

LIBRARY LIFE



Event Highlights

National Library Week

April 9th is National Library Workers Day. You can honor one of our awesome librarians by nominating them for a Star award. Visit <https://ala-apa.org/nlwd/> to submit your nomination.

Thank you

"We've been 'Blessed' to have a Public Library in service for 120 years. All we can say is 'WOW' and Thank you to you and your wonderful staff! We wish you much love and all the best as you continue the work you are doing."

-Myron & Jenneice S.



Light Up the Library Fundraiser!

The Light Up the Library Fundraiser is in full swing! Our goal is to raise \$381,000 to cover the cost of the roof and dome restoration projects. You can help! We need your help! Donations of \$500 or more will receive a free set of bookends crafted by Dean Pedersen. All gifts are tax deductible. Checks can be made out to the VCBC Foundation and may be dropped off at the library, mailed, or given to a Foundation member. Donations may also be made through the library's donation page on the vcblibrary.org website. Choose Light Up the Library Fundraiser from the menu.

Questions?

Contact Library Board Pres. Hilde van Gijssel (240-462-8785),

Library Foundation Pres. Joseph DeMasi (josephdemasi54@yahoo.com), or

Library Director Anita Tulp (845-3821)

From the Director's Desk

Meet Me Between the Lions

National Library Week Celebration Event at Valley City Barnes County Public Library

Valley City, ND – Ready, Set, Library! National Library Week is April 7–13, 2024, and Valley City Barnes County Public Library encourages everyone in the community to visit the library this week and explore all the library has to offer.

In celebration of National Library Week and as an effort to encourage literacy to people of all ages, VCBC Public Library Director, Anita Tulp, will be hosting a "Meet Me Between the Lions" read-in event on Thursday, April 11th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Bring a book and your lawn chair and meet Anita on the front lawn of the library (410 Central Ave. N.) between the lions for a time to just relax and read. You can stay for the whole hour or just a part of it. The goal is to celebrate what a gift reading can be when furthering our education, broadening our understanding of the world around us, or just needing to escape for a while. Reading for even a short time each day can relieve stress, improve your focus and concentration, expand your vocabulary, increase your memory and thinking skills, as well as provide a sense of tranquility and free entertainment!

Libraries give us a green light to experience something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue our passions through book clubs, storytimes, movies, crafting classes, lectures, and more. VCBC Public Library offers a wide array of programs, classes and resources, including free access to computers and Wi-Fi. Your library has one of the largest collections of large print and inspirational books in the state. A wide variety of nonfiction and STEM Kits in the children's library are great resources for homeschool students as well as those kids that are curious and want more than what is available at school or home.

Also, libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing resources and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses. Our library supports the Valley City Barnes County community with services such as access to Job Service, Community Options, and by partnering with other service entities such as City/County Health and NDSU Extension Education Services.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, raising a family, or settling into retirement—Valley City Barnes County Public Library offers the resources and support you need and an inclusive and supportive community where you will feel welcome.

So, get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with others this National Library Week. VCBC Public Library is here for you, all the way to the finish line.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is observed nationwide and is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

For more information about your library, visit the library's website at www.vcblibrary.org. You can also find the Valley City Barnes County Public Library on Facebook and Instagram.

Our Goal= \$381,000

Want to give?

Scan the QR code, & choose **Light Up the Library Fundraiser** from the menu.



What Are You Reading?

Ever wonder what librarians like to read? Check out our Staff Picks display to see some of our favorites! Let us know what you like to read too! We will help you find your next great read!



Fun Stats: As of March 31st, the library saved our community \$138,110 in physical checkouts. As of that same date, a total of 6220 physical and 4746 digital checkouts took place. Approximate savings for both physical and digital media equals \$243,471.