

Newsletter

SPRING 2019

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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 2019 Thursday, April 25, 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!

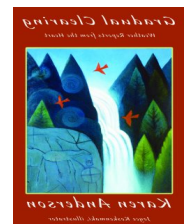
MONDAY NIGHT @ the LIBRARY Monday, May 6, 6:30- 8:00 PM Guest speaker: Karen Anderson

Come join Kingsley Friends of the Library in the Community Room at Kingsley Branch Library for a short KFOL Annual Meeting followed by our **Guest Speaker Karen Anderson**. Copies of her new book **Gradual Clearing: Weather Reports from the Heart** will be available for sale and signing. Refreshments will be served. This free event is open to members of Kingsley Friends of the Library and interested others.



Karen Anderson is 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."

Karen has a master's degree in English Literature from the University of Michigan and is retired from Northwestern Michigan College where she was director of marketing and public relations. She enjoys camping, canoeing, reading, writing, listening, learning.



2019 ADAMS FLY FESTIVAL Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 12 to 6 PM.

The Eighth Annual Adams Fly Festival will be a 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.



Events scheduled for the day NOON to 8 PM include:

- + Fly fishing Demonstrations at Brownson Memorial Park festival site;**
- + Catch and Release Fly Fishing at Mayfield Pond** Experienced fly fishermen will be at both festival site and pond site to give participants an opportunity to try their hand at fly fishing;
- + Organizations to provide information** including **Boardman River Clean Sweep, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Walton Junction Sportsmen's Club, and Kingsley Sportsman's Club;**
- + Vendors including local artists (Noon to 6 PM);**
- + Beer and wine tent, food truck, and live music throughout the day;**
- + Silent Auctions** with a variety of items from local artists and businesses to appeal to everyone;
- + Live auction with 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.**

NEW KFOL BOARD MEMBER

KFOL is most pleased to announce Ashley Curtis is our new member on the Board of Trustees. Margaret Lajko-Lee invited her to a Board meeting hoping that Ashley would be interested in Board membership. She was!

Ashley Curtis grew up in Honor and now lives in Fife Lake with her seven-year-old son Rhett Curtis. She works for Grand Traverse County inspecting restaurants of all kinds. Science has always been a main interest of Ashley's leading her to earning a degree in Environmental Health from Lake Superior State University.

Sewing and cooking are activities she especially enjoys, as well as cross country skiing. Ashley reports that her son Rhett does well on skis. She also likes researching genealogy. Of course, she is a reader: scientific journals, biographies and autobiographies, plus nonfiction in general.

Welcome to the Board, Ashley!

MESSAGE from AMY



We have another new face at Kingsley Branch Library! **Stop in and say hello to our newest library assistant, Brian Carey.** It is a real coup that we snagged such an excellent person from the Main Library, and we expect to make full use of his many interests and talents.

March Reading Month continues to grow and become more popular every year. This year, our staff made a concerted effort to maximize our relationship with Kingsley Elementary School. We are especially concerned for our students as there is no library in their building. Many have not been exposed to the joy and wonder of their local public library!

Beth Anderson worked closely with Jessica Dear, teacher and reading coordinator at the school, and together they developed a reward system for students who visited on their own time. Over 70 students stopped in and received their reading ticket which they then returned to the school office for a prize. Anderson and Dear also coordinated a calendar of visitation for the

classrooms where they enjoyed stories, movement games, and tours of the library and our offerings. **21 classrooms and over 480 students visited us during the month...whew!** Classrooms that visited were entered into a pizza party drawing with the winner being Ms. Barnes' class! Our favorite number was the number of library cards issued (35) which is quadruple that of our January and February numbers.

The Kingsley Friends of the Library also supported March Reading Month by paying for one of the days of entertainment where we all learned about "Animals that Hide in Plain Sight!" Students got to meet several critters including an American alligator and an albino peacock. You can bet we had a run on our animal books after that awesome experience!



On the home front, Karen Pack led our March Reading Month reading logs, games, and prizes. Student-aged persons had the opportunity to take home a log sheet where they checked off every time they read 15 minutes. After the logs were full, they returned them for a prize. Over 75 reading logs were turned in and we had many excited repeat-submitters! Pack also organized a guessing game where students had to flex their spatial-reasoning muscles, with the prize being a water bottle full of candy!

I had the pleasure of preparing the book collection and building for painting in early April. The interior of KBL and the Community Room have not been done since we opened 10 years ago...and it is time! **This project which also involved the hiring of a designer and new furniture for our young adult area is being funded by the Kingsley Friends of the Library.** I cannot thank them enough for sharing their time, treasures, and talents. Our Friends really help make KBL a community jewel!

Respectfully submitted by Amy Barritt, Branch Manager



KFOL EVENTS FOR YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Events are held in the Community Room unless noted.

MARCH

18 Monday, 5-6 pm **KFOL Board meeting** KFOL Members are invited to attend all meetings.

APRIL

15 Monday, 5-6 pm **KFOL Board meeting**

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

MAY

6 **MONDAY NIGHT @ the LIBRARY**, 6:30 to 8 pm **KFOL Annual Meeting with Guest Speaker Karen Anderson**

20 Monday, 5-6 pm **KFOL Board meeting**

JUNE

1 Saturday, 12 – 8 pm **8TH ADAMS FLY FESTIVAL** Brownson Memorial Park and Kingsley Branch Library

17 Monday, 5-6 pm **KFOL Board meeting**

JULY

No Board meeting

AUGUST

19 Monday, 5-6 PM **KFOL Board meeting**

SEPTEMBER

16 Monday, 5-6 PM **KFOL Board meeting**

OCTOBER

21 Monday, 5-6 PM **KFOL Board meeting**

NOVEMBER

18 Monday, 5-6 PM **KFOL Board meeting**

DECEMBER

No Board meeting

Kingsley Friends of the Library
2019 Membership Form

Name(s): _____

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.

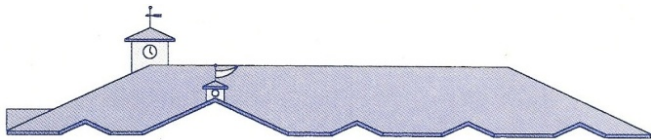
Please check all your volunteer interests:

- 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!

All Nature seems at work, Slugs leave their lair –
The bees are stirring – birds are on the wing –
And Winter, slumbering in the open air,
Wears on his smiling face a dream of Spring!

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, *Work without Hope*



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