

# Library Connections

January, February, March 2011 Volume 7 Number 1

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.

*Mark your  
Calendar*

## 31 Years of Bookmobile Service



Donna Maston, our Bookmobile Librarian for over 31 years, will be retiring the end of March. She came to us in February of 1980 as a 3/4 time librarian who had the qualifications of being interested in serving rural communities, had an aptitude for coordinating the delivery of library services which included: being a reader's advisor, selecting library materials, scheduling bookmobile routes, advertising services, handling circulation related functions, coordinating with central library facilities. supervising one staff person AND being capable of handling/driving a large bookmobile in all kinds of weather! As a graduate of NDSU with a Masters Degree from the University of South Dakota, Donna fit our bill perfectly!

Through the years Donna has expanded her duties to be more than our bookmobile librarian. She orders most of the fiction books, the large print books, and the popular music CDs for the Library, As a master gardener with the Bismarck Mandan Garden Club, she voluntarily plants and cares for the flowers in the large flower pots around the outside of the library and comes in early each morning to help sort and pack the donated books for the Friends of the Library's semi-annual used book sales. She started us collecting them and hauls the aluminum cans and plastic bag recycling to collection facilities.

During her retirement, Donna says, "I plan to garden, work in a greenhouse, and garden some more. I also plan to sleep in and catch up on my reading. Maybe the piles of books and magazines by my bed will soon disappear. Then, in about a year or so, I'll leave Bismarck and move to my farm by Watford City. There I'll have more room to garden, have my horse and raise a few cows." We wish her a wonderful, well deserved retirement and we will certainly miss her.

The Burleigh County Bookmobile has served county residents since 1975, with Donna being the third bookmobile librarian. It has 9 different routes and stops at 62 schools, towns, and locations throughout the county and at nursing and retirement homes in Bismarck. Burleigh County has contracted with Bismarck Public Library for library services which include not only Bookmobile service, but also borrowing privileges at Bismarck Public Library and The Central Dakota Library Network for county residents.



### Lobby Displays

December—January  
*Flickertail Woodcarvers*  
February—April  
*Missouri Valley Quilt Guild*

### Winter/Spring Computer Series

Cost per 2 hr. class: \$5.00 \* Seating is limited to 6 \* Register at the Reference Desk \* Classes held in the Library's computer Lab (Rm. J)  
For more info, call the Reference Desk 355-1480

ALL CLASSES HELD ON THURSDAYS

#### Beginning Internet

Jan. 13, 3-5 pm  
Feb. 17, 3-5  
Mar. 10, 4-6  
Apr. 14, 10-noon

#### Beginning Hotmail

Jan. 20, 3-5 pm  
Mar. 17, 4-6 pm

#### Beginning Letters in Word®

Jan. 27, 3-5  
Mar. 24, 4-6

### Ancestry Genealogy Library Edition

Friday, Jan. 7 2:30-4:00 pm  
Monday, Mar. 14 6:30—8:00 pm

### Reader' Voice Book Discussions

7 pm in the Library's Missouri River Room. Free and open to the public. Books are available for checkout.

Jan. 17: *Under the Banner of Heaven* by Jon Krakauer  
Feb. 21: *The Tender Bar* by J.R. Moehringer  
March 21: *The Man Who Loved China* by Simon Winchester

### 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

515 North Fifth Street  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501  
(701) 355-1480  
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

#### 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....

## Special Programs at the Library

### **\*FREE\*** Grantseeking Webinars

#### **"Finding Foundation Support for Your Education"**

**Friday, January 21 2-3:00 pm Library's Meeting Room B**

Learn about the tools available for individuals seeking financial support for their education—for undergraduate, graduate, professional studies or research.

#### **"Grantseeking Basics for Individuals in the Arts"**

**Friday, February 11 2—3:00 pm Library's Meeting Room B**

Offers an overview of the funding research process for individual artists in the visual and performing arts, creative writing, filmmaking, etc. Webinar covers types of grants available for artists, why grant makers support artists, and how to find grant opportunities.

### Reading from A to Z: a program for Parents

Join Pam Krueger, Academic Language Therapist and Bismarck Tribune columnist, for 4 evening sessions for parents. Ms. Krueger will address various reading topics from reading readiness to identifying reading problems. Sessions run from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Library's Meeting Room B on January 24, February 21, March 21. The fourth and final session is for parents and their children and will be held in the Children's Story Room on April 18th. All sessions are free with no registration necessary. Contact the Children's Library at 355-1489 for more information.

### How to Get Started Doing Genealogy Research

The Bismarck-Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society with Jackson Bird will be offering the public assistance on how to start doing genealogy research on Saturday, January 8th from 11:00—1:00 pm. Mr. Bird will be stationed at a table in the main area of the Library and will be available for questions and advice.

"What are we going to do?" said Baby Tiger to Mama Tiger in the jungle. "Here comes a hunter, and he has five rifles, three special sighting scopes, and devices to allow him to see in the dark!"  
"Hush!" answered Mama Tiger and she taught her cub how to sneak up from behind and pounce.  
The hunter was never heard of again.  
**All of which goes to prove that technology may be fine, but it will never be a substitute for a good basic education.** ~2001 *Gems of Education Wit & Humor* Parker Pub-

## what did you say?

**"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one.**  
~ Jane Howard, writer

# Friends of the Library

## A Message from Ann Mayher, President of the FOL



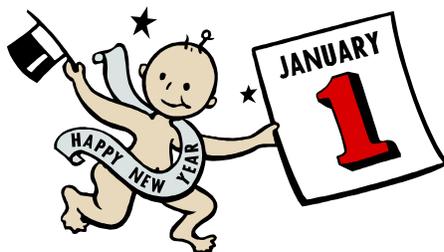
It has been another wonderful and profitable year for the Friends of the Library (FOL). We were able to support the Library with many of their programs and purchases. Some of the projects/programs we did this year include:

- \* upgrading the hardware for the defibrillator that we'd purchased for the library several years ago
- \* purchasing new, wooden newspaper shelving
- \* sponsoring the end-of-summer Ice Cream Social
- \* sponsoring many programs for the teens, children and adults
- \* donating about \$2400 for Large Print books for the Library
- \* paying off our pledge to the Library Foundation for renovation of the Children's area (\$8,333)
- \* purchasing the coffee shop equipment from the previous leasee
- \* having our annual ladies tea, two book sales, a 'thank-you' picnic for all of our book sale volunteers, and more...

We updated our FOL Bylaws and have also applied for and received 501(c)3 status. These were big accomplishments as they've been something we've talked about for several years. It's been a very busy year for the Friends.

My wish for you all is that 2011 is wonderful for you!

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## 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, Vice Pres.  
Noreen Olson, Treas.  
Lois Rambough, Sec.

Sue Bickel  
Phyllis Carlson  
Dwight Comfort  
Cliff Keller  
Shelly Martel  
Jason Mathews  
Meme May  
Kay Royse  
Beverly Sandness  
Carol Solberg  
Darrel Spencer

Library Staff Representative  
Mary Jane Schmaltz

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

Friends of the Library  
515 N. 5th St.

Bismarck, ND 58501  
bplfriends@hotmail.com



The FOL has been delighted to sponsor author talks and book signings during the last three months of the year. David Bliss (pictured above) talked to a rapt audience about his book, *In From The Cold*; Pam Girard sold and signed her cookbooks and her most recent compilation, *Letters from India*; and Andrea and Rick Collins regaled an audience with stories from their book, *Mr. Wheat: A Biography of U.S. Senator Milton R. Young*.

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

- \* March 3, 4, & 5 — Annual Spring Used Book Sale  
Library's Meeting Rooms
- \* Tuesday, April 12 — Annual Membership Meeting  
7:00 PM Library's Meeting Room A
- \* Saturday, May 7 — Ladies Tea  
Library's Meeting Room A

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

Thursday, March 3rd	7:00 AM—8:45 PM
Friday, March 4th	9:00 AM—5:45 PM
Saturday, March 5th	9:00 AM—3:00 PM

### 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.

**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

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
515 N. 5th St.  
Bismarck, ND 58501-4057

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY

March 16, 2011

Freedom of Information (FOI) Day is an annual event on or near March 16th, the birthday of James Madison, who is widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and as the foremost advocate for openness in government. Each year, the James Madison Award and the Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award are presented by the American Library Association to recognize those individuals or groups that have championed, protected and **promoted public access to government information** and the **public's right to know**.



## The **BOOKMOBILE** In 2009...

**Circulated a total of 41,378 items**

**Circulation up 3.3% over 2008**

**7,289 individual uses**

**Total holdings = 27,130 item**

**Materials added = 4,827**

**Total budget spent was \$191,058**

**\$75,567 was spent on new materials**



### *Santa Thought He Was 'Incognito'*

In mid-December, lo and behold, we caught Santa Claus, (who thought he was invisible) using our Internet computer. When questioned why he wasn't at the North Pole, he stated, "The bad winds and weather is interrupting my reindeers internal radar so I needed to plan my route for delivering presents to good children in the world." We guess he figured that if he didn't wear his Santa outfit, no one would know who he was???

*(Santa is really Steve Renfandt)*

*All photographs in this publication are courtesy of Christine Kujawa and Vern Mastel*



*Vickie Schmidt*

*Bookmobile Assistant*



Vicki Schmidt came to the Library in 1999 on a part-time basis to assist the Bookmobile Librarian. Her duties included filing, cleaning and weeding the books, pulling books for various patrons and maintaining the bookmobile collection, both in the library and on the bookmobile. Vicki enjoys working with the public, especially the senior citizens at the various assisted living centers in Bismarck. She also likes the monthly visits to all the rural schools in Burleigh County.

Since becoming full-time in 2006, she also spends two days a week in the Library's Technical Processing Department processing and preparing the bookmobile materials to get them ready to be checked out.

Vicki lives in Mandan with her husband, Harold. They have three children, Jeremy (Lisa), Eric (Tiffany) and Valerie (Mike) and four beautiful granddaughters with a new grandbaby expected in May.



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

515 N. Fifth Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501-4057

*Library Connections* is published by  
Bismarck Veterans Memorial  
Public Library and  
The Friends of the Library

**Library Board of Directors**

Richard Weber, President  
Elizabeth Lucas, V. President  
Mary Maichel Guler  
Joan Severin  
David Ripley

Thomas T. Jones, Library Director



## Did You Know...



**The Library has video games** to check out! Video games are located at the Children's and Adult Reference Desks. Stop by the Library and ask the librarian on duty at either desk if you'd like to browse them for checkout.

**You can search the Library's online catalog with your mobile device.** Bookmark this url and you'll have the Library's online catalog at your fingertips whenever you go with your mobile device <http://www.libanywhere.com/la/324>

The **Library recycles used ink and toner cartridges and cell phones.** We send them to a company for \$\$ to support our materials budget. Bring them into the Library and either hand them to staff member or put them into the green plastic container located inside the library beside the copy machine. From now until June 2011, we will get paid \$2.00 for each cell phone (working or non-working).

**You can view our Meeting Room Calendar** of events scheduled in the Library's four meeting rooms. You can access the calendar on our website's menu under 'Events & Meetings'. To schedule a room for a meeting, call Marilyn at 355-1484.