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Bismarck Human Relations Committee Annual Humanitarian Award

BISMARCK, N.D. – The City of Bismarck’s Human Relations Committee is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2021 Humanitarian Award is the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. The Humanitarian Award recognizes an individual, organization, or non-profit entity that has demonstrated leadership in the area of human rights. This year the Bismarck Human Relations Committee will recognize the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and Library Administrators Christine Kujawa and Elizabeth Jacobs at the June 14, 2022, Board of City Commissioners meeting. The Board will meet in the Tom Baker Meeting Room of the City/County Office Building at 221 North 5th Street. The award presentation will occur at the onset of the meeting, which begins at 5:15 PM.

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library nomination is for its many services and welcoming atmosphere available to our community and residents. The Library provides equal service and a safe gathering space for the citizens of Bismarck/Burleigh County regardless of social standing, race, color, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or mental or physical disability.

Additionally, the Library Board of Trustees recently approved a new section in the Library’s Public Service Policy titled *Youth Anti-Bullying Prevention*. This policy “aims to protect the dignity and safety of youth served by the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. Bullying, harassment, and intimidation in all youth-serving Library services, activities, programs, and facilities are prohibited.”

Kevin Tengesdal, a Bismarck resident, nominated the Library.

The mission of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee is to protect and promote the personal dignity of all Bismarck citizens and eliminate any discriminatory barriers that prevent them from reaching their full human potential.

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