

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.

Library Gets a face-lift!

You will immediately notice the north and south outside library's signage has been painted blue to match the roof. The new color makes the letters and logo stand out making it much easier to identify our building as being the city's public library.

All the light poles, the flag pole, and handicapped parking spaces have also been painted. The handicapped parking spaces have been increased from four to six to accommodate more patrons with disabled parking permits. Sidewalks around the building have all been repaired.

Noticeable, too, are the bushes behind the plaza bench that were taken out by the city Forestry Department. They were not only overgrown but were also a visibility hazard and tended to collect lots of unwanted garbage. This winter the Forestry Department will design a plan to replant that area and will follow through in early spring. The evergreen trees on the hilly part of the north lot were trimmed up about four feet from the ground. Again, that does open up the line of sight and allows for mowing and keeping the area around the tree free of blown in garbage, etc.

This winter several projects inside the library will be started—a more ergonomically correct check-out desk will be built and will replace our current one. Some walls will be painted in the main area and better directional signs will be posted.



Library signage, which was the same color as the building, was recently painted blue to match the roof.



Before (above) and after pictures of the front plaza's overgrown bushes.



Mark your Calendar

Lobby Displays

September—mid-November
Dakota Woodturners
Mid-November—mid-January
Bismarck Doll Friends

Computer Classes

Beginning Internet I
Wed., Nov. 2, 10 am-noon
Beginning Internet II
Thurs., Oct. 6, 4-6pm
Wed., Nov. 9, 10 am-noon
Beginning Hotmail
Thurs., Oct. 13 4-6 pm
Business & Holiday Letters
Wed., Nov. 16 10 am-noon
BisManOnline Help Session
Tues., Nov. 8 10-11 am

Ancestry Online -Genealogy
Monday, November 14 2:30-4
Free Pre-registration required
Classes limited to 6 people.

Introduction to the Foundation Directory Online
Monday, November 28 (2:30-3:30)
Free Pre-registration required
Class limited to 6 people.

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. See the back page of this newsletter.

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

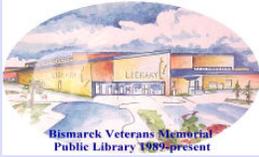
Thursday, Oct. 6 7am—9pm
Friday, Oct. 7 9am—6pm
Saturday, Oct. 8 9am—3pm

Children's Programs

TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST!
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**

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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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William P. Pearce

Recipient of the 2011

Pearce Award for Library Service



The Library Foundation, Inc. established the *Pearce Award for Library Service* in 2011 to recognize outstanding contributions to Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and its Foundation.

The Award is named for the Pearce Family who have served tirelessly and given generously to the Library since the 1950s.

Bill Pearce will be honored at a recognition dinner on November 18th at the Bismarck Municipal Country Club. If you are interested in attending, please call the Library Foundation office at 355-1494 for more information.

Saxon Project Donation

From 2007-2011 the Arlis Saxon Eco-Kids Project supported student-created projects to improve the environmental footprint of their schools. During that time, the Saxon Project granted over \$5,000 to eleven projects in seven different schools and organizations in the Bismarck area.

Created by Gwyn Ridenhour as a memorial to her grandmother, the Arlis Saxon Eco-Kids Project taught research and grant-writing skills to elementary students. When the Project closed in the summer of 2011, the board unanimously voted to donate the remainder of the Project's money, \$624.80, to the Bismarck Public Library Children's Department to further its mission of promoting literacy and critical thinking among Bismarck students.



Arlis Saxon and granddaughter
Gwyn Ridenhour

What did you say?

Libraries change lives.

Libraries mean business.

Libraries build community.

Libraries are a smart investment.

~ Jamie Larue

2011 FALL USED BOOK SALE



October 6, 7, & 8
in the
Bismarck
Public Library's
Meeting Rooms
515 North 5th Street

50,000+ books for sale by the pound:
Hardcover books @ 50¢/lb
Paperbacks @ \$1.00/lb

AV and miscellaneous items
are priced separately

Thursday 7:00 am—8:45 pm
Friday 9:00 am—5:45 pm
Saturday 9:00 am—3:00 pm

**Proceeds fund special
purchases/projects at the
Bismarck Public Library**

**Donations of used books, AV, etc.
are accepted at the Library
throughout the year.**



A fundraiser of the
Friends of the Bismarck Public Library



“AN EVENING WITH CLAY JENKINSON”

Mr. Jenkinson, well-known author and humanities scholar, will be at the Bismarck Public Library for an evening of conversation, a question and answer segment, and book signing.

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

7:00 PM

Library’s Meeting Room A

(515 N. 5th St.)



**This event is proudly sponsored by
The Friends of the Bismarck Public Library
and is free and open to the public.
Refreshments will be served**



Library Parking at a Premium!

Because of a growing problem of people leaving their vehicles in the library's parking lot and taking spaces from library users, the city commission has given final approval to a new ordinance that bans parking in the Library's parking lot if you are not using the Library. Vehicles will be ticketed with a \$20 fine if caught. Signs have been posted at all entrances to the lot and library staff will be doing random enforcement checks and notifying authorities.

Celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week @ your Library
October 16-22

Our Library will be spending the entire week of October 16-22 celebrating its Friends of the Library group as part of the fifth annual celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week. Our Friends group was re-established in 1992 and has raised over \$225,000 for the Library to date. Almost 300 community members contribute annually to belong to the Friends and nearly 175 of these members actively volunteer their time to assist the group with fundraising efforts that include the semi-annual used book sales held each March and October.

The Friends of the Bismarck Public Library raise money that enables our Library to move from good to great—providing additional resources to support special collections, additional programming and special events throughout the year.

The work of the Friends highlights, on an on-going basis, the fact that our Library is the center of learning and intellectual growth in our city—connecting our patrons with thoughts, ideas, and intellectual contributions to others from ages past and to the present.

They understand the critical importance of a well-funded library and work to ensure that our Library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services.

The very gift of the Friends' time and commitment to the Library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the overall betterment of our Library.



Books by the Numbers - 2010 Statistics -

- 3,082,740: Total number of titles produced
- 2,766,260: Number of nontraditional titles produced
- 316,480: Number of traditional titles
- 169%: Increase in nontraditional output
- 5%: Increase in traditional output
- 51%: Increase in computer books output
- 29%: Decline in literature title output
- 47,392: Fiction books produced in 2010
- 48,738: Fiction books produced in 2009
- 32,638: Juvenile titles produced in 2010
- 33,028: Juvenile titles produced in 2009
- 1,461,918: Number of titles produced by the print-on-demand company BiblioBazaar
- 744,367: Number of titles produced by the print-on-demand company General Books

~Publishers Weekly Magazine



Sam Pulver Library Page



Sam started working at the library in February, 2009. As a Library Page, she handles a variety of tasks including putting returned items in order and shelving them, straightening items and making sure they are in the correct order on the shelves and working on special projects.

What Sam likes best about her job, she says, is seeing all the different books and what gets checked out. She also likes her co-workers and says it's nice working with all of them.

Her fellow employees say that Sam has a great work ethic, is very dependable and punctual and she shelves faster than any Page we've ever had!

When Sam isn't at work at the Library, she is studying at Bismarck State College for her Associate in Arts degree and is also interested in the possibility of learning more about the field of Library Science. In her spare time she enjoys arts and crafts and, of course, reading!

Sam prefers reading mysteries and cites Christopher Fowler and Donna Andrews as her current favorite authors.



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**Friends of the Library's
Used Book Sale:
Thursday, Fri. & Saturday
October 6, 7, & 8.**

Reader's Voice Book Discussion

September—May

Everyone is welcome and there is
no charge to attend. The group
meets in the Library on the 3rd
Monday at 7:00 pm.

September 19: *Truman*
by David McCullough

**October 17: *The Immortal Life of
Henrietta Lacks*** by Rebecca Skloot

**November 21: *The Social Animal:
The Hidden Sources of Love,
Character, and Achievement***
by David Brooks

**January 16: *Bonhoeffer:
Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy***
by Eric Metaxas

**February 20: *In the Garden of
Beasts: Love, Terror, and an
American Family in Hitler's Berlin***
by Erik Larson

**March 19: *Unbroken: A World
War II Story of Survival, Resilience,
and Redemption*** by Laura Hillen-
brand

**April 16: *Hotel on the Corner of
Bitter and Sweet*** by Jamie Ford

May 21: *The Help*
by Kathryn Stockett