Board of Directors: Maureen Lajko, President; Gay Travis, Vice-President; Vicki Nickerson, Secretary; Bill King, Treasurer; Trustees: Carol Thorson, Carol Carr, Margaret Lajko-Lee and Jennifer Lee.

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.

FANCY NANCY VALENTINE PARTY

Everything will be fancy on Saturday, February 11 from 12:30 -2:30 PM in the Kingsley Branch Library Community Room. That’s the day of the Fancy Nancy Valentine Party. Special fancy guest will be 2016 National Cherry Queen Abbey Kaufman. Reservations are required and limited to 35 children and one adult per child. Every child must be registered to attend. At this time, there are no reservations open. Please check TADL website tadl.org for other special events happening at the Woodmere Branch, Fife Lake Public Library, and other libraries in our area.

SPRING BOOK SALE

KFOL has changed the calendar to move our annual book sale from fall to spring beginning this year. Dates of the Spring Book Sale are Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11, 2017 in the Community Room. Donations of clean, gently used books can be taken to Kingsley Branch Library. If you will be bringing more than two bags of books at one time, please call the library the day before drop-off @ 263-5484 to let staff know. They will make arrangements for a volunteer to pick up your two bags or more donations the same day. Books will be taken to KFOL storage unit as the library has limited space to store. Thank you in advance for your donations.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Contributions totaling $300.00 have been received as follows: $100.00 from Shawn’s Place and $200.00 from Nelson and Diane Schrader. We earned $2,711.53 from internet book sales, $95.00 in membership dues, and $12.02 from interest. The balance in the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation at December 31, 2016 is $64,200.
Holiday Thanks from President Maureen

Thank you to all the KFOL members who decorated the Library and Community Room for our Holiday Party including Carrie Armstrong, Gay Travis, Mary Ludwick, Margaret Lajko-Lee, and Jennie Lewis. More than 250 guests enjoyed delicious snacks, wonderful cookies, and beverages provided by KFOL volunteers. Santa Claus charmed and engaged many children from babies to adults; he is always enjoyed by everyone. Music was provided by harpist Deb Quinn. The children were especially intrigued by the strings and Deb let them participate in making music. Mary Ludwick provided a snow globe craft for the children to make and take home…very cute. At the end of the event we had an excellent clean-up crew of Jake Van Boxel, Chris Lee, Marc McKeller, Duane Travis, Dan Laurain, Walt Ludwick and the KFOL Event Committee. THANK YOU TO ALL!

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### KFOL EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### February
- 11 Fancy Nancy Valentine Party  12:30 – 2:30 PM
- 20 KFOL Board Meeting  4:00 – 5:00 PM

#### March
- 10 Spring Book Sale
- 11 Spring Book Sale
- 20 KFOL Board Meeting  4:00 – 5:00 PM

#### April
- 21 Art Attack  6:30 – 8:00 PM
- 17 KFOL Board Meeting

#### May
- 1 Monday Night @ the Library  KFOL Annual Meeting  
  Presenting Special Guest, Poet Teresa Scollon
- 15 KFOL Board Meeting  4:00 – 5:00 PM

#### June
- 2 Adams Fly Festival in the Village park
- 19 KFOL Board Meeting  4:00 – 5:00 PM

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Message from Mary

Thank you for feeding the piggy bank, patrons! We were able to add two more book shelves to display our new videos. We love your generosity!

Thank you to all the patrons who brought delicious treats for the librarians during the holidays. You are all so kind and generous! We have a wonderful community and the best patrons on the planet, really!

Thank you to Bill and Jenny Courtade of Kingsley Laundromat! They are kind enough to donate a hot bubbly bath for our puppet collection! The children of the community thank you along with the parents and librarians for keeping the puppets clean!

Also new to KBL is a whole set of “VOX” books for children. All-in-One Book + Audio
Each VOX Book contains a permanently attached VOX Reader with a complete narration.
Ready to Read. Ready To Listen. Ready to Go! We can’t keep them on the shelf! You can learn more about this set at www.vox-books.com.

Our winter programs are an excellent local resource for free entertainment. Wiggles Storytime, Adult Winter Reading Club, Teen Writing Group, Family Theater, Simply Delicious with Chef Tom, Senior Book Club, Got Lego?, Teen Crafting, and much more. There is something for all ages and we are always adding fun programs. Please check it all out at www.tadl.org/kingsley.

There’s a lot more program planning in the making. One is a young adult writing group. If you’re a high school student and are interested in writing, then this is the group for you. Another is an Essentials Oils 101 program for getting great information on making the transition from chemicals to natural essential oils. If you are interested in either of these programs, please call the library at 231-263-5484 and we’ll be sure to keep you informed! Hint, hint, we are also talking about basket weaving and cheese! Again, keep checking our web page, www.tadl.org/kingsley, for the current updates!

Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 12:30 pm. A program at the Rock of Kingsley by Amy Barritt, Special Collections Librarian at Traverse Area District Library. From buckboard to blacktop, learn the history of how folks got around. Come discover anew the struggle for decent roadways and convenient railroad lines our Kingsley predecessors faced, covering about 1862 to 1940. This program is also made possible by the Grand Traverse Senior Center Network.

Don’t forget about the beautiful fireplace and all the cozy warmth to enjoy a great book. It’s the nicest place in town to take a break from the winter weather. ‘Tis the season to read!

The KFOL Board of Trustees meets every third Monday of the month at 4:00 pm in the Community Room. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. There is no meeting in July or December.
• TIME FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you currently have Annual KFOL Membership, it’s time for 2017 renewal. Please print and complete the membership renewal form found in this newsletter, then return it by mail or drop off at the KBL circulation desk with your membership contribution. New Annual 2017 Members and new Lifetime Members can join using the same form. Membership forms are also available at Kingsley Branch Library.

You are welcome to attend the regular monthly KFOL Board Meetings held at 4 PM the third Monday of each month in the Community Room. KFOL Annual Membership Meeting will be held Monday, May 1 at 6:30 PM. No meetings are held in July and December. Looking forward to seeing you @ the Library

Kingsley Friends of the Library
2017 Membership Form

Name: ______________________________________________

Mailing address: _______________________________________

City/State/Zip: _________________________________________

Phone: _______________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________

Type of membership (check one):

• New Friend $10 (one year 01/01 to 12/31/2017)

• Renewal Friend $10 (one year 01/01 to 12/31/2017)

• New Lifetime Friend $75

(All contributions are welcome and fully tax deductible)

Please mail this form with your check to:
Kingsley Friends of the Library
Membership Chair
c/o Kingsley Branch Library
PO Box 427
Kingsley, MI 49649-0427

If you are interested in being an active volunteer, please check all of your interests:

o serve on KFOL Board of Directors
o work with fundraising event team (Adams Fly Celebration, Book Sale)
 o work with community enrichment event team (Art Attack, Holiday Open House, guest speakers, Children’s Garden)
 o provide refreshments for library events
 o name of specific activities you would like to help with:

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Thank you!
A QUOTE FOR WINTER

“It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish.”

S. I. Hayakawa