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Sit Up and B.A.R.K.



Franki, the dog, relaxes while listening to a story from a new friend.

Kids and dogs make quite the team. This is very evident at the Bismarck Public Library's B.A.R.K. program. B.A.R.K. stands for Bismarck Animals Reading with Kids.

According to Head of Youth Services, Traci Juhala, the B.A.R.K. program is offered two times a year – spring and fall. The program is usually offered on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons and children are allowed to sign up for two time slots each season. Each time slot is 20 minutes long.

B.A.R.K. volunteer Joan Morton has been bringing her dogs for the B.A.R.K. program since it started in 2011. Joan said the dogs must be registered with a therapy group that has insurance coverage. She said, "My critters are registered with Love on a Leash and also signed on with Reading Education Assistance Dogs. R.E.A.D. requires that you be registered with one of the approved therapy groups and you attend a workshop and/or complete an online course."

Morton said, "As a retired teacher, I love staying in touch with kids and

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Rikki, the dog, agrees the reading is fun, but getting petted is fun too!

hearing their enthusiasm for reading to the dogs. The dogs do not judge the kids on their reading skills and they love listening and cuddling.”

Juhala said she likes the reading aspect of the program and she also likes the canine-human interaction part of the program. She said, “Lots of children are unable to have a dog at home for various reasons, and this program allows them to enjoy a little time with a dog. Any positive interaction a child has with a dog is great for the child, and for the dog.”

Gina, mom to reader Jayde, agreed that the B.A.R.K. program has a great

impact. She said, “I think it’s good for Jayde to connect and read to someone else. Pets are soothing. They sit and listen without judgment.”

Mom Ashley brings all three of her children, Keaton, Ryland and Breynn, to the program. She said her kids love the different things the dogs do while they read. Sometimes they sit up and listen and sometimes they lie down and rest.

Ashley said, “For school, the kids have to read every day. This is an easy and fun way to get it done. Our dog at home wouldn’t sit still for reading time so it’s nice to come to the Library.”

Bookmark

Thank you, Jan Schultz

Jan Schultz is saying farewell to the Library Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors after serving on the board for more than seven years. Thank you, Jan, for your many years of service.

Best Buy Supports an Upgraded Teen Center at the Library

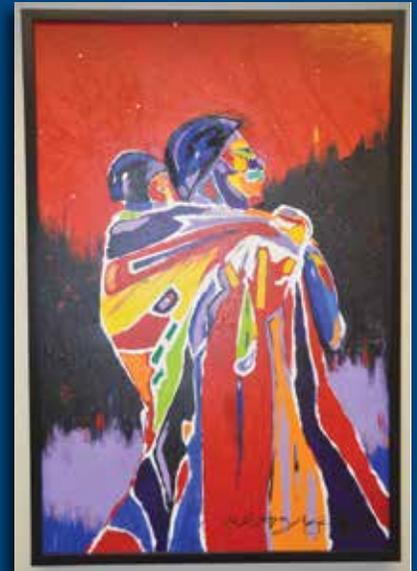
Best Buy has awarded a \$6,000 grant to the Library Foundation, Inc. to be used for technology in an updated teen center. Thank you for supporting our teens!



Best Buy staff members Assistant Manager Justin Franchuk (left) and General Manager Kenny Smithers (right) present the Best Buy check to Library Foundation Executive Director Cameo Skager (center left) and Bismarck Public Library Head of Youth Services Traci Juhala. Area teens serving on the Teen Advisory Committee include (left to right) Annabelle, Gabrielle, Alex, Katie, Sophee, Jarrett and Kileigh.

Art Donated to the Library Foundation

A beautiful Ric Sprynczynatyk painting titled “Bird Woman” has been donated to the Library Foundation for display in the Library by an anonymous donor. The painting portrays Sacagawea and her baby Pomp and hangs outside the Gifted Bean Coffee House.

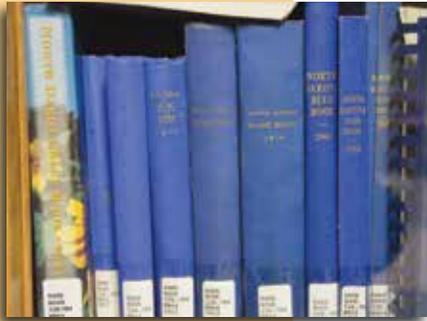


Thank You Lion’s Club

A generous \$1,000 donation from the Bismarck Lion’s Club will allow the Library to purchase adult large print books, juvenile large print books, Braille books, and keyboards with large font keys for the Children’s Library.

What's in the Missouri River Room?

Have you ever wondered what's in the Missouri River Room – in the lower level of the Library? During a recent training session by Head of Reference Kate Waldera, the Library and Foundation staff learned about all the historic items housed in that room.



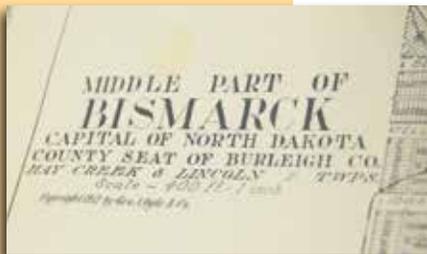
Copies of many North Dakota Blue Books (Legislative Manuals) are housed in the Missouri River Room, including one dated 1897.

The room houses the Library's collection of rare books, along with many Bismarck/Burleigh County historic maps, old phone books, city directories, and county histories. Also included in the room are several items about General George Custer and a good size collection of books about Lewis and Clark.

There also are files about the history of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, books from North Dakota authors, and paintings from North Dakota artists.

According to Waldera, the items most requested for viewing by Library patrons are older maps of the Bismarck area. She said, "I find it interesting that many of the street names were different than they are today. Although some of the streets are the same, some that have been renamed include Meigs, Miller, Roy, Baker, and Prescott."

Patrons also like to view old plat books and city directories. Waldera said, "Anyone who has a love of history would probably enjoy looking through the old maps and directories. It's fun to find out



Historic maps of the city of Bismarck are available for use by the public, but must be used within the Library.



The Missouri River Room houses the Library's collection of rare books, and historical books and maps.

about the history of your neighborhood and your city."

The oldest book in the room is an autobiography of Ben Franklin, copyright circa 1890. There also are some old city directories from about 1878-1879.

None of the materials in the room can be checked out, but they can be used in the Library. To obtain a list of the Missouri River Room rare books, patrons can use the Library's online catalog (classic search version), click on the Numerical Search tab, enter 'rare book' in the Dewey Call Numbers search box, and press the Enter key. Specific items also can be searched by subject or title.

Most items need to be handled while wearing gloves so that finger oils do not transfer onto the paper. To preserve the integrity of the paper, old materials also should not be photocopied. People can use their cell phone or a camera without a flash to take a photo of an item. Particularly delicate items are housed in special archival 'phase boxes' or boxes that fit the item almost like a glove to support the spine and structure of the item.

If you have questions about rare books or historic items, contact Kate Waldera at 355-1492 or stop by the Information Desk when you visit the Library.

Campaign to Build a New Teen Center Underway



The Library Foundation, Inc. has been raising money to upgrade the Library's teen center. A formal architect's blueprint and renderings have been completed and a budget has been finalized.

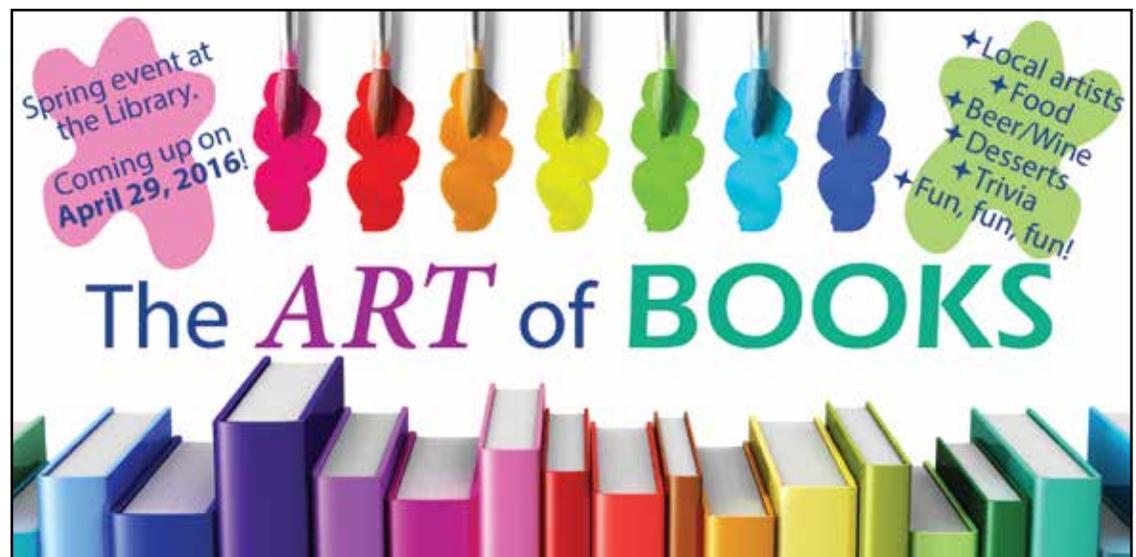
"Right now, our teens only have a small open space with no privacy and no ability to work in groups or hold discussions," said Traci Juhala, Head of

Youth Services. "Our new space will be enclosed and will allow the teens to work independently or in groups. They will have a comfortable place to read, study, and learn new technology skills. We are very excited to provide this space just for our teen patrons."

The total budget for the teen center is \$350,000. To date, \$120,000 has been raised. The total includes two recent grants – a \$6,000 grant from Best Buy and an \$8,000 grant from the Bismarck-Mandan Community Foundation.

A campaign brochure and a pledge card have been prepared and will be distributed to interested donors. Thank you to Montana-Dakota Utilities, Co. for printing the materials.

If you would like to learn more or are interested in contributing to the teen center campaign, contact the Library Foundation, Inc. at libraryfoundation@bismarcklibrary.org or call 355-1494 (Cameo) or 355-1502 (Kristi).



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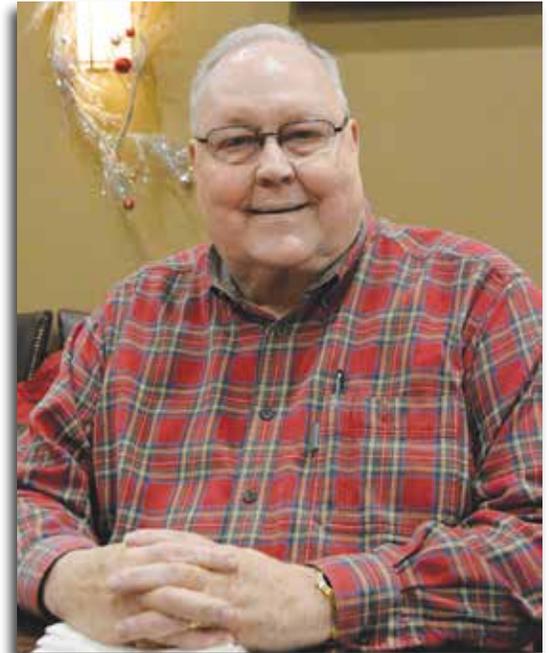
Leaving a Legacy for the Library

Dick Weber is a very busy man. He is involved in many charitable organizations and has been for most of his life. He has served on many boards of directors, including the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra, Bismarck Hospital/Medcenter One, Dakota West Arts Council, American Red Cross and the West Central Human Service Center Advisory Board. He is a dedicated Library Foundation board member, having served on the board for more than 10 years. He is a member of the Friends of the Library and also served on the Library Board of Trustees for six years.

Dick says his parents were always volunteering for things that mattered to them and so he was always taught to give back. He never questioned that a good portion of his life would be about service to others. He said, "I've always believed in what is now called 'paying it forward.' As a society, we have an obligation to give back for what has been given to us. I believe we have an obligation to serve in a volunteer capacity with nonprofits. The nonprofit world is essential."

Dick remembers when he first fell in love with books and libraries. He said, "My love of books and libraries began when I was in country school. In the fourth grade, my teacher asked me to be the school librarian. I got to put away the books in alphabetical order when kids brought them back. I've loved books ever since then."

Dick's long-lasting love of books and libraries is what led him to volunteer with the Library and the Foundation. Because of this love, he wanted to leave a legacy to the Library so he added



a bequest to the Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc. in his will.

Dick encourages others to add a bequest to their will for charities that matter to them. He said, "Legacy gifts are very important for nonprofit organizations. My choice of legacy gifts is based on my involvement with organizations. I want to help guarantee the organization will be able to continue its activities into the future. I believe the money I leave will make a large impact. Others can have that satisfaction too. They should talk to their lawyer or financial counselor and set up a legacy gift."

Dick added, "People should support the nonprofits they love. Of course, I think the Bismarck Library Foundation is a great charity to support. We do so much to help the Library – so the Library can continue to serve the people of Bismarck and Burleigh County, providing a place for children and adults to read, learn and grow."



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Foundation Helps to Sponsor Summer Reading Programs

With grant assistance from several companies and organizations, the Library Foundation, Inc. helped to sponsor both the Children's and Teens' Summer Reading Programs. Both programs were great successes. The Children's program, with the theme of "Every Hero Has a Story," had 236 registered, active participants ages birth through fifth grade. Those busy readers collectively read 388,408 minutes – that's 6,473 hours. Target sponsored prizes, which were given to children who reached various minute totals throughout the summer. The biggest readers made it to the 5,000 minute level; 19 children in all reached that goal. They were entered in a drawing for grand prizes from American Bank Center. Along with the reading events, the Library (with financial support from the Bismarck Fortnightly Club) held a magic show with illusionist Jeff Quinn. There was a combined attendance of nearly 800 at all of the Summer Reading Program events.



Illusionist Jeff Quinn entertains Bismarck children participating in the Library's Summer Reading Program.

The Teens' program, using the adult's theme of "Escape the Ordinary," had 100 registered participants from grades six to 12. Summer intern, college senior Abby Kopp, organized and hosted several events for teens throughout the summer, and she monitored reading progress, as well. Basin Electric sponsored prizes for reading levels, Scheels offered gift cards, and Raging Rivers Water Park provided passes as prizes for special events. The teens read a total of 166,134 minutes – 2,769 hours. Some of the special programs teens participated in during the summer were a Library scavenger hunt in June and a Video Game Tournament in July. Overall, there were six special events held just for teens.