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State Library NDLA Report 2017 Q2 & Q3

Library visits:

Soucie attended a *Librarian for the Day* at Wyndmere Schools, Turtle Mountain Community High School, and Light of Christ Academy. She participated in the Battle of the Books at Wyndmere and gave presentations on fake news to several classes at Turtle Mountain and the Academy. Soucie visited Stanton Public Library for a Librarian for the Day and assisted with their eclipse activities. She served as emcee for the Minot Public Library's Banned Books event.

IT visited Stanley, Garrison, Underwood, Maddock, Cando, Bottineau, Heart of America (Rugby), and Leeds Public Libraries. They also visited Rolla, Rolette, Morton Mandan, Kidder County, Valley City Barnes County, Kindred, West Fargo, Lidgerwood, Forman and Ellendale Public Libraries. All ND public libraries have been visited at least twice by IT since we've begun the visits.

Library Development visited Garrison, Turtle Lake, Morton Mandan, New Town, Rolla, Bottineau, and Rolette Public Libraries.

Assistant State Librarian Cynthia Clairmont-Schmidt, Library Development Manager Stroshane and Library Development Specialist Meier attended the Open House for the new Library Director at Morton Mandan Public Library.

Statewide Cataloging Manager Goldade visited Hatton, Larimore Elementary and High School, Midway Elementary, Buffalo, Finley, Midway High School, Napoleon School and Walhalla School libraries.

Meetings, conferences, booths:

Soucie participated in the NDLA Day at the Capitol. We had great traffic at the booth since we were located right in between the chambers. Soucie and Tech Services Librarian Robinson participated in the NDLA Quarterly board meetings and Soucie also participated in the NDLA Legislative Committee meetings and activities and the NDLA Conference Committee; she is serving as co-chair of the auction subcommittee.

Soucie attended the Collaborative Summer Learning Program Annual meeting in SC. It's important that we have representation at the meeting since voting takes place for the themes and slogans for upcoming years. Next year, School and Youth Services Specialist Carmen Redding will attend that meeting.

Soucie attended the ALA's National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) in Washington D.C. where she visited with the aides for our federal legislators. The COSLA spring meeting followed NLLD.

Soucie presented virtually at the NDLA HSIS/ASL unconference; she gave an update on the budget, databases, and answered questions from academic and special librarians.

The NDLC met in Williston and toured the Williston, Watford City and New Town libraries. The NDLC also met at Lake Region Public Library in Devils Lake. Council members also visited the Lakota and McVille Public Libraries.

Soucie led an #ndlibchat, a biweekly conversation via Twitter on a variety of library related topics; her topic was STEM kits.

The NDSL Database Review committee met to explore a proposal to add e-books and e-audiobooks through RB Digital. The committee made a recommendation to the NDLC. The NDLC approved the one-year pilot program, paid for with Library Vision monies.

Stroshane attended a meeting of ND Makers via Skype and promoted our kits and CODEDAK, our coding initiative to help libraries start coding clubs and other coding activities.

Soucie participated in the Afterschool Network's Strategic Planning retreat. Soucie and Redding attended the Network's Annual Summer conference. There were several librarians in attendance at the conference.

Soucie participated in the NDLA Board meetings, along with Technical Services Librarian Robinson. Soucie also participated in monthly Zoom meetings of the conference committee. Eight NDSL staff members attended NDLA's annual conference in Grand Forks.

Administration:

Soucie has been appointed to an advisory panel for the Nebraska State Library Commission's IMLS Makerspace grant. Time commitment will be minimal.

Soucie received a request to serve on an advisory panel for Center for Technology at the University of Albany (NY) IMLS Smart Cities grant proposal. Soucie will represent the viewpoint of small and rural libraries; the focus of the grant is how libraries can support/tie-in to smart technologies being used by local and state governments. All travel costs will be covered by the grant and Soucie will submit her stipend to NDSL.

Soucie was interviewed by KX News regarding the state budget cuts and the potential cuts to IMLS at the federal level.

The Public Library Annual Report was administered. Library Development and IT spent quite a bit of time rewording questions and organizing the survey into a more logical sequence.

Soucie, Clairmont-Schmidt and Stroshane participated in several conversations and emails regarding an invitation to be the lead agency on an IMLS grant submitted by a company called Prenda. The grant proposes to study the feasibility and impact of weekly coding programs at small and rural libraries across the United States. Ten spots will be reserved for ND public libraries and ARSL members will be given preference.

Public Services:

Our LEAP project will be wrapping up shortly. We have successfully created a consortium for libraries for e-rate in partnership with ITD and EduTech. We expect to save about \$400 per month, which we hope to apply to additional libraries that join the consortium. We will explore this for the second year of the consortial e-rate application.

Continuing Education/Professional Development:

We held the annual two-day Renewal and Development Conference, formerly called the Spring Workshop. Several new staff gave presentations during the breakout sessions so we had presentations from almost all departments. We had 44 librarians in attendance for R&D, with 9 school librarians attending the evening session with Soucie and CE Coordinator Houser. We also presented the inaugural *Library Star Awards* based on the Public Library Annual report.

Houser presented webinars on Digital Horizons and on Coding Clubs in Public and School Libraries.

Partnering with Stephanie Kom from State Historical, NDSL convened a conversation on digitization in ND and the next steps. We hired Lyrasis to facilitate the discussion. The Digital Public Library attended the convening. We are continuing conversations on how to create a ND hub for DPLA. Kom has continued to lead the conversations with Montana about possibly joining their hub but has now asked NDSL to take the lead on this project.

Houser worked with Technical Services Librarian Robinson to present a webinar on YA Summer Reads.

Houser gave a presentation to Bismarck Public Library staff on NDSL Services to the Public.

Houser presented on genealogical databases to the ND Homemaker's Association.

We have added 11 tutorials to our YouTube channel.

Talking Books:

Talking Books Manager Hammer-Schneider presented to the Low Vision group at the Burleigh County Senior Center in Bismarck.

The annual Talking Books volunteer reception was held in June. We did an evening reception that included a taco bar and homemade desserts. The speaker was ND author Ryan Taylor who was very entertaining.

Talking Books Manager Hammer-Schneider spoke at the ND National Federation of the Blind Convention.

Technical Services:

Robinson began removing the collection of the Prevention Resource Media Center as they no longer plan to have a circulating collection. Their items will be disbursed to various state agencies and other organizations.

Center for the Book:

Letter for Literature winners were notified. The awards ceremony was held as part of the Summer Reading Celebration this year.

Statewide Cataloging

Statewide Cataloging, with the assistance of Continuing Education Coordinator Houser, created a few cataloging related videos. Houser has been working on creating a variety of videos which can be viewed on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/NDStateLibrary>.

Statewide Cataloging Manger Goldade visited the ND Youth Correctional Center to train the new librarian.

Staff/Personnel

The State Library held its first Edible Book Contest during National Library Week. We had a total of 11 entries made by 15 staff members. Staff from the Tax Department served as judges and the following categories were awarded: Best Overall, Most Creative Ingredient, Most Artistic, People's Choice and Best Representation of a Book.

For years, the NDSL staff have had a longer checkout period for materials of six months. We have now changed staff checkout periods to match our non-staff patrons so eight weeks for large print and four weeks for all other items.

Public Information Officer Kristen Byram tendered her resignation as she has accepted a position at State Parks and Rec.

We hired Carmen Redding to fill the School and Youth Services Specialist position.