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Bookmobile staff Keli McDonald & Alison Hiatt thank Kevin Tengesdal (center) for designing the eye-catching bookmobile graphics

Bookmobile Campaign a Success!

Our amazing new bookmobile is now on the road and will be visiting rural schools and limited locations around Burleigh County this fall and winter. Students and citizens will be able to enjoy all the enhanced features of the new vehicle, including: reliable, dependable, and enhanced vehicle safety on rural roads, an auxiliary battery bank with generator backup for more environmentally friendly and quieter vehicle operation, adjustable shelving and floor level book bins for easier browsing for children, distributed heating and cooling throughout the interior, visually appealing graphics on vehicle's exterior, 81" interior height for ease of movement for adults, free onboard Wi-Fi and a high definition monitor to display information about library services

and database tutorials, and new technology for patrons.

The Bismarck Library Foundation raised more than its goal of \$150,000 to pay for the construction of a new Bookmobile. The fundraising goal was achieved with the help of six grants, three business partnerships, a large contribution from a family estate, board member donations, funds raised at the 2019 Art of Books event, and overall, donations from 287 individuals and businesses!

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library held an open house on August 29th to celebrate the new Burleigh County Bookmobile. Festivities included tours and information on the new bookmobile,

Bookmobile Campaign *Cont. from page 1*

a press conference detailing the Bookmobile Campaign's results, and the names of our Magic School Bus donors: American Bank Center, Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, Otto Bremer Trust, and Sanford Community Relations on behalf of Sanford Health. Thank you to Bismarck Sign Co., LDV Specialty Vehicles, and other donors who have made this project a success! Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Administration, Burleigh County Bookmobile Staff, Bismarck Library Foundation, and characters Ms. Frizzle and Booker the Lion were in attendance. Burleigh County Commissioner Jerry Woodcox and ND State Interim Library Services Division Director Carmen Redding gave remarks, including sharing history about North Dakota's Bookmobiles.

The Burleigh County Bookmobile has served the residents of Burleigh County since 1975.

Each year they:

- Circulate over 50,000 items
- Update our collection of over 20,000 items
- Offer over 48,000 digital titles
- Welcome 9,000 visitors
- Drive over 7,000 miles throughout Burleigh County
- Make 540 stops

All stops are open to the public – we hope you stop in and check them out! To view their modified COVID-19 schedule, visit the Library's web site at www.bismarcklibrary.org and view our Events Calendar.



County Commissioner Woodcox and Booker the Lion



Magic School Bus sponsors



Ribbon-cutting



Rural patrons check out Bookmobile



Library Director Christine Kujawa welcomed the new Bookmobile, joined by Library mascot Booker the Lion, Bookmobile Librarian Keli McDonald, and the beloved character Ms. Frizzle



Bookmobile tours were in full swing, local youth were enthusiastic about checking out the new library on wheels and finding what they needed attractively displayed and accessible.

Thank you, Burleigh County Bookmobile Donors

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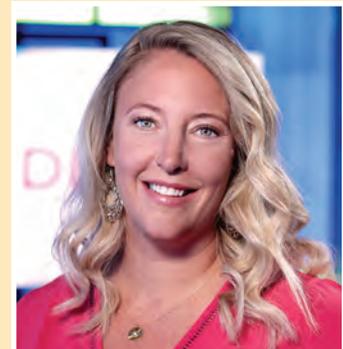
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Farewell to Amber Schatz

Amber served the Library Foundation as Executive Director since January of 2019. One of the highlights of her time with us was raising the funds needed for a new bookmobile. She did an outstanding job of writing grant requests and helped raise money to provide programming, enhance collections, and resources at the Library. We wish her well on her career at KX News. She's the host and producer of the new lifestyle show Studio 701, which includes a weekly segment on library services! Thanks for sharing your time and talent with us!



Amber Schatz



The hot spot in the lot? Curbside! Patrons who opt for this contactless pick-up option zip in and out for their materials

Who is that sparkled wonder!? It's Miss Sparkles on her way to Outdoor Story Time in the parks

Library Services Skyrocket During COVID-19



Check-out is safe and simple, we're happy to see our patrons!

The Library has been busier than ever during the pandemic. They continue to brainstorm ways to offer services and programs while maintaining a safe environment and following recommended guidelines.

thousands of eBooks and audiobooks available to check out and download on your mobile device. In fact, this service has been so popular during COVID-19 that use of children's material has increased by over 104%!



Assistance at the Information Desk

When the Library temporarily closed earlier this year they received requests from the public to offer a contactless curbside pick-up option. Given its success and patron interest, even after reopening, the Library has continued to provide this service. During the months of May-August, employees delivered material to over 3,000 vehicles!

For adults, the Library is offering online book clubs, book chats on Facebook, reading challenges, and "take and make" crafts. The reading challenges have been very popular, especially now that the Library subscribes to the online reading challenge software Beanstack. Since the start of COVID-19, three reading challenges, one still in progress, have been offered and so far 157 adults have participated! Adults are also enjoying Overdrive as an option to check out books without having to physically be in the Library. Overall usage of this service has increased by 26%.



Skip the line, help yourself at the self check-out!

For area youth, the Library is continuing outdoor and virtual story times. The virtual story times with Miss Sparkles have been well-received and appreciated by many, such that attendance is up by 65%. They are also offering virtual BARK (Bismarck Animals Reading with Kids) and LEGO Club, and kid/family-friendly "take and make" crafts. Families who feel safer using our virtual services have been taking advantage of the Library's Overdrive database which provides

To find out more about the Library's services and programs throughout COVID-19, check their web site at www.bismarcklibrary.org or follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bismarcklibrary>.



Thank you to the Sol Wezelman Estate

Thank you to the Sol Wezelman Estate for remembering the Bismarck Library Foundation with a generous bequest of

\$25,000. This contribution will be placed in the Endowment Fund where it will benefit the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library for years to come. Sol Wezelman was a patron and supporter of the Library for many decades and the generosity of Sol and the Wezelman family is much appreciated.

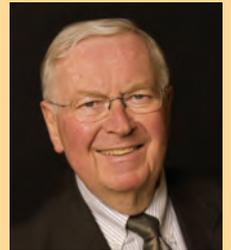
Longtime Board Members Retire

Tara Holt has stepped down as a board member for the Bismarck Library Foundation. She shared her experience, expertise, and energy for 11 years. During her time on the board she served as Vice-President and also as a member of our Development Committee. She helped organize many of our spring events and was a great resource on various campaign committees throughout the years. Thank you Tara, we will miss you!

Ed Klecker has also stepped down from the Bismarck Library Foundation board of directors after serving for 14 years. During his tenure, he served as President, Vice-President, and as a member of our various committees. He was always ready with positive and encouraging words and shared his wit and wisdom. His involvement has been a true asset to the community.



Tara Holt



Ed Klecker

Welcome New Board Member, Joyce Hinman

Joyce Hinman has been a longtime supporter of the Library. She served two 3-year terms as a Trustee of the Library Board and now has joined the Bismarck Library Foundation Board.

She retired as the principal of Will-Moore Elementary School in 2012 after 41 years in the education system.

Joyce is an avid reader and active library user. Some of her recent reads include “The Lives of Edie Pritchard,” by Larry Watson, “Faith,” by Jimmy Carter, “All the Devils Are Here,” by Louise Penny, and “Nothing More Dangerous,” by Allen Eskens.

We extend an enthusiastic welcome! Thank you for your willingness to serve.



Joyce Hinman

So Much To Be Grateful For!

The Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc. was chosen by The Bismarck Tribune to be the recipient of their Jeans Day contributions. The Foundation received \$1,650. Thank you to all employees from many different businesses in our community that participated! You have helped the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library!

Thank you to North Dakota Council on the Arts for giving the Library Foundation a \$1,000 grant. The funds went toward the Library’s 2020 Virtual Summer Reading Program. 315 kids took part in the program and

collectively read for 4,095 hours – wow!

Thank you to local teen Lauren Peterson for choosing the Library for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. Last fall, she provided the Library with funds to use toward ESL (English as a Second Language) learning material. She recently donated a check for \$304, the remaining funds from her project, to be used toward purchasing additional material for the Library’s collection.

During the 2020 State of the Cities

Address, Mayor Steve Bakken shared information about the Library and thanked employees for “continuing to offer personal enrichment opportunities, a source of stress relief for many, during the pandemic.” We’re honored to help our community!

Highlighting a few businesses that are continuing supporters:

- Basin Electric
- Fredrikson & Byron Foundation
- Great River Energy
- MDU Resources Foundation
- Otto Bremer Trust

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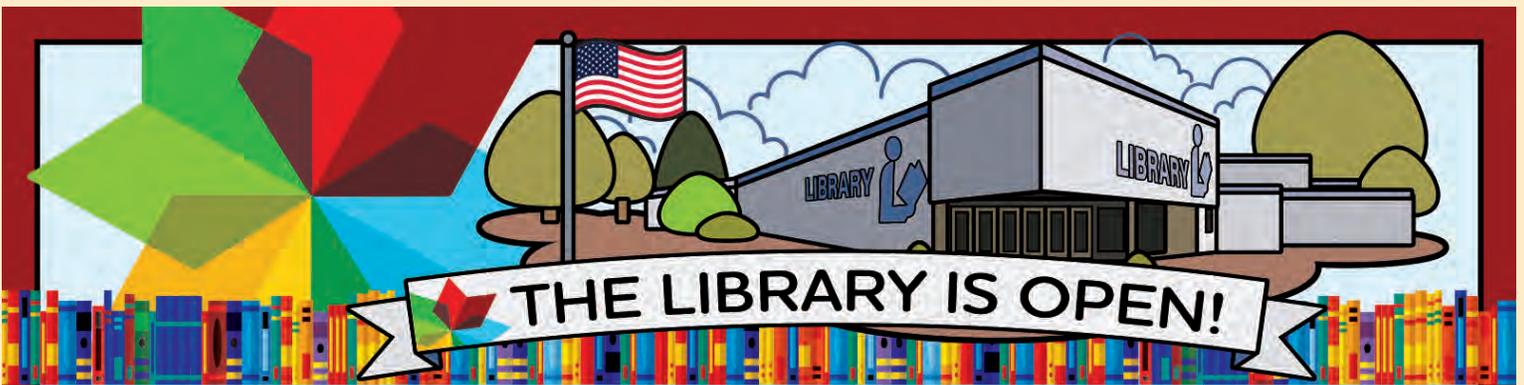
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