

## Traverse Area District Library – Main Library October, 2021 Newsletter

What's new this October?

We're keeping this intro short to leave room for all the great events below that our librarians have planned for you this month!

What is NOT under the links below? LOTS! Remember, we've got oodles of games under the main staircase. Try before you buy!

Click to skim what's new at TADL:

[New Fiction](#)

[New Non-Fiction](#)

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### Youth Services Festive Fall

We've got many hands-on activities this month ([coding](#), [building](#), [Legos](#), [crafting](#)). On Oct. 28 we'll have a STEM kit celebration 3-5 pm and the Lord of the Gourd will wow us with his incredible pumpkin carving at 4 pm in the atrium!

### Halloween on the Front Lawn 10/29 11 am - Noon

Preschoolers and their families: dress up if you dare and join us on the front lawn for good, old fashioned Halloween fun! We'll have a Halloween scavenger hunt, library pumpkin displays, ghoulish activities, and treats. Check out our not-so-scary garden StoryWalk featuring Baby Shark!

### Storytimes!

We've got a storytime for every young reader - Baby Time, Mother Goose Time, Pocketful of Stories, Storytime for Bigs, Storytime with Miss Rosie, and Storybag Stories! Don't forget our Tell-a-Tail program (pictured) - our certified therapy dogs are always all ears when it comes to a great story! Find your storytime at [tadl.org/events](http://tadl.org/events)

### Tweens

Pick up a free Make Something craft kit and/or join us for a [rainbow salt dough project](#)!

### Teens!

There's a wide range of choices on deck for teens - [rainbow teens](#), [teen advisory board](#), [crafts](#), [analog games](#), [color & calm](#), [writing group](#), [graphic novel creators](#), [anime](#), and [poetry](#).

There's lots of things to do, even if you don't feel like reading!

## **Poetry book launch**

Join us for a [special event via Zoom](#) as local poet Teresa Scollon will read from and introduce her newest book, "Trees and Other Creatures". Both poets and non-poets will be delighted by the poems in this collection; they are approachable and thought-provoking, some might even say, "genially subversive." We hope you join us for this amazing, wonderful event and take some time to enjoy some in-the-moment moments.

## **It's chili outside!**

Bring your taste buds and appetite on Sunday October 24th during our Annual TADL Chili Cook-Off. The event will be held outside in the parking lot of the south end of the building, beginning at 1:00pm, rain or shine (or snow!). Be sure to dress appropriately.

Adults, youth, teens—everyone is welcome! Judging will be done by YOU (the tasters) and Traverse City Firefighters. Prizes will be awarded to the competitors based on the public vote, judges votes and the competitors present! Please note - our EV charging stations will not be accessible during the Cookoff. If you are planning a curbside pickup during the cookoff please call the front desk to make arrangements.

This event is sponsored by The Cooks' House, Fustini's, Oakwood Proper Burgers, Mundos Roasting and Co, Natural Northern Foods, Grand Traverse Pie Company, Norte, and Grand Traverse Sauce Company. THANK YOU!

## **Join the Great Michigan Read**

We'll be [discussing The Women of Copper Country](#) by Mary Doria Russell. The story of Calumet's Annie Clements—the courageous woman who started a rebellion by leading a strike against the largest copper mining company in the world.

## **Book Donations**

We will reopen to book donations starting Monday October 25, 2021. Please see our [Friends of the Library page](#) for details on what we accept. Thank you!

[Check out the new Adult Services department webpage!](#)

## **It's the Great Pumpkin(s)!**

The Library Pumpkin Contest is nigh

October means one thing at the Main Library - the pumpkin contest. As per tradition, each department creates a (highly secret) entry, unveiled the Monday morning of Halloween week (10/25/21). Winner is by popular vote - so make sure you come in and vote for your favorite - it's frightfully important :)

## **Upcoming Programs - Register at [tadl.org/events](http://tadl.org/events)**

Please note: While we've highlighted a lot of the events, there's still more! Make sure you check our calendar regularly.

## **TADL Kids Programs!**

We have a full-line of programming available through [facebook.com/TADLKids](https://facebook.com/TADLKids). This includes storytimes for all ages, STEM and STEAM features, Kids Coding Club, and more!

#### **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 Programs**

10/18 7 pm - [Alex Michaelides, The Maidens](#)

10/28 7 pm - [Joshua Prager, The Family Roe](#)

11/4 7 pm - [Jason Reynolds, Stamped](#)

#### **From the Director's Desk**

With the days getting colder and darker, we are thrilled to announce the library will soon be starting a LED lighting upgrade project that will replace our current lights with high-efficiency, low-cost LED lights. This will result in energy savings which are good for the budget and the environment. The crew will be working after hours, but you'll still have to excuse our mess for a couple of weeks as the project is completed.

While it's not the most visible project, with the help of staff and the review and approval of the TADL Board of Trustees, we are working through a revision of almost all of the TADL Policies. Recently we updated the Library's support of the American Library Association's The Freedom to Read Statement, Freedom to View Statement, and the Library Bill of Rights. My favorite two lines from these documents that I hold dear are "The Freedom to Read is essential to our democracy." and "A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views." If you have a few moments, read these statements. It will make you proud to be a supporter of your local public library.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of TADL Trustee, Mary Budzinski. Mary was a passionate library supporter with a keen eye toward library financing. While she only served an abbreviated term, her impact was felt by other Trustees and staff. She will be missed.

In honor of Mary's commitment to community service, if you or anyone you know feels called to serve the library please get in touch with us, email [ask@tadl.org](mailto:ask@tadl.org).

We look forward to seeing you soon,

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