

The Good Stuff

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North Dakota Library Association

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**Call for
Proposals**

2023 NDLA Annual
 Fargo, ND on October 11 - 13

**Submit Conference
proposals
by August 31st.**

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President's Message

Submitted by **Kerriane Boetcher**, Ward County Public Library, **NDLA President**

“library” (n.) - place for books, late 14c., from Anglo-French *librarie*, Old French *librairie*, *librarie* “collection of books; bookseller’s shop” (14c.), from Latin *librarium* “book-case, chest for books,” and *libraria* “a bookseller’s shop,” in Medieval Latin “a library,” noun uses of the neuter and fem., respectively, of *librarius* “concerning books,” from Latin *librarium* “chest for books,” from *liber* (genitive *libri*) “book, paper, parchment.”

The equivalent word in most Romance languages survives only in the sense “bookseller’s shop” (French *libraire*, Italian *libreria*). Old English had *bochord*, literally “book hoard.” As an adjective, Blount (1656) has *librarious*.” (Library | Etymology, Origin and Meaning of Library by Etymonline, n.d.)

Of all those, I would say that *bochord* or book hoard might fit me the best. I saw that definition on Facebook lately and knew that I had to share.

However, I would add another definition to theirs. “Library – a place full of awesome and wonderful people!”

I am absolutely blown away about how the library community responded this legislative session and how active everyone was. I remain hopeful that we can continue that momentum forward and remain active and engaged with our funding agencies and our legislators.

Session proposals for NDLA are due by August 31st and I encourage everyone to consider submitting something. You may think that you are not able to do it, that everyone does something like your idea, or that it is just something simple and boring that no one wants to listen to you talk about. I am here to say **ABSOLUTELY NOT!** I have gotten some of the best ideas at conference and they are things that I would never have thought up on my own. Please consider it!

I am continually overwhelmed by the sheer awesomeness of the people that we have in our state and I can’t wait to see what you can come up with for session ideas.

[Link to Conference Proposal Submission](#)



2023 Conference Update

Submitted by Will Martin, UND Chester Fritz Library, **Past President**

Preparations are well under way for this year's conference, scheduled for **October 11th-13th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fargo, ND.**

Our keynote speaker this year will be **Deborah Caldwell-Stone**, the Director of the Office of Intellectual Freedom for the American Library Association. Ms. Caldwell-Stone has been actively supporting libraries across the nation in the face of the recent surge in book challenges, including consulting with NDLA on recent legislation. I suspect she will have a great deal of interest to say to us come October.



Throughout her tenure, Caldwell-Stone has worked closely with librarians, teachers, and library trustees on a wide range of intellectual freedom issues, including censorship of library resources, book challenges, internet filtering, meeting room policies and the impact of new technologies, regulations, and government surveillance on library users' privacy and confidentiality.

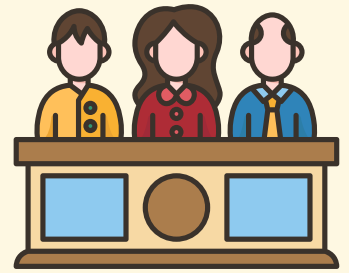
As of this writing we have not yet settled on a pre-conference. If you have any suggestions for a pre-conference event, please contact Will Martin or my Co-Chair Kirsten Henagin.

Lastly, we are accepting proposals for conference sessions! We opted not to choose a specific theme for the conference this year: we welcome proposals on any topic relevant to libraries or librarians. So if you've got anything you'd like to present, please put in a proposal on the conference site. **We are accepting submissions until August 31st.**

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there. Enjoy your summer, and the conference will be here before you know it.

-Will Martin
Past President

Committee Blotter



Website Committee

The Website Committee is undertaking a major revamp of the webpage to comply as much as possible with accessibility best practices. Target areas include **site navigation, color and layout**, as well as **presenting most relevant content**. Rebecca Brown, Web Editor at UND's Chester Fritz Library, performed an NDLA Website Content Report as a first step. Next comes developing some website standards in consultation with the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion committee. Finally, **there will be a 30-day window this summer where we call all website content administrators to update their pages to the new standards**. We appreciate everyone's patience and support during this important work. Please answer our calls for feedback and for assistance when we put them out!

Submission by Kristen Borysewicz, Website Committee Member

Professional Development Committee

Call for Topics

We're looking for topic ideas for the fall NDLA Professional Series discussions! We've recently focused on hiring practices (negotiation, etc.) and have just finished the second of the two slow librarianship sessions. What do you want to learn more about? What are areas in your job or in library work that you feel we need to discuss more? Let us know your thoughts!

Call for 2024 Co-Chairs

Devon and Jessica will be stepping down from their two-year role as co-chairs of the NDLA Professional Development Committee after this year. We're looking for someone who would be willing to come aboard at some point this summer to learn the ropes and help build the roadmap we're working on, which will guide the future of the Committee. If you're interested, [please email us!](#)

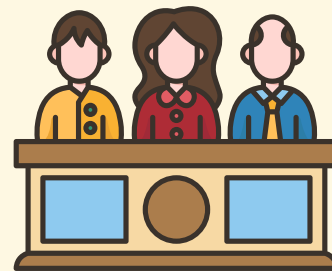
Call for Members

The Professional Development Committee has big things on the roster for this year, but we need more members to help us bring them to fruition. Are you interested in helping guide the direction that NDLA takes with our professional development series? Do you want to lead the mentorship program? Are you excited about finding topics for members to learn more about? Join us! [Email Devon and Jessica](#), co-chairs, for more information or to be added to our monthly meetings.

Submissions by Jessica D. Gilbert Redman and Devon Olson, PD Committee Co-Chairs



Committee Blotter



EDI Committee

Join NDLA's EDI Committee for our **inaugural EDI discussion series!** Our first topic is "Building Diverse Collections for Diverse Communities". We will be discussing how to provide robust readers' advisory services that value equity, diversity and inclusion principles. For more details including resources and registration please visit our [EDI Discussion Series page](#).

We are also inviting applicants for our first **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion grant!** This \$600 grant may be used for conference funding, increasing diversity in library collections, conducting diversity audits, hosting training for library staff on EDI, hosting library programming or speakers, or participation in any other work that may benefit equity, diversity, and inclusion in the library community of North Dakota. For further details and the application form please visit the [EDI Grant page](#).

Submission by [Zeineb Yousif](#), NDLA EDI Committee Chair

Membership Committee

Intellectual Freedom Committee

NDLA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MAY 1, 2023

Section participation	
Academic and Special Libraries	69
Health Science Information	17
Public Library Section	133
School Library and Youth Services	79
Types of Membership	
Individual	245
Retired and Friends	15
Institutional	7
Student	10
Trustees	2
Total Members	279

The membership committee has been working on the membership area of the NDLA webpage and on having a **free membership drawing** at the NDLA conference.

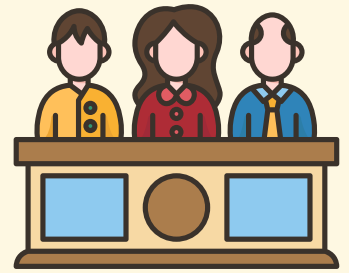
Submission by [Liz Mason](#), NDLA Membership Committee Chair

Librarians are strong community champions, working hard to get access to what patrons need. **Intellectual freedom is the heart of what we do and is needed now more than ever.** Are you passionate about the right to find and use information regardless of point of view and without restrictions?

The NDLA Intellectual Freedom Committee is seeking a chair or co-chairs to lead the efforts of intellectual freedom in North Dakota.

This position may seem like a big responsibility -- you will be leading committee meetings, identifying avenues of advocacy for intellectual freedom, and representing North Dakota's intellectual freedom across ND. But, it's also a very rewarding position! If you are interested in being chair, please email [Kerriane Boetcher](#), NDLA President.

Committee Blotter



Legislative Committee

Submission by Tressa Graves, NDLA Legislative Committee Chair

After 75 days, the 68th Legislative Assembly adjourned on April 30. A lot has happened since the session started in January and the Legislative Committee met weekly for most of the term as the situation was constantly changing.

At the beginning of the session, there were three bills the ND library community was against (SB2123, SB2360 and HB1205). With new amendments added throughout the session, the anti-library bills were fluctuating in severity. A great deal was going on behind the scenes.

-SB2123 did not become law. The bill was shelved with language from the bill used in amendments for SB2360.

-SB2360 also did not become law. The bill was vetoed by Governor Burgum and the House voted to sustain the veto.

-HB1205 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Burgum.

-SB2050, which made minor but important positive changes to the Century Code and the State Library funding (**SB2013**) **both passed and was signed by Governor Burgum.**

Going into the legislative session in January, the NDLA Legislative Committee had no idea some ND legislators were vehemently against ND libraries, librarians, and library workers. The ND library community quickly mobilized to combat the anti-library bills and to show the essential resources available to North Dakotans through their local libraries.

Thank you to everyone who submitted testimony, attended committee meetings, reached out to their legislators, were interviewed for their local paper, and kept their communities updated during the session. ALA, ACLU of North Dakota, ND United, EveryLibrary, Prairie Action ND and other groups were instrumental in many ways. This was very much a community effort.



HB 1205: Children's section materials & compliance report
SB 2013: State Library budget
SB 2050: Repeal maintenance of effort



SB 2123: Displaying objectionable materials
SB 2360: Obscenity control

On the DOCKet

Submitted by **Brian Garrison**, UND Chester Fritz Library

As we celebrate the warmer months and new beginnings, this On the DOCKet acknowledges the work of our former colleague **Susanne Caro**, who helped contribute to this column. Susanne often showed how nearly any topic could be illuminated by the variety of government documents and information. We wish her the best of luck on her new endeavors.

The milder seasons in North Dakota are a joyous time, and government information can help us celebrate.

Many of my colleagues in North Dakota love to garden and enjoy seasonal produce. The [USDA provides a guide](#) for understanding what fruits and vegetables are in-season during the spring and summer months. They also provide a more comprehensive [guide to gardening](#) with links to resources like the extensive [guide for reforesting cities and towns](#) (your mileage may vary this far north). In order to consult whether or not a particular plant might work for you, check the the U.S. Forest Service's [interactive map of plant hardiness zones](#) or their [guide to native wildflower gardening](#).

Of course, there are myriad ways in which our use of the land can affect downstream waterways. [Through this brochure](#), NOAA weighs in on best practices for gardening to support our local waterways and fisheries.

While going on a trek and enjoying these beautiful gardens or a picnic, our Department of Transportation has created [advice for enjoying the benefits of physical activity and moving throughout our community safely](#). Our neighbors to the west have also introduced a campaign that can just as easily be used here called "[Let's Walk Minnesota](#)."

Finally, although not government information or documents, the Smithsonian Libraries have digitized a [collection of books on horticulture and gardening](#) that we may enjoy.



Librarian Of The Year & Major Benefactor Awards

Submitted by Tammy Kruger, North Dakota State Library, **President-Elect**

Librarian of the Year Qualifications

A current or retired NDLA member who has done one or more of the following:

- Made notable contributions to the North Dakota library profession
- Furthered significant developments of libraries in North Dakota
- Performed exemplary statewide service for an extended period of time

To nominate a Librarian of the Year:

1. Contact the NDLA President-Elect (Tammy Kruger) to verify that a nominee is a personal current member of NDLA **and** is in good standing with the organization, **or** is a retired member.
2. Submit a letter of nomination to the NDLA President-Elect. **Letters should detail the nominee's contributions to the library profession and their history of service.** Supporting documentation is helpful, but not required.
3. Ideally, the nominee is supported by more than one person. **Multiple letters of support or a single nomination letter with several signatures** shows the awards committee broad support of a nominee. However, nominations with a single supporter will be accepted and given fair consideration.

To nominate a Major Benefactor:

1. Submit a letter of nomination to the President-Elect (Tammy Kruger).
2. Letters must **include specific reasons for nomination.** Letters should detail the nominee's contributions to a North Dakota library or libraries. Supporting documentation is helpful, but not necessary.

Major Benefactor Qualifications

An individual or group who has made significant contributions to a library or libraries in North Dakota.

Nominees **do not** need to be NDLA members.

Link for more information →

Nominations are due by June 30, 2023

Library Champion Award

Submitted by **Tressa Graves**, UND EERC, Legislative Committee Chair

Do you know of an individual in a leadership position who supported and/or advocated for North Dakota Libraries?
Nominate them for NDLA's Library Champion Award!

Qualifications:

An individual in a leadership position (federal, state, city, county) who has supported and/or advocated for a library or libraries in North Dakota

Nomination Letters:

Letters of nomination must include specific reasons for nomination, including examples of how the person/group has advocated for libraries

**Letters of nomination due June 30, 2023 to the
Legislative Committee** →

The Library Champion will be profiled in The Good Stuff and will receive a commemorative plaque. Recognition of the recipient of this award will be made during the Awards Banquet at the annual conference.

Past Recipients:

2021: Mayor *Howard Klug*, Senator *Erin Oban*, and City Commissioner *Nancy Guy*

2019: *Minot Public Library Board*

2017: Senator *Ray Holmberg* - District 17, Grand Forks;
Representative *Alisa Mitskog* - District 25, Wahpeton;
Representative *Corey Mock* - District 18, Grand Forks



Questions?

ALA Report

Submitted by **Mariah Ralston Deragon**, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library, **ALA Chapter Councilor**

2023 ALA Annual Conference

The ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition is coming up **June 22-27 in Chicago, IL**. It was recently announced that **Amanda Gorman** and **Christian Robinson** will be the speakers for the closing session, and will discuss their upcoming children's picture book, *Something, Someday*, available September 2023.

Other author speakers announced so far are: actress, writer, and disability advocate **Maysoon Zayid**; best-selling children's book authors **Cara Mentzel & Idina Menzel**; **Rick Riordan**; **Mark Oshiro**; **Nikki Grimes**; and **Brian Pinkney**.

AASL National Conference

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) National Conference will be held **October 19-21 in Tampa, Florida**. Full conference details can be found [here](#).



Hohl Wins 2024-2025 ALA Presidency

Cindy Hohl, Director of Policy Analysis and Operational Support at Kansas City (MO) Public Library, has been elected 2023-2024 President-Elect of the American Library Association (ALA).

Hohl is past-president of the American Indian Library Association and an active member of other ALA affiliates, including the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association, Black Caucus of the ALA, Chinese American Librarians Association, and Reforma: the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking.

Hohl holds a bachelor's degree in Organization Management and Leadership from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas; an MLIS from Wayne State University in Detroit; and a Master's in Business Administration from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas.



"We have a lot of good work ahead of us in libraries, and I look forward to listening to feedback, hearing your ideas, and moving forward with that inspiration to uphold the professional ethics of our trusted profession as we highlight the high value of libraries."

-Cindy Hohl, 2024-2025 ALA President-Elect

H.R. 5, the "Parents' Bill of Rights"

ALA launched a new federal action on censorship - **we need everyone's support in this important moment**. The U.S. House of Representatives is currently considering H.R. 5, the so-called "Parents' Bill of Rights Act," legislation that would open the door to more book banning in school libraries and communities nationwide. We're calling on ALA members, staff, and advocates to urge their Representatives to **vote no** on this legislation.

ALA Report

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National Library Week - Right to Read Day

The American Library Association kicked off National Library Week with the release of its highly anticipated list of the **Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2022** and the **State of America's Libraries Report**. This year, however, there were multiple books that received the same number of challenges – resulting in the expansion of the list to 13 titles.

Below are the most Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022:

1) *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe

Reasons: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

2) *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson

Reasons: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

3) *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison

Reasons: depiction of sexual abuse, claimed to be sexually explicit, EDI content

4) *Flamer* by Mike Curato

Reasons: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

TIE: 5) *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

Reasons: Claimed to be sexually explicit, LGBTQIA+ content

TIE: 5) *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky

Reasons: Claimed to be sexually explicit, LGBTQIA+ content, depiction of sexual abuse, drugs, profanity

7) *Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison

Reasons: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

8) *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

Reasons: Claimed to be sexually explicit, profanity

9) *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Perez

Reasons: Claimed to be sexually explicit

TIE: 10) *A Court of Mist and Fury* by Sarah J. Maas

Reasons: Claimed to be sexually explicit

TIE: 10) *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins

Reasons: Claimed to be sexually explicit, drugs

TIE: 10) *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews

Reasons: Claimed to be sexually explicit, profanity

TIE: 10) *This Book is Gay* by Juno Dawson

Reasons: LGBTQIA+ content, sex education, claimed to be sexually explicit



ALA Report

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In response to the uptick in book challenges and other efforts to suppress access to information, ALA has designated **every Monday of National Library Week moving forward as Right to Read Day**, a day of action that encourages communities to fight back against censorship and to protect and celebrate the right to read freely. This year's National Library Week also marks the one-year anniversary of the launch of **Unite Against Book Bans**, a nationwide initiative that empowers readers everywhere to stand together in the fight against censorship. More information is available at uniteagainstbookbans.org.

Freedom to Read Foundation

ALA also encouraged joining the [Freedom to Read Foundation](#).

The Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) works to defend the First Amendment in the courts, including the Supreme Court.

The North Dakota Library Association is a state partner to both **Unite Against Book Bans** and the **Freedom to Read Foundation**.

However, you can also support them individually!

Unite Against Book Bans

Please consider joining as a partner with [Unite Against Book Bans!](#)

For those unfamiliar with Unite Against Book Bans, this is a national initiative to empower readers everywhere to stand together in the fight against censorship.

We are not alone. On both sides of the aisle, large majorities of voters and parents oppose book bans.

Libraries of all sorts can join! Please have a look at the [tool kits available](#).



Artwork available for download

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Mariah Ralston Deragon](#)

MPLA Report

Submission by **Randi Monley**, Minot Public Library, **MPLA Representative**

On March 7th, I had the pleasure of going to Norman, Oklahoma for the joint OLA - MPLA Conference. I honestly did not know what to expect, as I have never been to Oklahoma, and only one other librarian from North Dakota was there (I usually feel like I have a little ND contingent when I go to MPLA conferences).

This was one of the best conferences I have EVER BEEN TO, but not for the reasons that you might think.

Yes, the sessions were great.

Yes, there was a 75th Anniversary Bash for MPLA at the Norman Central Public Library.
Yes, the Vendor Hall was fabulous.

But this is what happened... I was sitting down waiting for my lunch order to be called, when a guy (Roy Degler) from the MPLA board came up to me and said "You're from MPLA right? Come on, we're going for lunch. I have a car. You can ride with me." I was all, "I already ordered lunch." And he said, "meet us for supper or lunch tomorrow. You are invited." Now, I have been on zoom meetings with Roy in the past, but I have never really talked with him or really anyone else on the MPLA board in a social way. I did meet them all in the lobby for lunch, dinner, lunch, dinner, you get the point. I became a part of the group. I now have librarians in other states that I contact on the regular to talk about my library woes and ideas.

The Mountain Plains Library Association has changed how I view librarianship. It is not so internal. I hope everyone has this sort of epiphany going to NDLA Annual, but if you don't, please know that MPLA is out there and may be for you!

SESSION HIGHLIGHT:

"We're All in This Together: Communication and collaboration between library types is a benefit for all"

Presenters: Annie Epperson (University of Northern Colorado University Libraries), Elena Rosenfeld (High Plains Library District), Carol Satersmoen (Aims Community College)

This was by far my favorite session of the conference. These three librarians from different libraries all work in the Greeley, Colorado area. They started getting together twice a month to work on collaboration. They talked about how they started casually and with administrative support, and they were able to help their patrons find the right resources.

The librarians talked about how their hours are different, so they would direct patrons to an open library if their library was closing for the evening, or digital resources that patrons could get at one library and not another. The patrons are even able to get library cards for a different library at the home library they use, so the patron can get the resources they need. When two libraries were working on the same grant to bring in an art installation, one library bowed out and wrote a letter of support for the other library. Really great ideas on working together.



EDI Corner

Submission from **Karlene Clark**, UND Chester Fritz Library, **NDLA EDI Committee Member**

Stimming, sometimes called **stereopathy**, stands for “self-stimulatory regulation.” These are self-soothing noises, words, or movements often associated with those who have autism. However, **all people stim**. Common examples include tapping a pencil, cracking knuckles, twirling hair, and picking at or chewing fingernails. Other things you may see are rocking or waving hands.

This is done to calm a person in a highly stimulating or overwhelming environment. The stimming helps manage both external sensations and emotions generally prone to being heightened such as anxiety, fear, and excitement. It can also be used to increase stimulation in an environment in which a person feels “dull.” Not that the situation is boring, but the person does not feel as if enough stimulation is provided to engage their senses.

As to how this applies to libraries, consider people that come to the front desk. Our perception of them tapping a pen may say they are impatient or angry with us; in truth, **they may be self-regulating to remain calm in a situation they feel induces anxiety**. The same can be said if they focus on an item, a light, or a color at the desk rather than on you as the speaker. They may seem to not be listening when instead that small action is allowing them to regulate enough to tune in and hear what you are telling them.

Libraries can create anxiety in many people, as they don’t wish to be seen as not knowing. The number of times I’ve heard, “this might be a dumb question...” is beyond measure. For those that can’t verbalize even that bit of worry, our understanding of little actions they are taking during our interactions can make a big difference in helping them be calm, retain what we are telling them, and let them feel that we are safe and welcoming to return to!

Just a few resources:

- [Psychology Today - Stimming](#)
- [The Warren Center - What is Stimming and How Can I Help My Child](#)
- [Stimming: autistic children and teenagers](#)
- [YouTube Video - Autism Stimming: Why Do Autistic People Stim](#)

Good Stuff Around ND

UND Chester Fritz Library Staff Update

UND Chester Fritz Library is very excited to welcome **Rebecca Bichel** as its new Dean of Libraries and Information Resources. Rebecca joined the team on April 17th. Prior to coming to UND, Rebecca was Dean of Libraries at the University of Texas at Arlington.



When UND, at the culmination of a nationwide search, announced the hire earlier in the year, Bichel stated the following:

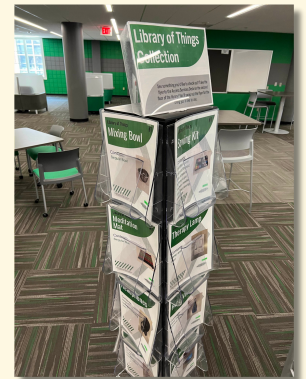
"I am delighted to join the University of North Dakota and to serve the students, faculty, and staff as part of the Libraries team. As the largest library in North Dakota, the Chester Fritz Library has a vital research mission in support of the university, state, and region. I look forward to working alongside colleagues across the UND libraries to provide quality resources and extraordinary access in support of student success, faculty excellence, and community-building."

Almost a month into her tenure, Bichel has been on a whirlwind tour of the library, university, and community, meeting with the library staff and university stakeholders, and getting a taste of university life at the end of the spring semester. With the summer upon us, Dean Rebecca Bichel and the rest of the staff are looking forward to brainstorming new ideas, starting new initiatives, and continuing to grow as a library.

UND Chester Fritz Library New Initiatives

Our Library of Things items have all arrived, and are finding their patrons. We acquired cooking equipment, electronics (including a GoPro and a large kit of accessories), six new popular board games, and a variety of household equipment such as tool kits, a vacuum cleaner, and sewing kits.

Especially this time of year, during finals time, **our de-stress materials—light therapy lamps, stress balls, meditation aids, and more—are especially popular.** Our busiest time will probably be at the beginning of the new school year this fall, and we are glad to have all the items in place, and the infrastructure and policies ready to go for the collection to increase in the future. Being a part of this North Dakota State Library grant initiative has been a tremendous experience, and will help the library and our patrons immensely, and we thank them for the opportunity.



We also hosted our second **Randy Rasmussen Memorial Lecture.** We hosted UND's provost, **Prof. Eric Link**, who presented a witty, learned, and high-energy talk, "Understanding Science Fiction," on how science fiction has been defined and studied by scholars and authors over the years. It drew a standing room-only crowd of faculty, students, and community members to enjoy the lecture and the library's hospitality. The lecture was simulcast on Zoom, which has been archived in UND's Scholarly Commons for anyone to enjoy.

Good Stuff Around ND

Williston Community Library



The Williston Community Library hosted its first annual **Peep Diorama Contest**. Twenty-one patrons, young and old, returned their amazing creations. The themes were anywhere from "Under the Sea" to "Favorite Books." Patrons were provided two yellow peeps and after that the sky was the limit. **This event was such a hit we plan on repeating it next year.**

Bottineau County Public Library

Christine Brekke is the newest employee at the Bottineau County Public Library. She began March 1st. Christine is from Bottineau, and enjoys reading, and playing with her son Kyler.
Welcome Christine!

Grand Forks Public Library

Grand Forks Public_ is excited to reveal its remodeled Children's Department in June! On **Saturday, June 3, GFP_ will host a Grand Reopening** with a kid-led ribbon cutting at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Summer Reading Program Kickoff from 2-4 p.m. In addition to reopening the signature pink swirly slide, the library will reveal the new centerpiece of the Children's Department: **Myra's Treehouse**, generously funded by a grant from the Myra Foundation. Inspired by nature, the refreshed space will be calming, joyful, and, most importantly, accessible for children of all abilities. Be sure to check out the playground for curious minds and join the Grand Reopening on June 3!

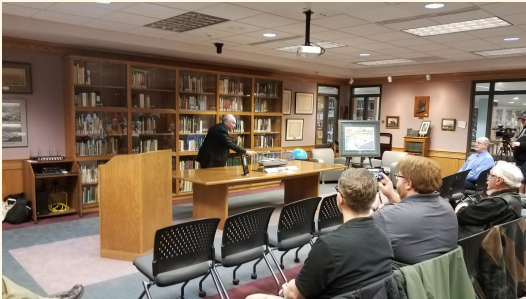
Good Stuff Around ND

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library



USNS City of Bismarck Model Ship Dedication – April 28, 2023

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library hosted a dedication ceremony for a scale model of Military Sealift Command's expeditionary fast transport ship USNS City of Bismarck (T-EPF 9) on April 28. The USNS City of Bismarck Committee, chaired by Robert O. Wefald, a retired Navy officer, former North Dakota Attorney General, retired district court judge, and longtime resident of Bismarck hosted the celebration at the library's Missouri River Room, where the ship model will be on display. Jerry Evenson represented his daughter Navy Second Officer Patricia Evenson, 2010 graduate of Bismarck's Century High School and a graduate from the United States Merchant Academy who had served aboard the USNS City of Bismarck. The event was held to honor the efforts of MSC Civil Service Mariners (CIVMAR) who crew USNS City of Bismarck. Bismarck Mayor Mike Schmitz, former City Commissioner Nancy Guy, along with city and library staff, as well as a number of veterans, were in attendance at the ceremony.



Families Around the World – March 27, 2023

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library co-hosted an evening celebrating the diversity of cultures in Bismarck. Local groups shared informational booths, cultural activities, and crafts. Featured performer Mister G, the “bilingual rock star,” wowed us with his tunes in Spanish and English. People from all cultures, traditions, and languages joined in the celebration. On Tuesday morning, the Latin GRAMMY Award-winning artist, author, and educator Mister G, also known as “the bilingual rock star,” shared stories and songs in Spanish and English under the blue sky and green leafy trees in the Children's Library. This engagement was supported by the Arts Midwest GIG Fund, a program of Arts Midwest that is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from ND Council on the Arts. Additional funding was provided by Bismarck Library Foundation and Friends of the Bismarck Public Library.



North Dakota in Print

By **Marlene Anderson**, Bismarck State College, Editorial Committee Member

Dust Yourself Off: The Gravel Road to a Good Life by **Tricia Velure** and **Tom Sandhei**.

Fargo: NDSU Press, 2023. (\$24.95)

Available from [NDSU Press](#)

Dust Yourself Off is the true story of a farm woman in 1940s/50s North Dakota and the surprising ways in which she recovered from a series of shocks and tragedies. Speaking of his mother, co-author Tom Sandhei said: "This project began because I wanted my kids and grandkids to know their grandmother. She was a remarkable woman." After Sandhei took the story as far as he could on his own, he teamed up with Tricia Velure, a personal historian and writer from a neighboring town. "Tom and I unknowingly grew up on farms less than 20 minutes from each other in North Dakota, 30 years apart," said Velure. "Decades later, we met in the Twin Cities, where we lived 10 minutes apart. We were meant to meet and write this story together!"

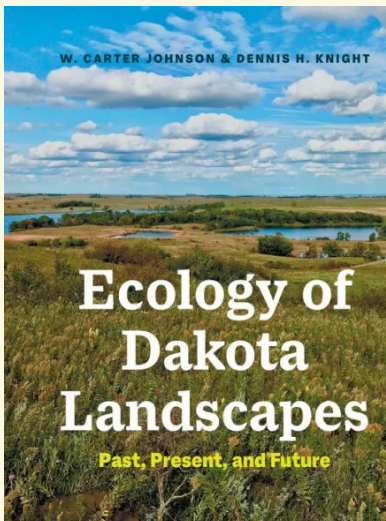
--Source: NDSU Press Release



Ecology of Dakota Landscapes: Past, Present, and Future by **W. Johnson Carter** and **Dennis H. Knight**.

New Haven: Yale University Press, 2022.

Available from bookstores & online sellers, including [Amazon](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#)



The natural and human histories of the Northern Great Plains are blended into this well-illustrated, comprehensive work, which covers geological developments from millions of years ago to the effects of glaciers, historical and ecological developments of more recent centuries, and the effects of agriculture. The book ends with a discussion of this region's future under conditions of climate change with recommendations for how to balance agriculture and other pressing needs in the 21st century. With its discussions of the Prairie Pothole Region, Missouri River, grasslands, woodlands, the Black Hills, rivers, and wetlands, this book fills an information need.

--Excerpted from publisher's description



North Dakota in Print

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Good News by Jody Kerzman.

Bismarck, ND: The Printers, c2022. (106 p., pbk., \$15)

To order: Send a check for \$15, along with shipping information, to:
KFYR-TV, PO Box 1738, Bismarck, ND 58502

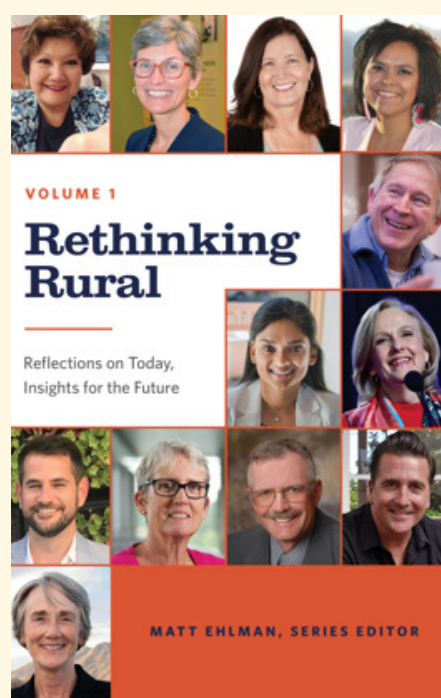
Jody Kerzman believes that “most people are good.” In 2021, after seven years away from the news business, Kerzman returned to KFYR-TV full-time. It was in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and Kerzman decided she wanted to tell stories about people helping each other. Her “Good News” series caught on and has become one of the things KFYR-TV viewers love. Kerzman’s book features 31 of her favorite stories with accompanying photos. Guaranteed to warm your heart!



Rethinking Rural: Reflections on Today, Insights for the Future / series editor, **Matt Ehlman.**

Fargo, ND: NDSU Press, 2023. (Rethinking Rural Series, vol. 1) (204 p., pbk., \$29.95)

Available from NDSU Press



This anthology presents the opinions of ten people, as expressed in their answers to two questions: “How would you describe rural America today,” and “What do you imagine it will be like for the next generation?” Each of the ten authors participated in a Morning Fill Up event in Rapid City, South Dakota, and shared their concepts and their answers to these questions based on the lens through which they see the world.

--Publisher’s description

North Dakota in Print

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***Searching for Savanna: The Murder of One Native American Woman and the Violence Against the Many* by Mona Gable.**

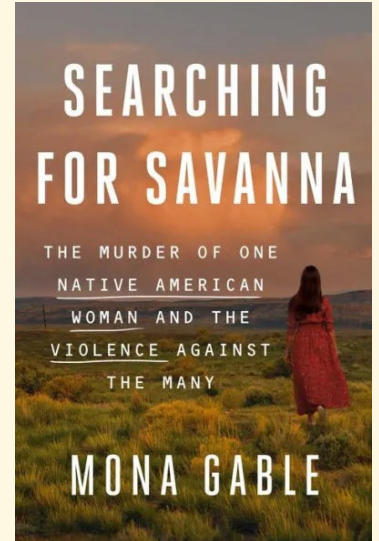
New York: Atria books, c2023. (320 p., hardcover, \$28.99; ebook, \$14.99)

Available at bookstores and from online sellers, including [Amazon](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#)

Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind was 22 years old and eight months pregnant when she went missing in August 2017, in Fargo, North Dakota. A week later, police arrested the white couple who lived in an upstairs apartment and came out carrying an infant girl. The baby was Savanna's, but it was several more days before Savanna's body was found wrapped in plastic trash bags in the Red River.

The grisly and shocking crime was talked about around the world, which helped expose the violence visited upon Native American women and girls since colonization. *Searching for Savanna* sheds a light on this problem and its history, including government inaction, and features personal accounts, in-depth interviews, and trial analysis.

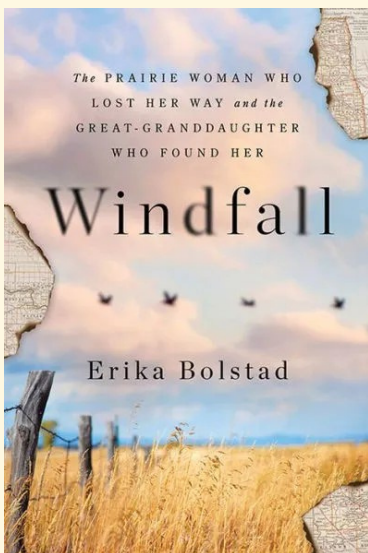
--Excerpted from publisher description



***Windfall: The Prairie Woman Who Lost Her Way and the Great-Granddaughter Who Found Her* by Erika Bolstad.**

Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks, c2023. (311 p., hardcover, \$26.99)

Available at bookstores and from online sellers, including [Amazon](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#)



A windfall is a piece of unexpected good fortune that typically involves receiving a large amount of money. In 2009, the author's mother, Nancy Bolstad, received a windfall in the form of a check for \$2,400 from an oil company. In the 1950s, the author's grandfather had signed a lease with an oil company on land in northwestern North Dakota where his mother, Anna, had staked a claim. Even though the land no longer belonged to the family, they still owned the mineral rights. Three months after the check arrived, Nancy passed away at the age of 63. As family members began the work of settling the estate, author [Erika Bolstad](#), a journalist and documentary filmmaker based in Portland, Oregon, got interested in learning more about her great-grandmother Anna. Who was she? What was her story? In *Windfall*, Bolstad "takes us on a road trip through time and across the plains of North Dakota, peeling back the layers of her family history and reframing our understanding of an industry that has shaped our culture over the past hundred years."

--Excerpted from publisher description

Library Events & Conferences

June 2023

- June – [Rainbow Book Month](#)
- June 22-27 – [ALA Annual](#) (Chicago, IL)

Can't make it to Chicago? Register for [The Digital Experience](#) instead!



July 2023

- July 15-18 – [AALL \(American Association of Law Libraries\) Annual Meeting & Conference](#), Boston
- July 26-29 – [Archives Records 2023](#), Hybrid - Washington, D.C



August 2023

- August 1 – Deadline: [NDLA NMC Grassroots Grant Applications](#)
- New Members Committee (NMC) awards this grant to support attendance of members to NDLA Annual conference
- August 7-9 – [North Dakota State Library - In-person conference](#), Bismarck. More info to come!



September 2023

- [Library Card Sign-up Month](#)
- September 20-23 – 2023 [ARSL \(Association for Rural & Small Libraries\) Conference](#), Wichita, Kansas
- September 27-29 – [South Dakota Library Association Annual Conference](#), Rapid City



October 2023

- [TeenTober](#)
- October 1-7 – [Banned Books Week](#)
- October 4 – [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#)
- October 4-5 – [Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference](#), Saint Paul RiverCentre
- October 11-13 – [NDLA Annual](#), Fargo
- October 11-13 – [MWCMLA \(Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association\) Annual Conference](#), Virtual
- October 15-21 – [National Friends of Libraries Week](#)
- October 19-20 – [2023 MCMLA \(Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association\) Annual Meeting](#)



November 2023

- [International Games Month](#)
- [Picture Book Month](#)
- November 15-16 – [NDSA and Digital Preservation 2023](#) – St. Louis, Missouri



Special Features

Washington Elementary: Fargo

In honor of the **American Library Association Youth Media Awards** held on January 30th, 2023 and in an effort to allow students to participate in a book award process, fifth graders at Washington Elementary in Fargo participated in the **Sibert Smackdown** this January. The Sibert Award is given for the most distinguished informational book for children. Fifth graders at Washington all read a selection of ten nonfiction titles, evaluated the titles for their merit based on the award criteria, and voted for the titles they felt best exemplified the award criteria. The top five titles went on to the final round and **the Sibert selection for Washington this year was *Yoshi and the Ocean: A Sea Turtle's Incredible Journey Home* by Lindsay Moore.**

Each class participated in a team competition using details from all ten books in a trivia style challenge. The winning team from each class competed a second time against the other classes to crown the first ever Sibert Smackdown Champions. **The team from Mrs. King's class were the winners for the year.**

This collaboration between the classroom and the library allowed students an opportunity to read a variety of nonfiction books, evaluate books based on set criteria, and explore what national book awards are like. **It helps promote literacy through exploring different kinds of books and further develop a love of reading.**

If you would like to try this out in your library, please reach out to [Brenda Cain](#) for documents and templates to get started.

Mayville State University

Mayville State will be offering a Continuing Education Course on DPI's New Library Content Standards this summer.

EDUC 2000 North Dakota Library Media Content Standards - 2 credits

Purpose of the Course - To provide school librarians with time to familiarize themselves and adopt the new North Dakota Library Media Content Standards that were adopted in October 2022. These credits will count toward the required credits for renewal of a library credential.

Course Offering - This course will be online and asynchronous over two weeks. Participants will be required to participate in discussion forums throughout.

Course Description- This course is designed to provide background information on the new standards and the standards revision process. Educators will compare the new standards with the 2012 standards, and AASL's National Library Standards. They will work on evolving their current library program to incorporate the new standards.

Registration Information - Summer Registration Dates: April 13-June 8, Summer Course Dates: June 5-19, 2023, Cost: \$330, [Registration Link](#)

Special Features

Fargo Public Library

Last fall, NDSU Libraries had Fargo Public Library staff come to the campus library during Banned Books Week (which happens to be during library card sign-up month) for a shared event where **NDSU users could sign up a for a FPL card**. We are having them come again during National Library Week.

Fargo Public Library staff visited North Dakota State University's Main Campus Library on Monday, April 24, to sign members of the campus community up for library cards. The event, held during National Library Week, also featured a blackout poetry contest for students to celebrate National Poetry Month.

NDSU Libraries and Fargo Public Library also collaborated during Library Sign-Up Month last September, at an event during Banned Books Week where students could participate in a Banned Books Challenge to be entered into a prize drawing.



Barb Davis (NDSU Libraries), Megan Lass (Fargo Public Library), and Kayla Birkholz (Fargo Public Library) celebrate National Library Week and National Poetry Month by hosting an event at the NDSU Main Campus Library, where students/faculty/staff could sign up for a Fargo Public Library card, as well as participate in a blackout poetry contest.

Barb Davis, Resource Acquisition and Management Librarian at NDSU Libraries, stated, "I want to help plant a seed that no matter where they live, even if only temporarily, people should seek out their public library and sign up for a library card to enjoy all of the resource available to them. I am so happy that Fargo Public Library is willing to come here and partner with us on these fun events to get students, faculty and staff signed up for public library cards."

Kayla Birkholz, Library Associate II at Fargo Public Library added, "Partnering with the NDSU Library has helped us reach university students who may not otherwise use our services. These events have been great for both outreach as well as celebrating libraries."

Kayla Birkholz and Megan Lass from Fargo Public Library sign NDSU students up for public library cards during an event at NDSU's main campus library during Library Card Sign-Up Month (and Banned Books Week) in Sept. 2022. Students also participated in a "guess the banned book" challenge to be entered into a prize drawing.





Treasurer's Report

Submission from Aaron Stefanich, Grand Forks Public, **NDLA Treasurer**

*As of March 31, 2023
End of 1st Quarter*

CHECK BOOK 03/31/2023

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Funds	\$64,148.65			
Annual Conference 2025	-\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,500.00
Annual Conference 2023	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Book Sales	\$1,116.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,116.32
Dues		\$5,330.00		\$5,330.00
HSIS Partner Account	\$6,969.19			\$6,969.19
Investment Account Transfers		\$0.00	-\$255.90	
Other receipts/disbursements		\$255.90	-\$6,842.88	
NDLA Funds Subtotal		\$5,835.90	-\$7,098.78	-\$1,262.88

Check Book Balance 03/31/2023

\$62,885.77

MONEY MARKET & CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Bank Money Market Ready Cash	\$12,334.39			
Interest		\$0.29		
Deposits		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$12,334.68
Professional Development Bank Money Market RC	\$11,217.06			
Interest		\$0.26		
Deposits		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$255.90	\$0.00	
				\$11,473.22
NDLA CD	\$21,843.53			
Interest		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$21,843.53
Professional Development CD	\$15,030.51			
Interest		\$0.64		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$15,031.15
TOTAL investment accounts	\$60,425.49			\$60,682.58

TOTAL EQUITY 03/31/2023

\$123,568.35

Cell: I13

Comment: \$255.90 transferred to Professional Development account

Cell: H14

Comment: \$255.90 (\$250.00 donation to Linda Albee Memorial Fund, \$5.90 donation to Professional Development)

Cell: H29

Comment: \$255.90 transferred from Checking account

NDLA Executive Board

Voting

President: Kerrienne Boetcher
Ward County Public Library

President-Elect: Tammy Kruger
North Dakota State Library

Past President: Will Martin
Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota

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Grand Forks Public Library

Treasurer: Aaron Stefanich
Grand Forks Public Library

ALA Councilor: Sara Westall
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Public Library Section: Morgan Keyser
Williston Public Library

School Library and Youth Services Section:
Jennifer Hess
Fargo Public Schools

Non-Voting

Bylaws and Policy Committee Co-Chairs:
Virginia Bjorness
North Dakota State Historical Society
Kristen Borysewicz
Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota

**Nomination, Voting, and Election Committee
Chair:** BreAnne Meier
North Dakota State Library

Finance Committee Chair: James Murphy
North Dakota State Library

Archivist: Trevor Martin
North Dakota State Library

Membership Committee Chair: Liz Mason
ODIN

State Librarian: Mary Soucie
North Dakota State Library

Thanks for reading!

Reminder: submissions for the September issue are due by August 1, 2023 to the Good Stuff Editorial committee