



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

Fact Sheet

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is a full-service municipal library directly handling the personal enrichment needs of Bismarck and Burleigh County residents. As a member of Central Dakota Library Network (CDLN), we offer direct access to materials and resources in libraries throughout Burleigh, Morton, McLean, Mercer, and Oliver Counties. CDLN has a collection of more than 560,000 items, including books, audio books, DVDs, and music CDs.

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library patrons also have access to eBooks, digital audio books, and many online resources. The Library provides public access computers and wireless Internet access. The Library also has children's, teen, and adult programming including story times, computer classes, and film events.

Year founded: 1917

Outreach branches

- Burleigh County Bookmobile
- Bismarck Mobile Library

Each year we:

- Circulate over 525,000 items
- Update our collection of over 250,000 items
- Welcome 387,000 visitors (378,000 at the Library and 9,000 at our outreach branches)
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- Answer 29,000 reference questions at our Information Desk
- Log 186,516 public computer (124,740) and WiFi (61,776) uses
- Have 33,000 people attend events and meetings at the library

Service Statistics:

- 49 public computers
- Over 600 programs for children and teens
- Close to 200 programs for adults
- 3 public meeting rooms
- 8 study rooms
- 71 hours of service weekly; 2,964 hours annually
- Two outreach vehicles: Bismarck Mobile Library and Burleigh County Bookmobile
- Close to 800 outreach stops through the City of Bismarck and rural Burleigh County
- 16 full-time staff: 8 with post-graduate degrees; 6 with undergraduate degrees
- 43 part-time staff