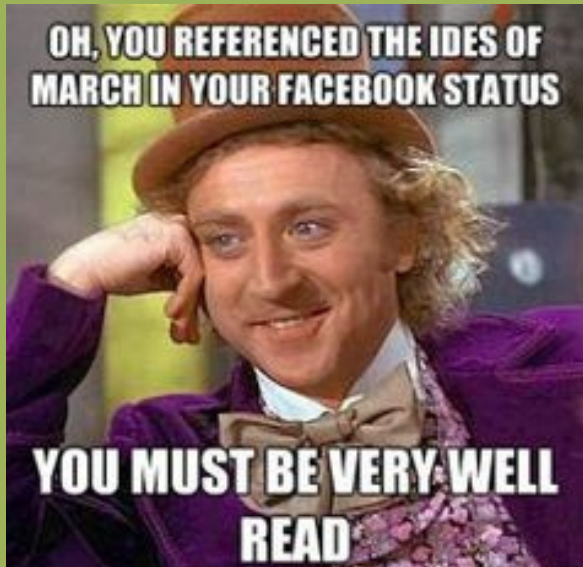


The Good Stuff

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Reminders for *The Good Stuff* Submission

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President's Message

Submitted by Tammy Kruger, NDSL School Library Specialist, **NDLA President**

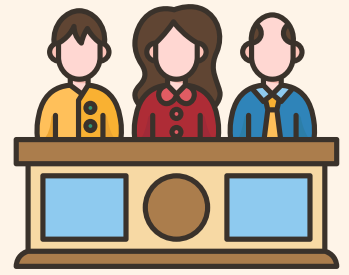
Welcome to the first *Good Stuff* issue of 2024!

A little confession time: **I ran for president-elect knowing next to nothing about this organization.** A coworker of mine (shoutout to **BreAnne Meier**) asked if I would be interested in running for president-elect or secretary, and I told her that if I were going to jump in, I would jump in with both feet. However, she needed to find someone far more qualified, to run against me. BreAnne: you did not hold up your end of the bargain!

All jokes aside, I have learned so much about this organization and North Dakota libraries in my short time here. I continue to learn on a nearly daily basis. The reason why I bring this up is that **NDLA offers various opportunities to get involved for both betterment of North Dakota libraries and the patrons we serve, as well as personal and professional growth.** You certainly do not need to start at the top – I can have a bit of a go-big-or-go-home personality from time to time. However, even little things that dip your toes into the water reap their own rewards. **Submit articles and photographs** about the cool things your library is doing to the *Good Stuff*. **Volunteer at the annual conference** – this year it is in Bismarck. **Present sessions** at that conference. **Join committees** that you find interesting. After you have some experience, offer to **chair or co-chair those committees.** And, yes, **run for executive board positions!** An organization's strength comes from its membership. There are many fabulous members of NDLA; I would love to see more of you shine for that fabulousity!

P.S. NDLA has begun a **Marketing and Communications Committee** and we want your help! Co-chairs have been picked, but we are looking to add people to the team. Currently, NDLA has very few policies and procedures for how marketing and our social media is handled. In today's world, that just does not work. As such, **if you have a passion for social media and getting the word out**, please consider joining this new committee. Those who are interested can reach out to Maddie Cummings or Kirsten Henagin. This is a timely and important committee, so please volunteer if you are able!

Committee Blotter



Nominations, Elections, & Voting Committee

Are you interested in becoming a member of the NDLA Executive Board?

The Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee is looking for nominees for the following positions:

- **President-Elect** (1-year term that progresses to President in year 2 and Past-President in year 3)
- **Academic and Special Library Chair** (1-year term)
- **Public Library Section Chair** (1-year term)
- **School Library & Youth Services Chair** (1-year term)

The Executive Board meets virtually once per month. Nominate yourself or someone else by sending an [e-mail to BreAnne](#) or by [filling out this form](#). If you are nominating someone else, please include contact information for that person so we can get in touch.

Please contact BreAnne with any questions or concerns!

Submission by [BreAnne Meier](#), Nominations, Elections, & Voting Committee Chair

Conference Committee

The Conference Committee is gearing up to plan the **2024 Annual Conference**. If you would still like to join the committee, please [email Kirsten](#) to let me know! Conference dates are: **October 2nd-4th, 2025, at the Radisson in Bismarck**. Start thinking about what you would like to share with your fellow librarians and information professionals across the state this fall. **We will be looking for session proposals later this spring!**

Submission by [Kirsten Henagin](#), Conference Committee Chair

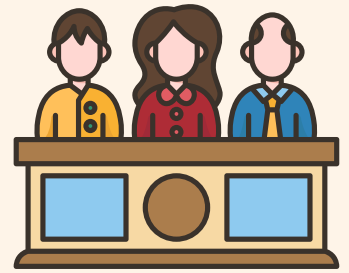
Bylaws & Policies Committee

A recording of main points related to the NDLA Bylaws, Policy Manual, and the basics of parliamentary procedure can be found on the [Bylaws and Policies Committee webpage](#). This recording is intended for all new officers, section and committee chairs, and those interested in NDLA leadership. A link to ALA's Basic Principles of Parliamentary Procedure can also be found on the webpage. **We encourage all to check them out!**

Submission by [Virginia Bjorness](#), Bylaws & Policies Committee Chair

Legislative committee will report shortly!

Committee Blotter



EDI Committee

Congratulations to **Jennifer Hausauer of the Memorial Middle School Library in Minot!** The EDI Committee has designated her the first winner of our annual EDI Grant. Jennifer intends to use the \$600 grant fund to diversify her library's collection, purchasing "**books that highlight differences in learning styles, abilities/disabilities, family structures, gender identities, and sexual preferences**" and measuring the success of this initiative through tracking circulation checkouts. We look forward to hearing the results in June! **We received many exceptional applications this year and wish to thank all applicants.**

The EDI Committee also thanks Fallon Carey of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) for joining us as a guest speaker in our third quarterly EDI Discussion, "**Truth, Justice, and Healing: Discussing the National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive**". Thank you to the attendees for fostering an inspiring and generative conversation. Session notes are available on our [Previous EDI Discussions page](#) on the NDLA website. Watch your inboxes for the announcement of our next discussion topic!

Submission by **Zeineb Yousif**, EDI Committee Chair



LGBTQ2S+ Committee

Hello NDLA!

Your friendly LGBTQ2S+ Committee has been plotting and working on some projects coming up in 2024. One of these projects is a **Queer Lit Book club!** With this, we want to not only organize a book club, but help facilitate a booklist and process that can be easily reproduced in your local community! We also are **working with Faye Seidler** on doing a variation resource of her [LGBTQ+ Resource List](#) that is tailored specifically for libraries.

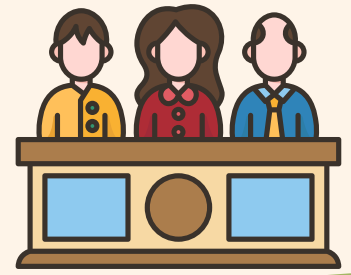
BIG THANKS to those who participated in our **Holiday Survival Social in December!** We're hoping to put together another social sometime soon, and possibly will have some Jackbox games on the docket!

REMINDERS: We have LOTS of **leftover rainbow wristbands** after the NDLA conference and the LGBTQ+ Summit. If you would like some to give away at your library, or just to have on hand, please [email us](#) and we can get some to you!

Sunday March 31st is Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV.) This day is meant to raise awareness about transgender people. It is a day to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people, while also drawing attention to the poverty, discrimination, and violence the community faces. Faye Seidler is currently looking for volunteers for the [Harbor Health Initiative's Safe Harbors Project](#). You can [email Faye](#) to learn more.

Submission by **Mariah Ralston**, LGBTQ2S+ Committee Co-Chair

Committee Blotter



Professional Development Committee

On behalf of the Professional Development Committee, we would like to congratulate **Tori Lee** (Williston Community Library), **Keli McDonald** (Burleigh County Bookmobile), and **Lauren Nephew** (West Fargo Public Library) for receiving the **M. Vivian Hubbard Bookmobile Grant** for 2024! This was the only formal grant that we had any applications for, and we elected to award all applicants with \$1,000 towards attending the **Association for Bookmobile and Outreach Services conference in Indianapolis** this year, as well as to **assist with the purchase and outfitting of a new outreach vehicle**. We are looking forward to hearing what was beneficial about this professional development opportunity in a future *Good Stuff* edition. **Congratulations Tori, Keli, and Lauren!**

Submission by **Maddie Cummings**, Professional Development Committee Co-Chair

Intellectual Freedom Committee

The ALA anti-censorship initiative **Unite Against Book Bans** has produced a new resource to support librarians facing book challenges: **Book Résumés**. This is a collection of documents with information about frequently challenged books (e.g., plot synopsis, awards, book review excerpts). Some entries also include supplemental links to readers' guides, interviews, or statements from the author in response to their work being challenged.

Unite Against Book Bans currently has nearly **200 résumés on their website**, and they hope to add more every 4-8 weeks. Hopefully, you find these documents to be handy ways of learning and sharing contextual information about controversial items.

Submission by **Jackson Harper**, Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair

Membership Committee

NDLA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JANUARY 23, 2024

Section participation	
Academic and Special Libraries	52
Public Library Section	139
School Library and Youth Services	83
Types of Membership	
Individual	262
Retired and Friends	15
Student	7
Trustees	1
Total Members	285

Membership Committee Report January 2024

At the annual conference, the Membership Committee held a drawing for a free NDLA membership. **Erin Thostenson was the winner of the drawing.**

Congratulations, Erin!

On November 6, at the request of the HSIS section, **the Executive Board completed disbanding the Health Science Information Section of NDLA.** The membership committee verified that all members of HSIS were also members of the Academic and Special Library Section and the ASL listserv before removing the HSIS listserv. Former HSIS members should feel free to continue their discussions there and on the main NDLA listserv.

Submission by **Liz Mason**, Membership Committee Co-Chair



On the DOcket

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

Typically, this column explores fun and informative federal government documents. Then we zoom in to regional documents of possible interest. A colleague requested I outline information about a local issue and the related government information: **Where can we find information about local property taxes and the impact on public libraries?**

Unsurprisingly, there isn't the same wealth of federal government information on this topic because **it is so locally-centered.**

This IRS describes the nature of locally assessed or "real property" for homeowners. **To understand local property taxes**, one might first check your state website. You might also use a search engine to find your relevant county or township/city. **These sites often explain how property taxes are calculated in your area.** The North Dakota State Library references property taxes and options for local areas in its 2021 document on state library law.

For counties and cities that have "**nontaxable Federal lands within their boundaries,**" the U.S. Department of the Interior has a program to support local governments called Payments in Lieu of Taxes. This page provides a description of what local services are often paid for through property taxes, "**vital services as firefighting and police protection, construction of public schools and roads, and search-and-rescue operations.**"

A search of this topic yields few central authorities of public information for understanding this very local issue. Almost 20 years ago, the National Conference of State Legislatures produced a document detailing their assessment of the nature of local property taxes across the country. It may be the best single source for at least framing the issue and understanding the basics nationwide.

P.S. We at the Good Stuff **encourage you to explore these resources and become familiar with your own area and how assessed taxes impact your library.** For example, in my county of Ramsey, a homeowner will, on average, pay \$12.90 per year in property taxes to support the library. **This is less than residents pay to maintain the local cemetery!** Check with your elected officials and committees to understand this more on your local level and make your voice heard to keep the North Dakota property tax in place.

-Maddie

ALA Report

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

I recently attended the ALA LibLearnX Conference virtually!

Some info I thought I would share from the ALA-APA (Allied Professional Association) report:

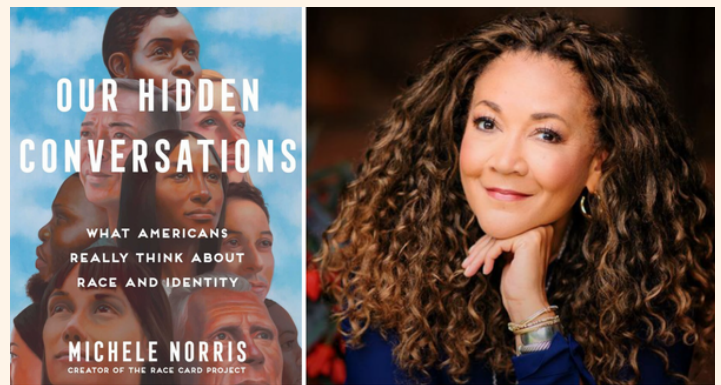
-The Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) Program offers **library support staff the opportunity to commit to professional development and continuing education** through the completion of competency sets developed and implemented by the ALA-APA. To date, there are a total of 811 enrollees in the program and 316 graduates.

-The Certified Public Library Administrator (CPLA) Program is a post-MLS certification program for **public librarians with three years or more of supervisory experience. Its aim is to further professional education and development and help librarians move to a higher level of practical professional experience.** To date, there are a total of 355 enrollees in the program and 127 graduates.

-This year's celebration of **National Library Workers Day (NLWD)** will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. The original resolution for the celebration of NLWD was proposed to recognize the hard work, dedication, and expertise of librarians and library support staff. It was proposed that the Tuesday of National Library Week be designated the day; and that **on that day, interested library workers, library groups, and libraries should advocate for better compensation for all library workers.** On this day, library organizations are encouraged to host a celebration and submit a star to honor a great worker, team or department by visiting the NLWD website. As in the past, products have been developed to assist organizations in the celebration and can be purchased online from the ALA Store. Organizations are encouraged to submit stories about their celebrations.

Some standout speakers for me from LibLearnX!

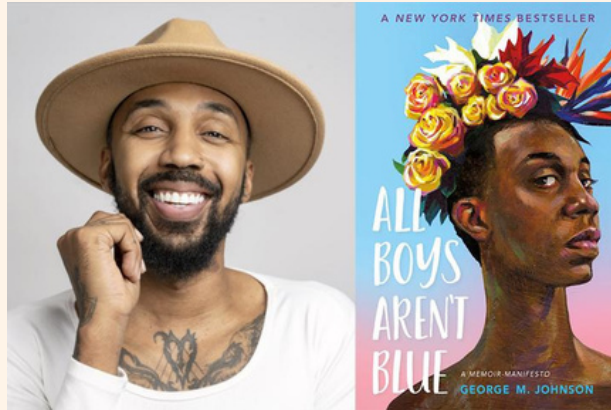
Speaker **Michele Norris**, a columnist for The Washington Post Opinion Section, the host of the Audible Original Podcast *Your Mama's Kitchen*, and founding director of The Race Card Project, a Peabody Award-winning narrative archive where people around the world share their reflections on identity—in just six words. Her latest book is titled *Our Hidden Conversations: What Americans Really Think About Race and Identity*, a unique compilation of stories, richly reported essays, and photographs providing a window into America during a tumultuous era.



ALA Report

Continued ...

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



Author **George M. Johnson** (they/them), an Emmy nominated, award-winning, and bestselling Black nonbinary author and activist. They have written on race, gender, sex, and culture for *Essence*, the *Advocate*, *BuzzFeed News*, *Teen Vogue*, and more than forty other national publications. Their debut memoir, *All Boys Aren't Blue*, was a *New York Times* bestseller and garnered many accolades. **It was the second-most banned book of 2022 in the United States, according to the American Library Association.** For their work fighting book bans and challenges, the National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC) honored George with its Free Speech Defender Award, and **TIME Magazine named them one of the “100 Next Most Influential People in the World.”** While writing their memoir, George used he/him pronouns.

Jesús Trejo, a stand-up comedian from Long Beach, CA, who can be seen in his first one-hour comedy special on Showtime, *Stay At Home Son*. He is also an actor on the Netflix series, *Mr. Iglesias*, and, most recently, a writer for the second season of *This Fool* on Hulu. Trejo is the executive producer and host of the web series *Tacos con Todo* (COMPLEX/ FirstWeFeast), in which he navigates the LA taco scene with celebrity guests. He appears regularly at international comedy festivals and stand-up venues across the country. **Trejo discussed his first book, *Papá's Magical Water Jug-Clock*, which is currently available in English and Spanish.**

At the Council I and II meetings, some of the issue requiring action:

- lowering membership fees
- modifying the composition of the committee on organization
- work on the bylaws relating to digital attendance
- a resolution put forth by the International Relations Committee
- approval for a new Core Values Statement put forth by Core Values Taskforce

I will provide links to the official council minutes when they become available. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to reach out.

MPLA Report

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



Happy 2024 & Renewal Time!

It is renewal time for MPLA memberships, and I am excited that we are rolling out our NEW Institutional Memberships! These will be cost-effective for libraries that have several MPLA members. Take a look at the breakdown below:

Annual Library Budget

- ☐ less than \$50,000 -----> \$70 plus 1 complimentary personal membership
- ☐ \$50,000 - \$99,999 -----> \$100 plus 2 complimentary personal membership
- ☐ \$100,000 - \$499,999 -----> \$175 plus 3 complimentary personal membership
- ☐ \$500,000 - \$999,999 -----> \$250 plus 4 complimentary personal membership
- ☐ \$1 mil - \$3 mil -----> \$500 plus 5 complimentary personal membership
- ☐ over \$3 mil -----> \$750 plus 6 complimentary personal membership

Individual Memberships (based on yearly earnings)

- ☐ up to \$29,000 -----> \$40 per year
- ☐ \$30,000 - \$49,999 -----> \$55 per year
- ☐ Over \$50,000 -----> \$65 per year
- ☐ Retiree, Student, Trustee -> \$15 per year
- ☐ Author -----> \$90 per year
- ☐ State Libraries -----> \$100 per year

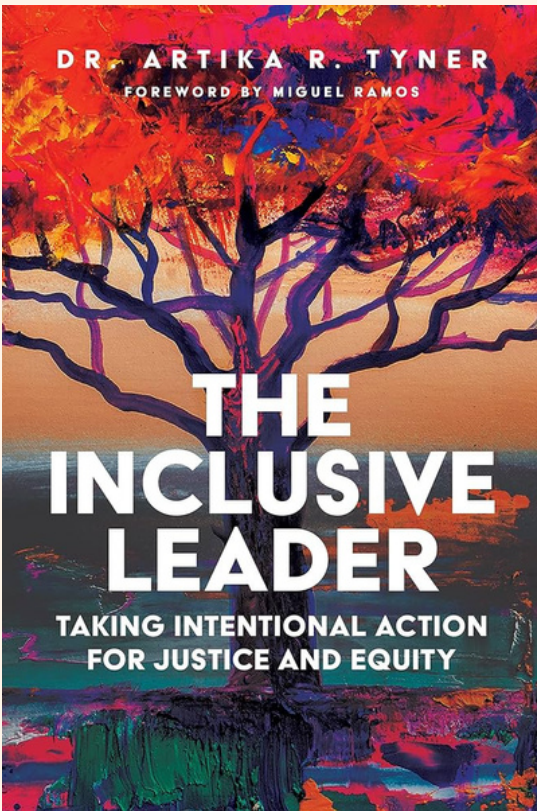
All first year memberships are half priced!

MPLA has several membership advantages, including professional development grants, continuing education opportunities, conferences (**Grand Forks 2025!!**), awards, opportunities to contribute to the library profession, monthly **Chew & Chats**, bi-yearly Leadership Institute, and the MPLA newsletter. Something fun that I have started to do is email the ND-MPLAers about once a month, **to create more of a community between North Dakota members**. Do you have any questions or concerns about joining this amazing organization? [Email me](#) and I will put your mind at ease!



EDI Corner

Submission from **Karlene Clark**, UND Chester Fritz Library, **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee Member**



The book *The Inclusive Leader: Taking Intentional Action for Justice and Equity* by Dr. Artika R. Tyner (2021) has a section on pages 24-27 about **cultural taxation**. Amado Padilla coined the term in 1994, explaining that it is **work expected but not acknowledged or rewarded by the person's workplace, with no financial compensation**. The definition provided says that it "refers to the experience of underrepresented employees who seek to establish strong relationships... with their organization by assuming additional responsibilities for ethnic representation on committees and creating cultural awareness related to their social group's identity." In other words, **their "expertise" is a "hidden tax" they are expected to provide**.

There is a section about bias that ties into this, as many of us don't realize we do it. "Many mistakenly believe that cultural taxation only exists if there is ill will or malice against an individual or group... **unconscious bias may influence behaviors and practices in your workplace without a deliberate, conscious effort.**" With an eye towards this, we need to consciously work to note patterns of inclusion and exclusion. Are people put only on committees and projects that enhance knowledge of culture, or are we making certain they have equal opportunities towards leadership, showing representation in areas like management, strategic planning, etc.? **Are we still asking men specifically to lift and carry, or are we addressing everyone in the room for a volunteer to assist?**



The author asks people to challenge these patterns. If you "see something, say something, do something." **It is not the job of individuals to be the educator, expert and cultural guide to their cultural group.** If we want it to be their job, stop the taxation and add it to their job descriptions with appropriate pay reflected within the official position.

Good Stuff Around ND

UND Chester Fritz Library

The Chester Fritz Library at UND is **increasing outreach efforts** to engage students, staff, faculty, and wider community members in events and activities both inside and outside the library. The CFL brought in **therapy dogs** during finals in December, which were very popular. On Nov 29, the CFL hosted a **Chester Fritz-themed Escape Room activity** in the CFL Reading Room. During the fall, the CFL also hosted **two faculty panel discussions about how AI is impacting the university community**. This spring, the CFL has started a **monthly book club** and are continuing monthly **“Tiny Donut Thursdays”** to provide fun treats and further promote our programs and resources. The CFL is especially excited to be joining the North Dakota Museum of Art and other community organizations to celebrate **50 Years of Maurice Sendak** art, which will be exhibited in the NDMOA March 14 – April 27.



University of Jamestown Raugust Library



Raugust Library at the University of Jamestown had some fun in December over winter break **rearranging furniture** upstairs based on observations and feedback from a class that did a **space analysis** of the library in the fall. We moved nearly every table, chair, couch and carrel upstairs to refresh the space and try to take better advantage of our building’s layout. We also **added tabletop and wall-mounted surge protectors** with a variety of plug options for easy access to outlets (photos included). We’ve been enjoying seeing where students sit with all of the changes and will do a survey of students later in the semester to **see if we accomplished our goals** with the space refresh.

Good Stuff Around ND

Grand Forks Public_

The buzz around **alcohol-free events** is real. Just take a look at the rise of wellness challenges like Dry January, where millions decide to kick off the year without a sip of alcohol. Cheers to the trend that's making waves! **Grand Forks Public_ is in the spotlight of American Libraries Magazine!** Special thank you to the Grand Forks Public Friends for inventing the perfect blend of **Music & Mocktails**. We're thrilled to be a part of the **sober curious movement**.

[Read the full article, Spirit-Free Spaces!](#)



ND Poet Laureate Travels to Libraries Across the State

North Dakota poet laureate Denise K. Lajimodiere reads book 'Josie Dances' at Lake Region Library



Denise K. Lajimodiere read her children's book "Josie Dances," on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Lake Region Library. The poet laureate of North Dakota, Lajimodiere took questions from the audience as well as talked about how she became poet laureate. After the reading and Q&A, she signed copies of her books. Photos by Andrew Benjamin.

North Dakota in Print

By Marlene Anderson, Bismarck State College, Editorial Committee Member

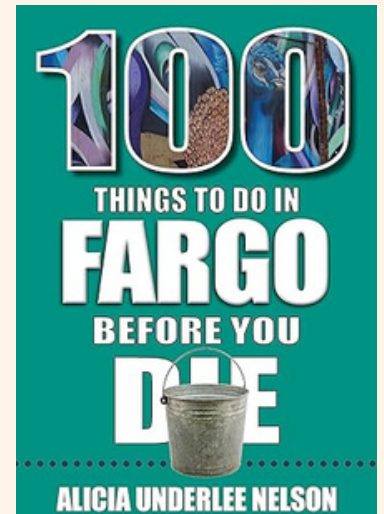
100 Things to Do in Fargo Before You Die by Alicia Underlee Nelson
St. Louis, MO: Reedy Press, c2023.

\$18, 160 p, pbk.; Kindle, \$9.99

ISBN: 978-1681064598

Available at local stores and online from [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and [Reedy Press](#).

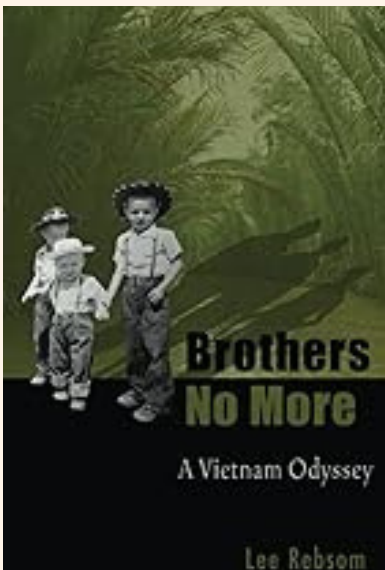
If you're heading to Fargo, take this book with you for a local perspective on cool & fun things to do. Choose your adventure ... pose by a woodchipper; take in the Fargo Film Festival; knock back a brew at the Bier Hall; step back in time at Bonanzaville; or tickle your palate at the Fargo Hotdish Festival or Nichole's Fine Pastry & Café. There are at least 100 things to do! Author Alicia Underlee Nelson is a travel writer and Fargo resident. She also penned *North Dakota Beer: A Heady History* (2017).



Brothers No More by Lee Rebsom
Osprey, FL: Kremer Publishing, c2023.

\$14.99, 268 p., pbk. ISBN: 978-1733349277

Available at [Dakota Nuts-N-Candy](#) (in Bismarck) and online from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#)



Through his first novel, Lee Rebsom, a native of western North Dakota, uses a fusion of fiction and non-fiction to offer solace and closure to veterans grappling with the aftermath of the Vietnam War. Each chapter ends with a collection of small poems, some of which were penned by Rebsom during his time in Vietnam. Rebsom hopes "the book will convey that war, any war, is a serious endeavor ... and that all veterans should be treated with respect and gratitude for their service."

The proceeds from books sold at Dakota Nuts-N-Candy will go to the [Wounded Warrior Project](#). Once Rebsom breaks even with his expenses, he plans to also donate a portion of his proceeds to the charity.

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The Crossword Puzzle Mystery by Julie R. Neidlinger
(Mysteries of Whisper Bay series)

Self-published; San Francisco: Blurb (printer), c2024.

\$12.99, 168 p., pbk. ISBN: 9798210835635

Available from [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), [LonePrairie.net](#), or directly from [Blurb](#)

The Crossword Puzzle Mystery is the first book in the Mysteries of Whisper Bay series by North Dakota author Julie R. Neidlinger. The series is aimed at young readers who like mysteries and are reading chapter books.

Neidlinger wants her readers to see kids who aren't glued to screens in stories that aren't set in magical or pretend realms. Instead, she uses realistic setting to help young readers see that real life needs heroes, too. Neidlinger introduces words and hobbies that young readers may not be familiar with, in hopes of inspiring them to try new things.

The series is set in the early to mid-1980s, a time before the Internet and mobile devices. The characters solve mysteries using friendship, faith, and creativity, while modeling behaviors like honesty, loyalty, kindness, and taking responsibility for their actions. Local readers will recognize North Dakota names and places even though the series isn't specifically set in our state.

Neidlinger's other books include *The Adventures of Blogathon Bob* (2023); *Alone Together: And Other Pandemic Lies* (2022); *Blue Like a River: Burning the Bridge between Red and White at Standing Rock* (2018); *There Are Dinosaurs in the Fields* (2016); *Of Rats and Men* (2011); and *The Art of Flying* (2010). She also contributed to *How to Get Started with Agile Marketing and Do Better Work* (2019) and co-edited *A Season of Writing on the Prairie* (2005).

[Learn more about the author and her work here.](#)



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Finding Perspective through 9/11: A Single Mom's Journey through Depression, Death, Lupus, and Finding the Will to Survive by Emily Vernlund

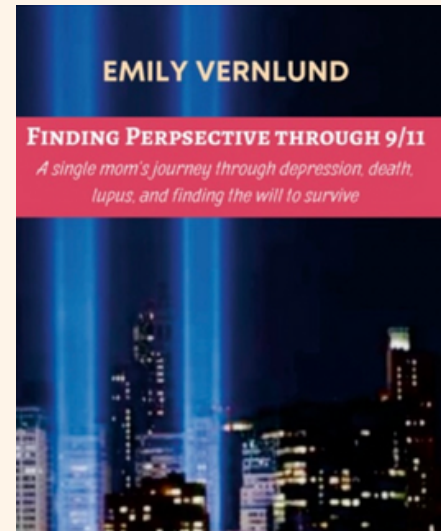
Lulu.com, c2022.

\$29.96, 150 p., pbk; \$14.99, ebook ISBN: 9781387364930

Available from Amazon and the author's websites,
Unapologetically Em and MCA - Body by Design

Emily Vernlund of Dickinson had problems – depression, a lupus diagnosis, and the loss of her mother to cancer. After visiting the 9/11 memorial in New York City and meeting survivors and people who lost loved ones in the attacks, she was changed. She thought to herself, “If they can survive that, I can survive this.” The experience inspired her to write *Finding Perspective through 9/11* with the hope that her story might inspire others to find some perspective in their lives, too.

Vernlund's other books -- *Lose Weight the Lazy Way: Your Go-to Guide to Intermittent Fasting*; *Mental Health Matters: 30 Positive Affirmations to Boost Your Mood*; *Somewhat Healthy Munchies*; and *Somewhat Healthy Munchies Continued* -- are available on her websites.



Flight of the Butterfly by Kimberly Souba

Self-published, c2023.

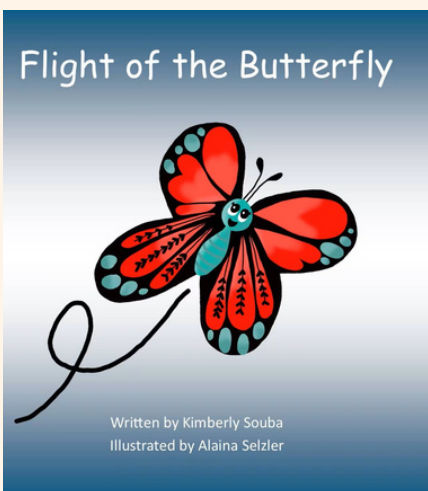
Visit www.ksouba.com for publication & purchase information.

Kimberly Souba, a 2008 graduate of Valley City State University, self-published *Flight of the Butterfly*, the second book in a children's series that has lessons for all ages. *Flight* is about a butterfly who has a fear of flying, but must learn to trust the God who created her. *Flight* and the first book in the series, *A Caterpillar's Journey*, were illustrated by Alaina Selzler of Jamestown.

A native of Illinois, Souba earned a degree in Elementary Education with middle school endorsements from VCSU and now teaches at St. Malachy Catholic School in Geneseo, Illinois, where she also serves as Director of Religious Education and Middle School Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Souba also wrote *From Death to New Life: The Transformation of a Soul*, a compilation of poems that tell the story of her life as a survivor of childhood sexual assault and her faith journey.

Souba's books can be purchased at www.ksouba.com. Proceeds of her book sales go to organizations that provide services to survivors and to women and children.



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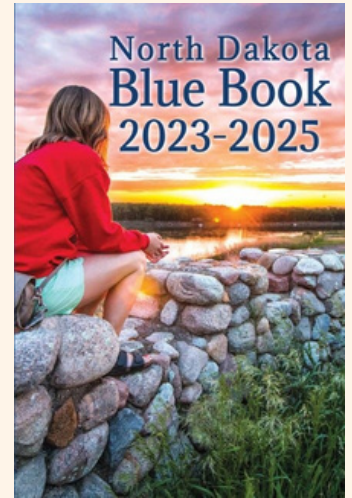
2023-2025 North Dakota Blue Book.

Bismarck, ND: Secretary of State, c2023.

\$25, 624 p., softcover ISBN: 978-0-9742898-9-2

Available from North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum Store

North Dakota Secretary of State Michael Howe unveiled the 2023-2025 *North Dakota Blue Book*, a compilation of state facts and history, during a celebration at the state Capitol on December 13, 2023. This edition highlights historic sites and museums, the 100th anniversary of the North Dakota Health Department, and the 150th anniversary of North Dakota's capital city, Bismarck, which was celebrated in 2022. The first Blue Book was published in 1899, then issued inconsistently with various titles until 1995. Since 1995, it has been published every two years. Digitized past editions are available [online](#).



Ozzy Ox: Candy Stash, Ozzy Ox: Moody Morning, Ozzy Ox Takes a Stand Against Socks, and Ozzy Ox: Toy Trauma by Callen Kropp
Ozzy Ox series. Buchanan, ND: Corner Window Publishing, c2023.

Visit [Amazon](#) for format and price options

Under the pseudonym Callen Kropp, Jamestown author Connie Krapp has published four books in a rhyming children's book series: *Ozzy Ox: Candy Stash*, *Ozzy Ox: Moody Morning*, *Ozzy Ox Takes a Stand Against Socks*, and *Ozzy Ox: Toy Trauma*. West Fargo illustrator Emily Erickson Hagen brings the characters to life.

The Ozzy Ox series aims to teach children how to make good choices, admit mistakes, and learn that life's everyday difficulties are best overcome through honesty, acceptance, and forgiveness. Krapp's wants to write books that help children learn how to manage their lives.



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The Prairie Comrade by Troy D. Gunderson

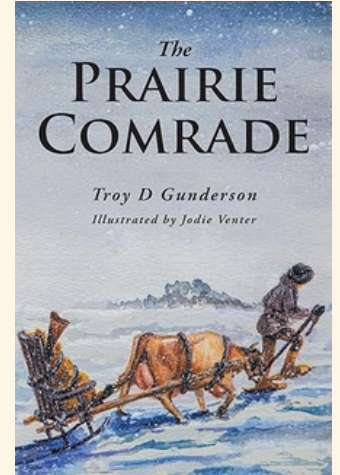
Meadville, PA: Christian Faith Publishing, c2023.

\$18.95, 132 p., pbk.; \$9.99, Kindle; \$9.49, Nook ISBN: 979-8887517421

Available from [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), [Christian Faith Publishing](#), and local stores

The Prairie Comrade began as a short story that sat on a shelf for a long time. As Troy Gunderson continued to think about it, develop his ideas, and put pen to paper, his first book emerged.

The book is about Uri Mokovich, a young Russian boy, who lives with his immigrant parents in rural south-central North Dakota during the 1930s and 40s. Life is hard and bullies at school make it even harder. Uri dreams of escape and living off the land like the native peoples once lived. When tragedy strikes, he is forced into living his dream. The skills he learned from his parents and his fascination with Indian ways help him survive, but he desperately needs help. A gift from a caring librarian and the wisdom of an unexpected visitor help Uri find the faith he didn't know he needed.



Gunderson is a Minot native and the executive director of James Valley Youth for Christ in Jamestown. His twin brother, Todd R. Gunderson, has penned five "Willow City Boys" books. Jodie Venter of Jamestown illustrated *The Prairie Comrade*.

Ripples in Time by Julie McElwain

Self-published, c2023.

\$27.95, 376 p., hardcover ISBN 9798987381038

\$16.95, 376 p., pbk. ISBN 9798987381014

Kindle, \$11.45; Nook, \$11.49

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



Ripples in Time is the sixth novel in the Kendra Donovan series by Julie McElwain. The series, described as "Jane Austen meets Criminal Minds with a dash of Doctor Who," is about a 20-something FBI agent who finds herself transported from the present day to early 19th century England. The first book, *A Murder in Time* (2016), garnered a starred review from *Library Journal* and was selected as one of its reads of the month. OverDrive also selected it as "the mystery to read" in 2016.

McElwain grew up in Max and graduated from NDSU with majors in textiles and clothing and in print journalism. She set out to be a fashion designer, then discovered her real talent was writing about fashion, which morphed into writing books. After living in California for about 30 years, McElwain moved back to Max, partly because of COVID. She is now a stay-at-home novelist and occasionally a substitute teacher at Max Public School.

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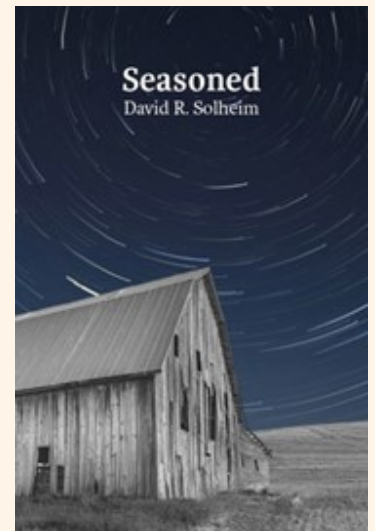
Seasoned by David R. Solheim

Fargo: NDSU Press, c2023.

\$19.95, 78 p., pbk. ISBN: 978-1-946163-52-3

Available from: Buffalo Commons Press, NDSU Press, and Amazon

David R. Solheim, North Dakota Statehood Centennial Poet, has written four books of poetry and a literary travelog (available from buffalocommonspres.com), two poetry chapbooks (published by Dacotah Territory), as well as articles and stories that have been published in several anthologies and periodicals. Solheim is an English Professor Emeritus of Dickinson State University, where he taught for almost 30 years, and an Emeritus Associate Poet Laureate of North Dakota. He holds degrees in English and creative writing from Gustavus Adolphus College, Stanford University, and the University of Denver. Early in his career, Solheim taught at NDSU and conducted many programs for the North Dakota Humanities Council (now Humanities North Dakota) and the ND Council on the Arts. Solheim and his wife, Dr. Barbara Laman, also an Emeritus English Professor of DSU, now live in the Portland, Oregon, area.



It seems that everyday life is dotted with moments that one wants to remember and share. When the circumstances and situations of my life provide me such moments, I try to make notes or a rough draft of a poem as soon as possible. Such events might be coffee with a friend, a walk around a park, a weekend camping trip, cleaning the house, a family celebration, or vacation travel. Sometimes I read, hear, overhear, or glimpse similar events of other people. In those cases, I imagine the cause or result of a situation of which I don't have actual knowledge. After a period of informal meditation (usually days or weeks, but sometimes years) I revise the draft into a poem to share my experience, insight, discovery, or surprise. My lifelong goal as a writer is to have my readers, at least for a moment, perceive something as closely as possible to the way I perceived it.

This collection of my recent work features the perceptions of a post-retirement guy paying attention to the current events of his life and times, and often commenting on his discoveries of how he and the world have changed through the seasons of the seventy-some years of his existence.” -- David R. Solheim

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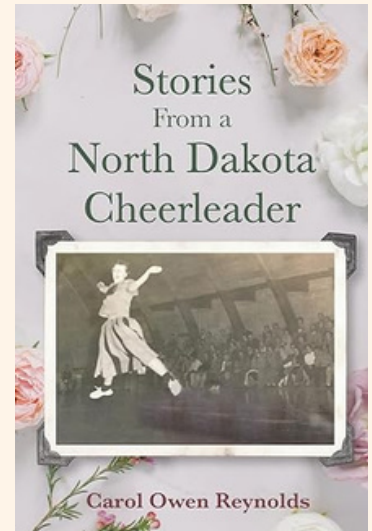
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Stories from a North Dakota Cheerleader by Carol Owen Reynolds
Heirloom Editions, c2023.

\$20, 68 p., pbk. ISBN: 978-1954978980
Available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble

Elizabeth Pfeiffer, a teacher who encouraged reading and writing, had a profound influence on one of her students in Fessenden, North Dakota.

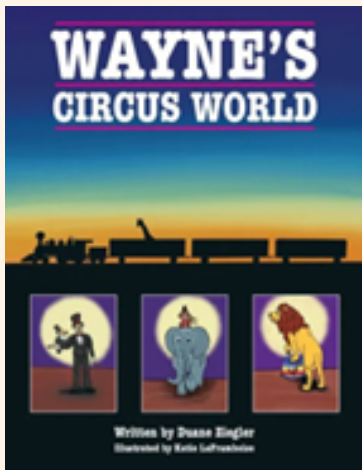
Carol Owen [now Carol Owen Reynolds] took Pfeiffer's words to heart and got into the habit of writing things down. Many years later she enrolled in a creative writing class at Grossmont College in El Cajon, California, which led her to write and submit a few stories to the *Herald-Press* in Harvey. Cheered on (pun intended!) by the positive response, she decided to pen a book. *Stories from a North Dakota Cheerleader*, which features Carol on the front cover cheering for her Fessenden High School team, gives us a glimpse of her life in 14 short stories.



Wayne's Circus World written by Duane Ziegler; illustrated by Katie LaFramboise.
[Bismarck]: Ziegler Management, c2023.

\$26.95, 54 p., hardcover ISBN: 9781737756484
\$15, 54 p., pbk. ISBN: 9781737756477

Available at [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), [Ferguson Books](#), and
North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum [Store](#)



Wayne's Circus World is the latest book by North Dakota's Duane Ziegler. His books, often inspired by his grandchildren, focus on nature, family, and adventure, and are a hit with young readers. Ziegler recently visited Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library for a "Meet the Author" event that focused on the world of Sammy Puffin, who lives on the icy shores of Newfoundland with his puffin family. Ziegler captured their world in *Sammy Puffin* (Books 1, 2, and 3). Ziegler grew up on a farm near Devils Lake and now lives in Bismarck.

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To Educate American Indians: Selected Writings from the National Educational Association's Department of Indian Education, 1900-1904 edited and with an introduction by Larry C. Skogen; foreword by David Wallace Adams. Indigenous Education Series. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, c2024-

\$75, 432 p., hardcover ISBN: 978-1-4962-3676-0
\$75 eBook (EPUB) or (PDF) [ebook purchases delivered via Leaf e-Reader]
EPUB - ISBN: 978 -1-4962-3741-5 PDF - ISBN: 978-1-4962-3742-2
Available from the University of Nebraska Press and Amazon

This book is the first volume in a planned two-volume work by BSC President Emeritus Larry Skogen. Together, they will cover a ten-year span.

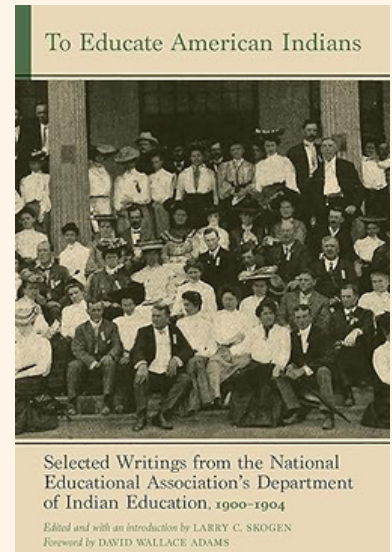
Skogen said: "People are beginning to learn about the terrible conditions at Indian boarding schools. With this book, I tell the early twentieth century history of educators who worked at those schools and then with their papers I let them tell us — in their own words— what they thought about Native students. It's a disturbing history that needs to be told."

Skogen started his research with these questions in mind: "Why did these Indian school workers come together and create an environment where we saw cultural genocide going on? What were they thinking about?"

To Educate American Indians "documents the atrocities and terrible conditions at Indian boarding schools and reservation schools" through papers presented at the National Educational Association's Department of Indian Education meetings in the early 1900s. For a decade, educators gathered annually and presented papers on how best to educate Native students. The book "... explores a time when the debate about how best to "civilize" Indigenous populations dominated discussions, and differing philosophies drove the conversation." It presents many of these unedited papers and gives them historical context.

Leander "Russ" McDonald (Dakota/Arikara), president of United Tribes Technical College, noted: "This is important work to enhance the body of knowledge on behalf of Indian Country and our future generations."

Skogen is a retired member of the U.S. Air Force and served as president of Bismarck State College from 2007-13 and 2015-20, and as interim NDUS chancellor from 2013-15. He is also the author of *Indian Depredation Claims, 1796-1920* (1996).



Library Events & Conferences

March 2024

- March - [National Reading Month](#)
- March 2 - [Read Across America Day](#)
- March 9-10 - [Tucson Festival of Books](#)
- March 12-14 - [Computers in Libraries 2024](#)
- March 16 - [Freedom of Information Day](#) (held annually on or around this date)



April 2024

- April - [School Library Month](#)
- April 3-5 - [Public Library Association Annual Conference](#)
- April 7-13 - [National Library Week](#)
- April 8 - [Right to Read Day](#)
- April 9 - [National Library Workers Day](#)
- April 10 - [National Library Outreach Day](#)
- April 11 - [Take Action for Libraries Day](#)
- April 12 - [Eastern Library Media Association Conference](#)
- April 28 - May 4 - [Preservation Week](#)
- April 30 - [Día](#)
- April 30 - [NDLA Flicker Tale Award - Ballots Due](#)



May 2024

- May 6-12 - [Children's Book Week](#)
- May 8-10 - [2024 MPLA/ULA Conference - Salt Lake City, Utah](#)
- May 15-16 - [2024 Library Publishing Forum](#)
- May 18-21 - [Medical Library Association Annual Conference](#)
- May 31 - [Deadline for NDLA Award Nominations](#)
 - School Library Benefactor of the Year
 - Youth Excellence Program of the Year



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2024
Celebrating children's books and reading since 1919
EVERYCHILDREADER.NET

June 2024

- June - [Rainbow Book Month](#)
- June 27-July 2 - [ALA Annual](#) (San Diego, CA)
- June 30 - [Deadline for NDLA Award Nominations](#)
 - Librarian of the Year
 - Library Champion Award
 - Major Benefactor Award



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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report
As of February 3, 2024 (ongoing)
 By Beth Kennedy, NDLA Treasurer

CHECK BOOK 02/03/2024

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Funds	\$47,720.12			
Annual Conference 2025	-\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,500.00
Annual Conference 2024	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$3,790.00	\$0.00	\$3,790.00
Investment Account Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other receipts/disbursements	\$0.00	\$5.00	-\$2,448.91	
NDLA Funds Subtotal		\$3,795.00	-\$2,448.91	\$1,346.09

Check Book Balance 01/05/2024

\$49,066.21

MONEY MARKET & CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Bank Money Market Ready Cash	\$13,454.96			
Interest		\$0.55		
Deposits		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$13,455.51
Professional Development Bank Money Market RC	\$13,849.14			
Interest		\$0.56		
Deposits		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$13,849.70
NDLA CD	\$21,889.81			
Interest		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$21,889.81
Professional Development CD	\$15,031.15			
Interest		\$0.00		
Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	
				\$15,031.15
TOTAL investment accounts	\$64,225.06			\$64,226.17

TOTAL EQUITY 02/03/2024

\$113,292.38

NDLA Executive Board

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