



# Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Announces New Exterior Art at the Library!**

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **LOCAL ART WINDOW COVERINGS TRANSFORM LIBRARY BUILDING**

There is a growing movement in Bismarck to infuse our cityscapes with creativity and beauty with local art, and the library is no exception. The library recently added colorful, inspiring art on the east side windows facing 6th Street. Local artist Crystal Tretbar created twelve unique art pieces transformed into window coverings conveying the following qualities: happy, energized, inviting, fun, modern, all ages, universal, and colorful. The library's Public Information Specialist, Kevin R. Tengesdal, created two digital art pieces to accompany Tretbar's collection. This installation not only beautifies the library's exterior and engages the community, but also provides Tretbar and Tengesdal with a platform to showcase their talent.

These thought-provoking and visually captivating art pieces will add character to the modern, urban ambiance of the library building. The art display provides a visual escape and offers a respite for busy pedestrians and drivers, as well as a source of inspiration for those who take the time to appreciate them. The window coverings serve as conversation starters, prompting passersby to discuss and appreciate the art, further enriching the downtown fringe of Bismarck.

Library Director Christine Kujawa said, "Anyone passing by on 6th Street will be treated to a visual experience that connects them to not only the library but the community. The window coverings are attractive and engaging works of art that transform the exterior of the library into a vibrant art gallery."

The Friends of the Bismarck Public Library is funding this creative project. Thank you, Friends!

### **EXTERIOR LIBRARY SCULPTURE ON AVENUE A**

Please stop by the library and see our newly installed exterior sculpture on the south side of the building facing Avenue A, funded entirely by the Bismarck Library Foundation. Library Director Christine Kujawa and staff brainstormed designs for the past couple of years, intending to add a colorful and inviting art piece that aligns with the recently updated exterior siding and library brand. Our Public Information Specialist, Kevin R. Tengesdal, created the design, with construction and installation by Mann Signs, Inc.

Tengesdal stated, "I was thrilled when Christine asked me to design a sculpture incorporating our library's logo. I experimented with a few different ideas before settling on a design that features books soaring through the air to form our logo's star. It was exhilarating to watch Mann Signs, Inc. install the sculpture and see my 2D vector artwork transformed into a three-dimensional work of art."

Mann Signs, Inc. owner and president Scott Bina shared that they were happy to be involved in such a unique project, which adds to the welcoming and positive ambiance of the library.

Thank you to the Bismarck Library Foundation for funding the construction and installation of this beautiful sculpture, which is available for everyone passing by to enjoy!

**WHERE:** Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library - Avenue A and 6th Street

**WHO:** FREE and open to all. Media is Invited.

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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