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Why I Love my Library



by Christine Kujawa

As we celebrated Library Lovers' Month in February, we asked our patrons what they love about our library. We received so many responses with such a wide variety of answers. Some wrote about the friendly and helpful staff while others cited their favorite service. The overwhelming responses referred to the great collection of books available for check-out. Here are just some of them:

Because it gave me the best education in the world, for free. From the time I was a kid, on up to today. ~A Patron Forever

Cheap internet. New titles fast. The used book sale! ~Ray W.

The Library is the brain's toy store, full of delightful ideas. And a coffee shop, too. ~Grandma G.

The Best library I've ever been to—coffee shop, study rooms, so many newspapers. Bismarck should be proud! ~Sandra

I like the library because it's quiet and I can be alone and read a book without any disturbance. ~Benjamin S.

My family loves the Bismarck Public Library because Miss Sparkles and Colette are the best show in town! We attend story time each and every week! ~Tina M.

The staff, the atmosphere, the quality of the available items, the coffee shop, the children's section, the meeting rooms which provide safe, secure, comfortable places for groups to meet. To be honest, what's not to love??? ~Deb

I enjoy coming into a friendly place always a smile on the library staff. They're really great in what they do. ~Susie J.

Quick and efficient interlibrary loan service! ~Randy S.

Mark your Calendar

Lobby Displays

Mid-March—Mid-April

Library Foundation Collectibles

Mid-April—June

Ty Beanie Babies Collection

Learn All about E-Readers and Library downloadable books

Monday, April 9 5:30-6:30

Mtg. Rm A—Doors open at 5:00

Call 355-1480 and ask for the Information Desk—no reservation necessary

Computer Classes

Beginning Hotmail

Wednesday, April 18, 5-7 pm

Cost is \$5 Register in advance at the Information Desk

Ancestry Library Edition

Free Pre-registration required Class size is limited

Monday, May 14, 2:30-4 pm

Library's ECR Room

Introduction to Philanthropy In/Sight

Tuesday, May 8th, 6-7 pm

Free Pre-registration required Class size is limited

Great Books Discussion Group

3rd Thursdays at 7 pm

Library's Missouri River Room

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.

Children's Programs

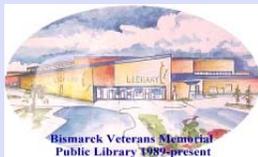
TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST !

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

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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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Mickey and Minnie with some fans

Mickey and Minnie in Bismarck !

Library patrons, children AND adults, were treated to a special story time experience in February. *Disney on Ice* was in town for multiple performances and offered to send over several skaters and characters to promote their show and entertain the children of Bismarck. One of their skaters read *The Lion King* to the children, and then, to the delight of all in attendance, Mickey and Minnie Mouse appeared on stage. The more-than-capacity-filled room of enthusiastic Disney lovers enjoyed the event immensely. It was especially appreciated by those in attendance that they were able to get their pictures taken with Mickey and Minnie.

Forestry Mascot ♥ Trees

The Children's Library hosted the City Forestry Department in early March for a special family event in conjunction with the nationwide opening of the animated film, *The Lorax*.

Children's Librarian, Traci Juhala, read Dr. Seuss' book, *The Lorax*. After the reading, children were introduced to Forrest Von Flickentail, the Forestry Department's mascot. Urban Forestry Program Specialist, Beth Peske, shared some information about the importance of trees and answered questions the children had about trees and forests. Beth and Forrest handed out certificates for free trees which may be redeemed at the Public Works building during Arbor Week, April 30 - May 4.



Forrest Von Flickentale and Children's Librarian, Traci Juhala

Celebrate National Library Week: April 8—14, 2012

Whether you are a job seeker looking for resources to land a new job, a parent looking for free activities for children or a student searching for your next favorite book, **You Belong @ Your Library.**

Today's libraries help level the playing field by making both print and digital information affordable, available and accessible to all people. Libraries provide cultural heritage and genealogical collections, materials in print and electronic formats, job seeking resources, English as second language and citizenship classes and many other creative and resourceful programs.

Libraries have historically served as our nation's great equalizers of knowledge. The strength of libraries has always been the diversity of their collections and commitment to serving all people. This National Library Week, join our nation's libraries and librarians by celebrating the place where we all belong.

"Today's libraries provide a wide range of opportunities for people with diverse needs and interests," says Kristi Harms, Library Director. "That means providing their communities with tailor made collections and services for people of diverse backgrounds, language abilities and technological skills."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

Good enough never is. ~Debbi Field, Founder, Mrs. Fields Cookies

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

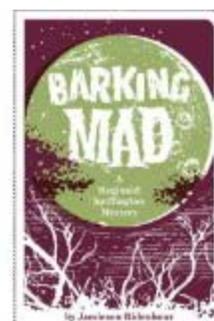
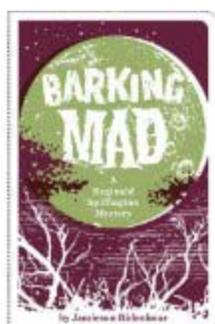
Tuesday, April 10th

7:00 PM

Library's Meeting Room A

with author

Jamieson Ridenhour

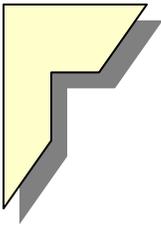


Jamieson Ridenhour, writer and musician, is the author of the dashing witty werewolf murder-mystery *BARKING MAD*. His fiction and poetry has appeared in *Weird Tales*, *Strange Horizons*, *The Lumberyard*, *Dissections*, *Underneath the Juniper Tree*, and others. He lives in Bismarck, where he lectures on vampires and Charles Dickens, and plays guitar with the occasional rock and roll outfit, *Blind Mice*.

The author will be giving a book talk on his recently published book, *BARKING MAD*. Autographed copies of his book will be available for purchase.



A short FOL business meeting will precede the author.
This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.



2011 Annual Membership Meeting Notice

Proposed amendments to our current Bylaws:

Complete copies of the Bylaws will be available at the meeting, but specific amendments are as follows:

The words in **blue** are to be deleted and those in **red** are to be added.

Article V: Quorum:

Section B: **One-half A majority** of the authorized number of officers and directors shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business at any meeting of the Board.

Article VI: Officers and Directors:

Section A: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of **sixteen nine** directors of which **four three** are officers. Directors are elected to a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. Terms are staggered to ensure that one-third of the Board is subject to election each year. The **four three** officers are elected annually.

Section B: The **four three** officers and their general responsibilities are:

Secretary: **Records attendance and takes minutes of all meetings, ensures that members are notified of all general membership meetings and that the Board members are notified of all Board meetings, and takes care of correspondence as requested by the President or directed by the Board.**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Records attendance and takes minutes of all meetings.** Keeps accurate accounting of funds for the association, makes regular financial reports to the Board, presents an annual report to the general membership at the annual meeting, and prepares all financial reports. The **Secretary**/Treasurer must have served as a Director for at least one year to be eligible for election to the position.

In addition to bylaws changes, we have a slate of nominees for election to the FOL Board :

Officer Nominees:	President, Cindy Kirkpatrick	Director Nominees:	Tim Garey
	Vice President: Jason Matthews		Bev Sandness
	Treasurer/Secretary: Diane Weber		Diane Weber

Nominations may also be taken from the floor.

Our annual meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 in the Library's Meeting Room A. There will be a short business meeting and election of officers before our speaker, author Jamieson Ridenhour, presents his book talk. The public is invited to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served.

Annual Volunteer Picnic

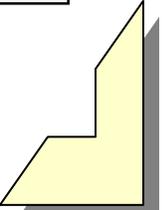
If you have volunteered for the FOL in any capacity this last year, you will receive an invitation to join us at our Volunteer Picnic on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Sertoma Park. We have reserved the enclosed community shelter. Mark your calendars to attend with a guest of your choice. Food will be catered, so just come, eat and have a good time.



Measure #2



As it may affect libraries in a negative way, the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library organization has gone on record to oppose this measure that is on the state general election ballot to eliminate property tax. We join the North Dakota Library Association and the Fargo Library in this opposition.



Cupcakes, Anyone?

by Kathy Vander Vorst



Ten teens were treated to a fun afternoon of cupcake decorating and book discussion at the library on their day off from school in mid January. Karen Karls, a local cake decorator with 35 years experience and a ND State Representative, volunteered her expertise to help the teens learn to use basic cake decorating tools and create three cute cupcake concoctions. Karls says she's had lots of fun helping her grandchildren learn to decorate cupcakes and thought it would be fun to share her talents at this special Teen library event.

The participants had a chance to work with basic cake decorating tools and to use several different candies and cookies in creative ways.

After decorating cupcakes, Teen Services Librarian Kathy Vander Vorst led a discussion on the very popular teen dystopian, *The Maze Runner*, by James Dashner. It is an exciting new series available at the library. Anyone who liked *The Hunger Games* or *The City of Ember* should check out this title!

*** The next Teen VIPs book discussion will be *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien, April 23, 4-5 pm, Bismarck Public Library Story Room, ages 14+. Read this great classic and come to discuss! Hobbit cake will be served. The next Teen VIPs meeting is Monday, April 9, 4-5 pm at the Library. Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to join this volunteer organization. For more information, call Teen Services at 355-1487. ***

Library Coffee Shop

New Owners & New Name...



Hotwire Café is the new name and Rachael and Matt Neva are the new owners.

Rachael has been the manager of the former Red Roaster Coffee shop since 2010. The shop's former operator transferred his lease to the Nevas in late February.

The menu of the café has expanded to include organic coffee and Panini sandwiches. Also available for purchase are all kinds of specialty coffee drinks, teas, including multiple chai drinks, smoothies and sodas. Sandwiches can be made on New York style bagels or croissants and served with tasty home-made soups. Various sweet treats and old-fashioned hard ice cream is always available.

Along with drinks and eats in the cozy coffee shop, the Friends of the Library organization has shelves of donated books they are offering for a \$ donation of your choice.

Teen Events...

4th Annual Photography Contest "Own the Night"

Entry dates: April 23-June 22. For all area photographers ages 11-17. Call 355-1487 for more info.

Summer Photo Workshop with Tom Chase:

June 4, 6:30-8:30 pm for ages 11-17. Call 355-1487 for more info & to register. Seating Limited

Employee Spotlight

Teely Wanek



Tracy Wanek (aka Teely) joined the Library's staff in 2011. Her primary role as Children's Services Assistant includes providing readers' advisory to parents and children, assisting with collection development, and coming up with fabulous book displays. She also helps with a myriad of other department functions.

Tracy is a mother of two enthusiastic readers at home - Christian and Aria. They assist her in her work by offering recommendations of great books they have read. Tracy also uses her own reading experiences. The first book she remembers reading as a young person is *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Gannett. Now, as an adult, her favorite book is *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell* by Susanna Clarke. She is currently reading *Catherine the Great* by Zu Vincent, *Game of Thrones* by George Martin, and *Atonement* by Ian McEwan. She likes to have a few literary irons in the fire.



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FREE Tax Help at the Library:



AARP Tax Aide is available free to low and moderate income taxpayers of all ages, with special attention to those 60 and older.

Please ensure you have received all documentation of income and deductions prior to visiting the tax site.

Appointments are NOT taken. Volunteer assistance is available during these hours only.

Bismarck Public Library

Tuesdays: 1 pm—8 pm
Wednesdays: 1 pm—8 pm
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Saturdays: 9:30 am—1:30 pm

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