

Library Connections

April, May, June 2011

Volume 7 Number 2

515 North Fifth Street * Bismarck, ND 58501 * 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.

Library Director Retiring



Thomas T. Jones, Tom to most everyone, assumed the directorship of the Veterans Memorial Public Library in November, 1975. He came to us from Cuyahoga County Public Library, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, where he was a branch manager. Some of his early job challenges here were “the lack of space for collections, for staff and for library users, and a limited budget.”

Tom said he’s “always worked with a friendly, talented, and committed staff and has enjoyed the vision and support of the Library Board of Directors and the city administrators. I’ve been most satisfied seeing the growth of the Library Foundation, Inc., the Friends of the Library, and the development of the Central Dakota Library network which shares an online catalog and resources among its twenty library members.”

During the thirty-five plus years he’s been here, he was instrumental in tripling the size of the Library from 17,000 sq. ft. to over 70,000 sq. ft. With the growth of space came gradually expanding staff, collections, services and technology. Other career highlights include:

- 1976: Burleigh County operating levy established by petition drive to support county bookmobile service for rural residents
City mill levy increased from 4 to 6 mills by ballot initiative, providing significant increase in library operating and book budgets
- 1978: The Veterans Memorial Public Library (VMPL) entered the computer age by joining OCLC, a national library computer cooperative for sharing cataloging records, thus initiating the development of digital records, the basis for a future online library catalog. (VMPL was one of the first ND libraries to join). Today the Library’s website, www.bismarcklibrary.org, opens the door to a vast array of electronic resources available 24/7
- 1979: ND Legislature established formula for State Aid for Public Libraries and appropriated one million dollars for the first biennium. Tom chaired the ND Library Association committee which developed and sponsored this successful legislative initiative.
- 1983: Awarded the Mountain Plains Library Association’s Distinguished Service Award in recognition for leadership in working to establish a North Dakota statutory formula for funding State Aid for Public Libraries
- 1984: VMPL acquired a computerized circulation system
- 1989: Construction of current Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public library completed—expanding the 1963 building of 17,000 sq. ft. to a 70,000 sq. ft. space, and completing Phase I of the interior: the main floor and staff areas
- 1991: Phase II of the interior building construction finished, including completion of the lower level public meeting room space
- 1992: Re-activated the Library Foundation, Inc. and re-established the Friends of the Library
- 1993: Played a key role in the launching of an area online catalog containing the combined holdings of this library, the University of Mary Library and Mandan Public Library. This partnership, now called the Central Dakota Library Network operates an online

(continue on pg. 5)

Mark your Calendar

Lobby Displays

February—April
Missouri Valley Quilt Guild
May—June
ND Pottery Collectors Society

Computer Classes

No classes will be offered during the summer. They will resume in the fall

Ancestry Genealogy Library Edition

Tuesday, May 17, 2:30-4 pm
Free Pre-registration required

Introduction to the Foundation Directory Online

Friday, June 10 12:15-1:15
Monday, June 13 12:15-1:15
Library Meeting Room B
Free No Pre-registration
(Bring your own lunch)

Reader’s Voice Book Discussions

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

April 18
Half Broke Horses
by Jeannette Walls

May 16
Tinkers
by Paul Harding

Summer Reading Kick-off at the ND Heritage Center

Friday, June 3 10—4

Children’s Programs

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

Celebrate National Library Week

April 10-16, 2011

Theme: Create your own story @ your library

National Library Week, first sponsored in 1958, is an annual celebration sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries—school, public, academic and special—participate.

Author John Grisham was named the honorary chair of the 2011 National Library Week. He is widely recognized as the world's most popular storyteller, with more than 250 million books in print worldwide. In addition to writing numerous adult bestsellers, Grisham has recently written his first book for young readers.



Popular author John Grisham

~Photo from www.examiner.com

At the 2010 ALA summer conference he expressed his views on the value of libraries. "I have a long, wonderful history with libraries and librarians," he told an appreciative audience at the event. Grisham recalled that, during his childhood, his father's job required that his family make frequent moves to new locations. "When we moved we did two things immediately," said Grisham. "We joined the local Baptist church....and went to the local library." He explained how libraries played a major role, too, in the selling of his first book, *A Time to Kill* (1989). Of his second work, *The Firm* (1991), Grisham said, "Most of the encouragement came from two groups—independent booksellers and librarians."

Show your appreciation for your library by visiting it during this week and enjoying all it has to offer.

What did you say?

***"Life's most persistent and urgent question is:
What are you doing for others?"***

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Friends of the Library



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

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



Beginnings and endings. Life is full of them. Three years ago marked a new beginning for me when I became president of the Friends of the Library. April 12th of this year will mark the ending of that term of office for me.

There are many feelings that I am experiencing right now but the strongest of them all is a sense of appreciation.

I appreciate that our membership enrollment has grown more rapidly than ever before.

I appreciate that our organization was able to contribute \$60,000 to the renovation of the Children's Library, making us the largest contributor.

I appreciate that we began the tradition of a new annual fundraiser: the Ladies' Tea which has proven to be fun and profitable and has given another chance to our members to showcase their talents with the planning and carrying out of this event.

I appreciate that our book sale profits have grown every year.

I appreciate every one of our volunteers, their dedication and support.

Above all, I appreciate the honor of having served on the Board of Directors and as its president.

2011—A very successful year for the FRIENDS...

We've ended the year with a nice surplus in our treasury—a balance of \$31,848.36, Gross sales from our March and October books sales = \$37,704.08! (*That's before we paid expenses and taxes.*)

We've had some materials in storage for over a year and decided to give an outside vendor a chance to sell them for us. We shipped (at no charge to us) those boxes of books to GIGGIL in Indiana. So far we've realized about \$1,300 in profit without doing any of the work.

In 2010 we:

- Finished our pledge for the Children's Library remodeling at \$8,333
- Sponsored a Children's story teller
- Purchased large print books for the Library = \$2,466
- Paid for carpet cleaning after each of the book sales @ \$700 each time
- Sponsored two eBay classes for the public \$175
- Held a picnic for our volunteers \$453
- Teen Programming \$705
- End of Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Social \$350
- Purchased wood newspaper shelving \$995
- Purchased more tables to put books on for our sales
- Purchased new cartridge and smart pads for our defibrillator \$318
- Purchased three stand-up computer kiosks for the lower level \$2,300
- Sponsoring Humanities program with ND Humanities Council \$300

2011 Annual Membership Meeting Notice

Proposed amendment to our current Bylaws:
to be voted upon at our annual meeting.

Article VI, Section B currently reads: *"Directors are subject to two-year terms with a limit of three consecutive terms."*

Proposed change: "Directors are elected to three-year terms with a limit of two consecutive terms. Terms are staggered to ensure that one-third of the Board is subject to election each year."

We have a full slate of nominees for election to the Friends of the Library Board for the 2011-2012 term. They are (in alphabetical order:

Jan Leonard Conlin, Susan Harmon, Cindy Kirkpatrick, Beth Schatz-Kaylor, and Diane J. Weber
Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Our annual meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 12th in the Library's Meeting Room A with a short business meeting and election of officers before our speaker, author Fred Smith presents his book talk. The public is invited to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served.

You're Invited...

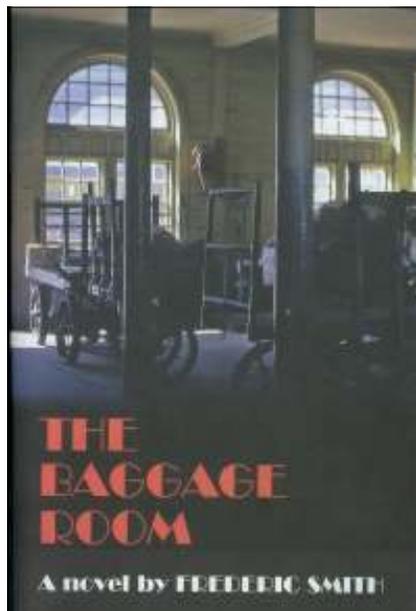
Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 pm Meeting Room A

Bismarck Public Library

A short business meeting will precede our guest speaker.



Guest Speaker: author Frederic Smith
The Baggage Room

Bismarck author, Fred Smith, was a mail and baggage handler for a major western railroad. Later he was an office worker in coal power-plant construction and, finally, a newspaper man with *The Bismarck Tribune*. *Bull*, his first novel, appeared in 1985.

***The Baggage Room* is fiction, but is also a time machine returning the reader to a special year and the way it was in the baggage room—and in America in the late 1960s.**

Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public

Some Spring 2011 Book Sale Stats...

117 volunteers worked 515 hours
sorting books, taking money, cutting down
cardboard boxes, keeping the tables full
of sale items, and clean-up

All but one table of books was sold!
Fewest leftovers ever!



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.

Save the Date...future FOL activities

*Tuesday, April 12 — Annual Membership Meeting
7:00 PM Library's Meeting Room A

* Saturday, May 7 — Ladies Tea
Library's Meeting Room A
(Tickets)

* Fall Book Sale - October 6, 7, & 8 2011

Yes

I'll be a Friend!

Renew

My Support!

Fill out this form
and make your
check payable
to: FOL

**FRIENDS
OF THE
LIBRARY**

515 North Fifth St.
Bismarck, ND
58501-4057

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name _____

Street _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

_____ Individual	\$5.00	_____ Contributing	\$25.00
_____ Family	\$10.00	_____ Life	\$100.00

_____ I am interested in becoming a FOL Board Member

_____ I am interested in calling volunteers for events

_____ I am interested in serving on the following committees:

___ Book Sale Committee ___ Membership Committee ___ Newsletter Committee

___ Nominating Committee ___ Advertising/PR Committee ___ Web Page

_____ I am interested in working at the following events:

___ Book Sales ___ Ladies Spring Tea ___ National Friends of the Library Week

___ Ice Cream Social ___ Book Sale Kick-off Rally

continued from pg. 1)

catalog of 567,000 holdings from 20 libraries in five counties of south central ND

- 1998: Phase III of the interior building construction was finished and included the lower level adult book stack area, additional study rooms and seating spaces, and the Missouri River Room for local and ND history materials
- 1999: Awarded the ND Library Association's Librarian of the Year award for recognized leadership at the local and state levels
- 2001: The Library Foundation, Inc. launched a one million dollar endowment campaign, to provide long-term supplemental dollars for increasing library holdings and resources
Currently, the total raised and invested is more than \$900,000.
- 2007: The full-service coffee shop, constructed with private funds raised by the Foundation and the Friends of the Library, opened in a remodeled area of the main floor
- 2010: The completely renovated Children's Library was dedicated following a successful Foundation-led fundraising campaign which netted more than \$660,000 and included \$60,000 in funding for new materials

1975	2010
Bismarck's population: 38,123	Bismarck's population: 61,272
Building size: 17,500 sq. ft.	Building size: 70,000 sq. ft.
Staff: F/T = 7 P/T = 9	Staff: F/T = 15 P/T = 37
All collections total: 87,185	All collections total: 222,451
New books added: 2,791	New books added: 18,797
Magazines: 325 Newspapers 32	Magazines: 558 Newspapers: 48
Card holders: 15,500	Card holders: 42,015
# of items circulated: 182,423	# of items circulated: 529,427
Hours open: winter = 73 summer = 69	Hours open: year round = 71
Revenue: \$231,141.39	Revenue: \$2,376,773
Expenditures: \$204,208.80	Expenditures: \$2,349,525

Tom and his wife Diane have been married for 43 years and have two married daughters; Anne Marie living near Lexington, Kentucky and Christine of Houston, Texas. He and Diane currently reside on ten acres just north of Bismarck. Tom plans to begin his retirement this summer by planting a huge garden and enjoying the fruits (and vegetables) of his labor.

There will be a reception in Tom's honor on Tuesday, May 31st from 3:30—6:00 PM in the Library's Meeting Room A. The public is invited to drop in and wish Tom well as he starts a new chapter in his life.



Karen Thompson Reference Librarian

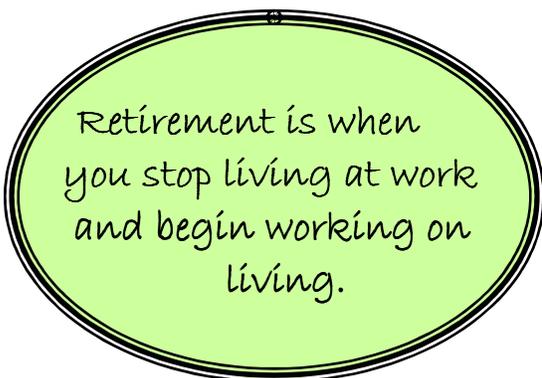


After three decades in Minneapolis-St. Paul, part-time reference librarian Karen Fay Thompson says she's happy to be back in Bismarck and close to family and friends. Before coming to work at the Library, she worked as a medical and technical writer, research director, planner, and business editor. Karen has a bachelor's degree in general science, a master's in biological science from NDSU, and a master's in information science from the University of North Texas, Denton.

"I love the variety of people and questions I get at the reference desk," says Karen, for whom librarianship is a second career. "Every question is a little mystery. When I was a young girl, Nancy Drew was my favorite detective. Now I get to play Nancy Drew every workday, solving mysteries and finding answers, without getting locked in old clock towers or chasing down larkspur lanes."

In her spare time, she is an armchair traveler— a reader of travel and adventure books. She is grateful for the library services that support her habit.

Karen's parents, June (now deceased) and Jim Thompson, owned and ran Sioux Sporting Goods in Bismarck for many years. Karen lives downtown with her elderly gray cat, Grendel the Fierce.





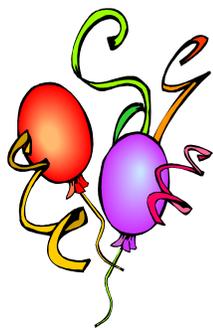
Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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



Come to the Library and see the newly painted



**Children's
Department
and
Story Room.
Now our
remodeling
is complete!**

**Movies @
Bismarck Public Library**

Stop by the library or go to
www.bismarcklibrary.org
for movie listings

Free and Open to the Public

Movie Licensing USA
A Division of Movie Licensing Partners, Inc. • 100 South Oakwood