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## Grandmother Continues Life's Work of Inspiring Young Readers



Linda Robinson and Lola

Grandparents are a familiar sight at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. Many of them, like Linda Robinson, bring their grandchildren.

"I began bringing Lola when she was 8 months old," says Linda. "We came to the *Baby and Me* program." Now, 3-year-old Lola and her cousin June come to Story Time. In the past she brought a grandson when he was a preschooler.

Like many grandparents, Linda is a lifelong reader who wants to inspire her grandchildren to read. "The Children's Library is so inviting! The best part is Miss Sparkles and the puppeteers, Traci and Ann. They are absolutely delightful," Linda said. "We also come for guest readers and special programs."

Linda grew up in a rural area and didn't have access to a library. Still,

she learned to read at age 4. "My parents were deaf mutes. Despite that, my mother read to me in deaf speech, which is hard to understand. They instilled a love of reading in me," says Linda. "Parents need to sit down and read with their children no matter what their limitations are."

In high school, she remembers waiting for the bookmobile to come. "I even remember the books I ordered from the bookmobile—

classics, like *The Tale of Two Cities*." She is now retired after teaching English literature and language arts for 30 years.

Perhaps the word "retired" doesn't accurately portray Linda's role. As a caregiver for her grandchildren, she's one busy woman and her life's work of inspiring a love of reading in young people has not diminished. As she watches other children play with puzzles or pull books off the shelves, she comments, "I see a lot of good parenting at the Library." You can see plenty of good grandparenting, too.



Cousins June and Lola in the Library's Hotwire Café



Christine Kujawa

## My First Library Memory

### Magical Librarian Part of First Library Memory

Christine Kujawa, head of Circulation Services at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, was recognized as “Librarian of the Year” by the N.D. State Library in September. Christine received the award for her continuous support of the Bismarck community through her library and community service, dedication to intellectual freedom and numerous contributions to the library profession.

Her path to becoming a librarian began at Twining Elementary School at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. “The librarian was magical,” says Christine. “I assumed when she wasn’t busy helping students, she got to read all the books. I know better now! During recess she sometimes let me take books to the secluded puppet corner so I could read and play with my favorite puppets. I always felt special when she granted me access to this area.”



Colette and Leander

Christine also remembers when she was in second grade, the librarian held a contest to

name a library mascot, an owl with glasses. “My father and I had a fun time thinking of different names. Our final choice was “Quester” because we figured the owl would be searching for the best books and going on secret adventures after the kids left for the day. We were surprised and delighted that our entry was chosen. We won a *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* pop-up book that I still have today.”

Christine was also inspired by the librarians at UND Thormosgard Law Library—her mentors as she pursued a Master of Library Science degree. Christine has been with the Library since 2003 and supervises the 21-person circulation staff. She is one of the System Administrators for the Central Dakota Library Network consortium, does web site maintenance, adult programming, fills in at the Information Desk, and does some marketing/public relations. And, no, she has found librarians have little time to read on the job.

*“Books are a completely portable magic”  
Stephen King*

### Foundation & Library Grateful for Grants and Gifts

**Gerdau** gave \$1,728.30 to The Library Foundation, Inc. For the past six years, Gerdau has donated 5 cents for every pound of aluminum cans it purchases for recycling in the month of June. With the warm summer weather and lots of activity in Bismarck, the sum raised was the largest ever.

**MDU Resources Foundation** donated \$4,000 to The Library Foundation, Inc. on behalf of its member companies, MDU Utilities Group, Knife River Corp., Fidelity Exploration & Production Company, WBI Energy, Inc., and MDU Construction Services.

**Target** donated \$2,000 for the 2013 Summer Reading Program at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. The funds will be used to bring in guest speakers and for supplies. Between 400-500 children sign up for the program each year.

**Verizon** gave a \$12,000 “Check Into Literacy” grant for children and teen services. The funds purchased shelving and a portable puppet stage for the Children’s Library, assisted with a teen Mini Golf @ Your Library event and provided seed money to develop resources for teens. Verizon customers fund the grants by indicating on their monthly phone bill that they wish to make a \$1 tax-deductible donation. Verizon then donates to local organizations, such as the Library Foundation.



Traci Juhala, children’s librarian; Kathy VanderVorst, teen librarian; Cary Degenstein, Verizon government associate director; Gayle Schuck, Foundation director; and Mary Jane Schmaltz, Library assistant director.



Mike LaLonde

## Foundation Elects Board of Directors

Mike LaLonde was elected president of The Library Foundation, Inc., in the annual election. Cynthia Norland was elected vice president. Officers who were reelected include Bill Pearce, treasurer, and Cliff Keller, secretary.

New board members Greg Ellwein; Joan Severin, and Kristi Paris. Cindy Kirkpatrick will represent the Friends of the Library.



Joan Severin

Directors who were reelected are Bob Bartosh, Carolyn Frank, Mary Golden, Mary Maichel Guler, Tara Holt, Ed Klecker, Thomas Mayer, Carol Russell, Erik Sakariassen, Patty Sandness, Michael Schaff, Jan Schultz, Sue Sorlie, Helen Tracy and Dick Weber.

Ed Klecker and Tara Holt are the past president and vice president, respectively. Members who left the board are Sue Bickel and Janis Cheney. In September, Mary Golden also retired from the board.



Kristi Paris



## Library Receives Kennedy Photo

A rare photo of Sen. John Kennedy campaigning in Bismarck, circa 1960, has been donated to the Library by Mike LaLonde. The photo was shot by Leo LaLonde, Mike's father, a longtime photographer for the Bismarck Tribune.

The old Carnegie Library and the bookmobile are in the background. Howard Henry, a legislator from Westhope, N.D., walks next to Kennedy and William Murray, a Bismarck attorney and Library Board Trustee, is directly behind him.

If anyone knows the names of other people in the photo, please contact the Foundation office at 355-1494.

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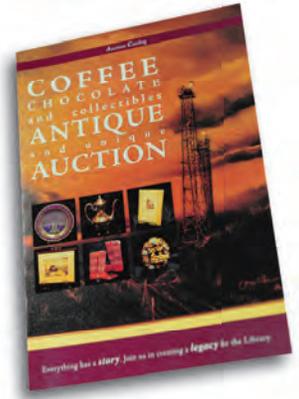
*"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin*





## Auction Report

Friday, April 13th, turned out to be a lucky day at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. A standing-room-only crowd gathered in Room A for the Library Foundation's annual social.



The "Coffee, Chocolate & Collectibles Auction" featured a delightful array of silent and live auction items, enticing people to raise their auction paddles. All of the items were donated. In the background, vintage video footage of Bismarck in the 1940s showed on a screen and a young musician played the grand piano.

Dean Moos conducted the auction, with Dan Cashman assisting. The item bringing the highest bid was an original oil by Gary Miller entitled "Sundown in the Boondocks," which sold for \$2,700. A first edition William Faulkner book sold for \$850. In all, the auction items raised \$11,491.

Each spring, The Library Foundation, Inc. hosts a "Coffee and Chocolate" event with a different theme. The plans for 2013 are underway and the date is set, so mark your calendar for April 12, 2013.



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Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library



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Carolyn Frank

# Library a Miracle of Opportunity

Carolyn Frank says her love of libraries dates back to her childhood when she remembers riding the city bus in Providence, R.I., to the library

with her mother. *Raggedy Ann and Andy*, *Uncle Wiggly*, and *The Five Little Peppers* were among her favorite books.

Carolyn majored in child development in college and later, she and her husband, Dr. Walter Frank, lived in Bologna, Italy, while he attended medical school. A trunk full of books in their living room served as a library for the expatriates in the community. "Books in English were very expensive," she remembers, so everyone shared books with each other.

When they moved back to the United States, it seemed natural for Carolyn to take their young sons, Benjamin and Jonathan, to the library near their home in Massachusetts. "It was a tiny room, but they had Story Hour each week," says Carolyn. She also spent many hours as a volunteer at school libraries.

"The Library is something that's available to everybody. Think of all the organizations that have a specific cause or require you to have a ticket to participate. The Library is a miracle of opportunity."

Carolyn and Walter have shown their gratitude through regular support of Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. They also made substantial gifts to the *Building a Foundation for Life* endowment campaign and later the Children's Library project.

Recently the Franks decided to make another kind of gift. "My mother died in 2010. Those things make you think and we decided to update our will," says Carolyn. The Franks included a generous future gift to The Library Foundation, Inc. in their will.

"The Library is one of my passions," says Carolyn. "It's important to give back to the community and Bismarck has been so good to us."

# State Provides Tax Relief

The 2011 N.D. Legislature expanded the state's charitable income tax credit options.

For donors in a 28 percent federal tax bracket, the tax benefits may look like this:

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Gayle Schuck

# American Legacy Going Strong at the Library

“Sometimes I think what will people say of me when I’m only just a memory” - lyrics by Sidewalk Prophets.

“Legacy” seems to be the buzz word this year. In May, I toured Scotland with several cousins. Although I’d never been there before, a sense of familiarity set in as we traveled to Argyll and the island of Islay where our great, great-grandparents lived.

Islay probably looks much as it did in the 1800s. We visited the lovely round church they attended, which had a picturesque view of the village and the sea beyond. The scenes drew our group into a reflective mood. Did our ancestors see those same trees, stone fences or whitewashed buildings? Did they ever dream their descendents would return to Islay 160 years after they immigrated to Canada? If they could speak to us now, what would they say?

Paradoxically, their greatest legacy isn’t to be found in Scotland, instead it’s in the message they sent through their actions.

They packed their courage and vision (and not much else) in a ship that took them to America. Today, so many years later, we can see the full result of their decision: hope and opportunity were birthed for future generations.

Simply defined, a legacy is “something handed down from the past.” Free library services are an American legacy that is going strong today at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. The Limited Edition has shared many heart-warming stories about the Library, a tradition we plan to continue.

Through the years, many people have left the library a legacy through a will, trust, annuity or other giving vehicle. The Library Foundation is pleased to help with the process, so future generations can enjoy great Library services and donors are remembered for their legacy to the Library.

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## Check Out the Fresh Look at the Library



This year the main floor of Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library received a facelift. The newest change is a new Circulation Desk, which was unveiled early in November. The new desk is designed for today's technology. A new teen area, tucked behind the coffee shop, was completed in October. Earlier this year, the main area was painted.

Beginning in October, you must have a valid Bismarck or Central Dakota Library Network library card to use the 38 computers to access the Internet, e-mail, Facebook, instant messaging, word processing, databases and online catalogs. There is no charge for sending individual e-mails, however, each person is limited to a total of two hours of computer use per day. Printing now costs 10 cents for black and white and 50 cents for color copies, payable before the copies are printed. In 2011, about 110,000 pages were printed from public computers at the Library.

The changes bring the Library in line with other libraries across the nation. According to electronically-gathered statistics, about 75 percent of the 1,000 people who walk through the doors each day don't check out materials at the Library. They come to use computers, read newspapers and magazines, or to attend meetings or activities in the Children's Library.