



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library - College SAVE Reading Champions

WHAT:

Bismarck, ND - The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is pleased to announce that Natalie Walla of Bismarck was randomly selected as the recipient of \$529 into a College SAVE account for her participation in the summer reading program.

The North Dakota State Library partnered with Bank of North Dakota to bring the College SAVE Summer Reading Champions Campaign to participants of the 2019 Collaborative Summer Library Program, "Universe of Stories." Every student completing their library's goal for summer received either a contribution of \$25 to a new College SAVE account or \$10 to an existing College SAVE account. More than 400 children took advantage of the contribution. In addition, there were 10 recipients selected from random drawings who were awarded \$529 College SAVE contributions.

"Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library appreciates the opportunity to offer this enhancement to our summer reading program," says Traci Juhala, Head of Youth Services. "This summer 467 young people participated in our program, and collectively they read nearly 18,000 hours! We look forward to a continued partnership with the Bank of North Dakota and North Dakota public libraries to continue to provide wonderful opportunities to the youth of our state."

Over 3500 youth from 42 libraries participated in this year's summer reading campaign.

"Bank of North Dakota congratulates all children who participated in their local library's summer reading programs," states Eric Hardmeyer, Bank of North Dakota president. "It is well-established that reading is an important component of academic success which leads to a well-prepared workforce."

The College SAVE Plan is a 529 plan established by the State of North Dakota. Bank of North Dakota acts as trustee of the College SAVE Trust and is responsible for administering the Plan. To learn more about College SAVE, visit collegesave4u.com.

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