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Brenda K. Marshall, author of *Dakota or What's a Heaven For*, the conference book club selection



Rita Ennen, Outgoing NDLA President, and Aubrey Madler, Incoming NDLA President

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President's Message

BY AUBREY MADLER, NDLA PRESIDENT



When I last saw many of you in Minot, I relayed some questions that were asked of me throughout the month of September. The first question was what I would do first upon taking office. I (somewhat, jokingly) replied, "I think I'll take a nap!" Well,

I did. Then, off I went traveling for work and attended the *Internet Librarian* conference in Monterey, where I learned about hot topics such as: ebooks, mobile access, and user experience (UX). It feels good to be back home to catch up and reflect on the next question I was asked.

The second question came to me in a few different forms, but jointly reflected my age. One person asked if I qualify as the youngest NDLA president. I don't know the answer to that, but it might be a fun research project for someone if you are so inclined. Regardless, it brings up the valuable topic of generational differences. According to ALA's publication, *Planning for 2015: the Recent History and Future Supply of Librarians*, nearly 60% of librarians have graced this earth for fifty years or more, leaving newer generations in the minority. This diversity can add a challenging dimension to work dynamics, which many learned about at our recent conference sessions. It can also create valuable mentorship and mutual learning opportunities.

This brings me to the final question posed, which was related to what led me here. Well, it started with my chance encounter and first library job in North Dakota eleven years ago, where I was nurtured and encouraged into librarianship. Then, I made it to my first NDLA conference where I asked how I could become involved with

the Association. Everyone I met was more than happy to help me through that process and make sure my interest was known. Finally, I used one of the best leadership tips I've received, which was to say "Yes" when asked to assume a new role or take on a new challenge.

The 2012 conference theme is "Finding Your Voice." Now, my questions for you are: What will you do this year to find your voice? Will you read the literature and seek professional development opportunities that will help you remain apprised of the current trends and issues? Will you ask questions of your mentors to seek advice and ease anxieties? Will you reach out to a new employee to help that person learn and grow? Will you start a new program, learn a new skill, or participate in an NDLA committee? Will you say "Yes?"

I look forward to a productive year as we begin work on our strategic plan, start a statewide mentorship program, and develop the agenda for next year's conference in Fargo and the 2013 MPLA/NDLA/SDLA Tri-conference in Sioux Falls. Thank you for the encouragement and thank you for asking.

With this issue, we bid farewell and extend a great big THANK YOU to longtime Good Stuff committee member, Karen Anderson, whose TechTips & More column made its debut in June 2000. We're also excited to welcome Eric Stroshane, MPLA Representative and Field Services Coordinator at the State Library, to the committee. Watch for his column in the March 2012 issue!

Director's Corner

BY CARRIE SCARR, EDITORIAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

On June 1, Kristi Harms began as the new Director of the Bismarck Public Library. She replaced Tom Jones, who had been director for 35 years. Harms said, "It is a bit intimidating to follow Tom, who has obviously been so well liked by the staff as well as having been a huge part of why this library is so successful. But following someone who has put so much of himself into this library and into this community means that everything already runs the way it should. He definitely paved the way for me to continue on the right path. The Bismarck Public Library has a huge presence in this city, and has a great deal of support from the people who live here." Harms says her management style is a little different than Jones, although she also said, "Tom and I are more alike than we are different. I am just as passionate about providing quality library service for our patrons. The staff here is so professional and they have gone out of their way to make me feel welcome and to help me learn all of the little details about this library."

While Jones has retired from the Library Director position, Harms says he "has been instrumental in helping me learn my job. He has been mentoring me through the budget process, which is very different than the budget process in Indiana. I call or email him when I have a question, and he always knows the answer or where to find it. Tom was also very organized, so he left me good notes and a thorough history of the library. Every new director should be lucky enough to have the previous director to call upon for advice."

Harms grew up in Minnesota and always hoped she would be able to move closer to her parents and siblings (she moved away from Minnesota 27 years ago). Once she visited Bismarck and toured the library, she knew she would love it here. She said, "It is a larger library than either of the libraries I worked at in Indiana, but I felt ready for the challenge of both a bigger library and a more urban setting. I love the diversity of working in the capital city, and I am constantly amazed at



Kristi Harms

everything Bismarck has to offer."

Previously, she was Library Director at Jefferson County Public Library in Madison, Indiana. There are some major differences between North Dakota and Indiana. "Indiana is working toward a statewide system in which they use an open source ILS to provide library services to all libraries that participate. It is the goal of the Indiana State Library to eventually have all 236 public libraries included so that a patron can borrow from any library in the state with his card." Harms also noted that, "Indiana is more structured regarding standards and certification of librarians. The state library sets minimum standards of service for all public libraries, and is responsible for seeing that every library is in compliance." Harms has also noticed differences between her current and previous library. "The Jefferson County Library serves not only the city, but the entire rural population of the county as well. It almost serves as a community center, and in addition to library services, they provide a variety of classes including

The logo for the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) features the letters "NDLA" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered on a dark red, rectangular background that has a slightly irregular, torn-edge appearance.

Welcome to NDLA!

New members since the last issue of *The Good Stuff* are Carol Willman (Almont); Sue Armstrong (Devils Lake); Sarah Tron and Jamie Anderson (Fargo); Tracy Whalen (Grand Forks); Deb Weir (Hazen); Misti Vogle (Hebron); Polly Roe (Kindred); Sandy Popp (Milnor); Linda Mahon, Robin Ventsch-Fiddler, and Carla R. Luehe (Minot); and Michael Jan (Rugby).

Joining us at our annual conference in Minot were Terri Hauge (Bottineau); Mary Duletski (Bowman); Mary Ann Hoffmeyer (Devils Lake); Charlene Fluhrer (Dunseith); Tonya Palmer (Grand Forks); Dana Erickson (Gwinner); Jennifer Senger and Theresa Hanson (Jamestown); Andrea Lorenz (Mayville); Sarah Ethier, John Scheeler, Kari Kvigne, Pam Carswell, and Debbie Chappo (Minot); and Angie Schneider (New Town).

Membership Report

(as of November 14, 2011)

Compiled by Kathy Thomas

Membership Chair

Academic & Special Libraries Section	90
Health Science Information Section	29
Public Library Section	150
School Library & Youth Services Section	97
Archives/Records Management Roundtable	18
Government Documents Roundtable	34
New Members Roundtable	32
Technical Services Roundtable	42
Associate members	10
Institutional members	11
Student members	5
Trustees	37
New members	48
Total members	366

knitting, belly dancing, duct-tape crafting, and beading. The library often hosts community resource meetings such as literacy tutor trainings and adoption fairs for potential parents. Bismarck is a large city with many resources, so the library here tends to concentrate its efforts on more traditional library services."

While Harms promised she would not make any major changes for one year, she is planning a major change for the public computers and public printing. She is planning to implement a system that allows free access to the Internet, but with a time limit. "This will not only allow patrons to access the Internet without cost, but will give the reference librarians more time to assist patrons with reference needs rather than managing the Internet computers." The print management system will require patrons to pay for their copies before printing. Harms is "committed to providing fair and equitable library service for every patron, and I will continue to work toward that goal."

When Harms is not busy learning the ropes as Bismarck Public Library's Director, she is busy acting, cooking, collecting and repairing vintage quilts, reading, and spending time with her growing family. She "recently took part in the Dakota Stage play *The Dixie Swim Club*. It was so much fun, but exhausting since there were nine performances. I don't think I will audition for another play for a while. I am also trying to bake every cookie in the *King Arthur Flour Cookie Companion*, and after three years or so, I have about 40 recipes left. On each page of the recipe book, I write down how many cookies I made and for what occasion. I am always looking for people to eat the cookies, so feel free to volunteer! I collect and repair vintage quilts and, of course, I read books. I have a husband, Dan, and two grown children – a son, Zachary and a daughter, Cody. I've recently adopted a cat named Marit."

Welcome to North Dakota, Kristi! We're glad to have you here.

NDLA Awards

The North Dakota Library Association recognized several individuals at the 2011 NDLA Conference.

Librarian of the Year – Marilyn Guttromson Johnson

By LAURIE MCHENRY, 2010-11 NDLA PAST PRESIDENT

Since 1992, the North Dakota Library Association has presented the Librarian of the Year Award.

This award is “to be given to an NDLA member who has made notable contributions to the North Dakota library profession, has furthered significant contributions to the North Dakota library profession, or has performed exemplary statewide service for an extended period of time.”

The 2011 NDLA Librarian of the Year, Marilyn Guttromson Johnson, is a dedicated professional who has been sorely missed in the few short months since she retired as Legislative Council Librarian. A former NDLA President (1999-2000), her dedication and service to librarians, legislators, and citizens of this state has been exemplary. Her wisdom and knowledge have been relied upon by lawyers throughout the state.

Central Legal Research at UND said, “she was the last hope” when their research efforts or those of their law students failed to locate the legislative documents needed for legal research projects. Beyond her willingness to help, Marilyn was appreciated for her efficiency and the speed with which she gathered packets of bills and committee hearing minutes, and delivered them to those in need.

During the North Dakota legislative sessions, the North Dakota Legislative Council library staff indexes the entries in the daily House and Senate journals. The library staff collects the minutes, testimony, and tapes for preserving and accessing the legislative history records. During Marilyn’s tenure, the legislative history indexing was changed from year and committee handling the piece of legislation to year and house and senate bill number. This was one of the many great effects of her diligence and organizational skills.

A little known fact about Marilyn has been her contributions to the *North Dakota Blue Book*. The *Blue Book* received three NDLA Notable Documents Awards (1995, 2000, and 2004) while she was the guiding force on the Blue Book Committee. Marilyn has been largely responsible for writing the legislative chapter of each book as well as writing sections of other chapters, such as the almanac and education chapters. She has also undertaken special projects for the *Blue Book*, such as compiling and annotating a list of referred and initiated measures, updating the North Dakota Decision-makers list, and compiling a list of current and past state agencies and boards as well as all the variations in names over time. Even though she retired before this past legislative session began, she agreed to prepare the legislative chapter for the book coming out this fall (2011) and help with other sections. Her work on the *Blue Book* has been invaluable.

Marilyn also contributed great amounts of her time and talent to the North Dakota Library Association. Her cleverness, imagination, and the ability to provide levity in problem solving and stressful communication are legendary. She consistently sought to implement and administer beneficial policies and procedures both in her work as a librarian and in her contributions to the Association.



President's Award

BY RITA ENNEN, 2010-11 NDLA PRESIDENT

NDLA President Rita Ennen presented the 2011 President's Award to Phyllis Bratton of Jamestown College. Phyllis was cited for her years of dedication to NDLA and especially for her work as part of the transition team during the change of duties for President-elect and Past-president. Phyllis has been integrally involved in planning for the last five conferences as well in the revision of our bylaws and the rewriting of several Executive Board handbooks. The President's Award is given at the discretion of the NDLA President for outstanding service to the Association during his/her administration.



Major Benefactor of the Year – Dr. Arne Brekke

BY LAURIE MCHENRY, 2010-11 NDLA PAST PRESIDENT

The North Dakota Library Association presents the Major Benefactor of the Year Award to recognize those who have made significant contributions to a library or libraries in North Dakota. The Major Benefactor for 2011 is Dr. Arne Brekke of Grand Forks.



Dr. Brekke is a teacher, entrepreneur, businessman as well as philanthropist. He is recognized internationally for his knowledge of Norwegian linguistics and place names. Locally, he is appreciated for his efforts and support for the University of North Dakota and the Chester Fritz Library's Norwegian Heritage program.

For 30 years, Dr. Brekke has encouraged and funded the Library's Family History program. He helped establish the Norwegian Bygdebok Collection, which is recognized as one of the largest such collections in North America. Bygdebøker are publications organized by regions in Norway and include historical and genealogical information for specific localities of Norway. They are valued by historians and genealogists conducting research on Norwegian history and genealogy.

Dr. Brekke was instrumental in developing the Library's first bygdebok acquisitions program in 1980. His efforts included writing letters to hundreds of Norwegian municipalities. The letter was translated into Norwegian by Dr. Brekke and resulted in the acquisition of hundreds of bygdebøker. During his many travels to Norway, he always looked for new or rare bygdebøker and often returned to UND with a suitcase filled with new volumes, which he donated to the Collection. A bibliography of the Bygdebok Collection may be found at <http://bygdebok.library.und.edu>. In recognition of his immense contributions, the Bygdebok Collection was named in honor of Dr. Brekke in November 2010.

Dr. Brekke has donated thousands of dollars to the University in support of the Norwegian programs. During this past year, he and his family established the Arne G. Brekke Endowment to provide continuing funding for the Library's Norwegian Heritage program.

In addition to the donations to the Library's acquisition program, Dr. Brekke helped plan and supported the Library's Norwegian Family History conferences held in 2005 and 2007. Each conference brought together genealogists and historians from the United States and Norway to discuss and further the study of Norwegian heritage in both countries. His participation in the planning of the conferences was critical to their success.

Wilbur Stolt, Chester Fritz Library, Director of Libraries, said, "No individual has had a greater impact on the creation of the Library's nationally recognized collection of bygdebøker or has enhanced the reputation of North Dakota as a center for the study of Norwegian heritage in the United States. His influence extends beyond the University, beyond the State and beyond the boundaries of the United States."

2011 Notable Document Award

BY KALAN DAVIS, 2010-11 GODORT CHAIR

The memories of the 2011 North Dakota Library Association's annual conference are wonderful enough to last a lifetime. Blessed as I was to be in attendance at "Librarians: Leadership for a New Decade," I wanted to share some of the impressions I had of the busy hustle and bustle of our time in the Magic City. Minot was teeming with oil workers, flood recovery personnel, Høstfest planners, and librarians? Yes! Librarians were everywhere. The city was overrun with a høst of Information Professionals.

The GODORT (Government Documents Roundtable) booth was nestled in the Viking/Norse Rooms at the Grand International Inn Hotel and Conference Center between the booths for MPLA, the State Library, and ProQuest. Between sinful bites of birthday cake (and let me tell you, Minitex KNOWS birthday cake; I hope we celebrate their 41st birthday next year), this first-time GODORT chair was chatting with various vendors and librarians from all around the state and tirelessly encouraging those who came to the GODORT booth to vote on the six nominees for the 2011 Notable Document Award.

The race was extremely close and the competition fierce among the six exquisitely crafted North Dakota state document publications submitted as nominees. The first place spot, including the 2011 Notable Document plaque, was awarded to the North Dakota Council on the Arts' *Sundogs and Sunflowers: Folklore and Folk Art of the Northern Great Plains*. Two documents tied for second place: the North Dakota Parks & Recreation's *North Dakota State Trail Guide* and the North Dakota Department of Transportation's DVD *Crossing the Water: an Oral History of the Four Bears Bridge*.

These three North Dakota winners will be forwarded to the American Library Association as nominees for consideration on the national level by the ALA Notable Documents Committee. Winners of the ALA award are announced annually in *Library Journal*, generally in the May 15th issue. We GODORT-ers will keep you posted on further developments.

I also want to encourage all NDLA members and librarians to submit nominations for next year's competition at the annual conference in Fargo, September 18-21. Documents eligible for nomination must be published in the 18 months prior to the voting and can be in any format except periodicals. The incoming 2011/2012 GODORT Chair, Kristen Northrup, will accept nominations for this award throughout the year. Please email Kristen about your favorite North Dakota Notable Document at: knorthrup@nd.gov

Flicker Tale Children's Book Award

BY LINDA AUSTIN, FLICKER TALE AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

Flicker Tale winning author Sarah Weeks attended the NDLA conference in Minot on Friday, September 23, to accept the Flicker Tale Children's Book Award for her picture book, *Sophie Peterman Tells the Truth*. After receiving her award at the Friday luncheon, she spoke about where she finds the inspiration for her books, including her newest book, *Pie*.

In addition to being our luncheon speaker, Sarah presented a breakout session entitled, "How I Do What I Do." She talked about the writing process and her life as an author in New York. Later that afternoon, she visited Minot's Lewis and Clark Elementary where she awed the kindergarten through third graders with her tales of how she became an author, answered questions, and signed books. Sarah has more than 50 books to her credit, including



Linda Austin and Sarah Weeks

picture books, humorous middle-grade fiction, and YA novels.
To find out more about Sarah, visit her website at: www.sarahweeks.com/.

Although the other Flicker Tale winners were unable to attend the conference, they sent wonderful thank you letters that were read at the Friday luncheon. Other winners included: Joy Cowley for *Snake and Lizard*, Gordon Korman for *Schooled*, and Steve Jenkins for *Never Smile at a Monkey*.

Friendly Booth Award

Sponsored by the New Members Roundtable, this award is presented to the conference exhibitor who best shows knowledge of product, attractive display, exemplary salesmanship, and friendly support for libraries. This year's recipient was the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA). Eric Stroshane, MPLA Representative, accepted the award.

Professional Development Grant

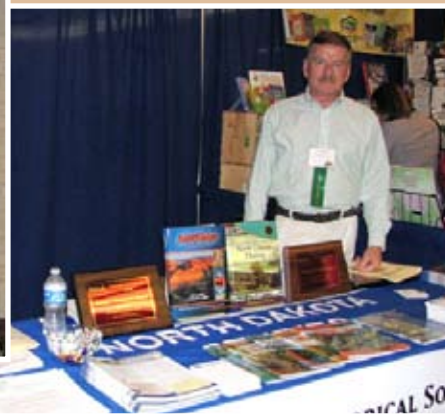
Sandi Bates, Head of Reference and User Education, Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences, UND, used an NDLA Professional Development Grant to attend the "Systematic Review Workshop: the Nuts and Bolts for Librarians," April 11-13, 2011, at the University of Pittsburgh Falk Library of the Health Sciences. Sandi shared her workshop experience in an article published in the June issue of *The Good Stuff*. Sandi was also awarded first place in the Research and Evidence-Based Practice Poster Award category at the Midwest Health Educators' Academy in Grand Forks, May 23-25. Her poster discussed "Systematic Reviews: Purpose and Structure."

Unawarded

Regretfully, these awards and grants were not given in 2011:

- School Library Administrator of the Year Award
- Youth Excellence Program of the Year Award
- Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Memorial Grant
- NMRT Grassroots Grant
- Ron Rudser Memorial Continuing Education Grant
- M. Vivian Hubbard Memorial Grant

For more information about NDLA awards, visit: <http://ndla.info/awards.htm>. For more information about Professional Development grants, visit: www.ndla.info/profdev.htm.



For more conference images, visit:
www.flickr.com/photos/68139908@N06/sets/72157627789641850/show/

North Dakota Author Meet & Greet

Thanks to Paulette Nelson and other members of Minot's Local Arrangements Committee, NDLA Conference attendees had a wonderful opportunity to socialize, meet North Dakota authors, and purchase books at the Author Meet & Greet reception the evening of September 21. It was a fun and festive evening with drinks and wonderful hors d'oeuvres.

Among the authors in attendance were:

- Peggy Brooke, Crosby
- Dr. Mary Erickson, Kensall
- Pam Girard, Bismarck
- Holly Hands, Elgin
- John Hoganson, Bismarck
- Rhonda Kulizyk, Tioga
- Gayle Leach (on behalf of her late husband, Tom Leach)
- Patsy Levang, Keene
- Brenda Marshall, Michigan (North Dakota native and author of Conference Book Club selection)
- Gerald Medenwald, Manvel
- Glory Monson, Rugby
- Cliff Naylor, Bismarck
- James Nelson, Walcott
- Mattie Richardson, Sheldon
- Judy Ross, Minot
- Richard Schmidt, Ardoch
- Richard Schmidt, Grand Forks
- Ernest M. Shipe, Manning
- Ron Vossler, East Grand Forks
- Susan Wefald, Bismarck
- Cecile Weheman, Crosby
- Carol Weshenfelder, Larimore
- Paula Winskye, Sheyenne

Intellectual Freedom Committee Receives JUDITH KRUG FUND GRANT

Hats off to the NDLA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC)! The NDLA committee, under the direction of Chair Christine Kujawa, applied for and received a Judith Krug Fund Grant of \$1,000 to support Banned Books Week events at the NDLA Conference in September. Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to access information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship.

As part of their "Living Banned Books and Read-Out," members of the IFC and other NDLA members became living authors and conducted a read-out while wearing t-shirts featuring banned book covers. They also wore QR codes that attendees could scan to learn more about the author and the importance of defending books against challenges. In addition, the committee sponsored a program on banned books during the conference.

Only six Judith Krug Fund grants were given in 2011. The other grant recipients included The Bay County (Fla.) Public Library, Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, Bennett College Thomas F. Holgate Library, Skokie (Ill.) Public Library, and Springfield-Greene County (Mo.) Library District.

"The strength of the applications for Judith Krug Fund grants this year was really impressive," said Kent Oliver, Freedom to Read Foundation president. "The six winners have very unique projects that were chosen based on many criteria, including their creativity, sustainability and commitment to Judith Krug's vision and legacy."

In addition to the cash award, the Freedom to Read Foundation provided Banned Books Week merchandise, sold by the ALA store, to the grant recipients.

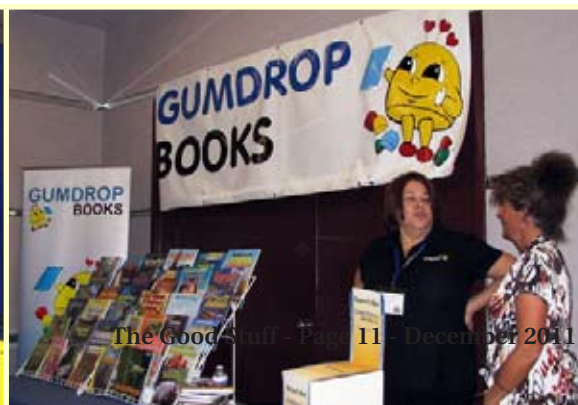
BY AUBREY MADLER, NDLA PRESIDENT
AND 2011 CONFERENCE EXHIBITS CO-CHAIR

2011 Conference Exhibits

This year's conference venue allowed space for 28 local, regional, and national vendors from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, and New York. Vendors were excited to attend and commend North Dakota librarians for their friendly demeanor, attentiveness, and engaging conversation. Attendees had fun visiting with select vendors to learn about their companies, products, and services in an effort to complete their "Vendor Scavenger Hunt" and win one of three gift cards. Vendor staff enjoyed

refreshments from the hospitality room, courtesy of NDLA, and visited with attendees during a social preceding the Awards Banquet. Vendor co-chairs, Aubrey Madler and Laurie McHenry, explored new ideas to pass on that will be sure to make the exhibit hall experience even better next year—from both sides of the table.

AAA North Dakota (Auto Club Group) <http://north-dakota.aaa.com/>
Alternative Micrographics (SKR Group, Inc.) <http://www.amiview.com/>
Book Systems/Learning Opportunities <http://www.learning-opp.com/>
BWI <http://bwibooks.com/>
Chelsea House/Facts on File <http://www.learning-opp.com/>
Datrue Process Automation <http://www.datrue.com/>
EBSCO <http://www.ebsco.com/>
Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC)/Plains Carbon Dioxide Reduction Partnership (PCOR) <http://www.undeerc.org/>
Follett Library Resources <http://www.flr.follett.com/>
Gumdrop Books <http://www.gumdropbooks.com/>
Haldeman-Homme, Inc. / Spacesaver <http://www.haldemanhomme.com/>
Minitex <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/>
MN/PALS <http://www.mnpals.org/>
MPLA <http://www.mpla.us/>
ND Studies <http://www.ndstudies.org/main.html>
NDLA GODORT <http://www.ndla.info/>
NDLA SLAYS (Flickertale Author) <http://www.ndla.info/>
North Dakota State Library <http://www.library.nd.gov/>
ODIN <http://www.odin.nodak.edu/>
PermaBound <http://www.perma-bound.com/>
Prairie Public Broadcasting <http://www.prairiepublic.org/>
ProQuest <http://www.proquest.com/>
Quality Books <http://www.quality-books.com/>
Rough Rider Industries <http://www.roughriderindustries.com/>
Springer Science + Business Media <http://www.springer.com/>
Stop Falling Productions <http://www.stopfalling.com/>
Usborne Books and More <http://www.usbornebooks.com/>



NDLA Conference Resolutions

These resolutions were passed at the third general session of the 2011 NDLA Conference in Minot.

SCHOOL LIBRARY AND YOUTH SERVICES (SLAYS)

WHEREAS, property taxation provides communities a measure of local control; and

WHEREAS, libraries relying on taxing authority to provide services beyond what the state is willing or able to provide; and

WHEREAS, total dependence on dollars appropriated by the state legislature prevents libraries from addressing unique local needs; and

WHEREAS, if cities and counties have no local option to tax property, libraries would be competing with all other obligations of the state for adequate funding; and

WHEREAS, a fair taxation system provides a balance of income, sales, and property tax; and

WHEREAS, in order for communities to retain a meaningful level of local control regarding the standard of library service for their patrons they must have the ability to raise local funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that NDLA opposes efforts to eliminate local property taxation in North Dakota.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE

WHEREAS, Kathy Thomas has benefited the North Dakota Library Association with her decades of experience, knowledge, organization, and planning as membership chair, and convention registration coordinator and,

WHEREAS, Kathy Thomas has actively led the North Dakota Library Association's Government Document Roundtable and,

WHEREAS, Kathy Thomas has been an essential point of reference to other depository librarians in the state, practicing superb document cataloging, and excellently spearheading the evaluation of North Dakota depository libraries in the 2011 GPO Public Access Assessment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: to recognize and thank Kathy Thomas for her years of dedicated service to the North Dakota Library Association, to the Government Documents Roundtable, and to all North Dakota depository libraries.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

WHEREAS, the meetings and events of the 2011 NDLA Annual Conference were organized by Phyllis Bratton, conference committee and program chair, Jeanne Narum, local arrangements committee chair and other committee members, librarians and friends, and

WHEREAS, the facilities and staff of the Grand International, the Minot Convention & Visitors Bureau, and other Minot area businesses contributed to the success of the conference, demonstrating exceptional hospitality and encouragement during unusually distressing circumstances due to flooding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the North Dakota Library Association expresses its appreciation and extends its thanks to the members of the conference committee, members of the local arrangements committee, conference facilities staff, speakers, program presenters, and exhibitors for the 2011 Annual NDLA Conference: "Librarians: Leadership for a New Decade."

PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION

WHEREAS, the mission of the North Dakota State Library is to provide access to information for North Dakota, its vision is to lead the way in information opportunities, and its goals are to: serve as a leader in the library and information field, develop access to information, promote and advocate library awareness, and provide library and information services statewide;

WHEREAS, Hulen Bivins has more than 35 years of library experience, a stellar reputation, a gift for storytelling, and an abundance of charm and wit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: To enthusiastically and whole-heartedly welcome our new State Librarian, Hulen Bivins, to the North Dakota State Library, the North Dakota Library Association, and to the state of North Dakota.



Association of Rural and Small Libraries: Scholarship Report

By **WENDY WENDT, DIRECTOR,**
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Editor's note: Susie Sharp, librarian at New Rockford Public Library, also attended this conference. Susie became a key contact person for ARSL in North Dakota to help other librarians in the state learn about ARSL and what it has to offer. Contact Susie at: sharpsusie@gondtc.com or call 701.947.5540.

It was an honor and a privilege to be awarded a scholarship to attend the Project Compass Workforce Recovery Workshops and the [Association of Rural and Small Libraries](#) (ARSL) conference in Frisco, Texas in September. Both were very informative and inspirational!

Although the Grand Forks Public Library is not considered a small library because we serve 64,000 people throughout Grand Forks County, every library in North Dakota can be considered rural. We are agricultural communities and, no matter our size, depend on the rural areas surrounding us for our livelihood. That's why I was not surprised to find many great sessions at these conferences that I could bring home and put into practice immediately.

The day-long Project Compass workshop was presented by OCLC and WebJunction, and was designed to provide resources to libraries so we can help our customers find jobs. The most important idea I took away from this session was that improving workforce service doesn't have to take a lot of time or money. We can do simple things such as make book displays about resume-writing or starting a business, remove computer time limits for resume-writers, bookmark popular job search websites, host networking events, offer penny-pinching workshops, and much more!

For more ideas and the Compass workbook, visit www.WebJunction.org/workforce-resources.

The ARSL conference started with laughter – a

presentation from the *Unshelved* guys. *Unshelved* is a library comic strip that makes us laugh about the odd and often hilarious things that happen at the public library. Check it out at www.unshelved.com.

Another great session was "Saks Fifth Avenue Service on a Dollar General Budget." Advice from this session is that we should:

- S** Step away from our desks and go to the customers
- A** Appearance matters – from ourselves to our desks to our library - declutter!
- K** Know your products, your services and your customers – small talk is good!
- S** Sell! Sell! Sell! Promote library services, read-alikes, library cards, etc.

My favorite session was one about recycling books.

Some websites with terrific ideas include:

- www.altered-book.com/index.html
– cyber-home for the altered-book artist
- www.rebound-designs.com
– book purses for sale
- www.bookboxcompany.com
– exquisite but pricey book safes
- www.thisintothat.com/index.html
– Works of art furniture

The most inspirational session was "Nostalgia Is Not Going to Save Libraries." The premise of this session is that we need to leave behind many of our old ways (vertical files, old formats, outdated rules, staff who refuse to move forward or are mean, being the library police, etc.). Instead, we need to move forward to keep libraries viable in the future by strengthening our connections. The way we connect to information, to each other, to the community, and to the public is what will save libraries. It's about taking risks, making mistakes, trying new things, and exploring new ideas.

This was a terrific conference and I highly recommend it. See you there next year!

NDLA Post Conference 2011

BY KONNIE WIGHTMAN
POST-CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

The NDLA post-conference, "Transitions: K-12 and Academic Librarians Working Together for College and Career Readiness," was held on Saturday, September 24, from 8 a.m. until noon.

"Transitions" fulfilled a joint resolution from the Academic & Special Libraries (A&SL) and SLAYS (School Library and Youth Services) Sections that was adopted at the 2010 NDLA Conference. The resolution called for study and an exchange of ideas that would result in a better information literacy transition between grade 12 and college or job entrance.

In attendance were academic librarians from Bismarck State College, Dakota College at Bottineau, Dickinson State University, Lake Region State College, Minot State University, North Dakota State University, Rasmussen College, and University of North Dakota. School librarians from the K-12 level were offered graduate credit and represented schools from Beulah, Bismarck, Bowman County, Mandan, Minot, New Salem, and Turtle Mountain among others. Several K-12 librarians attended to simply participate in the discussion without credit. In addition, Linda Paluck and Bobby Jo Holle from DPI (Department of Public Instruction) were on hand to share information on legislative changes and answer questions.

The academic librarians from all schools shared data and anecdotes about situations that indicate that students entering college are very well "connected," but not necessarily knowledgeable about how to find relevant and verifiable information. There also seems to be a little "attitude" problem in that some may think that because they know how to access Google on their iPhones and all the apps that go with it, they know as much as they need to know. The academic librarians also shared web-based

instructional tools they have developed that they are willing to share with the K-12 librarians.

K-12 librarians shared the issues they have, including being asked to sub in classrooms, monitor tests, or perform other "duties as assigned" that keep them from collaborating with classroom subject area teachers. When Linda Paluck of DPI gave her presentation, there were many questions about how school librarians can teach the standards they know they should teach, but cannot get to because of some of the roadblocks. Linda was unable to answer some of the questions about certification, but will share information via Schlibtalk as soon as things are more settled at DPI. At this time, there has been lots of reorganizing at DPI and it has been harder to get all the answers.

The group watched a couple of short videos from the Colorado State Library that show what Highly Qualified Librarians do in schools, and also discussed how college and university librarians are willing to collaborate by meeting with K-12 librarians to accomplish some goals. Among the ideas discussed were academic librarians visiting high schools rather than having high school students visit the college library; working together to develop lessons that address the skills students will need in college; utilizing assessment tools like "Trails," which has now expanded into a college version; or even starting to develop an assessment tool for North Dakota students to be given at the different learning levels from grades K-16+.

Pairs of school and academic librarians are already meeting and continuing the dialogue. The hope of both the AS&L and SLAYS sections is that the post-conference was not an ending to a great conference, but the beginning of better understanding and cooperation between levels. We all share the goal of creating success for our students and schools.





are the Key Piece of the MPLA Puzzle During the 2011 Membership Rally!

By ERIC STROSHANE
MPLA REPRESENTATIVE

We're nearing the end of MPLA's membership rally, but it's not too late to join or renew! If North Dakota racks up the greatest percentage of membership growth, every one of our MPLA members will have a chance to win some excellent prizes—as will one of our libraries! Prizes are being provided through the generous sponsorship of BWI; more details will be posted on MPLA's Facebook page.

What are the benefits of belonging to MPLA, you ask?

- You gain access to the perspectives and experiences of a myriad of librarians throughout a 12-state region
- MPLA conferences are enriched by this diversity of membership, are held in scenic areas, and attract nationally-known speakers
- MPLA is larger than a state association, but smaller than a national one and more responsive to your needs
- In addition to the networking, leadership, conference, and professional development opportunities, MPLA also has grant opportunities for their members
- Discounted attendance of MPLA's renowned Leadership Institute
- If you're a new member, your first year is half-off our already low membership rates

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me at: north_dakota@mpla.us. Otherwise, hurry up and join or renew your membership today: www.mpla.us/membership/index.html

Karen Bjork, who was the Digital Initiatives Librarian at NDSU, is now the Digital Initiatives Coordinator at Portland State University Branford P. Millar Library in Portland, Oregon. Bjork's last day at NDSU was September 28, 2011.

After 38 years at NDSU, **John E. Bye**, University Archivist and Director of the Institute for Regional Studies and University Archives, retired on November 4, 2011. Bye earned his bachelor's degree from NDSU in 1970, as well as his commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. After leaving the military, he earned his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Bye joined the NDSU Libraries in August 1973 as an assistant serials librarian and instructor in library sciences. In 1979, he was appointed an Archivist I, and became the university archivist on February 1, 1995. In November 2006, he took on the additional responsibilities and title of director of the Institute for Regional Studies. Some of the projects Bye worked on most recently included the Cal Olson and Strand Studio photography collections, Allen Spiker's German Russian Dialect Tapes Collection, and NDSU professor emeritus Timothy Klobberdanz's folklore collection. We wish you all the best for your retirement, John.

Bill DeJohn has announced that he will retire on January 11, 2012, after 27 years as Director of Minitex. DeJohn said, "It ... seemed the right time for Minitex to go through this change as it looks toward its second 40 years of growth and development ... My thinking is that some fresh eyes on the Minitex service program would be a good thing looking into the future. There are exciting opportunities on the horizon in terms of changing technology, improved resource sharing, and closer collaboration between higher education and the K12 community and Minitex will be involved in that activity ... I will miss being involved with these opportunities ... but I know there are many committed individuals that will remain involved. I leave Minitex, knowing

that the collaboration between Minitex and libraries in the region over the last several years will continue and prosper in the years ahead as the information environment rapidly changes. I'm glad to report that Minitex continues to enjoy strong support from the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and I expect that support to continue into the future. Minitex has always been able to adapt and change and be innovative, and it will continue to do that with new leadership. A strong staff is in place that is committed to providing excellent services to local library staff and to end users using the online services Minitex now provides.

Naomi Frantes has been appointed Head of Access and Branch Services at the Chester Fritz Library, UND, and began her new position on November 1, 2011. Naomi previously worked as a catalog librarian at the Archives and Historical Research Library at the State Historical Society of North Dakota and was formerly manager of State Document Services at the North Dakota State Library.

Fargo Public Librarian **Nancy Giere** retired in August after serving more than 28 years with the Fargo Public Library. Fargo Public Library Director Tim Dirks said Giere has been a tremendous role model and that "Her work ethic, organization skills and pleasant demeanor will be sorely missed. We all wish her the best in her future endeavors." Giere started as a part-time librarian in the children's department, spent most of her career as the library's Bookmobile Librarian, and ended her career as the librarian at the Northport Library. A farewell reception was held at the Northport Library on her last day at work, August 12, 2011. Best wishes for your retirement, Nancy!

Marilyn Johnson, NDLA's 2011 Librarian of the Year, was honored during a ceremony on October 31 for the release of the 29th edition of the *North Dakota Blue Book*, which was dedicated to her. Johnson, who retired as Legislative Council Librarian in October 2010, has contributed to

the book since the Centennial edition in 1989 and wrote the chapter about the legislature in the latest edition. Congratulations, Marilyn!

Jean Pascual moved to Hebron in May and began her new duties as librarian for Hebron Public Library on September 7. Pascual hopes to begin a children's reading group, an adult reading group, and coupon swap groups. She would also like to offer computer classes and holiday activities for children. Welcome, Jean.

Laura Rizzo, Access Services Librarian at NDSU Libraries in Fargo, is moving to Chicago and will be working at Wheaton College as a Reference and Instruction Librarian. Her last day at NDSU will be December 23, 2011.



The University of North Dakota Chester Fritz Library celebrated its 50th anniversary with a number of events during October 2011. A very successful Library Book Sale was held in the Reading Room, October 6 – 8; former UND professor, Dan Rylance, presented a public lecture: "Reflections on the Life and Legacies of Chester Fritz" on October 19; and during Homecoming week, the Library hosted an all-campus reception.

For our colleagues across the state who were not able to attend any of the October events, we invite you to visit the Chester Fritz Library and say hello during this anniversary year.

On behalf of the Chester Fritz Library staff,

Wilbur Stolt, Director of Libraries

Michael Robinson, who has worked as an archivist at NDSU for many years, was named the new Director, Institute for Regional Studies Archives and University Archives, after John Bye's retirement. Congratulations on your new position, Michael!



NDLA Conference Auction a Success

The 2011 Conference auction was a little different than usual more of a gamble! It was also a gamble that paid off for NDLA. \$1,650 was raised for the NDLA Professional Development Fund, which supports the Ron Rudser Memorial Continuing Education Grant, the NDLA Professional Development Grant, the M. Vivian Hubbard Memorial Grant, and the Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Memorial Grant.

Auction participants purchased tickets (\$1 each), then "bid" on items by placing tickets into a bag by the item. Participants could buy as many tickets as they liked and could put as many tickets as they wanted into each bag. After the Recycle Runway fashion show, one ticket was drawn from each bag and the lucky winner of each item was announced.

We want to spend the money we raised! Take a look at the Professional Development Grant guidelines at www.ndla.info/profdev.htm and apply.

A Look at NDLA's Executive Board:

Academic and Special Libraries Section

BY KONNIE WIGHTMAN
A&SL CHAIR, 2010-11

The Academic and Special Libraries Section (A&SL) exists to create and foster cooperation between academic librarians and special librarians in all type of institutions. The section offers support and fosters the educational aspects of librarianship and also provides continuing education to its members.

Any person employed in an academic or special library, or simply interested in promoting the library as an educational institution, may want to be a member of this section. You must already be a paid member of NDLA. Voting privileges are in accordance with Article I, Section I of the NDLA Constitution. Currently, membership includes librarians from the School for the Blind and the North Dakota Department of Corrections, which are special or underserved libraries, as well as many academic and research librarians.

The officers of AS&L are the Chair, Chair-elect, and Secretary. The term of office is one year, and officers assume their duties at the close of the annual conference following their election. For the last several years, the secretary has been appointed at the conference business meeting with a duty to simply take minutes at the meeting, distribute them to the membership, and read the minutes at the following annual meeting. The

Chair and Chair-elect have certain duties, which are outlined in the Policy manual. That manual also outlines duties of the Executive Committee of this section as well as policies regarding dues and expenditures, which are usually spent on the annual conference.

Many members of this section also belong to the American Library Association and join the Association of College and Research Libraries Section on the national and international level.

In the last two years, resolutions have been sponsored by the AS&L section collaboratively with the School and Youth Services Section (SLAYS) to promote further work between the two sections to support success of college and university students coming from the K-12 level. A committee from AS&L and SLAYS is currently working on this initiative.

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Journal of a Mountaineer – By Medora historian Doug Ellison, this book offers an authentic view of the life of a mountain man in the 1800s.

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Sundogs and Sunflowers: Folklore and Folk Art of the Northern Great Plains – A collection of folk heritage representing all of North Dakota as well as the region.

Memoirs of An Unknown Sportswriter (Except in North Dakota) – Legendary sportswriter Abe Winter relives many sports memories, from high school tournaments to college hockey.

Mr. Wheat: U.S. Senator Milton R. Young – The first-ever biography of North Dakota's longest-serving U.S. Senator by Andrea Winkler Collin and Richard E. Collin.

Also available! **Dakota Stories I** and **Dakota Stories II** by Lauraine Snelling; **Perseverance in Faith, a Centennial History of the Catholic Church in North Dakota**; **From the Sideline** by Mike Schatz; **Small Town Soldiers** documentary by Watford City native Cody Shimek; **On Divine Assignment** by Virginia Dohms and a large selection of **Germans from Russia** books.

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A Look at NDLA's Executive Board:

Government Documents Roundtable

By **KALAN DAVIS**

2010-11 GODORT CHAIR

In this edition of "A Look at NDLA's Executive Board," I don't want to talk to you about the duties of the GODORT Chair. If you want to get into the nuts and bolts of the many and varied responsibilities of being the GODORT Chair, I recommend reading the Roundtable's Policies Handbook on the NDLA webpage (spoiler warning! It is a dry read!). I don't want to talk to you about the purpose of GODORT. The purpose of GODORT is in the "Roundtable Bylaws" document also on the NDLA webpage. You are a librarian and librarians are really good at looking things up. Although these technical documents lack a certain amount of the narrative tension or overelaborate plot devices featured in my particular favorite type of genre fiction, they have been known to be a guaranteed CAUSE of character development. My development! Your development! I ain't just talking career development!

You might be shocked to learn I've served on the NDLA Executive Board and I'm not a librarian. Nope. I'm not. I don't have a Master's of Library Science degree. If you want to get super technical, I don't even have a Bachelor's Degree or an Associate's Degree. What I DO HAVE (other than my nifty high school diploma) is that I've never let what I've lacked get in the way of what I want. And, I want to be a librarian. A real one, like, officially. I want it so badly I can taste the moldering edges of that future diploma framed and on the wall. For being paper, it tastes pretty darn good.

Like many librarians in the field, I came to this profession sideways. As a student worker I was very lucky to be fostered, nurtured, helped, befriended, and even sometimes cherished by the librarians and associates I worked with side-by-side at the campus library. Often, I could relate to them much more easily than I could my fellow peers in class. I organized things like them, I thought like them, and I learned from them. It didn't take me long to realize that I wanted to BE one of them.

When I submitted my name for consideration for GODORT chair-elect two years ago, I didn't have any

grandiose ideas about how I could "pay back" these people for the care and consideration they showed me through the years. I just remembered feeling SUPER excited, a little nauseous, and a whole lot of scared. Honestly, my experience as GODORT Chair was one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had. And NOT because it was fun (it was!). And NOT because I got to network and meet new librarians around the state (Hi y'all!). And NOT because it will look darn good on a resume (it will!). And NOT because I learned so many invaluable lessons about leadership (I did!). But BECAUSE I got to "give it all back" to all of my mentors. I got to SHOW them what I learned through all of their years of fantastic help. I got to debut a raw edged passion for my [future] profession. And shout with a young and affirming voice: I LOVE LIBRARIES! I LOVE KNOWLEDGE! I LOVE NDLA!

And sure, I wished the timing was different. In the two years since I somewhat naively became chair-elect, I got married, changed my name, changed jobs, moved, sold a house, sold three cars, finished 24 college credits, and managed to stay relatively sane. I think the lesson I learned is that you can NEVER EVER be too busy to take the time to develop yourself and your career. Life gets busy. Kids, grandkids, work, school, bad things happen, good things happen. Our commitment to our career is real and it is right NOW. NDLA is a commitment that YOU should make time for. It will not disappoint.

And sure, I wished I had done things differently. There were lots of things in that policies handbook that didn't make sense to me at first. I think if I could do it all again, I would feel MORE free to ask for advice and help, and to ask questions from previous Roundtable chairs or other, more experienced, Executive Board members. (Let me tell you: Librarians LOVE answering questions, especially these kinds of questions!) I would have felt more comfortable expressing my opinions and the opinions of other GODORT members to the board without feeling hesitant, apologetic, or "new at this."

So, if you are a young librarian, or perhaps a more experienced librarian, and you are wondering how to get more involved, but for whatever reason feel anxious, under-qualified, unsure, or overly-time committed with other obligations, don't be afraid to take this plunge. It is one experience that is guaranteed to NOT disappoint. If you are a librarian (whether only at heart or professionally), get involved. We are waiting for you to join us on the NDLA Executive Board.

Canoe Kudos Award

SUBMITTED BY **LORI K. WEST**
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

Editor's note: A Canoe Kudos award is one way North Dakota Library Association members can recognize individuals for particular accomplishments, for doing a wonderful job in their libraries, or for showing support or doing something special for libraries. Any member of NDLA can honor a deserving individual by submitting a nomination form along with a \$10 donation to the Professional Development Grant Fund. NDLA will present the honoree with a Canoe Kudos pin.

Tina Grenier, Librarian,
Mildred Johnson Library, NDSCS

This nomination was made in July 2011 by Karen Chobot, Director of the Mildred Johnson Library at the North Dakota State College of Science, who wrote, "When Tina was hired as a librarian, she was given five years to complete her degree. She just graduated from VCSU (Valley State University), taking less than three years to complete the work."

These Canoe Kudos Award nominations were made at the NDLA Conference:

Kathy Thomas,
NDLA Membership Chair

For "selfless service to the Association during the 2011 Conference above and beyond the call of duty." -- Nominated by Laurie McHenry, NDLA Past President

Linda Austin,
Chair of the Flicker Tale Awards Committee

"For four years of successfully chairing the Flicker Tale Awards Committee through the duties of (but not limited to): selecting titles for nomination, tallying ballots from kids across ND, coordinating book sales, corresponding, recognizing, and hosting winning authors at the annual conference—all for the benefit of professional development, education, and networking opportunities for all NDLA librarians." -- Nominated by Kelly Steckler, Director of the Morton Mandan Public Library

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 _____

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Position _____

Sponsor's name _____

Reason for Nomination _____

*Longer kudos?
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Send nomination form and a \$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.

NDLA Has Style!

Recycle Runway Fashion Show

The North Dakota Library Association hosted the fashion event of the season on September 22, 2011, at the Grand International Inn in Minot. After guests were plied with liquor and bribed for their votes, contestants modeled their own designs created from library materials. Jaimie Brunner, former radio personality for KYXX in Minot, served as the emcee for this glittering event.



Ann Pederson

The design rules stated that outfits and accessories:

- Must be made from materials found in a library, past or present
- Must be made from at least 50% library materials
- Must be created by an NDLA member(s)
- May be submitted by an individual or a library
- Must be modeled on the runway after the banquet

Thirteen contestants modeled their designs with flair and panache. Contestants included Marlene Anderson, Mickey Butz, Pam Carswell, Kalan Davis, Amanda Peterson Hanson, Jerry Kaup, Kari Kvigne, Tonya Palmer, Ann Pederson, Marlene Ripplinger, Aaron Stefanic, Iris Swedlund, and Kassie Ziegler. Two contestants (Iris and Jerry, the "Floodbusters") worked the runway as a duo and even wrote original lyrics to go with their moves. Who can forget their Floodbusters hazmat suits and not being "afraid of no Mouse [River, that is]?"

The competition was fierce and the bribes shameless, but in the end, four award winners emerged:

- **People's Choice Award** – Mickey Butz of Dickinson Area Public Library (winner determined by the entry that generated the most votes (dollars))
- **Best in Show** – Amanda Peterson Hanson of the Dr. James Carlson Library, a branch of the Fargo Public Library, with a stunning cocktail dress made of magazine covers and catalog cards and a tape stole
- **Insanity Award** – Jerry Kaup of Minot Public Library and Iris Swedlund of Velva School and Public Library in their Floodbuster hazmat suits
- **Judge's Choice Award** – Kalan Davis AKA Miss Interlibrary Loan of UND's Thormodsgard Law Library (clad in a very unlibrarian-like ensemble)

The esteemed panel of judges included Hulen Bivins, State Librarian, who stepped in at the last minute to do his first official NDLA duty; Marvia Boettcher, retired Bismarck Public Library Children's Librarian; and Marilyn Johnson, retired Legislative Council Librarian and NDLA Librarian of the Year.

Truly, this was one runway show you had to see to believe. NDLA changed the fashion world forever!

For more Fashion Show images, visit:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/ndstatelibrary/sets/72157627641396813/>

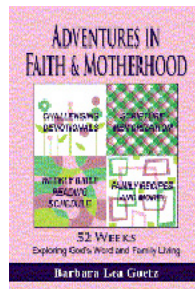


William Stobb, a UND alum and winner of the Thomas McGrath Award from the Academy of American Poets, recently released ***Absentia: Poems*** (\$18, 96 p., pbk). His debut collection, *Nervous Systems*, was a 2006 National Poetry Series winner.



Another collection, *Artifact Eleven*, was released in February 2011 and is available from the University of Nevada's Black Rock Press. Stobb's poems have appeared in numerous publications. For more information, visit <http://williamstobb.blogspot.com/>.

As a wife of 52 years, a mother of five, and a grandmother of 15, **Barbara Lea Goetz** of Bismarck has some expertise when it comes to married life and motherhood.



Her book, ***Adventures in Faith & Motherhood: 52 Weeks of Exploring God's Word and Family Living*** (\$16.95, 324 p., pbk.) is "... for young mothers to help them grow in faith, parenting, and their culinary skills." For complete information, visit the Bookstore section of www.newbookpublishing.com.

American Boy (\$24, 224 p., hardcover) by North Dakota native and Bismarck State College alum **Larry Watson** has been published by Milkweed Press. The story begins in 1962 in Willow Falls, Minnesota, with a teenage narrator, Matthew Garth. In the October 1, 2011 issue of *Library Journal*, reviewer Donna Bettencourt said, "With his graceful writing style, well-drawn characters, and subtly moving plot, Watson masterfully portrays the dark side of small-town America. Highly readable and enthusiastically recommended." The book also received a starred review in *Booklist* (Oct. 15, 2011) by Bill Ott, who called it a "...powerful coming-of-age story about a teenage boy being shocked into maturity by a moment of sudden and unexpected violence."

Bea's Almost Bad Day is the second collaboration of **Penny Wolf** and students of Sweet Briar School

and 6th-grade students at Prairie View Elementary in New Salem. Sweet Briar students created the illustrations for Wolf's story about a lamb's mishap and the animals she meets that help her find her way back home. The final pages of the book include poems and illustrations by Prairie View poetry contest winners. Wolf's first collaborative children's book was *A Cow Named Sue*. The book is available at Prairie Creek Creations and Plaza Drug in Bismarck, Mocha & More in Mandan, Home Sweet Home in Minot, and Saks News outlets throughout the state.

North Dakota humanities scholar **Clay Jenkinson** has penned ***The Character of Meriwether Lewis: Explorer in the Wilderness*** (\$29.95, 504 p., hardcover). The book "takes a fresh look at Meriwether Lewis, the commander of the most important exploration mission in the early history of the United States. Jenkinson's Lewis is not a paper cutout hero, but a hyper-serious young man of great complexity, who found the wilderness of upper Louisiana as burdensome as it was exhilarating." The book is available directly from the Dakota Institute at www.fortmandan.com/. Another Jenkinson book to watch for is *For the Love of North Dakota and Other Essays: Sundays with Clay in the Bismarck Tribune*, which is scheduled for release in February 2012.

Bowdon author **Carol Hadley** has been writing for 25 years. Her latest mystery novel, ***Death by Email*** (\$9.95; download), is available for download through Magellan Books (<http://magellanbooks.com/>).



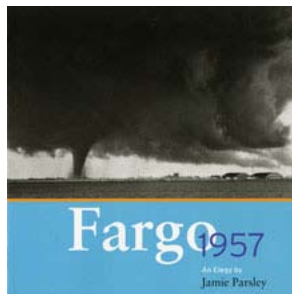
Curt Eriksmoen, and his wife, **Jan Breeding Eriksmoen**, have added a fifth volume to their popular ***Did You Know that ...*** series (\$14.95 each, pbk.) The series focuses on fascinating people who have lived in North Dakota. The books are available from local booksellers, Pride of Dakota shows, and the website at www.eriksmoenterprises.com/cart/.

Better late than never! I just learned about a poetry collection published a year ago that



I wanted to bring to your attention. **Denise Lajimodiere**, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Pembina Chippewa and an assistant professor at NDSU in Fargo, penned ***Dragonfly Dance*** (\$17.95, 93 p., pbk.), a collection of poems that open “a door into the lives of Native girls and women.” The collection was published by Michigan State University Press and is available from a variety of online sellers, including www.Amazon.com and www.BarnesandNoble.com. North Dakota’s Heid E. Erdrich, author of *National Monuments*, said, “*Dragonfly Dance* heals us through movement, music, prayer— and unexpected humor....Denise writes what is true and real...reading this book is as uplifting as watching the play of wings across a summer sky. What a wonderful work and what a welcome new voice.”

When it comes to natural disasters, North Dakota has had its share. The devastating floods in several communities in recent years and the tornado in Northwood immediately come to mind. Another devastating event was a tornado that hit Fargo on June 20, 1957. Ten people were killed outright (three more died from their injuries later) and the tornado turned both buildings and lives upside down. **Jamie Parsley**, Associate Poet Laureate of North Dakota, tells about those tragic days through prose, poetry, and photographs in ***Fargo, 1957*** (\$20 plus \$4 shipping, 156 p., softcover), which was published by the Institute for Regional Studies. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/ahss/ndirs/publications/.



The fifth book from Fargo native and feminist **Jennifer Baumgardner**, ***F'em! Goo Goo, Gaga, and Some Thoughts on Balls***, was recently released. The book is a “best-of collection of previously published magazine articles, unpublished interviews, and new essays.” Baumgardner lives in New York City with her two sons and husband and also teaches writing at New School in New York. Among her other

works are *Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future* (2000; with Amy Richards; also published in a 10th anniversary edition in 2010), *Grassroots: a Field Guide for Feminist Activism* (2004, with Amy Richards), *Look Both Ways: Bisexual Politics* (2007), and *Abortion and Life* (2008). Baumgardner also co-produced the film, *Speak Out: I Had an Abortion* (2005) and is currently working on the documentary film, *I Was Raped*.

John R. Lindensmith now has two novels to his credit: ***Hell*** (\$12.90, 356 p., pbk., 2011); and ***Mystery Man*** (\$12.95, 154 p., pbk., 2006). *Hell* is about the “self-destruction of youth in a small North Dakota town.” In *Mystery Man*, the main character is caught in “a bloody game of revenge.” Lindensmith grew up in Mandan, graduated from Bismarck State College, and now lives in West Fargo.

A Minot native and UND grad, **Matthew Rothchild**, has penned his first book, ***I-29*** (\$17, 324 p., pbk.; \$7, download), described as “a political adventure/thriller that explores the dynamics that exist between the individual and society. It follows Stephen Christianson, an everyday man who minds his own business, in his quest to fulfill his dream: to be left alone to live his life.” The book is available from www.Amazon.com, www.BarnesandNoble.com, and The Seashell Books (www.theseashellbooks.com).

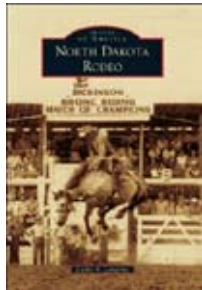
Jesus Camp: My Story (\$13.99, 204 p., pbk.) is **Becky Fischer’s** response to the media firestorm that followed the release of the documentary film, *Jesus Camp*, in 2006. Fischer, whose Kids in Ministry International headquarters is in Mandan, said that “reliving the *Jesus Camp* experience in the book has brought her both exhilaration and tears, but that on balance, the documentary has produced growth for her ministry.” The book is available from online sellers www.BarnesandNoble.com, www.Amazon.com, or from the KIM website at www.kidsinministry.org/store.

Move over vampires and zombies ... here come the shapeshifters. A shapeshifter is a being



(usually human) that can change its shape into that of another person, creature, or entity, or a being that finds its shape is involuntarily changed by someone else. **Michelle Bredeson** of Langdon has penned her first book, **Legacy** (\$11.99, 216 p. pbk.; \$5, download), the first in the “Bloodline” series of five novels. *Legacy* was published by Pine Hill Press. For more information, visit www.michellebredeson.com.

NDLA’s own **Cathy Langemo** has another book to her credit. **North Dakota Rodeo** (\$21.99 + \$2.50 postage, 128 p., pbk.) was recently published by Arcadia Publishing as part of its Images of America series. Cathy, who serves as NDLA Executive Secretary and PR Committee chair, has been busy with TV and radio interviews and book signings. *North Dakota Rodeo* is available from local booksellers or Arcadia Publishing, but Cathy also has some on hand herself. You can contact her by phone (701-527-7948) or email (cathyl@bis.midco.net) for details. Cathy’s other books include *Bismarck*, *North Dakota* and *Mandan*, both in Arcadia’s Images of America series, and *Tracing Your Dakota Roots* (co-author, Jo Ann B. Winistorfer).



North Dakota’s Poet Laureate **Larry Woiwode** has a new book that children of all ages will enjoy. **The Invention of Lefse: a Christmas Story** (\$12.99, 62 p., hardcover) is a story about a Norwegian farm girl, Mette Iversdatter, and making the best of what you have. It will warm your heart! Woiwode also released a collection of essays in June entitled **Words Made Fresh: Essays on Literature and Culture** (\$24.99, 192 p., hardcover). G. W. Hawkes, Professor of English and co-director of Creative Writing at Lycoming College, said, “This is a book for writers and readers, for those uncertain and certain of God. Woiwode’s examination of literature is so masterful that one can’t help but weigh his prose hand in hand with the art he admires, and I will not be surprised if you should find his sentences richer. I’ve been a student of Woiwode’s work for thirty years and am not yet done—this stunning

collection of thought and prose has made me think and dream as I haven’t in years.” Woiwode was also recently named the High Plains Book Awards 2011 Emeritus Award Winner and was recognized “for his significant body of work that has made a lasting contribution to the literature and understanding of life on the High Plains.” For more information about Woiwode and his work, visit his website at www.larrywoiwode.com.

North Dakota native **William Franklin Hook** has penned **Never Subdued** (\$16.99, 378 p., pbk.), a true story of the Philippine-American War and the Moro campaigns. The narrative “follows several of the young men from the 1st North Dakota Volunteer Infantry as they journey from the prairies of the Midwest to the jungles of the South Pacific.” Robert Fulton, author of *Moroland*, called it “... a fresh story [that makes] you care about the people involved. Sort of a ‘Band of Brothers’ circa 1900.” The author is a graduate of Stanford University and the Jefferson Medical College of Jefferson University, Philadelphia, as well as a retired physician radiologist and ex-associate professor of radiology at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine. For complete information, visit www.neversubdued.com/index.php.

The 2011-13 edition of the **North Dakota Blue Book** (\$20, pbk.) is now available and is dedicated to retired Legislative Council Librarian, Marilyn Johnson, who worked on various editions of the *Blue Book* for more than 20 years. In addition to the usual state statistics, symbols, awards, and information on elected officials and state agencies, a chapter contributed by State Paleontologist John Hoganson about North Dakota’s prehistoric past, will be of interest. The book is available at the Heritage Center Museum Store (<http://history.nd.gov/museumStore/default.asp>) in Bismarck.

If you like fantasy, check out this novel by **Karlene Tura Clark**, who works in the Access Services Department at Chester Fritz Library at UND in Grand Forks. **A Ranger’s Homecoming** (\$13.50, 322 p., pbk.) was recently published through www.CreateSpace.com and is available



from online sellers www.Amazon.com and www.BarnesandNoble.com.

Bottineau native **Frank Scully** has written a murder mystery set in Bottineau in 1904. The blurb for *Resurrection Garden* (\$5.95, 252 p., ebook; \$12, 274 p., pbk.) from the MuseItUp Publishing website reads, "Jake Turner, a man who travels alone with a reputation he would like to leave behind, is a target for ruthless killers who want to stop him from solving a murder. And that's the least of his problems." *Resurrection Garden* is the first book in his "Decade Series Mystery" series. Other forthcoming titles include *Dead Man's Gambit*, *Empty Time*, *Blood Sins*, *Gravedigger's Open House*, and *Vacation Man*. For more information, visit <http://museituppublishing.com/musepub/>.

The Song Is Ended (\$30.95, 652 p., pbk.) by Drayton author **Kenneth C. Gardner, Jr.** is available online from www.iUniverse.com, www.Amazon.com, and www.BarnesandNoble.com. The book tells the story of Chris Cockburn, a young man growing up in a small North Dakota town in the early 1960s, "a time when, as the poet said, "To be young was very heaven." The author is in his 45th year of teaching high school English and History. The book is also available at Ferguson Books & Media in Grand Forks.

Susan Wefald, retired Public Service Commissioner, was part of the Author Meet and Greet at the NDLA Conference with her new book (hot off the press that day!), *Spectacular North Dakota Hikes - Bring the Dog* (\$24.95, 169 p., softcover). The book was published by the [North Dakota Institute of Regional Studies](http://www.northdakotainstituteofregionalstudies.com) and profiles the best places to go hiking across the state. The book includes 50 hikes, organized in 8 regions; 43 of those hikes allow leashed dogs to accompany the walker. Wefald's trusty companion, a Goldendoodle named Sandy, has a starring role in the publication. The maps in the book were created by Tom Marple, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design & Communications, at Bismarck State College.



North Dakota poet Thomas McGrath was born on a farm near Sheldon, North Dakota, in 1916 and died in Minneapolis in 1990. A new book about one of the finest writers to come out of our state has been published in English by Presses Universitaires de la Mediteranee as part of a series of profiles of acclaimed American authors. **Thomas McGrath: You Can Start the Poetry Now** was edited by **Pamela Sund** and **Vincent Dussol**. Sund was a longtime friend and student of McGrath and lives in Fargo. Dussol is a scholar, professor, and writer who lives in Montpellier, France. The book includes contributions by Robert Bly, Studs Terkel, Larry Woiwode, and many others. For more information, visit www.pulm.fr/index.php/catalog/product/view/id/485/s/thomas-mcgrath/.

Ugly Wrapping Paper Priceless Gift (\$15.99, 45 p., pbk.; \$7.99, download) by **Lisa Goldade** is a tale of growing up with an alcoholic father and a journey of healing told in three parts. In the first part, Goldade shares specific memories from childhood; in the second, she focuses on the "unwrapping" (when she discovered she could unwrap the ugliness and look at it); and finally, there is "the gift," or the person she has become. Goldade is a guidance counselor at Minot-Central Campus. The book is available from local booksellers and online sellers www.BarnesandNoble.com and www.Amazon.com.

Congratulations to **Virginia Goerger** of Wyndmere who was recently presented with the [G. K. Haukebo Heritage Resource Award](http://www.gkhaubeboheritageresourceaward.com) for her outstanding work as editor of the *Wyndmere-Barney 125th Anniversary 2010* book (\$39.95, 774 p., hardcover). Goerger's award was in "Category I – Finding Aids," which includes projects that focus on local interests. The book was judged on regional interest, organization of materials, scope of research, quality of sources, and usefulness as a finding aid. "Organizers said it was one of the best examples of a history book they had ever seen." If you would like a copy of the book, contact Virginia Goerger at 701-439-2382.



History on the Web

Winter always puts me in the mood for a thick biography or history book. This winter I plan to reread *Memoirs* by Mikhail Gorbachev – a monster 769-page book – perfect winter reading! While there’s nothing like curling up with a book, there’s also a host of history on the Web (not only for students, but for history buffs as well) that make history both entertaining and educational.



American Memory

<http://memory.loc.gov>

American Memory is a Library of Congress project that includes written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, and sheet music. Among the interesting collections are Coca-Cola television advertisements, the notebooks of Walt Whitman, and Civil War maps. The Walt Whitman Notebooks Collection not only includes scanned images of the notebooks, but also photographs of their conservation (removing the original sewing, cleansing the paper, and re-sewing).

American Rhetoric

www.americanrhetoric.com/

This site features over 5,000 full-text, audio, and video versions of historic speeches, interviews, and debates. The website includes many historical speeches, as well a section on 9/11 (which includes timeline of events, 9/11 Commission Report, and President Bush’s initial remarks in Florida). President Obama’s speeches (2004 – present) include audio and transcripts. For those looking for a bit of fun, there are also movie speeches.

The National Archives (UK)

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/museum/>

The National Archives is the official archive of the government of the United Kingdom. Its collections can be searched by themes (Britain and America, Kings and Queens, Medieval Power, etc.) or date (Middle Ages, Tudor and Stuarts, Eighteenth Century, etc.). Students in need of primary sources will find a wealth of choices on

this website, which include scanned documents and transcripts. Interesting finds include: Shakespeare’s will, Jane Austen’s will, and the confession of Guy Fawkes.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, located in Washington, D.C., has seen over 30 million visitors since it opened in 1993. Its website includes information on the holocaust, Nazi rule, and the rise and fall of Hitler and the Nazi Party in Germany, 1933-1945. The section on “Preventing Genocide” includes videos on Rwanda and Sudan, which illustrate that genocide isn’t an isolated issue from World War II, but a current issue.

Spy Letters of the American Revolution

<http://www.clements.umich.edu/exhibits/online/spies/index-clinton.html>

The William L. Clements Library (located at the University of Michigan) makes original resources available to researchers. Letters such as Rachel Revere to Paul Revere (April/May 1775) provides both the original letter and transcription. Timeline (1763-1783) includes illustrations, links to letters, and maps. The “Teacher’s Lounge” includes ideas for classroom activities, interpreting primary sources, curricular themes, and study questions – sure to make the American Revolution come to life for students!





2012 Summer Reading Programs

The 2012 Summer Reading program offers not one, but three themes to delight readers of all ages.

- Dream Big - READ! (Children)
- Own the Night (Teens)
- Between the Covers (Adults)

Adam Emter of the State Library serves as the North Dakota state representative to the [Collaborative Summer Library Program \(CSLP\)](#), a consortium of 49 states working to provide high-quality summer reading materials at the lowest cost possible for public libraries.

Upon request, the [North Dakota State Library](#) will provide one free summer reading manual to each public library in the state. To request a manual, go to: www.library.nd.gov/summerreadingmanual.html. Also in 2012, CSLP will pay shipping costs on summer reading items ordered through the [Upstart incentive catalog](#), which you will receive with your manual.

Summer Reading Program Workshops

To help you prepare for summer reading programs at

your library, the State Library is also offering a series of workshops in February 2012. The workshops will give you a chance to connect with other librarians, share ideas, and learn more about program ideas related to the 2012 themes.

Workshop locations and dates include:

- February 13 – Bismarck Public Library
- February 15 – Dickinson Public Library
- February 16 – Minot Public Library
- February 21 – Grand Forks Public Library
- February 22 – Leach Public Library (Wahpeton)
- February 23 – James River Valley Library (Jamestown)

Summer Reading Kickoff Day

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 1, 2012! This has been designated as “Summer Reading Kickoff Day @ Your Library.” If your library is planning to host a kickoff event, consider doing it on June 1.

For more information and resources, visit the North Dakota State Library at http://www.library.nd.gov/publicawareness.html?tab=1#tab_1.

Art Books for Public Libraries

Do you know about the Distribution to Underserved Communities Library Program? The DUC provides free (and brand new) contemporary art books to public libraries, public schools, correctional facilities, and community reading centers in rural and inner-city areas all across the country.

Since the program was founded over 20 years ago, it has distributed over 300,000 books to underserved communities. The art resources are donated by an impressive roster of museums, galleries, and publishers, while the DUC raises funds (from the National Endowment for the Arts, among others) to cover all shipping expenses; their partnerships with arts publishers and funders ensure that the books are provided at no cost to participants.

All books are offered to librarians through an online catalogue, which is accessible via the website: www.ducprogram.org. There you may browse available titles and place a custom and unrestricted electronic order for materials to best suit your community. Please note that DUC only provides books to public institutions (where the books are accessible at no cost to patrons, students, participants, or inmates). Each institution is also limited to one order per year. Check it out!

Bring the Big Read to Your Community

The **Big Read**, a program of the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) in partnership with [Arts Midwest](#), is designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. They are now accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2012 and June 2013. For complete guidelines and other information, visit The **Big Read** website. The [application](#) deadline is February 1, 2012.



Develop Your Math and Science Collections

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Chicago Section is currently accepting applications for the **IEEE Science Kits for Public Libraries Grant**. This grant is made possible through the support of the IEEE Foundation and the IEEE Life Members Committee with an additional contribution from S&C Electric. The grant will provide funding to more than 20 public libraries for the development of math and science collections for pre-university students (K-12) through the creation of science kits, especially kits that provide prepared experiments for use by students and educators including parents, teachers, club leaders, and/or librarians. The deadline for applications is coming up fast -- December 15, 2011. For more information, visit www.ieeechicago.org/ScienceKitsforLibraries/tabid/1574/Default.aspx.

BookTalk at BSC 2012

Plans have been finalized for BookTalk at BSC 2012, the **Bismarck State College Library** annual book discussion series. This year's theme is "The Only Thing that Lasts" and was inspired by the conference book club book, *Dakota or What's a Heaven For*, and this line from Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind* when Gerald O'Hara says, "Do you mean to tell me, Katie Scarlett O'Hara, that Tara, that land doesn't mean anything to you? Why, land is the only thing in the world worth workin' for, worth fightin' for, worth

dyin' for, because it's the only thing that lasts." The series books include: *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather (January 8), *Red Earth, White Earth* by Will Weaver (February 5), and *Dakota or What's a Heaven For* by Brenda K. Marshall (March 4). Author Brenda Marshall will also lead the discussion of her book on March 4. Exciting!

As We Get Older . . .

The **Fargo Public Library** offered a series of free programs in November at the **Dr. James Carlson Library** location to help people



prepare to be caregivers for aging adults. Among the programs were: "Family Caregiver Support Program" led by Laura Fischer of the Southeast Human Service Center; "Elder Law and Power of Attorney" with Susan E. Johnson-Drenth, a certified elder law attorney with the Vogel Law firm; and "Online Resources for Caregivers" presented by Librarian Sarah Nelson.

Celebration at Garrison Public Library

Congratulations to the **Garrison Public Library**, which celebrated 25 years of service in its current location, on October 5, 2011. In honor of the occasion, the Friends of the Library invited people to look through photos and other information chronicling the library's history, reminisce, and enjoy refreshments. The library first began providing services to area residents in 1929.

Spotlight Shines on Gordon B. Olson Library

Congratulations to the staff of **Gordon B. Olson Library** at Minot State University for being chosen for the September Depository Library Spotlight by the Federal Depository Library Program! For the complete article and photos, visit www.fdlp.gov/outreach/spotlight/1017-sept11spotlight.

Improvements at Griggs County Public Library

During the last couple of years, some important (but not necessarily glamorous) upgrades have been completed at the **Griggs County Public Library** in Cooperstown. The city replaced the roof that was leaking, added a plenum heater to

improve the furnace system, and installed new energy saving lighting. A volunteer also painted the ceiling.

Dakota Discussions The **Griggs County Public Library**

hosted a series of Dakota Discussions in November and December on books in the "Making Sense of the American Civil War" series available through the North Dakota Humanities Council program. The books included *America's War: Talking about the Civil War and Emancipation on the 150th Anniversary* by Edward Ayers, *Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam* by James M. McPherson, and *March* by Geraldine Brooks. For more information, visit www.nd-humanities.org/.



Looking Ahead

What are your dreams for the future of the Library? That's what the **Griggs County Public Library** board wanted to know. To find out, they conducted a survey of library patrons. As you can guess, there was no shortage of ideas! One request was to include adults in a summer reading program. That happened and seven adults signed up. Filling another request for a comfortable place to read newspapers and books is also in the works. The board plans to purchase comfortable chairs and an end table and has started raising funds for that purpose.

Kindred Public Library Invites You . . .

The fall schedule at the **Kindred Public Library** was packed! On October 31, Halloween lovers were invited to "Trick or Treat at the Library" from 5:30-7 p.m. The "Breakfast with a Book" discussion group met at 9 a.m. at the Library on November 12 to talk about *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. The Library's annual Tour of Homes/Basket Raffle fundraiser, sponsored by the Friends group, took place on November 20. On December 4, the library co-hosted Christmas

Holidaze, and on December 10, the Breakfast with a Book discussion group got together to talk about Thomas Kincaid's *A Christmas Visitor*. To find out more, check out the website at: www.kindredpubliclibrary.com/.

Chocolate & Books Go Together

A Chocolate, Chocolate Day and used book sale fund raiser was held at the **Leach Public Library** in Wahpeton in October. Attendees could buy dessert and coffee for \$4 and make free will offerings for sale items. Proceeds will be used to replace the outer front door of the library.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Twana Weiler, library media specialist at **L.E. Berger Elementary School** in West Fargo, organized a literary pumpkin-decorating contest for students in grades 1-5. Students were asked to decorate pumpkins like one of their favorite characters in a book using any materials. Nearly 30 students went to the library during recess time to use free paint and art supplies. The contest turned out to be so popular that the entire staff was asked to help with the judging. Weiler said, "I didn't really know what to expect ...I was thinking maybe 20 to 25 kids would do this and we are at 96 pumpkins." Plans are already in the works for next year!

A New Library for the McVillage Community

In December 2010, a group of volunteers began talking about their dream of a community library for the McVillage area. That dream is now a reality. The City Council granted the use of the lower level of the City Auditorium for library space and the volunteers worked to find equipment, supplies, books, and more. The grand opening of the **McVillage Community Library** was held on July 16, 2011, during the McVillage Days celebration. There's still plenty of work to be done as the group works to write grants for a variety of needs and develop a collection and programming. For more about the McVillage Community, visit www.mcvillage.com/. If you click on the Community Library link, you can also see photos from the grand opening celebration.

Libraries Helping Libraries

Thanks to the Surplus Books Program of the **Library of Congress**, many books lost in the Minot floods have been replaced. Senator John Hoeven helped to secure 285 books for the **Minot Public Schools**. For more information about the Surplus Books Program, visit www.loc.gov/acq/surplus.html.

NDLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee Featured on OIF Blog

ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom recently featured the **NDLA Intellectual Freedom Committee** on their blog (www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=2939). The group was described as "an active and vibrant group of individuals who provide assistance to NDLA members on challenges and censorship issues." We couldn't agree more.

North Dakota State Librarian Touring State

Hulen E. Bivins, State Librarian, and members of his staff are visiting libraries in the state and holding town hall meetings. Bivins wants to learn two things from the visits: what the **North Dakota State Library** has done in the past five years that has been a benefit to the community and surrounding area, and what communities would like to have the State Library do in the next five years. The first stop on the tour was the Bottineau County Public Library. The tour will also include Williston Community Library, Dickinson Area Public Library, Grand Forks Public Library, West Fargo Public Library, and Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. Bivins took the reins as State Librarian in December 2010.

Cal Olson Photograph Collection

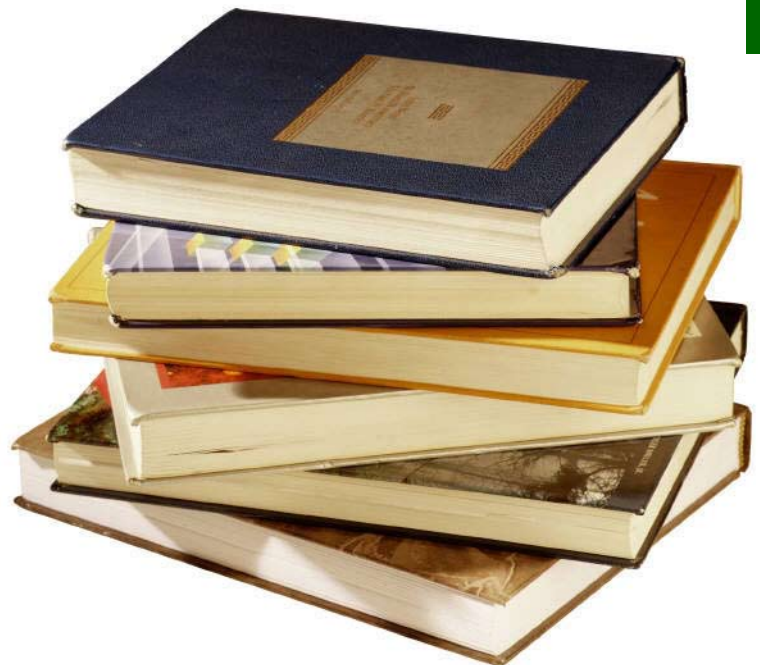
A recent addition to the **Institute for Regional Studies** at North Dakota State University is the Cal Olson Photograph Collection. Most of the images were taken by Cal Olson when he was working as a photographic journalist for the *Fargo Forum*. The images are "from the 1950s to the 1970s and ... include such topics as the Fargo tornado in 1957, Native Americans, and the Vietnam War." For more information, visit <http://library.ndsu.edu/archives/collections-institute/photography/finding-aids#O>.

New Website Live

The **Theodore Roosevelt Center** at Dickinson State University has a new website (www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org). The new website also marks the official opening of the **Theodore Roosevelt Digital Library** ... a "product of a collaboration with the Library of Congress, Harvard College Library, and the National Park Service to bring together all of Theodore Roosevelt's papers in one place." New documents and partners will continue to be added to the site. Check back often!

Tables of Contents

The **Williston Community Library** held its annual "Tables of Contents" fundraising event on September 11. Nineteen different table settings, including Italian blown glass, a Japanese dragon tea seat, and more, were on display. Attendees also enjoyed a presentation on the history of antique dishes. Tickets for the event were \$10 and refreshments were served.



Election Results

The results of the 2011 NDLA election were reported by the Nominations and Elections Committee and validated by the NDLA Executive Board.

Newly elected Association officers are:

- **President-elect** - Al Peterson, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck
- **Secretary** - Brianne (Bree) Schmidt, Fargo Public Library
- **Treasurer** - Michael Safratowich, UND Library of the Health Sciences, Grand Forks
- **ALA Councilor** – Shelby Harken, Chester Fritz Library, UND, Grand Forks

Newly elected Section and Roundtable officers include:

Academic and Special Libraries Section

- Chair-elect: Deb Syvertson, Dakota College, Bottineau

Archives/Records Management Roundtable

- Chair-elect: Rosemary Flynn, EERC Library, UND

Government Documents Roundtable

- Chair-elect: Lisa Martin, UND Chester Fritz Library, Grand Forks

Health Science Information Section

- Chair-elect: Holly Gabriel, UND Rural Assistance Center, Grand Forks
- Secretary: Sandi Bates, UND Harley French Library of Health Sciences, Grand Forks

New Members Roundtable

- Chair-elect: Jenilee Kanenwisher, Fargo Public Library

Public Library Section

- Chair-elect: Timothy Dirks, Fargo Public Library
- Secretary: Bonnie Krenz, Griggs County Library, Cooperstown

School Library & Youth Services Section (SLAYS)

- Chair-elect: Beth Udem, Barnes County North Public Schools, North Central Campus, Rogers
- Secretary-elect: Jane Snyder, Fargo Public Schools

Technical Services Roundtable

- Chair-elect: Elizabeth Madson, Fargo Public Library
- Secretary: Sarah Matusz, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck

NDLA congratulates and thanks these individuals for their willingness to serve the Association.

Electronic Health Records and Patient Privacy



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Author's note: This article is not intended to be interpreted as providing legal or medical advice but rather as a very beginning place to gather information on the very complex topic of electronic health records.

Health records previously kept on paper in a doctor's office have moved into the realm of the electronic world. This new-found ease of access to digital information can provide powerful data to improve health care and set policy. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes the directives for the health information technology legislative and regulatory infrastructure, as well as the financial incentives available to healthcare providers to install electronic health record technology in offices.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services provides a summary of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), specifically the *Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information* or Privacy Rule.

For the first time in history, a set of national standards for the protection of certain health information has been established. From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Understanding Health Information Privacy website:

The Privacy Rule standards address

the use and disclosure of individuals' health information—called 'protected health information' by organizations subject to the Privacy Rule — called 'covered entities,' as well as standards for individuals' privacy rights to understand and control how their health information is used.

A major goal of the Privacy Rule is to assure that individuals' health information is properly protected while allowing the flow of health information needed to provide and promote high quality health care and to protect the public's health and well-being. The Rule strikes a balance that permits important uses of information, while protecting the privacy of people who seek care and healing. Given that the health care marketplace is diverse, the Rule is designed to be flexible and comprehensive to cover the variety of uses and disclosures that need to be addressed.

The positive benefit of the electronic health records and an option for electronic exchange of health information is for a patient's medical information to be available no matter the location of treatment. For example, if one is injured in a car accident while traveling alone in another state, healthcare personnel would be able to see a patient's medical history and know of any drug allergies or other special health concerns.

The area that has created public discussion is the sale of de-identified information. In their 2007

annual report, IMS Health, the largest medical information organization, showed earnings of more than \$2 billion from the sale of medical data in 2006. (IMS, 2007) Corporations such as IMS Health are considered covered entities and must adhere to the following ways of protecting your information:

- must put in place safeguards to protect your health information
- must reasonably limit uses and disclosures to the minimum necessary to accomplish their intended purpose
- must have contracts in place with their contractors and others ensuring that they use and disclose your health information properly and safeguard it appropriately
- must have procedures in place to limit who can view and access your health information as well as implement training programs for employees about how to protect your health information. (taken from www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html under the heading "How Is This Information Protected")

This is new technology in the medical field and there will be a learning curve. There may be concerns relating to privacy that will need to be dealt with in the future. It is important for the medical field to both embrace this step forward in the organization of medical records while also keeping the importance of patient privacy a priority.

To become more informed about electronic health records, please check the following reports and articles.

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Overdrive and Kindles & Web Apps

Karen's note: Thanks to Carrie Scarr and Eric Stroshane for their contributions to this TechTips & More column.



OverDrive Works with Kindle

Carrie Scarr
West Fargo Public Library

The big news for OverDrive libraries is that the Kindle is now a compatible device. Yea! I've heard a lot of positive comments not only from Kindle users, but also Kindle App users who find the process of checking out eBooks a lot easier! There are Kindle Apps for almost any device – computers, iPads, iPhones, Androids, and Blackberries.

Favorite Web Apps

Eric Stroshane
North Dakota State Library

Karen asked me to provide an overview of some of my personal favorite free web apps from those I recently presented at the NDLA conference. The highlights (sans gongs) are below, but feel free to check the full roster of resources here: <http://prezi.com/0j4dkeqkynfb/web-app-gong-show/>.

Dropbox

Do you e-mail yourself files to transfer them from one computer to the next? Do you collaborate on projects with co-workers and wind up with multiple copies of the same file stored across your network in barely distinguishable versions? Dropbox can end this insanity, improve workflows, and more!

Dropbox is an easy-to-use web app that provides storage, syncing, sharing, and collaborating functionality. It's wonderful if you travel, use more than one computer at work, need to access work files at home, collaborate on projects with co-workers, or need an easy way to share files with peers or volunteers off-site. While there are

other services that do this, none are as easy and fun to use.

A free account grants you 2-10 GB of storage (there are ways to earn more, like referrals). You can use this referral link to sign up and earn us each an extra 0.2 GB of storage: <http://db.tt/1607JTf> or you can sign up at: www.dropbox.com. You'll also earn extra storage if you have an .edu e-mail account. Once you've signed up, you can access your files through their secure website or more readily from any Windows, Mac, Linux, or mobile device you've installed their app on.

Minus

Let me level with you. Nature abhors an e-mail attachment. There are restrictions on file sizes. There are restrictions on file formats. There are mailbox size limits. Even if you know the policies for the client you're using, you will unlikely be familiar with those of your recipients, nor will you know how much space is left in their box. There is a way to subtract these headaches from your life and make file transfers easily. The way is Minus.

Minus is the best way I've found to send files. Simply drag a file from your desktop to the web app (or browse for the file using their interface), copy the link provided, and send it out! You don't need to sign up for an account to send files as large as 2 GB with links that remain live for 30 days. If you sign up, you net 10 GB of storage and links that don't expire, free of charge. Use this knowledge at: <http://min.us>.

Prezi

Do you get bored delivering PowerPoint presentations? When you sit through a .ppt do you make zzz's? Is SlideShare your prescription for insomnia? If so, check out Prezi!

Prezi is a free web-based presentation tool that puts PowerPoint to shame. It is a fast, easy, feature-rich way to create engaging dynamic presentations. Once created, they can be shared



and shown from the web or downloaded and run offline. Do you already have a presentation you just need to jazz up? Import your slides and improve the look and flow of your show! Your audience will thank you. Sign up for a free account at: <http://prezi.com>. Note that if you register with an .edu e-mail account, the good people at Prezi bestow additional functionality upon you.

Down or Just Me?

Sometimes you just can't get to that website you were looking for and you don't know why. Now instead of shouting across the room, calling, or e-mailing co-workers to see if the site is down or if it's just you, you can visit this site or use their handy bookmarklet: <http://doj.me>.

Mergely

If you've gone through a number of drafts of a particular document (either on your own or in collaborative ventures) and lost track of what has changed, Mergely can help. If you've shared a draft and had it come back revised but with the changes unmarked, Mergely can help. Mergely is an easy way to highlight the differences side-by-side and in bright colors. Give it a go at: <http://mergely.com/>. Want to compare something other than plain text, HTML, XML, or CSS? Try this: <http://www.diffnow.com/>.

Metascan

When you've download a file and want to check if it's safe before you open or execute it, you can, of course, use the anti-malware software you have installed on your computer. But what if you want to be thorough? Really, really thorough? Metascan provides a quick easy way to scan files with 17 industry anti-malware screeners, including McAfee, Symantec, Avast!, AVG, and BitDefender. It's like cranking your amp to 11. Test it out at: <http://www.metascan-online.com/> (40 MB file size limit).

DocsPal

Okay, so you've scanned that file and found it infection-free, but now you can't open it and you don't know what to do. Thankfully, DocsPal is there for you, eager to convert your files from one format to another. This eliminates the need to identify, locate, download, and install software just to convert document, audio, video, e-book, image, or archive files. Here it is now: <http://docspal.com>.

AVG LinkScanner Online

A lot of folks don't exercise safe browsing or e-mail habits and then wind up with covertly compromised computers. Not you, though. You're smart. You take precautions. You don't blindly follow search results to unfamiliar sites or click through links your crazy Uncle Edgar forwards to you. You use AVG's LinkScanner Online to inspect the site for hidden exploitive code before you visit it. But you forgot the url. Here's a reminder: <http://linkscanner.explabs.com/linkscanner/AVG/default.aspx>.

Ninite

Computer crash? New machine? Helping a friend or family member get set up? Instead of scouring the web for all those apps you can't live without and installing them all separately, visit <http://ninite.com/>. At Ninite, you can select what you want from their tidy page and let them build a custom installer for the most up-to-date versions of each app for you, with no bloatware added. You will still need to manage your updates one way or another (Secunia PSI, I'm looking at you), but Ninite will get you on your feet in no time.

TechTips & More is a column that gives tips about technology (TechTips) and other things that our readers do in their libraries to make their lives a little easier or more efficient (More).

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of September 30, 2011 (End of 3rd Quarter)

By MICHAEL SAFRATOWICH, NDLA TREASURER

Editor's note: Approved by electronic vote of the Executive Board on September 21, 2011.

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
CHECK BOOK 1/1/2011	\$5,104.85			
Pass-Through Funds				
Freedom to Read Foundation Grant		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Pass-Through Funds Subtotal	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
NDLA Funds	\$5,104.85			
Annual Conference 2011		\$26,293.00	\$11,684.91	
Book Sales	\$2,182.59	\$71.00	\$485.15	\$1,768.44
Centennial Cookbook	-\$3,898.19	\$234.00	\$2.15	-\$3,666.34
Dues 2012		\$210.00	\$1.07	
Dues 2011	\$661.79	\$11,190.00	\$56.28	\$11,795.51
HSIS Partner Account	\$2,231.64			\$2,231.64
Investment Account Transfers				
Other receipts/disbursements		\$2,504.00	\$9,456.04	
NDLA Funds Subtotal		\$40,502.00	\$21,685.60	\$23,921.25
Check Book Balance 9/30/2011				\$23,921.25

MONEY MARKET AND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
NDLA Bank Money Market Ready Cash	\$9,430.14			
Interest		\$3.53		
Deposits				
Transfers				
				\$9,433.67
Professional Development Bank Money Market RC	\$12,943.47			
Interest		\$4.84		
Deposits				
Transfers				
				\$12,948.31
NDLA CD	\$20,229.30			
Interest		\$50.63		
Transfers				
				\$20,279.93
Professional Development CD	\$20,010.08			
Interest		\$14.97		
Transfers				
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TOTAL EQUITY 9/30/2011				\$86,608.21



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