

Staff got dumb terminals when ODIN was implemented in 1989. The system allowed for e-mail but only between ODIN staff members. Even with this limitation it was a big deal to have email at your desk. One day when the system went down, as it often did, someone suggested sending an e-mail out notifying staff.

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Bringing eight teaching hospitals in the state into ODIN was a major accomplishment funded by an NLM grant written by David Boilard, Director of UND's Harley French Library at the time. The grant funded computers, network connections, and centralized cataloging. The group became known as THOR (Teaching Hospital Online Resources). Thor is the son of Odin in Norse mythology. Credit for the creative name goes to Delores Clark who then worked at the Chester Fritz Library.

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Anyone who was at the 1989 NDLA annual conference might remember the performance of *Rawhide* held at the Grand Forks Public Library. It had a Western flare and featured performers prancing around on wooden horses singing a variation of the *Rawhide* show theme. Memorable!

ODIN, loadin', codin'  
a sense of great forbodin'  
books with short lines wrote in ... Rawhide?  
Don't try to understand 'em  
just peel, adhere, and band 'em,  
Don't do no calculatin',  
or soon you will be hatin',  
hatin' little lines that drive you wild.

Chorus:  
Peel 'em off, stick 'em on, close 'em up, shove 'em in,  
rip 'em off, put 'em back, wrong ones!  
Tear your hair, don't you sweath (others there),  
life's no fair, I declare ... Rawhide?

Loadin', ODIN, codin'  
A sense of great forbodin'  
Books with short lines wrote in ... Rawhide?  
Title, lines, and number,  
those codes they will encumber,  
all your waking hours from eight to five.

ODIN's codes go straight in,  
no matter what beratin',  
is coming from the people far and wide.  
We all discover problems,  
inconsistencies and sore thumbs,  
and eyeballs that float from side to side.

CHORUS:  
Find a book, check its spine, numbers match, code is fine,  
Put it on, slap it down ... Rawhide?  
Volume Four! I was sure! Take no more,  
On the floor, my head is sore ... like ... Rawhide?