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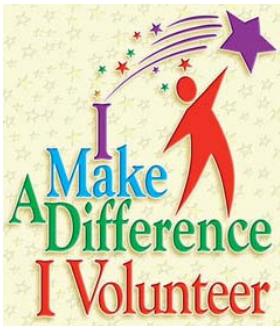
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2013 Volunteer Ceremony

by Jennifer Jones, Head of Technical Services



The library couldn't work as well without them. They are the quiet hands shelving, mending, processing, and cleaning. They come because they choose to come. We and the community are the fortunate recipients of their generous spirits. They are our volunteers.

In the past twelve months, 17 volunteers gifted the library with 1,543 hours of service, saving the library an estimated \$15,403 in wages. On Thursday, May 9, they were recognized at the annual Volunteer Coffee held in the administrative area. Library Director Mary Jane Schmaltz introduced staff and voiced deep appreciation for our volunteers, several of whom have given years of service. Library board member Dick Weber presented each with a gift certificate in thanks for their contribution of time and skills.

Honored volunteers with over 200 hours were Barry Mayher, Hal Neff, and Sally Grenz. Those with 100 or more hours included Eldon Herman, Jon Schmidt, Larry Roth, and Christopher Biver. Other 2012-13 volunteers were Susan Harmon, Kathy Lindgren, Karen Aguilar, Sister Jiminez, Sister Rodriguez, Shayde McKay, Mikiel Ottmar, Pat Wyant, Debbie Muske, and Lucan Benson.

Following the ceremony, volunteers, friends, and staff enjoyed a brightly decorated springtime table filled with cake and other treats.

Thank you, Bismarck Public Library volunteers!

Mark your Calendar

Lobby Displays

Mid-July - mid-September
Buckstop Junction

Mid-September - mid-November
Flags from the Iron Curtain
See article in newsletter

Computer Classes

Tuesday, Sept 3, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Beginning Computer

Tuesday, Sept 17, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Beginning Internet I

Tuesday, Sept 24, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Beginning Internet II

Ancestry Library Edition

Monday, July 15, 2:30 - 4 pm
Tuesday, Sept 10, 6:30 - 8 pm
Tuesday, Nov 19 2:30 - 4 pm
Class size is limited so pre-registration is required (free)
Library's Exec. Conf. Room

2013 Summer Movies

Check our web site for movies, dates, and times.

www.bismarcklibrary.org

Children's Programs

See article in newsletter



2012-13 volunteers with library board member Dick Weber

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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



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2013 Teen Summer Reading Program

by Kathy Vander Vorst, Teen Librarian

Bismarck Public Library teens are having a glorious summer! In addition to Reading for the Prize, teens have the opportunity to enjoy 9 holes of mini-golf on July 12, 7:30-10 pm and enjoy DJ Scott Wild, contests, music, and food. Be sure to stop at the library each day from July 15-26 and vote in the People's Choice photography competition. The deadline to submit reading logs is Thursday, July 25, 9 pm. Volleyball, pizza, reading and photography awards, and the Shade Tree Players performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* all happen on Tuesday, July 30, beginning at 3:30 pm.

Events continue after Awards Night, so read on! Hampstead Stage from New Hampshire presents *The Secret Garden* on August 2 at 10:15 am. Morton Mandan Public Library hosts Book Boot Camp on August 5, 1-3 pm, and the summer wraps up with the Teen Book Club discussion of *Shadow & Bone* by Leigh Bardugo on August 12, 4-5 pm. Pizza is provided!

For more information, download the summer brochure from the Teen Zone at www.bismarcklibrary.org or visit the Teen Zone at the library.

Did you Know ?

Thanks to the ND Game and Fish Department, we have fishing poles with tackle boxes and life jackets for kids. We also have State Park Passes, courtesy of ND Parks and Recreation, which grants free access to any ND State Park. All of these things are available for check out; all you need is your library card!

Newsletter via Email

Subscribe to our free eco-friendly newsletter and the latest news about the library will be delivered directly to your inbox! To subscribe just send an email to bplnews@cdln.info and you will be added to our list.



Hidden Object

Find the Bookworm!



Locate the bookworm in the pages of this newsletter and you could win a gift certificate from the Hotwire Café! If you find it, email bplnews@cdln.info with the specific location. The first person to respond correctly wins!

Updates From Your Friends



A big THANK YOU to the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library for their generous support this past spring. They provided funding for both the Teen and Children's Summer Reading Programs. They will be funding the purchase of electrical outlets on the

plaza and well lights for the flag pole. We have a new printer and compact camera for use in library promotions and advertising. And coming soon...a self check-out machine! All of this was made possible thanks to the Friends. The staff of the library is in awe of the work the Friends do and the support they give us.

Summer Intern for Teen Program

This past February the Friends Board of Directors approved a request to fund a stipend for a summer intern to assist in preparing and administering the 2013 Teen Summer Reading Program. Cathy Field was chosen for this new position and she started the end of May.



Cathy is interested in young adult literature and the growing popularity it has among teens, as well as adults. She says she is excited to interact with teens and lead book discussions.

Cathy recently graduated from UND with a degree in History. She plans on attending graduate school for Library and Information Science in the near future.

She is currently reading *The Lies of Locke Lamora* by Scott Lynch.

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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I'm interested in participating in the following

- Working the semi-annual Book Sales
- Book Sale Committee
- Special Projects/Development
- Membership Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Advertising/Public Relations Committee

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Director's Corner

Mary Jane Schmaltz - Library Director



I thought that by now I'd be sleeping in every morning, reading to my heart's content and drinking coffee on my deck. However, instead of retirement, I am having fun being the Library Director for a few months until we hire a replacement for our previous director.

Kristi Harms, our director of almost two years, felt she needed to move to Minnesota to be close to her family due to personal issues. Beginning May 3rd, I took the lead reins after 37 years of being the Library's Assistant Director.

We've played a bit of 'musical offices'. As I moved into the director's office, Christine Kujawa, our former Head of Circulation Services who replaced me as Assistant Director, moved into my old office. And, her assistant, Alyssa Feik, moved into her old office as the new Head of Circulation Services.

We've all settled into a routine with our new responsibilities. Seems the toughest thing for me now is to quit automatically going into my old office instead of heading into my new director's office. Old habits die hard!

Right now we are involved in evaluations of all staff and preparing the budget for 2014...no small task. We will be spending much of the summer completing various projects to make our library better. We will be upgrading our security cameras around the building. These allow staff to have eyes on most areas of the library. The cameras do record events so if there are any issues, we can always capture them and view them again. We also plan to remove the pavers on our plaza. They were good-looking but not compatible with our weather and lots of foot traffic. We will be replacing them with concrete. The City Engineering Department will help us design a functional, attractive plaza, one that will not retain water, leak sand and be slippery from ice, snow and water. Hopefully, we'll also get our lighting on the main floor upgraded. That's been on the books for several years and we are waiting our turn with other city buildings.

Here's wishing you all a wonderful, sun-filled summer and thank you for using your library.

St. Alexius Donates Neuroscience Resources to Library



THANK YOU to St. Alexius Medical Center for providing funds to Bismarck Public Library for educational resources on neurological disorders and diseases. On Wednesday, March 27, North Dakota first lady Betsy Dalrymple presented the library with a \$4,000 check that will be used to purchase the resources. Resources will include books and DVDs on neurological diseases and

disorders for patients and families living with those issues.

"Millions of Americans suffer from some kind of neurological condition," says Gary Miller, president and CEO of St. Alexius Medical Center. "Young or old, large or small, everyone is affected when a loved one is diagnosed. Yet, unfortunately, brain diseases are not well understood. St. Alexius is dedicated to changing that and to helping to build a stronger community."



Larry Roth

Larry enjoyed his time volunteering via the Bismarck-Mandan Garden Club so much that he inquired about additional outdoor projects at the library.

Larry is now a Master Gardener and he continues to offer his expertise in landscaping and gardening at the library. He says that he treats the library grounds as he does his own yard. He has edged sidewalks, trimmed trees, watered plants, pulled weeds, planted shrubs & trees, worked on the sprinkler system, picked up litter, and has occasionally swept the parking lot.

He encourages anyone who is able to donate a portion of their time to do volunteer work. "It doesn't have to be a ton of hours but every little bit helps and it does a lot for the soul," says Larry.

We truly appreciate all that Larry does for us. He plays a big role in making the outside of the building look manicured, attractive, and clean. Thank you, Larry!



Look for us at Urban Harvest!

This summer the library will be featured as one of Urban Harvest's Community Corner organizations. Each week a different organization is given the opportunity to showcase the services they offer. Proceeds from weekly raffle ticket sales are shared with the organizations at the end of the summer.



We'll be at the Community Corner booth on Thursday, August 8, throughout the entire day. Plan to stop by and say "hi!" We'll also be hosting a story time at 10:00 am on this day.



We recently received a \$450 donation from the Fortnightly Club. The donation was used to purchase several popular PBS series on DVD. The Fortnightly Club has been donating to the library for many years. We appreciate their thoughtfulness and continued support of the library. Thank You!

If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

New Book Club at the Library

Thanks to our wonderful volunteer Avis Breeding we now have an additional patron-led book discussion group at the library.

Avis says that she has a book shelf at home that's full of books she's never had time to read. She thought it would be fun to organize a book club at the library so she can not only read the books on her "to read" list but also discuss them with others.

The book club began this past May and is off to a great start. If you are interested in participating in the TGIF Book Club, join Avis the first Friday of each month in Study Room 1, located on the lower level of the library. Book discussions start at 2:00 pm.



Upcoming discussions

July 5: *Take Three* by Karen Kingsbury

August 2: *Blowout* by Byron L. Dorgan and David Hagberg

September 6: *Sight of the Stars* by Belva Plain

Oct 4: *Mortal Prey* by John Sandford

Other book clubs at the library include Great Books Discussion, Reader's Voice Book Discussion, and Spiritual Path Book Club. To find out more about book clubs at the library, go to our web site and click on the "book clubs" link located within the Events and Meetings tab.

Bookmobile at the Roller Derby

by Keli Trowbridge, Bookmobile Library



On April 27th the Burleigh County Bookmobile was proud to be an honored guest at the home game of Bismarck's local female Roller Derby group, the BisMan Bombshellz. The Bombshellz dedicated portion of their proceeds to the Burleigh County Bookmobile to help raise awareness for travelling library services to local and rural residents of Burleigh County. It was an exciting night! Bodies slammed, jammers jammed, , and, unfortunately, the opponent triumphed.

Cultural Artifacts Needed for Display

We will be displaying flags from the Iron Curtain region in the lobby display case beginning September 15. We are seeking cultural artifacts representing the Iron Curtain countries to complement the display of flags. If you visited any of the Iron Curtain countries from the 1950's -1980's and would be willing to display any of the cultural items you obtained during your visit, please email Kathy at kavandervorst@cdln.info or call 355-1487.

Children's Summer Reading Program Activities

The Children's Summer Reading Program is in full swing and there are lots of exciting programs and activities going on! For complete information on activities going on visit our web site or call the Children's Department at 355-1489.

Miss Sparkles' Day Camp ~ Grades K-3

This enriching arts experience provides children with a fun, educational, and positive social event. Camps will take place from 1:00 - 3:00 pm on the following dates:

Wed. July 10 ~ Wed. July 17 ~ Wed. July 24 ~ Wed. June 26

Miss Sparkles' Day Camp is offered at no charge to participants. Pre-registration is required. This program is offered seven times, but you are allowed to sign up for one date only - first 20 registrants are admitted to each session.

Shade Tree Players Previews

Each preview performance lasts approximately 15-20 minutes.

When Cows Fly

July 15, 9:00 a.m.

Cave Rock

July 19, 10:30 a.m.

Alice in Wonderland

August 2, 1:30 p.m.



Library Movie Days

Tuesdays 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Tale of Desperaux (PG) - July 2
The New Karate Kid (PG) - July 9
Wreck-it-Ralph (PG) - July 16
The Secret Garden (PG) - July 23

Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult or babysitter aged 12+.



The Secret Garden

Special performance by
Hampstead Stage
Theatre Company

Friday, August 2
10:15 a.m.



Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 30
6:30—8:00 p.m.



Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Come and enjoy ice cream and entertainment on the Library's front plaza. End of summer reading prizes will be awarded.



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2013-2014 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 everyone is welcome!

September 3: *The Gift of Rain* by Tan Twan Eng
October 1: *Giants in the Earth: A Saga of the Prairie* by Ole Edvart Rølvaag
November 12*: *Mrs. Kennedy and Me* by Clint Hill and Lisa McCubbin
December 3: *Round House* by Louise Erdrich
February 4: *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman
March 4: *Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell
April 1: *My Ántonia* by Willa Cather
May 6: *The Devil's Highway: A True Story* by Luis Alberto Urrea

*Clint Hill will be speaking at the Kennedy Legacy symposium at Bismarck State College on the first Tuesday of November, November 5. Our discussion will be on the second Tuesday to accommodate any that may wish to attend his speech and discuss it the following week. For more information on the Kennedy Legacy Symposium, please see <http://jfk.bsccsymposium.org>