

Library Connections

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Wow! Awesome! Cool!

...were just some of the initial reactions of those who first experienced the new Children's Library. The Library had a 'soft opening' of the department on Saturday, December 19th. Some areas were not quite finished, but were still usable. Come and see for yourself...

Children's Library Grand Opening

EVERYONE INVITED!

Saturday, January 23rd

1:00 pm Ribbon Cutting * 1:30 pm Guest Reader
2:00 pm Music, Clowns, Face Painting * 3:00 pm Drawings for Free Books



The entry into our newly remodeled Children's Department



The view immediately after entering the Children's Department



Children's Story Room mural being enjoyed by some Story Time attendees



The 270 gallon salt water aquarium is a big hit with young and old alike

Mark your
Calendar

Lobby Displays

November—January
Prairie Textile Arts Guild
February—March
Flickertail Woodcarvers

The following classes are offered by request—inquire at the Reference Desk:

- * Beginning Email
- * Beyond the New Bookshelf
- * Homework Help for Parents
- * Letters in Word®
- * Resume Writing

Register at the Reference Desk for:

"Ancestry Genealogy Library Edition"

Tuesday, January 12

6:30-8 pm

Monday, March 8

2:30-4 pm

"eBay...enhancing your listings with HTML"

Thursday, January 21

6:30-8 pm

Meeting Room A

Tutor.com free webinars

To assist you with job searching and resume help.

Tuesday, Jan. 26 1:00 pm

Wednesday, April 14 3:00 pm

Library ECR Room

Beginning Internet I

Tuesday, February 9 5:00 pm

Thursday, April 9 10:00 pm

Beginning Internet II

Tuesday, February 9 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 9 1:00 pm

See center page for information on the Hitchcock Film Events...

Children's Programs

Check the Children's program brochure and our online calendar for a listing of their schedule of programs.

Did you know...from Bismarck Public Library history...

The children's room, circa 1940, featured a life-sized clown at the doorway, a merry-go-round on a reading table, and a small aquarium.

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, Sunday

Telephone Numbers:

Main Desk 355-1480
Administration 355-1484
Bookmobile 355-1491
Children's Dept. 355-1489
Interlibrary Loan 355-1485
Fax Machine 221-3729
Foundation 355-1494
Friends 355-1483
Meeting Room Reservations 355-1484

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- * links to book sites
- * free access to subscription websites and databases
- * local history information
- * and much more....



The new Children's Reference Desk is more centrally located



Children love the mushrooms and the seating around the trees



Looking toward the entrance



Higher "J/Tween" shelving in the foreground

Photos by Vern Mastel



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Movie Licensing USA

Hitchcock Film Event

Rear Window · Tuesday, January 26 · 6pm · Rated PG
The Birds · Saturday, January 30 · 2pm · Rated PG-13

Bismarck Public Library · Meeting Room A

Following Rear Window, Intro to Film instructor, Shadd Piehl from Rasmussen College, will lead a discussion

Free and Open to the Public

What did you say?

There are two ways of exerting one's strength: one is pushing down, the other is pulling up.

~Booker T. Washington

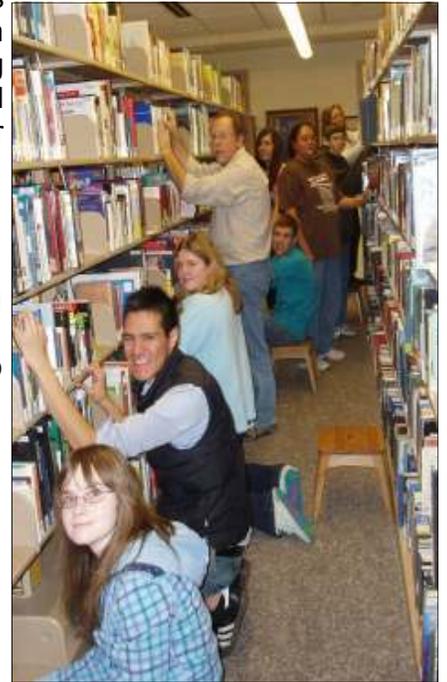
They read SHELVES at the library?

by Christine Kujawa

Many times staff and our patrons go to the shelves looking for an item that is checked in and should be on the shelf. Unfortunately sometimes, even though the item is in the Library, we can't find it. It gets put in the wrong place either by staff or patrons. So, many times we do not find misplaced items until we actually "run" into them or find time to "shelf-read" and discover the "lost" item.

Recently the Circulation Department had a Shelf-Reading Party. Six Circulation staff, five Teen VIPS and one Circulation volunteer worked four hours straight on just shelf-reading! (In library lingo, *shelf-reading* refers to checking the call numbers on books and making sure they are in the correct order on the shelves..) They finished in four hours what would normally take months to complete, so it was definitely a worthwhile project! (*Circulation staff are assigned shelves to read when they are finished with their shelving and have time, so takes months to complete that many shelves.*)

The Readers started in Row 1 in the 000's and ended in Row 22 in the 750's! This equals 308 columns housing about 42,300 books that were on the shelves. WOW! Many books were out of order; some were REALLY out of order. For instance, a staff member found a cookbook (600's) in the 000's, another found a Large Print romance book in the 700's. The most interesting find was a pair of sunglasses hidden in the 600's!



After shelf-reading for four hours, the group convened to the staff lounge where they had pizza and pop, courtesy of the BPL Friends of the Library. This was a well-deserved treat after four hours of strenuous brain and eye activity!

eBay—Enhancing your listings with HTML

Learn how to upload pictures and insert them into your eBay auction listings. Discover how to enhance your eBay listing using basic HTML coding.

Thursday, January 21

6:30-8:00 pm

Library's Meeting Room A

This workshop, presented by Ila Marvel and sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required by January 20th at the Library's Reference desk or by calling 355-1480.



Nick Hummel Circulation Asst.



Nick began working at the Library about a year and half ago as a library page, putting items back onto the shelves. Last August he was promoted to Circulation Assistant to work with the public at the Circulation Desk.

A senior at BHS, Nick is involved in Art Club and Latin, his favorite class because, he says, "I have a fun teacher." After high school he plans to attend college in Minneapolis and major in engineering.

Nick enjoys reading teen mysteries and recently finished *Survivor* by Chuck Palahniuk. He also enjoys listening to the library's expanding music collection, citing *Merriweather Post Pavilion* by Animal Collective and *The Flame* by Lady Gaga as his new favorite finds.



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