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## Teens Raise Money for Teen Center campaign

The Library's Teen Advisory Committee knew they wanted to raise money for the Teen Center project and they came up with the perfect fundraiser. Every year, the teens have a mini golf tournament and they get together for fun and refreshments on a Friday evening after the Library closes. This year, they decided to open up the event to families and adults, and ask for donations to the Teen Center campaign.

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More than 60 people attended the fundraiser and more than \$2,500 was raised. There was lots of laughter as golfers attempted to navigate the nine themed holes, including Alice in Wonderland, Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, The Hunger Games, and Harry Potter.

The teens also held a silent auction with donated items and a bake sale. There were refreshments for participants, sponsored by the Library Foundation, Inc.

# Bookmark

## **Thank you, Mary Maichel Guler and Helen Tracy**

Mary Maichel Guler and Helen Tracy have recently retired from serving on the Library Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. Mary served for 11 years and also served as Vice President. Helen has been a member of the board for 22 years and served as President, Vice President, and Secretary. Thank you to both ladies for their amazing service to the Library Foundation.

## **Welcome, Michelle Hintz**

Welcome, Michelle Hintz, our newest Library Foundation board member. She was born and raised in Bismarck, got her elementary education degree from UND, and now keeps busy as the Children's Ministry Coordinator at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, along with raising her three kids; Parker, Owen and Hannah. She has been married to Kadon for 13 years and loves running, reading, spending time at Lake Isabel in the summer, and coffee dates at The Gifted Bean.

## **Grants support an upgraded Teen Center at the Library**

THANK YOU to the outstanding corporate and community sponsors of our Teen Center campaign. We have received the following grant awards and pledges:

Bismarck-Mandan Community Foundation - \$8,000  
MDU Resources Foundation - \$25,000  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative - \$25,000

Great River Energy - \$25,000  
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ND Library Coordinating Council - \$16,081  
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Otto Bremer Trust - \$50,000

## **Congratulations, Mike LaLonde**

Congrats to Library Foundation board member, and former board president Mike LaLonde! Mike was named the 2016 Bismarck State College Alumnus of the Year. A BSC graduate of 1962, Mike has dedicated his life to teaching and helping others learn. He has been involved with many nonprofit organizations and believes strongly in giving back to the community. Mike is a lifelong photographer and has compiled several of his more than 40,000 photos into a published book.

## **Thank you to the Fredrikson & Byron Foundation**

The Fredrikson & Byron Foundation continues their support of the Library Foundation with a \$1,000 sponsorship of the Pearce Award and a \$1,000 unrestricted grant. Thank you!

## **Thank you to Scheels**

During its Day of Giving, Scheels donated \$1,000 to the Library Foundation. The grant will be used toward the 2016 children's summer reading program expenses. The 2016 theme will focus on wellness, fitness, and sports, with a theme of "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!"

# The Art of Books Entertains a Large Crowd

The Art of Books event at the Library took off for a second year. On the evening of April 29, a large crowd of Library supporters and art enthusiasts showed up to view the art, bid on it, enjoy refreshments, and visit with friends.



Thirty-one local artists produced works of art that used books and literature as inspiration. Some of the items even incorporated pieces of books into the artwork. Guests at the event snacked on pizza, chocolates, nuts, and popcorn, and sampled several different wines and locally brewed Buffalo Commons beer.

Several attendees ended up as the high bidders on the art items and were able to add some beautiful, one-of-a-kind art



pieces to their collections.

Other lucky attendees collected some of the door prizes that were donated by supporters of the Foundation.

Wild Inspire Trivia Tour stirred up the crowd with a round of trivia. Teams dove in and gave their best effort at answering some tough and some 'no-brainer' trivia questions – many inspired by literature and art. Each team won a prize appropriate to their place in the competition, with one team topping all others and receiving the "Piece of Cake" award, along with gift cards to the Gifted Bean Coffee House.

Proceeds from the event were added to the fundraising effort for the Teen Center campaign.



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# Pearce Award Winners Honored



Tom Jones (left) and Mary Jane Schmaltz (right) were awarded the 2015 Pearce Award by prior award winners, Bill Pearce (center left) and Erik Sakariassen (center right).

Congratulations to our 2015 Pearce Award winners – Tom Jones and Mary Jane Schmaltz. These long-time Library employees were certainly deserving of this great honor from the Library Foundation, Inc.

The Pearce Award recognizes and honors a community

member who has made significant contributions to achieve the mission of the Library Foundation – to enrich publicly funded Library services by raising private funds to enhance collections, resources, and facilities. This award is open to any past or present Bismarck native, resident or business who has made significant financial, volunteer and/or inspirational contributions to the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library or the Foundation. It is the Foundation's highest award.

The award was named in honor of the Pearce Family, who has given substantial leadership and financial support to the Library for more than five decades. Library Foundation Treasurer Bill Pearce, formed the Foundation in 1976 and has served as a Foundation officer ever since. The Foundation established the Pearce Award for Library Service in 2011.

Tom Jones assumed the directorship of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library in November 1975 and retired in 2011. During the 36 years he served as the Library Director, he had many career highlights. In 1976, he re-established the Burleigh County Bookmobile and organized a ballot initiative to increase the Library's city mill levy from 4 to 6 mills. In 1978, the Library joined the Online Computer Library Center, Inc., a national library computer cooperative for sharing cataloging records, thus initiating the development of digital records, the basis for a future online library catalog. In 1979, as President of the ND Library Association, he formed a committee to develop and sponsor a successful legislative initiative that established the formula for State Aid to Public Libraries.

In 1983, he was awarded Mountain Plains Library Association's Distinguished Service Award in recognition for his leadership on this committee. In 1985, he was elected as President of the Mountain Plains Library Association. In 1989, he oversaw the construction of the building expansion from

17,000 to 70,000 square feet. In 1993, Tom played a major role in launching the beginnings of the Central Dakota Library Network, sharing in online library catalog costs and an efficient way to share materials. In 1999, Tom was awarded the ND Library Association's Librarian of the Year award.

In 2007, he organized an effort to open the first full-service coffee shop in a ND public library, with fundraising assistance from the Library Foundation and Friends of the Bismarck Public Library. In 2010, he worked with the Library Foundation to fundraise for a complete renovation of the Children's Library. Over \$660,000 was raised.

Mary Jane Schmaltz started working at the Library in 1971 as the Children's Librarian. She revived the storytime programs and Children's Department, and children referred to her as the "Prairie Godmother." Soon after, she served as the Head of Technical Services, then the Head of Information Services, and in 1975 accepted the role of Acting Director. Later that year, after Tom Jones was hired as the Library Director, the Library Board voted to create an Assistant Library Director position for Mary Jane, because she was a natural in administration and they felt that the two of them would make a good team.

In 1989, after the expansion of the Library building was finished, she forged a partnership with AAUW to begin sorting through donated materials and holding a public book sale. In 1992, she formed the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library and the partnership of AAUW and Friends began. Thanks to her efforts in reviving the Friends and starting the book sale, it is now held two times a year, and each book sale averages profits of over \$20,000. These profits directly benefit the Library and assist in funding special events and projects.

Throughout her time as Assistant Library Director, she continued to work at the Information Desk, and in 2013 she was promoted to Library Director. Mary Jane retired from the Library in 2014 after 42 years of service.

Tom and Mary Jane received their Pearce Awards at The Art of Books event on April 29. Past Pearce Award winners Erik Sakariassen and Bill Pearce presented the awards, which were framed prints of the Ric Sprynczynatyk watercolor of the library building.

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## Teen Center Project Moving Ahead

The Library Foundation, Inc. has been working hard to raise the funds necessary to construct a new Teen Center inside the Library. Our goal was set at \$350,000 and we have made great progress toward achieving all the funds needed. Contractors have been chosen for the project and have started on the preliminary stages of the construction process. You will see some activity happening in the northeast corner of the Library if you stop in to visit. Please excuse the mess and the noise as the project continues. We expect the project to be completed by the end of 2016.



Thank you to all the community businesses, local organizations, and individual donors who have offered a helping hand in our fundraising efforts. Your generosity has definitely pushed the project into reality. Our teens are very excited to see their amazing new spot in the Library.