

# Library Connections

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## Self Check-Out Machine

by Alyssa Feik, Head of Circulation Services

Thanks to a generous \$25,000 donation from the Friends of the Library, our library became the proud owner of a brand new Self Check-Out machine in July! Some of you may remember that several years ago, the library had an older version of a similar 3M self check-out machine. The older machine was popular enough that after it had been taken out of commission due to old age, our patrons yearned for another.

Self service has become a common trend in libraries across the nation. A 2010 Library Journal survey showed that 85% percent of libraries surveyed provided some type of self service, and nearly all libraries serving a population of 50,000 or more provided various kinds of self service. (<http://tinyurl.com/pt9trd4>).

By simply following the machine's user-friendly animations, patrons can scan their library card barcodes, check items out, and print out receipts for their transactions. Thanks to self service, we can shorten lines during busy times, and free up our circulation staff to spend more time checking items in and keeping our shelves orderly. Another benefit of our new machine is that it promotes our commitment to patron privacy by allowing patrons to handle simple check-outs without needing to interact with a person. The self check-out machine pairs nicely with our self pick-up holds shelves that we started last year. Now, patrons can easily pick up their requested items and check them out quickly and quietly.

The self check-out machine is located in close proximity to the Check-Out Desk and staff are always available to answer questions about how to use it.



Circulation Shelves, Cassandra O'Brien, tries out the new self check-out machine.

## Mark your Calendar

### Lobby Displays

Mid-September - mid-November  
*Flags from the Iron Curtain*

Mid-November - mid-January 2014  
*A Cup of Christmas Tea*

### Computer Classes

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

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

Thursday, Oct 3, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
*Reader's Resources*

Thursday, Oct 24, 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
*Beginning Publisher*

Thursday, Nov 7, 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
*Business & Holiday Letters in Word*

Thursday, Nov 21, 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
*Beginning PowerPoint*

### Ancestry Library Edition

Tuesday, Nov 19 2:30 - 4 pm  
*Class size is limited so pre-registration is required (free)*  
Library's Exec. Conf. Room

### Children's Programs

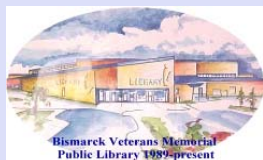
TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST!  
Check the Children's program brochure and the Children's Library Calendar (<http://tinyurl.com/laosunx>) for a listing of their schedule of programs

### Library Events Calendar

<http://tinyurl.com/m2zrowb>

## Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

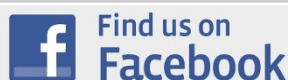
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At Bismarck Public Library, we offer information, ideas and personal enrichment to all. Our Mission is to collect, organize and provide open access to educational, informational, recreational and cultural resources.

### 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	355-1482
Bookmobile	355-1491
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Interlibrary Loan	355-1485
Fax Machine	221-3729
Foundation	355-1494
Friends	355-1483
Meeting Room Reservations	355-1484

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## Director's Corner

Mary Jane Schmaltz - Library Director



It seems that I will be here until well into the new year. We had hoped to have a new director hired by this time, however it did not work out as planned.

We did the first round of interviews via Skype. The Board then chose two applicants to be interviewed face-to-face—one from Illinois and the other from Minnesota. We brought them into Bismarck and after the interviewing process, the Library Board decided to close the position of Library Director and not fill it at this time. So, the

Board asked if I wouldn't stay on until sometime after the first of the year when they would once again start the interview process with the hope we could find our new director. This does give me a chance to finish up some projects and get some loose ends tied up before the new director takes over.

Again, a few of those projects include resurfacing our front plaza and retrofitting our inside lights as the size bulbs we currently use are no longer being made and are hard to find. With the newer technology, by retrofitting our lights, we will be saving a lot of energy which translates to saving money. We also plan to replace our worn-out sliding glass doors in our front entryways. They run either too slow or too loud and replacement parts are no long available.

Things are humming along at the Library. Seems we used to be a bit slower during the summers and could play catch-up. Not so anymore! We are constantly doing programming, facilitating summer reading programs for kids, helping people use the computers or downloading eBooks and simply checking out books to you—our patrons. May your Fall be long and wonderful!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bplnews@cdln.info) with the specific location. The first person to respond correctly wins!

## Updates From Your Friends

For the first time since its founding, the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library will be increasing membership dues. The money from membership dues is used to cover the cost of doing business throughout the year - for postage, envelopes, labels, accountant fees, etc. Our current membership dues no longer cover these costs.

The updated membership levels and rates will be effective beginning January 1, 2014.

## New Membership Levels and Rates

Individual - \$10  
Family - \$20  
Contributing - \$50  
Individual Life - \$100  
Individual Life Couple - \$150  
Best Friend - \$250

In addition to changing the membership dues we are simplifying the renewal process. We are changing the FOL membership to be effective **January through December of each calendar year**. This means that members should pay their dues during January of each year. An added benefit is that you'll no longer need to wonder when your membership is due or if your membership is current before a book sale. All memberships will be due in January of each year.

### 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.



### Friends of BPL Board of Directors

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### Library Staff Representative

Christine Kujawa

You are 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

No meetings June - July

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I'll be a Friend!

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My Support!

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### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$25.00
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### I'm interested in participating in the following

Working the semi-annual Book Sales  
 Book Sale Committee  
 Nominating Committee  
 Ice Cream Social  
 National Friends of the Library Week

Fill out this form and make your check payable to:

Receive newsletter by email?  Yes  No

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# 2013 Fall USED BOOK SALE



**October 3, 4 & 5**  
**in the**  
**Bismarck**  
**Public Library's**  
**Meeting Rooms**  
**515 North 5th Street**

**50,000+ 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—2:00 pm**

**Proceeds fund special  
purchases/projects at the  
Bismarck Veterans Memorial  
Public Library**

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**Donations of used books, AV, etc.  
are accepted at the Library  
throughout the year.**

*A fundraiser of the  
Friends of the  
Bismarck Public Library*



## New Book Club Kits

by Sarah Matthews, Head of Interlibrary Loan Services

Five new adult Reader's Voice Book Club Kits are now available for check out. The library has a total of 25 kits available for check out for adults. Since 2008 when the Book Club Kit program began, the kits have been checked out approximately 300 times!

In addition to the new adult titles, seven youth title kits have been added. These could be used by teachers working with small groups, home school students, or kids wanting to start their own book clubs.

Kits circulate to library card holders in Bismarck, Mandan, and all Central Dakota Library Network locations. The canvas bag kits contain 7-12 copies of a book, a list of discussion questions, a sign-up sheet to keep track of individual copies of the book, and tips on leading a good discussion.

The Reader's Voice Book Club Kits are sponsored by the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library. For a complete list of the kits and their availability go to <http://tinyurl.com/k4xn2dq>

### New Adult Kits Titles

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

*The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck

*Not so Wild a Dream* by Eric Sevareid

*Postcards from Tomorrow Square* by James Fallow

*Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

### New Youth Kits Titles

*The Familiars* by Adam Jay Epstein

*Goblin Secrets* by William Alexander

*Mira's Diary: Lost in Paris* by Marissa Moss

*Splendors & Glooms* by Laura Schlitz

*Tomorrow Code* by Brian Falkner

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

## 2013 Fall Movies

### 42 (PG-13)

Tuesday, September 10 @ 6:00 pm

### Wreck-It Ralph (PG)

Tuesday, September 24 @ 6:00 pm

### The Great Gatsby (PG-13)

Tuesday, October 15 @ 6:00 pm

### Frankenweenie (PG)

Tuesday, October 29 @ 6:00pm

### Iron Man 3 (PG-13)

Tuesday, November 12 @ 6:00 pm

### School of Rock (PG-13)

Tuesday, November 26 @ 6:00 pm

### Little Women (PG)

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:00 pm

### Elf (PG)

Tuesday, December 17 @ 6:00pm

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.**

## Special Events at the Library



Jennifer Pharr Davis

National Geographic Adventurer of the Year

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:00pm  
Meeting Room A**

Jennifer has hiked over 12,000 miles on long distance trails. She has trekked on 6 continents and currently holds endurance records on three separate trails. In 2011, Jennifer became the first female to claim the overall record on the Appalachian Trail by finishing the 2,181-mile journey in 46 days, 11 hours, and 20 minutes – an astounding average of 46.9 miles per day!

Jennifer will be talking about her book, *Becoming Odysa*, and her adventures on the Appalachian Trail. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library and Scheels Sporting Goods.



Peter Fletcher

Classical Guitarist

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 3:30pm  
Meeting Room A**

Peter began his study of the instrument at the age of seven with John Sutherland in Atlanta, GA. He made his professional debut at age 15. Peter has taken Master classes with José Tomás, Pepe Romero, Christopher Parkening, Oscar Ghiglia, and David Russel.

He holds a Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music, where he was a student of Nicholas Goluses and was twice the recipient of an Eastman Graduate Award. He gives over 100 concerts a year and has six CD recordings.

Works by major composers will include J.S. Bach, Edvard Grieg, and Niccolò Paganini. Also music from Praetorius, Frescobaldi, Mompou, Tàrrega, and Jeremy Gill. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library.

**Both events are free and open to the public.**

## Nook Program

*by Keli Trowbridge, Head of Bookmobile Services*

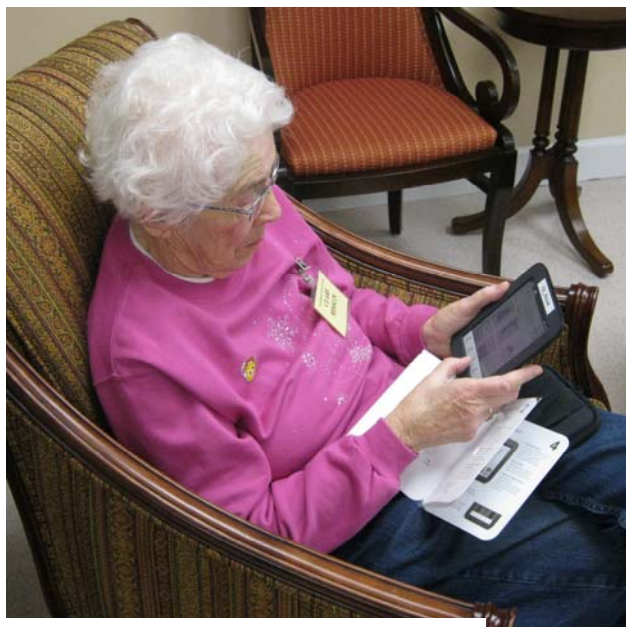
The bookmobile has had an exciting summer as our Senior Citizen Nook Program went into full swing. The bookmobile has partnered with Touchmark on West Century and Valley View Heights in purchasing, through the generosity of the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library, 10 Nook eReaders to be used for their book clubs.

Both retirement communities have active senior citizens who love to read and discuss the newest and most in-demand books. However, with their age also comes some vision issues. Many require books in large print. This poses a supply and demand issue as there are insufficient copies and limited large print editions being published. The solution: introduce these enthusiastic readers to the world of eReaders!

The program started in May with teaching the residents how to operate the Nooks. They were amazed at how easy it was to navigate and how much lighter the eReaders are than large print books. Being able to change the size of the font was the most valuable lesson they learned. One resident even said, "I've witnessed a miracle today!"

The books on the eReaders are requested by the residents, but are purchased and loaded by the bookmobile staff. The eReaders are checked out to each institution, similarly to a regular print book. Activity directors at each facility manage individual check-outs to residents.

Over the past three months, the residents have had few issues operating the Nooks and are as eager as ever to discuss the next groundbreaking read.



*Touchmark Resident Clare Misslin*



*Touchmark Residents Rose Reinbold and Eleanor Sand with Keli Trowbridge*

## Was that a B.A.R.K. I Heard in the Library?

by Traci Juhala, Head of Children's Services

There are furry friends afoot in the Children's Library. Since 2011, B.A.R.K. has been providing reading support to area children. B.A.R.K., which stands for Bismarck Animals Reading with Kids, was the brainchild of a couple library staff who love dogs and had heard of similar programs. A resident new to town, who had participated in such a program in California, provided the name of a librarian who served as a resource for getting the program started.

Once procedures, policies, and other details were ironed out, the program was up and running. There were six enthusiastic human and dog volunteers that first summer, and a lot of enthusiastic children, too. Since then, the program has been offered every few months, depending on the availability of volunteers.

The mission of the B.A.R.K. program is to foster reading skills. Children are paired with a therapy dog for 20 minutes of reading time. The child reads aloud to the dog from any material that the parents feel is appropriate for the child. The dog's handler is present but only involves herself in the reading if the child seeks assistance.

Locally, the program has been very popular. Due to interested participants outnumbering available volunteers, the B.A.R.K. program has only been able to offer children a one-time opportunity per session. The goal of the program's development would be to offer children a 5 or 6-week session of repeated visits.

Many anecdotal accounts of reading improvement have been noted by participants in various programs throughout the country, but mainly when multiple sessions are provided. A scientific study at UC Davis has now corroborated these accounts with results showing marked improvement in reading skills, including comfort level of children reading aloud. An article entitled "Reading to Rover" highlights the UC Davis study and can be accessed at <http://dateline.ucdavis.edu>.



Sisters Luiza and Natalie pose with B.A.R.K. therapy dog, Daphne.

At Bismarck Public Library, we hope to grow our therapy dog volunteers to levels that will allow for multiple sessions per child. For safety and liability reasons, only dogs who have completed the Love on a Leash or Pet Partners therapy dog training programs, or similar programs, are eligible to participate in the program. These training guidelines ensure that the dogs involved are comfortable in a variety of settings and will be engaging reading partners for the children participating in B.A.R.K.

For more information about the B.A.R.K. program, contact the Children's Library at 355-1489, or stop in on one of our B.A.R.K. session evenings to see it happening. You might just meet one of our furry friends who have found a welcome home at the library.





## Michael Schaff

In July the Library Board of Directors welcomed new member Michael Schaff. Michael operates a financial services business with his father and also has a law practice that focuses on estate planning.



Michael is no stranger to libraries. Throughout his childhood he spent many afternoons at the Mandan Public Library as both a patron and a volunteer. As an adult he began frequenting the Bismarck Public Library. He is a member of the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library and served as one of their board members from 2003-05. He has also been an active board member on the Library Foundation, Inc. for the past several years. He served as the Foundation President when the library's coffee shop was established and during the capital campaign for the children's library. He currently serves on the Foundation as the Library Board of Director's representative and is a member of the Foundation's finance committee.

He and his wife Kim recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. They've homeschooled their six children who range from a senior in high school to a four year old.

Michael is a voracious reader and is always reading a few books at any given time. He is reviewing *Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer for one of his daughters. He is also reading *Eye for an Eye* by Ben Coes and is listening to an Eric Van Lustbader book. He is anxiously awaiting the arrival of Greg Iles next book.

Welcome to the Library Board of Directors, Michael!

## Military Family Contact Program

The North Dakota State Library launched the Military Family Contact program, which connects people with computers, so they can connect with military family members deployed overseas or elsewhere in the country.



38 libraries throughout North Dakota, including Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, have a laptop dedicated for use by military families to connect with loved ones via Skype.

The selected sites all have extended night and weekend hours when the video conferencing will be available, as daytime at home isn't always daytime overseas.

"We've got a lot of young men and women all over the globe and if their grandparents, loved ones, or parents would like to talk to them and get that face-to-face communication, what a great opportunity," says Col. David Thiele, North Dakota National Guard.

While we might think that everyone has an Internet connection at home, that isn't always the case. This program will help bridge the digital divide. Military families without an Internet connection will have equal access to video conferencing with their family members serving our country.

Military families interested in using the laptop may inquire at the library's Information Desk.

## 2013 Teen Photography Winners Chosen

by Kathy Vander Vorst, Head of Teen Services



*"Under the Canopy"*

Bismarck and Morton Mandan Public Libraries announced the winners of the 2013 Teen Summer Photography Contest "Beneath the Surface" July 30 at the annual awards night and ice cream social. Grace Werder is the Grand Prize winner for her photo "Under the Canopy." A 9th grader and student council member at the new Legacy High School, Werder also participates in cross country, track, and swimming at CHS. Her hobbies include photography, reading, and caring for her pet dogs. She received a \$50 Visa card and a \$50 Bob's Photo gift card courtesy of the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library.

Two People's Choice winners were selected by popular vote. This year's winners are Lauren Wingenbach for "Imperfect Heliotrope Flowers" and Emily Cicha for "Lilacs." Each received a \$25 Visa card and a \$25 Bob's Photo gift card courtesy of the Mandan Kiwanis.

The photos were judged by Layn Mudder, LPT Images, and Tom Chase, Chase Photography. Mudder and Chase have volunteered time for judging and teaching our summer Teen photography workshops for several summers. Thanks to both from Teen Services! Thanks also to Bob's Photo for their assistance in promoting the contest.



*Judges Layn Mudder & Tom Chase*

The winning photos will be on display in the library's Teen Zone this fall. Be watching for the 2014 Teen photography contest "Spark a Reaction," a science theme.



*"Lilacs"*



*"Imperfect Heliotrope Flowers"*

**Libraries are what is best about us as a society:  
open, exciting, rich, informative, free, inclusive, engaging.**

**~Susan Orlean**



## Become a Friend

of Bismarck Public Library  
and help make a difference!

National Friends of Libraries Week  
October 20 - 26, 2013

**ATTEND** programs and events ~ **SPEAK** up and speak out for your library

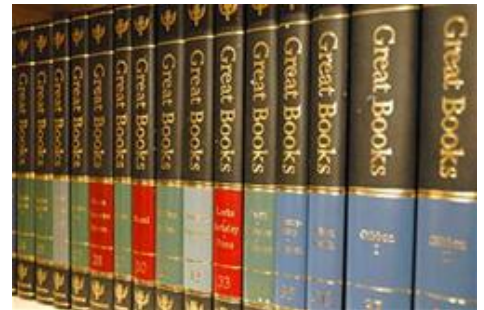
**VOLUNTEER** your time, energy, and ideas ~ **DONATE** books or money

**SHARE** with others what you love about your library

**JOIN** the Friends of Bismarck Public Library!

### Great Books Discussion Group

Great Books meets at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday from September through May in the Library's Missouri River Room. Newcomers are welcome and there is no charge to attend. The selection should be read in advance. To preserve continuity, attendance at each discussion is desired.



### Selections for 2013-14

October 17: *The Man Who Loved Islands* by D.H. Lawrence

November 21: *Anthropology and the Abnormal* by Ruth Benedict

December 19: *The Criterion of a Good Form of Government* by John Stuart Mill

January 16: *Hell Screen* by Ryunosuke Akutagawa

February 20: *Bright and Morning Star* by Richard Wright

March 20: *Why Write?* By Jean Paul Sartre

April 17: *Human Personality* by Simone Weil

May 15: *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse

Great Books is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library.

### Did you Know?

We are now offering the option of receiving overdue and hold notices via text message. This service allows you to opt in to receive text messages in addition to your designated notice preference (paper or email). The messages do not contain item information; they simply let you know that there is something coming due, overdue, or on hold for you. Call 355-1480 or stop by the Check Out Desk on your next visit to get signed up for this service.



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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>