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Everything Has a Story

“Everything has a story” is the theme of 2012 Coffee, Chocolate & Collectibles. The Library Foundation’s spring event is set for April 13. Live and silent auctions are planned. Wine will be served along with fine chocolates and coffee.



The event will raise funds to enhance Teen Services at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. “Children transition from their beautiful Children’s Library to the Teen area. We want to help create a welcoming space for them that’s safe and teen oriented,” said Kristi Harms, Library Director.

In all, 46 collectible items will be auctioned. Bismarck memorabilia includes two parking meters, Ed Patterson’s whiskey keg and a wooden puzzle made by prisoners at Fort Lincoln during WWII. North Dakota’s unique artwork can be found in a 1960s-era Gary Miller painting of the oil fields and in lovely pieces of UND Pottery. Political items will also be auctioned off.

Czech folk art marionettes are

just one of the international items.

Collectors may also be enticed by everything from Beatrix Potter figurines to duck decoys to belt buckles.

And, yes, there is even chicken folk art and a Burma Shave sign.



Turkish Ormurlu ceramic plate

Of course, what is an auction for a Library without some books? The signed William Faulkner first edition book has already caused a stir, not to mention the four James Foley books. If a picture is worth a thousand words, surely check out the framed Fiske photo.

“These unique items are made more special because each one comes with its own story,” said Tara Holt, a member of the committee which collected the items.

The items are now on display in the Library’s front display area. Tickets for the event are \$10 each. Use the handy clip out on Page 5 to RSVP. You may also call 355-1502 or e-mail ksimenson@cdln.org to RSVP. Please leave attendee names and a call-back number.

The full list of auction items is found on Page 4 of the *Limited Edition*.



An original Bismarck parking meter.

My First Library Memory



Dave Ripley with his 1974 library card.

Growing up on the south side of Chicago, Dave Ripley didn't have a lot of classmates who were readers. It was a good thing he and his cousin, Bill Weyer, lived in the same house and went to the same school because they encouraged each other in reading. "We were both avid readers," Dave says.

Classes at Harvard Grammar School could order paperback books, but they needed to order 15 at a time. Since his classmates didn't show much interest, he and Bill would find ways to make money to order the books and then one would order seven books and the other eight.

The boys liked to visit Hamilton Park Library. "I remember checking out stacks of books. We both would. The librarian said we'd never read all the books, but we did. After awhile she saw we were serious," says Dave, who mostly read biographies and books about baseball.

As an adult, Dave lived in a number of states and in Ghana, West Africa. If he lived in a place for more than a few months, he always obtained a Library card so he could continue his reading habit. He began working for the North Dakota Water Commission in 1974.

"I still carry the original library card I received when I moved to Bismarck in 1974," says Dave, who also has a North Dakota State Library card. As a ground water hydrologist, he found the extensive historical data in the State Library very helpful to his work.

Dave retired in 2005 and he and his wife, Sarah, enjoy traveling; most recently they were whale watching in the Bahamas. Since 2010, he has served on the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Board of Directors. Of Bismarck Public Library Dave says, "It's a remarkable resource, especially for a town this size."

Major Gifts Boost Library Support

Several major gifts have been received by The Library Foundation, Inc. in the past few months.

In November 2011, Harry Pearce donated \$25,000 to the Foundation in honor of his brother, Bill Pearce, cofounder of the Foundation. The gift was announced at a dinner honoring Bill as the first recipient of the Pearce Award for Library Service. In all, \$30,000 was received in honor of Bill's lifetime service to Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.

More recently, the Library received a gift from the estate of Timothy J. Berger. Dr. Berger grew up in Bismarck and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1966. He once said that he "lived at the Library" as he was growing up and he had fond memories of the old Carnegie Library. One half of the \$169,000 gift will be invested in the Library Foundation's Endowment Fund.

A special purpose grant was received by the Library Foundation from Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Foundation gave the total \$2,500 in grants to Bismarck Public Library for two programs: the Summer Reading Program and Family Movie Night.

The Library Foundation, Inc. was incorporated in 1975. In the early years, the Foundation met sporadically to raise money for specific needs not covered by public funds, such as when the lower level and Youth Services areas of the building were completed in the 1980s.

By the late 1990s, it became apparent that a steady source of income was needed to supplement the tax base. In 2001, the Foundation began an Endowment Fund to receive private gifts. The funds provide an annual source of income to the Library. As the Endowment grows, the Foundation is able to increase the size of the grants to the Library.

More or Less Visible at the Library



The Library entrance.

More Visible—New lettering identifies the Information desk and the Checkout & Library Card desk. New paint warms the interior.

Less Visible—Teen VIP volunteers receive documented service time for the National Honor Society, school organizations, scouts, confirmation and scholarship applications.

More Visible—At the Spring Used Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library March 1-3, *thousands* of donated books were sold for \$1 a pound.

Less Visible—Many kinds of classes are available free or for a nominal fee—everything from Internet Searching I to Ancestry research to Homework Help for Parents.

More Visible—Excited groups of children who visit Story Hour or the Children’s Library, along with occasional cartoon characters.

Less Visible—Family Movie Night offers popular movies for families at a price you can afford—free! Schedules are available in the Library or online. Bring your own popcorn.

More Visible—The Hotwire Café offers coffee products, smoothies, a lunch menu and a relaxed atmosphere. They’ll also supply refreshments for meetings.

Less Visible—Behind the scenes, technical services had 1,928 new items processed or ordered for 2012, by mid February, in addition to 348 books or other materials for the Bookmobile.

More Visible—189,381 printed materials, 483 magazine titles, 8,773 CDs, 6,124 videos or DVDs, 2,804 audio books, 79 licensed databases, and 64 public computers for your use.

Less Visible—Passes to North Dakota State Parks are available for check out. Pick up a couple fishing poles while you’re at it. Just ask at the Checkout desk.

More Visible—the Bookmobile is a familiar site throughout Bismarck and Burleigh County, serving schools, retirement communities, towns and neighborhoods.

Less Visible—Unless you’re in the lower level when the electricity goes off, you may not appreciate the new back-up generator and updated electrical wiring.



Mickey & Minnie visited the Library this winter.



The interior of the Burleigh County Bookmobile

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Everything Has a Story Auction Items

Here is a list of items to be auctioned on April 13. Tickets are \$10. To secure a ticket, call 355-1502 or e-mail ksimenson@cdln.info.

Live Auction Items

- Gary Miller painting "Sundown in the Boondocks" of a Workover Rig
- Gary Miller pastel "Gone for Help"
- Book *#1 Hard* and Royal Doulton Plate, Dalrymple farms
- Governor Bill Guy's boots, autographed picture and CD
- Folk Art chicken set and Italian ceramic chicken
- Lalique pin dish with an owl etching and pearl and gold ring
- Art Deco martini set
- Silver tea pot
- Beatrix Potter figurine collection (large number)
- Two Folk Art Czech marionettes
- Kachina doll, signed
- Burma Shave sign
- Dickota pottery, two pieces
- Bismarck parking meter, red
- Ed Patterson's whiskey keg
- Book: *Pocahontas* by Nathan Crane limited edition, signed
- Book: *Prairie Smoke*
- Book: *The Rye is the Sea* by Paul Southworth Bliss - signed
- Book: Two suede-bound Foley Books
- Book: Foley Book: *Two Outdoor Plays*, signed
- Double student oil lamp - antique
- Decoys - antique
- North Dakota Centennial print
- Omurlu ceramic plate from Turkey
- Robert Bateman ltd. ed. print "Wide Horizon-Tundra Swans"
- Korean brass bell (bowl and vast)
- Mystery framed picture of a girl
- Book: William Faulkner first edition, signed
- Shakespeare play manuscript signed by Orson Wells



"Sundown in the Boondocks"
Gary Miller original oil



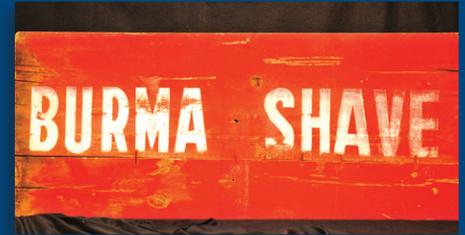
Handmade decoys seem life-like.



Dozens of Beatrix Potter figurines go with this set.



Martini glasses owned by Stella Mann



Burma Shave signs are an iconic part of mid-20th century history. A series of these signs presented poems along rural roads; the last sign always read "Burma Shave." They provided entertainment for travelers and, hopefully, didn't end in too many accidents.

Spring has sprung, the grass is riz,
Where last year's careless driver is.
Burma Shave

Silent Action Items

- Bismarck parking meter, gray
- Framed Fiske photo
- Wooden Ft. Lincoln puzzle
- Limoges Chocolate Pot and creamer-green
- Toille teapot
- Kachina doll and Hopi turquoise ring
- Four Coalport plates
- Beaded Australian necklace
- Koala pin and other jewelry
- Italian pin
- Yellow pitcher
- Webster Wilcox tea pot
- Amber compote
- Centennial belt buckle collection
- Framed Atlas 1910 North Dakota map
- Framed feather picture
- Charles Russell framed picture

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There's Comfort in Storytelling



Gayle Schuck

"It's comforting to know people still love a good story."

I love the Internet. E-mail is faster than regular mail and less intrusive than a ringing phone. I'm not giving up my Webster's Dictionary or ancient set of encyclopedias, but Internet research can bring a wealth of information on any topic.

Still, social media baffles me. Recently I walked by three men who were standing together silently texting. *Were they texting each other*, I wondered? Trivial Facebook posts annoy me. One woman wrote, "I'm sitting in a restaurant with my two favorite men, my husband and my son." *Oh honey*, I wanted to say, *quit texting and talk to them!*

Many grant applications are now made online and I'm proud to say I can do this! But recently an online grant application asked if the office regularly used Twitter. What's a Twitter? Is it related to Tweetie Bird and Sylvester the cat?

While technology can seem overwhelming, it's comforting to know people still love

a good story. That's proven here at the Library, as parents bring hundreds of preschoolers for the age-old tradition of storytelling. Author events and the Library's book clubs are also popular.

"Everything Has a Story" is the theme of the Foundation's 2012 "Coffee, Chocolate & Collectibles" event. The donors of each item paused for a few moments to tell the stories of each item to members of the Foundation's Antiques Committee. Jan Schultz has written the stories so they aren't lost to history, whether they are about local people and events or about exotic places far from home.

We think the stories increase the value of the items. That seems a very fitting way to raise funds of the Library—a place with a collection of over 189,000 stories that await the curious.

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Come Visit the Hotwire Café

The Library's coffee shop has new owners and a new name. Rachael and Matt Neva took over ownership on Feb. 26 and renamed the shop the Hotwire Cafe.

Rachael has managed the shop since 2010. She was ready to take the next step when Tim Knutson of Minot, owner of the Red Roaster Coffee Co., decided to sell the shop. The space is leased from the Library.



Rachael Neva, owner of the Hotwire Cafe

“We want to continue to draw a lunch crowd,” Rachael said. “The Library is an easy walk from many downtown locations and we want to be a lunch destination.” She likes trying new ideas and expects to add Panini sandwiches in the future. Customers will find a full line of coffee products, sandwiches and other treats. And the same friendly baristas are on hand.

The shop originally opened in June of 2007 after leadership identified a coffee shop as a service wanted by library patrons. A portion of the main floor was remodeled to accommodate a coffee shop. The Library Foundation raised private funds to pay the cost of the project, which resulted in the Italian-style shop.

Coffee lovers may wonder whether they've missed a new coffee term—Hotwire—however, Rachael says the name comes from the electrical industry in which Matt works. Watch for more electrical terms on the menu.

- *Tasty sandwiches*
- *Old-fashioned ice cream*
- *Delicious soups*
- *N.Y. style bagels w/cream cheese*
- *100% crushed fruit smoothies*

Relaxed atmosphere. Stop in and ask for info about holding your book club here.