

# Library Connections

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## One Year Down the Road ..

by Library Director, Kristi Harms

**“We will open the book, its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.”**  
~Edith Lovejoy Pierce

Some of you are thinking, “It’s summer, not January.” However, when I found this quote, I felt it applied to me when I came to Bismarck as the new library director. The opportunity to write in the blank pages of my own book was both terrifying and thrilling.

Despite my best efforts not to make any major changes my first year, change is the only constant at the Library. We have:

- \* Painted the logo and letters on the outside of the building so the Library is easily found and identified
- \* Removed the view-blocking evergreens on the front plaza and replaced them with trees, low-lying shrubs and plants
- \* Added color in the Library by painting the walls of the lobbies and main floor adult areas
- \* Downsized our magazine subscriptions, eliminating ones that were rarely used and moving the back issues to the lower level, thereby freeing up shelving on the main level to expand our Large Print books, the Teen collection, and the crowded books in the 600s and 700s
- \* Started the bidding process for a new, ergonomically correct check-out desk
- \* Management software and hardware for our public computer use and printing is in its final stages of completion and
- \* We’re looking to replace the front plaza bricks that constantly need replacing from breakage, become waterlogged easily and are extremely slippery when wet.

In my opinion, there is no nicer place to work or visit than our Library. It seems as though we are busier from one day to the next. The Children’s Library is always humming with activity and our reference librarians field a constant stream of queries. This is an environment where something is always happening and no two days are alike. Looking back on my first year as a North Dakotan and as this library’s director, I find myself feeling satisfied and happy with my move here. It’s a challenge every day when I get to work, and that’s the way I like it!

## Mark your Calendar

### Lobby Displays

July-August: Boleslawiec Pottery  
September—mid-November:  
Hand carved Carousels

### Learn All about E-Readers and Library downloadable books

Will begin again in October

### Computer Classes

Will begin again in October

### Ancestry Library Edition

Tuesday, July 10th 6:30-8 PM  
Tuesday, Sept. 18th 2:30-4 PM

**Free Pre-registration required**  
**Class size is limited**

Library’s Exec. Conf. Room

### Foundation Directory Online Professional

Monday, Aug. 13th 6-7 PM

**Free Pre-registration required**  
**Class size is limited**

Library’s Exec. Conf. Room

### Great Books Discussion Group Reader’s Voice Book Discussions

Both begin in September

### 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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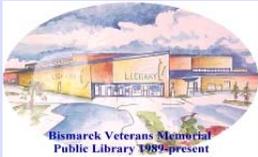
### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

To celebrate the end of the summer reading programs on Tuesday, July 31st  
6:30 PM on the Library’s front plaza

Everyone welcome!

## 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:

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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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In late June, the Teen VIPs (Volunteers (in Public Service)) spent the day doing odd jobs around the Library. They dusted, straightened books and wiped down shelving. Teens performing these services were: Steven Deutsch, Danielle Dinga, Alyssa Gessele, and Ellie Heaton. Volunteers like these young people help keep the Library clean and nice. Thanks, Teen VIPs!

## Mini-Golf @ Your Library

by Gayle Schuck

Teens are invited to bring their friends and enjoy nine holes of mini-golf inside the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library from 7-10 PM, Friday, July 13. Mini Golf @ Your Library is free and open to youth ages 11-17. Teens may arrive and begin to play any time before the doors close at 8:30 PM.

Each of the holes will feature a different popular book. Scott Wild of Wild Inspire will provide music and trivia. Prizes given throughout the evening are being provided by local businesses. Teens will also have the chance to build ice cream sundaes. Library staff and other adults affiliated with the Library have agreed to host each hole and create golf holes and obstacles. The Library Foundation Board and the Friends of the Library are also assisting with the event.

Mini-golf @ Your Library is part of the 2012 Teen Summer Reading Program, *Own the Night*. Funding for this event is provided by a grant from Verizon. Golf clubs are on loan from the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District. For more information call Teen Services at 355-1487.



### 2012 Fall Movies @ Bismarck Public Library

The Muppets (PG)	— Tuesday, September 11 @ 6:00PM
War Horse (PG-13)	— Tuesday, September 25 @ 6:00PM
Adventures of TinTin (PG)	— Tuesday, October 16 @ 6:00PM
Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG-13)	— Tuesday, October 30 @ 6:00PM
The Smurfs (PG)	— Tuesday, November 13 @ 6:00PM
Hugo (PG)	— Tuesday, November 27 @ 6:00PM
Dolphin Tale (PG)	— Tuesday, December 18 @ 6:00PM
It's a Wonderful Life (NR)	— Saturday, December 22 @ 3:00PM

All movies will be shown in the library's Meeting Room A. Free and Open to the Public. Metal chairs provided. Parents/guardians are responsible for minors attending films.

## What did you say?

**Forgiving without forgetting is like taking poison hoping the other person will die. ~ Bits & Pieces on Leadership**



## The Friends of the Library

Earlier this year the Friends of the Library (FOL) began using a new email account, **Friends@cdln.info**, and retired our old Hotmail email address. To facilitate future emails, we ask that you add this email address to your email address book, list of contacts or approved senders. This will prevent our emails from ending up in your spam or junk folder. The use of email reduces our postage and supply expenses, which means more of the money we raise goes to support library programs! If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share regarding the FOL committees, membership, meetings or other activities, feel free to contact us at this new email address.

The Library coffee shop, Hotwire Café, now has two sections (10 shelves) of shelving which contain donated books for the cafe patrons to choose from. Double the space for books! From our treasurer's records it seems that since we started offering these books ten months ago, we've received almost \$800 in donations.

The Library's New Book shelves arrived and were immediately put to use. Right now we have plenty of space to display the new books. The Friends purchased that shelving for the Library for \$7,000. They are solid oak, very heavy and durable, and were made by Rough Rider Industries.

The FOL Board does not meet the months of June and July. Our next business meeting is August 14th at 7:00 PM in the Library's Missouri River Room. All meetings of the Friends are open for anyone to attend. Our next event is July 31st when we host the end of the Summer Reading Program on the Library's front plaza.



We've replaced our 40-year-old metal shelving with these new, solid oak shelves that were purchased for the library by the Friends of the Library. We have more than tripled our space for displaying our newest books and are therefore able to display more of them for a longer time.

Signage for the new shelving will be completed soon.

New lighting above the shelving was also installed making it so much brighter and easier to view and peruse the new books.



### Sharon Johnson, Monitor

Sharon Johnson joined the Library staff in 2010. As a Library Monitor, her primary roles include assisting the librarians at the Information Desk and at Children's Services, assisting patrons with inquiries and requests, and helping with building security.

A 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in the Bismarck Public Schools, Sharon has always encouraged pleasure reading for her students. If she can connect them with a series, they are usually excited and eager to read all the books in that series. She is the mother of 2 young adult sons, Alec (24) and Brett (21). As children they enjoyed having a wide variety of books read to them. As a family they grew fond of J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series; reading all eight of the books and going to the movies together.

She enjoys reading the New York Times bestselling authors, such as James Patterson, John Grisham, etc. and books associated with a movie. Her most recent favorites are *We Bought a Zoo* by Benjamin Mee, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, and *The King's Speech* by Mark Logne and Peter Conradi. She loves reading the book first and then going to the movie.





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## 2012-2013 Reader's Voice Book Discussion

Please join us the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Missouri River Room, lower level of the Bismarck Public Library (515 N 5th St). Registration is not required and copies of current books are available and on display at the library. Everyone is welcome!

**September 4: Not So Wild a Dream by Eric Sevareid**

**October 2: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho**

**November 6: Postcards from Tomorrow Square by James Fallows**

**December 4: Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoyevsky**

**February 5: Your Inner Fish by Neil Shubin**

**March 5: Citizens of London by Lynne Olson**

**April 2: The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck**

**May 7: Still Alice by Lisa Genova**