

Newsletter

Fall 2017

Board of Directors: President, Maureen Lajko; Secretary, Vicki Nickerson
Trustees: Carol Thorson, Carol Carr, Margaret Lajko-Lee, Jennifer Lee, and Marc McKellar

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.

KFOL BYLAW CHANGE: NOTICE TO ALL CURRENT MEMBERS

The KFOL Board of Directors will vote on a proposed change in current KFOL Bylaws for ARTICLE III BOARD 3.02 Number. “There shall be not less than **9** nor more than **12** directors on the board as shall be fixed from time to time by the board of directors. A director must be a member.”

A vote will be taken to approve changing the article to read: “There shall be not less than **7** nor more than **9** on the board as...” Any current KFOL member can cast a vote along with Trustees on this proposal at the next regular Board Meeting, 5 PM, Monday, October 16, 2017 in the Community Room at Kingsley Branch Library.



MARC MCKELLAR: New Addition to KFOL’s Board of Trustees

Marc grew up in Interlochen and enjoyed using the Interlochen Library as a kid. As an adolescent and an adult he spent many hours in the old Traverse City Carnegie Library and subsequently in the new Traverse Area District Library. He sees community libraries as a great source of information and a huge value for students who broaden their horizons as they make use of a library’s resources. In his opinion Kingsley Branch Library is the nicest library in the TADL system, with its many, varied services and great staff, in addition to being a beautiful building. “It’s a good place to go,” he says.

Marc did undergrad studies at Saginaw Valley and received his law degree from Cooley Law School in Grand Rapids. In 2012 he married his wife, Kate, and they moved to Traverse City. Finding an affordable home in quiet Kingsley, they moved here. He tries to be actively involved in the community, so he’s a member of the Kingsley DDA and the Paradise Township Zoning Board. Now he can add KFOL to his list!

Bill King (former KFOL Treasurer) asked Marc to volunteer for the Adams Fly Festival and Marc agreed to do so. After his first festival, Bill asked if he would be interested in being on the KFOL Board of Trustees. Marc felt that he could be a productive trustee in the organization, so he agreed to that also. In addition he has committed to being 2018 Adams Fly Festival chairman. As a KFOL trustee, he is interested in how KFOL will use its capital. He would like to explore the possibilities for its long term use.

“Adieu” to Two

Change is a sign of life. The KFOL Board is changing – losing two long-time members and gaining a new one. We’re grateful for the valuable service from the former and intrigued by the possibilities of the latter. We carry on.

Gay Travis served on the Board for 17 years, most of them as president or vice president. She saw that KFOL was the “avenue for getting a new library.” Plus, she’d always loved books and regarded libraries as important to democracy because, she says, “They offer all levels of society the same access to the same information.”

Gay enjoyed being on the Board, especially “planning for our new library, fundraising, and involving the community. It was an exciting journey. I’m proud of helping to build the library, providing enriching programs for our community, and supporting the needs of our librarians.” Her words of wisdom for the current Board and the future: “Continue to plan for Adam’s Fly Festival. It’s important as a fundraiser and historically for the area. Continue to serve our diverse population (youth to elders) with enriching activities. It’s important to support our librarians as they work to reach their goals.”

In her “retirement,” she plans to help as much as she can and to encourage young people to serve on the Board. “It has been a wonderful experience to serve on KFOL Board of Trustees and to work with so many dedicated people. Thank you for the opportunity.” Spending more time with husband Duane, traveling, and pursuing hobbies beckon Gay invitingly, also.

Bill King has been a KFOL member since 2007 and Board of Trustees treasurer since 2008. He has always loved libraries and reading, and he felt that he could contribute. (We needed a treasurer!) He wanted to help “make the library as good as we can make it.”

Bill liked the group of people on the Board and the goal of “growing the library and enriching the community with programs and fundraisers.” Being able to establish an endowment with the Community Foundation providing a revenue source for the library into the future and maintaining a high level of financial stability are major sources of pride for Bill from his time on the Board of Trustees. Now he feels it’s time for somebody else to take over; he wonders what the younger generation’s new ideas will be. His words of wisdom for the current and future Board are: “We need to keep the community engaged in our goals and continue to explore new ways to reach out to the community.”

As a KFOL Board retiree, he will continue to attend events with wife Bonnie, and they’ll volunteer when they can. Bill says to all he served with, “Thanks to all. It was a lot of fun.”

BILL KING’S FINAL REPORT AS KFOL TREASURER

Recent KFOL revenues include a private donation of \$125, \$7.00 from the ongoing KBL book sales, \$2,553.35 earned by the internet book sales, \$21,740 in gross Adams Fly Festival earnings, plus \$12.01 in interest. The KFOL balance in the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation as of June 30, 2017 is \$72,146.

ADAMS FLY 2017 report from KFOL President, Maureen Lajko

The Adams Fly Festival for 2017 was another successful endeavor earning funds for KFOL to continue its support of Kingsley Branch Library programs throughout the year. We had a surprise guest auctioneer, Bob Garner of PBS “Ask the DNR” and “Michigan Outdoors.” Norma’s Tamales Food Truck provided tasty Mexican food. About 500 guests visited craft and DNR information vendors, Boardman Clean Sweep, Kingsley Sportsman’s Club, and South Boardman Sportsman’s Club. Fly Fishing Demonstrations and a tour of Mayfield Pond were well attended and popular. We look forward to Saturday, June 2, 2018, for the Seventh Annual Adams Fly Festival.

REMINDER: BOOK SALE DONATIONS DISCONTINUED

KFOL is currently not accepting donations of used books for upcoming book sales. No book donations will be accepted at the Kingsley Branch Library until further notice. Thank you for your generous book donations for over thirteen years to KFOL book sales. Your donations helped make each sale a success.

If you have clean, gently used books you would like to donate, please consider taking your books to the TADL branch library on Woodmere in Traverse City or other local libraries for their book sales. You can call the library of your choice for book donation drop-off information.

MESSAGE from MARY

Great programs are in the making for Fall and Winter at KBL. Our regular programming and seasonal programs continue with Wiggles Storytime, Simply Delicious with Chef Tom, Senior Book Club, Readers Digress Book Club, and Family Theater. We are also in the planning stages for some fun programs like Essential Oils 102, Got LEGO, Holiday Open House, and Santa @ Wiggles.

September was Library Card Sign-Up Month. We had a special surprise for those who applied for a library card during September!



Wiggles Storytime is now being offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays! Beginning Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 10:30 AM and Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 10:30 AM. Same theme - choose your day.

Cut the Cord: “TV/Media Access Without Cable,” was presented with Scott Johnson, Wednesday, September 20, 12:30 PM, held at The Rock of Kingsley. This program was open to the public.

Kingsley Friends of the Library hosted the Traverse Area District Library Board, September 20, at 5:00 PM. The public was welcomed and encouraged to attend.

“Simply Delicious” with Chef Tom stirred up some “Slow Cooker Squash Soup” just in time for the upcoming chilly weather. Next cooking session will be “Apple Potato Kugel” Saturday, October, 28th @ 10 AM.

KBL celebrated Banned Book Week, September 25th through the 30th. Be brave and check out a banned book. During that week free goodies were given to those who dared!

The Traverse City Children’s Book Festival will be Saturday, November 11, 2017, 10 AM to 2 PM, @ City Opera House in Traverse City. Meet children’s book authors and illustrators. Exciting performances, crafts, and games for kids of all ages. FREE ADMISSION! For more information go to www.tchildrensbookfestival.com.

The TLC Handbell Choir, SAVE THE DATE, for something new at KBL! The Trinity Lutheran Handbell Choir will perform at KBL on Saturday, December 9th at 1:30 PM. Light refreshments will be provided with a delightful holiday bell performance.

For all of our programming, please go to www.tadl.org/kingsley or give us a call at 231-263-5484.

KFOL EVENTS FOR YOUR 2017/18 CALENDAR Unless noted, all events are held in the Community Room.

October

18 Monday KFOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 - 6:00 PM

November

20 Monday KFOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 – 6:00 PM

December

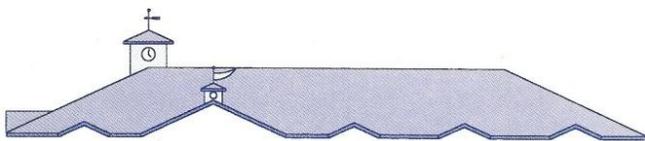
7 Thursday HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE 3:00 – 6:00 PM

NO December KFOL BOARD MEETING

January

15 Monday KFOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 – 6:00 pm

*O suns and skies and clouds of June, And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour, October's Bright Blue Weather.
Helen Hunt Jackson*



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