

Library Connections

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Christine Kujawa

North Dakota 2012 Librarian of the Year

The North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) honored Bismarck Public Librarian, Christine Kujawa, with their Librarian of the Year Award. The award is given to a librarian who has made notable contributions to the library profession, has furthered significant development of libraries in the state, or has performed exemplary statewide service for an extended period of time.



As chair of NDLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, Christine has been a voice in our state for the cause of intellectual freedom. She offers support and guidance to librarians across the state. She has written letters to state officials in support of federal legislation concerning personal privacy and confidentiality of records. Her committee has coordinated many projects including a Living Banned Books event and a video for the "50 State Salute to Banned Books," a national event through the American Library Association.

Christine has worked at our library since 2003 as the Head of Circulation Services. In addition to daily management of full and part-time employees, she is the System Librarian for the Central Dakota Library Network. She also teaches an online class in Library Marketing Management for the University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana (UIUC).

With a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from UIUC and Master's of Management from the University of Mary, Christine is a capable administrator in both the Library field and in assisting with the myriad of marketing and public relations duties.

She also shares the design and maintenance duties of the Library's website and collection development duties and fills in at the Library's Information Desk.

Along with her husband, Eric, she lives with their two dogs and two cats. In her spare time she enjoys volunteering in the community, Photoshop design and, of course, loves to read.

Mark your
Calendar

Lobby Displays

Friday Rug Hookers
mid-Nov.—mid-Jan.

Bismarck Historical Society
mid-Jan.—mid-April

Learn All about E-Readers and Library downloadable books

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 5:30-6:30
Tuesday, March 26, 5:30-6:30
FREE in Meeting Room B

Computer Classes

Internet Searching I
Thursday, Jan. 31, 5-7

Internet Searching II
Thursday, Feb. 7, 5-7

Letters in Word®
Tuesday, March 26, 2-4

Ancestry Library Edition

Tuesday, Jan. 15: 2:30-4
Tuesday, Feb. 19: 6:30-8
Tuesday, Mar. 19: 2:30-4

Free Class size is limited so pre-registration is required
Library's Exec. Conf. Room

E-Readers and Overdrive Help

Tuesday, Jan. 15 5:30—6:30
Tuesday, March 26 5:30—6:30

Free NO pre-registration required
Library's Meeting Room B

Foundation Directory Online Professional

Tuesday, Feb. 26: 6-7:00
Tuesday, March 26: 6-7:00

Free Pre-registration required Class size is limited
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 schedule of programs

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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



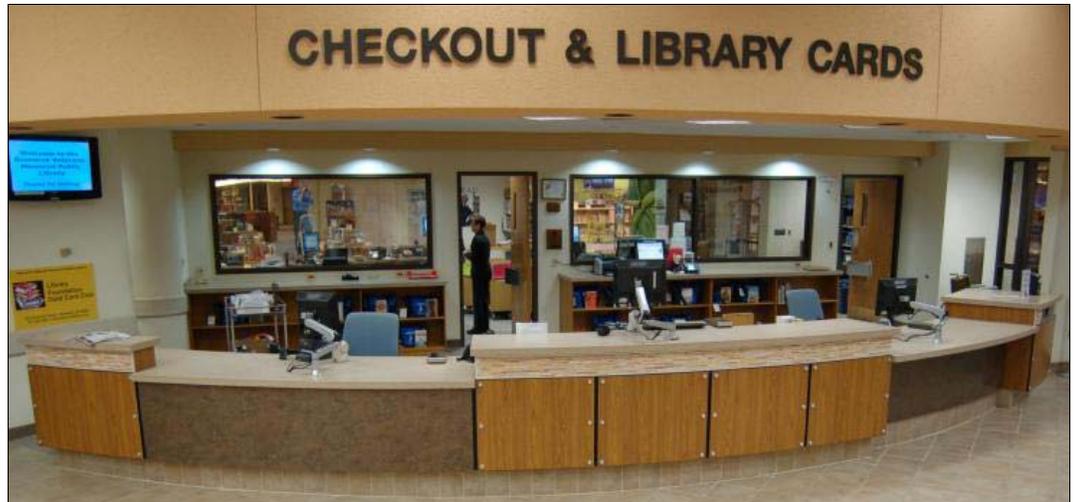
Telephone Numbers:

Main Desk	355-1480
Administration	355-1482
Bookmobile	355-1491
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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Remodeled Front Desk a Big Hit !



The original circulation desk was built when the building was completed in 1989. Usage of the collection has increased steadily since then and the desk design no longer fit with the workload. Due to this factor and the repetitive nature of most tasks at the circulation desk, having the space renovated was a top priority. Thanks in large part to a generous donation from Dr. Timothy Berger, we were able to complete this project.

The new desk, along with new chairs, footrests and ergonomic keyboard trays, problems and concerns have been corrected. Each workstation has more room with a greater workspace and the staff love the new monitor arms which can be adjusted according to each staff person's viewing range.

The desk was constructed with an open design to accommodate future workstation needs and changes in technology. As library use continues to increase we wanted to be sure that the desk design is such that we can easily modify the work stations as needed for decades to come.

JLG Architects, along with lots of input from staff, designed the updated desk. Dakota West Contracting and Prairie Engineering were hired for the construction of the desk.



The front desk before the remodel.

Notice there's no standup station, no monitors on swing-arms, only the middle station was flat (with no work space) where staff at the other two stations had to lift all the books up to get them back to the patron.

What did you say?

Three things in human life are important: The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind.

~Henry James, writer



Verizon Grant Funds Library Purchases

The Library Foundation, Inc. was the proud recipient of a Verizon \$12,000 “Check Into Literacy” grant this past spring. Funds from the grant purchased shelving and a portable puppet stage for the Children’s Library and funded the teen Mini Golf @ Your Library event on Friday, July 13.

Recently more of the funds were used to purchase new furniture for the Teen Zone. Library tables with cozy seating and colorful swivel chairs with computer tables now fill the area. All furniture is reserved for teen use only at all times. If you have a teen, have them check it out. It is a great place for after school and weekend board games or homework. Also be sure to stop by our Hotwire Coffee Shop first for your favorite beverage. All covered drinks are permitted in this area.



Verizon customers funded the “Check Into Literacy” grants by indicating on their monthly phone bills they wished to make a \$1.00 tax-deductible donation. Verizon then donates to local organizations, such as the Library Foundation.



Need Genealogy Help?

Bismarck Mandan Historic and Genealogy Society is offering free basic genealogy assistance at the library. They will have a table located on the main floor on the following Saturdays from 11 am—1 pm.
January 19, February 23, and March 23



Major Benefactor Remembers the Library in His Will.

Dr. Timothy Berger The son of Dr. John and Cleo Berger and a graduate of St. Mary’s High School, Dr. Tim Berger passed away in December 2010. He had practiced internal medicine for forty years in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Montana. As one of other beneficiaries, Dr. Berger left the Library almost \$187,000. The Library and the Foundation divided that amount so 1/2 would go into the Foundations endowment fund. A large portion of the bequest to the library helped finance the remodel of the front desk.

Please notice the “In Memoriam” plaque affixed to the checkout desk in Dr. Berger’s honor.



Anne Larson, Children’s Services Assistant



Anne Larson has worked in the Children’s Library since August 2011. She came to the library after many years out of the workforce while she raised her family. Her educational background is in Child Development and Early Childhood Education. She loves books, so the library is a perfect blend for her. Anne’s earliest library memory is in our own Carnegie Library. She remembers being a young child and sitting on a stool in the lower level of that Library looking at books. Her favorite books growing up were fairy tales and the Laura Ingalls Wilder series. Her all-time favorite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which she re-reads once a year. Anne lives in a not-so-empty nest with her husband, Les, and multiple pets. She has two grown daughters.

Library Introduces TIME AND PRINT MANAGEMENT for Computer Users

In our ever busy library, we've always had two issues with public computing. First was keeping track of time spent and who was online. Maintaining a queue required staff time and resources better spent assisting patrons in other areas. **PCReservation automates the process where a patron comes in, signs in for a computer using their library card barcode, uses a computer, and leaves with minimal staff intervention.** Guests are accommodated with Guest passes.

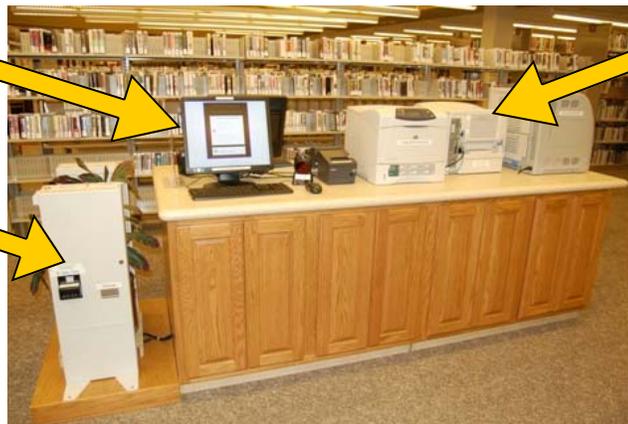
The second issue was printing. To offset the cost of printing supplies, we charge 10¢ per page for a black and white print and 50¢ per page for a color print. We have had problems where patrons printed the wrong item, printed more than they intended, printed something then forgot about it and left it behind, printed something by mistake, or printed the item and walked out the door without paying. *(In the almost two months we have been on this new system, we figured about 40% of the printing either walked out the door without being paid for or was left behind!)* **LPT:One has two roles: enforce payment of a print job, and reduce waste.**

Regardless of what a patron chooses to print, it is not actually printed until they approach the "island", click on "Release Print Job", choose the items they wish to print, pay for them, and then a printer will release the jobs chosen. If you change your mind and don't want to print anything, either delete the jobs or simply forget about them and they'll clear out in three hours.

THE "ISLAND"

2 signup stations to use our computers

Pay for printing using the vending machine



2 black-and-white printers and 1 color

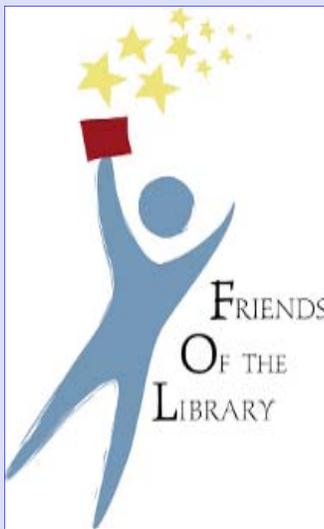
In November 2012, our first full month with the new system, 5,192 pages were printed and paid for on the 2 black-and-white printers—44% below the 2012 monthly average for the number of prints that were made.

It is important to note that patron records on computer usage are cleared every day, meaning that at the end of the day, the identifying information is stripped from the usage records, making it impossible after one day to identify which patron used which computer.

Also, the time management system does not keep records on what sites are visited or other private information. Its sole function is to ensure that every patron gets a fair share of computer time on a public access computer. Currently, each patron is allowed two hours of computer use each day. They can come and use the computers as many times each day until their two hours are used.

For the most part, our patrons are impressed with this new system. Once we staff run through it with them, they are easily able to do everything on their own. They also like that we no longer charge to access their email or Facebook.

The staff loves it because it takes us out of the equation and we can spend our time more productively helping patrons with their information needs instead of being tied up taking money for printing or making change for the old coin machines that were attached to the email computers.



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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The Friends Pages



Pottery Road Show

The North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society is offering a road show at the Library sponsored by the Friends of the Library.. Their presentation has two parts: 1. An historical and visual presentation about pottery made in North Dakota, and 2. Pottery identification and appraisal.

The program is free and open to the public on January 22, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Library's Meeting Room A.

Attendees are invited to bring no more than four pieces from their collection of North Dakota pottery to learn more about them. *Neither the Bismarck Public Library, the Friends of the Library or the NDPCS facilitator can accept responsibility for lost or damaged pieces.*

Fall (October) Used Book Sale

Observations: 18% of our volunteers are male and 82% female—makes it tough when we need muscle to help move boxes, tables and with cleanup. 90 FOL members signed up to sort —17 of those did not show up and 18 others showed up who had not signed up to sort. By and large we got a definite heads up from the sale goers who approved of us not allowing barcode readers our first day of the sale.

This Fall Sale we grossed: \$26,564. OUR BEST EVER!!!

FOL Purchases for the Library

Besides expenses for the Book Sales, the FOL supported the Library in 2012 with the following:

\$1,000 for a computer and a monitor
707.99 to partially pay for ice maker for our coffee shop
100.00 sponsor a pottery program
532.95 3 year bonding for board
185.00 for Teen VIP t-shirts
5,000 for microfiche scanner
2,000 books for teens and children's book club kits
600 for audit for 2010 and 2011
704.00 for Adobe software for staff
216.00 for Ice Cream Social
1,044 for Summer Reading Programs
505.58 Volunteer thank you picnic
7,010.00 Roughrider Industries for New Book shelves



Mark Your Calendars !!

Clay Jenkinson, public humanities scholar and writer, will join the Friends of the Library for the 2013 Annual meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7 pm at the Library. Clay will talk about his recently published book, *FOR THE LOVE OF NORTH DAKOTA*, as well as other "adventures in authorship". The event is free and open to the public.

Help Us Recycle and Earn!

We participate in a fundraising-thru-recycling program that helps us earn supplies, equipment, even cash simply by collecting:

- empty inkjet and laser cartridges
- used cell phones
- small electronics

Please help by donating these items to us. Thank you!



The Friends of the Bismarck Public Library members have been collecting recyclables for many years.

We do pack up all our donated recyclables, mail them (at no cost to us) and wait for the checks we get.

We do have a drop off box in the library to accept digital cameras, inkjet and laser cartridges, MP3 players, and GPS devices. Please help our fundraising by donating any or all of these items. And a big THANK! to the many of you who continually bring in items for us to recycle.

Yes

I'll be a Friend!

Renew

My Support!

Fill out this form and make your check payable to:

FRIENDS of the Bismarck Public Library

MEMBER INFORMATION

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$100.00

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
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2013 Spring USED BOOK SALE



March 7, 8 & 9
in the
Bismarck
Public Library's
Meeting Rooms
515 North 5th Street

40,000+ 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**

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

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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