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Frantes Awarded Scholarship

Naomi Frantes is the recipient of a \$3,000 national scholarship awarded by the ALA Government Documents Roundtable. The W. David Rozkuszka scholarship is awarded annual to one librarian in the U.S. who is currently working with government documents in a library and working to complete a master's degree. Frantes is currently working toward her MLS degree online through Southern Connecticut State University. She is employed as manager of State Document Services at the North Dakota State Library.

Angela Bailly Receives Outstanding Staff Award

Angela Bailly, Manager of the University of North Dakota Chester Fritz Library Patent and Trademark Collection, is the recipient of the 2003 Chester Fritz Library Outstanding Library Support Staff Award. The award was presented to her by UND President Charles Kupchella at the Library Support Staff Reception on April 9.

Kudos Award Presented to Marvia Boettcher

Marvia Boettcher is the newest recipient of the NDLA Canoe Kudos award. She has worked as Youth Services Librarian at Bismarck Public Library since 1985. Marvia has devoted more than 10 years to the FlickerTale Book Award Committee and has served as Chair of the School Library and Youth Services section of NDLA numerous times. When nominating her for the award, Paulette Nelson said "Marvia exemplifies true leadership qualities in the field of librarianship and youth services.

National Library Week Promotions

Kari Deck, Librarian at Jim Hill Middle School in Minot, shares a long-standing National Library Week tradition. For one week a year for the last twenty years, the middle school librarian becomes a different fictional character each day. Deck says she dresses in costume and posts new clues after each hour of class to help students guess who she is. Prizes are awarded to winners of a drawing each day from correct entries. Among the characters portrayed this year were Willy Wonka, Catherine Ernschaw, Mrs. Frisbee, and Rip Van Winkle.

Bismarck State College celebrated National Library Week with "Avalance," a musical group playing bluegrass, and "A Taste of Lewis and Clark." Authors Jeff and Teri Evenson prepared a sampling of dishes using recipes from their books, The Lewis and Clark Cookbook and The Sacagawea Cook. Tasters enjoyed Great Northern Bean and Pecan Salad, Buffalo on a Stick, and Missouri River Sand Bars and Sourdough Hard Tack. Delicious!

Bottineau County Public Library received a \$500 grant from the Bottineau Pamida store and the Pamida Foundation.

Thanks to a donation made by the family of Lavern Leinius, young readers at the **Clara Lincoln Phelan Library** in Bowman now have furniture designed especially for them.

The Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation recently awarded the **Fargo Public Library** \$1,500 toward the creation of a Children's Macintosh Homework Lab. The lab with its four, networked iMac computers is envisioned as a means of better serving area youth.

Visits to the **Fargo Public Library** are up 36%, reaching their highest levels since 1986. This jump over last year's customer numbers puts the library on track to set an all-time record of more than 500,000 visitors this year. While database website hits are up 27%, the number of individuals accessing the Internet is up 64% compared to the same period last year.

The **Williston Community Library** participated in Williston's 72nd annual Band Day Parade on May 2. Staff members dressed as storybook characters walked alongside the bookmobile on the parade route. Characters included Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, and Christopher Robin.

The **Gordon B. Olson Library** at Minot State University recently added over 130 new titles through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Business and International Education Program. Money from the two-year grant was matched by the library. The funds enabled faculty from the College of Business and library staff to select materials to strengthen the school's holdings in international business. The federal grant was \$162,215 and the amount raised locally was \$165,640. The grant was used for both library materials purchase and a study tour of Scandinavia for business students.

The spring series of Brown Bag Talks at Minot State University included history faculty member Ernst Pinjing on *Hans Brinker*, communications faculty member Paula Lindakugel Willis on *The Red Tent*, sociology professor Lee Ellis on *The Blank Slate*, and art faculty member Walter Piehl on *Trail Dust and Saddle Leather*. The series is offered by the **Gordon B. Olson Library** to introduce an author or title to expand the participants' knowledge of a subject or kind of literature.

Hazen Public Library has received several donations and grants for their large print and audio book collections. Grants include \$500 from the MDU Foundation, \$500 from Great River Energy, and \$416 from the Hazen Community Chest.

University of North Dakota **Thormodsgard Law Library** Prepares for Collection Shift Preparations are being made to install compact shelving throughout the entire first floor of the library to make the stacks accessible to handicapped patrons. Also, this new shelving will add more space. The renovation and reconfiguration of the collection will be so extensive it necessitates closing the library to the public beginning May 18. Barring any major delays, the project should be complete by Fall 2003.

Mildred Johnson Library, NDSCS, Hosts Open World Russian Leadership Program

For a week in March North Dakota State College of Science' Mildred Johnson Library hosted a group of visiting Russian librarians who were selected for the Open World program as emerging leaders in their field, demonstrating strong leadership skills or potential and having a strong professional record. It was NDSCS' intention to make connections within the library community across the state of North Dakota for visits, as well as to provide participants with some experiences with living in a small Midwestern town. In addition the North Dakota librarians shared and learned from a group of professionals from another country. Future interaction between the Russian and American librarians is anticipated.