

Traverse Area District Library September 2021 Newsletter

What's new?

There's a slight evening chill in the air now, a great reminder to cozy up with a story! The headlines this month:

1) 9/11 Commemorative Exhibit - We have a poster exhibition (designed by the 9/11 Memorial Museum) in the McGuire Community Room for the month of September to recognize the 20th anniversary of 9/11. We also have a [selection of materials](#) for additional reading.

2) Digital records - We've completed the process of adding the records for the [Peshawbestown Church](#) (Immaculate Conception - births, marriages, and deaths) to our local history archive. Library Director Michele P. Howard is making arrangements to return the originals to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians.

3) Contest - In partnership with the Kent District Library, Canton Public Library, and Houghton-Hancock Public Library we're excited to promote the [Write Michigan Short Story Contest](#). Entries must be in by Nov. 30, 2021.

4) Safety - If you visit the Main Library please remember to use the proper crossings (the TART crossings) at the railroad tracks. TC public safety is monitoring the crossings to make sure people are using them safely.

NEW Materials this Month

Click to skim what's new at TADL:

[New Fiction](#)

[New Non-Fiction](#)

[New Audiobooks](#)

[New DVDs](#)

[New Music](#)

[Click](#) for the September edition of BookPages magazine.

Collection spotlight: wifi hotspots and lending laptops!

Mobile Hotspot: NETGEAR Nighthawk M1 MR1100 Mobile Hotspot Router for AT&T

Keep the family entertained by streaming HD movies and shows, listening to music, and playing live games at home and on the go. Connect up to 20 Wi-Fi enabled devices.

Lending Laptop: Dell Latitude 3510 with Mobile Hotspot

World's smallest 15-inch essential business notebook* with first-of-it's-kind Dell Optimizer AI that adjusts to how you work wherever you are. Includes mobile hotspot so you have access where you may be.

Day of Caring Volunteer Opportunity

United Way Day of Caring is coming up - we invite you to join us the morning of 9/16 (9 - 11 am) at the Main Library for a fall garden spruce up. Please wear gardening clothes and bring gloves. We'll be mulching and planting to get ready for winter and spring.

Youth Services Fall Project - ExoLab 9

Can we grow food in space? Let's try it and see!

Jump right into hands-on citizen science with ExoLab 9! [Join us](#) and grow some red clover, we'll be comparing it against clover growing on the International Space Station.

It's one of our favorite library holidays - Banned Books Week!

We'll have displays throughout the library for Banned Books Week. If you'd like to celebrate by reading a banned book or two, here's the annual listing of challenged books.

Got seeds?

If you've got seeds to spare we'd love to add them to our seed library! Seeds should clean and labeled by variety - they may be dropped off any time at the Main Library 2nd Floor Reference Desk.

Fall Book Sale...

Our fantastic Friends group is planning to have their fall book sale at the Main Library Sept. 24-26. Please monitor tadl.org for any changes to book sale dates or format. Thank you for supporting the library! Hours are:

Books will be sold in the Mc Guire Room and CD and DVDs will be available in the Atrium. **Masks required for the sale please!**

Fri. Sept. 24 6 to 8 pm - Friends Sale Day

Pre-sale available to Friends of the Library members only.

Books: Adult books \$1 each; children's books .50 cents each - fill a grocery bag for \$5.

CDs \$1 each or 12 for \$5; DVDs .50 cents each.

Sat. Sept. 25 9 am to 5 pm & Sun. Sept. 26 Noon to 3 pm - Public Sale Days

Books: Adults/children's books \$1 each or fill a grocery bag for \$10.00

CDs: Adult titles 10 for \$5; Children's titles: 5 CDs for \$3

DVDs: 12 for \$10

Random Bag of Jazz CD Sale

We still have random bags of jazz cds for sale – 10 cds for \$10. The 10 cds are selected from the Charles Saunders Collection. All proceeds benefit library programs and services. Order online at tadl.org/friends or visit the Sight & Sound department at Woodmere.

More ways to support the library!

Shop on Amazon and designate TADL as your donation spot of choice. Just put "Traverse Area District Library" in the Smile search bar.

Staff Spotlight - Josh Denby, Circulation Manager

TADL is excited to welcome Josh Denby to the Main Library. Mr. Denby took the reins as the new circulation manager on Monday, August 16.

“From my first public library in a small town in east Texas to the M. D. Anderson Library at the University of Houston, I have always felt at home

among books and book lovers,” Denby said. “I’m so excited to open a new chapter in my life here at the Traverse Area District Library!”

Mr. Denby relocated to the Traverse City area with his family from Texas, where he was the Customer Service Manager at the University of Houston M. D. Anderson Library. He has 12 years of library experience, and a degree in Digital Media and Design from Stephen F. Austin State University.

In Memoriam – Liz Bannister

TADL is fondly remembering patron Liz Bannister, who played piano in the library and passed away recently just shy of her 105th birthday. She will be missed but her legacy lives in our sheet music collection (many items donated by Ms. Bannister) and in her cds (Compact Audio Disc, Call number: CD LOCAL BAN).

Upcoming Programs - Register at [tadl.org/events](https://www.tadl.org/events)

Please note: Since our events list is extensive, we've set it up as a browsable list - <https://www.tadl.org/eventlist/>.

Special feature – Tiny Fest Sept. 29 7 pm, live local music!

7 pm DJ soft sounds of Brazil

7:30 pm Failed Pilot

8 pm Breathe Owl Breathe

TADL Kids Programs!

We have a full-line of programming available through facebook.com/TADLKids. This includes storytimes for all ages, STEM and STEAM features, Kids Coding Club, and more! Craft kits too!

Online TADL Book Discussion Groups

Queer Tales - Last Sunday of each month, 4 - 5 pm

Books & Brewskis - Last Tuesday of each month, 7 - 8 pm

Upcoming National Writer’s Series Events

Sept. 23 at 5:30 pm [Afghanistan Today International Panel](#)

Oct. 7 at 7 pm [Mary Roach, *Fuzz*](#)

Oct. 14 at 7 pm [Anthony Doerr, *Cloud Cuckoo Land*](#)

From the Director's Desk

Fall is in the air and as the academic year starts the library is already planning for 2022. I've mentioned the Strategic Plan in past newsletters but if you stop at the main library or branch, you will notice some new bookmarks that delineate some of the main themes for our strategic plan.

While the official start is January 2022, we've all been so excited we've started a few things sooner! These themes, based on our community survey and interviews, will be carried out over the next 3 years and will guide our budgeting, programming and purchasing decisions. They are:

Inclusive Spaces: We'll enhance gathering spaces where people can be themselves, encounter one another and have more access to diverse materials, programs, and services.

Purposeful Partnerships: Enrich existing, and seek-out new relationships, that enhance and impact our quality of life.

Innovative Engagement: Excite and energize the community by expanding the idea of what a library can be and provide.

Targeted Outreach. Deepen our connection to our community by seeking out new relationships and be a conduit to resources and services.

I want to thank the community and Board of Trustees for their vision and leadership of our beloved library!

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