

Library News

James River Valley Library System

September 2017

September Events

- 4th Closed for Labor Day
- 18th 4:45 PM Board Meeting
- 19th 6 PM Childbirth Education
- 21st 7 PM Friends Annual Meeting at The Arts Center
- 26th 7 PM Pouring Over the Pages Book Club at Sabirs

Black = Adult Programs

Blue = Children's Programs

*Registration Required

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Alfred Dickey Branch



The Heart of a True Volunteer

Jamestown lost an irreplaceable citizen on August 26th—George Barron passed away at the age of 94. You may have known of him as a teacher, an animal lover (especially golden retrievers), an avid hunter, or even as a pilot. At the library, we knew him as a regular library patron (he especially liked true crime books) and for all of his volunteer work for the library's genealogy section.

George tirelessly worked on various databases for the library's local history section, which he then printed and had bound. He did a lot of work before computers and Internet research were readily available, and his work is still invaluable today. Of the databases he created, the one that most JRVLS librarians have used at least once is for obituaries that have appeared in the local Jamestown newspapers, going back to the 1880s. If a person knows the name and year of death of someone they are searching for, all they need to do is find the year and search for the name. George's database lists whether or not there was an obituary, what roll of microfilm to find it on, and even what page of the paper it appeared on. His work has made all our librarians' jobs easier.

George was also a constant resource for the library. He was always willing to come down to the library to go over genealogy questions with patrons. He would even meet up with people from out of town and help them find their ancestor's graves in one of the local cemeteries.

George also took on the task of compiling a database of murders and strange deaths in Stutsman County. This came about because of college students who were required to research a local death for a criminal justice class. George was always willing to take on tasks that would end up helping others. When people praised him for his work or thanked him for helping them, he never made a big deal out of it.

George may be gone now, but his work will remain at the library. As long as there are patrons who want to research their family history, the librarians at JRVLS will be using George's databases to help patrons. The legacy of a true volunteer never dies.

JRVLS Friends Update

The Friends of the James River Valley Library System are having their Annual Meeting and Social at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 21st at The Arts Center. There will be a social hour, with refreshments following. The Friends hope you will join them as they seek to elect a vice president and secretary. They will also be discussing past achievements as well as how they can support JRVLS in the future.

If you have any questions, you can contact Bill Kennedy at:

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Meet Your Librarian: Melissa



Melissa is originally from Apple Valley, Minnesota. She started her library career in 2004 as a library assistant in Fosston, MN. In 2006 she became the Branch Librarian in Ada, MN. As the only staff in Ada, she had

the opportunity to plan programming for children, teens, and adults. She also did reference, genealogy, statistics, community outreach, local politics, school presentations, and selection and delivery of items to homebound patrons. She worked in an elementary school library for a short time while taking library classes.

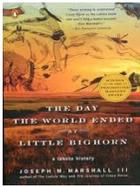
One of Melissa's library patrons in Ada introduced Melissa to her now husband, Elliott. Elliott grew up in LaMoure and has extended family in the area. Melissa started working at JRVLS in August of 2014.

Melissa loves reference work, especially helping people find quality information and answers to their questions. She finds this to be one of the most rewarding parts of the job.

Melissa's favorite part of working in the library is library service. What she means by that is that the library is for everyone, from cradle to grave. Each person who comes through the door receives the same service regardless of age, nationality, religion, income, education, political views, or ability. Melissa wants you to know that whether English is your first—or fourth—language, she will listen and try her best to understand your needs and find what you are looking for.

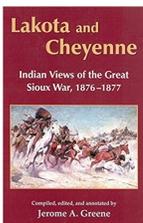
When she is not at work, Melissa enjoys reading, hanging out with her family, exploring North Dakota, and scrapbooking. Melissa has a husband, Elliott, two children, Evan and Annika, and six kitties.

Featured Items: Books about Native American History and Culture



The Day the World Ended at the Little Bighorn: A Lakota History by Joseph M. Marshall III

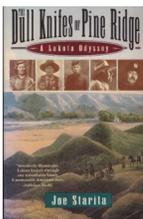
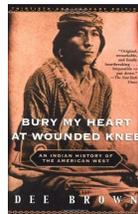
Storytelling Time: Native North American Art from the collections at the University of North Dakota edited by Arthur F. Jones and Lucy Annis Ganje



Lakota and Cheyenne: Indian Views of the Great Sioux War, 1876-1877 by Jerome A. Greene

Crazy Horse: a Life by Larry McMurtry

Bury my heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Alexander Brown

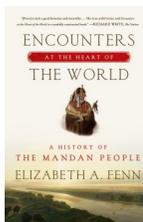


The Dull Knives of Pine Ridge: A Lakota Odyssey by Joe Starita

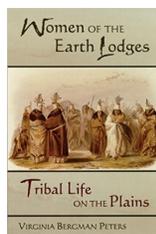
Women of the Earth lodges: Tribal Life on the Plains by Virginia Bergman Peters

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Encounters at the Heart of the World: A history of the Mandan people by Elizabeth A. Fenn



Yellowtail: Crow Medicine Man and Sun Dance Chief: An Autobiography as told to Michael Oren Fitzgerald



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