

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY
REPORT TO NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
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FUTURE EVENTS

June 1	Summer Reading Program Kickoff Day
June 3	Minitex Advisory Council meeting
June 7	LaND presentations (by NDSL staff) at TNT
June 10	North Dakota Library Association Board meeting – Grand Forks
June 23-28	American Library Association Conference and Chief Officers of State Libraries meeting – Chicago
July 26-27	LSTA Outcome Based training – Sheridan, Wyoming
August 5	Summer Reading Program event (for children with disabilities)
August 10	Behind the Scenes event
August 23-26	National Library Service (Library of Congress) Talking Book Advisory Committee – Washington
September 2	Minitex Advisory Council -- Minneapolis
September 10-14	Chief Officers of State Libraries meeting – Salem, OR
September 21-23	North Dakota Library Association Conference
September 24	Pavilion of States – Washington, D.C.
October 12-15	Mountain Plains Library Association Conference – Jackson Hole, WY
November 15-17	Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) Training – Washington, D.C.
December 5-7	Federal State Cooperative System training – Washington D.C.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Booths: Sponsored a booth at Corpus Christi Church's Health Fair, Bismarck Senior Center's Health Fair, Dakota AER/Vision Conference in Grand Forks, and DECA.

Grants: The 2005-2006 Grant Guidelines have been sent to North Dakota libraries. A section on outcome based evaluation has been added.

Received a grant for \$3,045 from NoDak Electric Fund of Grand Forks to purchase closed circuit radio receivers for persons with disabilities that live in eastern North Dakota.

Legislature: The State Library's base budget was funded at the same level. Optional budget items funded were: \$155,693 for additional State Aid to Public Libraries and \$200,000 for additional Online Library Resources.

Letters About Literature: The awards ceremony for the state Letters About Literature contest was held April 29 at 2:00 PM at the Heritage Center. 813 students in North Dakota submitted essays this year which is up a substantial amount from last year. Nationally, two North Dakota students placed in the top six in the 2005 Letters About Literature contest – one in Level 1 and one in Level 3. The student in Level 1 competed with 17,933 students to win the honor of being a national runner-up; and the Level 3 student competed with 10,163 other students.

MLS Program: Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management conferred the degree of Master of Library Science to members of the North Dakota II Distance Education Program on May 21, 2005 in Fargo. Ten North Dakota students were part of the group receiving the MLS degree.

Online Library Resources: Sent invoices to school and public libraries for the 2006 subscriptions to the Online Library Resources.

Summer Reading Program: The annual meeting of CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program) was in Bismarck, hosted by the State Library, April 17-19, 2005. CSLP is a collaborative of 32 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 32 states for the summer reading program. This meeting was for the purpose of planning the 2007 Summer Reading Program.

NDSL partnered with Bismarck Public Library, Mandan Public Library, and the State Historical Society to sponsor a Summer Reading Kickoff on June 1 for the Bismarck area. Librarians around the state were invited to attend the Bismarck event or schedule a similar event in their own community. Three of the NDSL staff were in costume and handed out bookmarks and door hangers, and applied tattoos to the children that came to the State Library that day. The event was scheduled from 10:00 to 4:00. Governor Hoeven declared June 1 "Summer Reading Kick-off Day in North Dakota."

Summer Reading Programs are being organized around the state; manuals and catalogs from which to order incentives for the children have been distributed to North Dakota libraries. NDSL again sponsored a Summer Reading Program for children with disabilities.

INITIATIVES

Behind-the-Scenes Event: The State Library along with several other state agencies is putting together a "Behind the Scenes" series for kids. The series will be held in August with each segment being 1 ½ hours long. Each segment will take place at a different agency and will feature the "behind-the-scenes" happenings of that agency.

Interlibrary Loan: Todd Bodvig from the State Library and a representative from the ODIN Office are in the process of setting up the new ODIN interlibrary loan system

using the new Aleph software. The State Library will be a primary partner in setting up the new process and in doing the testing.

Online Library Resources: Since \$200,000 for new Online Library Resources was added to the State Library's budget, trial demonstrations were held and librarians across the state were asked to evaluate six new resources and provide feedback. The six that were chosen were the top recommendations made on the survey taken between November and January.

Pavilion of States: Planning for the Pavilion of States event in Washington, D.C. to be held during the National Book Festival in September. Plans so far include featuring the books of Louis L'Amour and giving North Dakota maps and coloring books to the children that attend our booth. NDSL is currently seeking funding to print the coloring books. The North Dakota Tourism Department and the State Historical Society have been contacted and asked to partner with us for this event.

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.