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Lauer Gift Shows a Lifelong Love for Library

Dr. Jack and Jane Lauer arrived in Bismarck in 1947, the future wide open before them. Jack was happy to begin his dental practice in his hometown. He had met Jane, a St. Paul native, when they were students at the University of Minnesota.

Once settled in Bismarck, the couple raised three children, Stephen, Jim and Susan, and became active in the community. "Jane made a lot of friends," Jack remembered. "And we were both avid readers."

"Jane embraced Bismarck," said Mary Golden, a longtime friend. "She was attractive, intelligent and a leader."

By the 1960s, Jane played an influential role at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. Mary remembered attending a book club at the Library with Jane and recalled that as an officer of the Friends of the Library, Jane organized a book sale for children in 1963. Old newspaper clippings show she often raised funds to purchase items for the Library.

By the 1970s, Jane was on the Library Board of Trustees. Former library director, Tom Jones, said Jane was on the board when he was hired in 1975. "Jane Lauer was a big supporter of the Library and was well known in the community," he said. In 1976, when The Library Foundation, Inc. was launched, Jane became its first secretary.

After Jack retired in 1984, the Lauers moved to Arizona, but their ties to



Jack and Jane Lauer

Bismarck remained strong. They became members of the Foundation's Gold Card Club in 2010.

When Jane passed away in December 2012, just two days short of their 67th wedding anniversary, Jack requested memorials be sent to The Library Foundation Inc.

Recently, her family made a major gift to the Foundation in Jane's honor. "The Library was one of her favorite things in Bismarck and I thought it would be appropriate. The Library meant a lot to Jane and she enjoyed the people she met there," says Jack. "I talked it over with our family and they agreed."

For someone with a lifelong love of reading and decades of service to the Library, it seems fitting that memorials honoring Jane become part of the Library Foundation's Endowment. Gifts made in her name will benefit the Library for many years to come.

"That is exactly what I wanted it to go for," said Jack.

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Mary Jane Schmaltz,
Library Director

My First Library Memory

Library Career Began as a Summer Job

When asked about a first library memory, Mary Jane Schmaltz's thoughts lodge in a pivotal library memory that took place when she was a young adult.

"I applied at the Bismarck Library for a summer job. I thought I was interviewing to do a babysitting workshop, but I was offered a job as a librarian!" recalls the former teacher. Little did she know that was the beginning of a 42-year career at the Library.

After being hired June 1, 1971, she began leading Story Hours at the Library. "There was no space for it, so I emptied a basement room, painted it and scheduled regular Story Hours," she says.

The following year she attended Vanderbilt University where she received her Master of Library Science degree, then came back to be the Library's reference librarian and cataloger. She became assistant director of the Library on Dec. 30, 1975.

"I love the Library. It's my passion, it's in my blood," says Mary Jane, who has collected many memories in the past 42 years. She lists expansion of the Library from 17,500 to 70,000 square feet as the biggest change. "We thought we'd never fill that space," she remembers.

Changes in technology were equally large. "Back then, we had people sign the cards in the backs of the books. Everyone could see who had read each book," she says. "We loaned reel to reel movies and 8-tracks and cassettes. Today we have a wealth of electronic resources and databases available to our patrons," she says.

As staff liaison to the Friends of the Library, Mary Jane was instrumental in the growth of the biannual book sale from a \$1,200 profit in 1992 to over \$23,000 at this spring's sale. She probably holds some kind of record for moving books, whether hauling donated books from the loading dock to storage or changing whole sections of the Library collection.

Recently Mary Jane was named Library Director, a position she will hold until the position is filled permanently.

When she retires from the Library this year, she doesn't expect to be bored. "I have a whole wall of books to read. And I'll still be active with God's Child, the Salvation Army, and Rotary." What will she miss the most? "Helping people, visiting with people, having them leave happy, and getting to know staff—they're like family."

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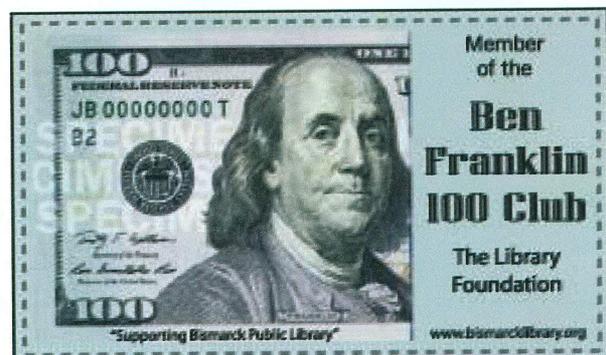
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“Reading is a means of thinking with another person’s mind; it forces you to stretch your own.”

~ Charles Scribner, Jr.

Library: Not a Quiet Place

Summer at the Library is not a quiet place. Instead, hundreds of energetic little bodies arrive each week to participate in the Summer Reading Program. This year, the program kicks off at the N.D. Heritage Center on May 31. The theme for 2013 is “Dig into Reading.” Children are encouraged to visit the Library each week.

Target provided a \$2,000 grant for the 2013 Summer Reading Program. The funds cover the cost of reading logs for about 500 kids, the cost of bringing in guest readers and

incentive prizes. Since 2006, Target has provided \$9,000 for Summer Reading Programs.



“I can’t tell you how much we appreciate the funds from Target. They really make the program possible,” said Traci Juhala, head of Children’s Services. The Friends of the Library sponsor a very popular ice cream social each August to wrap up the summer program.

the Book Mark

Foundation Election News

The Library Foundation Board of Directors held its annual election on April 5. The following officers were reelected: Mike LaLonde, president; Cynthia Norland, vice president; and Bill Pearce as treasurer. Greg Ellwein was elected to his first term as secretary of the board.

Kathleen Nordquist was elected to her first term as a director of the board. Directors reelected to the board were Bob Bartosh; Carolyn Frank; Mary Maichel Guler, representing the Library Board of Directors; Tara Holt;



Greg Ellwein



Kathy Nordquist

Cindy Kirkpatrick, representing the Friends of the Library; Ed Klecker; Thomas Mayer; Kristi Paris; Carol Russell; Erik Sakariassen; Patty Sandness; Michael Schaff; Jan Schultz; Joan Severin; Sue Sorlie; Helen Tracy; and Richard Weber. Cliff Keller, who served as Secretary for many years, retired from the board in March.

Foundation officers and directors serve for one-year terms.

Library Staff Changes

Kristi Harms resigned as director of Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library in late March, citing personal reasons for leaving. The Library Board of Directors has named Mary Jane Schmaltz as director until the position is permanently filled.

Christine Kujawa has been named Assistant Director of the Library, effective in early May. She has served as head of circulation for 10 years, supervising a staff of 21.

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Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library



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“Did You Know?” Event Offered a Fun Look at Library Services

The words, “I didn’t know that!” were uttered many times at an after-hours event sponsored by The Library Foundation, Inc. on April 12. Coffee, Chocolate & Check Outs offered Endowment Fund, Gold Card Club and Children’s Library donors the opportunity to find out about more Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.

“There are so many people who are unaware of all of the services available at the Library,” said Joan Severin, co-chair of the Foundation’s Development Committee and a former member of the Library Board. “We decide to sponsor an event that said, ‘Thanks for supporting the Library and look at all the services you help provide!’”

As the Library closed for the day, librarians set up 11 displays to highlight the things they work with every day. Among them were the Burleigh County Bookmobile, which was parked near the front door, and a specially trained “reading therapy dog” who helps children learn to read. Guests “checked out” each display and had their “library cards” stamped for a



Scott Wild entertained from the landing in the main portion of the Library.

drawing for a Nook reader and a spring basket.

Scott Wild of Wild Inspire provided music and wrapped up the evening with a game of trivia. Teams of guests, librarians and Foundation board members competed in questions about music and literature.

Guests enjoyed an elegant assortment of salmon, cheeses and chocolates provided by Foundation board members. An assortment of coffees from the Hot Wire Café and fine wines were also available.

“We really had dual purposes for the evening,” said Mike LaLonde, president of the Library Foundation. “We wanted to thank everyone who has given so generously to the Foundation and we thought the evening would be a good time for people to find out more about the Library. People seemed to enjoy checking out the displays.”



Therapy dog Rose and her handler, Joan Morton.

Check it Out!

Here are some services at Bismarck Public Library.

Check out:

Fishing poles, tackle boxes, children's life vests and N.D. State Park passes.

Video games, such as MarioCart for Wii and Lego StarWars for NintendoDS.

Classes on Ancestry, E-mail, the Internet, Beginning Publisher, Homework Help for Parents, Letter and Resume Writing. \$5.

Large print books, best seller audiobooks, DVDs of favorite TV series, music CDs, book club kits, and the 7-day express shelf.

Browse the Library's genealogy collection.

B.A.R.K. therapy dogs help children practice reading with nonjudgmental listeners in 20 minute sessions.

E-books and e-audiobooks can be downloaded with your Library card.

The Burleigh County Bookmobile makes 60 stops a month. Ask about e-readers for senior patrons.

The Teen Area has study tables and comfy chairs. Teens are invited to the Mini Golf tournament on July 12.

The Hot Wire Café as great coffee and smoothies made with 100% crushed fruit.

Mango Languages is a way to learn a new language online.



Joan Severin hosts savory treats while Mike Schaff tests them.



Guests gather to play trivia in the main part of the Library.



Elizabeth Jacobs, N.D. State Library, shows how to borrow books for e-readers.



Keliann Trowbridge with Jack & Kristi Paris in the Bookmobile.

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Gayle Schuck

Change is a Part of Library Culture

“When you’re finished changing, you’re finished.” - Benjamin Franklin

This quip came to mind a few weeks ago while I rummaged through a pile of scrapbooks that contain the history of Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library in photos and newspaper stories.

One black and white photo shows two teens doing an outrageous thing in the Library—they were listening to records on turntables! The Dec. 12, 1971, Bismarck Tribune story was entitled “Library adds Listen Station.” The Library had purchased 2,000 records to use with headphones. Another 1,000 records were available for check out and use at home.

In 1971, library books had card pockets inside their back covers and you could come here to use a typewriter, as well as those turntables. Change continued. Two decades later, a 1993 Foundation newsletter wish list included a Macintosh personal computer for the adult area and some microfiche readers.

Fast forward to 2013. Today there are over 60 public computers available, and that former cutting-edge microfiche reader sets waiting for a trip to the bone yard. The bulky piece, the size of a compact refrigerator, has been replaced by a faster, smarter and much smaller version. Book processing at the Library is fully automated. Patrons can even receive e-mails at home when their checked-out materials are due or when a requested item is available.

Since Ben Franklin opened the first library in the U.S. in the 1700s, libraries have continually adapted to provide relevant services. A generation ago, no one could fathom the 21st technology commonly used at the library today. With the revolution in technology, a lot of people have asked what is in the future for libraries. Well, here it is: the culture of the Library continues to change as it shines a light on other worlds we didn’t even know existed.

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