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#Sharing My Library

"You don't have a library card?"



I'm always a little surprised encountering someone who isn't a library patron. Sure, as a child of the 90's on the Gen X/Millennial cusp, I don't have a (paper) newspaper subscription nor cable television. I prefer texting to voice calls, stream my music, and use apps for everything from working out to ordering dinner to sending cash to friends. But to not utilize our local library's services? Do they have the mistaken notion that libraries are only static book receptacles? *Au contraire, mon amie*. Come along as we explore some of my favorite library services:

#1 Library2Go digital media. With a quick keying of my library card number, a whole world of digital eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines opens on my phone or laptop. I especially appreciate the audiobooks, listening on headphones while tidying the house or walking the dogs.

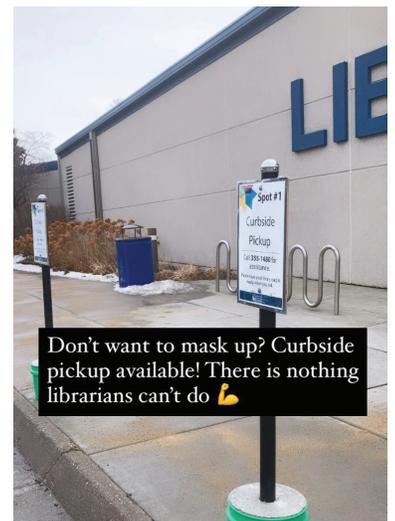
#2 Book holds. I still love a real book and the library makes it easy to request materials on their website. Staff pull my requested materials from the shelves, set them aside, and then notify me via email when ready for pick-up. Arriving at the library to collect a fresh new stack of materials feels a bit like Christmas, especially when I use....

#3 Curbside pick-up, a new convenient option in our COVID-19 era. I pull up to the library's designated pick-up parking spot, call the number on the sign to let them know I have arrived, and stay cozy in my car while a friendly staff member provides contactless delivery, dropping my materials off right through my car window. Magic.

#4 Document scanning and copying. Even in our increasingly paperless world, there are still times when I need to make a copy or scan a document. Not having the required equipment at home, the library makes it easy and inexpensive with free scans and \$0.10 copies. What else can you buy for a dime nowadays?



2: pick up books I requested on the library website, which the librarians so kindly pull from the shelves and set aside for patrons. I get an email notice when they are ready for pick-up 💕



Don't want to mask up? Curbside pickup available! There is nothing librarians can't do 🙌

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#5 The Gifted Bean Coffee House. A hidden gem of a café in our community, I always feel welcome when I stop in for my usual drink (short black coffee with half & half) or lunch (reuben sandwich, knoeplha soup). I often bring my laptop and connect to the library's Wi-Fi to respond to emails, my work aided by a little caffeine boost.

What do you love about your library? Share your favorites on social media, and tag the library (@bismarcklibrary on Instagram) while you are at it. Or I hear picking up the phone to actually speak with another human works, too.



Beth Schatz Kaylor was recently hired as the Foundation's Executive Director, is a freelance marketing consultant, and former board member of the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library.

Foundation Clubs Provide Lasting Revenue Source

You may be familiar with the Library Foundation's Club options but did you know that collectively they provide ongoing revenue that makes it possible for the Library Foundation office to operate, which results in ongoing efforts to raise funds for the Library? The Library Foundation offers the Ben Franklin Club and asks participants to donate \$100 annually. Gold Card Club participants donate \$250 annually and Novel Club participants donate \$500 annually. Currently, \$23,000 is raised annually from the donors in these three clubs. The Library Foundation and Library are sincerely grateful to the 120 club participants for their continued membership. To join a club and find out about membership benefits visit <https://bismarcklibrary.org/173/Donate-Now>.

"The ongoing support the community provides to the Bismarck Veterans Memorial

Public Library continues to amaze me," said Foundation Board Member Michael Schaff. "Every year, Library supporters give over \$20,000 to the Bismarck Library Foundation through its Ben Franklin, Gold, and Novel Clubs. Awesome!"



Circulation Associate Debb Lorenz with a Gold Card Club library card

Ben Franklin Club: 68 members
Gold Card Club: 38 members
Novel Club: 14 members

Other Giving Options:

- Legacy Giving
- Memorial Gifts
- Special Occasions
- Endowment Gifts
- ND Tax Credit
- Life Insurance Benefactor

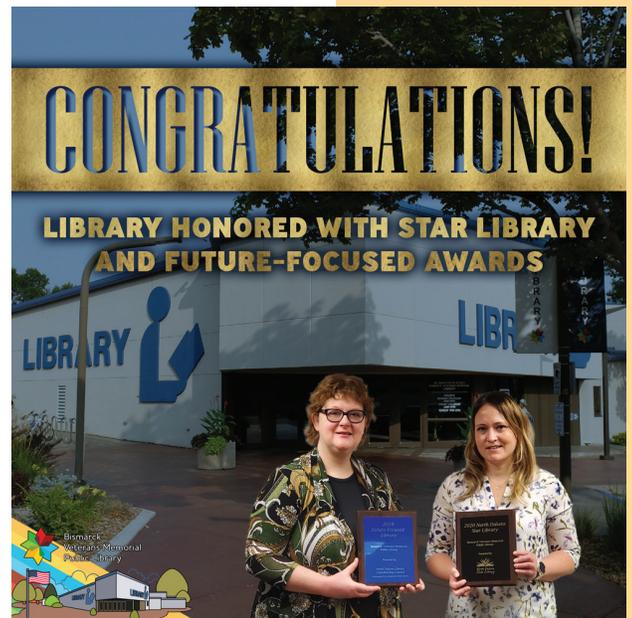
Library Receives Two Awards

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library received a Star Library Award, presented by the North Dakota State Library, for going above and beyond with the services they provide to their community. Star Library Awards are given based on a series of criteria documented by the North Dakota Public Library Annual Report, one of several conditions required to qualify for State Aid to Public Library funding. Only three of the eighteen public libraries in the \$150,000+ budget tier received a Star Library Award, including Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. In 2019, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library circulated close to 540,000 items; was open to the public 3,692 hours; close to 46,000 patrons attended programs and events; and Wi-Fi and public computers logged 156,000 uses.

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library also received a Future-Focused Library Award, presented by the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC), for achieving the Future-Focused level for the Standards for Public Libraries. In order to be recognized as Future-Focused, a library must meet all of the standards at Developing, Excelling, and Future-Focused levels. These standards include providing community outreach programs, being supported by a Library Foundation or a Friends group, staff members participating in continuing education opportunities, and providing programming for all ages, including STEAM and coding. Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is one of three libraries to achieve this level. There are 83 public libraries in North Dakota.

“We are honored to be chosen for these two awards, based in large part on usage of our facility” said Christine Kujawa, Library Director. “They reflect the support we receive from citizens as a result of providing a quality public library for the community.”

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library was the only library in North Dakota to receive both a Star Library Award and Future-Focused Award.



Library Director Christine Kujawa and Assistant Director Elizabeth Jacobs hold the two awards

Bookmark

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The Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc. generously provided the Library with funds to cover a one-year subscription to BookPage. BookPage is a discovery tool for readers, highlighting the best new books across all genres, and connects readers with books they will love to read. BookPage editors evaluate hundreds of books each month to recommend only the very best titles with book reviews, author interviews, and special features. The magazine is distributed to 400,000 readers through public libraries and bookstores across the country. Our Library distributes 300 copies monthly, available to patrons at no charge. Copies are also left in The Gifted Bean Coffee House for customers to read.



Miguel browsing the recent issue of BookPage

Teen Center Donations Continue to Fund Greatest Needs

In 2015-16, the Library Foundation took on fundraising for the construction of a new teen center - now known as Teen Headquarters (HQ). The fundraiser was highly successful, such that after the construction of the space, there were additional funds available to use for teen-related expenses. The Library currently has a balance of \$54,526 of this funding remaining to use toward teen expenses into the future. Some of these funds have been used to facilitate various in-person programs, “take and make” activities, and to purchase books and AV materials for use by patrons, young and old alike.

The past year brought new challenges for everyone. The Youth Services department thought of ways to create programming opportunities for area teens to help them during this unprecedented time. “We really had to think outside the box, outside our walls really, to reach teens during the global pandemic,” said Laura Rysavy, Teen Programming Coordinator. “With much of schooling going to a virtual platform, kids were difficult to reach at times. Most teens were tired of sitting in front of a device. We needed to find ways to connect with teens that was neither online nor in an in-person setting.”

A successful program that made the switch from in-person programming to “take and make” was craft kits. Staff assembled all the materials needed for each craft in a bag. The kits were given out on a first come, first served basis. They were also offered to those using curbside pickup. Staff hopped on the quarantine bandwagon of learning a new skill and offered cross-stitching kits. Other crafts included a fall book page leaf banner, button flower bouquet, glowing potions during the Halloween season, and a Zen garden this winter to help teens focus during finals and relax after making it through 2020.

Teen funds replenished and enhanced various supplies for Teen Headquarters. Upon reopening, teens were welcomed back for study sessions or just as a place to relax and unwind. Students continued to explore their creative side.



Patron Eliana with newly purchased teen books



Library Page Katherine with new teen audio visual material

The largest programming project funded was a “Take and Make LEGO Drive-Thru” event. Library staff connected with patrons from a safe distance after such a long time apart. They provided 500 kits for kids and teens in a drive-up event.

The majority of teen books and audio visual material were purchased utilizing the additional funds allocated for teen expenses. In 2020, they acquired over \$4,100 worth of print material for the collection. Teen eBooks were especially in demand during the time we were closed. Thank you for donating to the teen center! The funds continue to benefit area youth.

SCHEELS Day of Giving Event

The Library Foundation was invited to attend SCHEELS Day of Giving event in December 2020. Several local community-focused charities and organizations received grants. SCHEELS generously donated \$1,000 to the Library Foundation, which will be used toward Summer Reading Program expenses. “SCHEELS generally focuses on sports and outdoor activity organizations so it’s really nice that they continue to include the Library Foundation in their annual Day of Giving event. Personal enrichment at the Library equals exercise for the mind!” said Library Director Christine Kujawa. The SCHEELS Company has 29 stores and the majority of them hold Day of Giving events. SCHEELS has been offering the Day of Giving event in Bismarck for over a decade.



Library Director Christine Kujawa with Bismarck SCHEELS Store Leader Tyler Halm and Event Coordinator Trevor Muth

Beth Schatz Kaylor Hired as Executive Director for Library Foundation

Beth Schatz Kaylor was recently hired as the Executive Director of the Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc. She will be responsible for developing the Foundation’s donor base and growing the level of support for Foundation operations, special projects, and their endowment, currently at \$1.7 million.

“I’m very excited to step into this role leading the Bismarck Library Foundation. The work of the Foundation and its generous donors has been integral to ensuring our dynamic Library continues to evolve with our growing community and ever-changing technology,” said Kaylor. “I look forward to working with the Foundation Board, Library staff, and our donor partners to ensure our Library is a vibrant, welcoming place for years to come.”

Kaylor’s areas of expertise include marketing, public relations, editing, and communication. She will continue her work as an independent consultant for marketing and strategic planning. Prior experience includes serving as the Chief Operating Officer and Account Manager at Agency MABU. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies with an emphasis on business and Spanish from the University of North Dakota.



Beth Schatz Kaylor

Kaylor served on the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library Board as a board member, Vice President, and President for six years beginning in 2011. She recently served as President of the BisMan Community Food Co-op board.

Beth enjoys gardening, cooking, reading, and spending time with family. You can find out about her foodie adventures on Instagram at [@rhubarb_venison](#).

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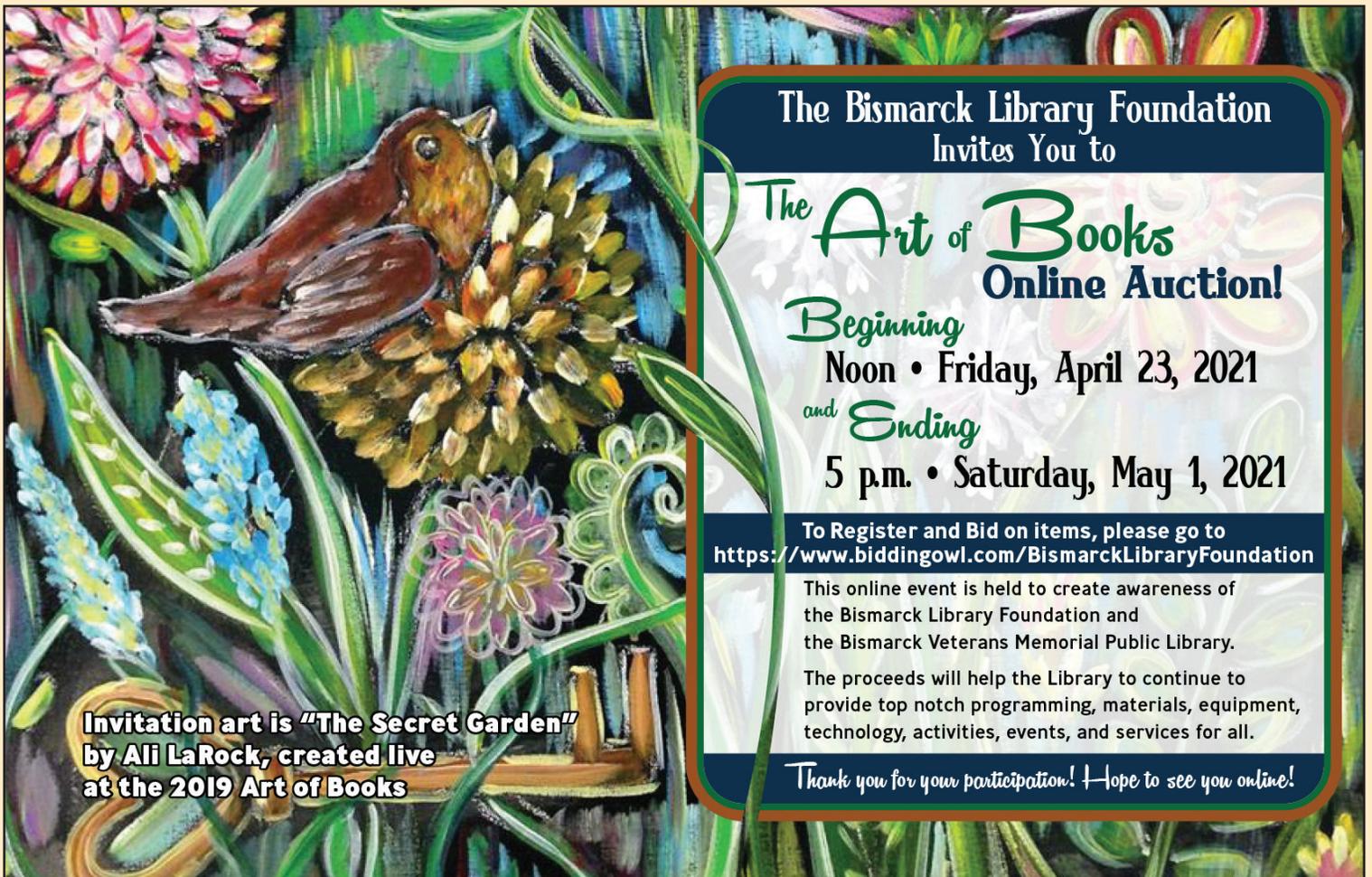
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Thank you for your participation! Hope to see you online!