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The Library is governed by a city appointed five member Board of Library Directors. Terms are for three years with a six year limit. Major duties include hiring the Library Director, setting policy and submitting a budget to the City Commission for library operations.

The Board of Directors meets the fourth Thursday of every month at noon in the library. The public is invited.

Library Board
Richard Weber, President
Elizabeth Lucas, Vice President
Mary Maichel Guler
David Ripley
Joan Severin

Library Staff
Thomas T. Jones, Library Director
Mary Jane Schmaltz, Asst. Director
Marilyn Barbie, Admin. Assistant
Jennifer Jones, Tech. Processing
Vern Mastel, Technology
Kate Waldera, Reference
Christine Kujawa, Circulation
Traci Juhala, Children’s Services
Donna Maston, Bookmobile
Kathy Vander Vorst, Teen Services
Sarah Matthews, Interlibrary Loan
Lynn Bryntesen, Maintenance

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Burleigh County Bookmobile
2010

- Circulation total for the year = 42,347
- Circulation increase over 2009 = 2.3%
- Individual uses of bookmobile = 7,965
- Usage increase over 2009 = 9.3%
- Total holdings = 28,695
- Total materials added = 5,305
- Total budget spent= $196,089
  * $ Spent on new materials = $66,619

Since 1975 Burleigh County has contracted with the Bismarck Public Library for library service which includes Bookmobile stops throughout the rural county and borrowing privileges at Bismarck Public Library and the Central Dakota Library Network.

* Includes $10,000 set aside for vehicle replacement.

(Bookmobile statistics are a subset of the total library)
Our Library was a busy place in 2010.

- We were open 4,694 hours (including Bookmobile)
- We had 42,015 registered card holders
- 375,852 individuals visits
- 15,012 count for our meeting rooms
- 529,947 items were used:
  - 330,648 adult items/199,299 children’s items
- 14, 592 loaned to other libraries
- 16,279 borrowed from other libraries
- 229,204 computer uses were logged:
  - Internet & E-mail = 136,054
  - Online catalog, electronic resources, ebooks and word processing = 93,150
- We answered 32,909 reference questions
- 14,881 count for story hours (357 events)
- 670 count for teens (73 events)

Collection & Materials

- All collections totaled: 222,451 including:
  - Print Materials: 204,927
  - Magazine Titles: 558
  - Audio/CDs: 8,773
  - Video/DVDs: 7,979
- Audio e-Books: 2,804
- Licensed Databases: 78
- We added 18,797 and withdrew 15,215 items

2010 Budget and Staff

REVENUE: $2,376,773
- City: $1,907,400
- County: $217,551
- State: $67,561
- Federal: $5,000
- Other: $179,261

EXPENDITURES: $2,349,525
- Total Staff: $1,390,257
- Collection: $373,324 including:
  - Print Materials: $296,215
  - Electronic Resources: $47,893
  - Audio, video, DVD: $29,216
- Other Operating: $585,944 *

* Includes $49,925 city funds spent for library carpeting, $86,200 for A/C chiller, and $3,000 for emergency generator feasibility study.

STAFF:
- Salaried librarians/FTEs: 9.4
- Librarians with MLS Degree: 9.4
- Support staff/FTEs: 16.8
- Total FTEs: 26.2
- Volunteers contributed: 2,537 hours
  (FTE = Full Time Equivalent)

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The Library Foundation, Inc.

The Library Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit corporation which qualifies as a charitable organization under the IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). Gifts are used for the benefit of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Edward J. Klecker, President

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library are committed to increasing public awareness and use of the library through cultural, educational, and social activities, and to raising funds to supplement and enhance library programs and services.

Ann Mayher, President

LIBRARY BUILDING

Construction costs: 1988-98 $5.1 million

Building size: 70,000 sq. ft.