



# Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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## **Bismarck Library Finalist for 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced today that Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is among the 30 finalists for the 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

“The 30 National Medal finalists showcase the tremendous ability of libraries and museums to serve as vital community resources,” said IMLS Director Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew. “The Institute of Museum and Library Services is honored to recognize these leading institutions. We congratulate them on the work they are doing across the United States.”

The National Medal is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to their communities. For 25 years, the award has celebrated institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service and are making a difference for individuals, families, and communities. Finalists are chosen because of their significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is the first library in ND to receive this honor.

“We are committed to serving and meeting the needs of our community through personal enrichment opportunities,” said Bismarck Library Director Christine Kujawa. “We are honored to be a 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service finalist.”

National Medal winners will be announced later this spring. Representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their extraordinary contributions at the National Medal Ceremony on June 12 in Washington, D.C.

To see the full list of finalists and learn more about the National Medal, visit the [IMLS website](#).

### About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. They advance, support, and empower America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. Their vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit [www.ims.gov](http://www.ims.gov).

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