

KINGSLEY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Newsletter

July 2014

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KFOL mission statement: The Kingsley Friends of the Library supports, serves and advocates for the Kingsley Branch Library of the Traverse Area District Library. We believe that an excellent branch library is critical to cultural enrichment, preservation of knowledge and community development in the Kingsley area.

KINGSLEY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT, 2013-2014

May 17, 2014

This year's annual report highlights the past year's events and accomplishments. Kingsley Branch Library is in constant growth, both in its needs and its ability to contribute to the community. Our desire is to assist the library in both of these areas.

Adams Fly Festival (2013) raised approximately \$6500.00. As a way to expose the original Adams' Fly to the community, it was a "flying" success.

A new treat this year was our Kingsley Ladies' Tea. A luncheon of savory and sweet treats was served while our speaker delighted everyone with information and samples of herbs and teas. A 40-item silent auction generated \$1000.00 for KFOL's treasury.

It isn't Christmas until our joyous and colorful Holiday Open House. Christmas music, cookies, punch, beautiful decor and, of course, Santa Claus make the event a wonderful way for our area residents to celebrate and enjoy the season, their library and Community Room.

At the Fancy Nancy Valentine's Day Party, 35 little princesses, adorned in their finest from tiaras to lip-gloss, enjoyed cookies, punch, a funny story, a pretty princess parade through the library and a valentine craft.

KFOL sponsored Art Attack and amazed the community again this year with the artistic talent of the Kingsley students. We are so thankful for our outstanding, energetic Kingsley High School art teacher, Mrs. Sue Graham. Nicole Brown won Best of Show this year and was awarded \$150.00 by KFOL. Her art will be in the library for everyone to enjoy.

Kingsley was strategically adorned in 2013 with hundreds of beautiful petunias, thanks to KFOL volunteers.

Dennis and Jeanne Webster are joined by KFOL in sponsoring the Floyd Milton Webster Prize for History. Two winners were chosen in 2013: Ayla Bogart received \$500.00 for the youth award and Emily Lint received \$1000.00 for the adult award.

KFOL celebrated the Dedication of the David Seidel Memorial Children's Garden. Surprise; live butterflies were released! A beautiful butterfly sculpture and a new bench were all ready for viewing, along with hundreds of colorful plants and flowers. Ice cream sundaes were enjoyed by everyone who attended.

KFOL's annual book sale was a success; both as a fund raiser and as a way to share books within our community. Beth Anderson directs this effort; her hard work and that of the library staff and many volunteers make this a victory for Kingsley. Lynn Derr manages KFOL's internet book sale. Through her efforts we earned over \$6500.

Quarterly, KFOL provides a newsletter to the community, which is now available on-line as well as in print. Mary Cassell, Jennie Lewis and Beth Bynum produce it.

KFOL thanks our librarians for hosting the Volunteer Recognition Party. Tasty treats and hugs all around.

Amy Barritt continues her professional work in maintaining our Local History and Genealogy Room. KFOL supplied funds for her as needed.

KFOL supported the Children's Book Festival by sponsoring a table for \$150.00 through the Jenkins Group, purchased a Little Free Library and located it at the Village Ice Cream Shoppe, and hosted a dinner for a Traverse Area District Library (TADL) meeting. We also assisted the Village in sponsoring the open house to honor our former village manager, Adam Umbrasas.

Our treasurer, Bill King, reports that the KFOL Permanent Endowment Fund, administered by the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, is at \$42,718.00. Interest from this endowment will help provide funding for KBL in the future. KFOL's general fund of \$2,659.00 and their money market account of \$37,301.00 show a healthy financial position.

KFOL membership is at 61. Sadly, we accepted the resignation from the board of Ellen LaTulip. Happily, we welcomed two new board members, Mary Cassell and Chris Clark. Our board is currently full with 12 members. KFOL meets the third Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Community Room. Visitors are always welcome.

Patty Fitzgerald,
KFOL President

KFOL ANNUAL MAY MEMBERSHIP EVENT

Each May KFOL has had an annual membership meeting, but 2014 is only the second year a guest speaker has been part of the event. The program began Saturday, May 17, in the Community Room at 12:30 PM with Social Time & Refreshments. President Patty Fitzgerald presented her annual report (above) with highlights of KFOL's past year. Our guest speaker was Jim Crockett, singer/songwriter, poet, cabinetmaker, educator, ex-dairy farmer,... and Kingsley resident since the early 1970's. In 2012, Jim won the Michigan Writers Cooperative Press Chapbook Award for his book of poetry, Exit Wounds. It was a pleasure to hear Jim speak and perform in "Poetry and Song" with Patrick Niemisto accompanying on guitar.



Patrick Niemisto (left) and Jim Crockett entertain KFOL members at the annual membership meeting. .



2014 Adams Fly Festival

We were blessed with beautiful weather again for the third annual Adams Fly Festival! In the interest of keeping things fresh and all-encompassing we were joined by several new groups: the Kingsley Lions Club, The Kingsley Sportsman's Club, Rickety Ranchers 4H Club and the Rock (with their pancake breakfast).

We also established two tours to the Mayfield Park via bus to see the site and learn more about the creation of the famous fly. Dan and Annette, owners of the Mayfield Store, treated everyone on the tours to a generous ice cream cone afterward.

Inside the tent were twenty vendors selling products or offering information about their organization. The Grand Traverse Conservation District along with the Boardman River Clean-up division raffled off a kayak and a Hawkins guided fishing trip. The renowned Bob Summers was on hand to sell raffle tickets for one of his famous bamboo fly rods and graciously shared part of his proceeds with the KFOL. Two authors were on hand selling their Michigan based books: Jon Osborn, writer of *Michigan Classic Flies* and Bob Linserman, author of many books about fishing and Michigan trout streams. KFOL hosted lunch, the microbrew tent, and a silent and live auction.

In the community room you could watch a fly tying demonstration by Ralph Hannah and Andy Girard or visit with the visionary of what the Adams Fly could become to all of us, our honored and beloved Edna Sargent. The movie of Lon Holladay's life and story of his fishing lodge in Mayfield, written by his grandson John Falk played throughout the day. Once again, Tom Olds' antique fly collections were on display as well as artifacts about the Adams Fly. KFOL cookies and coffee were present also.

The numbers aren't finalized yet, we still have some bills to pay and donors still sending in pledges, but it looks like it will be over a \$10,000.00 fund raiser which will be a tremendous benefit to the library and its needs.

There are so many people we owe a grateful thank you to: the Kingsley Schools for providing the bus for the Mayfield pond tours, Kingsley Lumber for allowing us the use of their yards for parking, the incredible volunteers that made this day possible, the generous donors who believe in our future and reason for the event, the Village workers who helped in every possible way without complaint, the library staff that assisted on every whim and desire, and the tireless members of KFOL.

This has become a must see event, getting better and more interesting each year. If you haven't been yet, mark your calendar for June 6, 2015. See you there!



CONGRATULATIONS TO KBL FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE, 1914 TO 2014!

The Grand Opening of the Kingsley Branch Library Local History Room will coincide with the 100th anniversary of our library. Please join us Thursday, July 31st at 3:00 pm, for an exhibits on the history of the Kingsley Library, as well as the Kingsley Women's Civic Club that founded the library in 1914. Amy Barritt, Special Collections Librarian at Traverse Area District Library, and Certified Archivist, will be on hand to answer questions about the Local History Room collection. We are excited to finally be able to offer an organized collection of materials for local history buffs, family researchers, and other interested folks. Light refreshments will be provided.

Message from Mary

July and August will be loaded with the activities of Summer Reading Clubs in full swing. Save the dates for the following programs happening in our great community (Please note: for our indoor programming, our room capacity is 88, so be sure to come a little early to get a seat - these events are very well-attended)

Thursday, July 3, 11:00am - 2:00pm

Science Fun! A scientific craft open house is in store for your child! Stop in to create some cool science-oriented craft projects.

Wednesday, July 9th. 1:30 to 3:00pm

Make-N-Take Crafts for the teens (only) participating in Summer Reading Club. They will make a tie dye t-shirt and ice cream in a bag. Meet us in Brownson Memorial Park.

Thursday, July 10, 11:00am - 12:00pm

"Fizz, Boom, Beanstalk" will be presented by Rick Morse Puppets, Michigan's award winning professional puppet company. Rick has been presenting laughter-filled children's programs since 1968. Come and see for yourself.

Thursday, July 17, 11:00am - 12:00pm

"World Rhythms Workshop and Instrument Making" local drummer and percussionist Ric Evens joins us again for a morning of fun with "World Rhythms & Instrument Making" - and your child will take his/her creation home. Come make a "bang" and a "boom" and maybe even a "fizz."

Saturday, July 19, 10:00am

Look for us in the Heritage Days Parade, KBL librarians, KFOL, friends, and family will be sporting an old fashioned theme and handing out some special treats.

Thursday, July 24, 11:00am

Ice Cream Party @ the Splash Pad. Join us at Brownson Park's Splash Pad for the final "Fizz, Boom, Read" Summer Reading Club event. Have fun building your own custom ICE CREAM SUNDAE. Bring a chair if you wish.

Each Thursday in August at 10:30am

Dog Daze of Summer Family Theater returns in August bringing back free weekly movies.

Join us for a free movie and popcorn. For a list of the movies showing, please go to www.tadl.org/kingsley.

Friday, August 29, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Monarch Butterfly Release - join us in the Children's Garden behind the library to learn the habits of this remarkable insect lead by Mary Fraquelli and Bonnie White, Kingsley librarians. Tagged butterflies will be released to begin their migration, and then tracked by Monarch Watch (www.monarchwatch.org).

September will bring back our fall seasonal programming: Wiggles resumes Wednesday, September 17th, 10:30am. KFOL will host the Traverse Area District Library Board meeting in the Kingsley Branch Library Community Room at 5:30pm. The public is welcome. Senior Book Club resumes, Wednesday, September 24th, 2:00pm. Simply Delicious Cuisine with Chef Tom will resume, Saturday, Sept. 27th, 11:00am. Please check www.tadl.org/kingsley often for additions and updates to all of our programming or call us at 231-263-5484.

For items new to the collection please go to www.tadl.org/kingsley and click on catalog, then go to the "All TADL Locations" dropdown box and select "Kingsley". Put 2014 in search box and you will see all items added for 2014. You can then "Sort by Relevance", i.e. newest to oldest, etc.

Treasurer's Report by Bill King

What a success the 2014 Adams Fly Festival was: gross revenues to date are \$18,691, a 10% increase from last year! More information will come as it becomes finalized. In the past 3 months we received \$2210.58 from internet book sales, \$165.00 in membership fees and \$9.93 in interest. Our annual grant from the GT Regional Community Foundation for 2014 was in the amount of \$1270.00. The KFOL balance in the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation at March 31, 2014 is \$42,768.

2014 Art Attack

The community room was alive with color for this year's Art Attack. There were well over 100 visitors in attendance to view some great artwork and enjoy delicious refreshments. In addition to the high school work, elementary school art and poetry along with masks made by 6th graders were on display. Thank you to local Traverse City artist Carolyn Scott Risk who judged the entrees this year. The Grand Prize from KFOL was \$150.

The following students won awards:

Middle School: 1st place Sydney Hubert, 2nd place Jessica Bailey, 3rd place Lark Jankewicz

High School Drawing: 1st place Jule Weber, 2nd place Jade Prange, 3rd place Nicole Brewer

High School Painting: 1st place Kennedy Schafer, 2nd place Caleb Stockman, 3rd place Patrick Acre

High School Sculpture: 1st place Anna DeBello, 2nd place Aeron Roney, 3rd place Arthur Antonov

High School Ceramics: 1st place Sam Renshaw, 2nd place Autumn Goggin, 3rd place Arianna Hart

GRAND PRIZE WINNER: Nicole Brown for her painting, *Lights in the City* (shown above).



2014 Floyd Milton Webster Prize for History



.From left to right: KFOL President Patty Fitzgerald, Heather Garza, Coleman Young, Hannah Carr, Chelsea McNamara, and Floyd Webster.

evaluated the manuscripts, were Carol Thorson, Rev. Carl Litchfield and Mitch Foster. KFOL thanks them for their sincere endeavors.

Two adults submitted entrees for this year's Floyd Milton Webster Prize for History: Heather Garza and Coleman Jones. "Kingsley and the Railroad" won Coleman Jones \$1000.00. In the youth category, the "History of Hodge School" by Chelsea McNamara and "St. Mary's Hannah: the Treasure" by Hanna Carr were judged a tie. Both authors received half of the youth award of \$500.00. Each author spoke about themselves and their work, and the thrilled audience of 45 burst into applause over and over.

The judges who read, re-read and

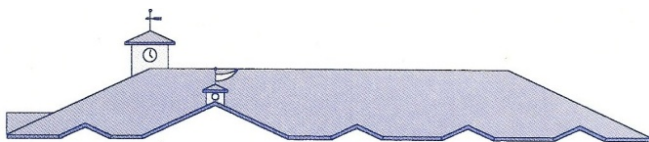
Dennis Webster has truly honored both his father, Floyd Webster, and Kingsley with this writing challenge. KFOL is excited to be the co-sponsor and we look forward to learning more about the history of this area next year.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN

During the long, long, long months of winter and spring's slow arrival, gardeners anxiously waited to get to work outdoors. Finally after months of white snow and ice cover, it was colorful again in the Children's Garden with crocus, daffodil, and tulip blooms. Now several hues of iris, Little Red Riding Hood and purple penstemon, pale yellow columbine, shades of blue lavender, bright gold coreopsis, and even tiny purple wooley thyme blossoms are putting on a show with colors of early summer.

Work in the garden has begun again. Some plants did not survive the winter come and have been replaced. Rearranging, thinning, and additions are planned. An interesting change was made in the Pinch & Sniff bed. Mary Ludwick created a small rock garden of Hens and Chicks with sedum. Look for that new rock garden feature...and see how many different colors of blossoms you can count...next time you visit the Children's Garden

Book Sale Reminder The KFOL book sale is held the second weekend in October. It's never too early to begin looking through your books and asking friends and family to donate to this annual event. All donations can be dropped at the library for this fall fundraising event.



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