

Traverse Area District Library Newsletter for November, 2021

What's new this November?

"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools." — Henry Beston

First and foremost, we need to give thanks for the generous donors who have surprised us this month!! Thanks to these donors our community will be able to enjoy a gorgeous new permanent storywalk next year, dedicated equipment for the bookmobile, more things for the Library of Things and upgraded technology for the Youth Services story room!

- 1) Services Hours** On November 1 we adjusted the Main Library services hours to 9 am - 8 pm Monday - Thursday. The other days remain the same (Friday & Saturday 9 am - 6 pm; Sunday Noon - 5 pm)
- 2) Veterans Day** We will be hosting a soldier's table again this year on the first floor, and we're excited to announce a new exhibit of artwork by veterans that will be open in the Atrium Nov. 11 - 30.
- 3) Holiday Hours** We will close at 5 pm on Wednesday Nov. 24 and be closed Thanksgiving Day Thurs. Nov. 25..
- 4) Light Parade** - We will be participating in the downtown light parade this year, we invite you out to cheer us on! **Sat. Nov 20 5:30 pm (Parade starts at 6:30 pm)**
- 5) Poet's Night Out** - The submission window is open for the 2022 event. [Poetsnightout.org](https://poetsnightout.org)

Native American Heritage Month

New displays are going up this week throughout the Main Library - these include the displays mentioned above, and displays for Native American Heritage Month.

While we are using the officially recognized title of the month here, in items created by TADL we will use the term "indigenous". We are especially grateful this year - our NEA grant is providing with so many amazing opportunities!

Youth Services

Our November Main Library storywalk is Josie Dances, and we have a book display in the Youth Services department. Watch for more displays and events to come related to our NEA Big Read children's selection, Fry Bread, by Kevin Noble Maillard (Hoopla Kids).

A special thank you to everyone who helped make the Denno's storytime so special for our listeners: Hoop dancer Wren Gotts age 7, a member of the Sakoagon Chippewa Community from Mole Lake Wisconsin and northwest Michigan resident. Lee McGrath, Two-Spirit, a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians (and a student at NMC), read a poem to open our storytime - and our own Miss Rosie, who read our featured books!

Adult Services

Visit our NEA Big Read page (<https://www.tadl.org/2021/10/18/bigread/>) for upcoming events and Save the Dates - as well as reading lists for all ages!

If you would like to learn more about our NEA Big Read featured author Joy Harjo (who will be visiting in April, 2022) here is the Library of Congress link (<https://blogs.loc.gov/catbird/2019/06/meet-poet-laureate-joy-harjo-press-roundup/>), and NPR interviews - Sep 2021

<https://www.npr.org/2021/09/07/1034751793/poet-laureate-warrior-joy-harjo>, Oct 2021 - <https://www.npr.org/2021/10/09/1044772882/joy-harjo-on-inspiration-behind-memoir-poet-warrior>.

Interested in learning more about the Ojibwe language? Click here for our new Transparent Languages Learning Platform! <https://library.transparent.com/tadl/game/ng/#/login>

Research Products Before Black Friday!

Access Consumer Reports information with your library card! The new, user-friendly format provides buttons for quick access to buyer's guides and timely topics. Visit [tadl.org/at-home](https://www.tadl.org/at-home) and select Consumer Reports. Of course, we still have print copies at the library :) and you can ask at the Reference Desk if you're looking for a specific back issue.

This Saturday!

Put on that cardigan sweater and join us in celebrating World Kindness Day! (It also happens to be Games Day in Youth Services.)

Kindly share your photos with us :) #TADLCardigan

Fall Fun

In case you missed it our pumpkin contest winners for 2021 (selected by your votes) are: First Place Display #8 (Youth); Second Place Display #6 (Processing); Third Place Display #5 (Circulation).

We do try to contain the size of the newsletter - which means we can't post all the fun photos! We encourage everyone to follow our social media for regular updates on all the fun that happens at the library!

New Braille Storywalk Open Nov. 17

The story will be *The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. This resource is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the Library of Michigan. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

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

Please note: We're highlighting some programs here, visit the website for a complete list of our free programming and links to register.

Nov. 11 6:30 pm - Motifs on the Michigan Flag via Zoom

Nov. 14 1 pm - Classical IPR Music at the Library!

Nov. 15 6:30 pm - NEA Big Read Discussion, An American Sunrise

Nov. 16 Noon - The Rocks that Made Michigan (Virtual)

Nov. 17 6:30 pm - Robert Downes, Local Author

Nov. 21 2 pm - Traverse Area Historical Society

Nov. 30 Noon - Secret U.P. - Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, & Obscure (Virtual)

Dec. 2 6:30 pm - Myths Busted: What You Thought You Knew About History Just Ain't So (Zoom)

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!

Battle of the Books Team Registration Opens November 13!

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 Writers' Series Events

November 18 - Omar El Akkad, *What Strange Paradise*: a beautifully written, unrelentingly dramatic, and profoundly moving new novel that looks at the global refugee crisis through the eyes of a child.

December 9 - Angeline Boulley, *Firekeeper's Daughter*: a debut novel, Ms. Boulley is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Register at nationalwritersseries.org

Ask the Director

I don't know about you but I love baking - and the fall chill is a perfect excuse to turn on the oven. At the library we have a number of wonderful recipe books, but recently I was inspired by the children's book, *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard - which even includes a frybread recipe!

Written around the phrase, Frybread is..., the reader learns that Frybread is more than just an Indigenous recipe - it represents food, color, history, family, and all of us. *Fry Bread* is the youth companion book to our National Endowment for the Arts Big Read, while the adult programming centers around the book *An American Sunrise* by US Poet Laureate Joy Harjo. If you have been in the library recently, you will notice we have a number of displays celebrating Indigenous People and Native

American Heritage Month. (There are also videos on our YouTube channel if you are unable to visit in person!)

We are also celebrating veterans this month in different ways to commemorate Veteran's Day. A Veteran's Art Display opens today, Nov. 11th, in the Atrium. There is also a free program that provides Wills for Veterans from the Grand Traverse Leelanau Antrim Bar Association. Some of our library employees are veterans as are many of our families and patrons. To anyone who has served our country - we sincerely thank you.

Finally, as November is also the month of giving thanks, there have been some very generous donations of cash and stocks to the library recently. With these donations we are purchasing permanent Story Walk signs for the children's garden, funding craft kits for adults and children, upgrading the technology in our Youth Story Room, and paying for books and equipment for the bookmobile-to-be. We are honored by your dedication to libraries and we look forward to using any donated funds to create new and special projects for our community.

Thank you for using and supporting your library!

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