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Lynn Bryntesen built this mini-bookmobile to help with the campaign

## New Bookmobile Campaign Takes Off!

What better way to announce we need to build a new Bookmobile, than showing off a mini-version at the Art of Books spring event?

There are so many talented employees working at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, and that's evidenced by the mini-bookmobile built by Lynn Bryntesen, the Head of Maintenance.

While the mini-Bookmobile is fantastic—we need one that's much larger!

Here's why we need a new Bookmobile:

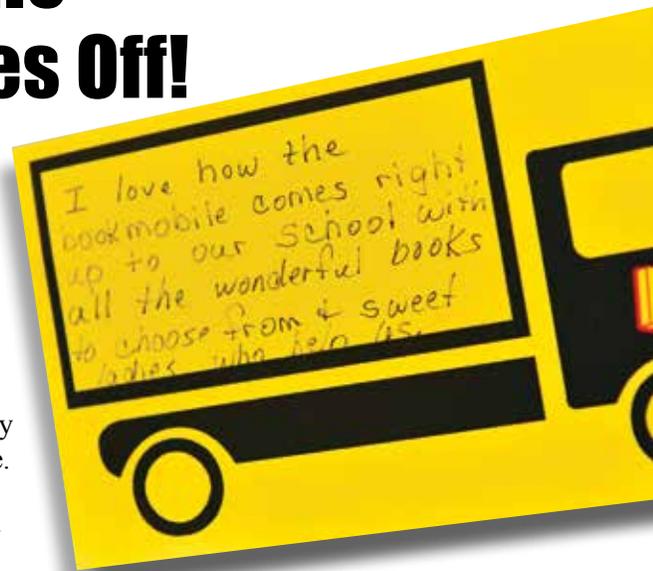
The Bookmobile is a beloved library on wheels that is well-traveled throughout Burleigh County and needs to be replaced. The 2000 forward engine Blue Bird converted bus is pulling in over 122,000 miles of service and 19 years of use.

The Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc., is asking for your help to successfully

meet the campaign goal of paying for a new Bookmobile, with it ready to roll by summer 2020.

The Burleigh County Bookmobile has served the residents of Burleigh County since 1975. It has ten routes and makes 540 stops annually at rural towns, schools, assisted living facilities, post offices, and

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# Art of Books

Wow, what a fun night! We announced the Bookmobile Campaign at the annual spring event, The Art of Books. Thanks to all of the sponsors, participants, volunteers, Foundation members, Library staff, and supporters—we were able to raise more than \$6,000 toward a new Bookmobile. We are so thankful to everyone who helped put on this amazing event. Some highlights:

The artwork! Local artists contributed 31 pieces that we displayed in the Children's Library. Fittingly, under the trees in the Children's Library, Ali LaRock painted a piece, inspired by the Secret Garden, LIVE, the night of the event.



Ali painting



Art piece created from books



Matt McMerty's team comes so close to winning (again!)



The trivia winners who won bragging rights for a year!

Her piece was completed in around two hours and will last a lifetime to its new owner.

The trivia! Scott Wild brought his fun energy, testing the knowledge of all the teams and librarians with 40 questions over three rounds. In the end, only one team can have bragging rights. Gifted Bean Owner Matt McMerty was on the second place team for the second year in a row. But thankfully, he's not bitter—neither is his coffee for that matter—it's delicious!

Overall, around 155 people played trivia, bid on book-inspired art, silent auction items, and filled up on pizza, beer, wine, and chocolates—all while supporting our beloved library.

## Bookmobile Campaign *Cont. from page 1*

various locations throughout the county. Every year the Bookmobile serves 9,000 visitors and checks out 50,000 items. These items include everything from bestselling books for adults, teens, and children to video games, DVDs, books on CD, and Launchpad tablets.



A rendering of what a new Bookmobile may look like

Bookmobile Librarian, KeliAnn McDonald says many patrons tell her the Bookmobile stopping in their area is the highlight of their month. We'd like to continue that excitement!

*We have prepared a campaign brochure and a pledge card for your consideration. If you have questions or comments, please email [libraryfoundation@bismarcklibrary.org](mailto:libraryfoundation@bismarcklibrary.org) or call 355-1494 (Amber) or 355-1502 (Kristi).*

*Thank you* for your support of the Foundation and the Library. Let's keep the wheels on the bus going round and round! (Thank you for this line, Kristi!)

# Bookmark



Sally Oremland

## Thank you Sally Oremland Estate

A special thank you goes to the Sally Oremland Estate for the generous donation to the Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc. The money donated kick-started our Bookmobile campaign and is helping to ensure everyone has access to vital library resources.

The Bismarck Library Foundation Pearce Award recognizes and honors a community member who has made significant contributions to achieve the mission of The Library Foundation. This award is open to any past or present Bismarck resident who has made significant financial, volunteer and/or inspirational contributions to the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library or the Foundation. It is the Foundation's highest award.

# Thank you, Orville and Kathy!

Also at the Art of Books, we were happy to recognize our 2018 Pearce Award winners, Kathy and Orville Eide.

The Eides are no strangers to helping the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. They helped fund a new mascot, Booker the Lion, who made his grand entrance the night of the event to meet the Eides.

In 2016, their generous donation was used to help build Teen Headquarters. The library was short from the fundraising goal, and thanks to the Eide's donation, construction was able to start. Teen HQ opened in December 2016 and is for teenagers in sixth through 12th grades. It's the only space of its kind in Bismarck. Teens use the space for reading, studying, doing homework, working on group projects, playing games, attending teen events, being creative, and more.

Then in 2017, the Eide's gave another generous donation that led to the funding



Kathy and Orville Eide with Booker the Lion (the first ever mascot for the Library that they helped fund)

of three mobile device charging stations, new chairs for the Children's Library balcony, educational tablet devices for use in the Children's Library, Booker the Lion, and an Easter rabbit costume for special Easter

storytime events.

In 2018, Kathy and Orville gave a donation to be used for replacing the well-used mushroom stools in the Children's Library, replacement furniture in our large print area, Santa and Mrs. Claus outfits for special Christmas story time events, and photography backdrops.

This will allow all families to get a photo with Santa and the Easter rabbit without having to pay for a photo package (because not every family can afford to do that.)

*Thank you, Kathy and Orville,  
for all that you've done!*

## Pearce Award Business Recognition

The Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc. Board would like to recognize businesses with substantial or on-going support of the Library. Let's give a big thank you to our ongoing and biggest supporters who help fund the Art of Books every year...

## Thank you to the Fredrikson & Byron Foundation

The Fredrikson & Byron Foundation continued its support of the Library Foundation with a \$1,000 sponsorship of the Pearce Award and a \$2,000 unrestricted grant **which will go toward the Bookmobile Campaign.** Thank you!

## Thank you to Leach Foundation

The Leach Foundation has provided a \$3,000 grant to support the Children's Summer Reading Program and the Teen Summer Reading Program. Making sure kids and teens continue reading over the summer is very important to their continued success in school.

## Thank you to our many continued business supporters, including:

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Artwork inspired by "The Secret Garden"

# Meet Amber!

I'm the new Executive Director of the Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc. and this was my first time at the Art of Books. I had so much fun emceeing the event, and even got to take a "shelfie" with Booker!

Many artists used a book to gather inspiration for their pieces displayed at the Art of Books. I wanted to display the book they were inspired by, so with the help of the library, we gathered up a copy of these books to go along with the art piece. Some artists provided their own copies to

Artwork inspired by "Where the Red Fern Grows"



accompany their piece. Either way, it got me thinking—when's the last time I read, "Where the Red Fern Grows" or "To Kill a Mockingbird"? I'm challenging myself to read the books featured at the 2019 Art of Books, and I challenge you to do the same. Have you read all these books before? How well do you remember them? Are there some that have slipped by you throughout the years? I'd love to hear from you about the Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc., how you can get involved, or even your book report!



Booker and Amber's "shelfie"



Booker and Amber

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| <i>The Secret Garden</i><br>by Frances Hodgson Burnett                         | <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i><br>by Oscar Wilde                                    |
| <i>Bright Side</i><br>by Kim Holden  | <i>Cracking Geodes Open</i><br>by Sherry O'Keefe                                       |
| <i>Frankenstein</i><br>by Mary Shelley   | <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i><br>by Harper Lee  |
| <i>Fly a Little Higher</i><br>by Laura Sobiech                                 | <i>Gift From the Sea</i><br>by Anne Morrow Lindbergh                                   |
| <i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i><br>by C.S. Lewis                               | <i>Black Beauty</i><br>by Anna Sewell  |
| <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i><br>by Lewis Carroll                    | <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i><br>by Wilson Rawls                                     |
| <i>Dune</i><br>by Frank Herbert  | <i>The Seventh Reason to Love Mountain Bluebirds</i><br>by Stephen McDonough           |
| <i>Her Father's Daughter</i><br>by Gene Stratton Porter                        | <i>Dictionary</i>  |
| <i>Ferdinand</i><br>by Munro Leaf  | <i>Guess How Much I Love You</i><br>by Sam McBratney                                   |
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| <i>Readers Digest Collection</i>   |  |



Employee Appreciation Lunch

## Thank you, Library employees and volunteers!

What a good time to start working here! I got to meet the many employees and volunteers who work at the Library at the Employee Appreciation Lunch. It's an annual event in February where the Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc., celebrates the 58 full-time and part-time employees at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library with lunch and chocolate treats. We also include the 14 volunteers who help out weekly at the Library, and the four volunteers who help out on a temporary basis.

Thank you all!



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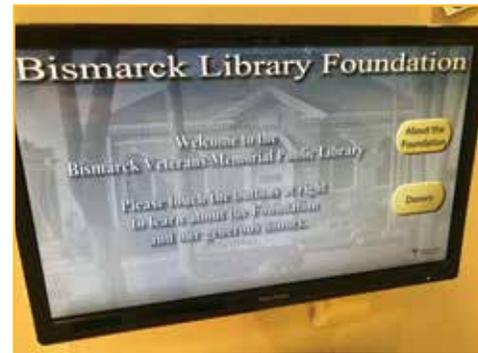
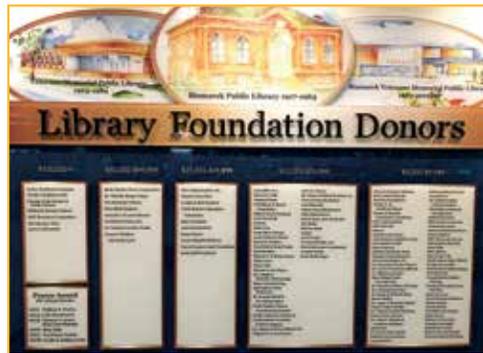
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