CULTIVATING INQUIRY AND CURIOSITY

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We are pleased to present the first issue of North Dakota State University Libraries Magazine. The purpose of this publication is to provide updates on annual developments, highlight major activities, and seek engagement and support of the Libraries. As a relatively new member of the NDSU family, I am exceedingly pleased to share the 2019–23 Libraries Strategic Plan. The outcome of the year-long process is an outgrowth of collegial work that has outlined audacious, measurable, and achievable goals that align with the University’s strategic vision, including bringing urgency to the Library and its archival needs.

Libraries provide stimulating environments that nurture curiosity, create lifelong learners, and are more than simply a space to study or store books. We offer an exciting array of services, resources, and facilities to meet student and faculty educational and research needs. The Libraries also host various events that highlight collections, provides a venue for exchanging ideas, and celebrates major landmarks and accomplishments. From the Native Voices event told a story of health traditions among American Indians, the Alba Bales exhibit and event illuminated the former Home Economics program, and the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection celebrated their 22nd Journey to Homeland Tour under the leadership of Michael Miller, who is celebrating more than 50 years of dedicated service to NDSU. These are just a few examples of how we serve the university’s vibrant learning community.

Your comments and suggestions are always encouraged. The NDSU students, faculty, staff, and surrounding community benefit significantly from your support of NDSU Libraries and we thank you for it.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joe Moenik, Dean of Libraries

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Academic success is supported through instruction, consultations, and tech-rich spaces

Collections are vital to supporting the teaching, learning, and research needs of NDSU and the greater community

Engagement with the community through innovative programming, sponsoring events, and showcasing our collections and services

The NDSU Libraries’ Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2019 through 2023 was developed with extensive input from various members of NDSU Libraries, NDSU campus, and the surrounding community. We will be using this plan as our guide for future growth and expansion and feel strongly that it will improve the difference NDSU Libraries makes in the lives of all those involved. Below you can learn the areas of focus for the strategic plan and the goals for each of them. To learn more about the planning process and view the full strategic plan, visit library.ndsu.edu/strategic-plan.

STUDENTS
Assess and improve services and spaces for all users to accommodate and support our students’ diverse needs
Provide meaningful student employment and internship opportunities that intentionally maximize individual student growth, development, retention, engagement, and learning

PARTNERSHIPS
Develop funding resources through partnerships
Seek out new relationships while collaborating with existing partners
Showcase how partnerships with NDSU Libraries can benefit students, research, and the land grant mission

ACADEMICS
Enhance the Libraries’ support for research capacity and information literacy for students, faculty and staff

COLLECTIONS
Build the Libraries’ capacity for digital and physical collections
Increase awareness and use of the Libraries’ diverse collections

ENGAGEMENT
Create new interactive spaces to expand interest in the Library and its services
Increase campus and community engagement with services, events, and exhibits of NDSU Libraries

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After 12 years of being a go-to space for students, faculty, and staff to study and read in the NDSU Main Library, the Weber Reading Room had a grand re-opening to celebrate the new furniture and carpeting made possible by a generous donation from Mary Lou Shott. A reception was held on April 12, 2017 and included remarks by Mary Lou’s nephews and Dr. Joe Mocnik, Dean of Libraries; jazz music by NDSU Challey School of Music students; and attendees from across campus, including the Alumni Foundation.

The Weber Reading Room provides an essential space for events in the Main Library. Since its grand re-opening, the Weber Reading Room has been used for several events, including the Traditional and Medicinal Foodways in Native Culture panel discussion, the history of NDSU through the Alba Bales House, and lectures discussing the importance of the book as a cultural and social object. These events brought hundreds of attendees into the Main Library and showcased the diverse research interests and communities in the Fargo-Moorhead area and at NDSU.

The Mary Lou and George Shott Collection is housed in the Weber Reading Room and managed by Lisa Eggebraaten, Research and Access Librarian. The Shott Collection, made possible through a generous endowment from Mary Lou Shott, includes award-winning fiction and non-fiction books, along with audiobooks on all subjects. Its mission is to curate a collection of materials that allow students to explore new subjects, spark their imagination, and encourage a passion for reading. The newest addition to the Shott Collection is Digital Theatre Plus, an online streaming platform with over 900 full-length productions and educational resources.

NDSU Libraries looks forward to the growth of the collection and continuous use of the space by our patrons, thanks to Mary Lou Shott.

“Great universities require excellent library resources. I believe a quality library is a crucial element in providing a foundation for lifelong learning and in supporting the skills needed to thrive in a global world.”
- Mary Lou Shott

The Native Voices: Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine was on display at NDSU in October and November of 2017, coinciding with Native American Heritage Month. Merete Christianson, Health Sciences Librarian; Lisa Eggebraaten, Research and Access Librarian; Jylisa Doney, former Social Sciences Librarian; and Trista Raezer-Stursa, former Head of Archives, received a grant from the National Library of Medicine and the American Library Association to bring the exhibit to NDSU and hold a number of related events through close collaboration with campus partners.

The Native Voices exhibit featured a series of panels and interactive iPads that told the story of health traditions among American Indians throughout the United States. Native storytellers explored the meaning and effect of culture, tradition, nature, and spirituality on the health of Native peoples. Through collaboration with the Memorial Union Gallery, these panels and iPads were displayed in the Gallery alongside an exhibit of photographs from the Dakota Access Pipeline protests in 2016. The juxtaposition of the two displays made the exhibit locally relevant and brought home the importance of culture, tradition, and the environment to local Native peoples’ health and well-being.

In addition to the exhibit, NDSU Libraries hosted two events to bring attention to the work NDSU students and faculty are doing regarding Native health. The first was a screening of the documentary The Essence of Healing: The Journey of American Indian Nurses, a film developed in part by the NDSU School of Nursing. It follows the careers of 14 American Indian nurses from the Northern Plains region and answers questions regarding why they chose nursing, how they handle the pressures of both nursing school and the job, and how their cultural traditions influence the care they provide.

The second event was a panel discussion that focused on traditional food. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Michael Yellow Bird, Director of Indigenous Tribal Studies at NDSU; panelists included current and former students from the Public Health program. Important Native foods such as timplsila, wild rice and sweet potatoes were discussed as fundamental to both health and culture. Panelists also spoke about the importance of ritual in harvesting and preparing food, how Native foods specifically improve health, and why these foods are important to everyone’s health and the health of our environment. With the assistance of Beth Twomey, Head of Research and Instruction, American Indian food was served to attendees that used only ingredients native to North America.
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- Dr. Tom Isern

North Dakota State University Archives
Continuously Increasing Our Sense of Identity

On NDSU’s 80th birthday, March 8, 1950, the visionary Dean of the School of Applied Arts and Sciences, G. Ernst Giesecke, saw his dream come to fruition: the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education approved the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies. The purpose of the Institute was to stimulate research into the region’s resources and culture, provide a center for research, encourage artistic expression of life on the Plains, and assist in the dissemination of the result of significant work.

Fast forward 68 years – the archival portion of the Institute is a thriving part of the NDSU Archives. The NDSU Archives actively seeks out collections in all formats that enhance its holdings on the history of NDSU, North Dakota, and its culture, provide a center for research, encourage artistic expression of life on the Plains, and assist in the dissemination of the result of significant work.

In November 2017, due to former Provost Ingram’s generosity, high-density mobile storage shelves were installed in the Archives. This more than doubled the capacity of the storage room, which was almost completely full. With this additional storage space, the Archives can continue to collect historically significant archival material from around the state.

An open house was held on February 15, 2018, to celebrate the new shelving and to show off some of the Archives’ most interesting documents. Opening remarks were made by Trista Raezer-Stursa, former Head of Archives; Dr. Joe Mocnik, Dean of Libraries; and Dr. Beth Ingram, former Provost. University Distinguished Professor Dr. Thomas Isern, gave a talk about the Archives entitled, “To Renew the Commitment: Archives, the Prairies, and the Research University.” Dr. Isern stated, “There is an ineffable potency in documents. They transport us, they grip our minds, they pierce our hearts. Historians do not need expensive laboratories or platoons of assistants. They only need archives, without which, they are no longer iron from the forge, but mere sounding brass.” A ribbon cutting followed Dr. Isern’s inspiring remarks. Almost 100 guests attended this very successful celebration.

In 2018, the Archives also continued to collect historically significant archival material from around the state. A new addition to the collections was the 1957 Fargo Tornado Book Talk held on May 10, 2018. Trista, John, and Lisa discussed their book and the process of using archival materials to write it. All proceeds from book sales go to the NDSU Archives on May 10, 2018.

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The NDSU Archives actively seeks additions to its collections. If you are interested in donating, please call 701-231-8914 or email ndsu.archives@ndsu.edu.

1957 Fargo Tornado Book Talk
May 10, 2018

On the evening of June 20, 1957, an F5 tornado struck Fargo, ND. In total, the tornado killed 12 people, injured numerous residents and left about 2,000 homeless. Over 300 houses were destroyed and hundreds more suffered damage. The estimated damage was reported to be around $20 million. Donations for survivors poured in from the entire nation and Canada. Over 100 tons of clothing and bedding were donated, 97,000 meals were served, 24 mobile canteens were established, and 225 families applied for assistance from the Red Cross. In the wake of this disaster, the Fargo Forum’s 20-member staff voluntarily reported for work. At 1:09 a.m. on June 21, only 5 hours and 29 minutes after the tornado struck, a special edition of the Fargo Forum went to press. A year later, their staff received a Pulitzer Prize for local reporting.

Staff members of NDSU Libraries published a book in April 2016 about the 1957 Fargo Tornado. Authors include Trista Raezer-Stursa, former Head of Archives; John Hallberg, Archives Associate; Lisa Eggebraaten, Research and Access Librarian; and Jylisa Doney, former Social Sciences Librarian.

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North Dakota State University Archives
Continuously Increasing Our Sense of Identity
Appetite for Education

Alba Bales House Exhibit at the Main Library

The chance discovery that the NDSU Archives possessed boxes of materials from the kitchen and dining room of the Alba Bales Practice House led Beth Twomey, Head of Research and Instruction, into a frenzy of research, writing, and yes, even cooking, to curate both a physical and a digital exhibit and host an opening reception. Display cases in the Main Library were dedicated to showcasing photographs, ledger books, recipes, kitchen tools, and more that were used by or portrayed Home Economics students when they lived in the Alba Bales House. An online exhibit providing additional background information about how the house came to be built at NDSU is available for viewing at library.ndsu.edu/alba-bales-house.

A related exhibit, curated by Government Information Librarian, Susanne Caro, displayed pamphlets produced by the United States Department of Agriculture from the 1930s to 1960s. The pamphlets would have been used by Home Economics students, teachers, and home-makers. They include lively line drawings and contain information about topics such as sewing, preserving, and efficiency in the kitchen. One final and very special part of the exhibit was a jacket and skirt from the Emily Reynolds Historic Costume Collection. Sewn by NDSU alumna Jane Nissen when she was a student in the Home Economics program shared their memories: Lois Schneider, Janet Wells, and Jane Nissen. Approximately 70 people attended the reception, many with memories of their own time spent in the Alba Bales House. It was delightful to see old friends re-connect at the Library and hear their stories.

A reception held on April 12, 2018, included opening remarks from NDSU President Dean Bresciani; Dr. Joe Mocnik, Dean of Libraries; Dr. Margaret Fitzgerald, Dean of Human Development and Education; and Beth Twomey, Head of Research and Instruction. Three alumni of the Home Economics program shared their memories: Lois Schneider, Janet Wells, and Jane Nissen. Approximately 70 people attended the reception, many with memories of their own time spent in the Alba Bales House. It was delightful to see old friends re-connect at the Library and hear their stories. Refreshments included period dishes like Church Salad, cheese balls, and oatmeal cookies made from a recipe from the 1930s. Guests received copies of the cookie recipe to take home so they could recreate a little Alba Bales magic in their own kitchens.

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In May 2018, the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC) sponsored the 22nd Journey to the Homeland Tour where tour members visited the villages of their German-Russian ancestors near Odessa, Ukraine. Michael Miller, GRHC Director, and Jeremy Kopp, GRHC Outreach and Operations Coordinator, led the tour.

Glenn Schumacher of Boise, ID, native of Napoleon, ND, shared his reflections from the tour:

"Our trip to the Homeland was a once in a lifetime, memorable experience for me. It allowed me to walk the fields and roads of my great-grandparents. I also saw the churches where they were married and baptized and got a feel for what life was like for them around the turn of the 20th century. The most memorable part of the tour for me was our visit to Kandel. My great-grandfather, Joseph Bitz, left this village for America in 1899 at age 16. We wed inside the church where my grandfather, Anton Bitz, attended as a two-year-old boy. Another special moment for me was standing on the cemetery grounds where my great-great-grandparents were buried, overlooking the beautiful Kutschurgan Valley.

The trip experience was enhanced since we traveled with thirty others. This was a great group who quickly bonded together with common heritage and, of course, a common goal of finding out about our ancestors.

Finally, looking back, I realize now that my wife and I were very fortunate to be part of this group. Along the way, we were able to visit with many interesting and friendly people including some of our fellow Germans from Russia, who today reside in Germany. We even had the opportunity to spend time with one courageous woman who returned to her village in Sels, Ukraine. They all shared with us their amazing stories of perseverance and bravery despite their adverse circumstances. It all added up to an unforgettable trip."

Michael Miller stated, “I was pleased that Glenn and Linda Schumacher could join us for our 22nd Homeland Tour. Glenn and I have similar ancestry to the Catholic Kutschurgan District villages today near Odessa, Ukraine. We had a wonderful tour group in May 2018, and I look forward to our 23rd Journey to the Homeland Tour in May 2019.”

Jeremy Kopp shared, “It was such a pleasure to lead an incredible group on the homeland tour this year where lifetime friendships and memories were made.”

For more information about the Journey to the Homeland Tour, visit library.ndsu.edu/homeland-tour.
In FY 2018, the Libraries continued to provide workshops, class instruction, and reference and research services to the NDSU community and continued partnerships with COMM 110 and the First-Year Writing Program. The Libraries embraced its new role as a provider of emerging technologies by hiring a specialist to lead initiatives in 3D printing and developing a Makerspace. Librarians also completed a lengthy project to develop undergraduate learning objectives for use in lesson planning, outreach, and work with faculty and the curriculum. Here are some other noteworthy happenings in research and instruction at NDSU Libraries:

- Librarians consulted individually with 158 students, faculty, and staff on research, literature reviews, and grants. The amount of consultations done with faculty and graduate students doubled from FY 2017.
- Librarians provided instruction to 3,127 students in 155 classes.
- In person, via chat, and on the phone, librarians answered 4,621 questions from students, staff, faculty, and community members.
- The Libraries received a grant from NDSU ITS to cover purchases for a new Makerspace.
- Three for-credit courses were taught by Libraries and Archives professionals: HONG 191, HIST 401/601 (Archival Practice and Theory), and HIST 793 (Independent study on Digitization and Electronic Records). A new Library course was developed by Lisa Eggebraaten and Beth Twomey and was approved by Faculty Senate to be taught in Fall 2018. LIBR 299: Research in History.

New Staff
- Adam Elznic, Emerging Technologies Coordinator
- Al Bernardo, Social Sciences Librarian
- Susanne Caro, Government Information Librarian
- Lindsay Condry, Marketing and Programs Coordinator
- Alexa Deschene, Interlibrary Loan Technician
- Kim Dienlslake, Accounting Technician
- Rex Hughes, Metadata & Cataloging Librarian
- Hallie Pritchett, Associate Dean of Libraries for Research and Learning

Service Awards
- Retired NDSU Archivist John Bye granted University Archivist Emeritus
- Lisa Eggebraaten, five years of service
- Rachel Goodman, five years of service
- Robin Hellman, five years of service and second recipient of the NDSU Libraries’ Employee of the Semester Award
- Diana Kowalski, inaugural recipient of the NDSU Libraries’ Employee of the Semester Award
- Candy Skauge, twenty-five years of service
- Beth Twomey, five years of service

Staff Publications
- Correll, R. & Twomey, B. (2018). What did they say and why did they say it?: Scholarship as conversation in the science classroom. In Framing Information Literacy edited by Janna L. Mattson and Mary K. Oberlies. Chicago, IL: ACRL.
The Institutional Repository (IR) is a digital service that collects, preserves, and distributes digital material. The IR is an important tool for preserving NDSU’s legacy. It facilitates digital preservation and scholarly communication which aligns with NDSU’s values to encourage student growth, share success across the university, and promote an environment of life-long learning.

The NDSU Libraries has partnered with the Graduate School to make all student theses, dissertations, and videos available online. With a growing collection of more than 3,000 student works, the process will continue until all works have been digitized – all the way back to 1890. This will help connect the world to NDSU students’ invaluable research.

To help NDSU stay true to its agricultural heritage, the IR offers access to a variety of historic Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service publications. The North Dakota Farm Research Bimonthly Bulletin, research on Leafy Spurge, and farm, field, and planning guides are just some of the publications included.

The Libraries is proud of NDSU’s history and wants to share resources that have enduring institutional value. Historic resources include photographs, transcripts of university addresses, oral history interviews, research and records from conferences and events, and campus and student publications. The IR also assists in navigating collections with finding aids for the NDSU Archives and Germans from Russia Heritage Collection.

When you explore the Institutional Repository, you are exploring NDSU. Begin your discovery at library.ndsu.edu/ir.

Emeritus Status Granted to John Bye

University Archivist, 1973–2011

In recognition of excellence in 38 years of committed service to NDSU Libraries, John Bye has been granted the title of University Archivist Emeritus. The results of his efforts led to the establishment of an invaluable resource for research, and his dedication has left a legacy with the University Archives at NDSU.

John Bye grew up on a farm in Hatton, ND and attended country school for seven years. After graduation from Hatton High School in 1966, he attended NDSU where he majored in history and was a member of the campus ROTC. He earned a Bachelor of Science in 1970. Bye then served as Lieutenant in the United States Army from 1970 to 1972, and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas and Nha Trang, Vietnam. After his military service, he went to the University of Wisconsin in Madison and received a Master of Arts in Archives and Library Science in 1973. Later that year, he returned to NDSU and began working at the Library as Serials Librarian.

In 1975, he became Archivist of the Institute for Regional Studies, a position created by the North Dakota Legislature. He was active in expanding the archival holdings of the Institute, assisting researchers, and teaching courses related to archival records and photographs. Bye was a member of Heritage Education Commission, Society of American Archivists, Midwest Archives Conference, and the State Historical Records Advisory Board. He served as Archivist until his retirement in 2011 and went on to work part-time at the Concordia College Archives until full retirement in 2016. NDSU Libraries thanks Bye for his many years of valuable service.
The NDSU Libraries belongs to every student. We are an interdisciplinary hub that serves NDSU’s vibrant learning community and advances research throughout the university. With your help, we can continue to build our core collection of information resources that empower student success and continue to provide stimulating environments that cultivate curiosity and inquiry.

Would you like to give to NDSU Libraries? Donate to the Libraries’ General Fund, or if you’re interested in donating towards a specific need, please see our wish list to the left. Your tax-deductible donation will help us better serve our students, faculty, and the community.

Ways to Give:
- Send your gift in the mail using the attached Libraries donation form.
- Give online through the NDSU Development Foundation at library.ndsu.edu/give-to-libraries.
- Give online during NDSU Giving Day on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Check for details at library.ndsu.edu.

Library Fund Highlight
In October 2017, NDSU celebrated Michael M. Miller’s 50 Years at NDSU and his steadfast commitment to the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection. The Michael M. Miller Germans from Russia Legacy Fund was set up to honor his dedication. Donations go to the ongoing support of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection. To give to this fund, include a note with your donation that you would like it to go to the “Michael Miller Legacy Fund.”

Thank you for support of NDSU Libraries!
“The NDSU Library changed my life because of the people.”

- Matt Skoy, Director, Student Activities, NDSU, Former NDSU Student and Bison Athlete, PHD Candidate