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Editorial Committee
This issue of The Good Stuff marks the beginning of a new way of publishing our official magazine and spreading the good news.

Last November and December, the Nominations and Elections Committee conducted a vote of the membership on a proposal to change our official magazine from a print publication to a web-based publication, beginning with the March 2005 issue. The results were validated by the Executive Board in early January and posted to the membership. Of the 132 ballots that were returned, there were 113 votes for the transition to a web-based publication and 19 against. On the second question of password protection, 99 voted against password protection and 27 voted for password protection.

On the legislative front, we are at the halfway mark for the 59th legislative session. Ilene Larson is NDLA's lobbyist and tracks what is happening with library issues, works with Legislative Chair Lillian Crook and the Legislative Committee, and keeps the general membership informed through her e-mail postings.

You can help with the legislative effort by attending weekend legislative forums in your own communities, communicating your concerns to your representatives, and showing your legislators how the resources you have benefit them and their constituents. A great way to find out what is happening this session as well as learn about the legislative process in North Dakota is through the North Dakota Legislative Branch web site at http://www.state.nd.us/lr/

Finally, now is the time to mark your calendars for the 99th Annual NDLA Conference in Grand Forks, September 21-23, 2005. Jeanne Narum, President-elect, is making plans and welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Consider presenting a program yourself, making something to donate to the annual auction, or volunteering to help in some other way.

Let's keep the good stuff happening!

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**CSLP Meeting in Bismarck**

**Submitted by Terri Wilhelm, North Dakota State Library**

A group of about 50 librarians from around the country will be in Bismarck this spring for the annual Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) meeting.

North Dakota State Library Public Awareness Coordinator Terri Wilhelm is organizing this year’s meeting, which will be held in Bismarck April 16-18, 2005.

The annual meeting is an opportunity for CSLP representatives to brainstorm, plan, and work on the CSLP’s summer reading manual for 2007 and beyond. The representatives spend three days choosing themes, prizes, and illustrators.

If you have any ideas or concerns about future summer reading themes, prizes, or manual content, please contact Terri at the North Dakota State Library at (701) 328-4656 or e-mail twilhelm@state.nd.us

The State Library still has a few copies of the 2005 summer reading manual, *Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds*, for sale at a cost of $10, which includes shipping charges. Please contact Terri for more information.
Director’s Corner: Meet Joan Bares
By Erin Smith, Editorial Committee Member

While talking with Joan Bares, the new director of the Q&R Medcenter One Health Sciences Library and Southwest Clinical Campus Librarian for the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, I learned that Joan is not only an accomplished librarian, she is also no stranger to nasty North Dakota winters.

Joan spent most of her childhood in eastern Montana before her family decided to cross the border and settle in Dickinson, where Joan graduated from high school in 1976. After graduating, Joan went on to obtain her bachelor’s degree from Dickinson State University, which led to a teaching job in Beach, North Dakota, where she was also the school librarian, from 1979 to 1988. Joan then returned to her native state of Montana, where she was initially employed by Gateway Library Automation Systems, a computer software company, before accepting a reference librarian position at Montana State University, Billings.

Joan was employed by MSU-Billings for ten years, during which time she also acquired her master’s degree in library science, long distance from Arizona State University. While employed with MSU-Billings, Joan provided library services to students of education, medicine, nursing, and psychology. In addition to her reference duties, Joan was also the library’s Grants Librarian and editor of the Montana Foundation Directory. After fourteen years in Montana, however, Joan missed North Dakota winters and her family and, thus, decided it was time to move back home. Okay, maybe, she didn’t really miss the winters, but she did miss her family. The decision to move back to North Dakota led her to pursue and accept her current position at Q&R Medcenter One, where she has been the director since July 2004.

When asked what one thing she would like the librarians of North Dakota to know about the Q&R Medcenter One Health Sciences Library, Joan responded that North Dakota librarians should be aware of the library’s status as one of the largest hospital libraries in the state and region, carrying over 300 medical journal subscriptions. Joan is enjoying the technical challenges of her new job such as working with the wide variety of online medical journals and updating the library’s Web site. She has also found that her new position requires that she develop and carry out a variety of training workshops for doctors, a new clientele for her, as she has worked mainly with students and university faculty members in her past positions.

Despite the winters, Joan is happy to be back in North Dakota and to be a part of the small (Q &R Medcenter One Health Sciences Library has three employees), but mighty MedCenter One team. I am hoping that you will all join me in welcoming her back to the state. Stay warm, Joan!
Editor’s note: Rachel White and Erin Smith were selected to represent North Dakota at the MPLA Leadership Institute held at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico in November. Rachel is Head of Technical Services at the State Archives and Historical Research Library, State Historical Society of North Dakota, and Erin is a children’s librarian at Fargo Public Library. Here are their stories.

Rachel’s Story

One of the most valuable lessons that I took away from my experience at the 2004 Leadership Institute was learning that we can all be leaders, but only if we consciously practice our leadership skills and remain vibrant, active participants in our workplaces and careers. Managerial positions alone do not make one a leader; indeed many of the other Leadership Fellows Erin and I met this year supervise no employees, or only minimal staff. It is through our actions as respectful, thoughtful professionals that our leadership style and skills develop. We all have the ability to coach co-workers, encourage professional development among staff, and articulate inspiring and meaningful visions for our libraries and library community, regardless of our place in the official hierarchy. Realizing that we have the ‘right stuff for leadership and then taking the risk to explore it is perhaps the best first step we can all take.
towards being leaders in our professional lives.

Talking and meeting with this year’s contingent of mentors provided us with sage advice, but also let us tap into the perspective that comes with years of service in the worlds of public, academic, and government libraries, library systems, and library consultancy. We were especially lucky to have NDLA’s Librarian of the Year, Jerry Kaup, as one of our mentors at this year’s Institute. Mentors led group discussions on managing differences in the workplace, taking on leadership roles in library associations, negotiating library politics, and leading from the middle. Informal group discussions on promotion and tenure, and the special challenges of working within library consortia also made for lively lunchtime conversation.

Although the week I spent at Ghost Ranch was an intense combination of listening, learning, and concentrated networking, I did not leave exhausted, but revitalized. For any NDLA members looking to get more out of themselves or their positions, or to give more of themselves to librarianship or leadership in the state, the MPLA Leadership Institute is an opportunity well worth exploring.

**Erin’s Story**

President John F. Kennedy said that, “Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

While at the 2004 Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Leadership Institute, held at the Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico, I learned a great deal, not only about leadership, but also about myself. I learned that being a leader requires strength of vision, confidence in oneself and in others, conviction, and commitment to lifelong learning. I also learned that all of us can be leaders, whether we are at the top of our organizations or on the front lines, so to speak. In addition, I learned how to become a leader in my current position, as well as how to develop personal professional goals conducive to advancing my leadership capacity. My experience at the Leadership Institute is indispensable, not only because of what I learned, but also because of the community that was formed while I was there.

On the first day of the Institute, Maureen Sullivan, our esteemed presenter, outlined the ground rules for the workshop. All of us participants agreed with the need for “active listening” and acceptance of differences, and we had just one “rule” we wanted to add to her list. We also wanted to “have fun!” Maureen graciously agreed, with a smile, to add this “rule” to the list. And, boy, did we live up to it! The community that was formed at the Institute was and is one that goes beyond a simple group of like-minded professionals who happened to be attending the same workshop. We became not only colleagues, but true friends and companions. I value the relationships developed at the Institute above all else, even above all I learned while there. I value these relationships not only because, as I joked on the last night of the Institute, I now have enough
business cards to warrant purchasing a Rolodex, but because I have developed a network of support. As a relatively new librarian, this network of support will undoubtedly be an invaluable resource as I embark upon my leadership quest.

I was very excited to learn that the Institute will be held at Ghost Ranch next year as well and that others in the profession will have the chance to learn and develop their own special networks. The qualifications for becoming an Institute attendee have changed a bit; applicants must now be five to ten years post-MLS graduates. To learn more about the MPLA Leadership Institute and how to apply, check out the MPLA website: http://www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership/

As for learning more about the “fun” you might have at the Institute, I’d like to tell you more, myself, but we have a motto: “What happens at Ghost Ranch, stays at Ghost Ranch.”

Governor’s Budget Proposal
Library Friendly

BY TERRI WILHELM, NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

Editor’s note: HB1013, relating to the North Dakota State Library budget, was passed by the House on February 17, 2005. The bill includes the State Library’s base budget, an increase for State Aid to Public Libraries of $155,693, and funding of $200,000 for additional Online Library Resources. This bill now goes to the Senate Appropriations Committee for a hearing.

Governor John Hoeven announced his 2005-2007 budget proposal during a joint session of the North Dakota Legislature in Bismarck on December 8, 2004. State Librarian Doris Ott said Hoeven’s proposal is good news for libraries across North Dakota.

Governor Hoeven recommended continuation of funding for current State Library services, which includes interlibrary loan services, reference and information services, training and continuing education programs, talking book and radio reading programming, statewide cataloging services, and state document services. He also recommended the following general fund increases for services:

- $155,693 increase in State Aid to public libraries, an 18.4% increase; increases State Aid to $1 million for the biennium, a level that has not been achieved since the 1991/1993 biennium.

- $200,000 for additional online library resources, which would be available to all North Dakota libraries and citizens during the 2005/2007 biennium, beginning July 1, 2005.

It is crucial to have an increase in State Aid funding to public libraries and increased funding for the online library resources included in the Governor’s budget proposal, because this is a blueprint for our legislators to use when making important budget decisions.

This would be an appropriate time to let your state senators and others know how you are using the online library resources and State Aid funding, and how important they are to you and to your community.
Dear NDLA Members:

You know how important it is to acknowledge success and encourage support for libraries. Here’s your opportunity! It’s time to recognize some of the outstanding folks who make a difference for libraries here in our own backyard. Do it now. Take the time to nominate and tell us about the fine work done by a librarian, benefactor or school administrator you know who has made a notable contribution to libraries in North Dakota.

**Librarian of the Year Award**

**Nomination Deadline: July 1, 2005**

“To be given to an NDLA member who has made notable contributions to the North Dakota library profession, has furthered significant development of libraries in North Dakota, or has performed exemplary statewide service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of NDLA.” The honoree is profiled in *The Good Stuff*, receives a commemorative plaque, and a one-year free NDLA membership. Recognition of the recipient is made during the NDLA Awards Banquet at the NDLA conference.

**Criteria**

- Verify that the nominee is a personal member of NDLA in good standing, or, in the case of retired persons, a former member. Contact NDLA Membership Chair, Kathy Thomas by e-mail (Kathryn.Thomas@ndsu.nodak.edu) to verify membership status.

- Detail the nominee’s contributions to the library profession and his/her history of service through articles, newspaper clippings, and any other material which may illustrate the nominee’s work in the profession. Letters should NOT be mere endorsements.

- Nomination letters should be current (material dated older than the current year will NOT be accepted by the Committee).

- The person or persons nominating a candidate should present individual letters of support (minimum of five), articles, newspaper clippings, and any other material which illustrates the nominee’s qualifications. A single letter with multiple signatures is NOT acceptable.

- Nominees from previous years may be nominated again.

- The Librarian of the Year Award is not necessarily presented every year.

**Major Benefactor Award**

**Nomination Deadline: July 1, 2005**

This citation is awarded by the NDLA Executive Board to a person or persons who have made significant contributions to a library or libraries in North Dakota. The Major Benefactor Award winner will be profiled in *The Good Stuff.*
and receive a commemorative plaque. Recognition of the recipient is made during the NDLA Awards Banquet at the annual NDLA conference. To nominate an individual, send a letter of nomination, which includes specific reasons for your nomination.

Submit nominations for the Librarian of the Year and Major Benefactor awards either electronically or by mail to: Pamela Drayson, NDSU Libraries, PO Box 5599, Fargo, ND 58105-5599; e-mail Pamela.Drayson@ndsu.nodak.edu; phone: 701.231.8887

School Library Administrator of the Year Award
Nomination Deadline: August 31, 2005

This citation is awarded by the School Library and Youth Services (SLAYS) Section of NDLA to school superintendents, elementary and/or secondary school principals, or district directors of instructional materials centers (currently in administrative office and directly responsible for a school or a group of schools), who have made significant contributions and have been strongly supportive in maintaining or strengthening an exemplary school library media program within public schools of the State of North Dakota. The honoree is profiled in The Good Stuff and receives a commemorative plaque. Recognition of the recipient is made during the banquet at the annual NDLA conference. Nominations may be made by any personal member of NDLA.

This award honors administrators who have accomplished one or more of the following:

- Advanced the role of the school library media center services in the educational program of the school;
- Exhibited a responsible and influential role in developing successful media programs;
- Stimulated interest in cooperative planning, implementation, and support necessary to improve and/or strengthen the school library media program within the educational structure of all public schools throughout the state; and provided visibility and created public awareness of the school library media center and its programs within the community, both public and educational.

The nomination should include:

- A statement of the nominee’s outstanding and sustained contribution toward furthering the role of the school library media center and its development in elementary and/or secondary education. The statement should include basic information on the school system as a whole; a description of the library situation at the time the administrator began the program, contrasted with the current situation; and a clear statement of current commitments and future plans for the improvement of the school library services.
- A brief biographical data sheet

For more information or to submit a nomination, contact Debbie K. Job, SLAYS Chair; 810 N 1st Street, Bismarck, ND 58501-3630; phone: 701.221.3401; e-mail: deb_job @educ8.org
Information Rx Project

The National Library of Medicine and the ACP Foundation have teamed up to create the Information Rx Program to provide physicians with an easy way to refer their patients to an authoritative, user-friendly and commercial free Internet site for health information. You can order free promotional materials through this site. The site mentions MedlinePlus (http://medlineplus.gov/), a valuable patient education tool that is evidence-based and advertising free.

U.S. Surgeon General’s Family History Initiative

To help focus attention on the importance of family health history, U.S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona, M.D., M.P.H., in cooperation with other agencies within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has launched a national public health campaign, the U.S. Surgeon General’s Family History Initiative, to encourage all American families to learn more about their family health history. Whenever families gather, the Surgeon General encourages them to talk about and write down the health problems that seem to run in their family.

Guinness World Records

Guinness World Records is giving everyone a chance to vote for their favorite world record of all time. Among the choices are longest gum wrapper chain, greatest number of people to fit into a Mini Cooper auto, longest home run hit, largest pizza, and the most consecutive pogo stick jumps. Check world records related to tsunamis and natural disasters. Is there a record you’d like to attempt to break? Information on official rules is provided here.

Chateau Meddybemps

Designed for primary school children, Meddybemps is a fun learning, storytelling, game site that enables parents and teachers to help young children strengthen learning skills in unique and playful ways. Storytelling will never be the same! Moving animations in the interactive stories appeal to children as they learn new facts.

Live Manuals

It’s time to reset the clock on your VCR, but you can’t find your owner’s manual. Not to worry. This site makes online owner’s manuals available for hundred of different products – everything from photography equipment to electronics. You can search the site’s database by the type of product or by the manufacturer. The website also
includes a live simulation showroom with an audio feature that reads step-by-step manual information to you.

http://www.ndinfo.org
NDinfo.org

Created by the Region VII Children’s Services Coordinating Committee, NDinfo.org is a Community Service Directory which enables parents, youth, and professionals to access information about agency services across the state of North Dakota. Searchable databases include a service directory, calendar of events, and job bank. A help section is provided.

http://www.facs.org/public_info/operation/wnao.html
When You Need an Operation

This guide from the American College of Surgeons includes hyperlinks for who should do your operation, should you seek a second consultation, and giving your informed consent. It also addresses what your operation will cost and lists frequently performed procedures. Remember to load Adobe Acrobat to view portions of this site.

http://www.abms.org
American Board of Medical Specialties
Find doctors certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties and information on maintenance of the certification programs at this website sponsored by the Board. Results of a Gallup Poll on physician selection are provided along with news and views. An organization of 24 approved medical specialty boards, the ABMS provides assurance to the public that those certified have successfully completed an approved training program and an evaluation process assessing their ability to provide quality patient care in their specialty.
Conferences

Routes to Discovery
Midwest Chapter / MLA Conference

By Lila Pedersen, UND Library of the Health Sciences

“Routes to Discovery” is the theme of the annual conference of the Midwest Chapter / Medical Library Association, which will be held in Fargo, Sept. 16-21, 2005—immediately preceding the NDLA conference. Members of the Health Science Information Section of NDLA are planning the conference, which is being co-sponsored by NDLA. For the first time in the history of the Midwest Chapter/MLA, the annual meeting will be held in North Dakota.

The varied program has topics that will appeal to a wide range of librarians. Program highlights include:

• Keynote address by Monica Mayer, M.D. from New Town, on “Medical Aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition”

• Mary Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Dean for Rural Health at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, on “Patient Safety and Medical Errors”

• Joe Janes, Ph.D., M.L.S., University of Washington School of Information, a pacesetter in virtual reference and other innovative reference services, on “Reference of the Future”

• Ann McKibbon, M.L.S., McMaster University, on “Evidence-Based Healthcare: Past, Present, and Future and Implications for Librarians”

• The Joint Commission Standards: Management of Information and Beyond

Social events are an important part of any conference, and we will be showcasing local and regional attractions. The highlight will be a special showing in the historic Fargo Theater of the movie Fargo. There will be a tour of the PRACS Institute, which conducts phase 1 and phase 3 clinical trials involving generic drugs.

The “Routes to Discovery” theme is in honor of the Lewis and Clark exploration bicentennial. The web site is under development at http://midwestmla.org/2005conference/

Keep checking it to discover more about the conference as plans unfold. Mary Markland and Judy Rieke are conference co-chairs, and Karen Anderson is the web manager.
**Conferences**

**2004 MPLA Conference**

**By Al Peterson, North Dakota State Library**

“All That Jazz” was the theme for the 2004 joint conference of the Mountain Plains Library Association and the Colorado Association of Libraries. In addition to some wonderful live jazz performances, this conference provided librarians from Colorado and the Mountain Plains states some wonderful and interesting programs, sessions, speakers … you know, “all that jazz.” It was held October 21-24 in Denver, Colorado.

This conference had many excellent programs with interesting topics, but unfortunately, as with all conferences, you have to pick and choose just a couple. I signed up for the pre-conference program entitled, “Planning, Knowing, and Showing Your Public Value.” This session was an introduction to the outcome-based evaluation presented by Karen Motylewski and Laurie Brooks from the Institute of Library and Museum Services. Another session I found interesting was “The Fascinating Villa of the Papyri.” This program was on the discovery of a “library” located at Herculaneum that contained Greek and Latin scrolls.

I was also able to attend sessions on reader advisory, literacy programs, and a session by representatives from other state libraries on the challenges and achievements in statewide library services. The conference also featured a diverse array of speakers including children’s author, Avi; science fiction writer, Connie Willis; controversial author, Michael Willhoite; Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel; and Bob Wendover, Director of the Center for Generational Studies.

A personal highlight for me was having the chance to visit some of my fellow Ghost Ranch alumni. It was nice to see people with whom I had the privilege of experiencing the MLA Leadership Institute. I look forward to many more joint MPLA-state association conferences, and I encourage librarians in North Dakota to consider joining the Mountain Plains Library Association.

*Editor’s note:* In 2005, MPLA will hold a joint conference with WLA (Wyoming Library Association) at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Oct. 12-15. For more information, visit the MPLA web site at: [http://www.usd.edu/mpla/](http://www.usd.edu/mpla/)

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**NLDA Conference, September 21-23, 2005, Grand Forks**

Mark your calendar for September 21-23 for the 99th annual NDLA conference in Grand Forks at the Holiday Inn and the Ramada Inn. The two facilities will give members twice the service and availability for quality workshops and conferencing.

The theme for this year’s conference is Providing Excellence in Information Access @ Your North Dakota Libraries. The focus will be on programming that emphasizes quality access and delivery of information for customers.

Now is the time to start thinking about workshops you would like to see presented. Send programs proposals to Jeanne Narum, Conference Chair, at: Minot Public Library, 516 Second Ave. SW, Minot, ND 58701; or e-mail Jeanne at jnarum@ndak.net

Program proposal forms and additional conference information are available on the NDLA web site: [http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/](http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/)
BY KAREN CHOBOT, CHAIR, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS COMMITTEE

Are you planning to participate in some form of continuing education this year? If so, funds are available through the NDLA Professional Development Grant, Ron Rudser Memorial Continuing Education Grant, M. Vivian Hubbard Memorial Grant, and the Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Grant.

The deadline for 2005 grants is July 15, 2005, although completed application forms may be submitted at any time. Selections for available grants will be made by the majority approval of the Professional Development Grants Committee, whose members are ineligible to apply.

NDLA Professional Development

NDLA believes that furthering an individual’s skills is beneficial to the North Dakota library environment. NDLA sets aside general fund dollars for this purpose each year. The Professional Development Grant may be used for college or university classroom work, independent study, workshops, conferences, or participation in any activity that will benefit the North Dakota library community.

Rod Rudser Memorial Continuing Education Grant

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

Application Requirements:

Professional Development & Rudser Grants

• Be North Dakota residents or employed in North Dakota
• Be current members of NDLA and must have been members for the past two years
• Submit a detailed budget of expected expenses
• Submit a narrative describing personal growth/career development expectations from the proposed program

• Submit printed materials which describe the program
• Applicants need not be currently employed in a library
• Applicants must submit an evaluative report to NDLA upon program completion for publication in The Good Stuff
• Grant money will be awarded after the NDLA president has received the evaluative report
• No applicant may receive more than one grant per 18 months
• A copy of CEU certificate or letter of recognition should accompany the report, if applicable

M. Vivian Hubbard Memorial Grant

M. Vivian Hubbard was State President of the Federated Women’s Clubs in the early 1950s. The rural bookmobile program began in North Dakota with much influence from the Federated Women’s Clubs. Hubbard believed in this program and requested that memorial funds at her death be donated to NDLA to further
interest in bookmobiles. The Hubbard grant may be used for formal college or university classroom work, independent study, workshops, conferences, or participation in any other activity that will further the work of the bookmobile, including the purchase of books or other materials.

**Application Requirements**

- Applicant must be a current member of NDLA
- Applicant must submit an evaluative report of how the grant was used to the NDLA Executive Board. The report will also be published in *The Good Stuff*.

**Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Grant**

Mike Jaugstetter was the North Dakota State Librarian at the time of his unexpected death in 2000. The Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Memorial Grant honors the superb leadership skills in librarianship which Mike demonstrated during his tenure as State Librarian. The grant money may be used for library leadership institutes or programs.

**Requirements**

- Applicants must be current individual members of NDLA and must have been members for the past two years
- Applicants must submit a detailed budget of expected expenses
- Applicants must submit a narrative statement describing personal growth and career development expectations from the program they plan to attend
- Applications should be accompanied with printed materials that describe the program

**Conditions**

- Applicants must be currently employed in a North Dakota library
- Applicants must agree to submit an evaluative report to the NDLA Executive Board upon completion of the program for publication in *The Good Stuff*
- Applicants must agree to participate in the leadership of the NDLA Executive Board for one year. Participation may include, but not be limited to section chair, officer, committee chair or committee work appointed by the President of NDLA
- Applicants must present a leadership program at the NDLA conference following participation in the leadership program or institute
- Applicants must participate in the committee selection of the following year’s recipient
- No applicant may receive more than one grant per 24 months
- Completed application forms must be submitted by July 15 of each year.
- A portion of expenses (dependent upon the NDLA budget) will be reimbursed upon completion of travel
- A written contract between NDLA and the grant recipient will be entered into regarding completion of conditions.

**Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Memorial Grant Contractual Agreement (sample)**

The North Dakota Library Association and (grant recipient) agree to the following conditions:

- Grant recipient will submit an evaluative report to the NDLA Executive Board upon completion of the leadership program for publication in *The Good Stuff*
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- Grant recipient will present a leadership program at the
Gates Grant Helps North Dakota Libraries

**By Terri Wilhelm, North Dakota State Library**

Library services across North Dakota are about to become better thanks to a “Staying Connected” grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and local community support. The North Dakota State Library was awarded $128,000 from the Foundation to support and sustain public access computing in public libraries across North Dakota.

A portion of the grant will be used for a statewide training program provided by professional staff from the North Dakota State Library. Thirty workshops will be held in communities across North Dakota in an effort to teach librarians and citizens how to use the statewide online library catalog and how to access the many online library resources available to North Dakota citizens.

With this funding and matching dollars from their communities, twenty-six libraries will be able to purchase public access computers that patrons can use to find employment, research health issues, complete academic assignments, or stay in touch with distant friends.

North Dakota State Librarian Doris Ott says it is hard to imagine the long-term impact the Gates grant program will have on public libraries in North Dakota. Ott says, “This funding will enable many public libraries across North Dakota to provide equipment, training, and services that would otherwise be unattainable in many of these rural communities.”

Libraries receiving grants through the Gates Foundation were required to raise a total of $52,000 in local financial support to match the $104,000 grant.

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**Grants to be Announced**

**Submitted by Terri Wilhelm, North Dakota State Library**

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and the North Dakota State Library will be announcing the next round of LSTA and Library Vision grants late spring/summer, 2005.

Please watch the North Dakota State Library LIST, or go to the North Dakota State Library home page at [http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us](http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us) for up-to-date information about these grants.

Once the announcement has been made, the grant guidelines will be mailed to all public, academic, and school libraries.

If you do not subscribe to the State Library LIST and would like to, please contact Lorretta at 1-800-472-2104, or lgraumann@state.nd.us

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Roxanne Henke’s fourth book, Always Jan ($12.99, 349 p., pbk.), is now available. Published by Harvest House, the book is part of the author’s Coming Home to Brewster series and deals with the topic of aging. The Wishek author’s other books are After Anne, Finding Ruth, and Becoming Olivia. Henke’s books are available from local and online booksellers. For more information about the author and her books, visit the web site at www.roxannehenke.com.


Barking Dog Records of Fargo has released American Portrait ($15, CD), a collection of popular music and show tunes by American writers from the 1890s to the present. Baritone Peter Halverson and pianist David Worth, colleagues in the music department at Concordia College, collaborated on the 17-song album. For more information, visit the web site at www.barkingdogrecords.com.

Breckenridge to Bastogne: the Accounts of World War II Paratrooper Merle McMorrow ($30, 200+ p., hardcover) relates the author’s experiences in World War II. McMorrow lived in Bismarck for 52 years before a recent move to Fargo. He was a paratrooper with the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team. For ordering information, visit http://www.richtmans.com/index2.html.

Lauren Lesmeister of Bismarck is creative in the kitchen and otherwise. His latest works are Casual Cuisine: a Fusion Food Book ($21.95, 155 p., pbk.), Going West ($18.95, 232 p., pbk.), a fictionalized biography told in the first person, and Once in a Blue Blue Moon ($12.95, CD), a collection of Lesmeister’s songs made over a 13-year period. For more information, visit the web site at http://www.cantewitko.com.


Danny Butcher and Marah De Meule have penned a history of the North Dakota Newspaper Association, Dakotans Are Reading People: the Continuing Story of the North Dakota Newspaper Association, 1886-2003 ($9.95, 160 p.). The book is available at many North Dakota newspapers or directly from the NDNA at www.ndna.com.

Tyrell and Austin Fauske, teenage fiddlers from Bottineau, have released a...
debut CD of 26 old-time fiddle, gospel, and Hardingfele (Norwegian fiddle) tunes.

Fiddle Reflections … Music from the Past ($15, CD) was recorded in September for the Norsk Hostfest. To purchase a CD, contact the Fauske Fiddlers at 701.263.4742 or e-mail rrrfranch@srt.com

Mary Ellen Erickson, Ph.D., of Kensal has penned a series of six Grandma Mary and Bonbon books to teach values, character, and a work ethic to young children. First Day of School ($5), the first book in the series, is now available. For more information about this book and two others by Dr. Erickson, Common Sense Caregiving and Otis, visit www.shopnd.com

Gateway to the Past: Rural Cemeteries of Williams County, North Dakota will be of interest to local history buffs. The Williams County Genealogical Society began working on the project in 1998 and has detailed some 8,000 burial sites in the county. The book is available at Books and Broadway in Williston (12 West Broadway, 58801; 701.572.1433) or by contacting Gloria Johnson, Chair of the Society (701.572.3202). The Society plans to update the directory every two years.


Great Stories of the Great Plains does double-duty as the title of Keith Norman’s radio show, which can be heard throughout the Dakotas, and his book series about life in this region. Volume one, subtitled 25 Biographies of People Who Shaped the Dakotas ($14.95, 134 p., pbk.), came out in November 2003. Volume two, subtitled Tales of the Dakotas ($14.95, 144 p., pbk.), was released in November 2004. A third volume is expected to be released later this year. Norman’s books are available from local booksellers and online from http://www.mccleerypublishing.com/ or www.amazon.com

GypsyFoot ($19.95, CD), the self-titled debut CD from GypsyFoot, was produced at Makoche Recording in Bismarck and released on February 4. The seven-member Bismarck band describes its music as fusion, cross-genre, and multi-genre. To find out more about the band or to order a CD, visit the web site at www.gypsy-foot.com

In 2004, Prairie Public Television and the Jamestown College Concert Choir collaborated on a project to explore the music of the Germans from Russia. Hymns of Faith Both Great and Small ($16, CD) is now available, and a documentary, Heimat: Music from Home, will air on April 24. A DVD of the documentary is forthcoming. For more information, visit http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/index.html

Richard Werre of Bismarck has penned I Love My Work … But, I Hate My Job: How to Survive Crisis and the Abuse of Power in the Workplace ($17.95, pbk., 228 p.). The book provides practical ideas to assist employees in dealing with troubled workplace environments, and is available at local bookstores or online from Barnes & Noble. Werre is a licensed addiction counselor and social worker.

The Immigrant’s Treasure ($21.95, 278 p., pbk.) is a fictionalized biography of the author’s grandfather, Michael M. Berhnard Glasoe, who was born in Norway in 1865 and
immigrated to America in 1886. Minot native James L. Glasoe wrote the book, which is available from local booksellers or online from www.amazon.com.

To celebrate ten years in business, the Makoche Recording Company of Bismarck has released The Makoche Masters ($14.98, CD/CD-ROM), an anthology of selections from their award-winning archives. The two-disc set includes a limited edition multimedia CD-ROM and features 40+ minutes of video, 20+ full-length songs, biographical information on the artists, stories about the origins of the songs, and additional information about Makoche releases and artists. For more information, visit the web site at www.makoche.com.

Miss Peggy Lee: a Career Chronicle ($49.95, 311 p., hardcover) by Robert Strom will be published in April by McFarland Publishing. The well-known singer, who died in 2002, grew up in Jamestown. For more information, visit the web site at http://www.mcfarlandpub.com/


Brenda Ehrmantraut has published her second children’s book, Night Catch ($15.95, hardcover). The book, “for every parent and child who can’t be together for bedtime tuck-ins,” tells the story of a father and son who find themselves on opposite sides of the world and stay connected with a nightly game of catch with a star. For more information, visit the web site at www.bubblegumpress.net.

Publication of a revised edition of the North Dakota Thematic Atlas: Population, Social, and Economic Dimensions ($20, 106 p.) has been announced by UND geography professors, Devon A. Hansen and Mohammad Hemmasi. The atlas was first produced and published by three UND geography faculty members in 1994. The 2005 edition includes maps, graphs, tables, and text, and covers topics such as population, employment, income, housing, health, family and social issues, and recent election results. To purchase a copy, contact the authors at the Department of Geography, UND, PO Box 9020, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9020; phone: 701-777-4587; or e-mail: mohammad_hemmasi@und.nodak.edu or devon_hansen@und.nodak.edu.

For the past four years, Norwegian journalist Espen A. Hansen and photojournalist Jan Johannessen have spent three months in North Dakota documenting the life of Norwegian-Americans in this state and the unique Norwegian character of the towns they settled. The result is the book, Norwegian Footprints ($40), published by P & P Publishing as part of the Nordic Initiative. The book is available from local booksellers or online at www.nordicinitiative.com.

Douglas Ramsey and Larry Skroch have penned One to Remember: the Relentless Blizzard of March 1966 ($17.95, 650 p., pbk.). The book includes sections for North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Canada, but mainly focuses on the monster storm in the Dakotas. This isn’t the first time that the authors have written about extreme winter weather in North Dakota. They also wrote Looking for Candles in the Window: the Tragic Red River Valley Blizzard of March 15, 1941 (1992). One to Remember is available from
local booksellers.


Mike Morley and Dick Dobson of Minot have penned *Probably in the Rough: Golf in America’s Outback* ($20), a collection of history and humorous stories about golf in North Dakota over the past 100 years. The book is available at golf shops or from D&M Publishing, PO Box 3014 in Minot (58702). Morley also wrote and published *Precision Putting and the Parallel Imaging System* in 1986.

David Alvin of Minot has penned his first novel, *Progeny* ($11.25, pbk.), a science fantasy story for young adults. For more information, visit the AuthorHouse web site at www.authorhouse.com

The *Spice of Life* ($15) is the second CD by Newburg native Deborah Hoskin. The CD was produced by Dave Roise and recorded at Image Marketing International in Minot. It can be purchased directly from Hoskin by calling 701.268.3223 or 701.272.6161, or from local retailers in Bottineau, Lake Metigoshe, Minot, Mohall, Newburg, and Westhope. Hoskin’s first CD, *Christmas from My Heart*, was released in November 2003.

Rev. Ernest Bartels of Wahpeton has written a theological and historical introduction to the practice and doctrine of communion entitled, *Take Eat, Take Drink: the Lord’s Supper through the Centuries* ($14.99, 286 p., pbk.). Intended for both pastors and the laity, the book was ten years in the making and explores the practice of communion in some 50 different Christian denominations. For more information, visit the Concordia Publishing House web site at www.cph.org

NDSU history professor David Danbom contributed the North Dakota chapter to *The Uniting States: the Story of Statehood for the Fifty Uniting States*. The three-volume set ($225) was published by Greenwood Press in 2004.

*Walk with Me* ($29.95, 200 p., hardcover) by Chris Jorgenson is a collection of inspirational songs, stories, and poems. The Leeds farm wife was inspired to share her experiences with health crises and how much the support of others matters. The book is available from local booksellers or online from Petra-Philos Publishing at http://www.petraphilpub.com/

Keep your eyes open for *There Is a Season (Part I: A Time to Plant)* by Dean Flannagin of Lisbon. The historical novel is set in Israel from 1974-95 and the central character is a disillusioned Vietnam veteran who goes to Israel on vacation and ends up staying. The book is slated for publication by PublishAmerica (www.publishAmerica.com) The author is already working on parts II and III, *A Time to Grow* and *A Time to Harvest*.

Members of the Lake Region Writer’s Group in Devils Lake are coordinating a project to publish an anthology of North Dakota writing. *Winter: a Gathering of Writers on the Prairie* will include essays, short stories, poems and memoirs, all focused on the winter season. The book should be available by June 1, 2005.
The Adams County Library in Hettinger has purchased 65 new books through a Libri Foundation matching grant and a memorial contribution. The Libri Foundation was established in 1989 to help small, rural libraries. For more information about the foundation, visit the web site at www.librifoundation.org

The Beulah Public Library sponsored its fourth Showcase of Homes on December 5. The fundraiser is held every other year and proceeds are used for day-to-day operations and the technology fund.

The Bismarck Friends of the Library invited the public to attend the group’s annual meeting on January 11. The highlight of the evening was a cooking demonstration by Teri Ann Evenson and Lauren Lesmeister, featuring recipes from their cookbooks, The Lewis and Clark Cookbook and The Sacagawea Cookbook. Jeff Evenson also gave a presentation on his latest book, Art of the Lewis and Clark Trail.

The Carrington City Library hosted a holiday open house and used book sale on November 30. They also proclaimed a “Week of Grace” to encourage users to return materials without the worry of late fees.

The Dakota West Cooperating Libraries group now has a web site designed by Christine Kujawa, current DWCL President. The URL is: http://www.bismarcklibrary.org/dwcl/dwcl.html Check it out!

Citizens of Dunn Center went to the polls on February 10 for the purpose of approving a public library. The library is a result of the Dunn Center Strategic Plan conducted a year ago. Volunteers put in many hours to renovate a building and gather donated books to create a library for the city. The library board also received a North Dakota Community Foundation grant to help with its first year of operational costs. The Dunn Center Public Library opened on February 15 and will have regular hours Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 1-4p.m.

North Dakota’s First Lady, Mikey Hoven, visited the Edison Elementary School Library in Minot in December to donate 100 Scholastic books to the library, read a story to second-graders, and share tidbits of life in the Governor’s mansion. Second-grade volunteers also drew the names of eight schools that will each receive 50 books donated by the Scholastic Corporation. The recipients include: Rolette Public School, Bell Elementary School (rural Minot), St. Patrick’s Queen of Peace School (Dickinson), Immanuel Christian School (Mandan), Gackle-Streeter Public Schools, St. Mary’s Elementary School (Grand Forks), Grassy Butte Public Schools, and Lidgerwood Public Schools.

The Fargo Public Library plans to install a wireless system to make the library a “hot spot” of wireless Internet connections for people with laptop computers and PDAs. Director Charles Pace hopes to start by creating a hot spot at the downtown library that will eventually include the perimeter of the building.

The Fargo Public Library is looking for youth ages 12 to 18 to serve on its new Teen Advisory Board. The group will help make the library more interesting to teens. The library began hosting a monthly movie night, including free popcorn, on February 3. The movie was “Pirates of the Caribbean.”

Fargo Public Library’s new library card campaign entitled “Where the Fun is Free” officially ended November 19. The campaign surpassed its goal. The final tally of new, registered borrowers added
during the eight-week card campaign was 3,565.

In November, the Fargo Public Library hosted a two-day showcase on the art of pottery. On November 4, contemporary pottery artist Bob Kurkowski displayed pieces of his work and gave a visual presentation on the history of pottery. In addition, pieces from Mr. Kurkowski’s pottery work were on display in the lobby of the main library throughout the month. On November 7, the North Dakota Pottery Collector’s Society “Road Show” was held at the library. The program featured historical and general information about the major producers of the types of pottery made from North Dakota clay. The “Road Show” included a slide presentation, a display of North Dakota pottery types, and an identification session. People who attended the program were encouraged to bring a piece of ND pottery from their collection to learn more about it. One woman found out that the piece she brought was worth $2,500! Several attendees requested that the library sponsor this program again.

The Fargo Public Library’s annual “Trim the Tree” open house event was held at both branches of the library on the same day (December 7) at the same time. More than 180 children took the opportunity to hear holiday stories, eat treats, and create ornaments for the Christmas trees at the libraries. Parents attended with their children and a good time was had by all.

The Fargo Public Library and the FM Jets, a junior hockey team in Fargo, have teamed up to present “Operation Read” to area kindergarten through 3rd graders. On Tuesdays in December, January and February, FM Jets players presented a seasonal themed storytime for children at the library. Children had a chance to meet FM Jets players and receive free tickets to a FM Jets hockey game.

Mrs. Claus (AKA Diane Briggs, Outreach Coordinator at the Fargo Public Library) made several visits to area nursing homes, daycare facilities, and public schools during the month of December. More than 900 people of all ages attended her visits, which included tea with Mrs. Claus to hear holiday stories and eat some tasty treats. This annual outreach program keeps growing with more people attending and more sights added each year.

To celebrate the opening of the new Lemony Snicket movie, “A Series of Unfortunate Events,” the Fargo Public Library held a Lemony Snicket Party in December. Over 190 children attended this open house event to listen to excerpts from the Lemony Snicket books, eat Snicket-style treats, and play “ghastly” games. Two lucky children also won copies of the newest Lemony Snicket book, The Grim Grotto.

With grants of $1,500 from the Griggs-Steele Empowerment Zone and $1,068 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, plus funds raised from a benefit and the sale of old computers, the Griggs County Public Library purchased three new computers. Funds raised at the annual PEO Women’s Showcase, a total of $1,243, were also donated to the library and will be used to pay for online services at the library.

The Hazen Public Library received a double-matching grant from the Libri Foundation to purchase children’s books. Because the library had done such a good job of promoting the Libri grant it had received five years before (Note: Val Albrecht, Hazen Public Library Director, credited former director, Jan Hendrickson, for her work on the first Libri grant), the Foundation approached the library about applying for another grant. The library filed an application and raised $500 for its part of the two-to-one grant through a variety of public donations and the help of the Hazen Friends of the Library. $1000 in matching funds came from the Libri Foundation ($500) and from Sue Campbell and Bruce
Campbell in Memory of Nancy Gallagher ($500), who worked through the Libri Foundation to offer this funding. After the new books arrived, the library sponsored a special reading time for local second graders.

To help give people the gift of sight and the joy of reading, the Kidder County Library placed a collection box in the library for donations of old eyeglasses. The glasses were given to the North Star Lions in Bismarck and will ultimately be reconditioned and distributed to needy people in developing countries. The World Health Organization estimates that eyesight in one-fourth of the world's populations could be improved by simply using corrective lenses.

The Lake Region Public Library celebrated its first anniversary on Wednesday, December 22. Balloons, refreshments, and special events will mark the occasion. In addition, architectural models and drawings and photographs of the library’s construction from April-December 2003 will be on display.

The Lake Region Public Library recently received a grant of $1,303.82 from the Devils Lake Area Foundation. The money was used to purchase several new books for the library collection.

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through December 17, then included in Christmas baskets distributed by the Salvation Army.

Vern Mastel, Technology Coordinator at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, wrote a letter to the editor of *The Bismarck Tribune* in response to a cartoon (http://leep.lis.uiuc.edu/publish/ckujawa/advocacy.html).

With the legislative session and everything else going on in our profession, I think the response is very important and should be shared with NDLA. This is Vern’s letter:

January 11, 2005

The January 7 editorial page cartoon of the youth in front of computer screen with Google displayed deserves a response to the query, “What’s a library?”

Modern libraries have moved so far beyond their roots that a turn-of-the-century librarian would be completely lost. The modern library has evolved into a community center that happens to have books as one of the services. Of the thousands of people that pass through our doors each week, only a portion are there for books. Some come for DVDs and videos, some come to read newspapers (including foreign languages), some come to read the latest issue of *Forbes* (only one of hundreds of current periodicals to choose from), some come to do their e-mail or look for products on eBay, some come to do word processing, send or receive a fax, attend a meeting,
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many things to many people,
but most definitely is not a
book museum.

Google has become a defining
element of the “information
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is also a poster child for a
somewhat dysfunctional “take
all comers” delivery system that
is given credit far beyond what
is due. Google indexes anything
and everything; the concepts of
quality, accuracy and validity
are absent. When searching
Google, the hits you get are the
result of a popularity contest,
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impacted by how much any
given site is linked to. The flaw
in this has been demonstrated
by repeated “Google bombing”
exploits. Google bombing
consists of generating huge
numbers of bogus links to a
site, thus increasing the “value”
to the Google indexing system
and resulting in the site being
ranked closer to the top of the
hit list.

We are flogged with the term
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misstatement at least, a
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ever increasing amounts of
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can it be considered information.

This is where tools like Google
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delivers data and lots of it. It is
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Libraries are neither ignorant
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Libraries regard digital books
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incredible amount of books
and materials printed prior to
the advent of the inexpensive
personal computer and wide-
spread network access. Various
companies, organizations and
projects are nibbling at the
edges of the print mountain,
but because of the sheer size of
the task, results are slow in
coming.

A second obstacle to getting
the physical into electronic
form is the significant limitations
of existing digital technology.
Dull, unexciting and “old
economy” as it is, paper is still
king. Digital technology has a
very long way to go before it
can offer anything to rival the
desirable characteristics of paper. Paper is forgiving, you can spindle, fold, and mutilate a document and still read the contents. Paper doesn’t need any power source. Paper is high contrast in the widest variety of lighting conditions. Paper comes in a nearly infinite variety of sizes and types, offering choice and customization that digital cannot yet begin to match. Paper is portable. A paperback book is far easier to transport and read than the digital version loaded on a PDA.

Recently, the Bismarck Library had the unique privilege of displaying a copy of Thomas Aquinas’ *Summa Theologica*. This copy was printed in 1698 and aside from some water damage to the binding, could be read today just as it would have been three hundred years ago. The digital market has a hard time extending a storage generation beyond five years. Computer files written to media as little as five years ago are often inaccessible because the equipment needed to read the media is no longer made.

Lastly is the issue of digital rights management. The publishers of books, music, and video material and their customers have not found common ground in the conflict between user rights and copyright. Our social structures and statutes do not supply adequate context and controls to the user. As a result, the rights holders and publishers are rightly skeptical about being adequately compensated for their work. We must have the social maturity to move beyond the overly simplistic view that “it’s digital, therefore it’s free.”

So, “What’s a library?” Check with the person at the Reference Desk.

Sincerely,

The members of the Central Dakota Library Network

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**“Paper is still king”**

Bismarck Public Library
Thomas T. Jones, Director
Vern Mastel, Technology Coordinator

Burleigh County Bookmobile
Donna Maston, Librarian

Mandan Public Library
Kelly Steckler, Director

Beulah Public Library
Colleen Wiest, Director

Hazen Public Library
Val Albrecht, Director

Garrison Public Library
Michelle Gehring, Director

Beulah Public Schools Libraries
Carol Schwartz, Director

Mclean-Mercer Regional Library
Roberta Steckler, Director

New Salem Public Schools Libraries
Delores Reiner, Librarian

United Tribes Technical College
Charlene Weis, Director

Welder Library, University of Mary
Cheryl Bailey, Director

Underwood Public Library
Loreta Gilbert, Director

St. Mary’s Central High School
Connie Tschider, Librarian

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On November 2, 2004 voters in Fargo passed a proposal for a half-cent sales tax to pay for expanded library facilities. The tax will be in effect for 18 months, from January 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 and is expected to raise around $12 million for the library. The sales tax funds will be used to pay for a new or expanded main library, an expanded south side branch, and a new storefront branch library on the north side of town. Approval of the sales tax required a supermajority of 60%, and the tax passed with 62% of the vote. Voters in 28 out of 40 precincts in the city were in favor of the tax by the required 60% margin; in no precinct did the initiative receive less than 50% of the vote.

The sales tax initiative originated with Fargo City Commissioner Mike Williams, who brought the proposal to the Fargo Public Library Board of Directors at its August 24 meeting. Commissioner Linda Coates was also present at the meeting and offered her support for the referendum. The Library Board unanimously supported the proposal from Commissioner Williams, and Coates agreed to formally request that the Fargo City Commission place the issue on the ballot for November.

The referendum issue would have to be decided at the Commission meeting on August 30 as this was the last meeting prior to the September 3 deadline for placing new items on the ballot. The Commission meeting turned into a moment of high drama with presentations from Library Director Charles Pace as well as several members of the Library Board and the Friends of the Fargo Public Library. Heated debate among the members of the City Commission continued for more than an hour and a half and the outcome was in doubt until the very last moment. However, in the end, library supporters prevailed by the narrowest possible margin, a vote of 3 to 2 in favor of placing the issue before the voters. At this point, the Library Board went into high gear and began the hard work of actually making the case to the voters for the passage of the sales tax.

Following the City Commission meeting, the Library Board appointed former board member Virginia Dambach to chair a new citizens committee charged with getting the tax approved by the voters. With only eight weeks until Election Day, Ms. Dambach and Commissioner Coates did a great job of getting the committee organized and the campaign under way. The committee adopted the name “Citizens for Better Libraries” and quickly put in place a website www.newfargolibrary.com as well as brochures, posters, and a speakers bureau. Members of the committee spoke at various service clubs and community organizations around town to make the case for expanded libraries. More than 10,000 brochures were distributed to various businesses and individuals throughout the city. Committee members also appeared on various local talk radio programs, local television news reports, and in the Fargo Forum newspaper. By the last two weeks of the campaign, the committee had raised enough
money to run radio ads in a final effort to reach as many voters as possible.

Although no organized opposition emerged, the campaign did have its ups and downs. Mid-October was a discouraging time as the local newspaper came out with an editorial opposed to the sales tax. However, spirits were lifted a week later when a pre-election poll showed 62% of the voters in favor of the library tax. In the final push in the last two weeks before the election, members of the Citizens for Better Libraries Committee went door-to-door to hand out brochures and ask people to support the library tax initiative. Although it is impossible to say for sure, this strong grassroots support certainly seemed to play a key role in the election outcome.

Following the successful election, the Fargo City Commission established a Building Committee to coordinate the library expansion. Currently, work is underway to select an architect for these projects. The next few years should prove to be a very interesting time at the Fargo Public Library.

Editor’s Note: For more information, you may also want to read the “Grassroots Report: Getting Out the Vote in Fargo” by Jennifer Burek Pierce in the January 2005 issue of American Libraries.

Bobcats have been prowling at the Bismarck Public Library – Bismarck Bobcats Hockey Team, that is. In celebration of Children’s Book Week, the Library’s Youth Services department sponsored “Family Night at the Library with the Bobcats” on November 15, 2004.

On the ice, the Bobcats play in the West Division of the NAHL, but they contribute more than hockey action to the community. Off the ice, they mix with children by reading at schools and involving themselves with other activities in the Bismarck-Mandan area.

Six members of the Bobcats Hockey Team along with their mascot, Scratch, participated in the event. First, they helped Mother Goose and Droofus with the story, “The Hat” by Jan Brett, in the Story Room. Then, the audience of all ages convened in the Youth Services area where six activity stations were available for patrons to make Thanksgiving sticker turkeys, Bobcat pennants, “Scratch” bookmarks, coloring papers, or listen to a Bobcat player read another story. Scratch was a hit for autographs and hugs!

A good time was had by all, especially the team members, who left saying, “Hey! This was fun! Let’s do it again!”
If you don’t know a lot about RSS feeds, this is your chance to learn. Maren Niemeyer, the Lead Information Specialist at the Rural Assistance Center at the University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health in Grand Forks, has written this very informative article to explain it to you.

After reading Maren’s article, I downloaded the SharpReader and I subscribed to some channels, including that of the Rural Assistance Center. It is a nice way to keep updated! Thank you for sharing this information with us, Maren!

RSS Feeds
By Maren Niemeyer

RSS, alternately known as Really Simple Syndication, Rich Site Summary, or RDF Site Summary, is an XML-based method for distributing news headlines on the Web. A recent report from the Pew Internet and American Life Project suggests that, while only 5% of internet users currently use RSS, the application is "gaining an impressive foothold." There are three main ways to take advantage of RSS: by reading RSS feeds to keep current, by using other people's RSS feeds to provide content on your site, and by publishing RSS feeds to update your users about library resources.

RSS feeds are a quick and easy way to find out what is new on your favorite sites. For each new item on a site, an RSS feed will display a headline, short description, and link to follow for more information. Sites that offer RSS usually have a small orange XML icon or a link that says RSS or XML. RSS feeds often accompany weblogs and are also available from news sites, such as the New York Times. Firefox users may notice an orange “live bookmarks” icon in the lower right of the browser that allows users to view feed contents within Firefox. To find feeds on topics that interest you, you can try NewsIsFree's list of news sources at http://www.newsisfree.com/sources/, Feedster's Feedfinder at http://feedfinder.feedster.com/, or Syndic8's Feed List at http://www.syndic8.com/feedlist.php. For a list of over 100 library and information science web feeds, visit LISFeeds.com.

If you are interested in exploring the world of RSS feeds, you can download an RSS reader, sometimes referred to as a news aggregator. Some popular Windows RSS readers include FeedReader and SharpReader. There are also web-based RSS readers, such as Bloglines. For a list of RSS readers available for different platforms, please see http://blogspace.com/rss/readers. After installing an RSS reader, you can add each feed manually by pasting the web address into your news reader.

You can see an example of what an RSS feed looks like using Feedreader pictured on the first page.

The selection of feeds, also known as channels, is listed in the left-hand column, and each feed with unread items is bold. The upper right box lists the headlines, again with unread items in bold, and the lower right box shows an individual headline, description and link to "read on" to view the full news article.

Besides offering an efficient method for tracking news, RSS feeds can be used to feed content to your web site from reputable sources. Many sites that offer RSS content provide guidelines about using the content on another web site, such as requirements to provide credit and other restrictions. In order to pull the content into your site, you will need an RSS parser, which can take the content from the feed and pull it into a relevant location on your web site. Several tools are available online that create JavaScript you can use to include a specific feed on your site. Some examples include Feedroll (http://www.feedroll.com/rssviewer/), RSS Digest (http://www.bigbold.com/rssdigest/index.html) and RSS-xpress Lite (http://rssxpress.ukoln.ac.uk/lite/include/).

The most exciting aspect of RSS is sharing your own new resources and content with your users. Some opportunities for libraries to use RSS include feeds for new acquisitions, new journal table of contents, and lists of web sites librarians have identified on specific topics. Examples of libraries currently using RSS feeds are available on Gerry McKiernan's RSS(sm): Rich Site Services at http://www.public.iastate.edu/~CYBERSTACKS/RSS.htm

The Rural Assistance Center (RAC) recently began offering news updates to our users via RSS. We provide feeds listing funding opportunities, rural news, Federal Register notices, upcoming events, and more. A full list of RAC feeds is available at http://www.raonline.org/rss/. Our feeds are all generated from the database that supports our web site and are updated automatically using the same PHP that produces most of our web pages. The RAC feeds require no additional work from staff and offer enhanced access to information for our users.

The specifics of creating your own RSS feed will vary depending on the data source you use and the technology available on your web server, but the syntax for RSS feeds is easy to understand if you are familiar with basic HTML. You can create a simple RSS feed by hand using a text editor like Notepad. Each item that appears on the feed has an opening and closing tag that identifies it as an item. Next comes the title, then the description, the link, and the publication date. The example shown earlier in Feedreader looks like this when you view

“\[The most exciting aspect of RSS is sharing your own new resources\]”
RSS feeds have file names that end in ".xml" or ".rss" to identify them as RSS. Before you make your feed public, you should check the syntax using an RSS validator such as FeedValidator at http://feedvalidator.org/. If you are running your feed from a database, you may want to watch it for awhile before you make it public, to make sure that the content you are sending to the feed can be read by an RSS reader.

For more information on RSS:
Rich Site Services: Web Feeds for Extended Information and Library Services, by Gerry McKiernan, Sept 2004:
http://www.llrx.com/features/richsite.htm

WebReference Articles on RSS:
http://www.webreference.com/authoring/languages/xml/rss/

The State of Blogging, Pew Internet & American Life Project, Jan 2005:
http://www.pewinternet.org/pdfs/PIP_blogging_data.pdf

Tip of the Month:
PDF Shortcuts
By Lorna Olsen, ITS Department, NDSU

Do you really hate opening PDF files because of the time it takes to actually get to see the content? You're not alone! People have long lamented this slow behavior and, in fact, some people won't even open PDF files. They'd rather miss viewing the file than wait for it to open!

When you don't have the Acrobat or Reader application open and you open a PDF file (by clicking a link on the Web, from an email attachment, etc.), Acrobat opens and automatically loads extra utilities called "plug-ins" before the PDF file opens. This loading process is what causes the time delay. Most of the time you don't even need to use these plug-ins to use the PDF file, so why not disable them temporarily and speed up the process?

To open Acrobat or Reader without loading the plug-ins:

1. Hold down the SHIFT key, then click (or double-click) the PDF file you wish to open
2. Release the Shift key when your PDF file opens

This shortcut trick temporarily disables loading the Acrobat plug-ins during that session of Acrobat or Reader. Once you close Acrobat or Reader and then reopen it without holding down the Shift key, all of the plug-ins are again loaded and available. The nice thing about this shortcut trick is that until the next time you reboot your computer, you only have to use it once to open subsequent PDF files. Even though the plug-ins load once again when you later open other PDF files, the application still loads significantly faster than it did originally. Once you reboot the computer, you'll need to use the Shift key shortcut once to speed things up again.

When you follow a link to a PDF file on a Web page, you'll need to press the Shift key BEFORE you click the link. If the hyperlinked text doesn't tell you the link is to a PDF file, you may not realize it until it's too late to press the Shift key. However, if you rest the mouse pointer on the link then look at the text listed in your browser's Status Bar (usually displayed in the lower left corner of the screen – in most browsers you can click View, Status Bar from the Menu Bar if you don't see a Status Bar displayed), you can check what kind of file you'll be opening. If you see .pdf at the end of the file path listed in the Status Bar, you should hold down the Shift key before clicking the link!

Keep in mind that when you use this Shift key shortcut none of the plug-ins normally present in Acrobat or Reader will be loaded and available for use. Again, most of the time you don't use these plug-ins to view most PDF files. However, since the plug-ins are disabled you may run into things that won't work, or menu commands that aren't available. For example, you can't work with fill-in form fields when the forms plug-in isn't loaded, and since you temporarily disabled loading all of the plug-ins, the forms plug-in won't be available to load! Just remember, if you do need to use these missing plug-ins, simply close Acrobat or Reader (or the PDF file you're viewing in your Web browser), then reopen it without holding down the Shift key – the plug-ins should now be available!

TechTips & More is a column that lists tips about technology (TechTips) or something else that our readers do in the library that makes their lives a little easier or more efficient (More). Please submit your tips to Karen Anderson at: Karen_anderson@und.nodak.edu

It’s Back!!!

By Terri Wilhelm, North Dakota State Library

It's 3 a.m. and you have yet to fall asleep because of the throbbing pain in the ankle you injured at tonight's volleyball game. You lay there and wonder whether you should go to the emergency room, or if there is something you can do to ease the pain. Why not log on to the Gale Group's Health and Wellness Resource Center to find out what your options are? You can access this resource from your home computer to get help to make the right decision about your condition.

Thanks to funding from the North Dakota State Library, the Health and Wellness Resource Center is back online and available for public access through your local library, or the North Dakota State Library's Web site at http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ElectronicResources.html#Health

The Health and Wellness Resource Center is full of health-related topics including magazines, journals, newspapers, and a variety of other health-related information. This resource is intended for informational purposes only.
Last November, Carol A. Brey-Casiano, President of the American Library Association (ALA), extended an invitation to NDLA and other state chapters to participate in an ALA Presidential initiative to celebrate the diverse voices in the literature of our nation, the unique heritage of our individual states or regions, and the unifying role played by libraries in bringing these voices together.

Each ALA chapter was asked to submit two book selections – one for children or young adults and one for adult readers. The books could be fiction or non-fiction, current or historical, and individual chapters were instructed to “use any selection process or criteria that you prefer.” Executive Board members Debbie Job, SLAYS Chair, and Paulette Nelson, Chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee, were appointed to oversee the selection process for NDLA.

North Dakota’s selections (shown in the format which ALA requested, including a 75-word (maximum) annotation) are:

**STATE OR REGION:** North Dakota  
**TITLE:** If You’re Not From the Prairie  
**AUTHOR:** David Bouchard  
**PUBLISHER & DATE OF PUBLICATION:** Aladdin, 1998  
**ISBN:** 1895714664  
**CATEGORY:** Children’s  
**ANNOTATION:** This poetic tribute invites readers to experience the blazing light, cutting wind, endless sky, piercing cold, and extraordinary beauty of the prairie. It’s a land of extremes, as the lyrical text and illustrations make clear, that inspires extreme devotion from its hardy inhabitants.

**STATE OR REGION:** North Dakota  
**TITLE:** Peace Like a River  
**AUTHOR:** Leif Enger  
**PUBLISHER & DATE OF PUBLICATION:** Grove/Atlantic, 2001  
**ISBN:** 087113795X  
**CATEGORY:** Adult  
**ANNOTATION:** A family’s journey is touched by serendipity and the kindness of strangers, and they
cover territory far more extraordinary than even the Badlands where they search for their brother from their Airstream trailer. Peace Like A River is at once a heroic quest, a tragedy, a love story, and a haunting meditation on the possibility of magic in the everyday world.

Other nominees in the children’s category were: Sacagawea / Liselotte Erdrich; River Friendly, River Wild / Jane Kurtz; Heetunka’s Harvest / Jennifer Berry Jones; Gopher Tails for Papa / Erling Nicolai Rolfsrud; My Prairie Christmas / Brett Harvey; Range Eternal / Louise Erdrich; and Jake’s Orphan / Margaret “Peggy” Brooke. The other nominees in the adult category were: Message on the Wind / Clay S. Jenkinson, and The Bones of Plenty / Lois Phillips Hudson.

To view the list of selections on the Many Voices, One Nation web site, visit http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governanceb/executiveboard/breycasiano/manyvoices.htm

The full booklist will serve as the basis for an exciting Many Voices, One Nation, One Night @ your library nationwide read aloud to be held on Monday, April 11, 2005 during National Library Week.

ARL/OMLS Online Lyceum, July 28-August 20, 2004
By Sally Dockter, Assistant Head of Reference and Head of Branch Library Services, Chester Fritz Library, UND

Editor’s note: One of the requirements of receiving an NDLA Professional Development Grant is to submit an evaluative report for publication in The Good Stuff. This is Sally Dockter’s report.

Nobody wants a bad supervisor and nobody wants to be a bad supervisor – it only results in an ineffective organization with huge personnel costs for continual hiring, training, and rehiring and retraining.

The goal of “Coaching for Performance,” an online lyceum sponsored by ARL, is to give supervisors the skills to help underachievers be more productive, keep high achievers challenged, and to address problem behaviors. The coaching approach is based on trust, respect, guidance and commitment instead of commanding. Without these basic tenets, people won’t buy into “the plan” or “the mission.”

We read and discussed recent management theories, some of which are quite ineffective. Take “empowerment,” for example. To managers, empowerment sounds good in theory, but the command and control model is what they trust and know best. When job requirements are pre-determined and the processes are controlled, employees operating in such an environment cannot be empowered and perhaps don’t need to be.

Anyway, as my first online course, I was impressed with the sophistication of the interactive courseware. Course expectations were clearly laid out and feedback was readily available.
Now is a great time to contact legislators and local officials

BY PAMELA DRAYSON, PAST PRESIDENT

Everyone likes to get good news. But most public officials only hear from their constituents when something is wrong or when they want something from them.

Think about how nice it would be for your legislative representative to hear from the library’s supporters before the legislative session begins. Although that opportunity has passed for the 59th legislative session, it is still good advice and it still isn’t too late to:

• Let your legislators know about the good things happening in your libraries,

• Provide specific information about the economic benefits of the library to the community, or,

• Provide a quick demonstration of how to access the library databases and other online resources of interest to them

Another way to help send the message about the good services your library provides to your community is to ask each of your library trustees to talk to one city, state, or local government representative. Just select one specific fact or message to communicate and take a few minutes for coaching at the next trustee’s meeting.

For those of you who’ve never talked to your mayor, county commissioner, or state legislator, now is a great time to try it.

SUBMITTED BY TERRI WILHELM, NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

You are invited to the second annual summer reading kick-off at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck on June 1, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme for this year’s program is Discover Dinosaurs and Dragons.

North Dakota Summer Reading Coordinator Terri Wilhelm says, “The kick-off is an opportunity for libraries across the state to promote their summer reading programs and get students excited to read over the summer months.” Wilhelm adds that any North Dakota library is invited to take part in this event, or to plan their own kick-off celebrations in their own communities.

The kick-off is sponsored by the North Dakota State Library, State Historical Society of North Dakota, North Dakota Council on the Arts, and the Bismarck and Mandan Public Libraries. Watch for more details on the State Library LIST.

If you would like to have your name on the list to receive this information, please call Wilhelm at (701) 328-4656, or e-mail twilhelm@state.nd.us.

North Dakota librarians are interested in providing solid, innovative summer reading programs in their communities, and many of the state’s libraries use the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) manual to design their programming. If you missed ordering your 2005 summer reading manual, Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds, you can still order a copy from Highsmith by calling 1-800-448-4887, or ordering online at www.highsmith.com/upstart/2005CSLP.htm

Submitted by Terri Wilhelm, North Dakota State Library

Kick-Off Summer Reading June 1
In reviewing TONS of material from Phyllis Bratton’s ALA resources, I happened on a rural librarianship file. Through the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship (CSRL) at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, librarians have access to practical resources for hinterland folk like us.

Apparently one of the pillars of the Center is the bookmobile. Once a year the CSRL sponsors the Great American Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference. The 2005 Conference, which meets in conjunction with the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries, will be held in Columbus, Ohio.

In addition to publishing *Rural Libraries* and *Bookmobile and Outreach Services*, CSRL prepares and distributes “National Bookmobile Guidelines,” which can be found at [http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/bookmobi.htm](http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/bookmobi.htm). Tables of contents of past issues of *Rural Libraries* can be viewed at [http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/rural.htm](http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/rural.htm). *Bookmobile and Outreach Services* can be viewed at: [http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/bos.htm](http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/bos.htm)

Most of you probably were familiar with all this stuff, but I got excited with the find and just like a new convert had to share!

All of this information, as well as a bibliography on rural services, can be found at the Center’s web site: [http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/csrlhom.htm](http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/csrlhom.htm).

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**Tidbits for Rural Libraries**

**BY MARYLYN JOHNSON, ALA COUNCILOR**

If you are interested in learning how you can earn a Master’s Degree in Library Science through the University of North Texas (UNT) Distance Education program, you have the opportunity to attend an informational session about their program via the Interactive Video Network (IVN).

These informational sessions are scheduled on April 4, 2005, from 7-9 p.m. (CST) at the following locations across North Dakota: North Dakota State University, Fargo, (EML 183); Bismarck State College (Vo-Tech # 218); Dickinson State University (North Campus #104); University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, (Gamble #120); Minot State University (Student Union-Prairie Room); and Williston State College (Main #120). For a map of each location, go to [http://ndivn.nodak.edu](http://ndivn.nodak.edu) and <click> on the site you wish to attend. Anyone interested in this program is invited to attend.

Phil Turner, Vice Provost for Learning Enhancement and Professor of School and Information Sciences, will host the sessions from the NDSU site. Information about UNT can be found at [http://www.unt.edu/slis/viatheweb/viaweb.htm](http://www.unt.edu/slis/viatheweb/viaweb.htm)

The North Dakota State Library has established a grant program to encourage North Dakotans to pursue a Masters of Library Science degree from an ALA-accredited school. The next grant opportunity will be in the fall of 2005. For information on the IVN sessions, or grant opportunities offered by the State Library, contact Cindy Larson at 1-800-472-2104.
Canoe Kudos  
Nomination Form

NDLA has a new vehicle for recognizing individuals who have shown support or done something special for libraries, or for those who do a wonderful job of making your day at the library. Any member of NDLA can honor a deserving individual by submitting this nomination form along with a $10 donation to the Professional Development Grant Fund. NDLA will present the honoree with a Canoe Kudos pin and, if appropriate, submit a press release to the local newspaper. Canoe Kudos honorees will also be listed in The Good Stuff. You may buy or receive more than one pin.

Name ________________________________

Home Address ____________________________

Work Address ______________________________

Position ________________________________

Sponsor’s name ____________________________

Reason for Nomination ____________________

Longer kudos? You may photocopy this form and use the back!

Send nomination form and $10 donation (checks payable to NDLA) to: Karen Chobot, Professional Development Committee Chair, Mildred Johnson Library, NDSCS, 800 N. 6th St., Wahpeton, ND 58076

Welcome to NDLA! New members since the last issue of The Good Stuff are Tom Nicolai (Cooperstown), Karen Joan Kohoutek (Fargo), Darlene Isaak (Hazen), Debbie Holmstrom (Jamestown), JoLynn Dockter (Mandan), and Patti Lawson (Riverdale).

Wondering if your dues are paid for this year? Check www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndla/members.html. Updated daily.

Help us increase our membership in 2005! If you know of library staff who aren’t members, please tell them about NDLA. A membership form can be found on our web page at ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/ The NDLA membership year is January to December.

Editor’s note: As of February 22, 2005, we have 384 members.
Treasurer's Report  
As of December 31, 2004  
By Michael Safratowich, NDLA Treasurer  
Editor's note: Approved by electronic vote of the Executive Board

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