



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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Library Receives Innovator Award

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) awarded several Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library employees the 2017 Innovator Award for their creative and resourceful efforts in organizing and implementing the Bismarck community's first ever local Comic Con event. The award recognizes an up-and-coming individual or group for a creative, inventive, trail-blazing project that has significance to the library's community.

Employees being honored are: Traci Juhala, Laura Rysavy, Becky Needham, Troy Hamre, Lexie Smith, Matt Hovland, Sheldon Steckler, Sarah Matthews, Nicole Ortega, Allison Keller, and Karen Thompson.

The Comic Con event took place this past May and brought in over 1,100 comic and pop culture enthusiasts of all ages. The library's Comic Con committee has started preparation for the 2018 Comic Con event, with plans to incorporate programs with authors and illustrators. MPLA is a twelve state association representing over 350 libraries.

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