



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library 1989-present

Library Connections

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Long-time Assistant Library Director Retires



“I’ll be two months shy of 42 years when I retire the end of March,” says Assistant Library Director, Mary Jane Schmalz. The “new” Veterans Memorial Public Library building was only eight years old as she began her career at the library when the population of Bismarck then was about 37,000.

The majority of our library holdings included 67,500 books, 4,000 pamphlets, 5,000 phonograph records, 52 8mm films and 145 filmstrips. We circulated 171,000 items per year and her starting salary was \$7,500 per year. We had 15 employees and, with a four mill income from city taxes, we received \$155,000 per year plus another

\$20,000 in grants and from private donations. (*Our current collection totals 212,771 items; we have 26.2 full time equilevent employees; circulated 429,335 items in 2012; and our revenue in 2012 was \$2,497,808.*)

I’ve had the pleasure of watching this library change and grow through the years while it has always continued to be ‘the city’s living room.’ The major changes in these almost 42 years include the expansion of our building from 17,500 sq. ft. to 70,000+ sq. ft., We also began contracting with Burleigh County in the early 70s to operate and maintain bookmobile services to rural schools and communities.

The Library Foundation, Inc., which was started in 1975, was resurrected in 1992 and now we have more than \$1 million in our Endowment Fund. We also, in 1992, resurrected the Friends of the Library (FOL) and today they have semi-annual used book sales that bring in \$50,000+ to help support the services of the library. The FOL also provides volunteers for the library.

Perhaps the biggest change in the library world has been in technology. A wealth of electronic resources and databases are now available to our patrons. These include a richly featured online catalog along with extensive full-text newspaper and magazine databases, genealogy, community information, health, history, music and many others. The library has 11 dedicated search stations for online catalog access and 38 public access computers for Internet use. In addition, wireless Internet access and printing is available to laptop users.

A 600 sq. ft. coffee shop that is leased and operated by an independent vendor was built inside the library in 2007.

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Mark your Calendar

Lobby Displays.

Bismarck Historical Society

mid-Jan.—mid-April

Dakota Woodturners

mid-April—mid-July

Computer Classes

Internet Searching I

Wednesday, April 3, 5-7

Internet Searching II

Wednesday, April 10, 5-7

Ancestry Library Edition

Monday, May 13, 6:30-8 pm

Free Class size is limited so

pre-registration is required

Library’s Exec. Conf. Room

Children’s Programs

TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST !

Check the Children’s program

brochure and our online

calendar for a listing of their

“Perhaps what I will miss the most when I retire is seeing and visiting with our patrons—so many of whom have become friends. I will miss seeing our wonderful, hard working staff on a daily basis as they are like family. But, I do plan to catch up on reading all the books that I’ve not had time to read, travel with my husband, spend more time with our grandchildren and do some volunteer work that has always interested me.”

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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	355-1482
Bookmobile	355-1491
Children's Dept.	355-1489
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Foundation	355-1494
Friends	355-1483
Meeting Room Reservations	355-1484

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The Children's area of the library underwent major redecorating in 2010 and a major remodeling of the main circulation desk was completed earlier this year to make it more user friendly to the staff and patrons.

Our library has always been a busy and vibrant one that has been well used well appreciated and very well supported. It has been my pleasure to work here!



Celebrate National Library Week

April 14-20, 2013

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country. It's a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use.

This year's theme is: "*Communities matter @ your library*" and Caroline Kennedy is the 2013 National Library Week Honorary Chair.

Upcoming Teen Programs

Friday, April 26—Friday, June 21 Teen Photography Contest
"Beneath the Surface"

Friday, May 24 Teen Summer Reading Program Registration

Thursday, May 30, 6:30-8 pm Magician/Hypnotist Jeff Quinn
Room A This is the Teen Summer Kickoff Event

Wednesday, June 19, 2:00-4 pm Teen Bracelet Braiding class
at Morton Mandan Library

Monday, June 24, 4:00-5 pm Teen Book Discussion
The Beast of Noor by Janet Carey Meeting Room B



Summer Reading Programs

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, along with Morton Mandan Public Library, will kick off their summer reading programs on Friday, May 31st at the ND Heritage Center and the ND State Library.

The theme of this 10th annual summer event is "*Dig Into Reading.*" There will be a special magic show, a dinosaur presentation, celebrity readers, hands-on activities, summer reading sign-up, and more. The event, which runs from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, is free and open to the public. There will be a low-cost, healthy lunch available for purchase.

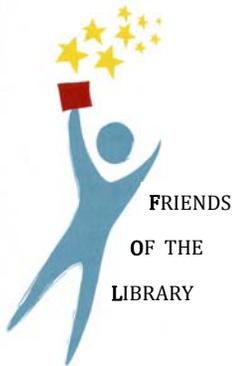
Summer Reading Program and summer programming schedule information for the Children's Library is available at our website:

www.bismarcklibrary.org

What did you say?

People will accept your ideas much more readily if you tell them that Benjamin Franklin said it first.

~David H. Comins



“An Evening with CLAY JENKINSON”

Clay Jenkinson, public humanities scholar and writer, will join the Friends of the Library for their 2013 annual meeting on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:00 pm in the Library’s Meeting Room A. Clay will talk about his recently published book, *FOR THE LOVE OF NORTH DAKOTA*, as well as other ‘adventures in authorship’. He will also be available to sign copies of his books

This event is free and open to the public.

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.



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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

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Dorothy Renner

Dream Workshop

Do your nighttime dreams occupy your daytime mind? If so, join us at this free workshop that's open to the public and explore the many ways in which you are nourished in your personal growth through dreams. Using projection, we'll sift through this mysterious storehouse of wisdom sent to each of you for the purpose of health and wholeness. Participants in this workshop will discover new growth areas while experiencing the rich atmosphere of group projection into dream images. Bring a dream of your own, if you desire, and come prepared to look deep inside.

Presenter Dorothy Renner is a trained Spiritual Director, Dream Worker and Meyers-Briggs Presenter. She's also a Benedictine Oblate at Assumption Abbey in Richardton and lives in Dickinson, where she teaches psychology and German language at Dickinson State University.

WHEN: Sat., May 11th 1-4:00 pm in the Library's Meeting Room B

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library * * * Free and open to the public.

MANY THANKS to **DAN'S SUPERMARKETS**, for saving all the flats we used at our Spring Used Book Sale. **MANY THANKS** to **Fiesta Villa, Central Market** and **Gate City Savings** for donating hundreds of bags we were able to hand out to buyers at the Sale. And, **MANY THANKS** to the **OWL Book Store** for collecting most of the flats and for donating thousands of books each year for our sale. **MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS !!!**



2013 Used Book Sale Best Spring Sale Ever!

We grossed 23,988.28 !!!

(Our March 2012 sale grossed \$19,517.57)

112 members worked 581 hours

**Members logged in an additional 117 hours
in preparation for the sale**

Yes

I'll be a Friend!

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My Support!

Fill out this form and make your check payable to:

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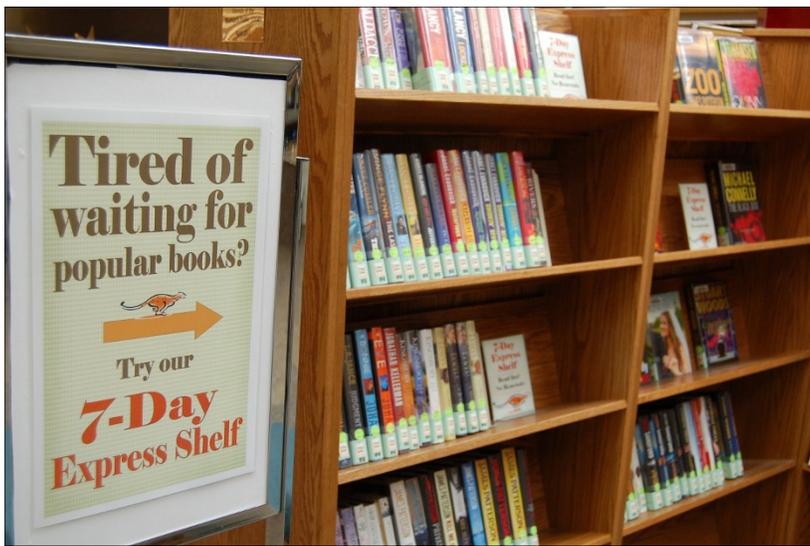
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I'm interested in participating in the following

- Becoming a member of the FOL Board
- Working the Book Sales
- Book Sale Committee
- Special Projects/Development
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Advertising/Public Relations Committee

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Bestseller 7-Day Express Shelf

by Alyssa Feik

For those patrons who have always wanted to be able to browse the library's most popular books, but have found they are usually checked out or on hold for someone else, we have devised a partial solution. Our new 7-Day Express Shelf contains items that may be checked out for seven days only, may not be requested, and may not be renewed.

While there are many other libraries across the country that provide similar services, they often charge to gain access to these popular titles. In order to keep our services free, we found a way to allocate a part of our current collection without needing to purchase extra copies.

Our Express Shelf is comprised of items we have been renting from the McNaughton division of the Brodart library supply company. In the past, we have rented extra copies of our most highly requested items, let them circulate just like all of our other books, and, once they are no longer in high demand, return those items back to our rental company. This gives us a chance to provide enough copies when they are needed at a lower price than purchasing them outright. It helps us easily withdraw copies that were no longer popular. The only change that we have made to our McNaughton rental procedure is that the books now have 7-Day Express Shelf circulation parameters instead of circulating like the books in the permanent collection.

Since all the books on the Express Shelf are McNaughton rentals, the titles on the shelf can easily be changed every month. Patrons can, if not finding a book they have requested, see something different on the shelf every time they come to the library. All of the items on the shelves have other permanent copies within the system, so if someone feels that seven days isn't long enough, they may always request one of our other copies.

So far we have seen a significant amount of support from patrons who are delighted not to have to wait several weeks or even months before they can lay their eyes on the latest James Patterson or Janet Evanovich books. Since many of our patrons only visit the library when their holds are in, we are hoping this added element of chance will give them a new and fun reason to come to the library regularly.

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2013 Spring Movies

ParaNorman (PG-13)

Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:00 pm

Big Miracle (PG)

Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:00 pm

The Avengers (PG-13)

Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:00 pm

The Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13)

Tuesday, May 28 @ 6:00 pm

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 films.

2013 Spring Reader's Voice Book Discussions

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!

April 2: The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck

May 7: Still Alice by Lisa Genova