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The EBSCO *Auto Repair Reference Center* database has been added to the collection of Online Library Resources with funding through the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota library Coordinating Council. This resource has been available to schools and libraries throughout North Dakota since July 1st. The North Dakota State Library is staffing a booth at the North Dakota State Fair. This database as well as Ancestry Library Edition will be featured at the booth.

Beginning June 1st, 2008 and extending through August 15th, 2008, the North Dakota State Library is offering a grant that is available to North Dakota citizens who are pursuing a Master's of Library Science degree from an American Library Association accredited program. Recipients are eligible for up to \$7,000, which can be used to pay for tuition, fees, and textbooks. This grant is available for graduate activity that takes place during the time period of July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010.

The 2008 North Dakota Library Association annual conference is in the final planning stages. It will be hosted in Mandan, ND, September 24th-26th. The theme for the conference is "Librarians under Construction: A Life of Continuous Education." The preliminary schedule for the NDLA 2008 Annual Conference is now available. You can by going to <http://www.ndlaonline.org/Conference/08confprelimsched.pdf>

A large number of library materials believed to have been stolen from university and public libraries in the western United States and Canada have been recovered as part of a U.S. Department of Justice investigation. James Brubaker of Great Falls, Montana, has been charged with interstate transportation of stolen goods in relation to the theft of at least 48 maps found on his property that were stolen from some 100 books in the Congressional Serial Set owned by Wilson Library at Western Washington University in Bellingham. The investigation is continuing and other libraries are being notified about materials bearing their markings that have been found in Brubaker's possession. At least three North Dakota libraries had been notified by the United States Department of Justice regarding this case. Bismarck State College, NDSU Libraries in Fargo, and Raugust Library at Jamestown College all received notice that materials belonging to their libraries were recovered in Great Falls, Montana.