



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.

Our Library was a BUSY Place IN 2009



Mark your
Calendar

People Traffic

- * We were open 4,550 hours
- * We had 41,481 registered card holders
- * 367,316 individuals visits
- * 14,858 count for our meeting rooms
- * 537,337 items were used:
 340,134 adult/197,203 children
- * 14,784 loaned to other libraries
- * 14,164 borrowed from other libraries
- * 224,466 computer uses were logged:
 Internet & E-mail = 135,586
 Online catalog, eresources, ebooks
 and word processing = 88,880
- * We answered 34,876 reference questions

Collection & Materials

- 13,183 count for story hour
- * All collections totaled : 218,869 including:
 Print Materials: 201,811
 Magazine Titles: 660
 Audio/CDs: 8,515
 Video/DVDs: 7,707

2009 Budget and Staff

REVENUE: \$2,306,652

City: \$1,836,549*
 County: \$203,359
 State: \$65,773
 Federal: \$5,600
 Other: \$195,371

EXPENDITURES: \$2,300,246

Total Staff: \$1,376,747
 Collection: \$417,083 including:
 Print Materials: \$325,996
 Electronic Resources: \$48,412
 Audio, video, DVD: \$42,675
 Other Operating: \$506,416 *

* Includes \$50,000 city funds spent for library carpeting and \$38,000 for video surveillance system.

STAFF:

Salaried librarians/FTEs: 9.4
 Librarians with MLS Degree: 9.4
 Support staff/FTEs: 16.5
 Total FTEs: 25.9
 Volunteers contributed: 2,208 hours
 (FTE = Full Time Equivalent)

Lobby Displays

April: ND Songbirds
 May—Aug.: Buckstop Junction

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, May 11 6:30-8 pm
 “eBay...the Basics”
 Thursday, April 29 6:00—8:30 pm
 Meeting Room B

“eBay...enhancing your listings with HTML”
 Thursday, May 6 6:30-8 pm
 Meeting Room B

Tutor.com free webinars
 To assist you with job searching and resume help.
 Wednesday, April 14 3-4 pm
 Library ECR Room

Beginning Internet I
 Tuesday, April 6 5-7 pm
 Thursday, April 9 10:00 pm

Beginning Internet II
 Friday, April 9 1:00 pm

Beginning Microsoft Word
 Friday, April 16, 2-4 pm

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

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

Visit our Web site for:

- * online catalog
- * renewing materials
- * checking your account
- * library policies
- * calendar of events
- * library information
- * links to book sites
- * free access to subscription websites and databases
- * local history information
- * and much more....

Bismarck Public Library
VIPs Review



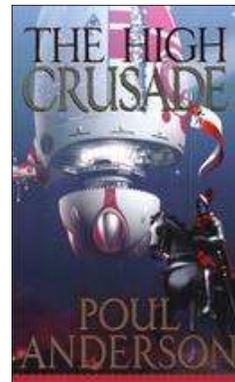
The High Crusade is without a doubt one of my favorite books of all time. If you read it, I think you will find it is nothing like what you have ever read before. ~
Reviewed by: Paul, a Teen VIP

The High Crusade

Author: Poul Anderson

"...The Te Deum was on their lips, rising beneath the strange constellations that twinkled forth, and their banners flew bravely against the sky. It was wonderful to be an Englishman."

In the year of grace 1345, as Sir Roger Baron de Tourneville is gathering an army to join King Edward III in the war against France, a most astonishing event occurs: a huge silver ship descends through the sky and lands in a pasture beside the little village of Ansby in northeastern Lincolnshire. The Wersgorix, whose scouting ship it is, are quite expert at taking over planets, and having determined from orbit that this one was suitable, they initiate standard world-conquering procedure. Ah, but this time it's no mere primitives the Wersgorix seek to enslave—they've launched their invasion against Englishmen!



Free eBay Classes Offered

Two eBay classes, taught by Ila Marvel and sponsored by the Friends of the Library, are being offered free to the public. Pre-registration is required (sign up at the Reference Desk or call 355-1480).

"eBay: the Basics" Thursday, April 29, 6:00-8:30 pm Meeting Rm B
Learn the basics of selling on eBay while protecting your personal information. Tips will be shared on taking photos, writing descriptions, accepting payments and shipping.

"eBay: enhancing your listing with HTML" Thursday, May 6, 6:30—8 pm, Meeting Rm B
Learn how to upload pictures and insert them into eBay auctions. Discover how to use basic HTML coding to enhance your eBay listing. *NOTE: Prior experience using eBay or attendance at the "eBay: the Basics" session.*

What did you say?

The two hardest things to handle in life are failure and success.

~Unknown

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting



Tuesday, April 13
7:00 pm Meeting Room A
Bismarck Public Library



Guest Speaker: Dr. John Hoganson

The State Paleontologist of North Dakota with the North Dakota Geological Survey. He is also the curator of the ND State Fossil Collection housed at the ND Heritage Center.

John's 45 minute power point presentation will trace the history of life in North Dakota based upon fossils found in the state. The oldest fossils recovered in North Dakota are shells of animals that lived in an ocean that covered ND about 450 million years ago. These fossils are found in oil well cores from thousands of feet below the earth's surface. The oldest rocks found at the surface in ND are about 80 million years old. These rocks yield the remains of sharks, giant squids, mosasaurs (huge marine lizards), giant sea birds, and many other creatures that lived in a shallow sea that existed in North Dakota. By about 67 million years ago this sea had receded and western ND was a delta inhabited by many other dinosaurs such as *Triceratops* and *Tyrannosaurus rex* and animals. These animals became extinct about 65 million years ago. About 55 million years ago, western North Dakota was a subtropical, forested swampland where exotic plants, such as palm trees, and huge crocodiles lived. By 35 million years ago the climate and environment in ND had completely changed. Treeless savanna conditions existed here and many kinds of strange animals, including rhinoceroses, giant pigs, and saber-toothed cats inhabited the state. The last ice age around 10,000 years ago huge mammals, including giant bison, woolly mammoths, and ground sloths lived in these cold ND habitats. It was not until about 9,000 years ago that prairie conditions began to be established in ND and the plants and animals that live here today began to colonize the area.



inhabited by many other

A short business meeting will precede the guest speaker.
Refreshments will be served and this annual meeting is free and open to the public.

Save the Date...future FOL activities



April 13—Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

7:00 pm Library's Meeting Room A

April 21—Picnic for Volunteers

6:00 pm Library's Meeting Room A

May 1—Ladies May Day Tea

2:00 pm Library's Meeting Room A



Coming "Full Circle"

by Darrel and Audrey Spencer

There are occasions in life when things or events come "Full Circle". Such an event happened at the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library's Spring Used Book Sale, which was held on March 4, 5 & 6. Ann Mayher, President of the Friends, was especially proud that the Friends could be part of this "Full Circle" moment.

A former member of the Friends had previously donated to the Friends four original oil paintings by Wolfgang Schilling. Schilling, born in Bonn, Germany in 1920, immigrated to Elgin, North Dakota with his wife, Henrietta. While in the Elgin area, he purchased a farm and worked as a farmer and an elevator operator. Schilling, who had studied oil painting in Germany, France, and while in a POW Camp, was passionate about capturing life and landscape on canvas. One of his four donated paintings is hanging in the Bismarck Public Library. Several of his paintings are displayed in the Elgin Public School System. In the early 1960s, the school commissioned him to paint two murals. Wolfgang had also been commissioned to do paintings of Governors William Guy, Art Link, George Sinner, Mrs. Grace Link and Senator Quentin Burdick. He died in 2000 from ALS complications.



Shortly before the Friends book sale, the Bismarck Tribune had published a story promoting the sale. Because of this publicity with a mention of original paintings by a Wolfgang Schilling for sale, information was sent to one of Wolfgang's sons about his father's paintings being available. Willie Schilling called the Friends of the Library and indicated that he would be interested in seeing his father's paintings. Several of the Friends members who met with Willie Schilling could very easily understand his thoughts as he looked at his father's paintings. The Friends agreed to simply donate these original oils to Willie, who, in return, made a generous donation to the Friends of the Library. Before our very eyes we could see the "Full Circle".

Proceeds from the Friends used book sales have funded special purchases and projects at the Bismarck Public Library, such as the annual purchase of large print books, the Summer Reading Program, and financial support towards the renovation of the Children's Library.

Yes

I'll be a Friend!

Renew

My Support!

Fill out this form and make your check payable to:

*FRIENDS of the
Bismarck Public Library*

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$100.00

I'm interested in participating in the following

- Working the semi-annual Book Sales
- Book Sale Committee
- Special Projects/Development
- Membership Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Advertising/Public Relations Committee

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
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Bismarck, ND 58501

FOL Bylaws revisions

To be voted on at our annual meeting

The Bylaws Committee and the Board of the Friends of the Library will be bringing revised bylaws before the membership for voting upon at the annual meeting. The Bylaws Committee recommended adding sections, revising sections and deleting sections of the current bylaws. Listed below are some of the major changes for members to consider. Full sets of the Bylaws being brought before the membership may be obtained at the Library's front desk any time before or during the annual meeting.

NEW

Article III Membership Section C. Life Membership shall be available to an individual or a couple. Life members do not have to pay annual dues. Section D. Each member who has paid dues shall be entitled to one vote.

Article IV Meetings Section E. Any business conducted at special meetings will be reported in the minutes of the next regular meeting of the Board. Section F. A regular meeting or a special meet...may be held by telephone or electronic means provided that a quorum is established, members are identified, and votes, if any, are taken by roll call or by general consent. General membership meetings may not be held by any electronic means.

Article VI Officers and Directors Section B. Directors are subject to two-year terms with the limit of three consecutive terms. Section E. Only one member of a family shall serve on the Board at any one time. Section F. No paid employee of the Library shall be a voting member of the Board. (This shall be come effective on May 1, 2011.)

Article VII Committees Before every election, a Nominating Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of three members, at least one of whom is a member of the Board.

Some Book Sale Trivia

123 volunteers worked a total of 771½ hours sorting and for the sale (to volunteer, you must be a member of the Friends of the Library)

Sorting: 70 people signed up to sort
12 who signed up to sort did not show up
44 members who did not sign up to sort showed up to work
96 people worked the sort process



Approximately 150 people were lined up when we opened the doors at 7:00 am on Thursday, the first morning of the sale.

Total value of all items sold at the Spring Used Book Sale: \$17,711.00 !

Thanks to Board member, Deb Igoe, for keeping such detailed statistics.



Our Mission

The Friends of the Bismarck Public Library is an organization committed to increasing public awareness and use of the Library through cultural, educational and social activities, and to raising funds to supplement and enhance library programs and services.

Friends of BPL Board of Directors

Ann Mayher, Pres.
Deb Igoe, V. Pres.
Noreen Olson, Treas.
Lois Rambough, Sec.
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Dwight Comfort
Cliff Keller
Shelly Martel
Beverly Sandness
Carol Solberg
Darrel Spencer

Library Staff Representative
Mary Jane Schmaltz

You're invited to the Friends monthly business meetings in the library at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month held in the Library's Missouri River Room.

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



The month of March may bring many things into our lives: lions and lambs, blizzards or balm, early morning light, the first-spotted robin, that anticipatory feeling that Spring is really on its way. One thing we know for certain that March will bring is the Friends of the Library Spring Used Book Sale.

The Friends have just completed another used book sale and I am pleased to report that we have outdone ourselves.....again! Because of our volunteers, who generously gave of their time and dedication, we hit a high mark of \$17,700! These funds will go a long way in supplementing the Library's activities, services and programs. "Thank you" doesn't begin to express my gratitude to those 123 volunteers who put in an average of 5 hours each to get this event off the ground and make it the success it was.

I hope all the volunteers who worked the book sale either last October and/or this March will attend the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Indoor Picnic on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 6:00 pm, in Meeting Room A of the library. Food, music, prizes, and tropical entertainment is on the agenda for the evening. You will not want to miss this "better than ever before" event. Watch for your invitations!

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held on TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 7:00 pm, in Meeting Room A of the library. Our special speaker for the evening is Dr. John W. Hoganson, State Paleontologist of North Dakota with the North Dakota Geological Survey. Dr. Hoganson will present a power point presentation on Dinosaurs, Sharks, and Woolly Mammoths: The Prehistoric Life of North Dakota. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend what will be a most fascinating program.

There is one more event that the Friends will sponsor before we can pause and dive into summer plans. That is the Ladies' Tea. Last year's Ladies' English Garden Tea was a delight; authentic tea shop goodies and teas were enjoyed by all. This year's Ladies' May Day Tea will be held on MAY 01, 2:00 pm, in Meeting Room A of the library. All you ladies, mark your calendars.

Once again, to all the faithful volunteers who worked the past two used book sales, a big THANK YOU. You should be proud of yourselves!

Rummage Sale Leftovers ?...The FRIENDS can 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 FRIENDS' next used book sale. We accept items in good, clean condition. **Please**— No worn or water-damaged items

No moldy items or those with a moldy odor

No text books unless copyrighted within the last 3 years

No encyclopedias, magazines or Readers Digest condensed books

If you have a large number of items to bring but find you are unable to transport them yourself, call us at the library (355-1483) and we can make arrangements to get them from you.

Whatever happened to the Coffee Shop??

Gelato d' Italia closed all three of their locations, which included the library's coffee shop, late last year. We were able to acquire all the equipment at the library site at a reduced price (thanks to the Friends of the Library for coming to our aid and purchasing that equipment).

Starting in January we have been looking for someone to lease the shop. We have not had much luck with our formal advertising and word-of-mouth until recently.

We have just entered into negotiations with a vendor and are quite excited and fully expect the coffee shop to be open in the near future.

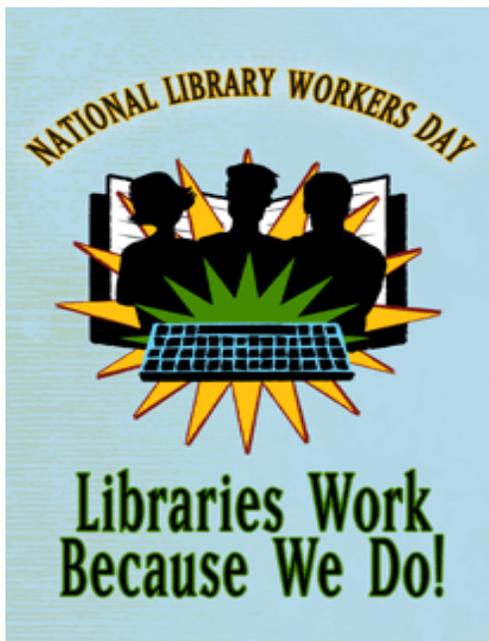
We are working with the vendor to finalize the lease, establish a menu (soups, sandwiches, ice cream, snacks and, of course, coffee).

The vendor has close connections to Pride of Dakota and anticipates having items from Pride of Dakota available for sale in the shop.



Tuesday, April 13th is

a day to focus on how library services depend on the important work done by EVERY library employee. Please thank your library workers for the great jobs they are doing!



June Preszler
Technical Services



From 1979 through 1987, June worked full-time in the reference and cataloging departments. From 1991 to the present she has worked in the background as the primary cataloger for thousands of juvenile and adult materials, including books, audio books, and DVDs. In 2009 alone, 8,000 new items were added in those areas. The Bremer Grant for the Children's Library tripled the usual workload, but June proficiently tackled the job.

June enjoys the people she works with, and she especially likes her job of online cataloging, which she finds very orderly and satisfying.

A native of Dickinson, June is a graduate of UND. She is married to Gary, who works for the state. They are the parents of two daughters attending college (plus a son-in-law), and one son in high school.

June is a marathon runner who enjoys reading, cooking, making lefse, and swimming. She has "many, many, many" favorite books!



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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Smile, we can see you ... New security at the Library

Late last year, the Library began operation of its security cameras placed throughout the building—inside and outside. The cameras are hooked up to a recording system that will store the movement data for up to 3 months. We have a total of 39 cameras—30 inside the library and 9 outside. This security measure was prompted by thefts of bicycles, car break-ins (which had happened throughout the downtown area), and theft and vandalism of library property.

Library staff are able to view the live action on all cameras. Even though we do “walk-arounds” inside the library every hour, it is still comforting for staff and patrons alike to know that most any area is within our ‘sight’.

We’ve already recorded a couple of “bump-and-runs” in our parking lots. We’ve ‘captured’ one person stealing library books, who ran outside the library and tossed the stolen items into the trash bins.

This extra security makes us all happier.

