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# President's Message

BY LESLEY (GUNDERSON) ALLAN, NDLA PRESIDENT



Hello! Hope your holidays are starting to look merry and bright! I am so excited to serve as your president this year. Although I have been a member of NDLA for a while and you may have stopped by one of my presentations, many of you may not know a lot about me. I am from

Grand Forks originally, but have worked as a school librarian...no, library media specialist...no, wait, Teacher Librarian? for the past twelve years in several places, including Kansas City, Bismarck, and West Fargo. Shortly after moving to Bismarck, I decided to get my Master's from Valley City State University, graduating with a Master's in Elementary Education: Concentration in Library Science. I guess my brain didn't feel full enough because I am currently getting a second Master's degree in Instructional Design and Technology.

As some of you might know, I also love to craft with my mom (a retired school librarian). For the past three years, we have been selling our wares as Library Loot during the NDLA conference. On top of all of this, I am a newlywed. My plate is slightly full, but I like it that way!

I know it has been a while since a school librarian has been president of NDLA. I hope to bring a fresh perspective to the position as well as carry on the changes that began happening with my predecessors, Greta Guck and Wendy Wendt. I would like to continue to explore the question that Greta asked: "How can we, as an Association, best serve you?" I

also want to expand upon the visioning summit that Wendy hosted and get moving on some of their ideas:

- Create standing committees (Exhibits, Registration, Standing Conference Committee, etc.)
- Conference restructure
- Advocacy
- Clarification/necessity of board positions
- More involvement statewide and detailed focus on communities

Yet, no matter what I want to push forward, no matter what the board becomes (or doesn't become) ... it is nothing without you, the members, and your active voices. One of my favorite sayings is, "The future is created by those who show up." As I and board members try to shake things up, we need YOUR voices. We need all of them – public, special/academic, and school. This is the only way to create a fully rounded, viable association.

This organization is on a precipice of change that could propel us into a time of growth or keep us stuck in the cycle of stagnancy. YOU really can make the difference! When emails are sent about these changes and new ideas, make sure to take a minute and respond. When the call is sent out for future board positions or conference presenters – we are calling out to YOU!

This is an exciting time for me as I think about the possibilities of our future as NDLA. We *can* do this together. We can energize NDLA and libraries across our state. So what do you say ... are you ready?

# NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARIANS:



# REBELS WITH A CAUSE

## 2016 Conference Highlights

BY GRETA GUCK, CONFERENCE CHAIR

There was a brouhaha in Dickinson, September 21-23, as rebel NDLAers from across the state gathered for the annual conference. Final attendance was 136 over the three days of conference activities. Thank you to everyone who attended, presented a session, or volunteered their efforts to make the 2016 annual conference a success!

### Wednesday Highlights: Pre-conference and Opening Reception

The conference kicked off with a pre-conference workshop presented by Rebecca Vnuk, an editor at *Booklist*. Rebecca intended to present the workshop in person, but unfortunate travel delays prevented her from making it on site. Still, thanks to the wonders of technology, Rebecca presented her session on weeding and reader's advisory via web conference. Thirty-one attendees took part.



The Dickinson Area Public Library Foundation hosted a wonderful opening reception at the Dickinson Public Library on Wednesday evening. The reception featured piano music by Keith Traquair, delicious appetizers from Stix & Twigs, an area eatery, amazing folded book centerpieces created by Tina Kuntz, and an art show showcasing the work of Mary Lovell, Sarah Snively, Marie Snively, and Erika Bjornson, artists who all have a connection to libraries. A big thank you to local arrangements chair Rita Ennen and the staff at the Dickinson Area Public Library for putting on such a great event!

### Thursday Highlights: Keynote Speaker Jim Gill, Author's Alley, Awards Banquet, & Spelling Bee

The first official day of the conference began with keynote presenter Jim Gill asking NDLAers to get out of their seats, move, and sing! Gill's energetic presentation was a great start to the day. Thursday also featured "Author's Alley." The thirteen participating authors visited with attendees, sold and signed their books, and showcased their work via brief presentations at the Author's Luncheon. Evening events included the Vendor Social, Awards Banquet, a live auction, and NDLA's first ever spelling bee.



Author's Alley - Wendy Wendt, Missy Ohe, Dawn Kaiser

### Vendor Social & Awards Banquet

After an hour-long Vendor Social in the exhibits area, conference attendees made their way to the Grand Dakota Ballroom for the Awards Banquet where they feasted on garden tossed salad, lasagna (choices of chicken or vegetarian versions), bread sticks, and cheesecake. The awards program, emceed by NDLA President Wendy Wendt, included recognition of NDLA Board members, Past Presidents, and conference sponsors as well as presentation of several awards.

## Auctions: Live and Silent

Auctioneer Ed Praus of Dickinson took the stage after the banquet and auctioned off a variety of wonderful treasures, including a puppet closet from Minot Public Library and a Little Free Library box built by Greta Guck's dad. Some thirty NDLAers participated in the live auction, bidding and out-bidding one another to raise \$1,005.50. A silent auction, which opened at 5 p.m. on Thursday and closed on Friday at noon, also brought in \$533.50. All told, NDLA's Professional Development Fund is now \$1,538.50 richer thanks to those who donated auction items and those who bought them.

# Spelling Bee

## Spelling Bee

Five teams participated in two rounds of intense competition (and sometimes very creative spelling), with the top three teams advancing to the finals. In addition to glory, the winning team – Wendy Wendt, Laurie Robertsdahl, Mary Soucie, Sandra Hannahs, and Jerry Kaup -- received paper crowns, which they proudly wore. Greta Guck moderated the event.

## Spelling Bee Word List and Definitions

- cat: a small domesticated carnivore, *Felis domestica* or *F. catus*, bred in a number of varieties
- antisestablishmentarianism: opposition to the withdrawal of state support or recognition from an established church, especially the Anglican Church in 19th-century England
- fartlek: a training technique, used especially among runners, consisting of bursts of intense effort loosely alternating with less strenuous activity
- shenanigan: mischief; prankishness: deceit; trickery
- flummox: to bewilder; confound; confuse
- cockalorum: a self-important little man
- bloviate: to speak pompously



2016 Champs! Jerry Kaup, Sandra Hannahs, Laurie Robertsdahl, Wendy Wendt, and Mary Soucie



NDLA Board in action

- crapulence: sick from gross excess in drinking or eating
- hootenanny: a social gathering or informal concert featuring folk singing and, sometimes, dancing
- brouhaha: excited public interest, discussion, or the like, as the clamor attending some sensational event
- abibliophobia: fear of running out of things to read
- furphy: a false report; rumor
- doryphore: an annoying and critical person
- empasm: a perfumed powder to be sprinkled on the body to mask the odor of sweat
- debauchery: excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures; intemperance
- discombobulate: to confuse or disconcert; upset; frustrate
- pandiculation: the act of stretching oneself
- blatherskite: a person given to voluble, empty talk
- flibbertigibbet: a chattering or flighty, light-headed person
- logorrhea: pathologically incoherent, repetitious speech

## Friday Highlights: Keynote Speaker Taylor Brorby and General Session

The final day of the conference started with morning keynote speaker and North Dakota native Taylor Brorby, who spoke passionately not only about his own experiences in libraries, but the important role that libraries play in facilitating social change.

At the General Session held during Friday's lunch, outgoing President Wendy Wendt turned the gavel over to incoming President Lesley Gunderson (now Lesley Allan), who adjourned the session.

It was a whirlwind few days in Dickinson and we're already looking forward to next year!



Mark Your  
**Calendar**

## 2017 Conference – Mark Your Calendar!

The 2017 NDLA Conference will be held at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, October 4-6.

## Final Round Words and Definitions

- gobemouche: a highly gullible person
- oocephalus: an egghead
- absquatulate: to flee; abscond
- aguilliform: having the shape or form of an eel

## Canoe Kudos Nomination Form



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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

*Longer kudos?  
You may  
print this form  
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Send nomination form and \$10 donation (checks payable to NDLA) to:  
Lori K. West, Professional Development Committee Chair, Fargo Public Library, 102 3rd St. North, Fargo, ND 58102-2138.

# 2016 NDLA Election Results

SUBMITTED BY MARY LORENZ, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VOTING CHAIR

Congratulations to our new officers! Thank you for serving NDLA as leaders.

## NDLA Officers

### President-elect

**Stephanie Baltzer Kom**

Digital Initiatives Coordinator, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck

### Secretary

**Lane Talkington**

Children's and Young Adult Librarian, Dickinson Area Public Library

### Treasurer

**Aaron Stefanich**

Children's Librarian, Grand Forks Public Library

### MPLA Representative

**Paulette Nelson**

Children's Librarian, Minot Public Library

## Section and Roundtable Officers

### Academic & Special Libraries Section (A&SL)

**Chair:** Kristen Borysewicz, Humanities Librarian, UND Chester Fritz Library, Grand Forks

**Chair-elect:** Laura Trude, Business Librarian, Barry Hall Business Learning Center, NDSU, Fargo

### Health Science Information Section (HSIS)

**Chair-elect:** Dawn Hackman, Reference/Education Librarian, UND Library of the Health Sciences, Grand Forks

**Secretary:** Erika Fischer, Librarian, UND Health Science Department, Grand Forks

### Public Library Section

**Chair-elect:** Kerianne Tyler, Library Administrator, Ward County Public Library, Minot

**Secretary:** Beth Reitan, Library Director, Bottineau Public Library

### New Members Roundtable (NMRT)

**Chair-elect:** Sarah K. Nelson, Librarian, Fargo Public Library

### School Library & Youth Services Section (SLAYS)

**Chair-elect:** Pam Carswell, Teen Services Librarian, Minot Public Library

**Secretary:** Allison Radermacher, Library-Media Director, Ellendale Public School

### Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT)

**Chair-elect:** Tawnie Reisenauer, State Document Depository Program Coordinator, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck

### Technical Services Round Table (TECHSERT)

**Chair-elect:** Renae Tholkes, Government Documents Specialist, UND Chester Fritz Library, Grand Forks

*Editor's note: The Executive Board approved a proposal to merge GODORT and TECHSERT. The new roundtable is the Technical Services/Government Documents Roundtable and there are two co-chairs.*

# NDLA Awards

These awards were presented at the 2016 NDLA Conference.

## President's Award - Greta Guck and Mary Soucie, co-recipients

The President's Award is awarded at the discretion of the NDLA President for outstanding service to the Association during his/her administration. President Wendy Wendt honored two individuals with this award, saying:

*"It has been my pleasure serving as your President this past year. It is an exciting time in the history of NDLA, a time of evolution, of progress, of innovation, and maybe even a bit of rebelling. In short, it's a time of change.*

*But change can be hard. Change can be scary. And change almost always requires a team.*

*This year, there are two people who really helped move NDLA forward in remarkable ways. Not only are these two people change agents and visionaries, I am proud to call them my friends. Award winners – you can stay seated until I finish raving about you.*

*The first person to receive my President's Award for outstanding service to the Association during my administration is **Greta Guck**. I think you'll all agree that Greta is innovative, energetic, and a breath of fresh air. But more than that, Greta is a born leader.*

*Just a couple short years ago, Greta had a brand new job in Wahpeton and yet agreed to run for President-elect of NDLA. What she didn't realize is she would be President almost immediately. And, in what we've come to know as customary Greta-style, she jumped in with both feet.*

*During Greta's tenure as President, she implemented Zoom online meeting software, which enabled NDLA members to talk face-to-face right from our computers. She led the organization in our efforts to hire NDLA's first professional lobbyist. Greta started the NDLA re-visioning process by implementing our One Book, One Association book discussion about the future of associations,*



President Wendy Wendt and Mary Soucie, President's Award recipient

*especially NDLA. And as Past President, she started and led the process of acquiring membership management software to better serve NDLA members. All these things moved NDLA forward in significant ways.*

*Now, in my Presidential year, Greta has begun reimagining the NDLA conference as well. For the first time, we have a conference app! If you had a chance to use it, please let me know what you think! In addition, this year NDLA section meetings didn't overlap with NDLA roundtable meetings! And we're finally down to one NDLA business meeting!!! (I'm very excited about that!) AND to top it all off, we had our first-ever NDLA Spelling Bee!*

*For her incredible efforts in moving NDLA forward, I want to thank my first President's Award winner, Greta Guck!*

*The other person to receive my President's Award for outstanding service to the Association during my administration is State Librarian **Mary Soucie**. Those of you who know Mary, know that she will modestly say that she ONLY provides support and guidance when asked for it. And she'll say that's her job. But all of you know that support and guidance are priceless – especially when they are so generously and knowledgeably given. Mary has gone above and beyond what is required by her job.*

*During my two-year stint as President-elect and President, Mary has helped move NDLA forward in many ways. Together with Legislative Chair Kelly Steckler, Mary helped guide NDLA*

*through the process of hiring our first professional lobbyist as well as the writing of our first Strategic Communications Plan. This is a foundational document that will help shape NDLA's future for many years to come.*

*As State Librarian, Mary serves as an ex officio NDLA Board member and offers a wider perspective on library issues and association best practices due to her multi-state experience. In addition, Mary participated in the NDLA visioning process and called on some of her professional colleagues for resources and recommendations on NDLA's behalf. And, in what I hope will become an annual event, Mary invited NDLA to partner with the State Library on our first local Legislative Day at the State Library. This act alone has increased the visibility of libraries across the state and awareness of the North Dakota Library Association.*

*For her extraordinary support and guidance in moving NDLA forward, I want to thank my other President's Award winner, State Librarian Mary Soucie!"*

### **Librarian of the Year Award - Greta Guck and Wendy Wendt, co-recipients**

NDLA's Librarian of the Year Award is 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."

The [nomination process](#) includes submitting a letter of nomination to the NDLA President-elect as well as documentation of the nominee's contributions



**Incoming President Lesley Allan and Librarians of the Year Wendy Wendt and Greta Guck**

to the profession and a minimum of five individual letters of support. The Librarian of the Year award is not necessarily presented every year. The recipients receive a commemorative plaque and a one-year free NDLA membership.

This year, **Greta Guck**, Past President, and **Wendy Wendt**, President, were recognized as Librarians of the Year for their efforts to revitalize our association as well as their own libraries for the twenty-first century. As part of their work for NDLA, Greta and Wendy decided to investigate declining membership and to re-envision our future. As a result, they launched a One Book, One Association initiative in the fall of 2015, inviting NDLA members to read and discuss *The End of Membership as We Know It: Building the Fortune-flipping, Must-have Association of the Next Century* by Sarah L. Sladek.

In part, the nominator wrote, "With this year's conference theme of "Rebels with a Cause," I would like to step outside of the norm to nominate Wendy Wendt and Greta Guck as co-Librarians of the Year. Both have given great service to North Dakota school, public, and academic/special librarians through their service to NDLA, to their communities by providing programming for all ages of their constituency, and also by re-envisioning the future of our organization ... Individually both have revitalized their community's libraries through programming and, in Wendy's case, the tortured process of trying to renovate or build a new library. Whether positive or negative, the push to change the Grand Forks Public Library's building has raised awareness immeasurably across the state. It has started conversations leading to a greater understanding of what a twenty-first century library looks like both in physical structure and in mission and service."

Congratulations, Wendy and Greta! We are proud of you and grateful for your leadership. The work you've done has revitalized our association for the twenty-first century.

### **Friendly Booth Award North Dakota United**

The Friendly Booth Award is presented annually to the conference exhibitor who best shows knowledge of product, attractiveness of display, exemplary salesmanship, and friendly support for libraries. The award is sponsored by the New Members Roundtable (NMRT). During the first full day of the conference, members of NMRT visit the exhibits and complete score sheets so the award can be presented at the

awards banquet on Thursday evening. With twelve NMRT members participating in the scoring process and tough competition, North Dakota United was chosen as NDLA's 2016 Friendly Booth Award winner.

### Flicker Tale Children's Book Awards

Although none of the winning authors were able to be at the conference to receive their awards in person, outgoing Flicker Tale Chair, Linda Austin, announced the winners in the four categories:

#### Picture Book

*I'm My Own Dog* by David Ezra Stein

#### Intermediate Book

*The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure* by Doreen Cronin

#### Juvenile Fiction Book

*Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere* by Julie T. Lamana

#### Non-Fiction Book

*Spic-and-Span! Lillian Gilbreth's Wonder Kitchen* by Monica Kulling



### Major Benefactor Award

The Major Benefactor Award was not presented this year since no nominations were submitted.

### NMRT Grassroots Grant

#### Paul Amberg, Minot Public Library

Paul Amberg, a Library Assistant at Minot Public Library applied for and received an [NMRT Grassroots Grant](#) to attend the 2016 NDLA Conference. His report about his experience is printed elsewhere in this issue.

### Notable North Dakota Documents

Conference attendees voted for their three favorite state documents from the display at the State Library's booth in the vendor hall. The top vote-getters were:

- 1st place - *Guide to North Dakota: Art and Cultural Destinations* by the North Dakota Council of the Arts.
- 2nd place - *Energy: Powered by North Dakota* created by the North Dakota Studies program from the State Historical Society of North Dakota
- 3rd place - *You and the Law: The Rights of Grandparents and Stepgrandparents* from the North Dakota State University Extension Service

For more details, see Jessica Robinson's "On the DOcket" column elsewhere in this issue.

### School Library Administrator of the Year Award Nikki Wixo, Central Cass Public Schools

Nikki Wixo, the academic dean at Central Cass Public Schools in Casselton, was selected as the recipient of the School Library Administrator of the Year Award because she supports collaboration between library staff and teachers, creates leadership opportunities for library staff, has helped transform the library media center into a welcoming space, and wrote a grant to put iPads into the school library. Her nominator wrote that "she truly believes in what a quality library program can do to improve student achievement."



Youth Program Excellence Award - Wendy Wendt and Aaron Stefanich

### Youth Excellence Program of the Year Award Aaron Stefanich and Grand Forks Public Library

Aaron Stefanich and the Grand Forks Public Library were chosen for the Youth Excellence Program of the Year Award. Aaron is a children's librarian at GFPL and was recognized for his innovative STEM/robotics programs and the community partnerships he has created to make those programs work, as well as for the other great programs that he and his library run for children.

For complete information about NDLA's awards, visit the Awards page on the website: [www.ndlaonline.org/awards/](http://www.ndlaonline.org/awards/). It's never too early to start thinking about nominating deserving individuals.

# Conference Exhibits

Thanks to these exhibitors for participating in our conference and supporting NDLA! Vendor support is vital to the success of the NDLA Conference. When you're looking for products and services, consider doing business with the companies who do business with us.

## **ABDO Publishing**

Featuring K-12 library books and eBooks  
<http://abdopublishing.com/>

## **American Library Association**

<http://www.ala.org/>

## **Badlands Comics and Games**

Featuring games and graphic novels  
<https://www.facebook.com/badlands.comics>

## **Baker & Taylor**

Providing library materials for all ages  
<http://www.baker-taylor.com/>

## **Booksystems/Learning Opportunities**

Featuring library automation solutions, fiction – nonfiction books and eBooks  
<http://learning-opp.com/>

## **Capstone**

Featuring children's books, Capstone interactive eBooks, PebbleGo, and PebbleGo Next  
<http://www.capstonepub.com/library/>

## **Datruue**

Featuring microfilm and book scanning solutions  
<http://www.datruue.com/>

## **EBSCO**

Featuring databases, e-Journals, e-Books, digital and print subscriptions  
<http://www.ebsco.com/>

## **Gumdrop Books**

Featuring pre-K-12 library books  
<http://www.gumdropbooks.com/>

## **Library Loot**

Featuring library-themed crafts and jewelry  
Proceeds donated to [Ethiopia Reads](#) and [The Harry Potter Alliance](#)  
[librarylesley40@gmail.com](mailto:librarylesley40@gmail.com)

## **Minitex –**

An Information and Resource Sharing Program of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the University of Minnesota Libraries  
<https://www.minitex.umn.edu/>

## **MPLA/MPLA Leadership Institute**

Mountain Plains Library Association  
<http://www.mpla.us/>

## **National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region**

NN/LM outreach materials  
<https://nnlm.gov/gmr>

## **North Dakota State Library**

<http://library.nd.gov/>

## **North Dakota United**

(Winner of the 2016 Friendly Booth Award)  
<http://ndunited.org/>

## **ODIN**

Online Dakota Information Network  
<http://www.odin.nodak.edu/>

## **Permabound Books**

Featuring K-12 library and classroom books, eBooks, and curriculum materials  
<https://www.perma-bound.com/library/>

## **Prairie Public Broadcasting**

Featuring free resources for Library Media Specialists to support children's learning  
<http://www.prairiepublic.org/education>

## **Quality Books**

Featuring small press print and non-print materials  
<http://www.quality-books.com/>

# NMRT Grassroots Grant

*Editor's note: Paul Amberg, Library Assistant at Minot Public Library, applied for and received an [NMRT Grassroots Grant](#). The purpose of the Grassroots Grant is to give new and future librarians a chance to attend the annual NDLA conference by helping to finance attendance by waiving full registration costs (including meals). As part of the grant requirements, Paul wrote this article about his experience at the conference for The Good Stuff.*

## My First NDLA Conference

By PAUL AMBERG

I was able to attend my first NDLA Conference this year as the New Members Roundtable (NMRT) "Grassroots Grant" recipient. If you've never been to a library conference before, you have no idea what to expect. Luckily, I had four other librarians from the Minot Public Library (MPL) there to lean on if needed.

### Wednesday (Day 1)

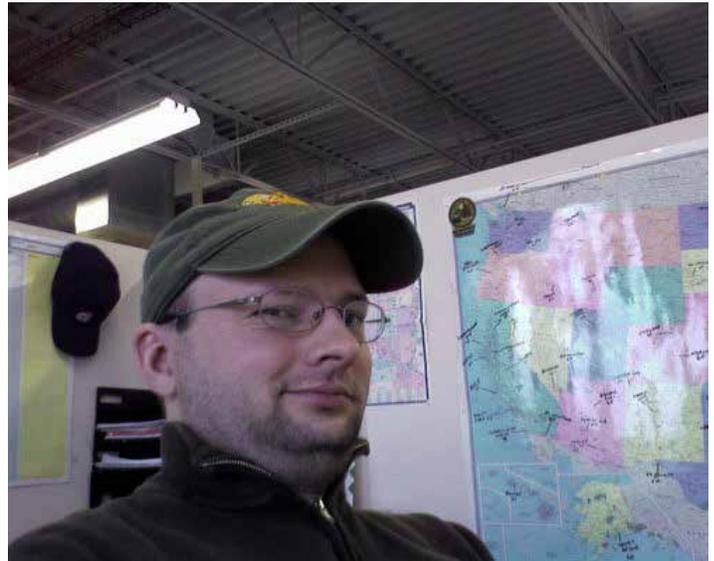
I was able to get a look at the Dickinson Area Public Library at the opening social they hosted. It was very nice to see the way they have added on to the original Carnegie Library. New and old melded very well, in my opinion. I thought they used the space very well and you could tell they were spending their resources wisely as they had state of the art computers for patrons to use and a lot of new DVD titles and such.

### Thursday (Day 2) was the real first day for me.

Attendees had a nice breakfast in the morning while we held the NMRT meeting. This was kind of a meet-and-greet for new members along with being able to ask questions.

Following this, I guess the conference planners decided we needed to be woken up a bit as the keynote speaker, Jim Gill, led all the librarians in singing and jumping around. Jim specializes in entertaining and helping children learn; thus, we got to sing along with a bunch of his songs.

The first of several vendor breaks came next. This gave us time to visit the booths of around 20 vendors and about 15 authors in the "Author's Alley." As an NMRT member, I was tasked with judging the vendor booths for the "Friendliest Booth" award. There was a balcony over the area which allowed me to judge the booths both on how they interacted with others as well as myself. One of the vendors was a local comic/game store owner whose shop I visited the next night.



I attended a customer service breakout session next. Breakout sessions are basically presentations that are made to be interactive and encourage interaction and input. This was followed by lunch, which featured each of the "Author's Alley" authors talking a bit about themselves and reading a bit from their books. I thought one of the young authors, Mattie Richardson, would be awesome for giving a presentation to our local teens.

Three more breakout sessions followed in the afternoon. I chose the "M&M Unconference" for the free M&M's that were offered ... No, actually it sounded like a good program to learn about. It was about the Mentorship Committee, which sets up mentors with mentees. Next was the "Outcome Measurements" session. I went to this for a colleague who was torn between two sessions and it was informative and gave some insight into surveys. Finally, I attended "Ignite NDLA" which was a series of five-minute presentations with 20 slides automatically changing every 15 seconds. Presenters covered topics from getting people into reading to Tai Chi.

The next three events sorta rolled into each other. The Vendor's Social, Awards Banquet, Live Auction, and

Spelling Bee showed that Librarians aren't stuffy at all and can let their hair down a bit (well, those who have a hair to let down, which I do not, but I still had fun).

**Friday (Day 3)** started with breakfast and keynote speaker Taylor Brorby, an award winning essayist, poet, and environmentalist. He gave a presentation about the impact of the Bakken oil field and the Dakota Access Pipeline. I found this informative and he had a very receptive audience.

Two breakout sessions followed in the morning. I went to "Active Shooter Policies for Libraries" first. My attendance (along with input I gave) has led to my co-presenting MPL's next active shooter training. Then came "Rooting Data Privacy in Libraries." Eric Stroshane from the State Library gave a presentation that I don't think we were expecting. It was engaging and definitely designed for us computer geeks. It was interesting to see how privacy attacks and protections have changed over time.

Lunch and the NDLA General Session followed. The NDLA general session covered mainly housekeeping issues, but did create a lively debate over dues for new members or directors.

The afternoon featured a "North Dakota State Library Focus Group" and a session on the "World of #Mysteryskype." At the first program, I was able to have a voice in what I think the State Library's mission should be. This is nice because it shows how inclusive NDLA is -- even the newest members are heard. The #Mysteryskype session I chose because we have a Skype room at MPL that is rarely used. I was looking for ideas to use Skype more often and this definitely gave me some ideas.

I definitely enjoyed my first trip to the conference and can see how membership in NDLA can be useful to your career in the library field. It is a great opportunity to meet librarians from around the state and share ideas. In order to keep libraries relevant in the future, sharing ideas is exactly what is needed to keep from being stagnant. I intend on maintaining my membership and attending conferences in the future.



## NDLA Mentorship Program

The NDLA Mentorship Program fosters the profession of librarianship by pairing experienced mentors with mentees seeking new skills.

"A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself." -- *Oprah Winfrey*

"Colleagues are a wonderful thing – but mentors, that's where the real work gets done." -- *Junot Diaz*

"One of the greatest values of mentors is the ability to see ahead what others cannot see and to help them navigate a course to their destination." -- *John C. Maxwell*

"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction." -- *John Crosby*

"The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves." -- *Steven Spielberg*

"A mentor is someone who sees more talent and ability within you, than you see in yourself, and helps bring it out of you." -- *Bob Proctor*

**We want mentors and we want mentees. In other words, we want YOU!**

Click [here](#) for information and sign-up forms

Need more info? Have questions? Contact Aubrey Madler, [Mentorship Chair](#)

## CALCON - Innovate, Inspire, Connect!

BY PAULETTE NELSON, MPLA REPRESENTATIVE

The 2016 MPLA/Colorado Library Conference in Loveland, Colorado, surely lived up to its promise to innovate, inspire, and connect. Attendees were inspired by many new and innovative ideas presented by librarians from the MPLA region. In addition, we were able to connect with colleagues from throughout MPLA to share what is happening in all types of libraries in our twelve-state area.

Nina Simon, Executive Director of the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, spoke on "The Art of Relevancy – Reshaping Libraries." She encouraged participants to make their libraries relevant to their communities. In making your library relevant, Simon challenged us to invite outsiders in and to let them bring new ideas to our organizations. She cautioned, however, that sometimes insiders do not like opening new doors to outsiders. Libraries must start to partner across the community, so institutions become relevant to all of the people that we strive to serve.

The conference also featured many programs on Makerspaces in the library. In addition to the programs where speakers talked about technology available for makerspaces – LEGO Mindstorms, Makey-Makey, Cubelets, Sphero, Ollie, 3-D printers, and more -- all conference-goers had the opportunity to play with these items in the Makerspace lab that was set up for those who wanted to have a true hands-on experience. A program on Children's Makerspaces focused on the types of things you can do for younger children in a makerspace, such as making a finger piano out of bobby pins and small ceramic tiles. The rubber band airplane also provided lots of entertainment for the kid in all of us! One library in the region has a dedicated Makerspace building where patrons of all ages can learn wood working, welding, and weaving at no cost.



The program has been very popular and there are often long waiting lists for these programs.

Keynote speaker Nina Simon also set the stage for several other conference programs on making your library relevant to your community. In one program, librarians from across the region were asked WHAT it means to make the library relevant and, more importantly, HOW do we do it? This highly interactive session allowed participants to explore and discuss important community trends directly impacting the communities we serve, including brainstorming ways to meet these challenges to help shape the future of libraries. You can see all the great ideas that were generated at this session at <https://goo.gl/B8B855>. Also worth checking out is what the Pikes Peak Library District is doing for its patrons: <http://research.ppld.org/whoneedsus>.

MPLA truly does have something for everyone and attendees surely came away with new ideas and programs to try in their libraries.

### 2017 Nevada Library Association/MPLA Conference

If you missed the 2016 conference, mark your calendar for the next one – October 16-18, 2017, in beautiful South Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

# Web Your Way To A Healthy New Year!

BY AMBER AMIDON, NORTHWEST CLINICAL CAMPUS LIBRARIAN, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

At the beginning of each year, countless individuals choose to participate in the tradition of declaring a New Year's resolution. Many of these resolutions focus on improving personal health and fitness.

As a librarian, you may get health and fitness related questions from patrons looking to take control of their health.

## ChooseMyPlate.gov

([www.choosemyplate.gov/](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/))

ChooseMyPlate.gov was designed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to promote building lifelong healthy habits. It is a great resource freely available online with a lot of high quality, consumer friendly information on nutrition and fitness for all ages in a variety of languages. The site features a diverse collection of fun and easy-to-use online tools to help you reach your health and fitness goals!



## SuperTracker

([www.supertracker.usda.gov/](http://www.supertracker.usda.gov/))

This tool enables users to plan, track, and analyze their daily nutrient intake and physical activity. Users can create a free account, which allows them to set personalized nutrition and fitness goals and monitor their progress. Account holders can also take advantage of virtual coaching and online journaling.



SuperTracker has many different features, including:

### Food-A-Pedia

- Look up nutrition information for over 8,000 different foods and compare two foods at one time
- *Track Food & Activity*
- Input your diet information to see how your choices compare to dietary guidelines. Users can also track time spent engaging in physical activity and estimate calories burned. Account holders can personalize their calorie and nutrient targets and set customizable fitness goals.

### My Plan

- Suggests meal options to help users stay within recommended nutritional guidelines.

### My Top 5 Goals

- Individuals can track their progress over time in the areas of weight management, physical activity, calorie intake, and meeting nutritional targets. "My Coach Center" is an optional feature that that will send you helpful tips and support related to your goals.



## What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl

(<https://www.choosemyplate.gov/recipes-cookbooks-and-menus>)

This tool can help individuals and families plan healthy meals. It features a searchable database of recipes and a customizable virtual cookbook, as well as information on useful topics such as food waste, budgeting, food safety, and home cooking.

**About Us** The University of North Dakota Health Sciences Library (<https://undmedlibrary.org>) is part of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and North Dakota's only Resource Library in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Health Sciences Library staff promote awareness and effective searching of quality health information resources for both consumers and professionals.

# Dues Increase Passes

BY TONI VONASEK, CHAIR, CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

Revisions to Article I, Section 2 of the NDLA Bylaws regarding an annual dues increase has passed. A total of 114 members voted. 95 members (83.33%) voted "Yes, amend the Bylaws" and 19 members (16.67%) voted "No, do not amend the Bylaws." Voting began on November 14 and ended on November 28. The results were reported to the membership on November 29.

NDLA members were first notified about the proposed dues increase and the rationale behind it via an article in the August 2016 issue of *The Good Stuff* and an email message sent to members two weeks before the annual conference. When the proposal was discussed at the conference, a motion to remove the new director membership waiver and instead offer half-price dues to all first time members according to their salary range was approved.

The final, approved revisions to the bylaws (changes highlighted in red) are presented below.

## NDLA Bylaws Article I.

### Section 2. Dues

Annual dues are payable at the beginning of each calendar year. Privileges begin upon receipt of payment and expire Dec. 31 of the same year. If a new member pays the active membership fee at the time of conference registration his/her membership is good through the end of the following calendar year as a one-time benefit.

#### A. Dues structure:

##### 1. Active Membership

###### a. Individual Personal Membership: ~~\$35~~

*Salary of \$0.00 - \$30,000 annual dues of \$35.00*

*Salary of \$30,001 - \$49,999 annual dues of \$45.00*

*Salary of \$50,000 and over annual dues of \$60.00*

###### b. Student Membership: ~~\$20~~ \$25

###### ~~c. New Director Membership: waived~~

*c. First Time Member: Any person wishing to join NDLA for the first time may pay half the cost of the appropriate dues according to their salary range for a one-year membership to NDLA.*

###### d. Library Trustee Membership: ~~\$20~~ \$25

##### 2. Non-voting Membership

###### a. Associate Membership: ~~\$20~~ \$25

###### b. Institutional Membership:

Permanent Staff FTE	Library Dues	Staff can register at member rate for conference
3 or fewer <i>Up to 3 FTE</i>	<del>\$50</del> <i>\$70</i>	1
9 or fewer and more than 3 <i>4-9 FTE</i>	<del>\$100</del> <i>\$135</i>	2
10 or more <i>FTE</i>	<del>\$150</del> <i>\$200</i>	3

###### c. Honorary Membership: waived

B. The Executive Board will review the dues structure annually. When directed by the Executive Board, the Finance Committee will recommend changes to the dues structure.

C. All proposals for changing the dues structure will be submitted to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies Committee. Proposed dues changes will be presented to the membership at least one month before voting. Passage will require a majority of those voting.

**Jim Chattin**, director of the Lake Region Public Library in Devils Lake since 1995, officially retired on August 31, 2016. Chattin was born in California and served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years before earning a Master's degree in Information Media (with a track in Library Science) at St. Cloud State. During his time at Lake Region Public Library, he saw many changes --everything from automating the library to moving into a new library building, which opened to the public in mid-January 2004. Chattin and his wife, Marian, plan to move to New York state where they hope to purchase a renovated farmhouse and some acreage. They also look forward to traveling. Congratulations and best wishes for your retirement, Jim!

**Brianne Kaufmann** began her duties as head librarian at Mohall Public Library in November 2016. She grew up in Bottineau and has lived in Mohall since December 2015. Brianne replaced **Carol Cooper**, who resigned her position.

**Sienna Sailer** is the new director of the Hazen Public Library. She took over the reins when **Valerie Albrecht** (see August 2016 issue of *The Good Stuff*) retired on August 31, 2016, after serving as director for 16 years. Sailer worked with Albrecht during the month of August to help prepare for the transition. While she anticipates that most things will remain the same, she is looking to experiment with some new things as well. Welcome, Sienna, and best wishes for your retirement, Valerie!

**Travis Schulz**, Enterprise Director of Medical Library at Sanford Health in Bismarck, accepted a position as a clinical practice manager for the American College of Emergency Physicians in Irving, Texas. Travis' last day with Sanford was October 28 2016. Travis said that his "service and experience with professional organizations like NDLA were influential in opening up this opportunity with the premier professional organization for emergency physicians." Congratulations on your new job, Travis!

**Kelly Steckler**, director of the Morton Mandan Public Library, passed away on October 16, 2016. Kelly was a longtime member of NDLA and was currently serving as chair of the Legislative Committee, a position she held for several years. In 2007, Kelly received NDLA's President's Award in honor of her work on the Legislative Committee. The way Kelly led her life is captured by one of her favorite quotes -- "She believed she could, so she did." (from *Scoring Wilder* by R.S. Grey). To read the complete obituary, click [here](#). To read an article honoring Kelly in the November 2016 issue of the State Library's Flickertale publication, click [here](#).



## Membership Report

(as of October 2016)

Submitted by Mary Sheahan, Membership Chair

Academic & Special Libraries Section	57
Health Science Information Section	18
Public Library Section	103
School Library & Youth Services Section	79
Archives/Records Management Roundtable	16
Government Documents Roundtable	14
New Members Roundtable	27
Technical Services Roundtable	31
Associate members	7
Institutional members	10
Student members	3
Trustees	11
New members 2016	38
<b>Total 2016 members</b>	<b>264</b>

\*\*These numbers represent individuals who have renewed or joined since January 2016\*\*

### 2016 Conference Registration Statistics

Full Conference	104
One-Day Only	25
Pre-conference	27
<b>Total Number of Attendees</b>	<b>136</b>



By JESSICA ROBINSON, GODORT CHAIR

Once again NDLA members showed their support for the [Notable Documents Award](#) by visiting the booth at the NDLA Conference and casting their votes. The purpose of the Notable Documents Award is to honor exceptional documents produced by North Dakota state agencies. Each year, GODORT (Government Documents Roundtable) displays a selection of exceptional state government publications at the annual conference and asks attendees to vote for their favorites. We appreciate your comments and encouragement for this project; they will help us do an even better job next year.

The 2016 winner of NDLA's Notable Document Award was the ***Guide to North Dakota: Art and Cultural Destinations*** by the North Dakota Council of the Arts. Not only does this guide cover the entire state, it points visitors (and curious residents) to a wide variety of cultural experiences from the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame in Medora to the McDonald School of Irish & International Dance in Fargo. A list of visitor centers and chambers of commerce is provided at the end of the book for anybody who wants to delve even deeper into North Dakota's many destination spots.

The close second place winner was ***Energy: Powered by North Dakota*** created by the State Historical Society's North Dakota Studies program. The topics discussed in this publication are as relevant today as they've ever been and the creators covered an enormous range of information with easily digestible text, informative maps, and glossy photographs.

Last but not least was ***You and the Law: The Rights of Grandparents and Stepgrandparents*** from the North Dakota State University Extension Service. In a family-focused state with an abundant senior population, this brief guide breaks down the local laws that govern the rights grandparents have regarding their grandchildren. The guide covers numerous scenarios, provides information about state and national resources, and points grandparents towards other materials to assist them in their search for answers.

We hope these documents will be further honored at the national level when they are forwarded to the American Library Association for consideration for their Notable Documents Award. The winners of this award are showcased on the national level in the May issue of *Library Journal*.

Now that 2016 is drawing to a close, it's time to start looking towards 2017. Help GODORT honor the work of the North Dakota state government by nominating publications for our Notable Documents Award. Along with printed reports and other text, documents can be videos, maps, or any other format.

Be part of the next NDLA celebration of Notable Documents! Send your nominations (title of document and publishing agency) to [jlrobinson@nd.gov](mailto:jlrobinson@nd.gov).



### ***But What If We're Wrong? Thinking About the Present As If It Were the Past***

(\$26, 288 p., hardcover) is the latest book from North Dakota native **Chuck Klosterman**. Klosterman is a bestselling author of several books, including *Fargo Rock City* (winner of the ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award); *Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs*; *Downtown Owl*; *Eating the Dinosaur*; *I Wear the Black Hat*; *Killing Yourself to Live*; *The Visible Man*; and *Chuck Klosterman IV: a Decade of Curious People and Dangerous Ideas*. He has written for ESPN and numerous publications, including *GQ*, *Esquire*, *Spin*, *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *The Believer*, and *The Onion A.V. Club*. Klosterman also served as the Ethicist for the *New York Times Magazine* for three years. His books are widely available in bookstores and online from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). For more information, visit his website at <http://chuckklostermanauthor.com/>.

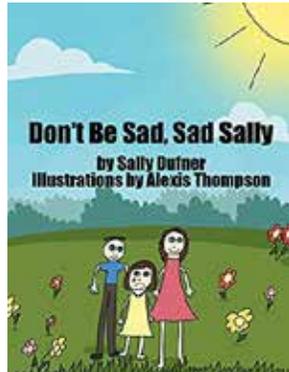


### ***The Civil War on the Great Plains: The Fight for a Homeland in America***

(\$29.95, DVD) is available from [Prairie Public](#). In our part of the world, the Civil War began in 1862 with the largest mass execution in American history in Minnesota – the Dakota 38. As battles spread to the Dakotas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, and Wyoming, thousands died on the Great Plains. This film is the work of Emmy-nominated producer/writer Darrell Dorgan and Emmy-winner videographer/editor David Geck.

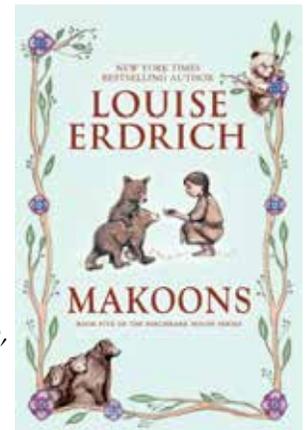
### Washburn native **Sally Dufner** released a children's book, ***Don't Be Sad, Sad Sally***

(\$41.99, hardcover; \$31.99, softcover; \$3.99, ebook; 50 p.) in June. The book is about a girl who is discontent with many things in her life, but learns to appreciate them. Dufner says she was inspired by the thoughtfulness and selflessness in Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree* and hoped her book could do the same. Dufner now lives in Otsego, Minnesota. Her eight-year-old niece, Alexis Thompson of Bismarck, created the illustrations for the book. *Don't be Sad, Sad Sally* is available online from [Amazon](#), [Barnes and Noble](#), and [XLibris](#). For more information, visit the author's website at [www.sallydufner.com](http://www.sallydufner.com).



The latest books from **Ron Vossler** include *Dinosaur Café: A Semblance of Monstrous Prairie Creatures* (\$14.95, 131 p., pbk; \$3.99, ebook) and *Hitler's Basement: My Search for Truth, Light, and the Forgotten Executioners of Ukraine's Kingdom of Death* (\$19, 346 p., pbk.; \$10.99, ebook). Both are available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#) as well as Vossler's website ([www.ronvossler.com](http://www.ronvossler.com)). Vossler is a humanities scholar and speaker and taught English at UND for several years. His other books include *Common and Not So Common Threads*; *Dakota Kraut*; *Fellowship of the Sausage Ring: A Meditation on Wascht*; *Horse, I Am Your Mother*; *Lost Shawls and Pig Spleens: Folklore, Anecdotes, and Humor from the Oral Traditions of Germans from Russia in the Dakotas*; *Not Until the Combine Is Paid and Other Jokes: from the Oral Traditions of Germans from Russia in the Dakotas*; *The Old God Still Lives: Ethnic Germans in Czarist and Soviet Ukraine Write Their American Relatives, 1915-1924*; *Wedding in the Darkness: Three Accounts from Collectivization and the Great Terror*; *We'll Meet Again in Heaven: Germans in the Soviet Union Write Their Dakota Relatives, 1925-1937*; and *Why I Never Called Death the River and Other Voices from the Valley of Hope: a Prairie Album*.

***Makoons*** (\$16.99, 176 p., hardcover) is the fifth book in the Birchbark House series by **Louise Erdrich**. The story is based on Erdrich's own family history and is about an Ojibwe family in nineteenth-century America. The other books in the series include *The Birchbark House*, *Porcupine Tales*, *Chickadee*, and *Game of Silence*. Louise Erdrich is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and grew up in Wahpeton. She is an acclaimed author and has won many prizes and awards, including the 2012 National Book Award for Fiction for *The Round House*. Her books are widely available in bookstores and online from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). Erdrich also received North Dakota's **Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award** in 2013. For more information, visit the author's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/louiseerdrichauthor](http://www.facebook.com/louiseerdrichauthor).

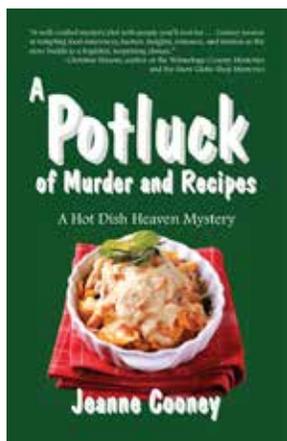




**Music at NDSU** (\$25) by Dr. **Robert Groves**

“combines thorough research with personal insights for an engaging record of the rise of music as a field of study at NDSU. From its beginnings with mid-1890s campus music clubs, to the formation in 1903 of an official Department of Music, up to the designation of the School of Music in 2012 and beyond, Groves brings the history of the Challey School of Music to life.” The book will be available in January 2017 from NDSU Press and features more than 200 photos of student musicians and faculty.

**Jeanne Cooney**, has penned the final title in her Hot Dish Heaven mystery series. The latest installment is **A Potluck of Murder and Recipes** (\$14.95, 280 p., pbk.). *Midwest Book Review* called it “... another terrific and original mystery from the pen of Jeanne Cooney ...” The stories are set in a Midwest farming community populated with an array of Scandinavian Lutherans. The other books in the series, which can be read on their own or as part of the series, are *A Hot Dish of Murder and Recipes* (see *The Good Stuff*, December 2013, p. 29) and *A Second Helping of Murder and Recipes* (see *The Good Stuff*, December 2014, p. 27). All three books are available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). For more information, visit the author’s website at [www.jeannecooney.com/](http://www.jeannecooney.com/).



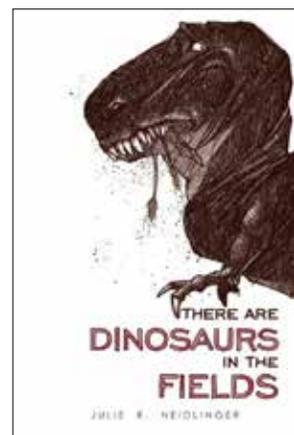
A second edition of **Prairie Mosaic: An Ethnic Atlas of Rural North Dakota** (\$39.95, hardcover) by **William C. Sherman** will likely be available in January 2017. The **first edition** was published in 1983 by the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies (now NDSU Press) with information collected in a 1965 survey of North Dakota rural households to map ethnic settlement in the state.

**Terry Bohn** of Bismarck grew up listening to baseball games on the radio with his grandfather and developed a love for the game. If you also love baseball, you may be interested in Bohn’s book, **Sunday Afternoons of the Prairie: The Growth of Baseball in North Dakota** (\$14.95, 200 p., pbk.). The book traces the story of baseball in North Dakota from territorial days when it was played at military

forts until around the time of World War I. Bohn is a longtime member of the Society for American Baseball Research and published his book through CreateSpace. It is available from [Amazon](#).

The NDSU Libraries’ Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GHRC) has published **Sunflowers & Thistles: Bessarabian Germans Speak Out** (\$35, 324 p., hardcover) by **Elvire Bisle-Fandrich**, translated by **James T. Gessele**, a native of Mercer, ND. *Sunflowers & Thistles* is a collection of stories by Germans from Bessarabia about “... both gratifying and painful experiences about life in Bessarabia, their resettlement to Germany, war, flight and expulsion and a new beginning after 1945.” Originally published in German, this is the first English translation of these stories. Michael Miller, director of the GHRC, wrote that “*Sunflowers & Thistles* is one of the most important scholarly books published by the GRHC for the Germans from Russia community.” For more information, visit <https://library.ndsu.edu/grhc/order/general/sunflowersandthistles.html>.

**Julie R. Neidlinger** of Bismarck describes her book, **There Are Dinosaurs in the Fields** (\$29.99, 172 p., softcover) as “... 172 pages of essays, art, photography, and poetry.” She also says that it is a book for anyone who loves North Dakota. The book is available at Barnes and Noble in Bismarck as well as online from [Barnes and Noble](#) and [Amazon](#). It can also be



ordered as an on demand print book from [Blurb.com](#). Neidlinger grew up on a farm in the northern part of the state and describes herself as “a writer, artist, and private pilot.” Visit Neidlinger’s Lone Prairie Network (<http://loneprairie.net/>) for more information.

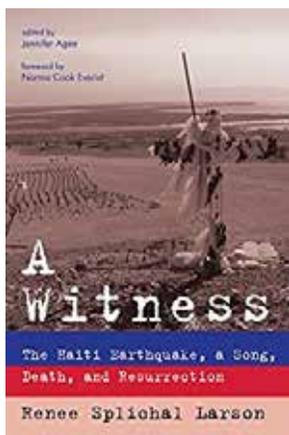
**Heather Earles** has published her first book, a Christian romance entitled **To Know Her Calling** (\$30.95, 158 p., hardcover; \$13.95, pbk.; \$3.99, Kindle). The story is about two people from different countries who are finding and searching for their purpose. The author lives near Valley City with her husband and children. Earles has written other books, but this is the first to be published. *To Know Her Calling* is available on Amazon and from the Eagles



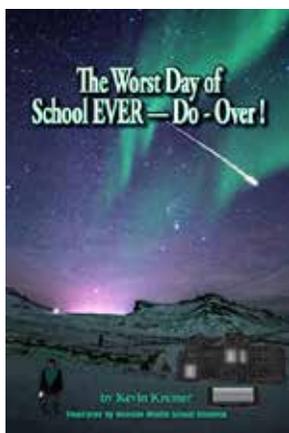
Nest Bookstore in Valley City. For more information about the author, visit [www.heatherearles.com](http://www.heatherearles.com).

***A Witness: The Haiti Earthquake, a Song, Death, and Resurrection*** (\$34, 280 p., pbk.; \$9.99, Kindle) is

**Renee Splichal Larson's** story of her experience in Haiti's devastating 2010 earthquake. The Garrison native, her husband, Ben, and Ben's cousin, Jon, were on a mission trip at the St. Joseph's Home for Boys in Peitonville (near Port Au Prince) when the earthquake struck. Ben was among the thousands of people who lost their lives. In the aftermath, Splichal Larson, who was studying to be a pastor, wrestled with her faith. She later married Jon and the two now have a son and serve at the Heart River Lutheran Church in Mandan. *A Witness* is available from [Amazon](#), [Barnes and Noble](#), [Wipf and Stock](#), and at S & J Hardware in Garrison.



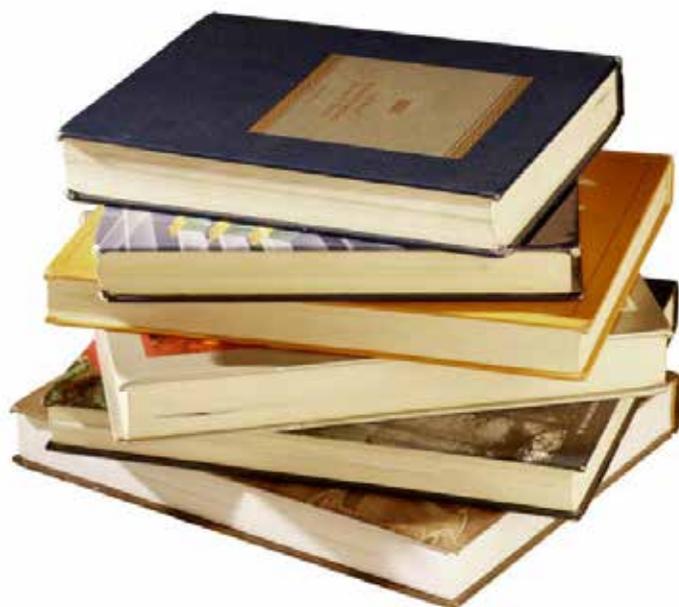
**Kevin Kremer's** latest book, ***The Worst Day of School EVER—Do-Over!*** (172 p., \$5.39, Kindle; \$5.49, Nook), is dedicated to Phil Jackson, who won a high school state championship as a basketball player for Williston High in 1963, two NBA championships as a player for the New York Knicks, and 11 NBA championships as coach. In the book, eleven-year-old Tyler Davis moves from Miami, Florida, to Williston, North Dakota, and his first day of school at his new school, the fictitious Phil Jackson Elementary School, is a disaster. Magically, he gets to live the day all over again. Author Kevin Kremer is a native of Mandan and taught elementary school in Mandan and Bismarck for 28 years. After retiring and moving to Florida several years ago, he continues to write books for children. Many of his books are set in North Dakota. For more information, visit his [Snow in Sarasota Publishing Company](#) website.



**Coming soon ...**

We don't have all the details yet, but these publications will soon be available:

- ***Derby Girl: A Memoir*** by **Sammi Jones**, a book about derby girl life will be released in March 2017 by NDSU Press.
- **Tim Murphy's** newest book, ***Devotions*** (\$24.95, hardcover), is scheduled for release in February 2017.
- ***Operation Snowbound: Life Behind the Blizzards of 1949*** by **David W. Mills** is being released by NDSU Press. Mills also wrote *Cold War in a Cold Land: Fighting Communism on the Northern Plains* (included in *The Good Stuff*, August 2015, p. 26)
- ***Stringing Rosaries: Stories from Northern Plains Indian Boarding School Survivors*** by **Denise Lajimodiere** will be the inaugural publication in the Contemporary Voices of Indigenous Peoples series from NDSU Press. The series is co-edited by Dr. Suzanne Kelley and Dr. Michael Yellow Bird.





By Eric Stroshane



## Let's Encrypt (<https://letsencrypt.org/>)

Let's Encrypt is a free, automated, and open certificate authority. I know what you're thinking, you're thinking "What's a certificate authority?" Well, I'm glad you asked! Certificate authorities verify that a website you're visiting is actually what it's supposed to be and not a fraudulent or attack site. Without certificate authorities, we could not have secure or confidential communication online through what's known as HTTPS. Now, why does that matter for libraries? It matters because one of the underpinnings of library service is a commitment to Intellectual Freedom—the freedom to read, view, listen to, or otherwise access information without abridgement or discrimination. Confidentiality is absolutely essential for this freedom to exist. This is reflected in the [American Library Association's Code of Ethics](#), where it states "we protect each library user's right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted." Moreover, North Dakota [Century Code 40-38-12](#) provides that "Any record maintained or received by a library receiving public funds, which provides a library patron's name or information sufficient to identify a patron together with the subject about which the patron requested information, is considered private and is exempted from the public records disclosure requirements." In other words, we have ethical and legal obligations to safeguard the confidentiality of patrons' information requests. Utilizing HTTPS on our websites, catalogs, databases, and the sites of our digital content providers is essential to maintain the confidentiality of our patrons' online information requests.

The good news is that Let's Encrypt makes our work a lot easier. What's more, Mike Robinson has put together some [step-by-step guides on Let's Encrypt for librarians](#). The bad news is we lack the access to do this for resources beyond our websites and catalogs, and may not have it for those. So we have to collectively work with our vendors to ensure they're aware of these issues, utilize HTTPS, securely store any patron details they retain, and don't share confidential patron information with third parties. The American Library Association's Privacy Subcommittee has put together a number of guides on how to do this and are developing others. In addition, NISO has written a standard on privacy principles for libraries working with digital content providers. These resources are available at:

- [Library Privacy Guidelines for Data Exchange Between Networked Devices and Services](#) (ALA)
- [Library Privacy Guidelines for E-book Lending and Digital Content Vendors](#) (ALA)
- [Library Privacy Guidelines for Library Management Systems](#) (ALA)
- [Library Privacy Guidelines for Library Websites, OPACs, and Discovery Services](#) (ALA)
- [Library Privacy Guidelines for Public Access Computers and Networks](#) (ALA)
- [Library Privacy Guidelines for Students in K-12 Schools](#) (ALA)
- [NISO Privacy Principles](#)

## Good Stuff from Around the State

Compiled by Marlene Anderson, Editorial Committee Member

**Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library** offered English conversation practice on Monday evenings this fall. The goal was to help people improve their everyday English language speaking skills to help them become better workers, students, and community members. The practice sessions also provided an opportunity to meet new people and learn about new cultures.



The **Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library** celebrated **Banned Books Week** with this special display.

Table top gaming, video game tournaments, Otaku Club, book club gatherings, a teen lock-in, and a Pinterest! party were among the programming options for teens at the **Bismarck Public Library** this fall. Check out the details at [www.bismarcklibrary.org/237/Teen-Programming](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org/237/Teen-Programming)

Photographer and teacher Roddy MacInnes talked about his "Finding Nina" project at the **Bismarck State College Library** on September 26, 2016. The project began when MacInnes purchased two photo albums at an antiques mall in Denver. He was intrigued by the images and wanted to learn more about the photographer, Nina Weiste, and the places she photographed in the Jim (James) River area of Dickey County where she lived. That interest led to more than a dozen trips to North Dakota to spend time in the environments of Nina's photographs, to take his own pictures of things he imagined she might have seen, to photograph the people who now occupy Nina's

landscape, and to try to understand how the landscape and people have changed, or not changed. MacInnes' book about the "Finding Nina" project is scheduled for release in 2017. Roddy MacInnes teaches photography at the University of Denver. For additional information, visit his website at <http://roddy.com/home.html>.

**Bismarck State College Library** will host its annual book discussion series, BookTalk at BSC, in January, February, and March 2017. The theme for the series is "The Prize that Wasn't" and features the three finalists for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, a prize that was not awarded. The books include *Train Dreams* by Denis Johnson, *Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell, and *The Pale King* by David Foster Wallace. For more information, visit <http://bsc.libguides.com/booktalk2017>.

The Heart River Writers' Circle sponsored "The Curse of Reading Scared" at the **Dickinson Area Public Library** on October 27, 2016. Community members, as well as faculty, staff and students of Dickinson State University, shared short excerpts of frightening tales and poems selected from world literature, ancient to contemporary. "Reading Scared" began in 2012, continued with "Return of Reading Scared" in 2014, and "The Revenge of Reading Scared" in 2015. The Heart River Writers' Circle was founded in 2000 and "brings to the West River area significant, contemporary writers whose work interests a range of readers on the northern plains." It is sponsored by Dickinson State University's Department of Language and Literature, DSU's Stoxen Library, and the Dickinson Area Public Library." (For more information, see: [www.dickinsonstate.edu/academics/fields-of-study/language-and-literature/extracurricular-programs/](http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/academics/fields-of-study/language-and-literature/extracurricular-programs/)). The group also has a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/heartriverwriterscircle/](http://www.facebook.com/heartriverwriterscircle/).

On October 29, 2016, more than 300 brave souls showed up at the **Grand Forks Public Library** to wind their way through mazes and encounter monsters at the annual Haunted Stacks event. With spooky fun, cookies, and games it was a howling good time!



The **Grand Forks Public Library** again teamed up with St. Joseph's in Grand Forks for the Empty Bowl Project, a community project to fight hunger. Participants were invited to the library on October 20 to paint bowls (paint and bowls provided). The bowls were donated to St. Joseph's, fired, and then auctioned at St. Joseph's Empty Bowls event in November to raise money to feed the hungry in the Grand Forks area.



The **James River Valley Library System** will have to wait a while longer for its new bookmobile because the truck box was not built to specifications – the door was in the wrong place and there were no wheel wells. Library system director Joe Rector negotiated with the contractor to solve the problems and the revised plans were approved by the library board. The library board also approved a design for the bookmobile wrap, which features a white bison reading a book in a field of sunflowers. The white bison is reminiscent of **White Cloud**, an albino bison that was part of the herd at the National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown for many years and passed away on November 14, 2016.

The **Kindred Public Library's** 15<sup>th</sup> annual Tour of Homes took place on November 20, 2016. Five area homes were showcased. Tickets were \$15/person. Coffee, cider, and goodies were available at the library and attendees were invited to stop by for a snack before, during, or after tour hours. A basket raffle was also held at the library and tickets sold for \$1. Baskets with various themes were donated by several library patrons.

On October 5, 2016, the **Library of the Health Sciences, University of North Dakota**, and the **Altru Medical Library** hosted the Medical Library Association Webinar, "Demystifying R: An Introduction for Librarians" ([www.mlanet.org/blog/demystifying-r-an-introduction-for-librarians](http://www.mlanet.org/blog/demystifying-r-an-introduction-for-librarians)), presented by Lisa Federer, a research data informationist at the National Institutes of Health Library. Thanks to funding from NN/LM GMR, there was no charge to attend the

webinar, although participants were required to attend in person. Participants also earned 1.5 MLA CE contact hours.

**Minot Public Library** staff created an eye-catching display for **Banned Books Week** that got patrons talking and gave them the opportunity to take photos of themselves being "caught" reading a banned book. Staff also set up a table at Minot State University to promote the public library as well as the freedom to read.



The **Minot Public Library's** Books 'n Brews Book Club is going strong since its inception in August 2015. The group meets every other month at the Tap Room in Minot. In August, the group discussed *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins and in November, they talked about *Killing Patton* by Bill O'Reilly. Brendan Chella, Adult Services Librarian, coordinates the program. For more information, visit the Library's **Facebook** page.

Children's author and Flickertale Award winner Doreen Cronin visited three Mandan schools and the **Morton Mandan Public Library** on Monday, October 3, 2016. Cronin's book, *The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure*, won NDLA's 2016 Flickertale Children's Book Award in the Intermediate Book category.

The **Mohall Public Library** has a new look after a renovation that included removing some walls, making changes to the bathroom, and installing a new ceiling, insulation, carpeting, electrical work, plumbing, entry doors, some furniture, and an air conditioner. The total cost of the project was \$89,458.70 and a grant of \$32,372.66 from the State Library helped fund the project. An open house celebration was held on Friday, November 25, 2016.

**#ndlibchat** returned for its third season on Sunday, September 18, 2016, with a discussion on goal setting and summer learning. #ndlibchat is a Twitter chat for librarians (of all types) and anyone who loves books and literacy. The chats take place on the first and third Sunday of each month from 9-9:30

pm. Just tweet using #ndlibchat and follow Margaret Townsend (@saberlibrarian), Allison Radermacher (@ellendalereads), or the joint account (@ndlibchat). Join the Google+ Community at: <https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/115080210382183202620>

The 2016-2017 [Letters About Literature](#) contest sponsored by the [North Dakota State Library](#) and ND Center for the Book is open. Readers in grades 4-12 are invited to write a personal letter to an author (living or dead) from any genre explaining how that author's work changed the reader's view of the world or themselves. Prizes will be awarded on both the state and national levels. The ND Center for the Book's panel of judges will select the top letter writers in the state and the winning letters will be published online on the State Library's website. North Dakota winners will also receive monetary prizes and advance to national judging. For more information and [entry forms](#), visit [www.read.gov/letters](http://www.read.gov/letters). Submissions from Grades 9-12 had to be postmarked by December 2, 2016. Submissions from Grades 4-8 must be postmarked by January 9, 2016. [Letters About Literature](#) is a project of the Library of Congress that challenges students by encouraging personal reader response and reflective writing. It also encourages meaningful reading and helps to create successful writers. Research supports the link between reading and writing: children who read, write better; children who write, read more. It's a good thing.

The [Sons of Norway Heim Lodge No. 178](#) of Devils Lake recently donated books to school libraries in [Ramsey County](#). The books were purchased with a \$400 Helping Hands to Children grant from the Sons of Norway Foundation plus matching funds that were raised by the lodge. The purpose of the grant is to promote Norwegian history and culture to youth.

Hats off to [Valley City Barnes County Public Library](#) -- a regional award recipient for Employer of the Year for its efforts in supporting, developing, and inspiring individuals with disabilities. The award, given by the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, recognizes employers for disability-related work in these areas: access to products and services, disability awareness, and community participation. Each year, they honor eight Regional DVR Employers of the Year and the State Employer of the Year is selected from the regional

honorees. Bethel Lutheran Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Williston was named the 2016 North Dakota State DVR Employer of the Year.

International Games Day was celebrated at the [Valley City Barnes County Public Library](#) on November 19, 2016. People of all ages were invited to gather at the library to play games that were set up around the library -- everything from board games to computer games. The library also hosted two showings of *Finding Nemo*. [International Games Day](#) is celebrated in libraries around the world on the third Saturday in November each year.

We are proud of [Velva School and Public Library](#)! It was recognized as a 2016 Library Journal 5 Star Library -- the only North Dakota library to be so honored in 2016. The *LJ* Index rates U.S. public libraries based on selected per capita output measures, including circulation, ecirculation, visits, program attendance, and public computer internet use. We **KNOW** there are more star libraries among the public libraries in our state. To be considered next year, there are a few things you need to do: 1) Meet the [IMLS definition of a public library](#); 2) Have a service area with at least 1000 population; 3) Have total operating expenditures of at least \$10,000; and 4) Report the required service output statistics. Let's see more stars on the map in 2017! For more information, click [here](http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2016/11/managing-libraries/lj-index/class-of-2016/americas-star-libraries-2016-top-rated-libraries) (<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2016/11/managing-libraries/lj-index/class-of-2016/americas-star-libraries-2016-top-rated-libraries>)



The [Friends of the Grand Forks Public Library](#) hosted a Bookish Craft and Bake Sale at the Library, December 3 and 4, 2016. What you can do with a book (besides reading it!) is amazing.



## Innovative Library Programming for the Less-than-Creative

I have always viewed natural creativity as a mythological gift, bestowed only upon those destined for greatness. I was never one of those people. From birth, my creative abilities were non-existent, whereas my sister seemed to be the MacGyver of crazy-cool things, lucky little minx. Growing up in the shadow of such a creative genius did nothing to nurture my abilities, so you can imagine my talents on innovative library programming could be labeled as... insufficient. Because of my bleak repertoire, you'd better believe I found ways to supplement my inadequacy. In light of this, and in case there are other wonderful librarians who share my plight or would like a brain break, here are sites with a plethora of fun, detailed programming for all ages!

[The Show Me Librarian](#) - The first site I stumbled upon, hence my starting point. First impression - I wasn't overly enthused. Yes, there were a few programming ideas, but not nearly enough to catch my eye. Then I stumbled upon the STEAM tab (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics), and the skies parted. There were DOZENS of activities, most, if not all, tying in books with hands-on activities and group discussions for all age groups. The comments section also provided additional direction and resources. Definitely a find!

### The Show Me Librarian



Spoiler alert – Some of the projects require kits purchased from a manufacturer, so they might dig a bit into your budget. However, as a former STEM instructor, I can assure you they will be appreciated (my students ADORED the Bristle Bots.)

Next up: [The North Central Kansas Libraries System](#)

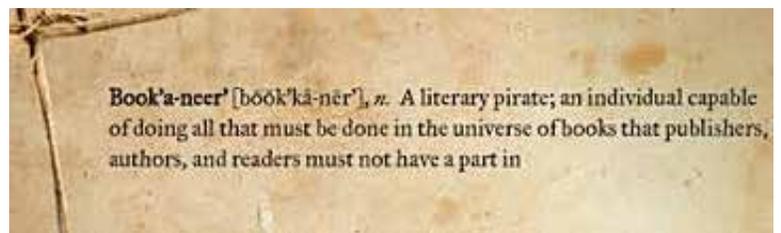


While visually unappealing, there are numerous activity resources for children and young adults bunched together on one easily-accessible page. Originally, I planned to stick to sites which focused on actual activities, but it seemed odd to choose one book instead of a library, so this happened. I loved all the options and the fact that most were labeled with age groups, easing the search. I highly recommend this for a search starting point.

Side note – The link above will take you directly to the youth programming resources page, but there are plenty of other resources available throughout the site. Please explore!

Finally, the pièce de résistance - [The Bookaneer](#)

While it is possible I might be over-exaggerating, this one is my favorite. Not only does the librarian provide programs, they are linked by their advertisements, so you get a visual aid on developing the flyers. Brilliant. Detailed directions are provided throughout and the author included notes on their success. Prepare yourself - not all the activities involve books (\*collective gasp\*) and that is perfectly fine! Imagination breeds innovation, so push your boundaries (and your brains)!



Until we meet again...



## Library Events and Conferences - Mark Your Calendar!

### January 2017

- January 2017 - [Lake Superior Libraries Symposium Mid-Winter Unsymposium](#)
- January 19-24, 2017 – [American Library Association Midwinter Meeting](#), Atlanta, Georgia

### February 2017

- February 16, 2017 – [World Read Aloud Day](#)
- February 23, 2017 – [Digital Learning Day](#)

### March 2017

- March 5-11, 2017 – [Teen Tech Week](#)
- March 15-16, 2017 – [LibTech 2017 \(Library Technology Conference\)](#) (Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota)
- March 16, 2017 - [Freedom of Information Day](#)

### April 2017

- April 2017 – [D.E.A.R. \(Drop Everything and Read\)](#)
- April 2017 - [School Library Month](#)
- April 9-15, 2017 – [National Library Week](#)
- April 11, 2017 – [National Library Workers Day](#)
- April 12, 2017 – [National Bookmobile Day](#)
- April 22-29, 2016 – [Money Smart Week](#)
- April 23, 2017 – [World Book Night](#)
- April 24-30, 2016 – [Preservation Week](#)
- April 30, 2017 – [Día \(Children's Day/Book Day \(AKA El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros\)\)](#)

# TREASURER'S REPORT

As of September 30, 2016 (End of 3rd Quarter)

By Aaron Stefanich, NDLA Treasurer

*Editor's note: Approved by electronic vote of the Executive Board on October 17, 2016*

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
<b>CHECK BOOK 9/30/2016</b>	<b>\$18,295.46</b>			
<b>NDLA Funds</b>	<b>\$18,295.46</b>			
Annual Conference 2016		\$23,460.00	\$7,073.87	\$16,386.13
Annual Conference 2017	-\$1,500.00			-\$1,500.00
Book Sales	\$965.72	\$145.00	\$101.08	\$1,009.64
Centennial Cookbook	-\$2,739.86		\$6.40	-\$2,746.26
Donation - GODART		\$100.00		
Dues		\$8,935.00		\$8,935.00
HSIS Partner Account	\$8,817.91			\$8,817.91
Investment Account Transfers		\$2,915.40	\$1,649.00	
Other receipts/disbursements		\$1,649.00	\$15,632.19	
<b>NDLA Funds Subtotal</b>		<b>\$37,204.40</b>	<b>\$24,462.54</b>	<b>\$31,037.32</b>
<b>Check Book Balance 09/30/2016</b>				<b>\$31,037.32</b>
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<b>MONEY MARKET AND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS</b>	<b>Beg. Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>End. Balance</b>
<b>NDLA Bank Money Market Ready Cash</b>	\$9,441.53			
Interest				
Deposits		\$0.68		
Transfers				
				\$9,442.21
<b>Professional Development Bank Money Market RC</b>	\$5,679.14			
Interest		\$0.30		
Deposits				
Transfers		\$1,649.00	\$2,915.40	
				\$4,413.04
<b>NDLA CD</b>	\$20,713.48			
Interest				
Transfers				
				\$20,713.48
<b>Professional Development CD</b>	\$20,419.34			
Interest				
Transfers				
				\$20,419.34
<b>TOTAL investment accounts</b>	<b>\$56,253.49</b>			<b>\$54,988.07</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY 9/30/2016</b>				<b>\$86,025.39</b>



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- \$50.00 Up to 3 FTE staff (one person from library's staff may register at conference member rate)
- \$100.00 4-9 FTE staff (two persons from library's staff may register at conference member rate)
- \$150.00 10 or more FTE staff (three persons from library's staff may register at conference member rate)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to the Professional Development Grant Fund\*

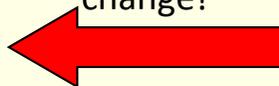
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to the Flicker Tale Children's Book Award Fund\*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

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

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