

# Newsletter

SPRING 2018

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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.*

## **ART ATTACK: A Festival of Art 2018 Thursday, April 26, 6:30 to 8 PM**

This year's "Art Attack" will be held in the Community Room where a showcase of great artwork created by Kingsley Area School students will be on display. Come to see unique drawings, paintings, sculptures, and ceramic pieces. Awards will be given to artists in four categories with first, second, and third prizes in each category. Also, a Best of Show will be awarded. Works will be judged by a member of the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Refreshments will be provided for your enjoyment. Please come to support our local students and the arts!

## **MONDAY NIGHT @ the LIBRARY Monday, May 7, 6:30- 8:00 PM Guest speaker: Stephanie Miller**

Once upon a time, a girl grew up in Oxford, near Rochester, Michigan, enjoying softball, track, horseback riding, swimming, and being in 4-H cooking and other clubs. Loving art in school, her dream was to grow up to be an art teacher, so she took all the art classes she could. She was also a competitive baton twirler and considered roller skating lessons. Instead, she found she enjoyed ice skating with "pond ice" skates on a lake near her house so much that instead of roller skating she began lessons on "real" skates. So, at about 17 years of age, ice skating set the course for her life.

The girl, Stephanie Miller, went on to synchronized skating, ice dancing, and competition as an adult. While skating, she began using her creative and artistic skills to design her own skating dresses. Other skaters noticed her wearing unique dresses on the ice. Before long Stephanie was working with a partner in a custom designed skating dresses business. Stephanie designs the dresses, her partner does the sewing, and Stephanie attaches the embellishments. After about 30 years working with her seamstress partner Luanne Williams, who retired two years ago, Jane Scott Pastor is now sewing Stephanie's designs.

Kingsley became Stephanie's home in 2000 when she took a coaching job in Traverse City, while still maintaining connection to Detroit Skating Club where skaters come for training from across the U.S. and the world. In addition to creating custom designed skating dresses, Stephanie coaches skaters at both Traverse City Skating Club and the Detroit Skating Club. Her skating dresses have been worn by skaters from all over the world, including China, Australia, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Japan, Lithuania, Canada, U.S., and more. Many are world renowned skaters, including Olympic Gold Medal winning Meryl Davis and Charlie White. The duo wore one of Stephanie's designs when they won their gold medal in Sochi. Meryl has worn Stephanie's designs for about 20 years.

Stephanie's advice to anyone considering a design career is "...in the world of design you must have something unique to offer."

Come join Kingsley Friends of the Library in the Community Room at Kingsley Branch Library for **MONDAY NIGHT @ the LIBRARY, MONDAY, MAY 7, 6:30 to 8:00 PM** for a short KFOL Annual Meeting followed our **Guest Speaker Stephanie**

**Miller.** You will learn about the world of competitive ice skating and the interesting process involved in creating custom designed ice skating costumes...made right here in Kingsley, Michigan!



## Monday Night @ the Library

May 7, 2018 from 6:30-8:00pm

Kingsley Branch Library Community Room

- 6:30 - Social time & Refreshments
- 6:45 - KFOL Annual Meeting

*"Where We Were: 2017 & Where We're Going: 2018"*

- 7:15 - Guest Speaker Stephanie Miller,  
Olympic Gold Medalist Costume Designer

*Everyone is welcome!*

This is a free event sponsored by the  
Kingsley Friends of the Library.

## **FANCY NANCY VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY... was a very fancy event!**

Fancy dresses and sparkling accessories adorned many of the 32 attendees gathered for this year's annual Fancy Nancy Party at the Kingsley Library on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. **Guest of honor, National Cherry Queen Ashley Schichtel**, read *Fancy Nancy Oodles of Kittens*, by Jane O'Connor and Robin Preiss Glasser. After sharing her favorite parade etiquette tips and tricks, Queen Ashley presented each child with a crown and led a festive parade around the library. Everyone smiled, waved, and shared their joy with visitors and family members. Following the parade, giggles and creativity filled the room as face painting, card making crafts, and pictures with Queen Ashley rounded out the afternoon. Members of the Friends of the Library received many smiles and words of thanks as each attendee received a gift bag at the end of the party.

**The Friends of the Library appreciated the assistance of volunteers Anna Lee, Mackenzie Minor, Brianna Mackey, Jennie Lewis, Robin Lewis, Carol Carr, Jody Batzer, Vicki Nickerson, Mary Ludwick, Maureen Lajko, and Jennifer Lee. Additionally, a special thank you goes to National Cherry Queen Ashley Schichtel and her entourage.**



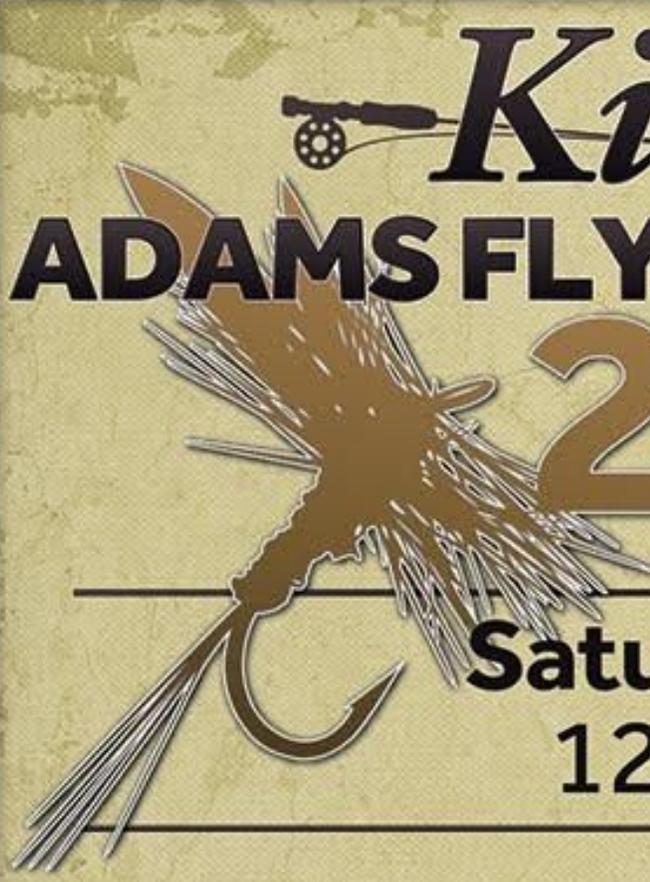
**Fancy cookies to eat!**



**National Cherry Queen Ashley Schichtel reads aloud a Fancy Nancy story.**



**A fancy parade around the library.**



# *Kingsley* **ADAMS FLY FESTIVAL** **2018**

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**Saturday June 2nd**  
**12p.m. - 8p.m.**

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**AN ORIGINAL ADAMS FLY ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY**

**Beer & wine tent with \$20 admission 2p.m. - 8p.m.**

Includes a glass and two drink tickets

**Food trucks & live local music 12p.m. - 8p.m.**

**Festival events 12p.m. - 6p.m.**

Historic Mayfield Pond tours with shuttle

**Live auction with Bob Garner at 4:30p.m.**

Au sable river boats, rods, reels & flies

Fly tying & casting demonstrations

Video & display of fly fishing items

Silent auction & vendors

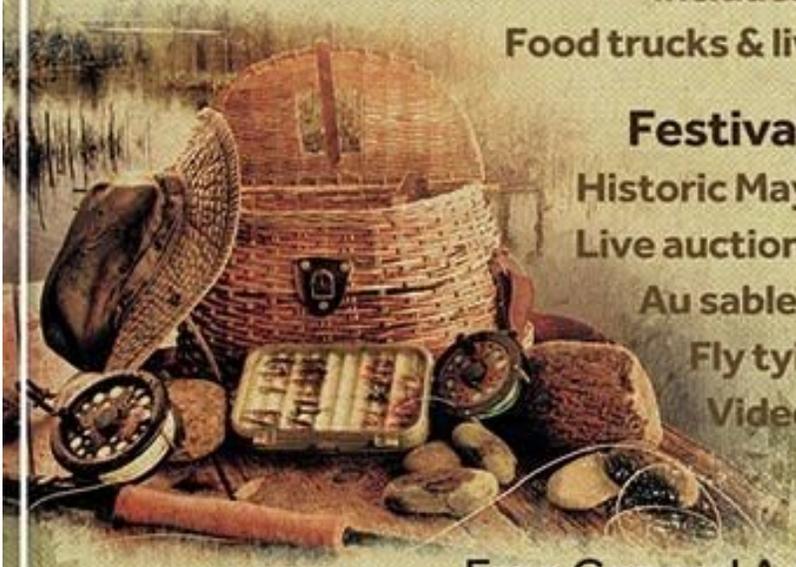
And much more

**Free General Admission**

Proceeds to benefit the Kingsley Friends of the Library

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## **MESSAGE from MARY**

New and exciting at the Kingsley Branch Library is an Orion StarMax 90 Tabletop Telescope. The telescope checks out for one week. You must be 18 yrs or older. A very special and big thank you, to the Kingsley Friends of the Library, the Traverse Area District Library and the Grand Traverse Astronomical Society for this generous donation! Also, thank you, to all who made it possible, including Aaron Olson, Bruce Bennett, Don Flegel, and Bob Moler.



Another big *thank you* to the Kingsley Friends of the Library for providing funding to Kingsley Elementary School for programming during March Reading Month. This is a wonderful collaboration between the school, the library and the KFOL. The children enjoyed a “Rock and Roll Reading Month” concert by Dynamic School Assemblies, Inc. It was a lot of fun and the children had a really fun time!



*Wigglers Storytime* continues on Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. through mid-May. This is a great way to start introducing children to learning. It’s also a perfect time for adults to connect with other adults who are raising children.

*Senior Book Club* meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. We are switching it up and trying to read some non-fiction with some humor. The final meeting for this seasonal group is in May.

*Simply Delicious with Chef Tom* continues monthly on the 4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We are so fortunate to have such a talented chef donate his cooking knowledge to our small community. Congratulations to Tom, for his full front page feature in the Food section of the Traverse City Record Eagle on March 3, 2018. If you’re a foodie, you’re going to want to attend this program.

*June brings Summer Reading Club* with a lot of great programs and reading fun for all ages.

The theme this year is “Libraries Rock.” Summer Reading Club will run June 18 through July 27, 2018. Kingsley Branch Library Summer Reading Club programs will be ***Thursdays at 11:00 am.***

***Look for these great programs @ the KBL*** and save the dates:

~6/21/18 ***Wings of Wonder***, Raptor Education, Rehabilitation & Research

~6/28/18 ***Craft Day***, walk-in musical craft making

~7/5/18 ***Kevin Kammeraad & Friends***, Poetry, Puppetry, Music, and Movement

~7/12/18 ***Jim Gill Concert***, award-winning musician, author and child development specialist

~7/19/18 ***Musical Movie Theater***, “Coco”, Numerous Awards including 2018 Oscar Winner

~7/26/18 ***Ice Cream Party Finale, The Bubble Man***, build your own sundae & the art of giant bubble making and music

***Thank you to*** the Traverse Area District Library and the Kingsley Friends of the Library for making all this awesome programming possible for the Kingsley community!

***We often add/update*** programming. For all of our programming, please go to [www.tadl.org/kingsley](http://www.tadl.org/kingsley) or give us a call at 231-263-5484.

## **2019: A MILESTONE YEAR FOR KBL**

August 5, 2007, was a special day in Kingsley. Folks gathered at the site of the future Kingsley Branch Library. All present joined in with shovels to break ground for the new building. It was a grand celebration!

Finally, nearly two years later, on February 10, 2009, the new Kingsley Branch Library doors opened to patrons for the first time! Plans are being made to celebrate the 10 years anniversary of KBL’s current home. Look for news to come in upcoming KFOL Newsletters about the next year’s date for celebrating.

## **KFOL EVENTS FOR YOUR 2018 CALENDAR** Events are held in the Community Room unless noted.

### **MARCH**

19 Monday, 5-6 pm **KFOL BOARD MEETING** KFOL Members are invited to attend all meetings.

### **APRIL**

16 Monday, 5-6 pm **KFOL BOARD MEETING**

26 Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 pm **ART ATTACK**

### **MAY**

7 **MONDAY NIGHT @ the LIBRARY**, 6:30 to 8 pm **Guest Speaker Stephanie Miller** and KFOL Annual Meeting

21 Monday, 5-6 pm **KFOL BOARD MEETING** 5:00 – 6:00 pm

### **JUNE**

2 Saturday, 12 – 8 pm **7<sup>TH</sup> ADAMS FLY FESTIVAL** Brownson Memorial Park and Kingsley Branch Library

18 Monday, 5-6 pm **KFOL BOARD MEETING**

**JULY**

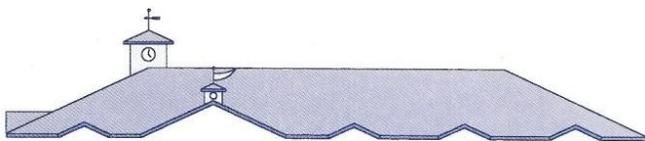
**NO KFOL BOARD MEETING**

**AUGUST**

20 Monday, 5-6 PM **KFOL BOARD MEETING**

**And the children watched  
for the first robin to tell them  
Spring had really come.**

*From WHITE SNOW by Alvin Tresselt  
BRIGHT SNOW*



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