

Why a reading garden?

After Barbara McCormick had passed at the end of 2016, Lake Region Public Library and the Devils Lake Library Board were notified that Barb had left a donation in her name to the library. After much discussion over the past months, the Devils Lake Library Board felt it was appropriate to honor such a vibrant and generous community member in such a way that would have a lasting positive impact on the Devils Lake Community.

The Barbara McCormick Reading Garden is expected to be an external addition to the West side of the library. An intimate, quiet, and beautiful spot that the Devils Lake Community can come to enjoy. The garden will have comfortable seating to curl up with a good book or device, an outdoor chess set for enjoyment, as well plenty of seating to relax and hang out on together.

About Barbara McCormick

Barb was an only child, was never married, and didn't have children. That doesn't mean she didn't have a loving family. Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs. The ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what. Barbara was born on July 23rd in Devils Lake, ND to James and Maude (Raine) McCormick. She grew up in Devils Lake and lived for a short time in Churches Ferry.

She graduated from Devils Lake Central in 1949. She lived in Brownsville, Texas for many years and owned her own travel agency. She moved back to Devils Lake in the mid 1980's Barbara was instrumental in placing over 55 properties in ND on the National Register of Historic Places. A generous member of the state and our community, Barb was passionate about giving back. She was an active and dedicated member of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Pioneer Daughters, Delta Zeta Sorority (65-years), ND Historic Preservation Committee, DL Historic Preservation Committee (Sheriff's House), Rainbow, Eastern Star, Cottey College Alumni Association, DL Tourism & Chamber Committees, District #15 Rep. Women, ND Republican Party Member, LR Heritage Center Board, ND Chautauqua Board, a Rebekah, Churches Ferry Alumni Association, Member of the First United Methodist Church, Class of 1949 Reunion Chair, Community Concert Association, and Fort Totten State Historical Society. She was named Unsung Hero for the Lake Region, and was named DL Citizen of the Year in 2001 by the Chamber of Commerce.

Barb was never alone on the holidays and spent many of them in the home of friends. She donated to many animal-related charities as well as dozens of others.

Please fill out the reverse with your desired name or memorial and return this form with payment to the Lake Region Public Library. Check need to be made out to the "Lake Region Public Library Foundation". Payments can also be made online at

<https://lakeregion.com/prisemartpay.com/Scripts/SmartPay/SmartPay.dll>

All check and online payments to the LRPL Foundation are tax deductible contributions, receipts will be issues by the library upon payment.