

## Eric Bergeson Final EVALUATION

### Attendance:

Ada Library – 27  
Bagley Library – 18  
Barnesville Library – 17  
Breckenridge Library – 8  
Climax Library – 36  
Crookston Library – 28  
Detroit Lakes Library – 56  
Fertile Library – 43  
Hawley Library – 31  
Mahnomen Library – 14  
Moorhead Library – 45  
Halstad Living Center – 40  
Rothsay Community Center – 10  
Shelly LINK Site/Senior Center – 23  
Ulen LINK Site – 22  
TOTAL: 418

**Please rate the quality of this program:** (Using 1-5 scale, with 5 being excellent and 1 being poor)

➤ Not rated ~ (2), 1 ~ (0), 2 ~ (0), 3 ~ (1), 4 ~ (6), 5 ~ (189), Average (4.91)

### What did you like best about the program?

- Taught me more about the past (3)
- Eric's knowledge and humor (24)
- Good information (4)
- Information with history (2)
- Rural America
- Good humor; great knowledge
- Local history (12)
- Always learn something new!
- The informal way of the delivery & history (3)
- History (16)
- Lots of side trips & audience
- The speaker, the topic, everything, the history about the area
- Great
- He was very entertaining to listen to
- Meeting the author! Follow him on his blog
- History behind the book (2)
- Discussion of Halstad (4); I was principal there for 2 years in 60's
- Log barn setting
- Informal and humorous
- I had experienced many of the moments that were talked about
- History of farmers
- He was entertaining & great history stories & we could hear very well (2)
- The "down home" approach & ease of delivery; the music was an added treat
- Interaction & the audience was fun – great & fun music
- His gentle, down-home wit & connection with the audience (3)
- Singing (2)

- Tell it like it really is; even got some new insights from the audience
- Impossible to choose
- Informative while funny! (2)
- The whole program was great – Piano playing (2) – great job
- The stories that weren't fit to print
- The speaker was very interesting, I learned a bit about writing a book
- Eric is very entertaining (3)
- Enthusiasm
- Lively presentation with a lot of insightful information pertaining to the area
- Humor & way he can tell stories, relate to anyone attending
- Talking about sports (6)
- Speaker's magnificent effort to know the history
- Music (6)
- Talking about our local residents & older plays
- Memories
- Fun speech!
- Eric exuberance about small towns
- Very educational & entertaining at the same time (2)
- Eric
- All the stories, they were all special & easy to connect with
- His talk about early days at the nursery
- Good speaker, interesting (5)
- Good information, research authentic, clearly spoken, comedy, humor & serious when needed
- Marvelous, personable, relevant speaker
- Like history based lectures especially small towns
- Interesting speaker –love the historical parts
- Amazed at his knowledge of the past
- Information – humor – great story
- The audience participated and shared their stories of old times; it was educational & interesting
- His easy talking style and involving the guests in his story
- Discussion
- Human interest stories
- Great entertainment
- It was about local people (3)
- His stories!! (21)
- How easy he was to listen to
- Liked hearing about home town boys (sports)
- Full of interesting details about the region
- Interesting & excellent speaker
- Eric's entertainment
- Eric is a very entertaining speaker, even though the topic of basketball wasn't my cup of tea, I enjoyed the time I spent listening
- Excellent presentation
- Music was great (2); very interesting talk about his writings
- Everything, just great (18)
- His impersonation of the country singers; very interesting account of the writing his book about Halstad
- Excellent knowledge & research of subject matter; good speaker – very good delivery with humor
- Everything – very interesting, what a talented man!
- Awesome storyteller (7) – his passion for subject
- Great stories – historical info – lots of humor!

- The talk on writing

**What did you expect to experience or learn from this presentation? Were your expectations met?**

- I expected to be entertained – I was! (2)
- Humor (2)
- Yes (80)
- Norman County History
- Entertainment(4) & local history (5)
- Great things about history (4)
- Didn't have any idea what it was about but knowing Eric – knew it would be good
- Local culture
- I guess more about getting a book published & edited & etc; like information
- History of small towns
- To learn some history of local area & laughter
- I had read earlier book and followed my expectations
- Stories
- Educational & fun (2)
- I expected to be entertained, because I had been told that he had a great sense of humor. He was entertaining!
- Life in small towns
- Just wanted to meet & experience the author
- History of the Valley/Small towns (4)
- We had read the book & know a lot of the people he made reference to
- Wasn't sure – thought he would speak about small town life, in general, but he spoke only about his one book about Halstad
- Excellence
- Thought he might play piano
- Interesting (4)
- All expectations were met. So entertaining, humorous and a good storyteller. Thank you!!
- A lot about Halstad!
- A fun outlook on whatever
- Good (2)/great entertainment (4)
- I was open to anything – and was so pleasantly entertained
- Lots of new insights about life from 1900 to 1960
- I had no idea what to expect
- Enthusiasm for small towns
- Learned a lot of history mixed with humor
- I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation
- I expected it to be humorous and it was
- All good
- Programs was everything I expected and more
- More than I thought
- Had no idea what the topic would be
- Memories you had forgotten about
- Fun presentation
- Small towns are great
- Stories brought back memories
- You bet!
- Did not know what to expect
- Yes, we were already fans of Eric
- About his books

- I expected him to be interesting because I have read his book
- I thought he'd talk about farming, plants & flowers – this was better!
- Touch with the past
- I knew I would hear a good talk
- Just what he knew and lived; “Down on the Farm”
- General info
- Entertainment (3)
- I did not know what to expect even after reading the poster; but I learned new things and enjoyed it
- What I got – had read one of his books – will read rest – yes even better than expected
- Yes – captivating
- A great entertainer
- Eric is always a surprise!
- I had no idea about what to expect
- History of post
- An enjoyable program (2)
- To be entertained (3)
- Have always enjoyed him
- To learn about small town living; some – the jest of the small town living was that everyone pitched in
- I would come to listen to him again
- My expectations were greatly exceeded
- Personal stories
- Eric always presents a good program and he did again tonight

**Prior to this program, have you ever attended a program at the library or sponsored by the library?**

- Yes (143)
- No (83)

**How did you hear about the program?**

Program flier – 23  
 Information/poster at the library - 52  
 Information/poster in the community – 35  
 Library newsletter - 11  
 Library web site – 10  
 Newspaper/magazine – 106  
 Radio - 22  
 Television - 20  
 From library staff - 39  
 From another person – 42

**Check your age range:**

Birth to 5 (0)  
 6-17 (5)  
 18-54 (37)  
 55 and over (183)

**Do you have a current library card? Yes - 154 No – 28 NA – 16**

**# of evaluations: 198**