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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.

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**Wings of Wonder**

A special thanks to the class of 1961 who donated the money to KFOL to sponsor the “Wings of Wonder” program at Kingsley Elementary. Wings of Wonder is a non-profit raptor sanctuary located in Empire, Michigan. Active since 1990, their primary mission is education. The presentations are designed to foster appreciation, understanding, honor and respect for raptors and the important role these birds play in healthy ecosystems.
The Kingsley Friends of the Library once again held the Fancy Nancy Event on February 7, 2015. Thirty two young ladies were met at the door and presented with a tiara to wear at the event and were then invited to sit at tables arranged in small groups where they were served small delights and cups of punch. A special guest then arrived: National Cherry Queen for 2014, Chelsea Lajko, who visited each group of young ladies at their tables. Queen Chelsea led a parade around the library where pictures were taken of them waving and smiling. After the Parade, Queen Chelsea read two Fancy Nancy books: “Bonjour Butterfly” and “Tea for Two”, and all the ladies enjoyed every word. They were also invited to make a valentine for someone special at the crafts table and then have their picture taken with Queen Chelsea by local photographer Dinah Hardy (see some of Dinah’s photographs below). Gift bags were provided from the Friends of the Library and the National Cherry Queen committee.
MESSAGE FROM MARY

Adios to a long cold winter! Spring comes in with the anticipation of great programs happening at Kingsley Branch Library! This is when our seasonal programs will transition as we wind down on some and start others. Here’s a list of what’s happening at KBL:

• **Wigglers Story Time** continues, Wednesdays at 10:30 am with the last one on May 20th.
• **Family Theater** wraps up the season presenting “Big Hero 6” with free popcorn, Saturday, April 18, at 12:30 pm.
• **Senior Book Club** meets Wednesday, April 22, at 2:00 pm, to discuss “Big Stone Gap”, by Adriana Trigiani. The final meeting will be Wednesday, May 27, at 2:00 pm. The selected book will be posted in the near future @ [www.tadl.org/kingsley](http://www.tadl.org/kingsley).
• **Simply Delicious Cuisine with Chef Tom** will wrap up the season on Saturday, May 23, at 11:00 am.
• **District wide Summer Reading Clubs** begin Sunday, June 21, 2015. “Heroes” is the State of Michigan theme for this year. Please look for more information on registration, club details, and a full event calendar coming soon online at [www.tadl.org/src2015](http://www.tadl.org/src2015).
• **The Acting Up Theatre Company proudly presents “The Original Superhero”:** An interactive play about the joys of laughter, reading and visiting your imagination. Thursday, June 25, 11:00 am.

You can see all of our programming at [www.tadl.org/kingsley](http://www.tadl.org/kingsley), or call us at 231-263-5484 for more information. Please note all of the libraries in the District (except Peninsula Community Library) will be closed on Friday, April 24, 2015 for an all employee educational training so we can continue providing you with outstanding library services! We will also be closed, Monday, May 25, 2015, in recognition of Memorial Day.

New items are being added to the collection on a daily basis. Please stop in and take a look at the new items displayed throughout the library! Do you have an old Twister game you no longer use or any Lego blocks you would like to donate? We would gladly take them and use them for future fun programs. Just drop them off at the Kingsley Branch Library and thank you!!

Here are some fun pictures from the last three months at KBL:
MEETING NOTICE

KFOL Annual Meeting - Monday, May 4 at the Kingsley Branch Library in the Community Room
6:30 Social Time & Refreshments
6:45 KFOL Annual Meeting - “Where We Were: 2014 & Where We Are Going: 2015”
7:15 Guest Speaker

Wildlife Metal Sculptor

JOHN GOSS
Creator of KBL Children’s Garden Monarch Life Cycle Sculpture

John Goss is the creator of the Monarch Life Cycle metal sculpture installed in Kingsley Branch Library’s Children’s Garden. The Garden addition of this colorful work, depicting the stages of the development of a Monarch Butterfly from egg to butterfly, was the highlight of a celebration in September for the Garden’s fifth year. Mr. Goss, according to a Twisted Fish Gallery’s bio is a “Widely known and recognized metal sculptor who uses recycled metal from appliances, automobiles, and kitchenware to create realistic looking animal sculptures. His ability to capture an animal’s attitude is unique. John’s colorful indoor or outdoor pieces are a lasting tribute to each animal.” See several examples of his work online at twistedfishgallery.com/john-goss.

You may have seen his deer at the main entrance to Munson Health Care, the 14 foot tall school Ironman mascot at Mancelona School, or the ballerina sculpture in front of the Dance Academy in Alden. All these beautiful works and many more created by John Goss are found across the US in public and private displays. His works have also been displayed during ArtPrize in Grand Rapids and in the Elk Rapids Walk of Art sculpture park. John attended Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids and is a full-time sculptor.

All who are interested in our program are invited to attend. There is no charge for this annual KFOL event. For more information, you can call Carol Thorson, Membership Chair, @263-7474.

UPCOMING EVENT REMINDERS

Art Attack – Library community room on Thursday April 23rd from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Adam’s Fly Festival – Brownson Park on Saturday June 6th from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

HONORARY TRUSTEE REMEMBERED

Elizabeth (Betty) Bowden passed away on March 23, 2015 at age 93. Betty was one of the founding members of KFOL and vigorously supported the fundraising for the library. She and husband, Phil, donated funds to build the clock tower and she has donated annually on her birthday to the Kingsley Friends of the Library Endowment Fund. Betty was a pillar of the community and will be missed. A memorial service will be held in July at the Library.