



# Library Connections

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## A Board And A Library

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done in the previous month, then listened to Tom discuss upcoming events at the library. One of the outstanding events planned in November will be the recognition of the dedicated part-time employees of the library. This annual celebration will be held on November 9th at 3:30 PM in the Missouri River Room. International Family Night will also be held at the library on the 9th. On the 2nd of November, the Friends of the Library will be hosting the ND Authors Book Fest with 29 North Dakota authors appearing in person with their books for public purchase (*continue on back page*)



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The luncheon meeting closed with a discussion of the Youth Services Department remodeling project and the plans for that area. Suggestions about the use of space, colors and furniture were heard, and a progress report on the planning grant was given.

The technology of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) was explained, and it was indicated this may be a useful tool to adopt in the future.

Listening to the business of the library as it was attended to by the Board of Directors should assure all the citizens of the city that this is truly a Board that understands its role in the continuing support of this institution.



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# The Anatomy of a Successful Book Sale

by Sharon Ervin Johnson

Boxes of donated books and AV materials are stacked in closets, storerooms, halls and in every nook of the library! So, let the fun begin! What is your favorite genre? We had them all...plus much more.

Volunteer members of the Friends of the Library had been signed up to work the sale and the books were shifted to the sales rooms. Suddenly Meeting Room A (the book sale area) looked like a warehouse in desperate need of organization. Slowly, almost miraculously, it happened.

Out of apparent chaos, order began to appear. A box was opened and it felt like a mini-Christmas. Grab a pile of books, tramp to the correct subject tables, place the items into the boxes on the tables, tramp back to the boxes and open another. Books found their way to the correct tables thanks to the steady flow of volunteer hands and feet.

Finally the books and tables were in order and we were ready for the big Fall Used Book Sale on October 19-21. At 7 am eager readers began their search for

just the right books. They also began submitting their bids for the special silent auction items, rare books and manuscripts. A specially priced section of North Dakota books was also available for purchase. A huge selection of children's books, along

with CD's, DVD's, videos, audio books and sheet music were all housed in adjacent Meeting Room C—a popular addition to this sale.

Books were sold by the pound and each day return customers came back for more. "This is the best thing ever, I am so happy." "I feel guilty as the books are so cheap!"...comments like these made all the hard work worthwhile.

The motto for the last three hours of the sale on Saturday was ALL YOU CAN STUFF INTO A BAG FOR A DOLLAR!. And stuff they did. "This is the best dollar store in

North Dakota!" said one satisfied customer. And many of the customers followed up this thought with a donation beyond the price of their books.

Amazingly, by the end of the sale on Saturday, the rooms were close to



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## New Library Cards !!

After many years of using the "generic" library cards with a barcode, we have redesigned them and are offering new ones to our cardholders.

The new card is actually two! Cardholders will be given a regular credit card sized card and a second one that will fit onto a key ring.

Thanks to Circulation Head, Christine Kujawa, who designed the new cards, we are starting to distribute them immediately. Any current cardholder who would like a new card may purchase a "set" for \$1.00.

