I walked abroad in a snowy day;
I asked the soft snow with me to play.
She played and she melted all in her prime,
And the winter called it a dreadful crime.

William Blake, *Soft Snow*
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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.

WELCOMING OUR NEW BRANCH MANAGER

The smiling, curly-haired lady is Amy Barritt, the new Branch Manager of Kingsley Branch Library. Born and raised here in Kingsley, she graduated from KHS in 2002. Amy is also a graduate of Northern Michigan University and earned her Master of Science in Information degree at University of Michigan.

As an undergrad, Amy did research for an English professor at Northern Michigan University. She knew how to use the internet so she helped grad students who often were clueless about internet use in the early internet days. Amy enjoyed the mostly solitary nature of her work but came to enjoy her connections with other people and decided to pursue a Library Science degree. She felt a strong desire to help build community and strengthen our democracy. Her perception of libraries is as one of the last bastions of democracy in our country.

After gaining her Master’s Degree, Amy went to Seattle, WA, and there volunteered with AmeriCorps, helping to prepare disadvantaged high school students to be successful in college. Returning to Michigan, she was hired by Kingsley Friends of the Library to organize our library’s local history collection. Soon the Traverse Area District Library hired her to work at the main branch in Traverse City until this year when she became Branch Manager of Kingsley Branch Library.

A voracious reader, Amy’s favorite genres are science fiction, fantasy, and horror (BIG FAV!!). She is a Detroit Tigers baseball fan and likes to listen to games on the radio. As a librarian, she especially enjoys “turning people on to books,” engaging patrons with local history, and getting to know the adults and children in the community.

Our new Branch Manager’s goals are to: (1) Make sure people can find, evaluate, and effectively use online information in pursuing their life interests; (2) Be relevant to people at all stages of life; and (3) Continue the library events and programs that everyone enjoys. Amy says: “Summer Reading Club is going to be a hoot!”

WELCOME ABOARD, AMY!
Everything was fancy on Saturday, February 9, in the Kingsley Branch Library Community Room for the Fancy Nancy Valentine Party! Thank you to special guest Queen Thea Gray of the 2018 Northwest Michigan Fair.

Children ages 4 to 10 and one adult per child attended. Activities included listening to Queen Thea read aloud the book *Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy* by Jane O’Connor, a fancy parade, face painting, Valentine card making, photo taking, and refreshments. A very fancy time was enjoyed by all!!
MESSAGE FROM AMY

There have been a lot of changes at the Kingsley Branch Library in the past month! Mary Fraquelli retired as the Branch Manager with great fanfare in January. She is sorely missed. I have succeeded her in that role, and am really enjoying getting to know our patrons and the KBL staff. I even participated with our Wiggler’s Story Time, led by the multi-talented Beth Anderson. We studied the letter “m,” hence our marvelous masks!

We hope you will join us for a fun slate of programs in the next few months. You can always discover what we’re up to on our Facebook page or at tdl.org/events. But as a quick reminder, we have several ongoing programs: our Senior Book Club (new name to be announced soon!) meets the last Wednesday of each month at 2pm; Wigglers, our story time led by Ms. Beth for pre-school children, meets every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30am; Chef Tom visits us one Saturday a month to help us improve our culinary skills in a fun and interactive (yum!) program; and our Teen Dungeons & Dragons group meets Thursday evenings, usually twice a month. In addition to our regular programs, we’re always trying new things, so stay tuned!

Our Hot Reads for Cold Nights Winter Reading Club (ages 16+) wraps up on February 16th. Remember to drop off your entries to win fabulous prizes! We’re really pleased by the participation this year. One patron told me that she has started reading audiobooks as a challenge for herself, and she’s already listened to two! Now, she can’t imagine cleaning her house without a book on. We have a wide selection of audiobooks across genres in CD format and as Downloadable eAudio, stop in and the staff will be happy to show you.

In the next couple of months, we will be prepping to do some “freshening up” of the library, so if you see things moved around, bear with us! We will reveal more about that project in the coming months.

We will be closed on Monday, February 18th, for our annual in-service. It’s the one time of year our staff get to spend in developing their professional skills, and we always look forward to it. Ask us what we learned the next time you see us! Thank you for your continued patronage, we love serving our community!

Finally, please extend your warmest congratulations to Bonnie White on the occasion of her upcoming retirement. Bonnie has announced that March 1st, 2019, will be her last day. Bonnie began her library career in January 1998 at the Kingsley Public Library, and joined the TADL team when Kingsley was absorbed into the District Library on January 1, 1999. As a small town librarian, Bonnie did a little bit of everything, from story-time to collection development to outreach. In more recent years, she’s become the resident essential oils maven and genealogy research enthusiast. She was instrumental in building the young adult programs and collections as well. In her retirement, Bonnie plans to spend as much of her time as possible with her dear grandchildren and tending to her garden, which brings her much joy. She will be sorely missed, as she has been an essential part of the Kingsley Library team for so long.

See you at the library!
Amy Barritt, Branch Manager
10 YEARS IN NEW BUILDING

It is amazing to think that 10 years ago, in June of 2009, there was a Grand Opening Celebration for the building that now houses Kingsley Branch Library. Time does fly!!! Look for more about KBL and its current home in the Spring KFOL Newsletter.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA PHI CHAPTER GRANT

Delta Kappa Gamma International’s Phi Chapter (DKG) is a non-profit organization of active and retired educators in the Grand Traverse area. The purpose of the group is to support educators through awarding grants to promote professional and personal growth of educators and excellence in education. Among the many grants awarded is the Member-to-Member Grant. If a DKG member also belongs to another non-profit organization, she can write a grant proposal for that non-profit organization.

A DKG Member-To-Member Grant of $250 was awarded to Kingsley Friends of the Library for the Children’s Garden. The grant was received as a result of a proposal written by DKG member Beth Bynum, KFOL’s first Board President and a Lifetime member of KFOL. Beth was also on the original KFOL committee for planning and developing the Children’s Garden. As a member of both organizations, her proposal resulted in the grant award to KFOL. Beth presented the grant check to Maureen Lajko, current KFOL President, during the Kingsley Branch Library’s 2019 December Holiday Open House. The KFOL Garden Committee will develop a plan for the funds awarded and present the plan to DKG members in April. Thank you to Beth Bynum and to members of DKG!

WATCH OUT FOR WET PAINT!

Soon spring sprucing up will begin in Kingsley Branch Library. Look out for WET PAINT signs when painting begins. Coming soon!

COMING TO MONDAY NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY

On May 6th, 2019: Our guest speaker will be Karen Anderson, a writer who lives and works in Traverse City, Michigan. She was a columnist for the Traverse City Record-Eagle for 30 years and published two collections. Since 2005, she has contributed weekly essays to Interlochen Public Radio. An illustrated collection of her essays was published in 2017, “Gradual Clearing: Weather Reports from the Heart.”
Kingsley Friends of the Library (KFOL) is busy planning the Eighth Annual Adams Fly Festival to be held Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 12 to 6 PM. This event will be the big day to celebrate the most popular dry fly in the fly fishing world. In 1922, Len Halliday of Mayfield designed and created the first Adams Fly. Due to the generosity of Edna Sargent, the original fly’s home is currently Kingsley Branch Library. Established as a successful fund raising event for the Kingsley Branch Library, AFF profits will go to Kingsley Branch Library for programs that enrich our community and to preserve the Library as a center of knowledge.

Everyone is invited to come and view Fly Fishing Demonstrations at Brownson Memorial Park festival site as well as Catch and Release Fly Fishing at Mayfield Pond. There will be experienced fly fishermen at both sites to give participants an opportunity to try their hand at fly fishing. The Adams Fly Festival is a great opportunity to learn about work being done to insure our local rivers and parks are sustained in their natural beauty for future generations. Organizations who provide stewardship and care of our local rivers and parks will be represented at the Festival to share information, including Boardman River Clean Sweep, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Walton Junction Sportsmen’s Club, and Kingsley Sportsman’s Club.

Adams Fly Festival events will appeal to adults and may spark a fly fishing interest in children. The afternoon includes vendor area featuring local artists, beer and wine tent, food truck, and live music throughout the day. A Silent Auction with a variety of items from local artists and businesses will have something appealing for everyone. The event wraps up with a Live Auction. We have the good fortune this year to again have as our auctioneer, Bob Garner, of Michigan Out-Of-Doors fame.

We hope to see you there as a guest of the Village of Kingsley and Kingsley Friends of the Library. The KFOL is looking for volunteers for the festival. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer at the festival or becoming a member of the KFOL, contact the Kingsley Branch Library at 263-5484.

OK, show of hands... Who's tired of snow?
KFOL EVENTS FOR YOUR 2019 CALENDAR
Events are held in the Community Room unless otherwise noted.

FEBRUARY
9 Saturday FANCY NANCY VALENTINE PARTY 12:30-2:30 PM Intended for ages 4-10. Limited reservations are required by phoning 263-5484 or stopping at KBL circulation desk to register.

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

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

APRIL
25 Thursday ART ATTACK 6:30-8:00 PM
15 Monday KFOL BOARD MEETING 5:00-6:00 PM

MAY
6 Monday NIGHT @ the LIBRARY, 6:30 to 8 PM KFOL Annual Meeting with Guest Speaker Karen Anderson
20 Monday KFOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 – 6:00 PM

JUNE
1 Saturday, 12–6 PM 7TH ADAMS FLY FESTIVAL Brownson Memorial Park & Kingsley Branch Library
17 Monday, 5-6 PM KFOL BOARD MEETING

“TO HAVE A FRIEND, YOU HAVE TO BE A FRIEND”
Time to renew your Annual Membership…or become a new KFOL member!
A new year has begun and so has planning for 2019 KFOL events. Thank you to all who have helped Kingsley Friends of the Library in its many ways of supporting Kingsley Branch Library. It is time for ANNUAL KFOL MEMBERS who want to continue their membership to complete the following application for 2019.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any KFOL activities, please note your interests at the bottom of the Membership Form. More hands are always needed and are appreciated for all KFOL events.

Thank you also to all Lifetime Members for your continued support of Kingsley Friends of the Library. If you have not been actively involved and would like to volunteer to help, please do consider volunteering to help in providing events for Kingsley Branch Library.

Be a Friend and help support Kingsley Branch Library!
Kingsley Friends of the Library
2019 Membership Form

Name(s): ____________________________________________ Date: __________________________

Mailing address: ______________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _______________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________________

Type of membership (check all that apply):

ANNUAL  (January 1 to December 31, 2019)     Renewal    New
       _____ Individual $10
       ____ Family @ one address $20

LIFETIME  (one-time donation) $75
       ____ Individual or Family (one address) or Business

All contributions are welcome and fully tax deductible.

Please make your check payable to KFOL and mail with form to:

Kingsley Friends of the Library
Membership Chair
C/O Kingsley Branch Library
PO Box 427
Kingsley, MI 49649-0427

Completed forms and checks may also be dropped off at the Circulation Desk at Kingsley Branch Library.

Please check all your volunteer interests:

○ serve on KFOL Board of Directors
○ work for fundraising event: Adams Fly Celebration
○ work for community enrichment events such as Art Attack, Holiday Open House, guest speakers, Children’s Garden
○ provide refreshments for library events
○ other volunteer interest: ..........................................................
○ no interest in volunteering at this time

THANK YOU!