



Newsletter

Spring 2017

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.

OUTSTANDING KFOL VOLUNTEER: LYNN DERR

When asked why she joined Kingsley Friends of the Library, Lynn Derr replied, “Since I was little, I have always wanted to help the library. For me, the library has always been a very special place.” So in 2002, shortly after KFOL was formed, Lynn Derr joined the KFOL Board as Trustee and rolled up her sleeves to help build our library a new home.



During the KFOL Capital Campaign, Lynn became involved in starting a KFOL book sale to help raise funds. Soon she discovered selling books online from a fellow trustee. Lynn began working through the year gathering and selling books online from her home to benefit the building fund for Kingsley Branch Library. In September 2017, Lynn will have spent fourteen years selling books to help support our library. Each week, Lynn spends time on sales from at least ½ hour to five hours per day. About 35 hours are spent in cataloguing each new inventory intake which now happens every six months. The largest inventory was 1800 books! Currently the book count in her basement is 1300 volumes. Her husband Steve confirms Lynn’s commitment to her work as a daily event. He often serves as her aide, especially when it comes to moving boxes of the inventory from one place to another. Lynn reports her best annual gross income from internet sales was \$13,000, and the gross internet book sales after 13 ½ years is \$114,260!

Lynn and Steve, natives of Bristol, Indiana, grew up together, being pushed in strollers by their moms together and attending the same grade in school together. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year. In 1995, Lynn and Steve moved to Kingsley after living in many other areas including Massachusetts, Florida, Iowa, and, in Michigan, Lansing and Holland. Lynn’s family vacationed in the Grand Traverse Area since she was three years old making it was easy for her to feel at home here. Their two daughters, Gretchen and Rachel with husbands Joe and Fred, live with their families in New Jersey and Ann Arbor area. Lynn and Steve’s six grandchildren are ages eighteen to almost two years of age including Emily, twins Jake and Sam, Ben, Luke, and David. Besides being a busy wife and mother, Lynn worked first as a secretary, then fourteen years as office manager for her husband’s chiropractic clinic. In addition to her internet book sales work for KBL, her current interest is belonging to four charitable quilting groups. One of these groups, Quilts for Valor, donates handmade quilts to veterans in the Grand Traverse region.

Lynn says “I am happy to have helped build this library. It really meant something to me.” Although she resigned from her Trustee position on the KFOL Board after completion of the library’s new home in 2008, Lynn continues her support for Kingsley Branch Library with the book sales. Profits from sales are currently used to help fund Kingsley Branch Library programs and needs and to help provide KFOL special events. At least 15% of book sale profit is annually invested in a KFOL fund held by the Grand Traverse Community Foundation for future KBL needs.

For her untiring commitment and support of Kingsley Branch Library, Lynn deserves the thanks of all who love our library. So...THANK YOU, LYNN...AND STEVE... FOR ALL THE MANY HOURS OF WORK FOR KINGSLEY

BRANCH LIBRARY...truly a gift to KFL and the Kingsley Community.

A Sign of Spring: ART ATTACK!



Don't miss this event! On April 20 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, the Kingsley Community Room will be the site of an amazing, organized exhibit of drawings, paintings and sculptures produced by the talented art students of KHS's art teacher, Sue Graham, AND art works, including sculptures, of super heroes that Kingsley's elementary students read about during March Reading Month. First place winners from K-3rd grade will have their creations on display. This KFOL event recognizes and rewards high school artists with first, second, and third place cash prizes in four categories: drawing, painting, clay sculpture and

non-clay sculpture. There is also a Best-of-Show award. The art work will be judged by Carol Parker-Mattel; this will be her second time judging for Art Attack. Awards will be announced at 7:00 pm and tasty KFOL refreshments will be served from beginning to end. KFOL welcomes everyone.

MEET TERESA J. SCOLLON, Monday Night @ the Library Speaker



Monday, May 1, will be KFOL's fifth Annual Meeting with a local guest speaker. Past guest speakers include: Susan Bays of Arbutus Press; Jim Crockett, poet and musician; John Goss, metal sculptor; and Carol and Jerry Inman, world travelers. 2017 speaker for this event is **Teresa J. Scollon**.

Raised in the Thumb Area of Michigan, Teresa, a poet, essayist, editor, and reviewer, now lives in the Grand Traverse Area. According to KBL Library Director Mary Fraquelli, "Teresa is a really interesting person. Grew up in a small rural town in the thumb with a veterinarian father. Her poetry is driven by her life experiences..." Teresa's theme interests include story and community.

Works by Teresa include To Embroider the Ground with Prayer (Wayne State University Press, 2012) and the chapbook Friday Nights the Whole Town Goes to the Basketball Game (Michigan Writers Cooperative Press, 2009). Her poems can be found in several journals. "River Page" won the Split This Rock 2009 poetry contest. She has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. Teresa is alumna and past Writer-in-Residence at Interlochen Arts Academy. She has been involved in Michigan Writers, Inc., a literary nonprofit organization devoted to supporting the development of writers in Northern Michigan. She founded a writing workshop for Northern Michigan veterans. Teresa teaches composition and creative writing at Northwestern Michigan College. You can learn more about Teresa and her works at <http://www.teresascollon.com/>. Information shared in this article comes from this website.

MONDAY NIGHT @ the LIBRARY
May 1, 2017, Community Room at KBL
6:30 Social & Refreshment Time
6:45 KFOL Annual Meeting
"Where We Were 2016 & Where We Are Going 2017"
KFOL President Maureen Lajko & Treasurer Bill King
7:00 Time for a break
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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.

ART CLASS for MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

KFOL is sponsoring an art class for 5th and 6th grade students in the KBL Community Room four Tuesdays in April. Artist and teacher Carol Parker-Mattel is offering the following classes: Week 1 - Atomic drawing; Week 2 - Book of Secrets; Week 3 - Media Collage; Week 4 - Silk Screen T-shirt. Sixteen students were chosen to participate. KFOL is providing the instructor, materials and snacks. Students will learn new techniques, realize the importance of keen observation and focus, use new materials, share ideas with each other and their teacher.

Week one was exciting!

Students were highly motivated, engaged in creating drawings and appreciating each other's work. KFOL wishes to thank Middle School Principal Karl Hartman for his help in facilitating this program.

Right: Three young Kingsley artists concentrate on their art.



ADAM'S FLY FESTIVAL COMES AGAIN!

Where? Brownson Park and Kingsley Community Room

When? Saturday, June 3 12:00 – 6:00 pm

Kingsley's own unique small town festival will once again celebrate the world famous Adam's Fly. The afternoon will include a lively live auction and a silent auction of outstanding local artwork, a variety of locally produced crafts, and commercial gifts. Under the big tent will also be vendors' displays. A beer tent for adult refreshments will be available for \$20.00 entrance fee which includes 1 pint glass + 2 tickets. Plus there will be a trout pond with adult supervision for the kids, a new food vendor, and a tent with seating. As usual, the Community Room will showcase historical exhibits focused on fly fishing, and the Len Halladay video about Adam's Fly. In addition, there will be **LIVE MUSIC!** Two bands (Mike Ridley's and Willy and the Wannabes) will perform. Also, there will be fishing-style shirts in fashionable fishing colors for sale. Wait! There's more: an interactive fly fishing demonstration in the park and Mayfield Pond guided tours followed by free ice cream cones, courtesy of the Mayfield Store. Come mingle, socialize with friends and neighbors, welcome outside fly fishing enthusiasts to Kingsley... have fun...enjoy the music!

TREASURER'S MARCH REPORT

Contributions totaling \$280.00 were received from Barbara Graves, Georgine Grapes, and Marc McKellar. KFOL's treasury was increased with \$395.75 from internet book sales, \$275.00 in membership dues, \$1,297.00 from the book sale, and \$3.58 from interest. The KFOL balance in the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation as of December 31, 2016 was \$64,200.

FANCY NANCY Valentine Party

This year's Fancy Nancy Valentine Party hosted 34 little girls, dressed in their finest, who came to meet the National Cherry Queen, Abby Kaufman, and enjoy the festivities. The room was decorated with Valentine hearts in the windows and a candelabra adorned with baubles and beads. Queen Abby read two stories, and then the girls lined up for the Princess Parade with the Cherry Queen. The girls had an opportunity to make two different Valentine cards, have their picture taken with the Cherry Queen, and their face painted by Mary Caroline Whims.

It was all such fun for both the girls and their parents! Each little girl had a take home gift bag, pink popcorn ball, and a gift bag from the National Cherry Festival. The Friends greatly appreciated the assistance of the Kingsley High School Volunteer Club, namely Mary Caroline Whims, Kaylee Bott, Emma Lajko, Haley McCaffery, and Shelby Brown. Special thanks to the Friends Volunteers: Mary Ludwick, Gay Travis, Carol Carr, Vicki Nickerson, Jen Lee, Robin and Grace Lewis, Mary Lajko and Maureen Lajko.



Cherry Queen Abby Kaufman (center) surrounded by her Fancy Court.

Message from Mary

Hello and Happy Spring!

A lot of great programming continues at the library:

- Wiggles Story Time continues through May
- Teen Writing Group
- Writer Fighters
- Family Theater continues through April 15th
- Chef Tom
- Senior Book Club continues through May 24th.



17th.

Some special programs coming up are:

- Essential Oils: What's the buzz?
- Art Attack
- Monday Night at the Library
- Adams Fly Festival
- Summer Reading Club Kick-Off with United Way Day of Action
- Building Day
- Bubble Man

Our Summer Reading Club Story Walk will be "All the World" by Liz Garton Scanlon. Enjoy this story June through August while walking in our lovely garden. A BIG THANK YOU, to Mary Ludwick for creating this reading adventure.

Do you know about Hoopla? Hoopla is one of our many electronic services that is available and is free. "Instantly borrow movies, TV, music, audio books, eBooks, and comics, 24/7 with your library card." For more information, please go to www.tadl.org/video/ or stop in at any library to get started.

Also new for patrons is TADL's **Early Literacy Tips** text service. Just text READ to 797979 to receive free weekly activities and tips that encourage interactive fun while also getting your child ready for kindergarten. (Data charges may apply - please check with your carrier.)

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is another great way to get children ready for kindergarten. It's super simple and we have many children and caregivers who have already begun. For more information, please go to:

www.tadl.org/2017/01/16/how-you-and-your-child-can-read-1000-books-before-kindergarten/ or stop in at any library to get started.

And for all those who are patiently awaiting warmer and sunnier days remember, "Reading gives us a place to go when we have to stay where we are." author unknown

Happy travels from Mary



EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR Unless noted, events are held in the Community Room.

April

- 17 Monday KFOL BOARD MEETING 4:00-5:00 PM
- 20 Thursday ART ATTACK 6:30-8:00 PM Kingsley student art show

May

- 1 Monday MONDAY NIGHT @ the LIBRARY
Annual Meeting followed by Guest Speaker Teresa Scollon, Poet 6:30-8:00 PM
- 15 Monday KFOL BOARD MEETING 4:00-5:00 PM

June

- 3 Saturday ADAMS FLY FESTIVAL 12:00-6:00 PM Kingsley Village Park
- 15 Monday KFOL BOARD MEETING 4:00 -5:00 PM

July

KFOL BOARD does not meet

August

- 21 Monday KFOL BOARD MEETING 4:00-5:00 PM

September

- 18 Monday KFOL BOARD MEETING 4:00-5:00 PM

A painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is a painting that is felt rather than seen.
-Leonardo da Vinci



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