



# The Limited Edition

BISMARCK LIBRARY  
FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



## Happy Birthday, Bookmobile!

REFLECTING ON NEW BURLEIGH COUNTY BOOKMOBILE'S  
FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION

“The Bookmobile’s here!” Keli McDonald, Head of Bookmobile Services, says she often hears children yell in excitement when the Burleigh County Bookmobile pulls up. “Kids run up to us, others peek out windows. It’s always fun arriving to an enthusiastic bunch.”

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The Bookmobile has been a beloved part of the Library’s services since 1975. When the previous 20+ year old Bookmobile – affectionately named “Betty” by staff – started showing its age with ongoing maintenance issues, the community stepped up, with nearly 300 individuals, businesses, and non-profits contributing \$250,000 to Bismarck Library Foundation for a new and improved vehicle. The new Burleigh County Bookmobile hit the road for the first time in September 2020.

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## Great Libraries Build Great Communities

The Bismarck Library Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich and enhance Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library collections, resources, and facilities through the generous support of our partners and donors.

## What’s New

- REMEMBERING BILL PEARCE
- NEW LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES
- MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY



*The new Bookmobile is built to be easier for young children to browse.*

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“I love the browsing bins on the new Bookmobile,” says McDonald, referring to the child-height bins allowing young children to view book covers instead of only book spines. “That’s how kids like to browse.” The new Bookmobile is much quieter too, thanks to more battery power. “We only need the generator occasionally to run the air conditioner now.”

**NEARLY 300 INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES, AND NON-PROFITS CONTRIBUTED \$250,000 FOR A NEW AND IMPROVED VEHICLE.**

The Bookmobile ensures residents throughout Burleigh County have access to library services. Bookmobile stops include schools, community hubs, and assisted living facilities in Lincoln, Sterling, Wing, Wilton, Hazelton, Moffit, and more, totaling over 500 stops annually with 9,000 patron visits.

The most common question of Bookmobile staff: don’t books fly around while driving? “The shelves are slanted so books stay put,” says McDonald, “although sometimes if we hit a bump, one or two may still get rattled loose!”

To see the new Bookmobile in action, visit [www.bismarcklibrary.org/149/Burleigh-County-Bookmobile](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org/149/Burleigh-County-Bookmobile)

## Bookmobile Public Funding at Risk

HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP

While the new Burleigh County Bookmobile was purchased in part thanks to generous donors like you, its ongoing staffing and operating costs come from the communities it serves, specifically Burleigh County taxes. Bookmobile operations represent a tiny fraction of the county’s overall budget, yet each year the Burleigh County Commission proposes to cut Bookmobile funding, and each year library staff must defend the value of Bookmobile services.

Your voice matters! We know many county residents view Bookmobile services as a valuable investment rather than an extraneous expense. If you want to see its continued operation, please express this sentiment in a civil manner to your Burleigh County Commissioners. Contact information may be found at [www.burleighco.com/commission/members/](http://www.burleighco.com/commission/members/)



# Foundation Funds New Disc Cleaner for Library

## CLEANING DISCS SAVES LIBRARY EXPENSE

Thanks to funding from Bismarck Library Foundation, the Library has purchased a new industrial strength disc cleaning machine. The machine is used to clean and repair music, movie, gaming, and audiobook discs worn or damaged from high usage.

“Having the disc cleaning machine saves so many discs at the Library. It is far less expensive to use it than to pay for replacement discs,” said Head of Technical Processing Lora Rose. “Patrons expect clean, working materials, and the disc machine makes it possible.”

The previous disc cleaner was seven years old and was starting to malfunction after repairing 2,000 discs a year. Although getting a new machine was “overdue,” the Library did not have funds in its operating budget for a new machine. Staff greatly appreciates Bismarck Library Foundation funding this new equipment.



*Head of Technical Processing Lora Rose demonstrates how to use new disc cleaning machine.*

# Celebrating Betty Mills

## 95 YEARS YOUNG, STILL A LIBRARY CHAMPION

When friends and family of Betty Mills approached Bismarck Library Foundation with a unique way to celebrate her 95th birthday, we were happy to help! The Betty Mills \$95 for 95th birthday campaign celebration raised nearly \$4,000 for Bismarck Library Foundation, adding another chapter to Betty’s long legacy of public service.

Even if you don’t know Betty Mills, your life has been touched by her work, rallying support for Bismarck’s new Library (1961-63), serving on the Library Board (1965-71), starting a library book club, and supporting capital campaigns including the Children’s Library renovation (2009) and Teen Center (2015). We’re so appreciative of Betty, her family, and her friends for their support!



*Betty Mills receiving the Foundation’s 2016 Pearce Award for Library Service*



Bill Pearce

## Remembering Bill Pearce

(1940 - 2021)

On September 13, 2021, William “Bill” Pearce passed away unexpectedly at his home in Bismarck. A true friend to the Library and co-founder of Bismarck Library Foundation, he was a dedicated supporter of Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library to the very end, still actively serving as the Bismarck Library Foundation treasurer, attending board meetings, and bringing his kindness, intelligence, and wit to every interaction with Library staff.

“Bill Pearce will forever be remembered by the Foundation and Library family,” said Library Director Christine Kujawa. “We are grateful for the countless hours, expertise, and support he

contributed to the Library over the past 50+ years. We will miss his friendship, good sense of humor, and shared love of books.”

Library service is a legacy of the Pearce Family. Bill’s father, William R. Pearce, and his uncle, William Murray, both served on the Library Board of Trustees beginning in the 1950s. Later Bill and his brother Murray were trustees. His mother, Jean, introduced her sons to the Library at an early age.

Educated in astrophysics and then turning to law as his primary trade, Bill started the Bismarck Library Foundation with his brother Murray in 1975. Bill served as Foundation president for over twenty years (1976-1998). In 1998, he assumed treasurer duties and served this role until his death. Bill and his wife, Ann, were among the first and most generous private donors when the Foundation’s endowment campaign began in 2001.

When asked why he has contributed his time, talent, and treasure to the Library, Bill had a ready answer. “It’s just the love of books. It’s tragic to hear someone say they don’t read. It’s the love of learning and the excitement of learning new things.”

The Bismarck Library Foundation proudly continues to honor the legacy of Bill Pearce and the Pearce Family with the Pearce Award for Library Service, the Foundation’s highest honor given to persons in recognition of service and support to the Library.

### DID YOU KNOW...

22%

INCREASE IN DIGITAL MATERIALS CIRCULATION IN 2020



161

CHECKOUTS OF ND STATE PARK PASS, 2020’S MOST CIRCULATED ITEM



926

YOUTH IN LIBRARY’S 2021 SUMMER READING PROGRAM, READING 11,235 HOURS

# New Little Free Libraries

DONOR INSPIRED BY BOOK-LOVING CHILD

Bismarck Library Foundation has purchased two Little Free Libraries to be placed in rural areas of Burleigh County this coming spring. This purchase was made possible thanks to the generosity of Foundation supporters David and Cathy Bliss. David says the contribution was inspired by a recent interaction at the Little Free Library in Apple Valley.

“As Cathy placed books in the Apple Valley Little Free Library, a young girl ran out of a house nearby,” says David Bliss. “Do you have any books for kids?” the girl asked. Cathy said she didn’t but that she would bring some next time, asking if she reads chapter books. With enthusiasm the girl said, ‘Yes, with my Mom’s help!’”

Little Free Libraries are free book-sharing boxes where anyone may take or share a book. You do not need to share a book in order to take one. Many Little Free Libraries in Bismarck and Burleigh County have been sponsored by Bismarck Library Foundation and the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library, encouraging literacy and book access throughout our communities.



*Two new Little Free Libraries are coming to Burleigh County*

## Ways To Support The Library That Don't Cost A Penny

While we're always appreciative of financial gifts to Bismarck Library Foundation in support of library programs and services, there are many non-monetary ways to give meaningful support.

**Utilize your Library.** Every time you visit your Library, whether in-person or online, you also support your Library. The Library compiles data on visitation, checkouts, and more, which helps demonstrate its continued importance to government officials and potential funders.

**Volunteer.** Have a few spare hours? Donations of time and energy are always appreciated by Library staff. Apply online at [bismarcklibrary.org](http://bismarcklibrary.org) under the Get Involved heading.

**Shout out your Library love.** If you love your Library, tell your friends! Need a “I support my library” magnet for your car? Drop an email to [bkaylor@bismarcklibrary.org](mailto:bkaylor@bismarcklibrary.org) and we'll gladly send you one at no cost.

**Share a kind word.** Whether in-person or via email, a kind word is always appreciated by Library staff. To send a message or question to staff, visit [bismarcklibrary.org](http://bismarcklibrary.org) and click the Ask A Librarian icon, or email [ask.a.librarian@bismarcklibrary.org](mailto:ask.a.librarian@bismarcklibrary.org).

**Include the Library in your will.** Naming Bismarck Library Foundation in your will costs nothing and creates a lasting legacy. Always check with a legal professional, but generally the language can be as simple as “I give and bequeath to Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc. of Bismarck, North Dakota (insert total sum or % of estate).” You can also name the Foundation as your life insurance beneficiary.

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