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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.

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT KBL**
The Christmas season began with an Open House at the Kingsley Branch Library on December 4, 2014. There was an endless supply of Christmas cookies prepared by many of the excellent bakers in our community as well as party food and punch provided by the Kingsley Friends of the Library. The party was a huge success with well over 350 people attending. The Christmas music during the party was provided by pianists Charlie Lint and Julie Westrate. Mary Ludwick and her helpers provided Christmas crafts for the children to create and take home. The library’s special guest was Santa Claus who listened and most certainly fulfilled all the Christmas wishes for the many children who came to see him. A special thank you to all cookie bakers and the Friends who provided their support to make the Open House such a success.

**MESSAGE FROM MARY**
Happy New Year! Kingsley Branch Library is starting out the new year with a new program “Hot Reads For Cold Nights.” We invite adults to enter a weekly drawing for all books completed, per week, January 11th through February 14, 2015. For every book you listen to or read, you can enter to win our weekly prizes! Stop in or give us a call to sign up! There are some really cool prizes waiting to be awarded!

Volunteer Mary Ludwick was successful at applying for and getting the Kingsley Branch Library Children’s Garden awarded as 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!

National Readathon Day will take place on Saturday, January 24, 12-3 p.m. at the Kingsley Branch Library. Libraries and bookstores across the country will be hosting “reading parties” so that readers can gather, connect and read silently together. Information will be available on how to support the National Book Foundation, which brings books to needy communities and promotes a lifelong love of reading. Refreshments will be provided!

February we’ll celebrate Black History Month, displaying books and literature that are always available at KBL. It’s nice to gather it all into one area and promote the remembrance of important people and events in Black History.

Teen Week will be the week of Monday, February 9th. There will be a Teen Valentine Craft Day on Monday February 9th, 3:30-5:00pm. Registration is required so please stop in or give us a call at 231-263-5484, if you plan to join us. Teen Week will give teens daily chances to win prizes, participate in activities, and have fun every day!

March Reading Month is celebrated annually at the Kingsley Branch Library with fun reading promotions and prizes. This year’s theme; “Reading is Sweet” will deck the library out in sweets and treats. KBL will collaborate with the Kingsley Elementary School and bring two back to back programs to the Kingsley Elementary students the week of March 16th. These programs are made possible by a generous donation from the Kingsley High School Class of 1961 Memorial Fund! Thank you, Class of ‘61, for your generous donation and continued support of programming for children!

Don’t forget our regular programs that are always fun and popular. Join us for Wigglers, Family Theater, Senior Book Club, and Chef Tom or just stop in and make yourself comfortable reading next to the fireplace or browsing the internet!

Look at what’s new:

**Hoopla** is now available! The Traverse Area District Library (TADL) is excited to announce the availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital. To be eligible for this great service you must live in the TADL district (Grand Traverse County, Elmwood, Almira, Inland Townships) and have a valid library card! For more information go to [www.tadl.org](http://www.tadl.org).

**AWE Early Literacy Computer station** is now at KBL! The Traverse Area District Library (TADL) Board of Trustees approved staff recommendations to enhance Youth Services with a recent $90,000 donation from the trust of local philanthropists George and Helen Getty.

The enhancements feature AWE Early Literacy Computer stations at all six community libraries.
of the TADL system including Woodmere, East Bay, Kingsley, Fife Lake, Interlochen, and Peninsula libraries. The all-in-one touchscreen early literacy station computers provide early education skills, school readiness, and self-directed learning exploration for young children 2-8 years old. They feature a child-friendly interface and intuitive menu for easy navigation allowing the child to independently explore the various literacy programs while sharing and interacting with their caregiver. The children love this new learning station! There are always many new items being added to the collection, plus all the popular and in-demand items and much, much more! You can stop in to browse our new displays or look at the catalog online at www.tadl.org. For additional information and programming please go to www.tadl.org/kingsley, Kingsley Branch Library Facebook page or call us at 231-263-5484.

FAREWELL TO KFOL BOARD MEMBERS

It’s with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to two valued members of the KFOL Board of Trustees:

After thirteen years on the KFOL Board of Trustees, Jerry Inman has retired. When asked why, he commented that almost all of the original Board members have left already, and he didn’t want to be the last one to go. He has ideas for other things he’d like to do now. Jerry remarked that the KFOL Board was “the most successful fundraising group I’ve ever worked with. It was a great board.” He is pleased to recall how everyone worked together, worked hard, and were able to team with Village of Kingsley people, Rotary, DTE, and several other grant/donor groups to accomplish goals. KFOL is grateful to Jerry for his long, dedicated service in obtaining funding for our beautiful new library.

Katie Rothwell served on the KFOL board for the last 6 years and has decided to resign to spend as many precious moments with daughter Maggie Mae as possible. Katie made many great contributions during her service on the board including a large role in the success of the Adam’s Fly Festival. She has been on the Adam’s Fly planning committee since inception, charged with the task of organizing and gathering donations for the live and silent auctions for the last 3 years. She will continue to volunteer her time with the festival and other library functions when possible. Katie wanted the readers to know that the KFOL is a “wonderful group of people who really want to get things done for the Library”.

We will miss both Jerry and Katie, but wish them all the best in retirement and motherhood!

TREASURERS REPORT

Our Treasurer is on vacation so there is no report.
This year’s Fancy Nancy Valentine Party will feature “Tea with the Queen” on Saturday, February 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Ohh-la-la! You must sign up in the library to attend - suggested ages for attending are 4-10. There will be a Fancy Nancy story, valentine crafts, refreshments, and the Parade led by the Queen! Girls 7 years or older (with a signed parental permission slip) may have time with a representative of Mary Kay Cosmetics. It will be MAGNIFIQUE!

Have you renewed your KFOL membership yet?

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