



# Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE:**

Bismarck Public Library Lobby Display: Flickertail Woodcarvers  
Club of Bismarck and Mandan Wooden Spoon Carvings

**WHAT:**

Bismarck Public Library's current lobby display highlights wooden spoons carved by members of the Flickertail Woodcarvers Club of Bismarck and Mandan.

A spoon's job is simply to move food from point A to point B, transporting it from your bowl or plate to your mouth. But everyday-objects like spoons carry meaning beyond their primary function. Spoons literally "hold" the particular culture from which they come. When given as gifts or presentation pieces, spoons forge an identity and build community. Spoons used in courting rituals, or feasting rituals at celebrations, communicate cultural values and spiritual symbolism. Artists use a spoon as a canvas, and carvers push the boundaries of pure function, transforming spoons into intricate works of art.

Vesterheim National Norwegian-American Museum and Heritage Center in Decorah, Iowa generously provided graphics in this display.

The display can be viewed through January 2021.

**WHEN:**

Current through January 2021

**WHERE:**

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, Main Lobby

**WHO:**

Free and open to all. Media is invited to attend.

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