

Library Connections

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

www.bismarcklibrary.org

Summer Resources at the Library

by Alyssa Feik, Head of Circulation Services

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a person in summer must be in want of a good book. If you are seeking a book that will make your heart sing, or you read one once long ago and have never been satisfied by another book since, check out the library's NoveList Plus database. You can search by title or author of a book and find librarian-created lists of other titles you might enjoy. You can also



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browse by genre, location, subject, tone, and writing style. NoveList Plus also includes non-fiction titles.

In case you are planning on going for any drives this summer, or you just like to listen to a good book while you work on projects around the house, consider NoveList Plus's new audiobook recommendations as well.

While you are out perusing the library's book collection, don't forget we have more than just books to fulfill your summer interests. Thanks to the support of North Dakota's Parks and Recreation and Game and Fish departments you can check out State Parks Passes, fishing poles, and children's life vests for free here at the library. Just add a boat and you've got a great recipe for fun at any of North Dakota's state park fishing locations.

Thinking of upgrading your air-conditioning, buying a car, or making any other purchases this summer? Make sure you consult the library's online subscription to Consumer Reports before you take the leap. From the comfort of your own computer at home, you can access Consumer Reports' unparalleled research into every major appliance you could need or want. Come by the library and we can help you learn all about what the library has to offer to make your summer a great one.

Upcoming Events

September - November Lobby Display

Duck Decoy display, collection courtesy of Flickertail Woodcarvers, Dr. Tom Hutchens, and Ducks Unlimited

Adult Programs

July 1 Movie: Lilies of the Field

July 19 Celtic Guitarist Jerry Barlow

July 22 *The Giver* book discussion

July 26 Movie: The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug

July 29 Ancestry Library Edition workshop

Aug 12 Movie: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

Sept 2 Movie: Singin' in the Rain

Sept 2 One Book discussion *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*

Sept 16 Ancestry Library Edition workshop

Teen Programs

Find out about the [Teen 2014 Summer Program](#) on the Teen Zone portion of the library's web site for a complete list of events and reading program information.

Children's Programs

July 17 Story Time with a Mad Scientist

July 23 Puppet Show at Dakota Zoo

July 24 Urban Harvest Story Time

July 31 Lego Club

Aug 28 Lego Club

View the [Children's Activity Calendar](#) for the full list.

For details on these events, as well as all other events the library sponsors, please see our [Library Events calendar](#).

Contact Us

515 North Fifth Street
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501
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Mission

Collecting, organizing and providing open access to educational, informational, recreational and cultural resources.

Vision

Offering information, ideas and personal enrichment to all.

Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday-Saturday
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Christine Kujawa - Library Director



The grass is green and the flowers are blooming! The arrival of summer sparks our interest to be active and seek out entertaining, family friendly events in the community.

If you've been exploring your options look no further than the library. In this issue of the newsletter, you'll find out about events that will appeal to all age groups. As always, these events are free and open to the public. Whether you are interested in getting your kids registered for the summer reading program, watching a blockbuster movie, or listening to an award-winning Celtic guitarist, I am confident that you will find something of interest.

This summer's array of events reminds me of a quote I recently read by Barbara Stripling, president of the American Library Association. When asked about public libraries in today's society she responded, "...libraries are evolving from passive gatekeepers of information to community centers of active learning."

Bismarck Public Library is certainly ahead of this curve. We strive to offer diverse opportunities for learning -whatever that may mean for you- to personally enrich the lives of our patrons, and thereby strengthen our community. We look forward to seeing you soon as you take advantage of these opportunities!

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! Congrats to Jody - Spring 2014 newsletter winner.



B.A.R.K

Do you or does someone you know have a dog who is certified in pet therapy? If yes, consider volunteering with the Bismarck Animals Reading with Kids (B.A.R.K) program.

Studies have shown that reading to dogs can boost reading skills. It also helps kids with self-esteem, social skills, and the importance of being kind to animals.

For more information, contact Traci at 355-1489.



Lax, a certified pet therapy dog, listens as Kylie reads her a story

Updates From Your Friends



Photo courtesy of littlefreelibraries.org

by Beth Schatz Kaylor, Friends Board Member

The Friends are excited to help bring Little Free Libraries to Bismarck! We are seeking Bismarck residents who would like to give a Little Free Library a home in their front yard.

What is a Little Free Library? In its basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books set outside, where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and leave a book to share. Little Free Libraries are thriving nationwide,

encouraging reading to community members young and old across the nation. Visit littlefreelibrary.org for details.

Selected homeowners will receive a Little Free Library sponsored by a local company or organization and used books from the Bismarck Public Library. In exchange, the homeowner agrees to keep the Little Free Library stocked with great reads for all ages, ensure it is posted in an accessible location, and keep the Little Free Library in good repair.

If you are interested in making a home for a Little Free Library in your yard, visit the website below and fill out a short form, including a brief explanation of why your yard would be a great place for a Little Free Library. Ten locations will be selected based on geographic location and willingness to participate and maintain the unit.

Get details and apply for a Little Free Library at:

www.bismarck.org/index.aspx?NID=1504

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Mission

Increasing awareness and use of the Library through cultural, educational and social activities, and to raising funds to supplement and enhance library programs and services.

Join Us

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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___ Individual Life	\$100.00
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I'm interested in participating in the following

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

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The Wheels Keep Rollin' All Summer Long

by Keli Trowbridge, Head of Bookmobile Services

The summer months bring some of the busiest times for the bookmobile staff. In addition to maintaining our year-round stops, the bookmobile adds close to twenty stops by partnering with Bismarck Parks and Recreation, Missouri River Educational Cooperative, and the YMCA. We visit each of their day camps to bring books to school age children living in Bismarck and throughout Burleigh County.

To celebrate and start our new summer schedule, the bookmobile participated in the annual Summer Reading Kickoff located at the ND Heritage Center and ND State Library on the Capitol Grounds. Over 3,000 people attended the Kickoff and 270 of those checked out books from the bookmobile! It was a fun-filled day and the perfect way to launch the summer reading program.



Children who visit the bookmobile this summer get to sign up to win either a FIZZ, BOOM, READ canvas book bag or a brand new book! Come visit us on the bookmobile. This summer staff would love to welcome you aboard! You can find the bookmobile's schedule online at: www.bismarcklibrary.org

SNAP at the Library

An outreach representative from Great Plains Food Bank will be available at the library every Friday from 9am - 11am to answer questions about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and to assist with the application process.

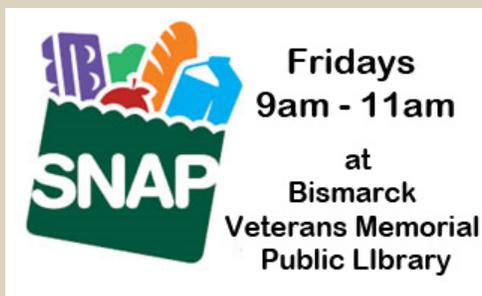
SNAP promotes the general welfare, health, and well-being of low income North Dakotans.

SNAP benefits are provided to supplement an individual or a family's food budget.

The amount of benefits a household receives is based on its size and income.

The North Dakota Department of Human Services issues about \$7

million in food benefits each month to about 27,200 households in ND. 44% of the program participants are children, and 42% of the households have an earned income.



Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read.

DatabaseConnect

by Kate Waldera,
Head of Reference Services

Worried about your upcoming GED test? Need help writing your college admissions essay? LearningExpress Library comes to the rescue!

This database provides users of all ages with instant access to a comprehensive collection of test preparation tools, skill-building materials, and career resources. Over 1,000 online practice tests and interactive skill-building tutorials are available along with over 200 eBook titles. You can track your progress by completing their simple online registration form.

College admissions test study guides include PSAT, ACT, SAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MAT, MCAT and PCAT. Placement exams cover Accuplacer, Asset, AP, Compass, and CLEP.

Skill building areas for K-12 help the student improve math, reading, writing and grammar, and vocabulary and spelling.

It's free and available to all Bismarck Public Library card holders! Questions? Contact the Library's Information Desk at 355-1480.



Board Member Spotlight

This July the Library Board of Directors will welcome two new members: Patricia Grantier and Joyce Hinman.

Ms. Grantier is a retired school teacher and counselor. She has been very active in the community with organizations such as the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs, PEO, and the Bismarck Mandan Thursday Music Club. Ms. Grantier is also a member of the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library.



Patricia Grantier

Ms. Hinman recently retired as the principal of Will-Moore Elementary School. For many years, she also worked as a reading specialist for the Bismarck School District. She served three years on the Board of the International Reading Association (2010-2013) and served as co-chair of Education Issue Day for the Bismarck-Mandan Leadership Program.



Joyce Hinman

We also bid farewell to Board members Richard Weber and Elizabeth Lucas who will be leaving the board after two 3-year terms. Their expertise, feedback, and time they gave to the Board and library is much appreciated.

Mark your calendars!

Acclaimed Celtic fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow will be holding a concert this summer at the library.

When: Saturday, July 19th at 2pm
Where: Meeting Room A

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



Celtic Guitarist
Jerry Barlow

Fall Used Book Sale

The Fall Used Book Sale will take place on October 2 - 4 in the library's meeting rooms.

Thursday, Oct 2: 7:00 am - 8:45 pm
Friday, Oct 3: 9:00 am - 5:45 pm
Saturday, Oct 4: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

50,000+ books will be for sale at just \$1.00/lb. Audio visual and miscellaneous items will be priced separately.

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At the Library

Summer Reads

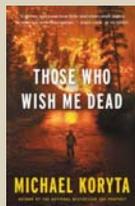
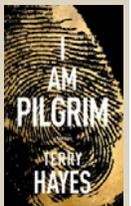
by Lora Rose, Head of Technical Services

Turn up the heat on your summer with some new thrillers. These books have exciting tales of intrigue to liven up your summer evenings:



The Farm by Tom Rob Smith. His parents retired to a remote farm in Sweden. His father calls, his mother is not well, she's been imagining things. His mother calls, everything your father has told you is a lie. She tells a tale of secrets, lies, a horrible crime, and a conspiracy that implicates his father. But is it real?

I Am Pilgrim is a debut novel by Terry Hayes. Pilgrim wrote the book on the forensics of a perfect crime. The crime scene of the murdered woman is taken directly from his book. This murder is the start of the trail of evidence that takes him around the world to stop a terrorist before he destroys the U.S.



Those Who Wish Me Dead by Michael Koryta. Fourteen-year old Jace Wilson is in witness protection after witnessing a brutal murder. The killers follow him into the Montana wilderness. The mountains are burning and only three people are left to try to protect him.

Puppets Speak

by Colette and Leander, Puppet Friends of the Children's Library

It's that time again - Summer Reading. What could be lovelier than lounging in a leather chair with the sole purpose of leisurely reading a collection of poetry? We puppets at Bismarck Public Library reply with a resounding "RIEN!" Well, Colette does, at least, since she's French. But we all have our own très spécial favorite. Leander the



Colette reading Yeats

Lion loves to read books about Africa and local livestock. Bedford the Bear enjoys the graphic novels. Harvey can't get enough of the chess books, and Nellie Sue the cowgirl really likes to listen to Beverly Cleary books on CD. Emmabelle Sparkles (a distant cousin of Miss Sparkles) says you can't beat a nonfiction book about the constellations.

As the puppets choose their favorites for the summer, so do all the children in Bismarck. The library has been hopping, and the BPL Summer Reading Program is in full swing. Minutes are being counted, incentive prizes awarded, and plans made for the big Ice Cream Social on Monday, Aug. 4 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Once again, the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library will be on hand to pass out ice cream cups to the community, and everyone will dance the night away with local DJ extraordinaire, Scott Wild.

So if you haven't yet found a literary treasure to read this summer, do like the puppets - ask a librarian!!

Volunteer at the Library

Volunteers are a vital part of the library's operations and make a valuable contribution to the community. They enrich library services, help keep the building clean and organized, and provide much appreciated assistance to the library staff.

The library offers adult, teen, and children's volunteer opportunities. We recruit volunteers year-round to assist with various tasks including:

- Cleaning and repairing books
- Putting books, CDs, and DVDs in order
- Dusting and straightening shelves
- Cleaning scratched discs
- Landscaping assistance and
- Other special projects

**In 2014, library volunteers logged
1,544 hours**

Our volunteers work a minimum of ten hours and assignments typically last two to four hours.

If you are interested in volunteering at the library please fill out the online volunteer form found here: <http://www.bismarck.org/forms.aspx?FID=260>

Summer Intern for Teen Programming

by Kathy Vander Vorst, Head of Teen Services

The 2014 Summer Intern position approved by the Friends Board of Directors was awarded to Bismarck's Sarah Anderson. Sarah graduated from CHS in 2010 and is finishing a BS in pharmaceutical sciences this summer. Her next goal is to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.



While growing up Sarah was involved in band & piano, Science Olympiad, Girl Scouts, yearbook, and the library's VIPs Teen Board, serving actively for 4 years. She is excited to be involved with the administering of the Teen Summer Reading Program and looks forward to becoming acquainted with the current VIPs. She also can't wait to be around books again that can be read simply for pleasure!

Sarah's favorite books include the *Unwind Dystology* by Neal Shusterman and the *Partials* trilogy by Dan Wells. Recently she has been making her way through *The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance* by Laurie Garrett. In addition to reading, Sarah enjoys painting, drawing, and photography.

Library Snapshots



THANK YOU to the Golden K - Kiwanis Club for inviting us to speak at their March meeting. They learned about current library services and events. We learned about all the wonderful volunteer work they do in our community.



This past April, author Stew Magnuson discussed his book "The Last American Highway." He read an excerpt that spoke to the natural beauty of the prairie and the fascinating people found along the road.



Children enjoyed a special story time with two Monster Jam drivers who later performed at the Monster Truck Jam event that was held at the Bismarck Civic Center.

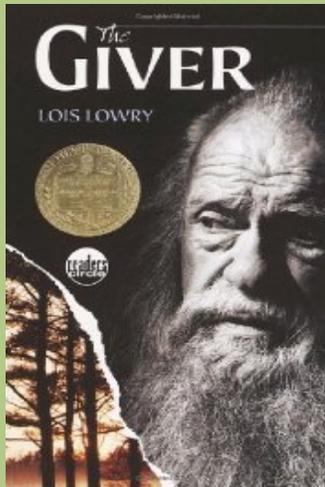


The Friends of the Library had a successful 2014 annual meeting. After the meeting, Friends enjoyed listening to local author Mary Ellen Erickson talk about her writing and publishing adventures.

A Book Discussion for Everyone

by Sarah Matthews, Head of InterLibrary Loan

As part of the summer reading program, all ages are invited to a book discussion of *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. Copies of the book are available at the library for checkout.



The Giver is a story of a seemingly utopian city in a futuristic world. Jonas is singled out to receive special training from The Giver, who alone holds memories of pain and pleasure in life. Jonas discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

When: Tuesday July 22 at 6:30pm

Where: Bismarck Public Library Missouri River Room (lower level)

There will be a drawing for two participants at the discussion to win a pair of tickets to the movie version of *The Giver* releasing August 15.

Be sure to check out the display of science fiction books at the library near the Information Desk to add to your summer reading list.



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