

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.

More Cosmetic Changes at BPL



Traditionally, Library 'help desks' have always been referred to as *Reference Desks*. Times have changed and so has the understanding and use of the word 'reference'. To encompass all that the librarians at that desk cover, we have changed the name of that desk to the **INFORMATION** desk.

The same goes for the front desk that has traditionally been called the *Circulation Desk*. That's where the library staff, among many other duties, issue library cards and check out your materials. To keep up with the type of activities conducted at that desk and to better guide patrons, we have relabeled it **CHECKOUT & LIBRARY CARDS**.



You will notice, too, that we have begun "warming-up" the look and feel of the adult area. After the Children's Department was completed, the contrast in color between the two areas of the library was dramatic. We had many comments that the adult area now looked really "blah," being all off white, and that it needed some color. So, we consulted a color expert and have a master painting plan for the interior of the adult area. As you can see from the pictures, we have started on that painting plan and hope to finish it early in 2012.



Mark your Calendar

Lobby Displays

Mid-November—mid-January

Bismarck Doll Friends

Mid-January—Mid-March

Memories of Rural ND Folklore

Mid-March—Mid-April

Library Foundation Collectibles

Learn All about E-Readers and Library downloadable books

Tuesday, Jan 10

2-3 pm and 5:30—6:30 pm

Call 355-1480 or ask at the Information Desk

Computer Classes

See p. 2 for a complete listing

Ancestry Online -Genealogy

Free Pre-registration required
Classes limited to 6 people.

Introduction to the Foundation Grants to Individuals

Tuesday, Feb. 14 2:30-3:30 pm

Free Pre-registration required
Class limited to 6 people.

Great Books Discussion Group

3rd Thursdays at 7 pm

Library's Missouri River Room

Jan. 19, Feb. 16 & March 15

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, March 1, 2 & 3

Library's Meeting Rooms

ALSO: See p. 2 for information about our "Cabin Fever" Sale

Children's Programs

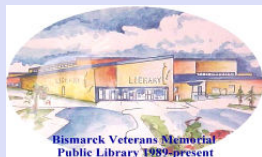
TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST !

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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- * library information
- * links to book sites
- * free access to subscription websites and databases
- * local history information
- * and much more....

Spring 2012 Beginning Computer Classes

Internet Searching I
Thursday, January 26, 5-7 pm
Thursday, March 22, 4-6 pm

Internet Searching II
Thursday, February 2, 5-7 pm
Thursday, March 29, 4-6 pm

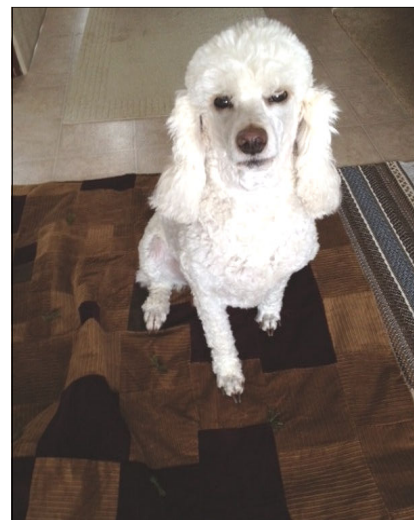
Beginning Hotmail
Wednesday, April 18, 5-7 pm

Business & Holiday Letters in Word®
Wednesday, February 8, 5-7 pm

BisManOnline Free Help Session
Wednesday, February 15, 5-6 pm

Beginning Publisher
Wednesday, February 22, 5-7 pm

Cost per 2-hour session: \$5
Register for one or more
sessions in person at the
Information Desk
Classes Held in Bismarck Public
Library's Computer Lab
For More Information,
Call 355-1480



woof, woof!

B.A.R.K. (Bismarck Animals Reading with Kids), the Library's reading program for elementary-aged children, was the lucky recipient of dog quilts from a local church quilting group. The Piecemakers, from St. George's Episcopal Church in Bismarck, donated four large dog quilts. In the picture above, you see Candy, owned by Children's Department head, Traci Juhala, enjoying the new and comfy quilt. Thank you, Piecemakers!

Book club members at the

Bismarck Senior Center agree that a story is always better if you have someone to share it with, and that's what keeps them coming back to their book club. Someone usually brings up themes or happenings that others might have missed in the story. Everyone comes from different backgrounds and is willing to share personal experiences, insights, and interesting tales that add to the story and expand your perspective.

Many Senior Center Book Club Members will tell you they are life-long readers. One member remembers hiding in a cozy spot in the hay loft as a child with a favorite book, and reading for as long as she could until she was brought back to reality by a call from her mother saying there were chores that needed to get done. Most members have passed on the love of reading books to their children and grandchildren. All members agree that the Senior Center Book Club is wonderful.

This is a great collaboration that connects two wonderful agencies—the Library and the Senior Center. Librarian and discussion leader, Sarah Matthews, is excited to be able to outreach with the seniors of our community.

The group meets on the last Monday of the month after lunch at the Senior Center. Titles are chosen from the supply of book club kits the Library has available for checkout. Some favorite selections have included *Water for Elephants* and *Rachel Calof's Story*.



Special Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Library are trying something new this winter....



'Cabin Fever' Used Book Sale

Friday & Saturday

January 27 & 28

Library's Meeting Room B

9 am–5:45 pm each day

Because we had collected so many books last summer, there were many we did not have room to put out at our October Sale. So..

Our 'Cabin Fever' books (books only!) will be set out as usual **EXCEPT they will not be sorted.** There will be **NO PRESALE.** **ALL books will sell for \$1.00 per pound.**

2012 Spring USED BOOK SALE



March 1, 2, & 3
in the
Bismarck
Public Library's
Meeting Rooms
515 North 5th Street

40,000+ books for sale at \$1.00 per pound.
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 Veterans Memorial
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

Top Five Music Picks of 2011

by Zach Packineau



"WILD FLAG," WILD FLAG

Monumental, momentous, and meaningful: powerhouse foursome explodes on one of the most highly anticipated albums of the year.

"Canta Lechuza," Helado Negro

Hispanic hipster withdraws to the woods to compose and redefine the folktronica record while he sings solely in his native tongue.

"Within and Without," Washed Out

Take one librarian: start music career; acquire cult-like following; record one of the best debuts of 2011.

"Skying," The Horrors

With lush guitars and an intelligent, dark sensibility, these Englishmen become the 21st century's answer to the Cure.

"Strange Mercy," St. Vincent

Guitar-slinging indie chanteuse captivates listeners from beginning to end on her third and most ambitious record.

These titles (and so many more!) are available in the Library's CD collection. There is a limit of five CDs per library card.

Teen Cupcake Decorating and Book Discussion

Learn to decorate cupcakes,
then discuss the book, *The Maze
Runner* by James Dashner.



For ages 14 +
on Monday,
January 16
from 2-4 pm in
the



Library's Meeting Room B

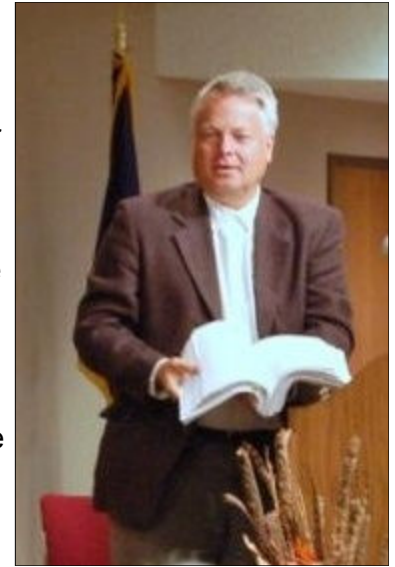
"The closest thing we will ever come to
an orderly universe is a good library."
~Ashleigh Brilliant



Friends of the Library Host Clay Jenkinson

"An Evening with Clay Jenkinson" in mid-October was well attended. Mr. Jenkinson, well-known author and humanities scholar, gave the audience a myriad of information, lots of conversation, a question and answer segment and a book signing.

It was a pleasure for the FOL to sponsor this program and this well-known speaker.



The FOL welcomes all new members who have joined this year. We appreciate your interest and hope you stay with us.



Diane Wilson
Serials/Repair



How many people can say they are working in a dream job? Diane can and does! Having recently celebrated her first year in the mailroom, she gets to handle all the new magazines and newspapers as they arrive.

Arriving in Bismarck eight years ago to care for her mother, Diane chose to stay after her mother passed away in 2007. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, she's lived in six states and in Toronto, Canada.

Her son, Jeff, lives in North Carolina and her daughter, Debra, lives in Florida. She is the grandmother to four grandsons.

Diane's main passion is, of course, reading. She's recently read *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain and *The Party's Over* by Richard Heinberg. She loves most music but favors easy listening, blues and smooth jazz. She doesn't 'do' gyms but does exercise by walking, and playing tennis and ping pong. She's relearning Mahjong, enjoys playing cards and is hoping to learn to play bridge. Diane also writes an occasional Letter to the Editor.




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2012 Spring Movies @ Bismarck Public Library

Larry Crowne (PG-13) – Tuesday, January 10 @ 6:00PM
 Super 8 (PG-13) – Tuesday, January 24 @ 6:00PM
 The Conspirator (PG-13) – Tuesday, February 7 @ 6:00PM
 Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows Pt 2 (PG-13) – Tuesday, February 21 @ 6:00PM
 I am Number 4 (PG-13) – Tuesday, March 6 @ 6:00PM
 Zookeeper (PG) – Tuesday, March 27 @ 6:00PM
 Pirates of the Caribbean-On a Stranger Tide (PG-13)– Tuesday, April 3 @ 6:00PM
 Captain America (PG-13)– Tuesday, April 24 @ 6:00PM

All movies will be shown in the library's Meeting Room A. Free and Open to the Public. Metal chairs provided. You may bring your own snacks & beverages; please clean up your area after the movie. **Parents/guardians are responsible for minors attending.**

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 Hillenbrand

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

May 21: *The Help*
by Kathryn Stockett