

Bismarck Veterans Memorial
Public Library 1989-present

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.

Children's Library Renovation

*Mark your
Calendar*



*Conceptual rendering of the entry into the Children's Library.
Naming opportunities are available to major contributors.*

After almost 20 years of looking like a downsized adult library, the Library Foundation has taken on the project of an extreme makeover and is spearheading the Children's Library Renovation Campaign. They plan to raise \$600,000 in private funds that are needed to:

- * Offer a new look to attract an expanding patron base
- * Redesign space to improve traffic flow and visibility
- * Improve, enlarge, and increase shelving
- * Expand newer collections such as computer software, music, and DVDs
- * Replace and update book collections
- * Update technology in the Story Room
- * Provide a new and improved computer area
- * Update restrooms to create a space that is family and handicapped friendly

Anyone interested in being involved in or wishing to contribute to the campaign should inform any library staff member. It is hoped that the renovations will be completed in late 2009.

**Lobby Display Cases -
Flickertail
Woodcarver's Club
Feb., Mar., & Apr.**

**Friends Annual Mtg.
Tues., Jan. 8—7pm**

**Ancestry (Library
Edition) Workshop
Wed., Jan. 23—3pm**

**Basics of Selling
on eBay
Thurs., Jan.31—5-8pm**

**Friends Booksale
Thurs., Fri., Sat.
March 6, 7, & 8**

**Classes Offered by
the Library**

Register in advance !
**Beginning Internet I
Tues., Jan. 15— 4pm**
**Beginning Internet II
Tues., Jan. 22—4pm**
**Business Letters in
Microsoft Word
Tues., Jan. 29—3pm**
**(More to be scheduled
later...check with librarian)**

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

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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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Did You Know ?

The Library subscribes to many databases that are helpful to those who are searching for specific subjects, helps and guides. With each of our publications, we'll highlight one of them in hopes of getting you more familiar with what you can access online. If you are not familiar with using computers, our Reference Librarians can guide you. All of these databases are available to you in the Library and most are accessible from remote sites via the web.

Antiques Reference Database

This database is for anyone who wants to know the value of an antique. The information for this database is drawn from about 50 leading regional auction houses located throughout the US, plus other selected specialist auctions. This information is used to establish **current** market values.

The information in the Antiques Reference database is routinely used to estimate the value of similar items for sale, for purchase or for insurance purposes, to substantiate a formal appraisal, to assist a family division of property or to learn what was paid for a specific item listed in the database.

Every record in this database is completely searchable with only a few key strokes.

This database is used by almost every professional personal property appraiser in the U.S. It is a favored resource at many auction houses, including leaders like Christie's in New York. Many museums and public libraries subscribe to it, as do official agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service.

1. Every record in this database has at least one picture. You can really tell if this is similar to the item you are researching
2. Every record in the database is compiled by a human editor with description, condition, dimensions, pre-sale estimates, price realized, date of sale, etc.
3. Approximately 20% of the records have an individually researched reference note providing further information about the item
4. About 50% of the records in the database have an individually written "auction note" providing specific information about the auction environment in which that particular item was sold.
5. About 87% of all information in the Antiques Reference database is totally unique. A large portion of it has NEVER appeared anywhere else on the web. Much of the remaining information is not web searchable using standard web search engines.

*Books to the ceiling, books to the sky
My piles of books are a mile high.*

How I love them!

How I need them!

I'll have a long beard by the time I read them.



In An Instant by Lee and Bob Woodruff

A book review by Ed Klecker

This book has all the elements of a best seller. There's action, drama, tragedy, love, sorrow, family and redemption. And, it's all true! It's a story of a family's journey of love and healing. The primary author is Lee Woodruff, with sections interspersed by her husband, Bob. Without any political sub text whatsoever, it's a story of the war in Iraq and the devastating effect it has had on the thousands of families who have experienced the loss or injury of a loved one in that conflict.

Bob Woodruff had just been named the co-anchor of ABC news show *World News Tonight* when he left on assignment to be "embedded" with a Marine unit fighting in Iraq. Woodruff had traveled the world on assignments for ABC with several trips to Iraq from the beginning of the conflict. While riding in a convoy in the lead vehicle, a roadside IED (improvised explosive device) exploded resulting in massive head injuries for Bob and his cameraman, Doug Vogt. Typical of IED's, the insurgents had wrapped the explosives with rocks and gravel, much of which was driven into Bob's face and head, including his skull, ear, back and eye sockets. If the Iraq war can boast of anything good, it is that our medical care and evacuation procedures have improved a thousand fold over the Vietnam era. Within hours, Bob and Doug were evacuated to a base hospital, stabilized, then further evacuated to a military hospital in Germany. There surgeons saved their lives. Bob was subsequently evacuated to the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland where, after more surgeries, he lay in a coma for over five weeks.

We experience what happened to Bob through the eyes of his wife, Lee. She takes us to the core of her emotions and through the long, painful journey of Bob's devastating brain injury. We read about the impact this has on their family, on the slow and sometimes disappointing recovery and the miracle which ensued. It would take someone with a very hard heart to read *In An Instant* and not tear up from page to page. This will be a book that people will read and buy for their family and friends. It's a tale that begs to be shared.

Rummage Sale Leftovers ?...The Friends need your help

Bring your leftover books, CDs, videos, DVDs and cassettes to the library anytime during open hours. Items not added to the library shelves will go into the next Friends' used book sale.

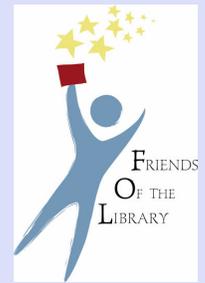
Love the Library? Join the Friends!

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
515 N. Fifth St.
Bismarck, ND 58501

Name _____		
Address _____		
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Annual Membership Categories:

_____ Individual member	\$5.00
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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

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Message from Darrel Spencer—Friends of the Library President



As my (three year) tenure as President is drawing to a close, I can look back and see that the leadership process has been very rewarding and has helped me become a better person. I thank each and every one of the volunteers with whom I've worked. Without your enthusiasm and dedication we would not have been as successful as we are today. The Board of Directors are ALL true FRIENDS of the library with their wisdom, wit and experience. Thank you, too, to our staff liaison, Assistant Director, Mary Jane Schmaltz and to Tom Jones, Library Director, for all their assistance and advice. Most of all, thank you to my wife, Audrey, who was always there for me and is as dedicated to the Friends as I am.

Remember to mark you calendars as the Friends of the Library's Spring Used Book Sale is scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 6, 7 & 8. We are always accepting donations of used books, CDs, DVDs videos, magazines, records, games, sheet music and software at the Library anytime during open hours. If you need assistance getting your boxes of donations to the library, you can call 355-1483 and someone will contact you and arrange to deliver them for you.