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Winter grey and falling rain, we’ll see summer come again,
Darkness falls and seasons change (gonna happen every time).
Same old friends the wind and rain, Summers fade and roses die,
You’ll see summer come again, Like a song that’s born to soar the sky


These lyrics are part of the “Weather Report Suite” from the Grateful Dead. The “Weather Report Suite I & II” is a lyrical reminder that as seasons change so does life itself. With any organization, changes happen and NDLA is no exception. There are changes that are occurring with the North Dakota Library Association Executive Board. Cathy Langemo has decided not to renew her contract with NDLA as our executive secretary. A search committee is currently finding a replacement and, hopefully, we’ll have someone hired as executive secretary by the time this issue of The Good Stuff is published. As President, I want to thank Cathy for her 11 years of dedication and service to the North Dakota Library Association and wish her well in her future endeavors. Also, our longtime legislative advisor and lobbyist, Ilene Larson, decided to retire from the lobbying game. Our web editor is stepping down at the end of this year, too. We will be looking for someone who can maintain the NDLA website. The executive board will be looking at filling these positions this year. Hopefully these changes to the board will be for the betterment of the organization.

Another change is the location of the next conference. As many of you know, the next conference will be held in conjunction with the South Dakota Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. During the Nebraska Library Association/MPLA Conference in October, I attended a planning meeting with representatives from the South Dakota Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association. From what I’ve heard about the plans that are already in place, this is going to be a fantastic experience with fantastic programs, speakers, and events. I’m definitely looking forward to the Tri-Conference. The theme is “The Library: All Travelers Welcome.” I hope we can all be travelers to Sioux Falls this September. At the last board meeting, we decided to look into setting up a ride list where members can contact each other for carpooling. Doesn’t a road trip with your library friends sound like fun? Information about the conference is available on the South Dakota Library Association website.

Want to make a change for the organization? Consider running for office in this great organization or stepping up to serve on a committee. Our organization thrives on the participation of our member community. The organization needs you and your creativity, your passion, and leadership. I encourage anyone who is considering a position on the NDLA board or who is asked to help on a committee to say “yes.”
By Steven Axtman, Training Coordinator
North Dakota State Library

The North Dakota State Library will present the 2013 Spring Workshops on April 8 (Monday) and April 9 (Tuesday) at the Bismarck Comfort Inn. A block of rooms has been reserved for these dates; call 1-800-228-5150 and ask for the conference rate.

Sue Black will be the featured speaker at the 2013 Spring Workshops. (See her profile at: http://storynet.org/teller/directory.php?ID=409). Sue will present two workshops on Monday, April 8, 2013:

• **It Takes a Village** (bullying prevention, 9 a.m. -12 p.m.)
  Effective, long-term bullying prevention requires the entire community to be involved. This fast-paced, information-packed workshop is based on the latest research and best practice in bullying prevention.

• **Storytelling? You Can Do It!** (1-4 p.m.)
  Explore the unlimited potential for using storytelling in your work. Experiment with voice, dialogue, body language, facial expressions, and gestures. Model the energy, enthusiasm and playfulness in your storytelling that you want to inspire in your emerging readers. A discussion of how to put together a dynamic program is included.

Sessions for Tuesday, April 9, 2013, include:

• Social media identity & online security
• Census & demographic facts from the State Data Center
• Literati Public/Credo Reference - a new ND online resource
• Crafts in the library
• Free and open source software
• Ancestry Library Edition / TutorND

The registration fee is $60 for two days (fee includes catered lunch for both days).

To register online:
http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=9851

Further information: saxtman@nd.gov
North Dakota libraries are blessed with dedicated people who pour their hearts and souls into their work. Let's honor them for their commitment to excellence in the field of library service.

Each year NDLA recognizes someone who displays commitment to their library and excellence in our profession by selecting one outstanding individual as the Librarian of the Year. NDLA also recognizes individuals, families, or organizations that have made significant contributions to a library or libraries in North Dakota with the Major Benefactor Award. Both of these awards are given based on nominations from NDLA members. It is time to start thinking about those you know who have made notable contributions to excellence in library service or have furthered the work of libraries in our state.

**Librarian of the Year Award Criteria**

**Deadline for Nominations: May 31, 2013**

- Verify the nominee is a personal member of NDLA in good standing or, in the case of retired persons, a former member. Verification can be made by contacting NDLA Membership Chair Kathy Thomas (ndla.membership@gmail.com).
- Detail the nominee’s contributions to the library profession and history of service through articles, newspaper clippings, and any other material which may illustrate the nominee’s work in the profession.
- Nomination letters must be current (material dated prior to the current year will NOT be accepted by the Committee). Letters should NOT be mere endorsements.
- 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 honoree is profiled in *The Good Stuff* and receives a commemorative plaque and a one-year free NDLA membership. The award will be presented at the Awards Banquet at the annual NDLA conference.

**Major Benefactor Award Criteria**

**Deadline for Nominations: May 31, 2013**

The Major Benefactor Award is presented 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. The award will be presented at the Awards Banquet at the annual NDLA conference.

To nominate candidates for the Librarian of the Year or Major Benefactor Awards, send all required forms and materials to:

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The American Public Health Association Conference in San Francisco had its share of excitement thanks to a more than one-inch thick scientific sessions/meetings catalog, the Giants winning the World Series (their homecoming celebration shut down most of the city on Wednesday), and Hurricane Sandy. Thank you for the great opportunity to further my professional development and form a more cohesive working relationship with faculty, staff, students and community public health workers through interactions while attending this conference October 27-31, 2012, at the Moscone Center. The professional development grant I was awarded insured I was able to attend this conference. I was also one of 12 recipients of the Medical Library Association Public Health/Health Administration Section Sewell Stipend.

More than 12,500 people were present. Thirty sections covering topics from aging health to vision health offered scientific sessions lasting an hour and one half, during which time four or five speakers would present research projects. Unfortunately, Hurricane Sandy prevented some speakers from being able to attend. There were also sessions for five forums, 13 caucuses, and 25 administrative board meetings.

As the University of North Dakota offers an Advanced Public Health Nursing degree and this fall admitted the founding class for the master’s degree in public health, I am now more knowledgeable about the pertinent theories and current topics of research and can implement what I learned when working with students, faculty, and the general public. Public health crosses one of the broadest spectrums of theory and interest; it is great to have such a big picture view of the academic and the public side of the implementation and research being conducted.

My conference learning started on the flight out as I was able to talk with one of Grand Forks’ public health officials. We brainstormed about common projects we could do through the Harley E. French Library of the Health Science’s National Network of Libraries of Medicine outreach program. Before and throughout the conference, I also spent time with Dr. Raymond Goldsteen, UND’s Public Health department chair. He served as my mentor as part of the Sewell Stipend award.

I chose to focus on sessions involving rural health and food issues. Here are the sessions I attended:

- Epidemiologic Methods
NDLA has a vehicle for recognizing individuals who do a wonderful job in their libraries or who have shown support or done something special for libraries. 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.

The conference’s opening speaker was Passages author Gail Sheehy and the closing speaker was the controversial Angela Davis. Ms. Davis, who once was on the FBI’s “Ten Most Wanted List,” lived up to her reputation by digressing from her original topic on incarceration, justice, and health to the topic of free Palestine.

One of the Sewell Stipend’s requirements was that we had to in some way pay service while at the conference. My service was to spend four hours staffing the National Library of Medicine exhibit hall booth. This gave me a chance to talk about many of NLM’s online products to a very wide audience. One great place for librarians to help patrons is by pointing them to the online resource PHPartners.org. This is a one-stop shop for agencies that deal with public health, including extensive disaster information.

I’d like to thank my library director, Lila Pederson, and the assistant director, Barbara Knight, for providing the administrative support and professional leave time for me to attend this workshop.

Canoe Kudos Nomination Form

Name ________________________________

Home Address ________________________________

Work Address ________________________________

Position ________________________________

Sponsor’s name ________________________________

Reason for Nomination ________________________________

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

Ron 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 the practicing librarian in any type of library. Regular conference programs or conventions do not qualify.

Application Requirements for Professional Development & Rudser Grants
1. Applicants must:
   • be North Dakota residents or employed in North Dakota
   • be current members of NDLA and must have been members in the past two years
   • submit a detailed budget of expected expenses
   • submit narrative describing personal growth/career development expectations from the proposed program
   • submit printed materials which describe the program
2. Applicants need not be currently employed in a library
3. Applicants must submit an evaluative report to NDLA upon program completion for publication in The Good Stuff
4. Grant money will be awarded after the NDLA president has received the evaluative report
5. No applicant may receive more than one grant per 18 months
6. A copy of CEU certificate or letter of recognition should accompany the report, if applicable

M. Vivian Hubbard Memorial Grant
The rural bookmobile program began in North Dakota with much influence from the Federated Women’s Clubs. M. Vivian Hubbard, State President of the Federated Women’s Clubs in the early 1950s, 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 for M. Vivian Hubbard Memorial Grant
1. Applicant must be a current member of NDLA.
2. Applicant must agree to submit an evaluative report of how the grant was used to the NDLA Executive Board and said report will be published in The Good Stuff.

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

Application Requirements for Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Memorial Grant
1. Applicants must be current individual members of NDLA and must have been members for the past two years
2. Applicants must submit a detailed budget of expected expenses

LOOKING TO TAKE A CLASS OR ATTEND A CONFERENCE THIS YEAR? DON’T FORGET THAT NDLA HAS GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE!
3. Applicants must submit a narrative statement describing personal growth and career development expectations from the program they plan to attend.
4. Applications should be accompanied with printed materials that describe the program

Conditions for Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Memorial Grant

- Applicants must be 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 to 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 should be submitted by August 1 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

The NDLA Grant Application form is available online, or by contacting Lori West, Chair of the Professional Development Committee, at lwest@cityoffargo.com.

School Librarians – Common Core Opportunity

Collaborate 21 Summer Academy, Year Two

By Donna James, MLS
Graduate Library Education Program Director, Valley City State University

Valley City State University is seeking ten new school teams to attend the Year Two Collaborate 21 Summer Academy to be held June 16-19, 2013, and earn (free) credit to learn more about the common core and how your school librarian can collaborate to help your school design and meet those standards.

The Collaborate 21 Project is a three-year project funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in partnership with the North Dakota LEAD Center and Valley City State University. This is an “expenses paid” opportunity to learn about common core, earn professional development credits toward LMS or teacher or administrator credential renewal, and have the chance to earn an expenses paid trip for your school team to attend and present at a national conference. One of the Year One Collaborate 21 teams will be attending and presenting at the American Library Association conference in Chicago this June!

Interested? Now is the time to start.

For more information and to submit the online application for your school team, go to the Collaborate 21, Year 2 site. Teams must include a school librarian, an administrator, and a classroom teacher and can include a technology coordinator. The review, selection, and notification process will begin after May 1, 2013, which is the last day to apply.

If you have questions, contact Donna James via email (Donna.James@vcsu.edu) or Jim Stenehjem at the ND LEAD Center in Bismarck for more information.
Government in Action

By Chandra Hirning
Editorial Committee Member

During the current North Dakota legislative session, I am working as a committee clerk for the House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee. This opportunity has allowed me to learn about the political process and to see government in action. So far, I have been impressed by what I have seen.

Like many of you, I’ve seen the School House Rock clip about how a bill becomes a law. As I started my position as a committee clerk, I watched the video again and discovered that it does a great job of capturing the process. Well, it does not include how much a committee clerk types when taking minutes, but otherwise it’s pretty accurate!

Legislators propose bills, sometimes on behalf of state agencies like the State Library or because of concerns of their local constituents. Bills might propose new additions to the North Dakota Century Code or changes to existing laws. Bills are then assigned to a committee. The committee chairman and the committee clerk (that’s me) schedule hearings for those bills. Every Friday, the hearing schedule for the following week is available to the public. During the hearing for a bill, lobbyists, representatives of agencies or organizations, and interested citizens are invited to give testimony, which becomes part of the record. After the hearing, the committee members discuss the bill and then vote to make either a “do pass” or a “do not pass” recommendation for when the bill goes to the chamber floor. If the bill is passed on the chamber floor, it crosses over to the other chamber to start the process over. If the bill is passed by both chambers, it goes to the governor for his signature to become a law.

In my time as a committee clerk, I’ve gained a new appreciation for how government works and for those who represent us. The representatives on my committee are always prepared for each hearing, having studied the bills at hand prior to the hearing. They ask insightful questions of those giving testimony, and they seek to understand the core issues behind the bills under consideration. They are professional and courteous to each other, regardless of party affiliation. Even though they are very busy with committee meetings and floor sessions, they are willing and available to meet with members of the public for input on current bills.

To find out what bills are under consideration this session and when they are scheduled for a hearing, check out www.legis.nd.gov. Follow this path: 63rd Legislative Assembly—63rd Regular. From there, you can view the House calendar, the Senate calendar, and the committee hearing schedule. You can also view live floor sessions. You can search for bills by major topic index, and you can run an inquiry on the status of a specific bill. If you missed the floor vote for a bill in which you’re interested, you can watch an archived video of the vote.

I hope you will consider visiting the legislature to view government in action. The session runs for up to 80 days, so we’ll be wrapped up on or before May 1.
When you think of April, what comes to mind? April showers? Taxes? National Poetry Month? International Trombone Week? Yes, those are all associated with April, but did you realize that part of April is devoted to National Library Week?

In 2013, National Library Week will be celebrated April 14-20. Each year, the theme features @ your library, and this year’s theme is Communities Matter @ Your Library.

The American Library Association has produced a variety of materials to help you celebrate National Library Week. You can download a printable public service announcement from ALA’s page about NLW. From the ALA store, you can purchase posters, bookmarks, buttons, banners, and digital items.

Not sure what to do in your library to show that Communities Matter @ Your Library? For inspiration, check out atyourlibrary.org and programminglibrarian.org.

Looking for an online way to participate in National Library Week and to share the event with your community? Check out the American Library Association’s channel on YouTube. It features public service announcements from various years. Also, visit the website for atyourlibrary.org or follow @ your library on Facebook.

As you celebrate, share your ideas and join the conversation on Twitter by using #nlw13.

To get you going, consider:

- April = School Library Month
- April 14-20 = National Library Week
- Monday, April 15 = 2013 State of America’s Libraries Report released
- Tuesday, April 16 = National Library Workers Day
- Wednesday, April 17 – National Bookmobile Day
- Thursday, April 18 = Support Teen Literature Day
Upcoming Library Events and Conferences

• March 5-8 – PLA Leadership Academy, Chicago
• March 10-16 – Tech Tech Week
• March 16 – Freedom of Information Day
• March 17-20 – Electronic Resources and Libraries Conference, Austin, Texas
• March 20 - PLA Virtual Spring Symposium
• March 20-22 - Association for Information and Image Management Conference, New Orleans
• March 21-24 - Association of Architecture School Librarians Annual Conference, San Francisco
• April 1-30 – Library Snapshot Day
• April 1-30 – School Library Month
• April 2 - International Children’s Book Day
• April 8-9 - North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops, Bismarck
• April 8-10 – Computers in Libraries Conference, Washington, D.C.
• April 10-13 – ACRL (Association of College & Research Libraries) Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana
• April 12 – National D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Day
• April 14-20 – National Library Week
• April 16 – National Library Workers Day
• April 17 – National Bookmobile Day
• April 17-20 – Montana Library Association Conference, Missoula
• April 18 – Celebrate Teen Literature Day
• April 18-19: Digital Public Library of America, launch event, Boston Public Library
• April 20-27 – Money Smart Week
• April 21-27 – Preservation Week
• April 23 - World Book Night
• April 24 – Tenth Annual Copyright Conference, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana
• April 25-29 - Art Libraries Society of North America Annual Conference, Pasadena, California
• April 30 – Children’s Day/Book Day (AKA El día de los niños/El día de los libros)
• April 30-May 3 – Association of Research Libraries Membership Meeting, Chapel Hill/Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina
• May 1-7 – Choose Privacy Week
• May 3-8 – Medical Library Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Boston
• May 7-8 – National Library Legislative Day
• May 7 – National Genealogical Society Librarians’ Day (pre-conference program for librarians; National Genealogical Society 2013 Family History Conference, May 8-11, Las Vegas)
• June 27-July 2 – ALA Annual Conference, Chicago
• July 21–24 - American Association of Law Libraries, Annual Meeting and Conference, Boston
• September 25-27 - South Dakota Library Association (Joint Conference with NDLA and MPLA), Sioux Falls, SD
By Christine Kujawa
Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair

Searching for the perfect gift for your intellectual freedom-loving colleagues, friends, or your favorite Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair? I can hook you up! Here are some of my top picks.

http://outofprintclothing.com/
Out of Print offers a wide array of products featuring almost exclusively banned books. They sell t-shirts with banned book covers on the front in both short and long sleeve styles. They also sell stationery products, eBook jackets, tote bags, phone cases, and coasters. This is the same business that donated t-shirts for giveaway during our Living Banned Books event a couple years back.

www.unshelved.com
Most of you are probably familiar with the Unshelved Guys. They’ve attended a few of our past conferences and often have a booth at national library conferences. They sell shirts and a messenger bag with their popular “Intellectual Freedom Fighter” logo.

www.cafepress.com and www.zazzle.com
If you’ve ever searched for things on CafePress and Zazzle, you know that the inventory is pretty eclectic. You’ll find bumper stickers, buttons, posters, drink ware, clothing, and much more on just about any subject that suits your fancy. Try using the search terms “intellectual freedom,” “banned books,” or “freedom to read” and you’ll find a good variety to choose from.

www.philosophersguild.com/
Whether shopping for your colleagues, unemployed philosopher friends, or yourself, I suggest perusing this site. You’ll find all sorts of fun stuff! I recommend the “banned book” mug paired with a Kurt Vonnegut finger puppet.

ALA’s online store includes a section for Banned Books Week. While there are quite a few items available for promotion in libraries, you’ll also find individual items that would make great gifts. Highlights include the banned books “titles bracelet” and the “I read banned books” tote.
A Look at NDLA’s Executive Board:

Membership Committee

By Kathy Thomas
Membership Committee Chair

The Membership Committee’s main purpose is to promote membership in NDLA by promoting and publicizing the organization to current and prospective members. The Committee maintains a database of membership information, reports membership statistics for issues of The Good Stuff and Executive Board meetings, and produces membership directories. The NDLA president appoints a Membership Committee chair each year. The chair is a non-voting member of the Executive Board and serves on the Finance Committee; I also am a member of the Web Committee.

The Membership Committee has changed substantially in the several years I’ve held the position. It’s gone from mailing out paper membership forms to sending online reminders and messages to current and potential members. Membership cards also are sent by e-mail.

So what happens when you send in your membership form and payment? I enter the information in a database showing that you’ve renewed your membership, or I create a record for you if you’re a new member. I enter the check number or that you used PayPal, and check your information to see if anything needs to be updated. If you’ve included a donation to the Professional Development Grant Fund or the Flicker Tale Children’s Book Award Fund, I make a note of that. I input the date I expect to make the next bank deposit.

Then I update the online list of current members, and send an e-mail with an attached PDF file of the current membership card.

When I’ve accumulated a number of checks, I export the latest deposit data into a spreadsheet. The checks are stamped with our deposit stamp, and I take them to the bank. Then I e-mail the treasurer that I’ve made a deposit, and attach the spreadsheet and a list of the checks.

Several times a year, I update the online membership directories; they’re uploaded to the website. I also managed our ten e-mail lists, adding and removing members as needed.

The past several years, I’ve also served as the annual conference registration chair. As registration forms and payments are received, I export part of the membership database into the registration database. Additional information from the registration forms is then entered.

“How is all this accomplished?” you might ask.

If you want to become proficient at using Microsoft Office products, become the next membership chair. The member and conference registration databases use Access. The deposits spreadsheet uses Excel. And nearly everything else is done with Word. Through the miracle of mail merge, the member directories only take a few minutes to produce – Word takes the information right from Access and saves it as a PDF file. Your conference name badges and even door prize slips are done with mail merge.

And that brings me to the recruitment portion of this article. I’ve decided it’s time we have a new membership chair and that this will be my last year. If you think you may be interested and want to find out more about what you’d be doing, just contact me. It’s a really wonderful way to get to know our NDLA members around the state and to be involved in our association.
A Look at NDLA’s Executive Board:

Past President

BY AUBREY MADLER
NDLA PAST PRESIDENT

Your year as Past President is the home stretch of a three-year term as a voting member of the NDLA board. Many of you know that the President-elect once managed all conference programming, but this is the second year of transitioning that role to the Past President. The person in this position now has two preparatory years during which to learn about conference happenings and to consider what they would like as their conference theme, keynote speakers, pre-conferences and any other special arrangements. Having held the positions of President-elect and President, you have already managed exhibitors, chaired meetings, emceed the banquet, hosted meals, and generally overseen the conference and the organization. As Past President, you serve as a mentor for the current president and president-elect, passing on tips and lessons learned as they fulfill their duties.

This year my role will be slightly different in terms of conference planning due to the fact that we will share our event with two other associations. Each year the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) co-hosts an annual conference with a state association within their regional consortium. This year, the rotation falls on South Dakota and North Dakota combined. Since NDLA served as host when MPLA last co-hosted with our two states, it is now SDLA’s turn to serve as host. In this role, they handle many of the contracts and logistics associated with conference planning, leaving me as liaison and representative of NDLA on the conference planning committee. It is fun being able to work together with several peers across North Dakota and the MPLA region to put a conference together.

I hope you consider running for NDLA president in the upcoming term. The first year, as President-elect, you will get your feet wet by attending board meetings, managing conference exhibitors, and leading the annual awards process. Your big year as President will be full of making connections across the state and leading the Association. Finally, you get to reap the rewards of all of your ideas, connections, and hard work by managing conference programming as Past President.

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The North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) has an opening for an Executive Secretary to its Board. Candidates may respond by regular or e-mail to submit application materials. NDLA includes members from all over the state of North Dakota. Residency in a particular city or location is not a requirement of the position.

Victor Lieberman, Chair
NDLA Executive Secretary Search Committee

NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Executive Secretary
CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled
(applications received by 2/1/2013 will be given first priority)
STATUS: Part Time (225 hours/year)
SALARY: $2,700.00/yr.
CONTRACT: 2-Year Contract

JOB DESCRIPTION
The Executive Secretary position was created to handle support functions and strengthen the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) by providing long-term administrative continuity. The position will ensure consistency in organizational operations, especially with annual conference assistance.

ORGANIZATION
Established in 1906, the North Dakota Library Association serves the library community in this state through professional leadership and the promotion of the field of librarianship. Open to both individual and organizational members, NDLA provides discussion and networking forums, as well as professional development opportunities for workers at all types of libraries and to all levels of library employees. Key activities of the Association include conducting an annual state conference, publishing a newsletter, and communicating with its membership regarding professional activities and events of interest locally and nationally.

RESPONSIBILITIES
This position fulfills general administrative duties relating to periodic NDLA Executive Board meetings, annual conference meetings, and other annual Association activities throughout the year. Among these duties are:

General Administration:
• Serve as primary contact for local, regional, and national library groups
• Respond promptly to inquiries
• Assist with promotion and public relations efforts by drafting press releases and articles for approval, contacting the media, publicizing Executive Board meetings and annual conferences, and other appropriate public relations functions as requested
• Maintain copies of NDLA contracts with outside vendors
• Arrange for exhibit dates in the State Capitol Building during legislative years,
coordinate exhibits, and assist in exhibit preparation and participate in staffing exhibit booth

**Executive Board Meetings**
- Attend NDLA Executive Board meetings at Association expense
- Submit a written report of activities at each Executive Board meeting and an annual written report to the pre-conference Executive Board meeting
- Work with President to make meeting room and meal arrangements for NDLA Executive Board or other NDLA-sponsored meetings
- Work with Public Relations Committee to publicize Executive Board meetings, annual conferences, etc.

**Annual Conference**
- Attend annual conference at Association expense
- Work with conference chair and NDLA President to assist with planning and preparation. This may include signage, tickets, registration, exhibits, photocopying, plaques and awards, and other conference-related administrative duties prior to, during, and immediately after the annual conference
- Work with NDLA President to negotiate hotel/conference site contracts and maintain copies of all contracts related to conference
- Coordinate preparation of annual conference program book

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**Required**
- Knowledge of library procedures & trends
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- High-quality customer service, outreach, and marketing skills
- Strong computer skills—including use of and access to current Microsoft products
- Strong analytical problem solving, decision-making, and leadership skills
- Must demonstrate organizational skills, and ability to prioritize, multitask, and work as part of a team
- High level of attention to detail and ability to generate high-quality and timely work products
- Ability to take initiative and be self-directed
- Excellent writing skills
- Willingness to travel in-state
- Valid driver’s license

**Preferred**
- Experience working in libraries

**Application**
Send letter of application, résumé, with names and contact information for three (3) professional references to:

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University of North Dakota
3051 University Ave Stop 9000
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58202-9000
e-mail: victor.lieberman@library.und.edu

[e-mail application submissions also welcome at address given above]
Using American Factfinder: Census Training Revisited

At the NDLA conference in Fargo this past September, GODORT sponsored a program on using American Factfinder, a US Census Bureau database. Kevin Iverson, a trainer from the state Census Office, walked a standing-room-only crowd through the basics of how to use Factfinder. If you missed the session and would like to know more, or were there and would like a refresher, read on.

First, let me provide a summary of what’s going on in the world of census information. You probably already know that the US Census Bureau is in charge of the Decennial Census (what we commonly think of as ‘the’ census), other censuses (Economic, Manufacturing, the American Community Survey), and American Factfinder (an interface which provides access to the data from the censuses). Nothing much has changed here -- except for the loss of the Statistical Abstract in 2011 and, if you haven’t heard, Bernan and ProQuest are now offering commercial versions of the Statistical Abstract. Overall, if a patron needs population information, librarians know that the Census is an easy first stop. Between the Decennial Census and the American Community Survey (which surveys households variably on a one-year, three-year, and five-year basis depending on the size of local population), the Census Bureau is quite active in population data collection. Census data goes down to the block level in many cases and includes information on educational attainment, household income, veteran status, language spoken, and so much more.

For many decades, librarians have been comfortably assisting patrons with finding Census data, whether through the print tables or the electronic website. In 2011, however, the version of American Factfinder researchers used for a number of years was replaced with a new version in time for the release of Census 2010 data. The initial rollout of the new American Factfinder was not well received and, in response, Census made public in January an updated version of the interface. The North Dakota Census Office also proved with their excellent training session that American Factfinder isn’t too difficult once you get the hang of it.

Many patrons just need a basic listing of population stats for a particular area; these patrons are probably best served by the Quick Facts page (http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html) rather than the full American Factfinder site. If a patron would like more in-depth information about a geographic area, data which compare geographic locations, or data which look at one location over time, then the patron is probably best served by American Factfinder. The new interface for Factfinder provides four entry points for search, from Community Facts (a little more in-depth than Quick Facts but still easy to use) to Download Options (intended for advanced users who need to download lots of raw data). The variety of entry points geared toward various experience levels should make it easier both to follow the steps needed to get to the data a patron is looking for and to walk a patron through the process themselves. The patron will still need to have in mind both a geographic location and a particular topic in order for the search to go smoothly. All in all, the new interface from American Factfinder should make locating US population data easier than ever.
I don’t know about all NDLA-ers out there, but I myself was hugely and heartily disappointed in the official White House response to the We the People petition request for our government to: “Secure resources and funding, and begin construction of a Death Star by 2016.” That’s right: On the morning of Saturday January 12, 2013, the Internet practically exploded with enough enraged Star Wars fans to lay waste to a small planet the size of Alderaan.

Although ultimately we did not get a that’s-no-moon-it’s-a Space Station, the resultant inspiration culminated in the theme of this month’s small sampling of “Browsing in the Cyberstacks,” which by title alone, fairly smacks of futurism, innovation, sci-fi, and imagination. So, zip up your space boots, kiddies. Secure your personal valuables before jumping on the transporter, Scotty. We are going on a small tour of the future of library data.

**Implementation Day One**

“No, this is not the title of Bruce Willis’ next Armageddon-esque blockbuster film. March 31, 2013 is the day that the Library of Congress has announced will be the target date for the implementation of RDA (Resource Description and Access). Chances are that in your journeys through the Galactic Catalog, you may have run into RDA-encoded bibliographic and authority records already but, if the powers of RDA are not yet strong with you, go to Access the RDA Toolkit and click on the “Tools” tab; (a license to the Toolkit is not required) to view examples of RDA records in the familiar MARC encoding. RDA is already in library catalogs near you.

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Cataloging Shakespeare in the original Klingon is theoretically possible due to the publishing of library authority files as language-agnostic URIs (Uniform Resource Identifier). The Virtual International Authority File matches the authority records of different national libraries for a given entity into a merged “super” authority record. For example, the Library of Congress/NACO preferred form of the corporate name heading ‘Enterprise (Ship : 1848-1903)’ is grouped with the equivalent to the Library and Archives Canada preferred heading ‘Enterprise (Navire).’ We can only assume that the preferred heading in Klingon is ‘entepray (Duj).’

**Trouble with Triples**

Breaking away from the traditional “one record for one resource” approach, library data is migrating towards graph data models consisting of collections of W3C Resource Description Framework triples (subject, predicate, object). The bibliographic environment is envisioned as a web of Linked Data. Boldly navigate your browser to Bibliographic Framework as a Web of Data: Linked Data Model and Supporting Services to see the future of the library data universe.

Thank you for your readership and interest in “Browsing in the Cyberstacks.” This is Kalan Tiberius Kirk, signing out. Send me your favorite web resources (kalan.davis@library.und.edu) and you might see them featured here.

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**Mountain Plains Library Association Professional Development Grants**

**By Eric Stroshane, MPLA Representative**

Just a brief reminder that the Mountain Plains Library Association has professional development grants available to members. Grant money is available to help fund formal course work; attend a library workshop, seminar, or conference; and for other professional development opportunities. The next application deadline is April 4, 2013. For more information, visit MPLA’s grant page: www.mpla.us/committees/profdev/grants.html.
Congratulations to Kirsten Baesler, who was elected Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the State of North Dakota in November. Kirsten is no stranger to NDLA. She served as Chair of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies Committee for several years and also received the NDLA President’s Award in 2010. Most recently, Kirstin served as an Assistant Executive Director and Government Affairs Manager with the North Dakota School Boards Association as well as a participant with the ND Professional Development Advisory Council. From 1991 to 2012, she worked as a vice principal, as a media specialist, and as a teacher in the Bismarck Public Schools system. For the past seven years, she also served as president of the Mandan School Board. Kirsten earned a Master’s in Education and Library Information Technology from Valley City State University, a B.S. in Education from Minot State University, and an Associate’s degree from Bismarck State College.

Bill DeJohn, longtime Minitex director, died on December 31, 2012, of pancreatic cancer, at his home in Northfield, Minnesota. Bill retired on January 11, 2012, after a distinguished career, including 27 years of leadership at Minitex. Minitex is a publicly supported network of academic, public, state government, and special libraries working cooperatively to improve library service for their users in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. In 2007, Bill was one of 12 individuals honored with the University of Minnesota President’s Award for Outstanding Service. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues throughout the region. Read the obituary.

Digital Initiatives and Metadata Librarian Jennifer Fairall left NDSU as of February 20, 2013. She has accepted the Coordinator of Cataloging and Metadata Services position at Siena College Library, Loudonville, New York.

Kimberly Herring of Regent is the new librarian for Mott Public Library. Originally from Missouri, she and her husband first moved to Williston and then to Regent. She said, “I love reading, love promoting reading and feel it is a most important and good foundation to a good education.” Kimberly replaces long-time Mott librarian Pam Steinke.

Valerie Horton began as the new director of Minitex on December 5, 2012. Most recently, she was the Executive Director of the Colorado Library Consortium. Prior to that, she was the Library Director at Mesa State College and served as Assistant Library Director at New Mexico State University. In 1994, she was a technology consultant with ALA’s International Library Fellow program working with Trinidad and Tobago. Horton earned her Masters of Library Studies at the University of Hawaii.

Wilbur Stolt, Director of Libraries, Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota, is one of the two candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of OCLC’s Americas Council (ARC). Wilbur has been active in the ARC’s work since 2010, serving as chair of the ARC Communications Committee.
The 63rd Legislative Assembly opened on January 8, 2013. The NDLA Legislative Committee is following two bills that affect North Dakota Libraries. House Bill 1013 is within the DPI Structure and it supports the North Dakota State Library Budget and its programs, particularly an increase to State Aid to Public Libraries and various online resources such as TutorND.com. HB1013 also supports a new matching grant program for Renovation and Repair of Public Library buildings. The bill was introduced on January 8 and the committee hearing was held on January 18. Over 15 written letters and emails from across the state were provided in support of HB1013!

HB 1129 is the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act. After passing the House with 89 yeas and 0 nays, the bill was sent to the Senate on January 29.

The NDLA Lobbyist retired this year and a replacement was not found. However, the Legislative website has implemented a free online bill tracking system, thus making it even easier for online users to follow the progress of the bills. Whenever the opportunity presents itself, talk to your legislators about your library and its impact in your community. They want to hear from you.

The Legislative Committee hosted an awareness booth in Memorial Hall on February 15, 2013. Volunteers staffed the table and discussed issues with legislators and constituents throughout the morning. There were opportunities to demonstrate statewide online resources, consortium developments, library websites, summer reading program stories and pictures, e-readers and their functions, etc.

The Legislative Committee is dedicated to following bills that directly affect your library. The committee represents NDLA members from public, academic, school, and special libraries. Help us follow what is important to your library so all libraries across the state continue to adapt to change and provide much-needed community resources and support.

Editor’s note: In a message to the NDLA membership, President Al Peterson said that on February 14, “the House Appropriations Committee removed the entire requested amount of $275,000 as an increase in State Aid to Libraries as well as the $275,000 request for Renovations and Repairs of public libraries from the North Dakota State Library’s budget request … Under the direction of Representative Robert Skarphol, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, the suggested increase in the amount of State Aid for Public Libraries ($266,500) was removed entirely. The result of this action, if the funds are not restored, would mean NO INCREASE in the amount of State Aid to Public Libraries for the next two years … The House Appropriations Committee also removed entirely the State Library’s proposal for a “Renovation & Repair” program for public library buildings. … This program was to be a ONE-TIME inclusion in the budget of the State Library.” Peterson asked library workers to contact their legislators to talk about library needs and to urge them to support the State Library’s budget request with the inclusion of the items dropped by the Committee. President Peterson also asked that individuals keep a list of who they contacted and to send that information to NDLA Legislative Chair Kelly Steckler.
Mary Dennis of Stanley has self-published a children’s book entitled *Aden’s Thought of Many Colors* ($17.95, 32 p., hardcover + CD of book read by author; $9.99, ebook). Aden, a young boy full of questions, knows that his Auntie is a person he can go to for answers. The book “is a story of hope and understanding, humor and insight, for readers of all ages.” The book is illustrated by Monarca Merrifield and is available online from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Far Country Press. For more information, visit Prairie Winds Publications.

**Color Blind: the Forgotten Team that Broke Baseball’s Color Line** ($25, 368 p., hardcover) by Tom Dunkel garnered a starred review in *Booklist* (Feb. 1, 2013, p. 20). It chronicles the story of a baseball team assembled by Neil Churchill, a Bismarck car dealer, in the ‘30s. When he assembled his team, “he picked the best players he could find, and some of them were black!” *Booklist* says, “Award-winning journalist Dunkel has not only researched and presented a virtually forgotten but very significant piece of sports history, he has also done it in a very entertaining, narrative-nonfiction style. The principals, particularly Churchill and his players (including Satchel Paige) just simply come alive. Baseball fans will cherish this book and it will become required reading among those who feel we can better understand today’s racial tensions by looking to the past.”

Elaine (Mills) Babcock of Ellendale grew up on a West River (meaning west of the Missouri River) ranch in South Dakota in the ‘40s and ‘50s. After her freshman year in high school, the family moved to a farm near Monango, North Dakota. **Dakota Grown** ($15) is Babcock’s third book and includes stories about growing up on a ranch. The book is available at Mahler’s Village Variety (136 Main St., Ellendale, ND 58436; 701-349-3118) or directly from the author (1004 1st St. N., Ellendale, ND 58436).

In November 2003, Gail and Rhonda Schmidkunz discovered a woman’s body behind their couch. On March 16, 2005, their son Zachary, 21, was sentenced to serve 40 years with five years suspended in the North Dakota State Penitentiary for the shooting death of Alexis Walter, 19. **I Am Not Silent: Our Zoloft and Depression Story** ($14.99, 192 p., softcover; $3.99, ebook) by Gail Schmidkunz of Minot tells the “true story of one family’s faith-filled, life-changing journey through depression and the subsequent after-effects of a prescription antidepressant that sheds much-needed light on the frightening issue of drug-induced insanity.” For more information, visit the Inspiring Voices website. The book is also available from local booksellers and online from Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

**Kenmare Community Workers** (40 p.) was penned by first-graders in Ruth Wallstrum’s class at Kenmare Elementary School. The book includes 18 pages of writing in the authors’ own penmanship as well as photos of workers around Kenmare, including school employees, a banker, business owners, a reporter, the postmaster, city officials, and health care providers. A copy of the book, published through Studenttreasures, was presented to the Kenmare Branch Library, part of the Ward County Library. The book project began last fall as part of a “Who Works Here?” unit.
Penny Wolf and her students at Sweet Briar Elementary School have collaborated on a third book project. Mo is a book of poetry penned by fifth graders and illustrated by the children. Mo is available at local gift shops, including Mocha & More in Mandan and Arrowhead Plaza in Bismarck. The first two books published by Wolf and her students are A Cow Named Sue (2008) and Bea’s Almost Bad Day (2011). For additional information, look for Sweetbriar Crafts and Publications on the Pride of Dakota website.

Knuckledown Press of Fargo has published Nothing Hidden ($2.99, 156 p., ebook) by Paulette Bullinger, who grew up in Huff, south of Mandan, and now lives in Bismarck. The blurb on the Knuckledown website says, “In the quiet landscape of the Upper Great Plains in North Dakota, good people keep up appearances. Through holy works, and by imbibing in the spirit of bootleg moonshine, they navigate the waters between Heaven and Hell. It’s a place where love triangles cross rivers and religious lines at the same time, and when a lover is spurned, the local medicine woman can join herbs and the fruits of the land into a potion that can cure anything—perhaps even a broken heart. In a landscape with few places to hide, it’s a place where there’s Nothing Hidden, but even murders can go unsolved—for generations.” The book is available online from Amazon.

Melanie Hoffert was born in 1974, a child of the prairie who grew up on a farm near Wyndmere, North Dakota. Her memoir, Prairie Silence: a Rural Expatriate’s Journey to Reconcile Home, Love, and Faith ($24.95, 248 p., hardcover), was published in January. Margaret Flanagan’s review in Booklist (December 1, 2012, p. 7), called the book, “A heartfelt coming-out story as well as an eloquent elogy to a rural way of life that is rapidly vanishing from the American landscape.” Hoffert earned an MFA in creative writing from Hamline University and received the 2005 Creative Nonfiction Award from the Baltimore Review and the 2010 Creative Nonfiction Award from New Millennium Writings. She now lives in Minneapolis and works for Teach for America. For more information, visit: http://melaniehoffert.com/PrairieSilence/Welcome.html.

Devils Lake native Joni (Broden) Armstrong collaborated with Peter Marino on a children’s holiday book, Snowflake: the Tiniest Angel ($14, 48 p.). The book includes 63 original drawings by Armstrong and Marino’s text. The book is available at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center Gift Shop, Kat’s Book Nook and The Wigwam of Lake George. Proceeds from the book go to Sanford Children’s Therapy in Bemidji, Minnesota, where Armstrong works. The artist is now working on a second book entitled Aunt Sophie’s Place, which is based on her childhood visits to an aunt’s home in northern Minnesota.

This Dream ($10, CD) by The Gefroh Brothers made its debut at a CD release concert on December 30, 2012, at the Sidney J. Lee Auditorium, Bismarck State College. The CD features original music by James and Stephen Gefroh of Bismarck and was recorded at Makoche Recording in Bismarck. James earned his Associate’s degree at BSC and is now a senior majoring in broadcasting at UND. At UND, he has sung in the concert choir, Varsity Bards, and Varsity Gentlemen. Stephen is currently a music major at BSC. The CD is available from Eckroth Music in Bismarck and the Bismarck State College Bookstore.

Warriors in Khaki: Native American Doughboys from North Dakota ($19.95, 166 p., softcover) provides a record of Native American men from North Dakota who served in the military during World War I. The book includes biographies, photos, and details about each man’s military service. Husband and wife team, Michael J. Knudson and Ann G. Knudson, penned the book. Michael retired in 2011 as a forester with the Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conversation Service) in North Dakota. Ann worked in public affairs for the North Dakota National Guard for 28 years and retired in 2012. Warriors in Khaki is available from online sellers Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Robertson.
Publishing. For more information, visit the website at http://rp-author.com/knudson/#buy.

In 2010, the Knudsons also published Ransom County’s Loyal Defenders, which is about World War I service men and women with ties to Ransom County. Copies are available locally in Lisbon, North Dakota, or directly from the authors (mikeannknudson@msn.com).

**Coming Soon**

Paula F. Winskye’s new book, Gold Star Lee, will soon be out and she is also working on her 8th Tony Wagner mystery. Winskye is a native of New Rockford, North Dakota, and writes mystery, romance, and family saga novels. Visit her Author Paula F. Winskye page on Facebook or her website for more information.

**Award News**

Michael Miller, Director & Bibliographer of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC), reported that the “7th” documentary of the Germans from Russia series of Prairie Public Broadcasting produced in 2012, “At Home in Russia, at Home on the Prairie” in cooperation with the NDSU Libraries’ Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, has received the “Platinum Best of Show Award” from the Aurora Awards in the Historical Category. This is the highest award for a television documentary presented by the Aurora Awards and is one of twenty-seven to receive this award in 2012 in the USA. The documentary webpage is http://library.ndsu.edu/grhc/order/tapes/kutschurgan.html.

Bob Dambach, director of television, Prairie Public Broadcasting, Fargo ND, received the announcement of this award on January 28, 2013. Prairie Public Broadcasting also received the “Platinum Best of Show Award” for their 2012 documentaries, “America’s Grasslands” in partnership with Ducks Unlimited (Nature & Environment Category) and “Global Energy and Carbon” (Carbon Footprints) in partnership with EERC/PCOR, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks (Nature & Environment Category).”

Congratulations to GRHC and Prairie Public!

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**Welcome to NDLA!**

Welcome to NDLA! New members since the last issue of The Good Stuff are Solveig Lund and Amy Soma (Fargo); and Mary Catherine Anderson (Williston).

Help us increase our membership in 2013 — tell your co-workers about NDLA and consider an institutional membership for your library!

If you’re at a public library, please consider memberships for your trustees or board of directors. Membership information and forms can be found on our web page at www.ndla.info — click on “Membership.” Dues can be paid by check or PayPal. NDLA's membership year is January to December.

**Membership Report**

(as of January 23, 2013)

Compiled by Kathy Thomas,
Membership Chair

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Exif Removal (privacy apps)
Here’s one for the privacy buffs out there: three convenient ways to scrub Exif data before sharing photos online.

First, a primer: Exif (Exchangeable image file format) is metadata that’s automatically added whenever you take a digital photo. It includes information about how the photo was taken (aperture, focal length, shutter speed, etc.), details about the model of camera/phone/device used to take the photo, a unique identifier for that device, the time and date the photo was taken, and GPS data of the precise location the photo was taken, if available. There are situations where this is useful: if you’re looking for insight into how someone captured a particular shot, for instance. There are also situations where this is unwelcome, as the unique identifier, location, and time details may reveal things you’d rather not (the address of your home or of a friend’s home, the fact that you’re currently on vacation, the whereabouts of your subjects, etc.) Journalists, whistleblowers, people with abusive exes or stalkers (keep in mind that those you photograph are entitled to their privacy, too), and everyone else who likes to maintain a reasonable buffer between their private and public lives can rejoice—Exif data is easy to wipe.

If you use a Windows machine, I recommend Easy Exif Delete. It’s a dead simple solution you can download for free here: [http://www.easyexifdelete.com/download/](http://www.easyexifdelete.com/download/)

If you’re an Android enthusiast, you can use the Image Privacy app to strip Exif data before sharing your work. It’s a free app from the Play Store: [http://goo.gl/g0WFu](http://goo.gl/g0WFu)

Linux and Mac users have a great option in ExifTool: [http://www.sno.phy.queensu.ca/~phil/exiftool/](http://www.sno.phy.queensu.ca/~phil/exiftool/)
What a good idea! For the second time, Casselton Public Library sponsored a “Buy-A-Book for the Community” project. The library’s Christmas tree was filled with gift tags for a variety of books on the library’s wish list. People could choose tags ranging in price from $8 to $25, then donate the money to the library. Last year, $412 was donated for the project.

The Cavalier County Library recently received a Libri Foundation grant. With this award, the library will add 64 new hardcover children’s books to its collection. The Libri Foundation was established in 1989 and donates new, quality, hardcover children’s books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program. Other 2012 North Dakota grant recipients included Cando Community Library, Hebron Public Library, Mayville Public Library, and Park River School and Public Library.

The Grinch visited the Dickinson Area Public Library in December for “Winter Fun” day. Cookies and cocoa, sitting on the Grinch’s lap, and watching How the Grinch Stole Christmas were all part of the fun. The library also sponsored a holiday decorating showcase and DIY decoration workshops.

Congratulations to the Eddy-New Rockford Library, which was given the 2012 Accessibility Award by the Self-Advocacy Club of the 4th Corporation. The award was in recognition of the library’s efforts to improve accessibility for all people, including walkways to their entrance, an automatic door, and installation of handicapped-accessible restrooms.

A fundraising poker tournament paid off for the Elgin Library with a $500 donation from the Elgin Dakota Lions.

During the month of October 2012, Fargo Public Library, West Fargo Public Library, and Lake Agassiz Regional Library Moorhead partnered on an inaugural One Book One Community project for the residents of the Fargo/Moorhead area. The Giver by Lois Lowry was selected for the community reading project and each library hosted three core events during the month: a book discussion, a film showing of Atlas Shrugged, Pleasantville, or The Hunger Games, and one related event. A website developed by the partner libraries (www.fmareaonebook.org) will give you more details.

The annual Winter Read-A-Thon program for children is underway at the Fargo Public Library. It began on January 2 and continued through February 28. Kids could print a book log and track their reading for prizes.

Garrison Public Library hosted a community concert on January 19, welcoming a variety of performers who treated the audience to both instrumental and vocal pieces. The Friends of the Library served hot drinks and the library provided tasty treats. The library also experimented with offering extra hours on the first and third Saturdays in January. Patrons liked the extra hours and now the library will be open 1-5 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month through May.

Parties & Programs at Grand Forks Public Library (GFPL)

- GFPL hosted an adventurous party full of hobbits, elves, and wizards in December -- the beginning of a “long expected journey” that coincided with the opening of the movie The Hobbit. Participants braved Gollum’s cave and the Lonely Mountains, sipped fine ale (the ginger type), and enjoyed a meal in The Shire. There was also a chance for photo ops and dressing up as a favorite character from the story. A number of people who hadn’t been to an activity at the library were pleasantly surprised and vowed to return.

- The GFPL also held a Winter Reading Program for children in grades K-6 in partnership with the University of North Dakota Athletic Department. All participants who completed a six hour reading requirement received a free
ticket to the UND women's basketball game on January 26 and had their name entered into a drawing to win fun prizes.

- Christmas treats and yummy sweets were on the menu at the GFPL in December. “Kids in the Kitchen” chef, Noelle Myers, gave instruction on holiday treat decorating. Parents and children alike lined up to layer cookies in frosting, or dip marshmallows in chocolate. With a variety of sprinkles for wonderful color, everyone had a tasty time!

- The GFPL sponsored a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) team that competed at the North Dakota FLL Championship Tournament at the University of North Dakota Memorial Union on February. The kids designed and programmed an autonomous robot using LEGO® MINDSTORMS®NXT.

Grand Forks Public Library now offers Nook ereaders for users to check out. The Nooks are pre-loaded with titles from seven genres (bestsellers, mystery, romance/inspirational, science fiction/fantasy/western, biographies/nonfiction, teen, and fiction), so readers can select which Nook to borrow according to their personal tastes. New titles will be added every three months and old titles will never be removed. The Nooks were purchased with a donation from the Ryan family of Grand Forks, which also funded two computers for children’s literacy. For more information, visit the library’s website.

Linton’s Harry L. Petrie Public Library exhibited a photo display from the State Historical Society Library during the month of February. The display, entitled “Winter Memories: Having Fun and Keeping Warm,” featured nine panels of large photos showing how the state’s citizens have enjoyed the winter season over the years. For information about all of the Historical Society’s traveling exhibits, visit http://history.nd.gov/exhibits/travelingexhibits.html.

A grant from the Traill County Historical Society of Hillsboro will be used to restore the outside entryway at the Mayville Public Library.

The McVille Community Library received a $4,000 grant from the ND Community Foundation to be used for an ADA-compliant bathroom and library shelving.

Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the Morton Mandan Public Library on December 18 for “Cookies and Stories with Santa and Mrs. Claus.” In addition to stories, cookies, and cider, Steve Harmon provided music and free photos with Santa were taken courtesy of Awesome 2 Products of Mandan. The event was hosted by the Friends of the Morton Mandan Public Library and Starion Financial.

The Field Services Department at the North Dakota State Library has launched a blog! Go “On the Road and in the Office with the North Dakota State Library Field Services Team: via the Field Notes blog. Check it out at http://bit.ly/Wigzow.

Librarian Donna Metzger reported that middle school students attending classes at North Dakota Vision Services/ School for the Blind shared an adventure story with the book club selection, Nigel’s Choice, My Iditarod Adventure by Nancy Yoshida. Yoshida, a sled dog enthusiast, ran the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in 2009. Students had the opportunity to speak with this local author about her book, her dogs, and the Alaskan wilderness. The highlight of the visit was meeting Nigel, the sled dog.
The Red River High School Library in Grand Forks has received, on loan, a renovated 19th Century Amish buggy wagon from Ray LeClerc, the grandson of North Dakota homesteaders. LeClerc’s children and grandchildren attended Red River High School. LeClerc hopes to show students a piece of history through this work of art. The wagon goes well with the library’s Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders theme and will be used for book displays and other promotions.

The Stanton Public Library has moved for the second time in five years. When the public school first closed in 2007, the library moved from one end of the building to the other. The second move was prompted by the sale of the building in the fall of 2012. The library is now renting space at the 7 Trails Trading Post. The move likely won’t be the library’s last. When the Stanton Fire Barn is built, the library plans to move into that space.

Things were hopping and popping at the West Fargo Public Library’s Hop’N’Pop! First, bubble wrap was taped securely to the floor, then kids did a simple project, and finally, the music was turned on and they danced on the bubbles. How fun!

Williston Community Library hosted its second annual holiday “make-it, take-it” event during the month of December. Classes were held every Tuesday and Thursday from December 4 through December 20. Each class featured a different holiday craft kit available for $2.00. Check out the Facebook page for a look at the projects.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans recently donated $500 to the Valley City Barnes County Public Library to be used for various library needs. The library’s multi-purpose room is also being named “The Mary E. Fischer Room” in honor of previous director Mary Fischer, who passed away in September 2012. Individuals have been invited to write a paragraph or two about Mary’s influence in their lives or about an experience they had with her in the library. The messages will be shared as part of a naming ceremony.

North Dakota Humanities Council Dakota Discussions Grants support program costs of humanities-based book and/or film discussion projects. Grant awards (up to $2000) are based on the quality of books and/or films selected and their ability to fulfill the NDHC’s mission and vision. The goal of the Dakota Discussions program is to create spaces that encourage the exchange of ideas. Any nonprofit organization in North Dakota may apply, including schools, churches, community service groups, museums, historical societies, libraries, colleges, governmental or tribal entities, and ad hoc groups formed for the purpose of a specific project. It is not necessary for the sponsor to be incorporated or to have tax-exempt status. Grantees are limited to receiving no more than two Dakota Discussions grants per year. Preference will be given to underserved, rural communities. All awards must be matched by cash or in-kind contributions. Grant applications are due on April 1, 2013. For complete information and forms, visit the NDHC website.

Add another Little Free Library to the North Dakota list! Hazen now has a Little Free Library near the English Lutheran Church on Second Avenue Northwest. It was set up by Rev. Derek Harkins. The state also has a Little Free Library in Fargo, two in Grand Forks, and three in Lisbon. Little Free Library, Ltd. began in 2009 as a program of the nonprofit, tax-exempt organization Wisconsin Partners for SustainAbility. Its mission is threefold: to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide; to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity, and wisdom across generations; and to build more than 2,510 libraries around the world – more than Andrew Carnegie – and then more.
To North Dakota Libraries:

There is still time to participate in Money Smart Week @ your library this year, April 20-27. Five hundred libraries across the country are already signed up.

Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. This is achieved through the collaboration and coordinated effort of hundreds of organizations across the country including businesses, financial institutions, schools, libraries, not-for-profits, government agencies, and the media will be providing programming. ALA has become a partner with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to make this a national initiative.

Libraries need to only do one program during the week to be a partner. We encourage libraries to start small, with one or two programs your first year. ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank have provided lots of information and resources that can help you participate, including program ideas, downloadable logos and more...

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Dowling at mdowling@ala.org.

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TREASURER'S REPORT
As of December 31, 2012 (End of 4th Quarter)
By Michael Safratowich, NDLA Treasurer
Editor's note: Approved by electronic vote of the Executive Board on January 14, 2013

CHECK BOOK 1/1/2012

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**Note:** March, June, and September 2012 Treasurer's Reports should have shown a negative balance in the Centennial Cookbook line.
# North Dakota Library Association

**Membership for January 1 - December 31, 2013**

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Individual e-mail address required for participation in elections and electronic discussion. NDLA does not distribute e-mail addresses outside the Association.

Choose Sections/Roundtables—membership entitles you to join as many as you wish!

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* A receipt will be mailed to you indicating the amount of any donations. Thank you!

Send this form and a check payable to *North Dakota Library Association* to:

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Note address change!  
**Thank you for joining NDLA!**

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