

Programming for Inclusion: Disability Outreach and Native Representation with Support from the Peggy Barber Tribute Grant

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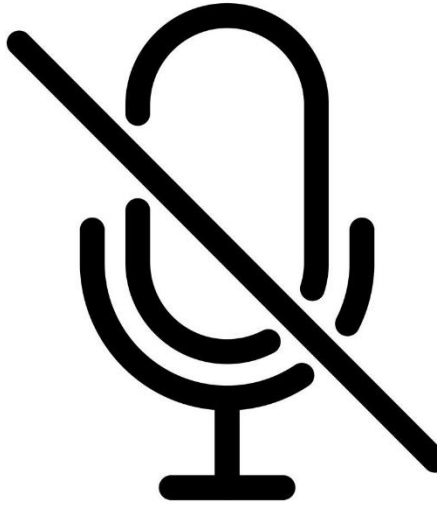
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Announcements:

- Today's webinar is a presentation of ALA's Public Programs Office, with support from ALA's Cultural Communities Fund (www.ala.org/CCF) and the Peggy Barber Tribute Grant.
- The next round of funding opens up on December 1st, 2025.



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Use the **CHAT** to talk with your peers.

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries

Kna-dwen-mi-go (You Are Needed)

Interested in running for non-Tribal elected office?

Join us to learn from Native people who currently hold non-Tribal elected office.

They will share about what is involved and how you can get involved in this way to make a difference in your community.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

**Community Room,
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College**

(5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858)

• **Lunch served:** 11:30 a.m.

*Please bring your feast bundles

*Lunch by Chef Sam Anglin

• **Program begins:** 12 p.m.

Event also livestreamed at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87182686611?pwd=ZwQwQVZzGk6DaZBxmpOGGG0531jaS.1>

Or Scan QR code →



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Invited Guests



Melissa Isaac

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe; elected to Mount Pleasant School Board



Representative Jayme Davis

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians; elected to North Dakota House of Representatives



Mica Standing Soldier

Oglala Lakota; National Program Manager, Strategic Recruitment & Partnerships for Advance Native Political Leadership



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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries

Survey Results and Community Implications

REPORT INFORMATION

Topic: Civic/Community Engagement

Program: Kna-dwen-mi-go (You Are Needed)

Date Range: None

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL LIBRARIES SURVEY WORK

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries staff distributed surveys to program participants to collect data and insights about how civic and community engagement services and programs are supporting community needs. Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries surveyed patrons using the Project Outcome Civic and Community Engagement Survey, which measures the impact of services designed to inform, enrich, and promote community engagement and preserve cultural heritage, ranging from government issues to recreational activities. A total of 22 survey responses were collected.

Results

A total of 22 survey responses were collected. Of the percentage of patrons surveyed who either **agreed or strongly agreed** that they benefited from the service or program:



95% were more aware of issues in their community



91% intend to become more engaged in their community



86% felt more confident about becoming involved in their community



82% were more aware of resources and services provided by the library

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This was an excellent event & topic! Miigwech!

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5. What did you like most about the program?

Personal, Powerful stories that really helped me understand why some of our issues started and what can be done to fill gaps.

Rep Jayme Davis and Board Member Melissa Isaac were so incredible and shared experiences that left me empowered and ready to take action.

5. What did you like most about the program?

It is very informative, and felt like a safe space to ask questions

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Disability Awareness and Outreach Initiative
at the Brookings Public Library

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VisABILITY Disability Awareness and Outreach Initiative

- Phase 1- Outreach and engagement through accessible activities
 - Hosted 22 of these activities in the grant period
- Phase 2- Awareness through educational disability-centered events
 - Hosted 7 of these events in the grant period
- And more...
 - Read aloud book club and ASL Class

Initial planning

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read through the Human Rights Commission's Disability Listening Session |  | <p>What I learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treatment less than ideal• “People need to listen to the disabled who are willing to articulate their experiences.” |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consulted Advance staff members |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advance clients love a field trip!• In need of supplemental day services activities |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Joined the Brookings Disability Awareness Committee |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received feedback on final grant plan• Broadened network• Informed on local disability issues |

Outreach and Engagement- Phase 1



- Monthly, hour-long disability and neurodivergent-friendly activities, as well as yoga classes
- Accessible, adaptable, and welcoming

**Adaptable Yoga Class
with Prairie Soul Yoga**

**Thursday, May
23 at 1pm**

No experience or
equipment necessary!



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Awareness and Education- Phase 2

Kickoff- Panel Discussion



Mikaela Neubauer, BPL Community Services Coordinator, will lead panelists in a discussion about their lived experiences with their disabilities and how they interact with the world. A question and answer session with the audience will follow.

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Programs

Also featured....

- **Talk by Kendra Gottsleben**
- Disability Etiquette and ADA Basics Training
 - The Rocky Mountain ADA gave a hybrid workshop
- “Who Am I To Stop It?” Documentary Screening
 - Showed a film about artists who have Traumatic Brain Injuries
- SD State Library Accessible Services Talk
 - A representative presented on the SDSL’s various accessible services
- Book Club Discussion on “Disability Visibility” and “True Biz”

“Life’s Lemons” a talk with Kendra Gottsleben **Thursday, June 20 at 6:30pm**

Kendra Gottsleben's life motto is "When Life Hands You Lemons...Make Lemonade". Join her as she shares her journey of living life with a rare disease and how she strives to make an impact in the rare disease and disability space.



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Marketing

- Traditional Marketing
 - Newsletter/Calendars
 - Facebook Events/Posts
 - Posters
- Spreading the word
 - Email “listserv”
- Outreach
 - Tours and talks to local groups

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at the Brookings Public Library

**Accessible
Activity Series**

Come enjoy disability and neurodivergent-friendly activities at the Brookings Public Library that are accessible, adaptable, and welcoming. Activities are free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Please contact mneubauer@cityofbrookings-sd.gov with any questions!

DIY Birdhouses
March 8 at 1pm

Board Game Day
April 19 at 1pm

String Art
May 3 at 1pm

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If you require assistance, alternative formats, and/or accessible locations consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact the City ADA Coordinator at (605) 692-6281 at least 3 working days prior to any meeting held at the Library

Hello! The Library is in the swing of summer and we have a few fun accessible activities that we would like to invite folks to over the next 3 months! Next Friday the 12th at 1pm we have a craft class where we're making sculptures out of air dry clay, so mark your calendars! That event and those for August and September are included on the attached poster, so please check them out and share as you wish.

Future endeavors

- ASL Immersion Class with the Disability Awareness Committee
- Memory kits for circulation and outreach
- More accessible programming!



Helpful Tips

- All Hands on Deck!
- Ask for community input in any way you can
 - Listening sessions or 1:1s
 - Tap into local organizations, support groups, social workers, advocacy groups, etc.
- Be flexible
 - Needs *WILL* vary and so will the accommodations you offer



Thank you!

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Questions?



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"They asked you for WHAT?!" Helping Your Patrons Outsmart Scammers and Avoid Fraud

Event Date / Time: Wed,
Oct 22 2025, 12 - 1pm
Timezone: Central Time
Duration: 1 hour
Location: Zoom Webinar
Cost: Free

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Description

Americans lost an astounding \$5 billion to investment-related scams in 2024, according to the US Federal Trade Commission. Chances are high that people in your community are falling prey to these schemes.

Your library can help!

In this free webinar, learn how you can protect your library patrons by raising awareness about scams, educating people about fraud prevention techniques, and building connections with trustworthy financial professionals. You will leave this webinar with expert-vetted, timely program ideas that you can implement right away.

