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North Dakota State Representative

State Librarian Announced Retirement

After eight years in the position, Doris A. Ott has announced her intention to retire as North Dakota State Librarian with her last day being November 5, 2010. She came to the State Library in 1986 and has held various positions at the State Library and was named to her present assignment in 2002. Mrs. Ott is a native of Carson, North Dakota, graduated from Dickinson State University, and earned her Master of Library Science degree from George Peabody College (now Vanderbilt University) in Nashville Tennessee. She started her professional librarian career as an Assistant Professor of Library Science at Dickinson State University, was the first librarian at Magic City Campus in Minot, and held positions at a school library and a public library in Indiana prior to returning to North Dakota in 1986.

North Dakota Library Coordinating Council

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) met on June 16 and 17 in Bismarck for their annual planning meeting. Ann Pederson, representing Special Libraries, was re-elected Chair for FY 2011, and Mark Holman, representing Private Higher Education Institution Libraries was re-elected vice-chair. The Council finalized the Library Vision 2014 document for publication. The Council has worked on rewriting the document, starting with statewide focus groups, since last year. The document will be mailed in paper form to libraries and be available on the State Library website. Library Vision 2014 provides a blueprint for future library services by all types of libraries throughout the state through 2014.

The Council members will be making site visits in August and September to libraries who have received grants during 2006 - 2009. The next Council meeting will be held in Bismarck on October 12 & 13 with the main agenda item to review and make decisions on grant applications.

North Dakota Library Association Annual Conference

The 2010 North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) Annual Conference will be September 29 - October 2, 2010, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. This year's keynote speaker will be Joe Raiola, comedian and senior editor of Mad Magazine. Once again, continuing education credit at the conference will be offered through Valley City State University. Make plans to attend this wonderful opportunity for education, networking, and fun!

For more information, visit the NDLA website at www.ndla.info/Conference/10conf.htm.

State Library at State Fair

The North Dakota State Library will be staffing a booth at the North Dakota State Fair again this year. The State Fair runs July 23-31. In addition to the usual brochures, plastic bags, and magnets that the State Library hands out to people passing by, they will also be handing out hand

fans which have “I’m a North Dakota Library Fan” printed on them. These fans will help promote libraries in North Dakota as well as offer a little cooling comfort during those hot fair days.