

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

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FUTURE EVENTS

March 21-25	Public Library Association Conference – Boston
March 30-31	Spring Workshops – Fargo
April 3-4	Spring Workshops – Bismarck
May 1-2	ALA Legislative Day – Washington, D.C.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Auditor: An informal opinion was requested from the Attorney General concerning the interpretation of 54-24.2-04 (maintenance of local effort for State Aid to Public Libraries). The Auditor's Office interprets that section differently than the State Library has interpreted it for the past 25 years. Public library directors were sent sheets showing what figures for mills levied were on record at the Tax Department (the numbers reported to the Tax Department and those reported to us, are different for some libraries). When all libraries report back and checks are processed, libraries will be notified as to the amount they will receive from State Aid to Public Libraries for 2006.

Booths: Sponsored a booth at Marketplace in Fargo on January 18.

Handbook for North Dakota Public Library Board Members: The manual will consist of three separate volumes, will be distributed to all public library directors and public library board members, and will be used as a basis for a training session in three locations of the state. The handbook is being printed and will be completed in time for the Spring Workshops.

Public Awareness: Printed and distributed the January/February Flickertale newsletter. Sent a promotional piece on the State Library LIST promoting performers that libraries could use for their Summer Reading Program. Sent a press release to N.D. newspapers promoting Think Tanks.

Statewide Online Catalog: Finished adding the library holdings of Napoleon Elementary School to the Statewide Online Catalog.

Think Tanks: The State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council sponsored three Think Tanks in order to obtain feedback from librarians, library board members, and citizens. The Think Tanks were held on Feb. 17 in Fargo, Feb. 24 in Dickinson, and Feb. 27 in Minot.

Training: Training sessions for the general public and the library staff were taught by State Library staff in Bowman on January 11 with eighteen people attending. State Library conducted library staff training for West Fargo Public Library librarians on January 19 with seven participating. Trained Dickinson High School librarian in CatExpress and ODIN procedures.

INITIATIVES

Auditor: The State Library is continuing to work with DPI, State Auditor's Office, and Attorney General's Office to resolve State Aid issues. A letter has been sent to public library directors informing them of the Attorney General's opinion.

E-rate: In the process of collecting technology plans from libraries that are part of Stagenet.

Public Awareness: Updating the North Dakota Library Law publication. Updating State Library Long-Range Plan. Designing a brochure for the June 1 Summer Reading Kick-off. Preparing a brochure for K-12 students on the Online Library Resources; writing bi-monthly tip sheets; organizing booth dates for 2006-2007; preparing the upcoming Flickertale Newsletter; and organizing pictures for photo albums.

Spring Workshops: Spring Workshops will be held in Fargo on March 30 and 31, and in Bismarck on April 3 and 4. Sessions will include the following topics: Online Library Resources training; promoting your library; managing your library; collection development (including reconsideration of material); and book mending.

Statewide Library Catalog: Began preliminary work on Northwood School project by exporting records to our server for later cataloging.

Summer Reading Kick-off: The State Library and several other agencies and libraries are partnering to have a Summer Reading Kick-off on June 1. The Kick-off will be held in the buildings and on the lawns of the State Library and State Historical Society. Many events are being planned. North Dakota public librarians are invited to the event and/or to do something similar in their own community.

Training: State Library staff will conduct "for-credit" training at four locations this summer. The fifteen-hour training sessions will cover the ODIN library catalog, Online Library Resources, and the searching of other library catalogs. The target audience is teachers and librarians. NDSL Reference Department staff is scheduling and conducting training sessions for the Online Library Resources and ODIN at North Dakota schools and public libraries. State Employee Library Orientation sessions are also being scheduled and conducted, and include training on the Online Library Resources and ODIN, information on the State Library's services, and a tour of the State Library.