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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.*

**Treasurers Report**

Gross revenues for the 2015 Adams Fly Festival were $24,000 and $1,726 for the book sale. Contributions received totaled $3,090; contributors were Dennis and Jeanne Webster, Henry Mox, Barbara Graves, Nelson and Dianne Schrader, $500 from the Class of ’61, Shawn Smith, and the Saxton Family. The internet book account generated $6,161, membership dues collected $425, and we received a grant from the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation in the amount of $1,552. The balance in our Foundation account at March 31, 2015 is $50,683.

**Children's Garden**

Volunteer, Mary Ludwick, was successful at applying for and getting the Kingsley Branch Library Children’s Garden designated a “Monarch Waystation.” Our garden is now part of the important sustainable management practices to create, conserve and protect monarch habitats. Thank you, Mary Ludwick. We are thrilled to have this certification and promote it with our very popular Monarch Butterfly Release program!

**Kfol Annual Meeting**

Eighteen persons were in attendance for this year’s annual meeting on Monday, May 4. For the first time it was an early evening event. KFOL President Patty Fitzgerald gave her annual report (included below), recounting a year of especially successful events and activities and delivering the treasurer’s annual report. She then introduced the evening’s speaker, John Goss, metal sculptor, who created the Monarch butterfly sculpture in our library’s David Seidel Memorial Children’s Garden. In a very enjoyable presentation, John talked about his art philosophy and showed pictures of and discussed several of his creations. Carol Thorson chaired the event.

**Kfol Annual Overview of 2014-2015 By Patty Fitzgerald**
As President, it is my pleasure to recount our activities for the past year and forecast our goals for the upcoming year of 2015 – 2016. For the past 12 months, we have been extremely busy. I’ll run through the calendar from our fiscal year starting with July of 2014 and ending with June of 2015. I would first like to point out with pride, that every event the KFOL sponsored or put on, exceeded, surpassed or topped the previous year’s event either with financial success or community participation.

Last July we enjoyed a wonderful butterfly release in the Children’s Garden. Fabulous and colorful plants seemed to bloom just for us. Children and adults enjoyed the garden and tasty snacks.

In October, our annual book sale was a huge financial success. Beth Anderson and her family have been so instrumental with the success of the book sale for many years and we can’t thank them enough for all of their hardwork. Lynn Derr, administers our on-line book sale. This year Lynn surpassed her previous year’s financial success by 100%. How exciting to see these Kingsley residents working so hard for our library.

December brings us to the Library’s annual Holiday Open House. We usually average 125 to 175 people. This year we welcomed 345 Kingsley friends to our community room for holiday treats and visits with their neighbors. We were thrilled to almost run out of cookies and punch.

Our February “Fancy Nancy Tea With The Queen” event was extraordinary this year! We were thrilled to welcome the Michigan Cherry Festival Queen, our own Kingsley resident, Maureen and Paul Lajko’s granddaughter, Chelsea Lajko. The little girls were thrilled to have tea, take pictures, make valentine cards and parade through the library with the Queen. It was picture perfect. Many of the parents commented that it was the best ever!

In March we sponsored Art Attack with Sue Graham, our high school art teacher. The school children brought their finest art work and displayed it for everyone’s enjoyment. The work is judged and prizes are awarded. This year, we awarded 13 prizes as opposed to the one prize we have done in the past. Everyone was pleased, especially all the winners! We also enjoyed a private showing of art this year provided by Beth Bynum. Her work was displayed for 10 days. KFOL provided refreshments and music on the opening night and guided tours for the 10 days.

June brings our main fundraiser, the Adams Fly Festival. Under the big tent we enjoyed vendors, fun activities, an auction, food and music. KFOL is greatful for the generous donations from the community and businesses that allow us to build our budget in supporting the Library. Adams Fly was a great success for KFOL and the community.

The Floyd Milton Webster writing contest is also celebrated in June. What a success! We had 3 winners! All Kingsley resident and all good work!

The KFOL is involved either financially or in part with our volunteers to assist the librarians with their events or fiscal needs. We support the library in many ways as follows:

- From bookmarks to the little free library
- The Geneology and History rooms
- Lanyards for the students or laptops for patrons/staff use
- Reading club prizes for all ages
- Facility support

Next year, we hope to expand and surpass ourselves again. The community has supported our efforts by their attendance and the library staff has supported us in every way possible. We are so blessed to have this opportunity to work with our Kingsley library and community. Thank you!

ADAMS FLY FESTIVAL
The Adams Fly Festival was bigger than ever this year, our most successful to date! The Bus tour to the Mayfield pond is increasing in popularity with over 65 people taking the tour. Beth Anderson guided the tours providing excellent local history including the fact that Barnum Cemetery was paid for by the Barnum of Barnum and Bailey Circus because his sister is buried there. Thank you to the Mayfield Store for serving free ice cream to those who attended the tour.

The National Cherry Festival Queen, Chelsea Lajko was on hand to assist in showcasing our live auction items. More people viewed the film which was on continuous play in the community room helping us educate people about the history of the fly. There was live music throughout the event. Under the tent we had several amazing vendors showcase their product and a great selection of silent auction items set out for bidding. It was an honor to have local authors, Karen Trolenberg with artist Christopher Smith for "Flight of Megizzewas" and Gary Bower with artist Jan Bower for "I'm a Michigan Kid", on hand keeping us in line with our mission of promoting literacy. Thank you to all our sponsors, auction item donors, and the community members who joined us in support of the library!
ART ATTACK

Art Attack was a big success. Many community members and students attended this event to see some excellent student art work. The art work was judged by local artist, Beth Bynum. Amanda Steele was awarded the overall Grand Prize for her barrel-fired clay piece. The following students won awards for their outstanding art work:

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FLOYD MILTON WEBSTER PRIZE FOR HISTORY

Saturday, June 20 was marked by the announcement of the winners of this year’s Floyd Milton Webster Prize for History. The announcement was followed by a reception. Two winning manuscripts were awarded the FMWPH: The adult prize of $1000 went to Jeff Yacks for his “The Past to Present – A Papanos Story”. The youth prize of $500 went to Kenna Marar for her “Kingsley – Now and Then”. This is the 4th year the Floyd Milton Webster Prize for History contest has been held. It is sponsored jointly by Dennis and Jeanne Webster and the KFOL in honor of Dennis Webster’s father, Floyd Milton Webster, who attended this year’s event. We are grateful to the 3 judges who read and carefully evaluated the submitted manuscripts: Maureen Lajko, Sue Graham, and Amy Barrett.
MESSAGE FROM MARY

Kingsley Branch Library is welcoming summer with a lot of great programming!
- Summer Reading Club and its programming
- Teen Make & Take Craft Day
- A Glimpse of the Past: Historic Downtown Kingsley
- Summer Reading Club Finale “A Superhero Party” celebrated at Woodmere Library
- Family Astronomy Night
- Monarch Butterfly Release Program
- Returning in September: Wigglers, Senior Book Club, and Chef Tom

You can see all of our programming at www.tadl.org/kingsley, or call us at (231)263-5484 for more information.

Traverse Area District Library provides the district with exceptional electronic services. Just go to www.tadl.org and click on the “Digital” tab. There are many resources under each category. Driving Tests, found under the “Homework Help for All Ages” tab, is a popular link for beginning drivers or just great refreshers for all of us. If you would like further instructions or information on any of our electronic services, please stop in and the librarians will be happy to assist you.

Traverse Area District Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held at the Kingsley Branch, Thursday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m. The Kingsley Friends of the Library will host the meeting and the public is always welcome!

Our second Little Free Library is up and running at the Mayfield Country Store. Thank you to the Lemcool family, Vicki Lofgren, Kingsley Friends of the Library, and Annette at the Mayfield Country Store for helping us promote literacy throughout our wonderful community! For more information on Little Free Libraries plus to see ours on the map; Go to www.littlefreelibrary.org. Please stop in and take a look at the new items on display throughout the library; New items are added to the collection daily!

Do you know about MAP (Michigan Activity Pass)? Discover Michigan. Using your library card, check out a pass for one of Michigan’s cultural attractions or state parks and recreation areas! For more information visit:

Nuts, bolts, old watches, old jewelry, and small pieces of junk are needed for a program we would like to do with Young Adults called "Junk Art." If you have any of this kind of junk just waiting for a home, please bring it to the Kingsley Branch Library and the teens will turn it into art! Thank you!!

UPCOMING EVENT REMINDERS

**Stargazing** – Library Community Room/parking lot on Saturday August 22nd from 8:00PM to 11:30PM. The Grand Traverse Astronomical Society (GTAS) will be here to facilitate the event. Indoor activities in the community room begin at 8:00 and include a star program, slide show and meteorite collection. The outdoor activities will begin, weather permitting, after sunset around 9:00 PM. We are told that evening the moon is at first quarter with Saturn nearby so viewing should be good!