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Virtual Summer Summit

Library directors, board members, and staff are encouraged to attend this year's Virtual Summer Summit. This event is free of charge.

Monday, August 24
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

On The Agenda:

Libraries and the Opioid Crisis
Research Methods for Public Libraries
Financial Literacy
Networking
Star and Wheelie Award Winners Announced

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The North Dakota State Library offers free promotional materials for the following databases:

- Ancestry Library Edition
- Digital Horizons
- Explora
- Kids Infobits
- Mango Languages
- NoveList
- Points of View Reference Center
- RBDigital
- Research In Context
- Science Reference Center
- Universal Class

These items can be requested by filling out [this form](#) or by sending an e-mail to ndslpa@nd.gov.

The State Library has also gathered promotional resources that you can download, print, or use on social media. You can find them on the [Promotional Materials webpage](#) on the State Library website.

If you are looking for other marketing materials or have changes you would like made to the available materials, please e-mail ndslpa@nd.gov.

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

We are all trying to find different ways to make or strengthen connections these days. There are so many different opportunities to connect with people, whether it's through social media, online meetings, phone calls, or letters. People are sending cards and letters through snail mail now at a much higher rate than in the past few years, if not longer. A neat idea I read about recently was to trace your arms on a large piece of paper and send the "hug" to someone that you can't hug in person right now. I absolutely love this idea.

There are a number of ways that librarians are connecting to other librarians now. The State Library is hosting weekly meetings for all members of the North Dakota Library Community on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is a great opportunity to ask questions, share successes and challenges, and just see people. The Mountain Plains Library Association will be hosting monthly Member Chats on the fourth Wednesday of the month. These chats will start on July 22 and are open to anyone. E-mail memberships@mpla.us for more information. If you are a member of the Association of Rural and Small Libraries, I recommend joining their weekly Town Halls if you can as there is so much good information shared at them.

I am continually impressed by all of the ways that libraries are finding to connect with their communities - Everything from virtual programs to dial-a-story to phone calls to

check in on patrons. Libraries across North Dakota are offering curbside services, books by delivery and mail, take-n-make craft programs, holds pickup via lockers, and many other creative ways to get books and other library materials into people's hands.

Libraries have always been masterful at adapting their services, programs, and library collections to meet the needs of their patrons and the larger community. We need to think now about what we need to do to meet those needs to the best of our ability while adapting to our new normal, whatever that may end up looking like. I don't think we really know what the world will look like and how it will function on the other side of this pandemic, and I think we're still a long way from knowing. Know that the State Library is here to serve your needs and to assist you as you work through these challenging times and make changes to serve your community.

When we are able to travel once again, I would love to connect with you at your library. We are going to be changing up our Librarian for a Day program a little bit and reaching out to libraries to schedule visits, but you are always welcome to invite me to your library for any celebration or occasion. I love visiting the libraries across North Dakota and look forward to the day that I can once again do so more easily. Until that day, please connect with me via [email](#), phone, or find me on social media.

Interlibrary Loan Update

As of July 6th, the North Dakota State Library fully resumed all Interlibrary Loan activities. With many libraries still closed, the process may have some delays, but we appreciate your continued patience as we all figure out our "new normal."

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 328-4622 or e-mail statelib@nd.gov.

Library Storytime Programming Stem Kits

The State Library is in the process of adding several Fairy Tale and Folk Tale Problem-Solving Stem Kits to KitKeeper. Due to the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19, we are not sure when they will be released for check out and reservation.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks & the Three Bears, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding, and The Gingerbread Man, are recommended for ages 3-6 or preschool-1st grade. These Fairy Tale STEM kits include a story card that presents a problem for kids to solve. Children are encouraged to plan, create and test solutions. Building materials, a guide, plus student and teacher cards with lesson plans are included.

The two Folk Tale STEM kits, *Johnny Appleseed* and *Paul Bunyan*, are recommended for ages 7-8 or 2nd-3rd grade. These kits come with a STEM-focused story card, student challenge cards, a detailed lesson plan and a reproducible design sheet.

All kits come with a hard-cover book. We have also included at least one of the following with each of the Fairy Tale STEM kits: puppets, story wands, and/or mood & emotion mirrors.

The final kit is a Castle kit. The set includes 60 enchanting, hardwood blocks to create a fascinating fortress and a spacious palace. We have included *Everything Castles*, a National Geographic Kids book and a set of story wands to encourage imaginative storytelling and writing.

These kits develop skills in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. We are excited to begin sharing them with you.

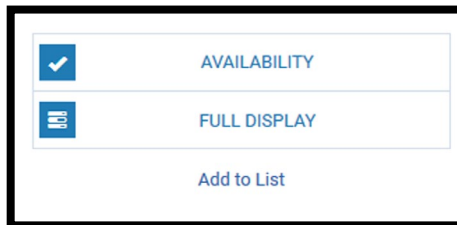
Public Library Infographics

The North Dakota State Library is happy to provide a basic infographic based on the numbers you submitted for the Public Library Survey Annual Report. These infographics will include the number of visits to your library, registered users, items, wireless sessions, programs, program attendees, and circulations.

If you are interested in receiving a custom infographic, please send an e-mail to ndslpa@nd.gov.

New PAC COVID-19 Procedures

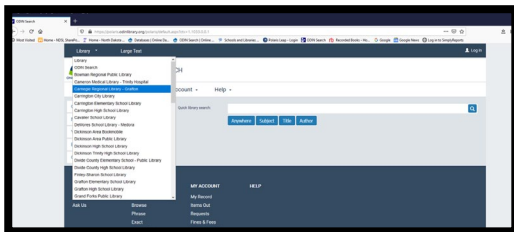
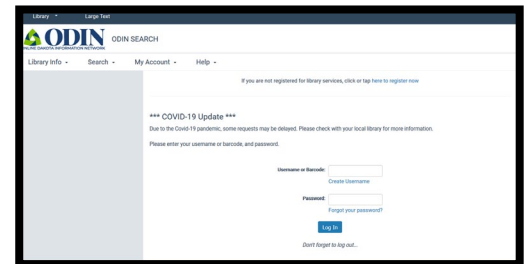
When the majority of libraries closed down because of COVID-19 quarantines, the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) had to make some adjustments with the online catalog. The North Dakota State Library chose to remain active since we mail most of our materials out. Now, more libraries are coming back and more materials are available through the Public Access Catalog (PAC). However, since some libraries are still closed, some of our patrons and libraries we serve have discovered that there is no way of actually requesting materials.



The Place Request and One-Click Request buttons are not available

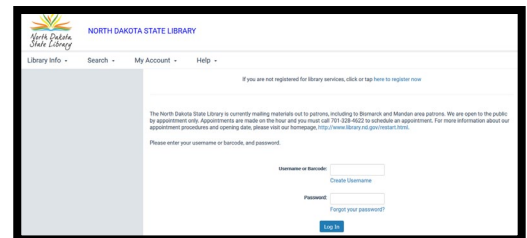
Fortunately, there is an easy solution to this issue.

This is the typical screen you are seeing when you first access the PAC.

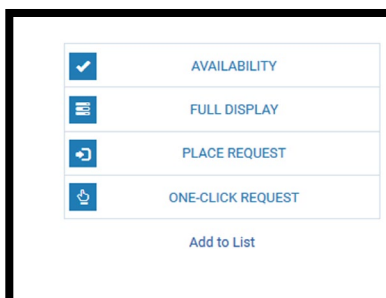


Instead of logging into the ODIN Search Screen, use the Library drop down and select North Dakota State Library.

By selecting the North Dakota State Library, Polaris knows you are using a catalog from a library that is open.



Log on using your NDSL barcode and password, and begin searching. You can search the State Library's PAC page or go back to the ODIN search. Once you log in through the North Dakota State Library page, the Place Request and One-Click Request buttons will display.



The Place Request and One-Click Request buttons are available

If you have any questions or problems, feel free to contact us at 1-800-472-2104 or at statelib@nd.gov.

New NASA@ My Library Kits

The North Dakota State Library will soon be adding two more STEM kits as part of the NASA@ My Library program.

Expedition: Earth focuses on Earth Science and includes activities that are based on weather and magnification. Major content areas in this kit include observing clouds, estimating cloud cover, creating wind streamers, collecting and examining specimens, comparing and documenting observations of the natural world, noticing how technology can change perception, and learning about perspectives. This kit includes two microscopes.



The Way the World Works focuses on engineering and mathematics. Major content areas in this kit include the following: measuring objects; learning about distance in the Solar System; multiplication; creating a plan for a community park; designing and creating a bridge; figuring out how high people can jump on another planet; and how to design and build a shock-absorbing system.

There are enough components included in each kit to accommodate up to 15 individuals/groups. The consumable items (straws, activity sheets, crepe paper, paper plates, construction paper, etc.) are not expected to be returned. Many of the activities in these kits can be done as a grab-and-go program.

These two new kits join our first two NASA@ My Library kits: Sun-Earth-Moon Connections and Be A NASA Detective.

More information about the NASA@ My Library kits and other STEM kits that will be available for check out soon can be found on our [STEM Kit LibGuide](#).

If you have any questions about the kits, please send an e-mail to ndslpa@nd.gov or call 701-328-4656.

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- 50+ programs for tweens, teens, adults, and families : 12 months of ideas
- Creating family archives : a step-by-step guide to saving your memories for future generations
- 200+ original and adapted story program activities / Rob Reid
- Books under fire : a hit list of banned and challenged children's books
- iPhone for seniors (9th edition, 2020)
- The maker mentality
- Art sparks : draw, paint, make, and get creative with 53 amazing projects!
- Designing outdoor environments for children : landscaping schoolyards, gardens, and playgrounds
- Semantic Web for the working ontologist : effective modeling in RDFS and OWL
- A higher standard : leadership strategies from America's first female four-star general
- Effective data visualization : the right chart for the right data
- This is not propaganda : adventures in the war against reality
- Bibliostyle : how we live at home with books
- It began with a page : how Gyo Fujikawa drew the way (nonfiction picture book)
- Facts vs. opinions vs. robots (nonfiction picture book)

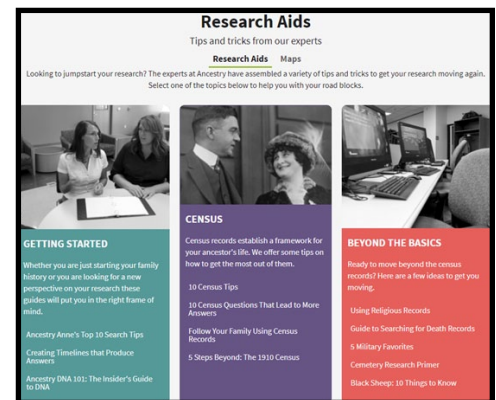
Ancestry Library Edition

For those of you who have wanted to give Ancestry.com a try, but don't want to get roped into a contract, we have a solution for you! The North Dakota State Library subscribes to Ancestry Library Edition, and it is currently completely free to use at home. Generally, this database is only available in the library building, but they have opened it up to the public to use from home. All you need to access it is the [link](#) and your library card.

Ancestry Library Edition offers the same results that the subscription to Ancestry.com does, including valuable hints to help you through your genealogical research. However, there are a few minor differences - you cannot create an Ancestry account through Library Edition or link an existing Ancestry account. Therefore, you will not be able to build your family tree on this side of the site like you would be able to with a subscription. If you have an Ancestry account, you can add to your family tree without having an active subscription. So, when you find that great piece of the puzzle, you can either print off the page or email it to yourself and add it to your family tree later. Ancestry Library Edition incorporates forms that you can print off and fill in to keep your information organized, and forums to help you when you really get stuck.

Ancestry Library Edition is available at home for a limited time, so make sure to take advantage of it while you can!

If you have any questions about this database or any others that we subscribe to, please feel free to contact us at ndslibrary@nd.gov.



Programming Spotlight: Maker Club

Since Summer Reading Programs are looking a bit different this year, consider bringing some old programs back with a twist. Many adults and children alike are spending more time on screens than ever, both for work and play. So why not give them a break from the library's Facebook feed and instead direct them to participate in a family activity?

Library LEGO clubs are a popular program because they allow kids to create among each other—usually with a common theme and, in many libraries, parents or caregivers get included in that joy either by assisting their child or making creations of their own. Despite what you may think, LEGO club doesn't have to stop just because the library is closed.

Consider sending small bags of LEGOs home with families or doing a call for LEGOs to the community for a giveaway. Once students have LEGOs at home, post a weekly theme for the club, and showcase the final projects on a "show and tell" page of the library's website.

If LEGOs seem too limiting, branch out and embrace a Maker Club by encouraging young makers to get creative by using anything they can find around their house to build (paper plates, pens, cardboard boxes) to enhance their design. If students want to draw their creation instead of building it—great! If they want to make a completely edible design—also great (and delicious)! Embrace this time to encourage imagination and creativity with what your patrons may have laying around their homes.

Last month's Flickertale article about online storytime ended with a suggestion to look over your library's children's collection for great books to use as you move online. Kathy MacMillan has shared the following recommendations, keeping in mind that books with large, bold, clear illustrations work best: [25 Recommended Picture Books for Online Storytimes](#).

Breaking into Online Storytime Part Two- The "Technical Stuff"

Taking your storytimes online can happen in one of two ways: live or recorded. There are some obvious advantages to recorded storytimes: mistakes can be removed, captions are more easily created, and storytimes are more widely available. On the other hand, live storytimes also have advantages: interaction in real time, a heightened sense of event and community, and an added spontaneity. Is one better than the other? Live storytimes can be recorded and be made available to fit patrons' schedules, but ultimately the decision is one you have to make based on your community's needs. Online storytimes, live or recorded, are better than none. In order to be less intimidated by the process, here are some tips.

Technical Tidbits

- Desktop computers, laptops, tablets, and phones can all be used to do live or recorded storytimes. A webcam may be needed, especially when using a desktop computer. When using a phone, make sure it has a good camera.
- Use landscape orientation, not portrait.
- Using a microphone or headset will improve the sound quality and also improves automatic captioning.
- Make sure your background or backdrop is not too busy.
- Use your library logo. This is your chance to promote your library.
- Avoid backlighting. Light from above or the side works much better.
- Don't sit too far back from the camera.
- Make sure your clothing contrasts from your skin color, but avoid busy patterns, low necklines, dragging sleeves, or other wardrobe issues that may hinder your mobility or detract from the focal point—the story.
- Set up materials so they are within easy reach. Place the materials in the order you will use them. You may need two copies of the book or text that is printed out.
- Do a trial run. Rehearse and rehearse again until you have thought through the process and refined it.
- Realize that devices and platforms work differently. Enlist help and suggestions from seasoned storytime tellers that have used the devices and platforms you plan to use.
- Keep in mind that online storytimes are not necessarily accessible to everyone. What can you do to reach the hearing impaired, for example?
- Check out the captioning options for live and recorded storytimes. There are some differences.

In the next newsletter, we'll share Presentation Tips. Stay Tuned.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Community Connect: Digital Access at Home

Deadline: August 26

This initiative from the American Library Association and Capitol One Bank is aimed at helping and supporting digital access and financial capability in rural communities nationwide. Twenty rural public libraries will receive 5 Wi-Fi hotspots (including service contract) for lending to patrons, a \$2,000 stipend to support implementing financial capability programs, curated lists, and more.

Participating libraries will be selected through a peer-reviewed, competitive application process. Libraries who serve a legal service area population of less than 25,000 and are located at least 5 miles from an urbanized area are eligible to apply.

Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change

Deadline: August 28

This initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) will help libraries engage their communities in programs and conversations that address the climate crisis. Each selected library will receive a \$1,000 grant to fund film screenings, community dialogues, and related events based on local interest. The grant will be awarded to 25 public and academic libraries in 2020, and it will fund the creation of a suite of free programming resources about the climate crisis that will be available to all libraries.

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

Deadline: October 2

This grant supports developing a diverse workforce of librarians to better meet the changing learning and information needs of the American public by enhancing the training and professional development of library and archives professionals; developing faculty and library leaders; and recruiting, educating, and retaining the next generation of library and archives professionals. All applications must designate one of these project categories: lifelong learning, community catalysts, and/or national digital infrastructures and initiatives.

Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries

Deadline: December 2

This grant is a special initiative of the National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program. The goal is to support projects that strengthen the ability of small and/or rural libraries and archives to serve their communities and to build grantee capacity through participation in a community of practice. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) invites applications that focus on the topics of transforming school library practice, community memory, and/or digital inclusion.

**NNLM All of Us Community Engagement - Association
of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS)
Conference Professional Development Award**

Deadline: TBD

This award is provided to support attendance to the ABOS 2020 Conference. Current or incoming library professionals who are interested in conducting outreach in libraries focused on digital literacy, digital health literacy, health literacy, and/or citizen science are welcome to apply. Applicants must have a strong desire to help improve their community's access to quality health information. There will be 10 \$500 awards available in 2020 for a total of \$5,000.

Course of the Month: Creating WordPress Websites

WordPress is one of the most common places out there to begin creating a free website. It makes it easy to start one without any coding experience at all. WordPress not only has easy to use features that are available for free, but it also has features for those with more coding experience to explore.



Universal Class offers a course that will go over all of this. The course is set up to help those with no experience understand how WordPress works and how to set up a website through them. Some of the lessons include not just setting up a website but also exploring graphics and images for it, planning a layout, exploring themes, and even an introduction to HTML. This course will take you from knowing nothing about WordPress to setting up and maintaining your own website.

The course is comprised of 13 lessons, 28 exams and assignments, and should take about 5 hours to complete.

If you have any questions, please e-mail us at ndsitrain@nd.gov.

YouTube Video Of The Month:

Getting Started with Beanstack: How to Log your Reading

Last month we went over how to set up an account with the State Library's new summer reading database Beanstack. This month, we wanted to highlight the video that will walk you through how to log your reading and activities using Beanstack. This video will go over how to log reading for different family members and how to accomplish badges for the reading challenge. Once you have earned all of the badges, you have completed the challenge. You can log reading either through the browser like you see in the video or through the app.



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Free Training Webinars

Book Club Picks: Online and In Person (Booklist)**Register:** <https://bit.ly/2BGfw16>*Tuesday, July 28 (1:00 PM–2:00 PM CDT)*

In this free, one-hour webinar, we'll hear about upcoming adult titles perfect for your next book club read from HarperCollins Publishers, Bloomsbury, Macmillan Library, and Penguin Random House. Whether your group is meeting virtually or in person, these picks will be sure to spice up conversation and invoke thoughtful responses from all readers!

**Making Difficult Conversations Easy
(Effectiveness Institute)****Register:** <https://bit.ly/2DgeetS>*Wednesday, July 24 (1:00 PM–2:00 PM CDT)*

Do you shy away from conflict? In organizations across the world, conflict is avoided. Expectations go unmet, values are violated, and overall under-performance exists because people do not know how to effectively resolve issues without resorting to the use of power. This one-hour session introduces you to concepts that enable you to begin to “integrate conflict”—to walk into it and effectively handle it—rather than avoid it.

**Opportunity Out of Adversity: Digital Access in
Rural and Small Libraries (WebJunction)****Register:** <https://bit.ly/3iKuWli>*Thursday, August 6 (2:00 PM–3:00 PM CDT)*

Opportunity often hides behind adversity. As libraries look to a future of post-pandemic challenges, from looming budget cuts to increasingly urgent community needs, David Lankes, in *The “New Normal” Agenda for Librarianship*, encourages us to consider framing the positive opportunities, rather than loss, in the changes that lie ahead. If we are intentional, we can use these circumstances to grow our organizations and to address the digital access disparities in small and rural communities. This presentation will explore how one rural library has improved internet access in partnership with an internet service provider, hosted telehealth appointments in collaboration with healthcare providers and transportation agencies, worked with schools to ensure opportunities for youth through esports, and improved digital literacy skills for patrons and local businesses.

**The Public Library's Role in Elections:
Voter Education in a Post-Truth Era (InfoPeople)****Register:** <https://bit.ly/2ZRm5FU>*Tuesday, August 11 (2:00 PM–3:00 PM CDT)*

As the 2020 election quickly approaches, it promises to be the most-watched election in our lifetime and is only complicated by the Covid-19 pandemic. This presentation will equip library staff to gather user-friendly information from reliable and nonpartisan sources in order to offer an invaluable, evolving online voting guide tailor-made for their communities.

By exploring resources—everything from a glossary of common terms used during elections to information on changing voting laws and options due to the pandemic—this webinar will illustrate how libraries can gather the most useful information in order to address their community's needs. With a focus on citizenship and voting, attendees will learn to serve their diverse populations in a welcoming and nonpartisan way.

DISCLAIMER: The ND State Library highlights third-party webinars as a way to alert the library community to training opportunities. By doing so, we are not endorsing the content, nor promoting any specific product.

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Tioga Public Library purchased an outdoor book return! The library was previously using totes for returned materials, so this is a beautiful upgrade.
- Morton Mandan Public Library Friends of the Library group hosted an outdoor book sale.
- Rolla Public Library held an outdoor story, project, and dance night; after storytime, children were encouraged to create a project and then dance their wiggles out!
- Beulah Public Library and Hazen Public Library are both having a weekly scavenger hunt as a part of their summer reading program.
- Stanton hosted its first storytime since closing down in March. Patrons young and old came to the library for an outdoor story other fun activities
- Dickinson Area Public Library has started a Podcast Brunch Club where participants can listen to a curated list of podcasts based on a theme and then discuss them monthly.
- Many libraries continue to host virtual storytimes and provide at-home crafts for their youngest patrons.
- Rolla Public Library had a booth at their local Music on Main as a part of the Rolla Ragtop annual Fourth of July celebration.
- Alfred Dickey Library received a \$5,000 custom-built reference desk for their microfilm machine and other reference services. The desk was donated in memory of Jacquelynn Brown-Stratford, a long-time patron and supporter of the library.
- Lisbon Public Library will be hosting a used book sale at the end of the month.
- Carnegie Regional Library is doing a "Thank a Police Officer" program for the month of July, where they are encouraging the community to write a thank you card and include something personal in it like a drawing or even a gift card. The cards will be dropped off at the library and the library will take them to the police station near the end of the month.
- The Walhalla Building Center had donated the bikes for the summer reading program at the Walhalla Public Library for the last 5 years.
- Walhalla Public Library did a story walk for their summer reading program and encourage participants to photograph themselves on the walk.
- Bernice Ferguson Community Library (Michigan, ND) received monetary donations from the Michigan Community Clinic, Doc Hagen in honor of three patrons.
- Cavalier Public Library is giving away free youth and adult flip-flops for the summer.

Legal Research Resources for Formal Probate of an Estate

Submitted by Catie Palsgraaf, Acting North Dakota Supreme Court Law Librarian

Asking a North Dakota state district court to appoint a personal representative for a deceased person's estate is a frequently requested legal research topic by self-represented patrons of the North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library and North Dakota Legal Self Help Center.

Following are legal research and other resources in North Dakota for formal probate of an estate in North Dakota state district court.

DEFINITIONS IN AN FORMAL PROBATE CASE

Estate – All of the property a deceased person owned or had an interest in on the date of their death.

Property – All real and personal property of the deceased person. Real property is land and things attached to the land, such as buildings. Personal property is everything that isn't real property, such as money, stocks, vehicles, and furniture.

Non-Probate Property – The property in a deceased person's estate that transfers automatically upon their death. For example, a life insurance policy that transfers to a named individual after providing a death certificate.

Probate Property – The property in a deceased person's estate that doesn't automatically transfer upon their death. The transfer of property is determined by the deceased person's will, or by intestate succession.

Will – A legal document detailing a person's wishes for transferring ownership of the property of their estate after death.

Intestate Succession – When a person dies without a will, North Dakota's intestate succession laws determine to who receives the deceased person's property. These laws also apply if the deceased person's will doesn't include all of the property.

Heir – The person entitled to the deceased person's property according to the deceased person's will, or, if there is no will, by North Dakota's intestate succession laws.

Personal Representative – A person appointed by a North Dakota state district court to settle and distribute the estate of a deceased person. North Dakota law includes a list of persons who may be appointed personal representative in order of priority.

WHAT IS AN FORMAL PROBATE CASE?

When a person dies, most of the work to be done with the estate is the legal and orderly transfer of the deceased person's property to the persons entitled to receive it (the creditors and heirs). When a deceased person has probate property that needs to be transferred, the property is transferred as part of a probate case.

A personal representative is appointed by the North Dakota state district court to settle and transfer the probate property of the deceased person.

There are two types of probate cases to appoint a personal representative – formal probate and informal probate.

Formal probate cases are designed for increased supervision of the personal representative by the North Dakota state district court. In-person hearings are a required part of the formal probate process.

Formal probate is required when:

- The validity of a will needs to be determined;
- There are objections to using the informal probate process; or
- When more than 3 years have passed since the date of death.

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If a request for formal probate is received after a personal representative has been appointed as part of an informal probate case, the district court may decide the case must continue as a formal probate case.

Informal probate cases are designed to allow for limited supervision of the personal representative by the North Dakota state district court. For more information about informal probate, see the legal research article in the [May 2020 Flickertale](#).

WHERE IS A FORMAL PROBATE CASE FILED?

If the deceased person is a resident of North Dakota, the case is filed in the state district court of the North Dakota county where the deceased person lived.

If the deceased person isn't a resident of North Dakota, the case is filed in the state district court of the North Dakota county where the deceased person's property is located.

If the deceased person isn't a resident of North Dakota and doesn't own, or have an interest, in property located in North Dakota, a formal probate case can't be filed in a North Dakota state district court.

NO FORMS FOR FORMAL PROBATE CASES

Formal probate cases tend to be quite complicated and, thus unsuitable for forms. No forms for formal probate cases are available through the North Dakota Legal Self Help Center or the North Dakota State Court System.

However, a person who would like to see documents filed in formal probate cases can search public court records and obtain copies.

Go to www.ndcourts.gov/public-access:

- Read the information, then click "Click Here to Proceed."

- Select a location from the pull down menu.
- Click "Civil, Family & Probate Case Records."
- To search by a date range, under "Search by" click the button next to "Date Filed."
 - Enter a date range.
 - Select "Probate Administration (Formal)" and/or "Probate of Will (Formal)" in the "Case Types:" box.
 - Click the "Search" box.
- The screen will list publically accessible court cases based on the search.
- To review an individual case and see the list of documents filed, click on the case number. The documents themselves cannot be viewed.

To view or obtain copies of any of the public documents listed in a case, contact the clerk of court of the county where the case was filed. For each document, the clerk of court needs the case number and document number.

- Each document filed in a case is assigned a document number, which is listed to the right of the name of the document.

The fee for copying documents is 10 cents per page, with a \$1.00 minimum.

ND LEGAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

The [Probate](#) section of the ND Legal Self Help Center webpage includes forms, guides, and other resources related to probating an estate in North Dakota.

[Title 30.1 of the North Dakota Century Code](#) contains laws governing the estates of deceased persons in North Dakota.

[Chapter 30.1-15 of the North Dakota Century Code](#) contains the laws governing formal probate in North Dakota.

Digital Delights



This photo is of a parade in Linton, ND, circa 1908-1910. The woman on the horse is Elena Fough. She is followed by a marching band and other parade entries.

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North Dakota Memories Collection,
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HORIZONS

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<https://bit.ly/38XNdHv>

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