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

Library Board
David Ripley, President
Michael Fladeland, Vice President
Mary Maichel Guler
Elizabeth Lucas
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
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Burleigh County Bookmobile

2012

* Circulation total for the year = 41,845
* Circulation decrease over 2011 = 3%
* Individual uses of bookmobile = 9,151
* Usage increase over 2011 = 7.5%
* Total holdings = 19,812
* Total materials added = 2,848
* Total budget spent= $193,332
* $ Spent on new materials = $77,710

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 2012….

- We were open 4,725 hours (including Bookmobile)
- We had 43,166 registered card holders
- 368,167 individuals visits
- 17,278 count for our meeting rooms
- 429,335 items were used:
  - 251,966 adult items/177,369 children’s items
- 18,037 loaned to other libraries
- 20,435 borrowed from other libraries
- 237,740 computer uses were logged:
  - Internet & E-mail = 147,381
  - Online catalog, electronic resources, ebooks and word processing = 90,459
- We answered 30,823 reference questions
- 20,606 count for story hours (429 events)
- 679 count for teens (49 events)

Collection & Materials

- All collections totaled: 212,771 including:
  - Print Materials: 186,377
  - Magazine Titles: 405
  - Audio/CDs: 7,797
  - Video/DVDs: 7,898
  - Audio eBooks: 6,720
  - Other (misc.): 3,498
- Licensed Databases: 76
- We added 19,612 and withdrew 16,026 items

2012 Budget and Staff

REVENUE: $2,497,808
- City: $1,958,944
- County: $254,414
- State: $169,561
- Federal: $0
- Other: $114,899

EXPENDITURES: $2,042,802
- Total Staff: $1,354,868
- Collection: $383,670 including:
  - Print Materials: $283,481
  - Electronic Resources: $68,292
  - Audio, video, DVD: $31,897
- Other Operating: $67,544
  - $52,692 for the circulation desk; $5,000 for a water heater; $9,852 for a new fire panel

STAFF:
- Salaried librarians/FTEs: 9.4
- Librarians with MLS Degree: 9.4
- Support staff/FTEs: 16.8
- Total FTEs: 26.2
- Volunteers contributed: 680
  (FTE = Full Time Equivalent)

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.

Michael LaLonde, 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.

Cindy Kirkpatrick, President

Library Building
Construction costs: 1988-98 $5.1 million
Building size: 70,000 sq. ft.