

I work as a library director in a small rural city in North Dakota. The North Dakota State Library has been absolutely invaluable to me in so many ways from help with IT issues to writing policy. Both in-person and virtual conferences have helped to further my understanding of best practices for North Dakota libraries and offered countless opportunities to share ideas with librarians from all over the state. Our library was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the NDDPI after I attended a session that NDSL gave on grant writing tips and tricks. State Librarian Mary Soucie has visited our library twice as Librarian for a Day and helped with both a weeding project and a Summer Reading Program Touch-A-Truck event. We have a small budget and receiving State Aid the last few years has helped immensely with collection development and programming opportunities that we are able to offer to our community. In 2024 our patrons utilized the inter-library loan program to gain access to 48 unavailable titles in our system. The opportunity to have access to these materials makes our tiny library SO much bigger, and the ability to request items statewide would be fantastic!