

# Library Connections

October, November, December 2010 Volume 6 Number 4

515 North Fifth Street \* Bismarck, ND 58501 \* [www.bismarcklibrary.org](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org) \* 701-355-1480  
Open Mon.—Thurs. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri.—Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-6 p.m.

## 2010 Day of Caring

In mid-August, fifteen volunteers, staff and clients from PRIDE, Inc., donated their time and energy to the library through the 11th Annual Day of Caring event sponsored by the Missouri Slope Areawide United Way. Over 400 volunteers were working at 30 different locations for this United Way annual event. The Library was just one of those locations.

Under the direction of United Way Team Leader, Ashley Nissley and Library staff member, Christine Kujawa, projects completed at the Library included:

- \* Shifting the entire paperback collection to new shelving
- \* Alphabetizing and shelving paperbacks that were in storage
- \* Shifting books in the non-fiction collection
- \* Cleaning and dusting shelves



The Library's mission includes organizing and providing access to our resources and information. The result of this annual volunteer day helps us to follow our mission by creating easier access and improving organization to our most popular collections.

Teresa Wetsch, Program Coordinator at PRIDE, Inc., said, "After our day at the library we all talked about how we remember going to the library at different times in our lives, from going there as children to taking our own children there. It brought back memories of going there to get resources for the countless number of high school and college reports that we've all done. We are lucky to have such a wonderful library in our community and good people who take pride in maintaining it."

The Library staff is very grateful that PRIDE chose the library as their volunteer project. The work these volunteers did in one day would have taken library staff, working as time allowed, months to complete.

## Mark your Calendar

### Lobby Displays

Oct to mid-Nov: ND Collectibles  
Mid-Nov to mid-Jan:  
Flickertail Woodcarvers

### Mid-Autumn Computer Series

Cost per class: \$5.00  
Seating is limited to 6  
Register at the Reference Desk  
Classes held in the Library's  
Computer Lab (Rm. J)  
More info? Call:355-1480

### Beginning Internet

Tues., Nov. 2, 4-6 pm

### Beginning Hotmail

Tues., Nov 9, 4-6 pm

### Beginning Letters in Word®

Tues., Nov. 16, 4-6 pm

### Register (free) at the Reference Desk for: Ancestry Genealogy

#### Library Edition

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6:30-8 pm  
(Seating limited to 6 in the  
Library's Computer Lab)

### No registration (free) for the following—Just show up!

Both held in the Library's ECR

### Write a Resume that Gets a Job

Wed, Oct. 27, 2-3:00 pm

### Learn How to Interview Like a Pro

Wed., Dec.1, 2-3:00 pm

### The following classes are offered by request from September through May— Inquire at the Reference Desk:

- \* Beyond the New Bookshelf
- \* Homework Help for Parents

### Children's Programs

Check the Children's program brochure and our online calendar for a listing of their schedule of programs  
[www.bismarcklibrary.org](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org)

## Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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[www.bismarcklibrary.org](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org)



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

## Teens, Teens, Teens

According to the American Library Association, teens have so many options for entertainment it is important to remind them to spend time reading for pleasure: it's free, fun and can be done anywhere. Research shows that teens who read for fun have better test scores and are more likely to succeed in the workforce. Teens need to know what exists within our library's doors and within the covers of books. The Library's Head of Teen Services, Kathy Vander Vorst, took these statements seriously as she created the 2010 Teen Summer Reading Program. The totals below show the results of "Make Waves @ Your Library":

### Bismarck's 2010 Teen Summer Reading Program

Number of students completing the program by reading at least 1500 pages:	90
Number of books read by the students:	1259
Number of pages read by the students:	394,977
Zachary Grosz, winner of \$100 savings bond & \$75 B&N gift card, read:	12,521 pgs
Chase Willits, winner of \$25 B&N gift card, read:	11,163 pgs
Kelsey Hanson, winner of \$100 savings bond & \$100 B&N gift card, read:	31,469 pgs
Brittany Bearsheart, winner of \$25 B&N gift card, read:	30,105 pgs

### 2010 Teen Summer Photo Contest: "Water Wonderland"

Grand Prize Winner: Hannah Losos—\$75 Bob's Photo gift certificate  
People's Choice Winner: Allyson Krupinsky—\$25 Bob's Photo gift certificate

### Other Teen Summer Events

Video Arcade, Battleship Jeans Night, Raging River Library Card Days, and the Friends of the Library Ice Cream Social and Scavenger Hunt.

**Thanks to the following for providing prizes:** Friends of the Bismarck Public Library, American Bank Center, Raging River Water Park, Teen VIPs, Bob's Photo, Space Aliens, Old Navy, Scheels, Red Roaster Coffee Shop, ND Autism Connection, Mandan Kiwanis, Rock 30 Games, and Parallax Games.

If you are a teen, grades 8—12 and like to read, the Teen VIPs may be for you. Our fall meetings will be held October 11, November 8, and December 13 at 4 PM in the Library's coffee shop, The Red Roaster. A VIP application may be found on the Library's website: [www.bismarcklibrary.org](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org) Click on Teen Zone. Questions? Call 355-1487.

### Celebrate Teen Read Week—October 17-23.

If you are ages 11-18, stop by the Library's Teen area during Teen Read Week and register to win a signed copy of BETWEEN TWO WORLDS: MY LIFE AND CAPTIVITY IN IRAN by Roxana Saberi. The drawing will be held on Monday, October 25th—no need to be present to win.

# What did you say?

**"The America I love still exists at the front desks of our public libraries.**  
~Kurt Vonnegut

# Friends of the Library

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



The calendar and I are in agreement, it is Fall, my favorite of the four seasons. The light has changed; my summer flowers have lost their jewel tones and only the deep gold and browns of the fall flowers are happy to be coming into their own; weekends find simmering pots of vegetable soup and minestrone on my stove, anything that allows me to use the beautiful vegetables I find at the farmers markets; and I go through my yarn stash to see what next project will appeal to me most.

But, and it's a big but, for many years now, above all else, Fall has brought another dimension into my life: that is the annual Fall Used Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Wouldn't be Fall without it! Planning and readying materials begins early in September. There are e-mails, phone calls, letter folding, envelope stuffing, the mailing machine getting over-taxed, meetings, purchasing supplies, – and this is before we ever sort a book. And, as always, our Friends are volunteering with such willingness to spend 5-6 days sorting books, and 3 days selling them. I couldn't be prouder of our volunteers and the hard work they do.

October 7, 8, and 9 are the sale dates and we have a bonanza of great books this time, both hard and soft cover. The library is being very generous in letting the Friends use all 4 meeting rooms downstairs for the sale and we are going to need every bit of that space this time around.

I'd like to tell you about one recent large donation. It came from the Georgi Kiesch and Bob Kuch families. In August their mother, Deloris Kuch, passed away. She and her daughter Jacquelyn, who passed away several years ago, were avid readers. The library became the fortunate recipient of their huge book collections. There were approximately 50 boxes with over 1,000 books—all in beautiful condition. I want to express our thanks to these families for their generosity. There are going to be so many readers who will benefit from this donation. What a beautiful gift!

Also this Fall, we get to honor ourselves with the Fourth Annual National Friends of Libraries Week during October 17-23. It's a time to celebrate the Friends and the work they do. Libraries are so much richer for the enthusiasm and expertise that the Friends bring to the Library.

A Happy Fall to everyone.



# Annual Fall Used Book Sale—October 7, 8, 9

It seems that we usually say that this Fall will be the biggest sale ever, with more books than ever before. Well, this time it really is! Ask Barry, who hauls all the boxes of books downstairs to storage until the sorting process begins. Barry Mayher, one of our most diligent volunteers, has been hauling the heavy boxes of books to storage for almost three years. He says that's his exercise, as each move of 50-60 boxes is quite a workout. Since our Spring Sale last March, he's moved almost 1600 boxes! If you figure approximately 40 books to a box—that makes about 64,000 books—more or less.

We accept books and audiovisual materials any time the library is open. If you have lots of items, you're welcome to pull up to our loading dock and unload there. Just inform the front desk staff that you will be unloading books there so they can open the door and pull the books into the garage. Or, you may simply carry them into the library and hand them to the front desk staff. We do give receipts upon request.

Because we end up having to discard so many unuseable items, we ask that you follow the guidelines below:

1. No torn or water-damaged items
2. No moldy items or those with a moldy or smelly odor
3. No college/high school/medical textbooks unless copyrighted within the last three years
4. No encyclopedias or Readers Digest condensed books
5. Please do not pack items into boxes heavier than 25 pounds
6. We no longer accept Readers Digest or National Geographic magazines. We do love getting arts and crafts magazines.



Someone's really looking to find just that "perfect" book.

It took years of experience with the book sales to come up with the above guidelines. We know what sells and what doesn't. Also, if you have a large number of items and are unable to transport them to the library, call 355-1483 to arrange for someone to pick them up.

**The Fall Used Book Sale takes place in the Meeting Room area of the Library**

**Thursday, October 7 7:00 AM—8:45 PM**

**Friday, October 8 9:00 AM—5:45 PM**

**Saturday, October 9 9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**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:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$25.00
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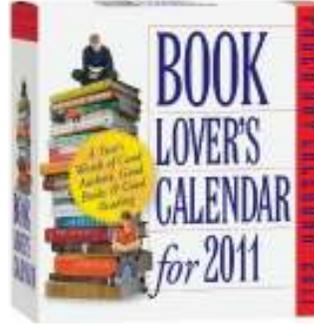
I'm interested in participating in the following

- Becoming a member of the FOL Board
- Working the Book Sales
- Book Sale Committee
- Special Projects/Development
- Membership Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Advertising/Public Relations Committee

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## Book Lover's Calendars for 2011

will be on sale at the library's front desk right after Thanksgiving. A year's worth of good authors, good books & good reading suggestions, these calendars make great gifts and you will not find any better price anywhere! They sell for \$5.00 which even includes the tax. We have limited quantities so get yours early.



### 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

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Mary Jane Schmaltz



★ *Anyone Interested???* ★



★ **The Friends of the Library need loyal volunteers interested in the following activities:** ★

★ \* **Hauling boxes of books several times each week to basement storage in the Library—may need to be 'on call'** ★

★ \* **Become Membership Chair—need knowledge of Microsoft Excel** ★

★ \* **Becoming Chair or Co-Chair of the Book Sale Committee** ★

★ \* **Becoming an FOL Board member** ★

★ **Training for all the above jobs will be provided.** ★

★ **No experience is needed. The only criteria needed is being a member of the FOL and interested in helping the Library.** ★

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*Celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week  
October 17-23, 2010*

Celebrate all the great things our Friends organization does to support our Library! They are a group of hard working, dedicated Library lovers.

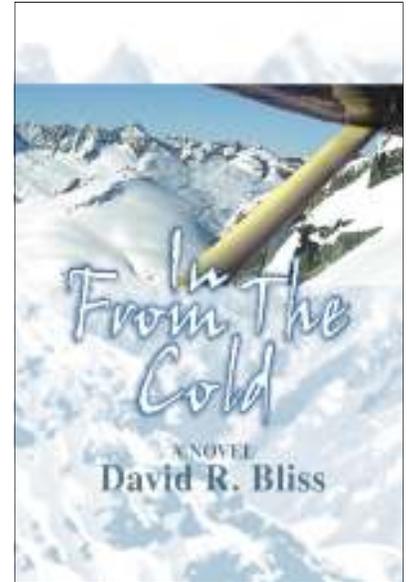


## *In From The Cold*

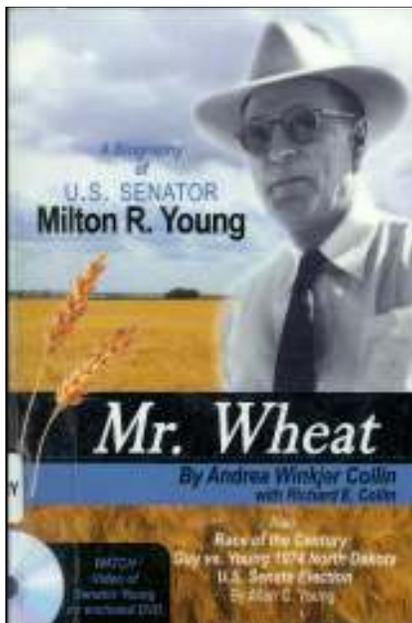
Bismarck attorney (and now author), David Bliss, has written his first novel. John Wilkins is a middle-aged, color blind, divorced lawyer who has always taken on eccentric clients and lost causes. He meets his greatest challenge when an old friend disappears into the Alaskan wilderness, leaving a not-so-grieving wife and a cold trail behind. This colorful and unforgettable cast of characters offers a wry and humorous look at life, the law and love in this first novel.

David is a fourth generation North Dakotan who lives with his wife Catherine on the family's farm near Bismarck. He served as a VISTA volunteer in bush Alaska in the early 70s and practices law in Bismarck.

He will be giving a book talk at the Library on Sunday, November 14th at 2:00PM. He will also be selling and autographing his book at this free event for the public.



## *Mr. Wheat: A Biography of U.S. Senator Milton R. Young*



Local authors, Andrea Winkjer Collin with Richard E. Collin, have written and published their latest book about Milton R. Young. The book is the first -ever biography about the ND farmer who began his 56 years of public service in 1924.

Young served in Congress for almost 36 years, the longest of any North Dakota senator. He was also the last member of Congress born in the 19th century—December 6, 1897. He retired in January, 1981 and died in 1983 at the age of 85.

While in the Senate, Young was involved in agriculture, defense, water development, including the building of the Garrison Dam, and many other national issues which had a direct impact on North Dakota and its future.

The Collins husband and wife team from Bismarck will be giving a book talk at the Library on Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 PM. They will also be selling and autographing their book at this free event for the public.

### *Save the Date...future FOL activities*

**October 7—9 Annual Fall Used Book Sale**

**October 17—23 National Friends of Libraries Week 2010**

#### **AUTHOR TALKS & BOOK SIGNINGS**

**Sunday, November 14, 2:00 PM—David Bliss (IN FROM THE COLD)**

**Sunday, December 5, 2:00 PM—Rick & Andrea Winkjer Collin (MR. WHEAT: A BIOGRAPHY OF US SENATOR MILTON R. YOUNG)**



Banned Books Week  
Sept. 25–Oct 2

## Celebrate Your Freedom To READ!!

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. The week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to censorship.

### Some banned books through the years include:

**Uncle Tom's Cabin**, Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1852

**All Quiet on the Western Front**, Erich Maria Remarque, 1928

**Farewell to Arms**, Ernest Hemingway, 1929

**The Grapes of Wrath**, John Steinbeck, 1939

**Animal Farm**, George Orwell, 1945

**1984**, George Orwell, 1949

**The Sun Also Rises**, Ernest Hemingway, 1926

**Peyton Place**, Grace Metalious, 1956

**Prince of Tides**, Pat Conroy, 1986

**Catcher in the Rye**, J.D. Salinger, 1951

**Cujo**, Stephen King, 1981

**Harry Potter series**, J.K. Rowling, 1997-2007

**Fahrenheit 451**, Ray Bradbury, 1953

**Scarlet Letter**, Nathaniel Hawthorne, 1850

**Twilight series**, Stephanie Meyer, 2009

21,000+ Pennies Collected !!!



Volunteer Club, a group of children ages 9-12 who meet at the Bismarck Public Library, joined hands with tens of thousands of children around the world to raise money to empower communities through education in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The

Volunteer Club members embarked on a "Pennies for Peace" campaign to broaden their cultural horizons and become members of a global family dedicated to peace. The Children's Volunteer club created a display in the Children's Library and collected pennies from May to International Peace day on September 21st. They collected 21,285 pennies (\$212.85). The money will be sent to the Central Asia Institute (CAI), founded by Greg Mortenson, author of the #1 New York Times best seller, *Three Cups of Tea*. CAI is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes community-based education and literacy programs. Greg's story and more information about CAI can be found on the web at: [www.ikat.org](http://www.ikat.org).

*All photographs in this publication were courtesy of Christine Kujawa.*



## Robyn Wagner Circulation Associate



Robyn Wagner, Circulation Associate, started working at the library in April 2007. She handles a variety of tasks including checking items in and out, taking incoming calls and getting organizations signed in for their meeting rooms.

Robyn says she enjoys coming to work because she has such great coworkers: they are fun to work with and have great work ethics. Everyone works together really well. She also enjoys the diversity of patrons who come in the library; there's always something new and interesting happening.

Coworkers say Robyn is always upbeat and has a great sense of humor. She works well with the patrons and makes them feel welcome.

When Robyn isn't working at the library she is a Test Administrator for OPM (Office of Personnel Management) and administers a variety of tests including government and career assessment tests. She also works with her husband, Allen, who is the pastor of First Lutheran Church, with those in need of shelter and food in the Bismarck area. She spends a lot of time with her twin granddaughters, Faith and Ella, who are almost five years old.

Robyn LOVES the library's audio book collection and always has one in her car. She says they are the greatest way to read for people who are on the go.



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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## "Home Field"

*Rick Sprynznatyk, artist*

A reception will be held at the Library on October 21st at 2:00 PM honoring Ric Sprynznatyk. His mural, "Home Field," was recently purchased with private donations and The Library Foundation for the Children's Library. The mural depicts a 1938 neighborhood baseball game in Bismarck, just three years after Bismarck won the first National Baseball Congress World Series with the legendary Satchel Paige pitching.

The reception will pay tribute to Sprynznatyk's work, as well as the history of baseball in Bismarck. Anyone who is interested in baseball, art, or both, is invited to attend the reception.

### **FOR SALE to the highest offers...**

The library no longer needs our old solid oak newspaper racks and sticks from which we used to hang the current newspapers. We've five of these racks to sell. If you are interested in purchasing one or more, call the library at:

**355-1483**



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