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*Welcome, Traci & Kimberly,
to the Children's Library*

*Mark your
Calendar*

Our newly hired Head of Children's Services is Traci Juhala, a Bismarck native. She received her Bachelors in Music and Norwegian from UND; her Masters by Research in Scandinavian Studies from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland; and her Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois. She has worked in several library environments, but she much prefers public libraries, and in particular, children's services. She is looking forward to all of the fun and wonderful perks of being a children's librarian, including seeing all the new children's fiction, helping young people with science project ideas, playing with puppets, and, especially, hearing laughter and happy voices every day. Traci will be deeply involved in the Children's Renovation Project. In her spare time, Traci enjoys being involved with the musical community by playing cello with the Missouri Valley Chamber Orchestra and the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony. She takes an active role in music ministry at her church. She loves to cook cuisines of the world, and her family loves being guinea pigs for this hobby. She also enjoys walks with her two Standard Poodles.



Traci Juhala, Head of Children's Services, and Kimberly Peterson, Children's Program Director
Photograph by Vern Mastel

Kimberly Peterson fills the newly created position of Children's Program Director. She will be responsible for all the many story hour programs and special programming in the Children's Department. Kimberly comes from Minot where she completed her degree in Elementary Education. She's lived in Bismarck for two years and is pursuing a Masters in Early Childhood Education from UND. She's had the opportunity to work with children in a variety of settings including the Early Head Start, Head Start, the YMCA, and, most recently, as a kindergarten teacher. Her hobbies include collecting children's books, reading, playing word games, watching documentaries, and spending time with her family. She is married to Matt and they have a daughter, Taylor. She is looking forward to having the opportunity to share stories and songs with children, introduce them to new authors and books, and to get children of all ages excited about reading. Kimberly says that her goal is to encourage and motivate all children who visit the library to become life-long readers.

Lobby Displays

July

**Resurrection Collection
from Magic Photo
Aug., Sept., Oct.:
Dolls of the East:
Japan and China**

Workshops

**Ancestry Workshops
Tues. July 8, 2-3:30
Thurs. July 31, 6:30-8
Thurs. Aug 21, 6:30-8
Tues. Sept. 30, 2-3:30**

Classes Offered by the Library

**Classes on Internet I,
Internet II, E-mail basics
and Word Processing
will resume in the
fall. We welcome
suggestions.....**

Children's Programs

**Toddler Tales -Tuesdays
at 10 & 11 am
Preschool Story Time
Thursdays at 10:30 & 1:00**

**Please check the Youth
Services Program and
Calendar (online and
hardcopy) for a complete
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.

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Library Online Tutorials by Christine Kujawa

At the beginning of 2008, the Library purchased the software *Camtasia*, a screencasting software, to be used for creating online tutorials. I learned how to use the software and have been creating various online tutorials for the public: "My Account" feature of the library catalog, "Searching" on the Library catalog and "Requesting Items" on the Library catalog. There is a tutorial web page linking to these tutorials. The page has been added to the library's web site and can be found within the menu under the "Library Catalog" and "Electronic Resources" tabs. The page also links to vendor-provided tutorials on various electronic databases to which the library subscribes.

I'm also working on online tutorials to be used for new hires in the Circulation Department to streamline the training process. Most of the new hires belong to the Millennial Generation, whose traits include embracing technology, multi-tasking, having interactive relationships and a structured work environment. In creating the online tutorials, I've tried to incorporate a sense of all these traits. As a result, hopefully the new hires will retain the training information better, have a better sense of their place in the organization, will know exactly what is expected of them and will gain a sense of teamwork and personal responsibility.

This is what you'll see on our webpage.....

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Contact Head of Circulation Christine Kujawa 701-355-1496 Email c.kujawa@mail.infolytx.org

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Online Tutorials

Welcome to Bismarck Veteran's Memorial Public Library's Tutorial Page. These tutorials are designed to instruct you in using the library's online catalog and Electronic Resources.

If you are having trouble viewing and listening to the tutorials, you may have to adjust your computer's display and volume settings.

Tutorials for the online library catalog require Windows Media Player software. Tutorials for the Electronic Resources tutorials require Adobe Flash Player software. If you do not have this software on your computer, you will not be able to view the tutorials.

BPL's Online Library Catalog Tutorials: (requires Windows Media Player)

[Using the My Account Feature](#)
[Placing Requests](#)
[Searching for Items](#)

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. We accept items in good, clean condition. Please— no textbooks over 5 years old or encyclopedias over 10 years old.

What did you say?

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

Help Support the Friends of BPL —

A Message from Ann Mayher, President of the Friends of the Library

Now that summer has finally and officially arrived, I hope you are all taking advantage of it and doing some fun things, taking an opportunity here and there to 'get away from it all'. Speaking of getting away, the FOL Board is taking a two-month hiatus from their business meetings. An enthusiastic group of members is getting ready for another membership drive; we are making plans for the ice Cream Social in August; and plans are being finalized for another book talk and author signing in August by a Massachusetts author, Daniel Trask. Some of the committees are still meeting and working to bring about these events.

I am so pleased to report that the FOL's total contribution to the Children's Library Renovation is now at \$35,000. This amount provides us with two naming opportunities, which means the Friends of the Library will have a sponsorship plaque put on the new aquarium and on the new children's reference desk. Our dedication to this renovation project continues.

We have found a small space in the library to set up a permanent FOL display, complete with our membership forms, posters and pictures advertising the Friends. This will give us a constant presence in the public eye. What we need is to find a nice piece of furniture that will suit our purpose and blend in with the rest of the library furnishings. Many thanks to the Library for allowing us to have this new space.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Dates to Remember: Author Daniel Trask talk and book signing, August 5, 7:00 PM, Meeting Room B; Ice Cream Social, August 7, 6:30 PM, Library Plaza; and Used Book Sale October 2, 3, and 4, Library Meeting Rooms

Friends' Appreciation Picnic by Darrel Spencer

"Great food!—lots of fun!—wonderful prizes!" were words heard from those volunteers who attended our annual appreciation picnic at the Library this last April. This year's event was attended by record numbers of Friends volunteers. The picnic is always a great time to meet new Friends, enjoy a tasty catered evening meal and realize that your dedication in working our semi-annual Used Book Sales is really appreciated.

Not only do our Friends volunteer for our book sales, but also help out in the Library. Many volunteer in the Technical Services department and assist in the preparation of AV materials, book withdrawals, cleaning books, putting plastic covers on new book dust covers and doing book repair. Another area of the Library using volunteers is the Children's Department. The Circulation Department always needs shelvers and shelf cleaners. If you are interested in volunteering at the Library, please call 355-1488.

The Friends are always looking for new members. Memberships cost as little as \$5.00 for an individual membership or \$10.00 for a family or \$100.00 for a life membership.



I'm just a kid again, doing what I did again...



by Ann Mayher

That's right—I did something in April that I haven't done in over 50 years. I revisited my childhood by going to story time at the Library. It was memorable because on that day, Marvia Boettcher (aka Mother Goose) would make her last appearance. After 24 years serving as Head of the Youth Services Department and entertaining eager youngsters, Mother Goose was going to hang up her apron. I didn't want to miss this.

Just let me say, it was a far cry from those story times back in the day when a handful of us would meet in the basement of the old Carnegie library, sit on the floor and have one book read to us. End of story. End of story time.

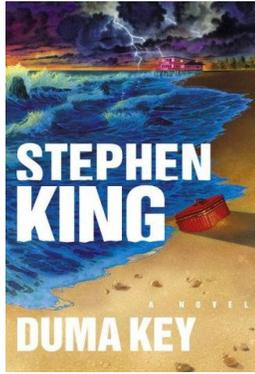
This time around, over 50 itty-bittys (4 and 5 year olds from BECEP), with their teachers, sat on carpet squares on raised platforms and eagerly awaited the appearance of Mother Goose. For a half hour, I let myself feel what it was like to be young again, ready to be enthralled by a lady in a long dress and apron, surrounded by stuffed animals that talked and sang (thanks to Patty Morris tucked behind the puppet stage. It was a joy to see the children attentively listening to a story or anticipating the emergence of a well-known puppet character and calling out its name. They joined in enthusiastically (and very loudly!) in all the singing and reciting. Mother Goose took them through songs, stories, and poems that taught them math, rhythm, music, English, foreign language, motor skills, - and they didn't even know they were learning! They were just having fun! And so was I.

Marvia has been a faithful supporter of the Friends of the Library for many years. When she didn't have time to work an event such as the book sale, she always made sure to bring us treats to ease the work of sorting. The Friends look forward to seeing more of Marvia now. As for Mother Goose, all we can say is....God speed.

Book Review by Ed Klecker

Duma Key: As an amateur book reviewer, I've enjoyed the privilege of selecting the books I've wanted to read, and write about those stories I thought others would enjoy reading. I've never selected a Stephen King novel for review. I selected *Duma Key* for a number of reasons. First of all, this is King's first real major work since he was badly injured in a car/pedestrian accident. Secondly, the locale is finally changed from gloomy Maine to sunny Florida, and thirdly, the scary/creepiness doesn't kick in until about two-thirds of the way through the novel instead of the first paragraph. By then it's too late and the reader is hooked through the finish.

The main character is Edgar Freemantle, a successful Minneapolis/St. Paul self-made millionaire developer with a loving wife and two beautiful daughters. Life is ideal until the day a crane backs over Freemantle's pickup at a construction site. Unfortunately, Edgar was in the pickup at the time, losing his right arm, crushing his hip, breaking his right leg and most of his ribs, along with the most devastating injury of all, fracturing his skull in five places. Author King's account of Edgar's recovery is quite graphic, most smashed into him while walking down a country road. Edgar's personality changes for the worse, and his wife, who eventually divorces him. Edgar moves as far away from the Twin Cities as he can and takes up a new endeavor. He rents a place he calls "Big Pink" and proceeds to first draw the scenery and Gulf sunsets. He walks he makes a friend with a man called Wireman, a caretaker for a very old woman with Alzheimer's Disease, Elizabeth Freemantle. It includes Big Pink and a jungle-like interior which no one cares to explore. Wireman convinces Edgar to have an art expert look at his paintings and asks to exhibit them at an opening at his art gallery. About this time Edgar begins to experience strange happenings. At times he would paint for hours in a semi-trance and later discover some of the scenes he painted to be predictive of future events. He also learns that he can make things happen by painting the future outcome.



likely reflects King's own recovery after a car accident. As can happen with severe brain injury, mostly in rage at the world, his circumstance. His psychiatrist suggests a "geographic cure," that Edgar move as far away from the Twin Cities as he can and take up a new endeavor. He rents a place he calls "Big Pink" and proceeds to first draw the scenery and Gulf sunsets with color pencils and late oil. On his beach walks he makes a friend with a man called Wireman, a caretaker for a very old woman with Alzheimer's Disease, Elizabeth Freemantle. It turns out that Elizabeth owns most of Duma which no one cares to explore. Wireman convinces Edgar to have an art expert look at his paintings and asks to exhibit them at an opening at his art gallery. About this time Edgar begins to experience strange happenings. At times he would paint for hours in a semi-trance and later discover some of the scenes he painted to be predictive of future events. He also learns that he can make things happen by painting the future outcome.

Edgar eventually learns that his friend, Wireman, is also brain damaged with a .22 bullet still lodged in his brain following a failed suicide attempt, and that Elizabeth Freemantle had also been brain damaged in a fall as a child. In her case, while she was very young she had been touted as a child prodigy painter. Edgar befriends Elizabeth, hoping to find answers to account for his emerging painting skills. Elizabeth gives him strange and cryptic warnings of an entity called *Perse*. In his research of Elizabeth, Edgar discovers tragic events, including the drowning deaths of her younger twin sisters and the disappearance of an older sister and nanny, all seemingly tied to her paintings. Unfortunately, Elizabeth's Alzheimer's brings him to a dead end in his investigation. Prior to the art exhibit, a ghost ship named *Perse* appears in Edgar's paintings, along with depictions of young girls who may or may not be Edgar's daughters, or possibly Elizabeth's lost younger twin sisters.

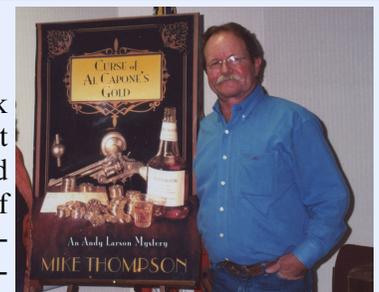
The art exhibit is a huge success and leads to a partial reconciliation of Edgar with his wife and daughters. However, following the exhibit, those who bought some of his paintings begin to die, leading to a truly Stephen King conclusion with a creepy visit to the interior jungle of Duma Key with Edgar and his friends doing battle with the evil entity *Perse*. The author leaves us with a final clue as to the origin of *Perse*. It appears that *Perse* is short for *Persephony*.

A quick Google search of *Persephony* leads one to the conclusion that serious students of Greek mythology differ on the conclusion the *Persephony* is either the "Goddess of Spring Time" or the "Queen of Hades." You can guess which one Stephen King selected. At 611 pages, not a quick read, but a compelling one.

Ed Klecker is retired after 23 years service as Clerk of the U.S. District Court for North Dakota. He is past president of the Friends of the library and of the Library Board of Trustees and currently sits on the Library Foundation Board. He is an avid reader and also reviews books on KFVR TV and for the GREETER Magazine.

Book Talk by Bismarck Native Mike Thompson by Darrel Spencer

What does whiskey running, sixty thousand dollars in stolen gold and early Bismarck during the Prohibition all have in common? The answer is Mike Thompson's newest book, *The Curse of Al Capone's Gold*. On May 13th the Friends of the Library hosted a book talk and signing with Mike Thompson as our guest author. His description of his book, an Andy Larson Mystery, was extremely effective. This event was especially enjoyable because Mike, a Bismarck native, has that special hometown connection with many of us. We look for more books in this series....

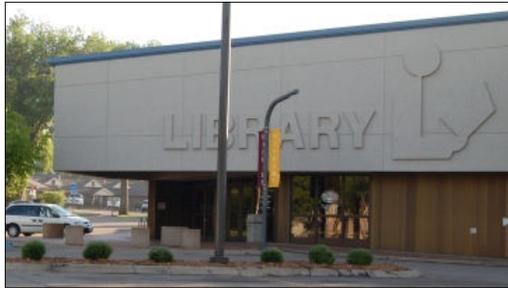


Author Mike Thompson
Photo by: Darrel Spencer

No, You're Not Not seeing things....



Before



After

Photographs by Vern Mastel

They were there in the morning, gone by noon! Our beautiful evergreens that had been growing for almost 20 years were replaced with low growing, hardy shrubs the beginning of June. Unfortunately, the beauty of these four tall evergreen trees did not keep them from being a traffic hazard or a security risk. Visibility was blocked for drivers and pedestrians when approaching the trees, creating dangerous situations and many near mishaps. Security of the parking lot had become an issue as the trees became taller. As you can see in the "After" picture, the openness of the area has much better visibility and security is no longer an issue. One of the discovered benefits of this openness is that the Library sign and logo can now be seen from the south...nice!



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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 .

Teen Summer Reading Program

"Metamorphosis @ Your Library"

Young people ages 11-18 can join the fun of our 2008 Teen Summer Reading Program. Read 1500 pages and get a \$10 gift certificate. Read more and be eligible for \$50 gift certificates. Other programs, for all area teens, are "Bugged Out Movie Night" that kicked off the summer; "Bugopoly®" - play this board game which is a twist on Monopoly®; and "One Book One Summer" - returns for the fourth year. Read UGLIES by Scott Westerfeld and/or INKHEART by Cornelia Funke. Enter a registration for each that you read to be eligible for other gift certificates. "Scavenger Hunt"- race to find the clues at the 5th annual Teen scavenger hunt on July 17th. "Shade Tree Players' Teen Performance" - *Midsummer Night's Dream or the Night They Missed the Forest for the Trees*, Thursday, August 7, 6:30—8:30 in the Library's Meeting Room A—enjoy the free performance and stay for the end of the summer grand prize drawings. For more information on all these "happenings" at the Library, see our website at: www.bismarcklibrary.org .

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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How to raise children who love books and reading...

You don't have to wait for your babies to get to a certain age to begin reading to them. Start now!

When you begin reading aloud to a baby, you will only be able to keep your baby's attention for a few minutes. That's to be expected. As children mature, so do their attention spans. Continue reading aloud to your child until he/she is at least 10 years old. Children continue to benefit from listening to others read long after they themselves have learned to read. Don't be surprised if your child wants to hear a favorite book again and again. That's fine. As they get to really know the story well, have them fill in words for you.

1. Read aloud to your children every day.

Start reading aloud to your children on a daily basis when they are babies and keep reading to them up through elementary school and later.

2. Get a library card. It's easy.

In our library all you need to get a library card is to verify your address. If you live in Burleigh or Morton counties, your card is free.

3. Take your children to the library once a week.

4. Discuss books with your children.

Talk about the books they are reading in school, too. Compare and contrast movie and book versions of the same story.

5. Take your children to story times, author visits, and other public programs.

Our library offers lots of opportunities to attend story hours, craft activities or other programs. (Visit www.bismarcklibrary.org for a calendar of events.)

6. Buy books that you know will interest your child.

They make great gifts but be sure to know your child's interests and which books they'll want to read.

7. Create a comfortable reading space for your child.

Do this so your child can read without being distracted. Good lighting and good seating are important.

8. Visit the web sites of favorite authors and illustrators.

9. Cook together, once a week, using a children's cook book.

Reading and following directions can be good practice for children. Cooking is a skill they will use throughout their lives.

10. Buy your children a good dictionary and use it regularly.

Once a word is looked up, discuss it. It's a great way to build vocabularies and pique interest in words.