

Newsletter

Fall 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.

FROM KFOL BOARD

Maureen Lajko, President

On the first Wednesday of the last several months, I have been attending the Business Coffee sponsored by Kingsley Village Manager Dan Hawkins. This gathering of Kingsley area businesses is an effort to come together to keep each other informed as to what is available in our town and garner support from each other. It is a great networking tool to encourage and support area businesses as they share what they do and how they are growing.

Also attending are Kingsley Area School Superintendent Keith Smith, pastors of local churches, and various governmental agencies to share topics of interest in and around Kingsley. I have been attending to represent KFOL to inform the group about the Friends events. Kingsley Branch Library Manager Amy Barritt also attends to present library programs and resources available.

If you have a small business and would like to share what you do OR if you are interested in what's going on in the Kingsley Community, please come. **You are invited to join us the FIRST WEDNESDAY of the MONTH from 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM in the COMMUNITY ROOM of the Kingsley Branch Library/Village Office.**

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Thursday, December 5, 3:00- 6:00 PM

You are invited to Kingsley Branch Library's annual December party, hosted by the Friends. This event is the kick-off for our community's celebration of the holiday season! Crafts, cookies, good cheer, and a visit with Santa gets all in the mood! Special entertainment will include dancers from Kingsley Ballet Company and live holiday music. Stop in and join the fun!



KBL staff in costume:

Brian Carey, Karen Pack, Beth Anderson, Amy Barritt

KBL patrons are busy using computer stations.

MESSAGE FROM AMY

Since the last report to the KFOL membership, staff at Kingsley Branch Library held a very successful Summer Reading Club, survived our first overnight Teen Lock-in, hosted 65 programs (including two authors, several entertainers, book clubs, cooking classes, teen and juvenile programs, early literacy engagement, and provided story times. What do all those events have in common? Kingsley Friends of the Library!

Thanks to KFOL, we regularly have top-notch speakers, entertainers, and authors. In addition to bringing in fantastic cultural programming, KFOL also supports on-the-ground literacy efforts. This year, they purchased over 170 books to hand out at the Village of Kingsley's Trunk or Treat family event! While the candy is already gone, the books linger to be read and re-read by those lucky children. Our heartfelt thanks to KFOL for their continued support of our efforts.

Our library staff takes their leadership roles very seriously to assist patrons in leading their best lives! Beth Anderson, our librarian responsible for early literacy programming, not only leads story, play, and movement activities geared for our Wigglers (birth to preschool-aged children) but also provides learning opportunities for the adults that attend. This semester, she has been sharing information about disconnecting from devices and the importance of tactile play.

Karen Pack, our librarian responsible for overall collection development, took on an additional project of ordering materials suitable for pre-readers through young adult readers that support mindfulness, identifying and coping with feelings, and resiliency. Recently it had been brought to our attention that many of the educational staff at schools in our part of the county are undergoing training to become Trauma-Informed Schools. The materials we are ordering will support their training. We've begun to advertise that collection to our local educators.

Brian Carey, our librarian responsible for special collections, has been hard at work building lending Cake Pan and Musical Instrument Collections. Both collections are made from donations he has solicited. Additionally, he has tackled lending parameters, packaging, labeling, and storage, and all the other nitty-gritty details that unique collections require! He expects that the Cake Pan Collection will be up and running by the end of the year, while musical instruments will be rolled out in the spring.

Newton's Road is a local organization that works with regional partners to champion, support, and increase access to outstanding learning and career opportunities for our youth in the interrelated fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Thanks to Newton's Road, KBL will be receiving 20 STEM Kits. These kits are for your curious

learners to take home! Stay tuned to our Facebook or tadl.org/events webpage for our “Petting Zoo” event to launch this lending collection.

Finally, thanks to a generous donation from the estate of Dr. Marion L. Talbot, we will be receiving a new AWE Early Literacy Station! This Station, a touch screen device, comes preloaded with a number of early literacy games geared to ages two to eight. Our new station will have a whole new batch of games, as well as a few favorites from the current machine. Young readers will be excited to test their skills, so look for that in the coming months!

Respectfully submitted by Amy Barritt, Kingsley Branch Manager

NEWEST KBL EMPLOYEE

The new face at the circulation desk...staff member in cowboy costume in photo above... is Brian Carey. He grew up outside the small town of Shelton, Washington. His family home was a house of many books and everybody read. Brian read the books at home and then began expanding his choices in the local library. He reads all genres but his favorite is science fiction.

After graduating from University of Washington in Seattle with BAs in Linguistics and Political Science, Brian moved to many parts of our country and met lots of people. Some of the people he met were from Michigan which led to a Michigan visit and his decision to live here.

Money saved previously enabled him to buy an old house near Kingsley and to spend two years restoring it. He got the first floor livable then began looking for work. Result: A job with TADL in the library’s Public Computing Center and later eight months in TADL’s Reference Department.

In April of this year, he began work in Kingsley Branch Library where he does a little of everything. He appreciates the short commute to work, has enjoyed meeting Kingsley people, and likes the variety of responsibilities in his job.

Brian’s hobbies include baking, collecting cake pans, reading, and remodeling/restoring houses. Currently, his present abode is receiving his attentions—he worked on it instead of a job for his first two years in Michigan. Regarding his cake pan collection: He intends to loan them out through the library.

SCOTTISH NIGHT @ the LIBRARY

On November 7, a very snowy evening, despite the wintry weather, slippery roads, and poor visibility, many ventured out to enjoy a Scottish Night with Peter Deneen and his bagpipes, courtesy of KFOL. Mr. Deneen is the band director at TC East Junior High School and member of Grand Traverse Pipes & Drums. This was his fourth visit to Kingsley Branch Library! Authentic Scottish refreshments, including hot teas, scones, shortbread cookies and more, were on hand to round out this lovely evening of music and food, Highland-style.

CHILDREN’S GARDEN

All is quiet in the Children’s Garden behind Kingsley Branch Library. However, after preparing the garden for winter, the gardeners have been continuing their work. The Garden Committee will be working this winter with ideas for changes to be made in the garden during the next growing season.



KFOL EVENTS FOR YOUR 2019/20 CALENDAR

Events are held in the Community Room unless noted.

October

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

November

7 Thursday SCOTTISH NIGHT w/PETER DENEEN, Bagpiper Music, refreshments & fun! 6:30 PM

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

December

5 Thursday HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE 3:00 - 6:00 PM

NO December KFOL BOARD MEETING

January 2020

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

February 2020

8 Saturday FANCY NANCY VALENTINE PARTY 12:30 - 2:30 PM

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

March 2020

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

April 2020

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

23 Thursday ART ATTACK 6:30 - 8:00 PM

May 2020

4 Monday KFOL ANNUAL MEETING: MONDAY NIGHT @ the LIBRARY 5:30 - 8:00 PM
Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

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

June 2020

6 Saturday ADAMS FLY FESTIVAL 12:00 - 8:00 PM

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



TIME to RENEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS...or TO JOIN the FRIENDS!
2019 is flying by! Use this form to renew or to become a new Friend of Kingsley Branch Library!

Kingsley Friends of the Library
2020 Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of membership (check all that apply):

ANNUAL (*January 1 to December 31, 2020*) 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.

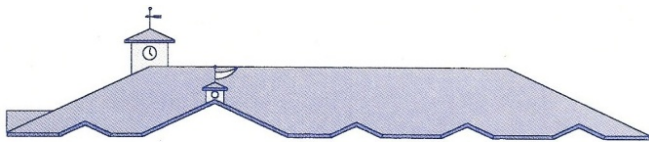
Please check all your volunteer interests:

- serve on KFOL Board of Directors
- work for fundraising event: Adams Fly Celebration
- work for community enrichment events: Art Attack, December Open House, guest speakers, Fancy Nancy Party, Children's Garden (circle your interests)
- provide refreshments for library events
- serve as volunteer in another way:
- no interest in volunteering at this time

Thank you!



Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.
Albert Camus



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