

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY
REPORT TO NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

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FUTURE EVENTS

March 11	Public Library Annual Reports due
March 13-14	Booth at DECA conference
March 22	American Library Association's E-rate Task Force conference call
March 25	State Library closed
March 31-April 1	Spring Workshops – Bismarck
April 4-5	Spring Workshops – Fargo
April 7	Booth at Health Fair – Corpus Christi Church
April 8	Center for the Book Board meeting
April 28	Booth at AER/Vision Conference – Grand Forks
April 29	Letters About Literature Event
May 2-5	Chief Officers of State Agencies meeting and Legislative Day – Washington, D.C.
May 5	ODIN Advisory Council
May 6	MINITEX Interlibrary Loan Conference – Minneapolis
May 11	ND Library Coordinating Council conference call
May 11-14	National Library Service, Western Conference -- Seattle
May 20	Volunteer Recognition Event
May 21	Emporia State MLS Graduation – Fargo
June 1	Summer Reading Program kickoff day
June 3	MINITEX Advisory Council meeting
June 6-8	LaND presentations (by NDSL staff) at TNT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Booths: Sponsored a booth at the North Dakota Education Association Conference, North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Marketplace, Rural Water EXPO 2005, and North Dakota Home School Association Conference.

Grants: Sent questionnaires to libraries, who were previous grant recipients, on outcomes produced by the grants they received.

Interlibrary Loan: Despite the fact that patrons have access to a wealth of information via the Online Library Resources, interlibrary loan continues to be used heavily. 3,724 interlibrary loan requests were received in February.

MLS Training Grant: Reviewed seven applications for Master of Library Science Training Grant; conducted telephone interviews; chose five to fund. Have arranged to have Dr. Phil Turner, Dean of the School of Library and Information Services, do a

presentation via IVN on the North Texas State University Master of Library Science program on April 4.

Legislature: Presented testimony on HB 1013 to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and to the Education and Environmental Division of the House Appropriations Committee.

Presented testimony on HB 1079 and HB 1080. Both bills were introduced by the Department of Public Instruction on behalf of the State Library, both have passed the House and Senate.

ODIN Migration: All ODIN libraries in the state are in the process of migrating to new software (Aleph produced by ExLibris). NDSL staff is developing new procedures internally and assisting other libraries with migration procedures.

Public Awareness: NDSL is sending out information about legislative hearings and decisions on a Listserv every Thursday to keep librarians informed. All “lobbying type” messages are being sent out by the North Dakota Library Association. NDSL is preparing to release a video to promote library usage; distributing a bi-monthly media tip sheet on behalf of North Dakota’s libraries; working on a Summer Reading Program kick-off event in partnership with the Historical Society; registering persons for the CSLP meeting and the Spring Workshops. NDSL has prepared and sent out the Flickertale Newsletter; sent out a press release to ABC affiliated stations about the new American Library Association public service announcement; organized a one-year informational calendar for upcoming booth opportunities; sent out invitations for celebrity readers for the Summer Reading Kick-off; sent a press release to Bismarck Tribune about the ND Library Coordinating Council meeting; made both a readable and printable version of brochures and manuals, created by the State Library, available on the NDSL homepage.

INITIATIVES

Disability Services: Exploring the possibility of partnering with Minnesota to provide radio reading service in eastern North Dakota. Visually impaired patrons living in the Fargo and Grand Forks area would receive Minnesota radio reading broadcasts. The State Library would supply the receivers. The DRIS Board made a commitment to provide the funding for the 25% matching funds needed for the grant. The State Library and the DRIS Board have signed a memorandum of understanding with Minnesota. We are still working on writing grants since two of the grants for which we applied were denied.

MLS Program: Have arranged to have Dr. Phil Turner, Dean of the School of Library and Information Services, do a presentation via IVN on the North Texas State University Master of Library Science program on April 4. The IVN sites are: Bismarck State College; Dickinson State University – North Campus; University of North Dakota –

Gamble Hall; Minot State University – Student Union; Williston State College – Main Building Room 120. The host site will be at NDSU – E. Morrow Lebedeff Building, Room 183.

OCLC: OCLC is developing new software that we will need to begin using some time in 2005.

Spring Workshops: The annual Spring Workshops are scheduled for March 31–April 1, 2005 in Bismarck and April 4-5 in Fargo. Program has been set, locations reserved, and presenters scheduled. Brochures were sent out in January. At the present time, fifty-eight people have registered for the Workshops.

Summer Reading Program: The next annual meeting of CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program) will be in Bismarck, hosted by the State Library, April 17-19, 2005. CSLP is a collaborative of 34 states with each state having a representative to develop the theme, a children's and a juvenile summer reading manual, and incentives that will be used by the 34 states for the summer reading program.

Training: NDSL Reference Department staff is scheduling and conducting training sessions for LaND (Library Access North Dakota). LaND includes the statewide library catalog and the Online Library Resources. State Employee Library Orientation sessions are also being scheduled and conducted, and include training on LaND, information on the State Library's services, and a tour of the State Library.

PERSONNEL

No open positions. Todd O'Conner, Manager of Technical Services, resigned effective February 11 to move closer to his family in Wisconsin. Naomi Frantes, who recently received her MLS degree and has been a member of the NDSL staff for several years, was promoted to Head of Technical Services. Stephanie Baltzer has been hired and will begin on February 25.