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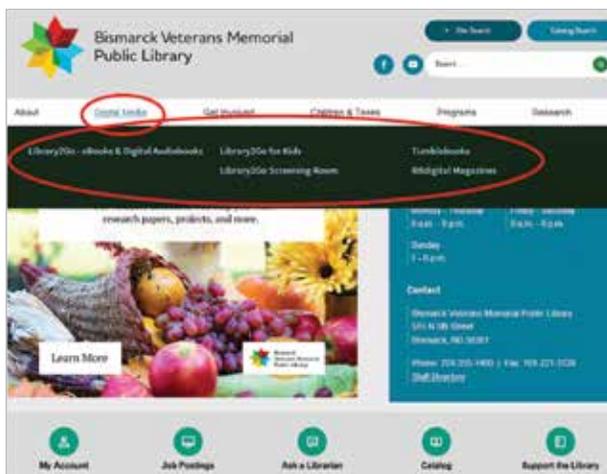
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## Digital media adds to Library options

Wouldn't it be great to flip through a magazine on your smartphone while waiting to pick up the kids, listen to an audio book while taking a road trip, or check out a video for your child while waiting at the doctor's office? Actually, you can do all of these things, and more, by using the Library's online digital media options.

Library2Go (adult, teen and children's ebooks; audio books; videos), Tumblebooks (children's books and games), and RBdigital Magazines are all options that can be accessed through the Bismarck Veteran Memorial Public Library's web page. Visit the website at [www.bismarcklibrary.org](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org), click on Digital Media and select the digital media you want to use. By logging in with your library card, you can use these digital options on your computer or on your device, like a smartphone or tablet. You can download the Library2Go and RBdigital Magazine



Digital media items can be accessed via the Library website by clicking on Digital Media and logging in with your Library card.

apps right to your device.

These digital options are becoming increasingly popular. According to the Library's Annual Report, in 2016, more than 36,899 digital items were checked

out, which includes books, audiobooks, and videos. This is a 21 percent increase over the previous year, and doesn't even include the usage of online magazines, as those do not need to be "checked out."

As with the hard copy books at the Library, ebooks and audio books are offered in a limited amount, and if the allotted number is already checked out, you can add your name to a wait list. The Library2Go content is purchased cooperatively and shared among the 42 member libraries in the North Dakota Digital Consortium.

There is no limit to the number of people who can view magazines at a

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## Digital media *Cont. from page 1*



RBdigital Magazines provides access to more than 140 magazines.



Library2Go includes access to adult, teen, and children's ebooks; audio books; and videos.

single time. RBdigital Magazines provides free access to more than 140 magazines, including National Geographic, Taste of Home, Field & Stream, Better Homes & Gardens, Newsweek.

For patrons of the Burleigh County Bookmobile who are in the Book Club, there is a Nook lending service. Nooks can be checked out pre-loaded with e-book titles already on them.

Some people may think that these digital items will overtake the books and DVDs that are offered in the Library building. Each year, the Library is seeing an increase in usage of Library items as well, so we know that is not the case.

When asked about the usage levels, Assistant Library Director, Elizabeth Jacobs, said, "When ebooks first became popular about 10 years or so ago, there were all kinds of predictions about the coming demise of the print book. These predictions haven't really come to fruition. Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library first started offering a digital collection in 2011. In the years since then, our circulations of print

books and other physical items have shown continued growth alongside the increase in usage of the digital collection.

With the widely available technology of smartphones and mobile devices, people have different avenues for accessing their reading and listening material. Everyone's preferences are different - some people love reading ebooks on their tablets and being able to download audiobooks to a smartphone; some people are dedicated to print books; many people like a combination of the two. It's a great service to our community for the Library to be able to offer a variety of format options. People can visit the Library's brick and mortar location, or visit the Library online to borrow materials from wherever they may be, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our digital collections are a wonderful complement to the Library's physical lending collection, and we are excited that the Library is able to be a part of the technological shift in the way people access media."

Consider visiting the Library while you are on the go. Check out all the digital media items available. If you have questions or need help, call the Library at 701-355-1480 and ask for the Information Desk. Librarians can help you over the phone, or set up a time when you can come in and get your questions answered.

## Bookmark

### Goodbye, Erik Sakariassen

Erik Sakariassen has retired from the Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors, after serving on the Board since 1999. Erik is a past president, past vice president and was the current Finance Committee Chairperson. Erik was instrumental in helping to raise the funds for the updated Children's Library, the coffee shop and the new Teen Center, and his keen financial sense has been a driving force behind the success of our Finance Committee. Erik was awarded the Pearce Award in 2014 for his ongoing dedicated service to the Library. Thank you so much to Erik for his years of service

to the Foundation and the Library. We know we will still see him around the Library and at the Foundation's annual spring event, working hard to win the trivia grand prize!

### Thank you to the MDU Resources Foundation

The MDU Resources Foundation continues their support of the Bismarck Library Foundation with a \$5,000 donation. We are so honored and thankful to receive this gift, which helps us continue our support of the Library. Thank you!

# Library memories from the past

As we wrap up the celebration of the Library's 100-year anniversary, we thought it would be fun to ask some of our Foundation supporters about some of their favorite Library memories. Here's what they had to say:

**Bill Pearce** (Foundation Founder and current Treasurer):

"My very favorite memory goes back to when I was a child – at some level in grade school. The Library then was in the old Carnegie building and the children's section occupied the basement, with the adult section up on the main floor. The Children's Librarian was named Pearla Kapone (I may have spelled the last name wrong) and we were a little bit afraid of her – sort of the old-fashioned image of a stern librarian, with her hair in a bun and who would not be so friendly (but who could be trying to manage a big room full of kids?). I loved books (as I still do) and was down there a lot reading. One day I went up to Pearla's big desk and said to her, "I have read all of the books on this children's floor now; can I go up to the adult floor to find real books about history and such things?" I think she was so stunned she didn't know quite what to say at first – no child had ever done that. After a moment or so, she said, "Well, yes, Bill, I think you should be able to do that, but you must be very well behaved." To which I replied, "Oh yes I will." [I am paraphrasing the specific words from both of us, of course]. So I did: up the stairway into the magic world of adult books, and I haven't stopped reading since. She was really quite sweet, though with a somewhat scary appearance at times."

"Another memory just came to mind: The summer after my first year at high school (where I had taken Latin I), I spent quite a fair amount of time at the library translating the Declaration of Independence into Latin, because the Library had a big old comprehensive Latin dictionary. I had to learn how to handle some of the subjunctive Latin verb forms too, since we didn't study those until Latin II in my upcoming sophomore year. It was useful because then I used my translation for my Latin II class project. What a coincidence that, many years later, I married a Latin teacher!"

"Some years ago I checked out a book (forgot what it was about) but after quite a few weeks later I began to get periodic notices from the Library that it was overdue. I searched and searched at home, didn't find it and responded that I must have returned it and that the return must just have been overlooked at the Library. Finally, about at least six months later (could have been nine), I was at my office and thinking I had better send a check for the cost of the book. As I thought about that my eyes idly drifted over to a bookcase on the wall of my office, more or less full of legal books, and right there on one of the shelves in fairly plain sight was the missing library book that I swore I must have returned much earlier. I hurried it over to the Library and inquired what late fee I owed. I was amazed, however, that the Library was so amused at this adventure that the late fee was waived in full. Since then I have had an even warmer feeling toward the library than before, but I have been careful not to keep books overdue."

**Cynthia Norland** (Foundation board member):

"Every time I walk into the Library I feel a sense of peace and happiness. It is wonderful to be able to spend time with words, with books, with people who love books and to watch young children beginning their adventures with reading in the children's library. I was so thankful for the Library when my mother, who also was a voracious reader, was in an assisted living center and I was able to borrow large print books for her to read. The Library has been a great resource for me and my family."

**Tara Holt** (Foundation board member):

"I grew up on 1st Street and Avenue C West. We were not allowed to cross Avenue C to the south (on bicycle or on foot) because it was one of the busiest streets in Bismarck. However, I found that if I rode my bike to the east with the neighbor kids who were not restricted, we could cross on 5th and go south to the Library mid-afternoon when traffic wasn't so heavy. The Library was a sacred place; very quiet and policed by serious librarians. Any sound you made would come to their attention; even careful footsteps and breathless whispering! I wish I could report that I checked out a basket

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# Foundation provides items for the Bismarck Public Library

Each year the Bismarck Library Foundation provides the Library with a grant to fund needed items. In 2016, the Foundation provided a large grant to help build the new Teen Center. It also provided a grant that funded a few items around the Library. These items included a monitor that is used in the lobby to display the Library's Calendar of Events; a portable charging station in the adult section of the Library; and several Great Courses DVDs/booklets. Great Courses is a series of college-level audio and video courses. The Foundation also was able to contribute to the cost of the graphic design of the new Library logo. The Library recently won a Gold ADDY award for the new logo.

Thank you so much to our amazing Foundation donors and supporters! You make it possible for us to provide these extra items to the Library.



The Library won a Gold ADDY award for the new Library logo, funded by the Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library.



The Foundation provided funding for this portable charging station

## Teens busy creating in Teen HQ

Teens continue to make great use of the new Teen HQ (Headquarters). Recent and upcoming events include a board game night, a video game tournament, a Pinterest party to make journals, LEGO club, movie days, and sewing lessons.



Teens created these Perler bead works of art in Teen HQ.

Teen HQ is always on the lookout for donations of crafting supplies or LEGOs. If you have anything you would like to share, please contact Teen Programming Coordinator, Laura Rysavy, or drop it off in the Children's Library. All donations are tax deductible.

### Memories *Cont. from page 3*

full of books, pedaled home like crazy to curl up on the couch and read for hours at a time, but I never checked out a book during my illegal outings. It would have been the evidence that generated a lecture about being killed by a

car on Avenue C and certain grounding. I felt relieved upon returning home and parking my bike in the garage, but I knew I had to wait for an adult to take me on a "real" outing to check books out."

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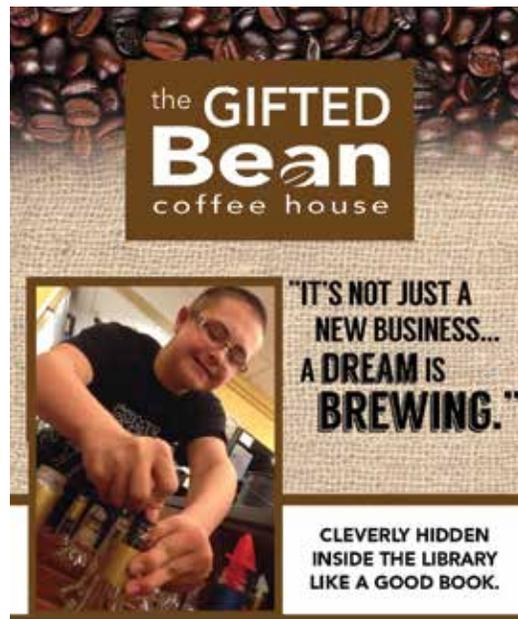
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*If you have any questions about making a gift to the Bismarck Library Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund, contact the Foundation office at 701-355-1494 or visit with your accountant.*



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