

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

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**Booths:** NDSL sponsored booths at Marketplace for Entrepreneurs on January 16 and at the Fargo Entertainment EXPO on October 26 and 27.

**North Dakota Library Coordinating Council:** NDLC members made site visits to grant recipients to evaluate the success of the funded projects.

**Public Awareness:** Produced, printed and mailed the Jan/Feb issue of the Flickertale, the Spring Workshop flyer, and the Homework Help for Parents flyer. The North Dakota Public Library Statistics publication and the NDSL Biennial Report were prepared and distributed. Outreach packages were sent to optometrists in January to promote the Talking Book and DRIS services. An article about the State Library's services appeared in the December issue of the Inspire Magazine.

**Public Services:** A North Dakota State Library "Ask a Librarian Page" is now accessible from WorldCat.org. NDSL is participating in the Central Dakota Library Network's courier service to reduce costs of distributing materials to and through the participating Central Dakota Library Network libraries. The Reference staff is continuing to work on a North Dakota Authors database.

**State Aid to Public Libraries:** State Aid checks will be distributed this spring. NDSL is working with the Public Library section of NDLA to determine the amount of State Aid that will be requested in the State Library's 2009-2011 budget.

**Statewide Catalog Development:** Carrington City Library began using the ODIN circulation system. The State Library is in the process of adding the Game and Fish Library collection to ODIN and is continuing to catalog the Grafton School Libraries' collections into ODIN. Pembina County Museum is a new cataloging project that will be added to the ODIN catalog as a sub-library of NDSL.

**Summer Reading Kick Off:** Since June 1 is on a Sunday this year, plans are being made to have Governor Hoeven declare Friday, May 30 as North Dakota's Summer Reading Kick Off Day.

**Training:** NDSL Training Department staff is scheduling and conducting training sessions for the Online Library Resources, ODIN, and WorldCat at North Dakota schools and public libraries. To schedule a training session, please call Al Peterson or Sue Clark at 800-472-2104 or 701-328-4622.

State Employee Library Orientation sessions are also being scheduled and conducted by the Training Department, and include training on the Online Library Resources and ODIN, information on the State Library's services, and a tour of the State Library. State Employee Orientation sessions are presented two times per month. New flyers are being sent to state agencies in order to create more interest in these sessions.

NDSL's newest training session entitled "Homework Helper for Parents" was marketed to school and public libraries and was debuted at the Morton Mandan Public Library. The Online Library Resources Searching Guide was updated and printed. ODIN tutorials are now posted on the NDSL website.

From July 1, 2007 to March 1, 2008, 36 Online Library Resources/ODIN training sessions have been offered with 320 participants attending.

**Website:** Began design work for web site makeover.