

# Library Connections

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Open Mon.—Thurs. 9 a.m.—9 p.m., Fri.—Sat. 9 a.m.—6 p.m., Sun. 1—6 p.m.



## Library Celebrates its 90th Birthday!

### Mark your Calendar



In 1917, the Bismarck Public Library opened in a Carnegie funded building at the southwest corner of 6th Street and Thayer Avenue. F.W. Keith was the architect. The original collection of 3,700 volumes was assembled through donations of books and magazines solicited by the Bismarck Commercial Club, a forerunner of the Bismarck/Mandan Chamber of Commerce. The library was a great success from the beginning, circulating 13,361 books in 1919 and increasing circulation to 184,400 during the next 20 years.



The Veterans Memorial Public Library was completed in 1963 with \$240,000 from a Veterans Memorial levy (in honor of WWII and Korean War veterans). The new library was on the northwest corner of Avenue A and 6th Street and the architectural firm was Ritter-

bush Brothers. It had approximately 17,000 square feet of floor space located on three levels. Building use expanded rapidly during the latter part of the 1960's and in the decade of the 1970's. collections expanded in excess of 100,000 volumes. In the early 1970's, as property became available on the library block, the Library Board purchased it for future expansion needs. In 1979, the Board initiated a lengthy planning process to identify needs for an expanded facility.

In 1987, Bismarck city sales tax was used as collateral for bonds which were sold to fund a 70,000 square foot facility (which included the 1963 building). The bonding for the new Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library was \$3.9 million. The building was built in three phases...Phase I was completed in March 1989, and is the main library. Phase II was completed in the spring of 1990, and is the meeting room level. Both phases were designed by architect Arnold L. Hanson. Phase III constitutes the lower level book stack level and was completed in December 1997, and was designed by architect Warren Tvenge.

In the summer of 2007, with private funding raised by the Library Foundation and with a city loan, the coffee shop opened it's doors to the public. The architect was Richard Bohrer.

**Halloween Party**  
**Sat., Oct. 27—2pm**

**Teen VIP's meet**  
**Mon., Nov. 12—4pm**

**Library CLOSED**  
**Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving**

**Friends of the Library**  
**meet every 2nd Tues.-**  
**7pm in Library**

*Fall/Winter Classes*

*Register in advance at the Reference Desk*

**Beginning Internet I**  
**Fri., Nov. 2—10 am**  
**Thurs., Dec. 6—11am**  
**Tues., Jan. 15—4pm**

**Beginning Internet II**  
**Fri., Nov. 2—1pm**  
**Fri, Dec. 7—11am**  
**Tues., Jan. 22—4pm**

**Beginning Hotmail**  
**Thurs., Nov. 8—11am**

**Business Letters in**  
**Microsoft Word**  
**Tues., Oct. 9—4pm**  
**Fri., Nov. 16—10am**

**Holiday Letters in**  
**Microsoft Word**  
**Tues., Oct. 30—4pm**

**Please check the Youth Services Program and Calendar for a listing of all programs for Children.**

## Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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At Bismarck Public Library, we offer information, ideas and personal enrichment to all. Our Mission is to collect, organize and provide open access to educational, informational, recreational and cultural resources.

### Year-Round Hours:

9 am—9 pm, Mon.-Thur.  
9 am—6 pm, Fri.—Sat.  
1-6 pm, Sun.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

### Telephone Numbers:

Main Desk 355-1480  
Administration 355-1484  
Bookmobile 355-1491  
Interlibrary Loan 355-1485  
Foundation 355-1494  
Meeting Room Reservations  
355-1484  
Youth Services 355-1489

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- \* local history information
- \* and much more....

## How do you get a Library card?

Bismarck Public Library cards are available at no charge to Bismarck/Burleigh county residents. Non-residents pay an annual fee of \$20.00.

- \*A replacement library card costs \$1.00
- \*All fees and fines must be paid before getting a replacement or renewed card
- \*Youth will be issued cards upon reaching 1st grade
- \*Library cards issued to youth under age 18 are issued with the understanding that a parent or guardian is responsible. Youth under age 13 must have a parent or guardian present at the time of application for a card.
- \*Acceptance of a library card signifies agreement to obey all rules and regulations of the library.

For your convenience, you may print out a library card application from our website, fill it out and bring it to the library with current identification.

*NOTE: A Bismarck Library card is needed to access all subscription databases and services offered via the Bismarck Library web sites to users outside the library building.*



“Children are one third of our population  
and all of our future”

~ unknown

## Summer Ice Cream Social



Two of the young ones who enjoyed our Ice Cream Social. Photo: Darrel Spencer

To celebrate the end of the summer reading program for both the children and the teens, the Friends of the Library sponsor an ice cream social on the front plaza of the library each August. This summer's gala served over 350 ice cream cups with choices of toppings. Balloon folding and face painting were definite highlights. Music provided by the Ridenhour father and son team was new to us this year and totally a hit! We think we've convinced them to come back next summer, too.

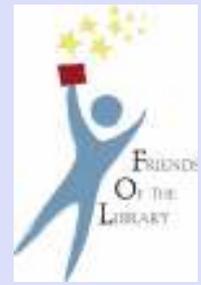
## Book Review: *MALICE* by R.K. Tananbaum

Ed Klecker

*Malice* is Taananbaum's most recent fiction novel in his series featuring New York District Attorney Butch Karp and his dysfunctional family. It begins where his last novel left off. Butch had been elected to a new four year term as the DA of New York. He'd survived three bullets fired into him by his prime opponent and indicted the number one candidate for mayor. While convalescing from his wounds, Butch accepts a plea from the son of an old friend to represent him in a federal civil suit against Idaho University in a wrongful discharge action involving inappropriate recruiting of athletes and sexual misconduct. Butch has some misgivings as he is still investigating the shadowy individuals who were behind the former mayoral candidate and his criminal activities. Into the mix we pick up again on Butch's daughter, Lucy, a gifted language savant, who is on a spiritual journey with a Pueblo Indian healer and Chief of Police in Taos, New Mexico. Lucy experiences visions after taking peyote, a natural hallucinogenic. Some of her visions include symbolism and suggestions of danger to her family. As is typical of the Butch Karp series, the author draws us to a nexus between the civil trial in Idaho, kidnapping, rape and murder by white supremacists, and Butch's investigation into a sinister cabal in New York, known only as the Sons of Man. Butch and members of his family do survive attempts on their lives, including an assassination attempt of a U.S. Senator during the famous St. Patrick's Day parade. Lucy's visions come to pass in a number of strange and unusual ways.

The reader is again introduced to the standard mix of characters from previous novels, including Marlene, Butch's private eye wife, who periodically embarrasses him by shooting people, twin sons, Zik and Zak, and daughter Lucy, who has conversations with a martyred saint during times of danger. Unlike earlier novels, the Karp family is becoming less dysfunctional. As they all face various attacks from their adversaries, they find themselves pulling together and becoming as one cohesive family, and more tolerant of their differences.

*Malice* has a good deal going for it. There's multiple mysteries, danger, adventure, riveting courtroom drama, fascinating characters and breathtaking action. The reader will stay glued to the last page and find a segue to a future Karp story.



The Friends help the library achieve its goals and provide an extra level of services not possible through the normal operating budget. They also advocate for the library in the community. Members receive a free subscription to this newsletter, are invited to help out at our semi-annual used book sales and other volunteer activities, and have the privilege of attending the pre-sales.

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You're invited to the Friends monthly business meetings in the library at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

### Mark your calendars....more information to follow in next newsletter....

1. "Basics of Selling on eBay": free workshop Thursday, January 31st
2. "Ancestry Library Edition": free workshop on our genealogy searching database—Wednesday, January 23rd and again Tuesday, April 22nd.

## Love the Library? Join the Friends!

The Friends of the Bismarck Public Library help the library provide an extra level of services not possible through the library's normal operating budget. Become a member of the Friends of BPL by completing this form and returning it with your dues to: Friends of BPL  
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## Help Support the Friends of BPL —

### New Logo for the Friends of the Library



It was time for us to get our own identity that reflected who we are and what we do for the library. Because it would have been quite costly to hire an agency to design a logo for us, we contacted the commercial art instructors at BSC's vocational technical building and asked them if they'd invite their high school students to submit logo designs for the Friends. We offered a \$50 incentive to the student whose design we chose. Vo-Tech teacher, Kim Esslinger, assigned this challenge to her students. We received approximately 25 different logo designs and, after much discussion and thought, chose the one shown above that was designed by student Abby BlackCloud.

We liked the bright colors, we liked that the person was holding a book and we especially liked the stars indicating that for all the Friends do for the library, they ARE stars! All in all, we were delighted with our new logo and hope you'll enjoy seeing it.