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## For Good Summer Reading, Check Out the Library

by Jan Schultz



Soft spring breezes, sunny days and flirty robins herald the arrival of that much-awaited season—summer. And what could be better than a cozy hammock or an inviting lawn chair to curl up with a good book? It's time to think about summer reading.

The Children's Department at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library has some wonderful new titles in store for children this summer, thanks to a \$10,000 gift to the Library Foundation from Jack and Kristen Paris. Traci Juhala, children's librarian, says that many new books have been purchased this year, including a set of ancient civilization biographies, the likes of Caesar Augustus, Buddha, Cicero, Joan of Arc, and King Arthur among others. A new set of the much-loved Mercer Mayer series has been added, along with a complete set of Peanuts cartoons by Charles Schulz. Juhala said that many titles have been replaced and a brand new set of the Boxcar children's series and several new copies of Newbery and Caldecott winners have been added.

The Children's Department is also looking forward to their summer reading kick-off event titled "Make a Splash—Read at your Library" scheduled for June 2 at the N.

D. Heritage Center. This is a joint event with both Burleigh and Morton Counties participating. Storyteller and musician Kevin Muellin from Wisconsin will be a special guest providing entertainment as part of his North Dakota tour.

Librarian Donna Maston, who selects the new adult fiction titles, says 30-35 best selling authors have books coming out this spring, with fresh reads in mysteries, romance and science fiction. Plus, there are dozens of new books by lesser known authors.

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### Look for New Fiction by These Authors

#### General Fiction

Lee Child  
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Elizabeth Peters  
Rita Mae Brown  
Janet Evanovich  
Henning Mankell  
Martha Grimes

# My First Library Experience

by Bob Bartosh



Bob Bartosh

*There are many “firsts” in childhood, and the introduction to the local library is a special memory for many of us. This column shares some of the stories of library patrons. Bob Bartosh is the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Dakota Coal Company, one of two major subsidiaries of Basin Electric Power Company. He has been with the Basin family since 1978. He has served on the Library Foundation Board of Directors since 2006.*

I was raised in Garden City, Mich., which is 17 miles west of Detroit. I was in kindergarten when I first remember visiting the Garden City Library. I went with my mother. She was a big fan of mystery novels and loved Perry Mason murder mysteries. I remember how quiet and big the library was. I also remember that if I was too loud, not only did my mother scold me, but the library patrons and workers would scold me as well.

When I was in junior high school, I started reading science fiction (Kurt Vonnegut). I continued going to the library throughout junior high school and high school, including the libraries at each school.

I restarted the library visits while in college, specifically, my sophomore through senior years. Studying to be an engineer required a certain amount of research at the library. However, I lived off campus in a fraternity. It was difficult and sometimes impossible to study in that fraternity. The library became my safe place to study for my engineering degree. We used to car pool the seven miles to the library after dinner Monday—Thursday and stay there most nights until the library closed at midnight. The library was the main reason why I graduated with an engineering degree. We used to do some other prohibited activities in the library, which I cannot mention here. But, we had fun and did not get caught!

My library use was extensive when my children were growing up. I have daughters ages 32 and 24, and a son who is 30. Now from time to time, I go to the library to work on business issues. We always read to our kids and continue to read to the grandkids. Some of the grandkids are old enough to read to us now.

## The Book Mark

### *New President Elected*

Ed Klecker was elected president of the Library Foundation at its April 9 monthly meeting. Tara Holt was elected vice president. Officers who were reelected are Bill Pearce, treasurer; and Cliff Keller, secretary.



Ed Klecker

Ed Klecker was elected to the board in 2007 and previously served as vice president and on the Development and Nominating Committees. Tara

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Holt was elected to the board in 2009 and has served on the Development Committee. Both were active for the Children's Library Project campaign.

The Library Foundation also welcomes Carol Russell as the newest member of the board of directors. Carol returned to North Dakota after a career in California in public service.

Judith Maxwell, former board president will remain as a director. Those retiring from the board include Sharon Hoffer, who served two terms as president and chaired the Development Committee; Ernie Godfred, Chuck Reichert and Lynn Klein. Our thanks to each one for providing dedication, service and leadership.

### *You CAN Help*

Gerdau Ameristeel will donate 5 cents for every pound of aluminum cans purchased from the public in June. Help the Library Foundation; drop off cans at 1320 Airport Road.

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# Oh, the Places You'll Go!

## Grand Opening was a Grand Event!



*The entrance to the Children's Library.*

Lawrence welcomed everyone. Teen VIPs dressed as story book characters helped cut the ribbon. Then dozens of children piled into the updated Story Room to hear Lawrence read "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss.

In a gray winter dominated by fog, snow and cold, January 23 stands out as a bright spot. A blizzard paused. Warm air felt gentle on the cheeks. Water ran in the streets. Sunshine made the snow sparkle.

January 23 was a milestone for Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. A break in a major winter storm allowed hundreds of children and adults to attend the Grand Opening of the Children's Library. Events began at 1 p.m. when (appropriately) weatherman Kevin



*Miles of Smiles painted lots of faces.*



*Architect Richard and Lisa Bohrer with Tom Jones, Library Director*

Meanwhile, literally hundreds of youngsters lined up to have Miles of Smiles paint their faces or make an animal out of a balloon. Books and other gifts were given away hourly. Kittyko entertained in the Story Room later in the afternoon.

That evening, donors were invited to a private party to celebrate the completion of the space. Jazz by the John Krueger Quartet set the tone for event, which was attended by about 100 people.

In all, the Library Foundation raised \$667,000 to renovate the Children's Library and supply new books and materials for children. A \$50,000 Otto Bremer Foundation grant purchased more than 3,000 new books and library materials. Another \$10,000 in books is being added in 2010, thanks to a gift from Jack and Kristen Paris. Any funds left over from the project will be used for more books and materials.



*A young fellow meets a superhero.*

The renovation campaign began in October 2007. Campaign co-chairs Erik Sakariassen and Dick Weber, were assisted by Library Foundation members and community volunteers. Over 350 gifts were received.

A Donor Wall in the Library lists all of the donors. Major donors are listed on special plaques inside the Children's Library.

# What do Patrons Think?

Traci Juhala, Children’s Librarian said, “Virtually everyone who ventures past the beanstalk and into our enchanted forest comments on the beautiful, child-friendly space. We feel so lucky to live in the kind of community that would embrace this library concept and go the extra mile to make it happen.”

Ed Klecker had brought his 4-½-year old grandson, who had a wonderful time and said, “Poppa, this is the bestest place!”

Ann Mayher reported one little girl shouting, “Grandma, look! Look! It’s here!” when she saw the space was opened.



Some children had double the fun!

Kate Waldera, Reference Librarian, said, “We’re seeing a lot more families coming in to visit the Children’s Library. There are a lot of excited faces.”

## Who’s Who

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If you can’t locate a particular book on the New Book shelves, a copy may be reserved at the Circulation Desk. Don’t want to wander too far from your backyard? The Bookmobile stops at 51 sites each month. Small towns in Burleigh County, schools, outlying neighborhoods and senior residences, such as the Waterford, are on the schedule. To find the Bookmobile schedule, check online at [www.bismarcklibrary.org](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org).

Library Foundation board members have suggestions for summer reading. President Ed Klecker is currently reading a non-fiction tale, *The Lost City of Z* by David Grann. Klecker describes it as a tale of obsession, the goal being to find the fabled lost city in the Amazon jungle. Klecker also suggests *I Sniper* by Stephen Hunter and *Gone Tomorrow* by Lee Child, both adventure stories. Klecker, who formerly did book reviews for television, reads “a book or two a week, most with little redeeming literary value, but highly entertaining”—perfect for summer reading.

Another Library Foundation Board member, Tom Mayer, recommends *The Demon-Haunted World* by the late astro-physicist, Carl Sagan. In this book Sagan distinguishes between the scientific approach as compared to witch hunts of the past and UFO sightings and abductions. The author also urges more emphasis on science in education at young ages.

Looking for something a bit lighter for that hammock? Perhaps a good romance novel? Just in time for summer reading is Danielle Steel’s new release, *Matters of the Heart*. Nora Roberts’ *Savor the Moment* and Jodi Picoult’s *House Rules* were both released in March. But, if you’re an avid reader, you probably have your own stack of books waiting for a time when you can pour yourself a tall, cool glass of lemonade and settle in for a good read.

# The Charitable Gift Annuity

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By Kevin J. Dvorak, CFP®, President and CEO North Dakota Community Foundation



Kevin Dvorak

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“In today’s interest rate environment, a charitable gift annuity can give a substantial increase in income over earnings from a CD or other fixed income investment,” says Kevin Dvorak, president of the NDCF. A person can take an asset that is not producing a large amount of income, such as a stock or CD, and gift it to the Foundation for a charitable gift annuity. The rates for gift annuities (see table) are particularly attractive in today’s marketplace.

In addition to the increased income, you are entitled to take a current income tax charitable deduction and, in certain cases, a North Dakota Income Tax Credit for a percentage of the gift.

The Annuity can pay you (and your spouse, if you choose) a lifetime income. The remaining principal\* is placed in the Foundation’s permanent endowment fund within the NDCF.

How safe is a gift annuity? The payout is backed by the NDCF’s over \$38 million in assets. The NDCF has more than 30 years of careful stewardship of its endowment funds. Please call Gayle Schuck at the Library Foundation for a free illustration showing your annuity rate and tax deduction information.

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80	\$710	\$5,137	\$170	\$540	\$2,055

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# Libraries are the Go-To Place for Info by Gayle Schuck

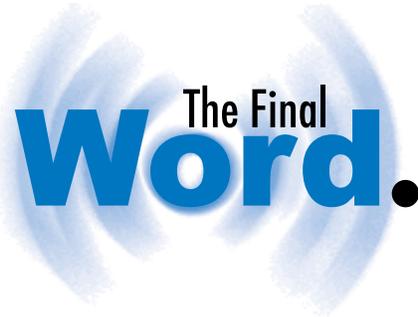
*Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information on it. – Samuel Johnson*



*Gayle Schuck*

Some people seem to enjoy challenging others. I once worked with a woman who questioned why I kept a dictionary on my desk...and used it. One day she asked, "Can't you spell?"

In response, I quoted a college professor, who said it wasn't important to know the answer to everything, but it was important to know how to find answers. That seemed to settle the issue with my coworker.



At the time, I didn't know the college professor was paraphrasing Samuel Johnson. An English author, poet and professor who lived in the 1700s, Johnson believed so strongly in the concept of making information resources available that he was the author of the first English dictionary.

Johnson's wry observation on finding information is still appropriate today. Although public libraries as we know them didn't exist in Johnson's day, he certainly would champion the modern public library—open to everyone, without cost and filled with resources to help everyone gain knowledge and information.

Libraries are such an integral part of our society that we may take them for granted, like the electricity that lights our homes or the roads that allow easy travel. Wikipedia defines a library as "...a collection of sources, resources, and services, and the structure in which it is housed." The array of services available would boggle Samuel Johnson's mind.

**7** For anyone who wants help in searching for information, a stop at the Library's Reference Desk can be a delightful experience. Reference librarians truly enjoy answering questions about services and helping with research projects.

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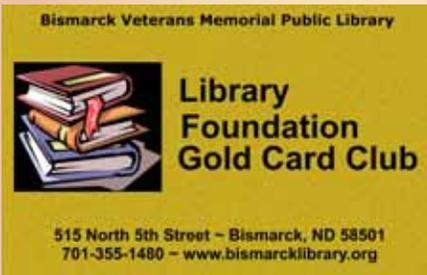
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### *Red Roaster Café Opening*

The Library's coffee shop will open this month. Tim and Kim Knutson invite you to visit the Red Roaster and try a full range of coffees or a cool summer drink. Check out the lunch menu and treat the kids. The hours will be:

- 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. . . . . Monday – Thursday
- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. . . . . Friday & Saturday
- 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. . . . . Sunday