Our Vision
To offer information, ideas and personal enrichment to all

Our Mission
To collect, organize and facilitate open access to educational, informational, recreational and cultural resources in a welcoming environment that emphasizes the importance of the freedom to read, learn and discover.

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

Library Staff
Kristi Harms, 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
Keli Trowbridge, Bookmobile
Kathy Vander Vorst, Teen Services
Sarah Matthews, Interlibrary Loan
Lynn Bryntesen, Maintenance

Burleigh County Bookmobile

2011

* Circulation total for the year = 43,227
* Circulation increase over 2010 = 2.1%
* Individual uses of bookmobile = 8,069
* Usage increase over 2010 = 1.3%
* Total holdings = 21,689
* Total materials added = 3,815
* Total budget spent = $186,264 *
* $ Spent on new materials = $68,336

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 2011....

- We were open 4,694 hours (including Bookmobile)
- We had 42,409 registered card holders
- 375,519 individuals visits
- 17,226 count for our meeting rooms
- 445,282 items were used:
  - 272,717 adult items/172,565 children’s items
- 11,802 loaned to other libraries
- 20,406 borrowed from other libraries
- 245,346 computer uses were logged:
  - Internet & E-mail = 152,761
  - Online catalog, electronic resources, ebooks and word processing = 92,585
- We answered 30,762 reference questions
- 18,810 count for story hours (448 events)
- 786 count for teens (57 events)

Collection & Materials

- All collections totaled: 204,118 including:
  - Print Materials: 189,381
  - Magazine Titles: 483
  - Audio/CDs: 8,167
  - Video/DVDs: 6,124
  - E-Books: 4,078
  - Audio e-Books: 1,609
- Licensed Databases: 79
- We added 15,549 and withdrew 18,152 items

2011 Budget and Staff

REVENUE: $2,457,475
- City: $1,975,141
- County: $247,892
- State: $94,442
- Federal: -0-
- Other: $140,000

EXPENDITURES: $2,275,687
- Total Staff: $1,415,629
- Collection: $360,029 including:
  - Print Materials: $260,574
  - Electronic Resources: $63,149
  - Audio, video, DVD: $36,306
- Other Operating: $140,000 *
  * $140,000 of city funds spent for library emergency generator

STAFF:

- Salaried librarians/FTEs: 9.4
- Librarians with MLS Degree: 9.4
- Support staff/FTEs: 16.8
- Total FTEs: 26.2
- Volunteers contributed: 2,138

Library, Construction costs: $5.1 million
- Building size: 70,000 sq. ft.

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.

Sue Bickel, President

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

Library Building

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library 1989-present

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