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## North Dakota's First Lady Champions Literacy

by Jan Schultz

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From Nancy Drew mysteries to the Stieg Larsson trilogy, North Dakota's First Lady, Betsy Dalrymple, has had her nose in a book essentially all her life. "My mother was a voracious reader," she said, "I've been interested in books and reading for as long as I can remember."

One of her first outings as First Lady was to visit the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library with special attention to the new Children's Library. She is interested in literacy and hopes to use her passion for books to develop a project during her tenure as First Lady. She is also a member of the Library Foundation's Gold Card Club.

Betsy Dalrymple grew up in suburban Detroit, Mich. She recalls her childhood visits to the library and her pride at receiving her first library card at age seven. "Now I'm grown up!" she thought at the time. Later in sixth grade she spent time poring over encyclopedias fulfilling research

assignments. "Today I would just punch in a topic on the computer and up it would pop," she says comparing yesteryear's research methods to the computer age.



Betsy Dalrymple,  
First Lady of North Dakota

Dalrymple also recalls working as a volunteer in inner city Detroit. She learned volunteerism from her mother and spent time mentoring and tutoring school children. "I played four varsity sports," she said, listing basketball, volleyball, field hockey and tennis. "My husband still teases me about my muscles." Nowadays, she plays golf "now and then" and likes to fish.

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## Leadership Change at Bismarck Public Library

June 1st will mark an historical day at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library as Kristi Harms becomes the new Library Director. She will take the reins from Tom Jones who has led the Library since 1975.

Kristi comes to Bismarck from Madison, Ind., where she has served as director of the Jefferson County Public Library. The Minnesota native was also director of the Switzerland County Public Library in Vevay, Ind., for eight years. Her

husband is a commuter pilot for Delta. They have two children in college.

"I am looking forward to becoming a part of your wonderful library staff, and a resident of the city of Bismarck," she said in her acceptance letter.

An open house is planned in honor of Tom Jones from 3:30 to 6 p.m., May 31, in Room A of the Library.

# My First Library Experience

by Jan Schultz

The wonders found inside a Bookmobile are among Cynthia Norland's first memories of reading. Cynthia didn't have access to a public library as she grew up in Washburn, N.D. Instead, the bookmobile supplied her reading material. Summertime meant going to the swimming pool or getting lost in a good book.

"You could say I was a bookmobiler," she said. "I got pleasure from reading. In the summer I'd get all the books I could and read until they were finished." To supplement the family's reading material, her mother ordered the summer Weekly Reader. "I still remember specific articles from the Weekly Reader, such as about John Glenn," Cynthia says. Glenn was the first American to orbit earth.

During the school year she remembers sitting around the kitchen table after school doing homework with her sister and brother as her mother made supper.

Cynthia's library link continued in college. While attending Minot State, she worked in the college library during the school year and in the summer. While attending law school at the University of North Dakota, Cynthia worked in the UND Law School Library one summer. After college she clerked at the Supreme Court in Bismarck. She's been with MDU since 1984 and is now Vice President of Administration and president of the MDU Resources Foundation.

Cynthia still reads voraciously and enjoys being part of a book club made up of friends in the community. She also shows her love for reading and library services through financially supporting Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. In April, she was elected to the Library Foundation Board of Directors.

"The one service I couldn't do without is the Library," says Cynthia. "Most of the books I read growing up didn't belong to me. They were borrowed from the school or the bookmobile."

## The Book Mark



*Ed Klecker*

Ed Klecker was reelected president of the Library Foundation, Inc. at its April meeting. Other officers who were reelected were Tara Holt, vice president; Bill Pearce, treasurer; and Cliff Keller, secretary.

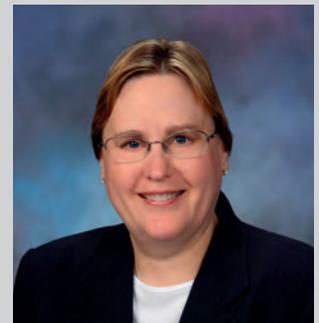
New directors elected to the Library Foundation Board were Cynthia Norland and Mike LaLonde. Norland is

an attorney and Vice President of Administration at MDU Resources Group and President of the MDU Resources Foundation. LaLonde is retired from Basin Electric Power Cooperative Human Resources Department; he also taught at Bismarck State College. Sue Bickel will represent the friends of the Library.

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Directors who were reelected were Bob Bartosh; Janis Cheney; Carolyn

Frank; Mary Golden; Mary Maichel Guler; Thomas Mayer; Carol Russell; Erik Sakariassen; Patty Sandness; Michael Schaff; Jan Schultz; Sue Sorlie; Helen Tracy; and Richard Weber.



*Cynthia Norland*



*Mike LaLonde*

Those retiring from the board were Dr. Judith Maxwell, who served as president in 2008-09, Marty Presler, and Ann Mayher.

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## Great Books, Movies & Music = A Great Time



Ed Klecker and Tara Holt present an award to Tom Jones.



Tracy and Tom Mayer enjoyed  
“Coffee, Chocolate & Cinema.”



Chef Jared Thor Larson and his lovely assistant catered  
Coffee, Chocolate & Cinema.

April 2, the Library Foundation sponsored an after-hours event that paid tribute to the Academy Awards. “Coffee, Chocolate & Cinema” brought about 100 people to the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. The event was held as a thank you to those who have contributed to the Foundation Endowment Fund, Gold Card Club or to the Children’s Library project.

Staff and volunteers spent hours pulling hundreds of Academy Award winning books, movies and music to display in the Library. Other Oscar-themed decorations, including a red carpet, added to the ambience for the evening. The John Krueger Jazz Quartet played familiar Oscar-winning songs. Guests sampled coffee from the Red Roaster coffee shop or wine from Captain Jack’s. Desserts included a chocolate fountain provided by Chef Jared Thor Larson from the University of Mary.

A lighthearted moment in the evening came when Tom Jones was presented an Oscar for “Best Director.” Jones is retiring after a 35-year career as head of the Library.

The event was held in the Children’s Library. That evening, many of the guests got their first look at the bright paint that was added to the walls of the Children’s Library in March as a final touch to the renovated area.

*(additional photos on following page)*



Jim & Eileen Mack Rouse, Hal & Lois Neff and Beckie & Kevin Strege.

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*“As far as I can tell, the library can still take us not only back to the 19th century, but ahead into the 21st and beyond.”*

- Edie Clark in Yankee Magazine



Some members of the Foundation's Development Committee pose for the camera.

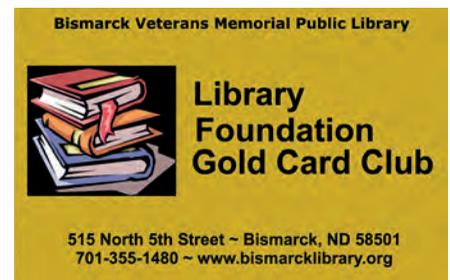


Tom Jones received the 'Best Director' award.

### *Join the Gold Card Club today!*

[www.bismarcklibrary.org](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org) and click on "Support the Library" icon.

Membership in the Gold Card Club provides a unique gold library card and invitations to Library Foundation events. Membership is \$250 per year, with a 3-year membership requirement. When applying for membership, please include your date of birth for verification to produce your card. Only one person's name may be included on the card.



*...continued from page 1 First Lady*

After earning a college degree in developmental psychology, she taught kindergarten and first grade. The mother of four daughters, she credits her education with making her a better mother and teacher.

Dalrymple belongs to a book club comprised of women from her hometown of Casselton. She plans to host them at the Governor's Residence this month when they discuss *Dakota* by Brenda Marshall. The author, who will attend the meeting, is a professor at University of Michigan and a sister of one of the book club members. The First Lady's book club chooses books from different genres such as non-fiction, the classics, mysteries and books by local writers. Betsy's daughters all belong to book clubs, including one who lives in Paris.

What will this literacy-oriented First Lady select as a project? She likes Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which promotes children's literacy around the country. She is also interested in promoting teen volunteerism to help young people learn to give back to their communities. From looking at her background and current interests, her special project may very well center on something found close to home...the library!



# DO I NEED A WILL?

By Mary Maichel Guler

A will is an important estate planning tool. It allows you to define who will receive your property when you die. It also allows you to name a Personal Representative, who will handle your affairs after your death. You can designate a guardian for your minor children in a will. It is a tool to create trusts that can reduce or eliminate taxes, or protect persons to whom your property will be transferred.

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Charitable bequests in your will can be as simple as designating a dollar amount or percentage of your estate. You can also create charitable lead trusts or charitable remainder trusts which provide benefits to your family, as well as your charities. Besides fulfilling your philanthropic intentions, charitable bequests can significantly reduce or eliminate federal estate tax for persons who are subject to such tax.

## HOW DO I PREPARE A WILL?

Your attorney can prepare a properly drafted will, in conformance with North Dakota law. When meeting with your attorney, be prepared to discuss:

- (1) The goals you seek to achieve. For example, to pass certain assets to a particular person, minimize taxes, provide for the special needs of a family member, or leave a legacy for your favorite charities.
- (2) To whom you want to leave your assets to upon your death, and how much to each.
- (3) A list of your assets, their fair market value, and form of ownership. This information will help your attorney create an appropriate estate plan to help you achieve your goals and minimize taxes.
- (4) Who you would like to appoint as your Personal Representative and alternate Personal Representative. If you have minor children, the name of the person you want appointed as their Guardian and alternate Guardian.

While a will can have many benefits, it is essential if you wish to make charitable donation after your death. Consult with your attorney to ensure that you have a valid, enforceable, up-to-date estate plan that accomplishes your goals.



## DEFINITIONS

*Legal language can be baffling. Admitting you don't know what something means can be embarrassing. Here are some legal definitions:*

**Bequeath:** To leave property to another by one's will. To hand down; pass on.

**Bequest:** Anything bequeathed.

**Endow:** To furnish with an income; especially : to make a grant of money providing for the continuing support or maintenance.

**Lead Trust:** Provides income now to a charity, but you or your heirs may receive the trust assets at the end of a term of years. Offers immediate tax benefits.

**Philanthropy:** A desire to help mankind; esp. as shown by gifts to institutions, etc.

**Remainder Trust:** Offer an income stream and some tax benefits to you. The charity receives any remaining trust balance upon your death.

**Will:** The power of making a reasoned choice or of controlling one's own actions; a legal document directing the disposal of one's property.

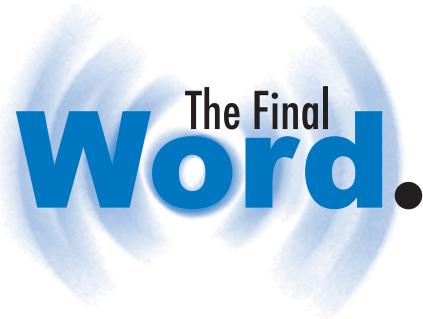
# On Leaving Footprints in the Sands by Gayle Schuck

My mother was active in the American Legion Auxiliary, holding every office in the local chapter. This was surprising, because she generally disdained meetings and social events.



Gayle Schuck

A heart for veterans compelled her to action. Perhaps as Mom led meetings, sewed items for the Old Soldiers Home or roasted turkeys for the annual Memorial Day dinner, she was thinking of her own loved ones: Her four brothers served in World War II; later her three sons and several grandchildren served in the military.



Every year on Memorial Day Weekend, Mom stood me in front of the local grocery store to hand out paper poppies for nickels and dimes. I was painfully shy and didn't like the job very much. Still, it forced me do something for others and her example of service wasn't lost on me.

A sign on the bulletin board over my desk states, "You can't leave footprints in the sand if you sit on your butt." It's a reminder that good thoughts don't make the world a better place. Change for the better always takes action.

On April 2 there were "footprints in the sand" all over the Library Foundation's annual event, "Coffee, Chocolate & Cinema." The Foundation hosted this "fun" evening to say thank you for the private donations made to enhance services at Bismarck Public Library.

The Foundation directors and their spouses also left quite a few footprints that evening, as they contributed ideas, hard work and money toward the event. Others who donated time, talent or treasure for the evening are listed on our donation page. And finally, Tom Jones was recognized for spending 35 years leaving some large and lasting footprints in Library services in Bismarck.

If you love the Library, please think about what action you may take to leave a lasting footprint through an annual, special or legacy gift. And, if you see a kid handing out poppies this Memorial Day Weekend, please buy some.



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## FOUNDATION BEGINS THE BEN FRANKLIN 100 CLUB

What does Ben Franklin have to do with libraries? In America—everything. Franklin founded America’s first lending library in 1731. In 1778, he donated the books for the first public library, located in Franklin, Mass. Both of these libraries are still open today.

Franklin was one of 17 children and attended school for only three years. Yet, his thirst for knowledge led him to have incredible influence in early America. He was an author, printer, diplomat, inventor and even governor of Pennsylvania. He started the first fire department, discovered electricity, and invented many items: lightening rod, bifocals, and the odometer. Perhaps he’s best known as a Founding Father of the United States.

The Library Foundation recently began the “Ben Franklin 100 Club” for people who want to support Bismarck Public Library on an annual basis with \$100 donations.

“You never know when another Ben Franklin might visit the Library on a quest for a better life,” said Gayle Schuck, development director for the Foundation. “We want to ensure that the Library remains a superb center of information. Annual donations really make a difference.”

To become a member, fill out the clip-out form on page 7 and return it to the Foundation with your donation. Every donor will receive a Ben Franklin magnet. “Once you see the picture of Ben on the magnet, you’ll begin to see his face and name everywhere,” said Schuck.



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