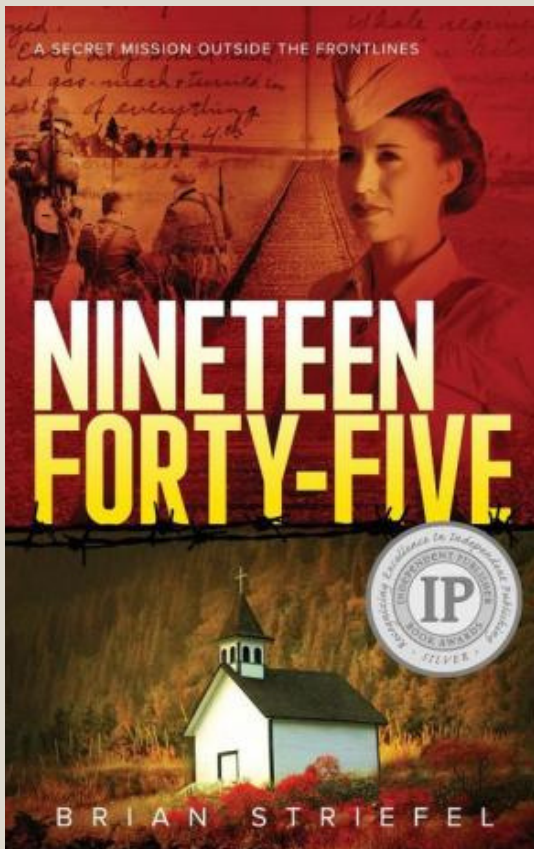
Why Mary Forgot / Brian Striefel (\$11.95, 345 p. pbk; \$2.99, Kindle)

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

Continued...

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)

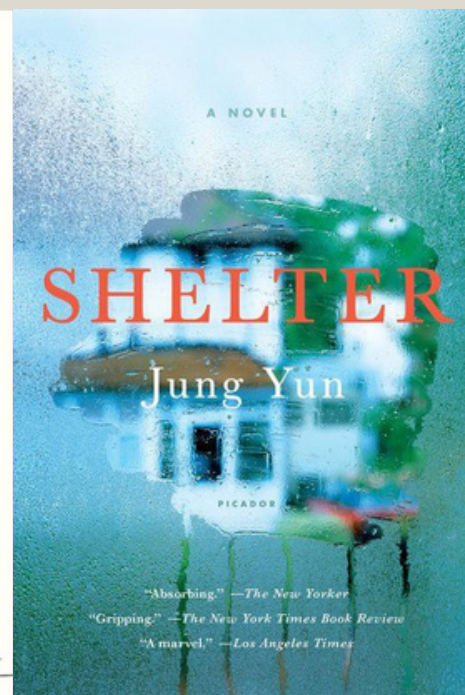
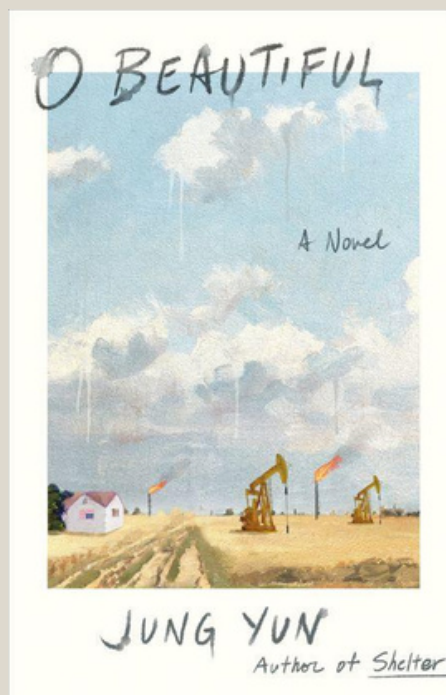
Available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#)

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 an Assistant Professor of English at George Washington University.



ND in Print

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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.)

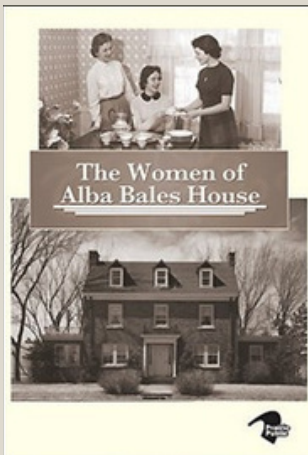
Available from: [Amazon](#), [Barnes and Noble](#)

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](#).



ND in Print

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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!

Ecology of Dakota Landscapes

Past, Present, and Future

W. Carter Johnson and Dennis H. Knight

An illustrated review of the Northern Great Plains that blends natural history and human history

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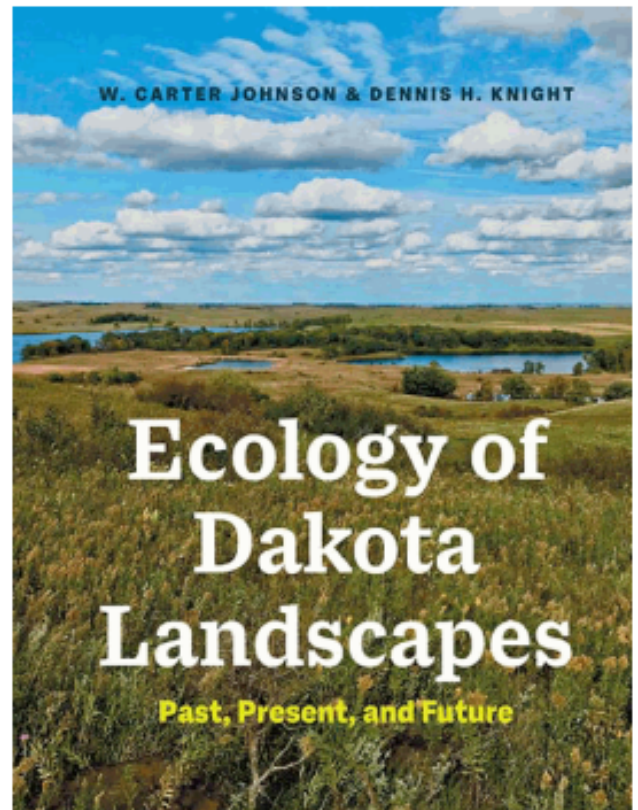
W. Carter Johnson and Dennis H. Knight describe the natural and human histories of the Northern Great Plains in this comprehensive and handsomely illustrated book. Covering a vast period of time, they move from geological developments millions of years ago and the effects of glaciers to historical and ecological developments in recent centuries and the effects of agriculture. The book ends with a discussion of the future of this region, mediated by climate change, with recommendations on how to balance agriculture and other pressing needs in the twenty-first century.

Johnson and Knight bring decades of experience to chapters on the major ecosystems of the Dakotas. Written for readers with varying backgrounds, and with discussions of the Prairie Pothole Region, the Missouri River, grasslands, woodlands, the Black Hills, and rivers, lakes, and wetlands, the book is unique and will become a long-lasting source of information. Readers will appreciate the plentiful photographs and other color illustrations.

W. Carter Johnson is professor emeritus at South Dakota State University and resides in Brookings, SD. **Dennis H. Knight**, professor emeritus at the University of Wyoming, is the author of *Mountains and Plains: The Ecology of Wyoming Landscapes*. He lives in Laramie, WY.

"Ecology of Dakota Landscapes is simply a grand and wonderful book. If some apocalypse removed all libraries and repositories of knowledge, this one volume would preserve the most important knowledge and insights about the Dakotas."—Dan Binkley, author of *Forest Ecology: An Evidence-Based Approach*

"There is more to the Dakotas than wheatfields and rangelands, and these landscapes have changed greatly through time. W. Carter Johnson and Dennis Knight demonstrate they have the northern prairie in their blood."—William H. Schlesinger, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies



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

Last year ALA started a new type of conference experience, called LibLearnX. This replaced ALA midwinter. LibLearnX depended highly on input from those working in the field of librarianship, and it was hoped that this new type of conference would be a place where library professionals could learn and connect with one another. Over 2100 participants attended and there were 110 events offered.

LibLearnX also focused on social justice, equality, and advocacy issues. Speakers included Angeline Boulley, Cicely Lewis, Mariko Tamaki, Jaqueline Woodson, and Molly Shannon. Colin Kaepernick closed out LibLearnx with a thank you message to librarians for being “community anchors” and unshakable stewards of knowledge.”

This year’s LibLearnX will be held January 27-30 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Again, it is hoped that library professionals will collaborate, network, and celebrate. Several different formats such as “learning labs” and “idea exchanges” will encourage library professionals to learn and collaborate in a fun way! There will also be a digital option to attend. Through this option, users will also have access to content through February 28th, 2023. Look for more updates on speakers and content at this site: <https://www.2023.alaliblearnx.org/>

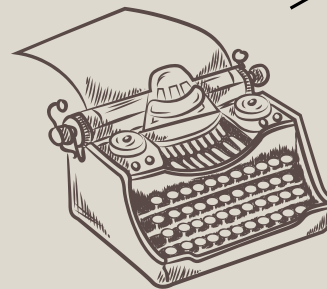
Please let me know if you have any questions, and have a great rest of your 2022!

Sara Westall
ALA Chapter Councilor



MPLA (Mountain Plains Library Association) News

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



MPLA
REPORT

REPORT: Tri-Conference in Missoula, Montana

Hello, NDLA-ers! In August, I was fortunate to go to Missoula, Montana for the Mountain Plains Library Association, Montana Library Association, and Northwest Pacific Library Association Tri-conference.

We convened in the heart of downtown Missoula on August 3, 2022. First up was the MPLA board meeting. It was so nice to meet with the state representatives again. We were able to hear several ideas from the Membership Committee, which we hope to have in place next year. It was also encouraging to hear about the Leadership Institute, which will be happening May 7-12, 2023 at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO. Also, the Past Presidential Advisory Council was reinstated.

I went to a lot of sessions. Those of note included information on outreach and working with your community. It seemed like the presenter had a very good relationship with her community, and she stressed that she always says “yes” when asked to participate. She also has a strong relationship with her local Chamber of Commerce, which in turn helps her get donations for her library. Another session I found interesting was about the Science of Reading and how it affects those of us in the library world. The presenter talked about how reading programs are on a pendulum, and always go back and forth between phonics and whole word reading. I would suggest diving into the Science of Reading if you are in the Children’s Department, as it is in some North Dakota schools already.

The next MPLA conference will be in conjunction with the Oklahoma Library Association in Norman, OK from March 8-10, 2023!

GOOD STUFF

FROM AROUND THE STATE



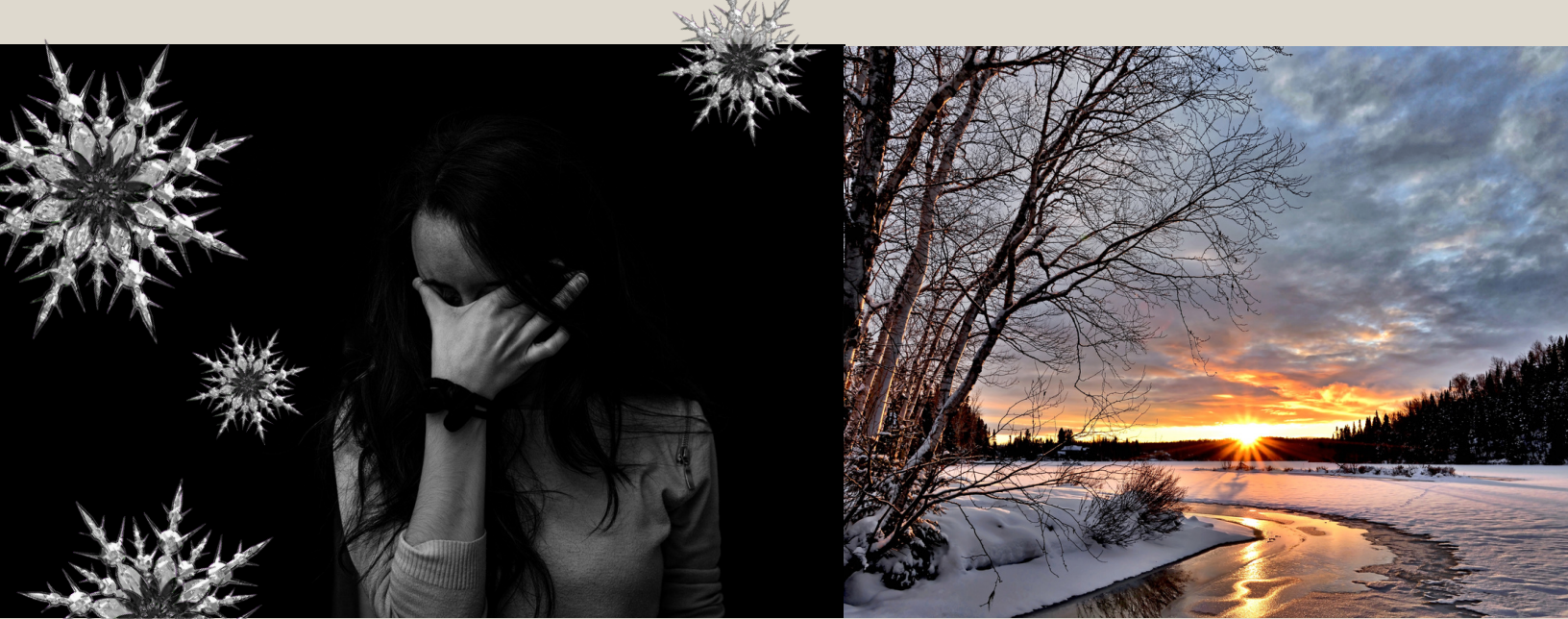
Williston Community Library was awarded \$2600 through the North Dakota State Library for Memory Connection Kits. Administrative Assistant Lisa Webb, who has been with the library for over eight years, has been trying to find a way to connect our most vulnerable patrons with their most cherished memories ever since she attended a seminar on the topic in 2020. When the opportunity for a grant to enhance our Library of Things collection came about, Webb knew this was her chance. She got to work right away, researched the parts and pieces and began writing her first grant. When she got the news her grant was accepted, she was over the moon and thrilled with the opportunity. Purchasing materials will begin the first week of November, with hopes of Memory Connecting Kits becoming available in January 2023.

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





Winter Days Don't Have To Be SAD Days...



With Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) a common occurrence as the winter months bring longer hours of darkness, please be mindful of the mental health of friends and coworkers. Suicide is more prevalent in the months with lots of holidays. With that in mind, and a focus on inclusion, there are a few resources that can be beneficial for everyone to know about.

[The QPR Institute](#) reminds people to Question, Persuade and Refer.

[Mental Health First Aid](#) uses ALGEE...

- Assess – what is the risk factor. Like with Question above, ask if they are considering suicide. Ask if they have a plan. You won't be giving them ideas by talking about it! You will be able to determine if there is a risk in place though.



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- Listen – this must be non-judgmentally. Saying “I understand” or “that must be hard” is fine. Never say “just get over it” or “that’s not how it really is, you know.”

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- Give – reassurance. “You’re not alone,” “I’m here for you,” “is there anything I can do to help?” are all great responses.

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- Encourage – professional help. Most of us don’t have the training to handle big and deep emotions like this in other people. Let them know about resources, help them find sources that match their budget and time constraints.

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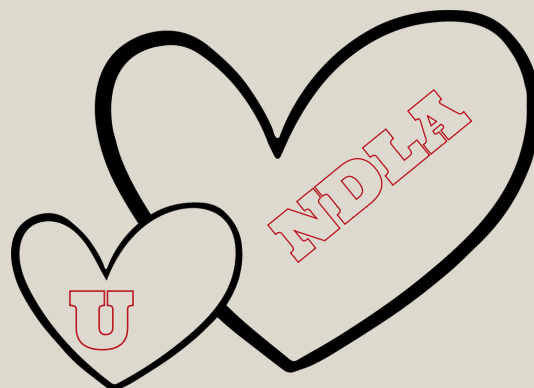
- Encourage – self help. Ask what helps them feel better. This can be favorite music, movies, etc. Or it could be a comfort bag they carry with them. This is a small bag that fits in a pocket and carries items like a rock to fidget with, a piece of material they like the sensation of, a little note they write with an affirmation, or a note from a friend that makes them feel good!

If you are in need of help and don’t know where to turn, you can start by calling #988, the suicide prevention number.

#988



Don’t forget you have a team of librarians across NDLA that are here for you!



Treasurer's Report
As of September 30, 2022 (End of 3rd Quarter)
By Aaron Stefanich, NDLA Treasurer

CHECK BOOK 09/30/2022

Beg. Balance Receipts Disbursements End. Balance

NDLA Funds

\$55,437.45

Annual Conference 2022	\$0.00	\$23,400.00	-\$1,599.00	\$21,801.00
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		\$9,925.00		\$9,925.00
HSIS Partner Account	\$6,969.19			\$6,969.19
Investment Account Transfers		\$0.00	-\$17.91	
Other receipts/disbursements		\$167.91	-\$11,510.74	

NDLA Funds Subtotal

\$33,927.91 -\$13,127.65 \$20,800.26

Check Book Balance 09/30/2022

\$76,237.71

MONEY MARKET & CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

Beg. Balance Receipts Disbursements End. Balance

NDLA Bank Money Market Ready Cash

\$12,333.21

Interest		\$0.89		
Deposits		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$12,334.10

Professional Development Bank Money Market RC

\$11,689.32

Interest		\$0.83		
Deposits		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$17.91	\$0.00	
				\$11,708.06

NDLA CD

\$21,824.24

Interest		\$19.29		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$21,843.53

Professional Development CD

\$15,023.12

Interest		\$4.24		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$15,027.36

TOTAL investment accounts

\$60,869.89 \$60,913.05

TOTAL EQUITY 09/30/2022

\$137,150.76

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