



Traverse Area District Library

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News

Branches on Woodmere, in East Bay and Kingsley. Member Libraries in Fife Lake, Interlochen and Old Mission Peninsula

Woodmere
(231) 932-8500

East Bay
Branch Library
(231) 922-2085

Fife Lake
Public Library
(231) 879-4101

Interlochen
Public Library
(231) 276-6767

Kingsley
Branch Library
(231) 263-5484

Peninsula
Community Library
(231) 223-7700

see all hours and
locations at:
www.tadl.org

**TADL
Woodmere
will be closed
January 1
Happy New
Year**

LIVE@the Library

Hiking the John Muir Trail

January 11 | Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Featuring Sara Cockrell
McGuire Room, 610 Woodmere (no charge)

Sara Cockrell will share her backpacking adventures on the 211+ mile John Muir Trail in the High Sierras, from Yosemite National Park to the top of Mt. Whitney at 14,484 feet. She hiked through three National Parks: Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia, and two wilderness areas: the John Muir and the Ansel Adams, and through Devils Postpile National Monument and the Inyo National Forest. She shared the route with thru-hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail. In addition to the ever-changing landscape, what makes this journey one of the premier hiking destinations (for the day, a week-end or a month), is that it is roadless and blessed with the mildest sunniest climate of any major



mountain range in the world. The Sierra Nevada is one of the most striking escarpments in the US with 12,000-14,000 foot soaring granite peaks, sculpted cirques and hanging valleys. Thirteen river drainages form 5000 foot deep canyons, cascading waterfalls and aquamarine tarns by the thousands. She walked among giant, ancient trees and through meadows

The Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped Snuggle up with a Talking Book

Winter weather means more indoor time, which means more reading time! If you, a family member or friend are struggling to read regular print, consider registering to receive entertaining and informative audio books to while away the winter hours. Grand Traverse Area Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, funded by federal and state government as well as by TADL, is located in the Downtown library on Woodmere and serves residents certified as unable to read due to a physical disability.

Our easy-to-use digital players are now available to all new registered patrons. The service is free to all who qualify and materials are sent and returned via the U.S. Postal Service. For more information call 932-8558 or go to tadl.org/lbph/about.

Brown Bag Book Club

January 5 | Wednesday, noon
Three Cups of Tea
by Greg Mortenson

The Brown Baggers meet at noon the first Wednesday of every month in the Nelson Room. Newcomers are welcome.

January Art Exhibit –
Kathy Hoagg -- Kaleidoscope.

January Display Cases

Youth Services Student Prizes, Ice fishing, Antique pins

This newsletter is made possible by the efforts and support of the Friends of the Traverse Area District Library.

Director's Column

Output vs Outcome: It is all about Literacy

As your new library director I have been gladly reporting on the steadily increasing utilization of the library as demonstrated by circulation transactions. This past September, the library experienced 25% higher circulation than in September of 2009; in October 2010, circulation was 15% higher than circulation in October 2009; and in November, circulation was 26% higher than November of 2009. Wow. But a question to be posed could be – “So What?” How does this translate to the value of Traverse Area District Library to the community it serves. We know it says something about the community, but what does it say about the library?

In the last year I have been approached by no fewer than three non-profit agencies that focus on literacy. This demonstrates a compelling interest in literacy as a core value. This interest is underpinned by research documenting that reading to your children, encouraging your children to read, the modeling that adults provide by reading themselves and by just having reading matter around the home all contribute to the success of individuals in school and in their careers and the success of a community as a whole.

This is why, in addition to providing open access lending collections of literature on all levels, libraries have always

sponsored “story time” for young children, book clubs for teens and adults and now sponsor whole community reading events such as TC Reads, which brought Mary Doria Russell to Traverse City this Fall.

Just as important is information literacy and computer literacy. Have you noticed that nearly all governmental agencies are distributing information online and requiring citizens to request government services online? What if you had been working in a manufacturing facility all of your life and had never properly learned to use a computer? Now imagine, with no or few computers skills and likely no high speed internet and certainly no fancy new computer at home, you have been laid off? Your public library is there – not just with high speed internet and good quality computers but with knowledgeable and helpful employees to steer you through the initial maze to file for unemployment, apply for a job or find out how to compose that power cover letter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Grand Traverse County from six terrific public libraries. Keep your comments and suggestions coming!

Metta T. Lansdale, Jr.
Director, Traverse Area District Library



Dungeons and Dragons

January 8 | Saturday 10:30 am
McGuire Room

Scales of War using 4th edition rules. Both experienced and novice players.
(Recommended for ages 15 and up)

Manga Book Club

January 25 | Tuesday, 6:00 pm
Book Discussion
McGuire Room

Check tadl.org for title and details (Recommended for ages 13 and up.)



Saturday Sampler

Every Sat. | 35-40 minutes of fun!
11:00 am
Children's Story Room

Saturday, January 8

Christopher Spear presents “It’s Kind of Hard to Believe” Stories, craft for preschool and up.

Saturday, January 15

Join Michele Rudd for “Chase that dog!” toddlers, preschool and up, siblings welcome.

Saturday, January 22

Weekend Wiggles returns with Jill Bert for infants, toddlers, and their big people.

Saturday, January 29

Northwest Michigan Ballet Theater presents “The Legend of Knockgraston” in the McGuire Meeting Room for ages 5 and up.

Join us for Wiggles' Fun!

Wed. & Thurs. Mornings | 9:30 or 11:00
January 12 & 13, 19 & 20, and 26 & 27

Planned for young families –babies too!
We share stories, songs, rhymes and more.
Programs are free and last 35 minutes.

TADL BATL Extended Play

January 22 | Saturday, January 22
McGuire Room

Fun for all ages. Play your favorite games and try some new ones!

TADL Community Library Events

East Bay Branch Library

Saturday, January 16

Winter Family Fun Concert

1:30 pm

Featuring The Cherry Blossom Ramblers. Acoustic folk and traditional music that's fun for the whole family. Children and adults alike will enjoy the musical styling of The Cherry Blossom Ramblers. Call the library at 922-2085 or visit our website at www.tadl/eastbay.org for more information.

Tuesday, January 18

Knitting Night!

6:00 - 8:00 pm

The East Bay Knitting Club invites knitters and non-knitters alike to join the fun at the library, sit and knit, share tips and tricks or learn to knit! Expert knitter Joan Costley will be available to help anyone in need. Refreshments will be served!

**Wednesday, January 19 and 26
Friday, January 21 and 28**

Wigglers Fun!

10:30 am

Wigglers Stories...for preschoolers, families and friends. Stories, songs, finger plays and fun!

Kingsley Branch Library

Every Monday

The Skein Gang Knitting Group!

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Skein Gang Knitting Group will meet every Monday. All skill levels from beginner to expert. Learn, teach, share or just enjoy gabbing with very nice people. All knitter and wannabe's are welcome! For more information call 231-263-5484.

Every Wednesday

Wigglers' Story Time

10:30 - 11:00 am

Stories and activities are geared toward preschool aged children. Join us for stories, poems, puppets, activities and fun! Wigglers' calendar coincides with the Kingsley Area Schools calendar.

Saturday, January 1st

New Year's Day

Closed in observance of New Year's Day, have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Monday, January 3rd

"Remember When" Writing Club

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Connie and Pete Newell continue with this group on the first Monday of each month to guide participants on a journey of writing stories about yourself, family members, etc. This program is a continuing process from month to month with a goal for each participant to complete a story. If you have a laptop, please bring it with you. Registration is required; call the library at (231) 263-5484.

Tuesday, January 11th

Games for Homeschoolers

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Meetings are the second Tuesday monthly, October through May, at Kingsley Branch Library meeting room. For all ages, bring your own board games. Be prepared to be put to the test with librarian trivia!

Saturday, January 15th

Family Theater

12:30 - 2:30 pm

"Shrek Forever After" with free popcorn! Come in out of the cold and enjoy a movie on the big-screen.

Thursday, January 27th

Got Legos?

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Bring your ideas, bring your Lego collection, and join us for an evening of building cool creations! Everyone had so much fun, they asked if they could come back and do it again and again! You can feel the room buzzing with creative energy! Registration is requested; please call 231-263-5484.

Friday, January 28th

Dewey Book Group

1:00-2:00 pm

Dewey Book Group will meet to discuss, *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan. Always a lively book discussion and enjoyable book group!

Fife Lake Public Library

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Fitness over 50

12:15 - 1:15 pm

Please note time change for the winter months.

1st and 3rd Wednesday

Senior Center Luncheon

12:00 pm Community Room

Senior Center Meeting on the 1st Wednesday following lunch. Bingo on the 3rd Wednesday following lunch. Call for reservations

Every Saturday

Story Hour (craft and snacks)

11:00 am

Every Wednesday and Friday

Walking in the Library

9:00-10:00

If you love to walk but the weather won't let you? Come join us here. Walking at least half an hour, six days a week, can cut mortality rates from heart disease in half.

Thursday, January 6,

Young Women for Change

3:00-6:00 pm

ALL Middle School Girls! are invited to an after school series of informal discussion groups and FUN activities aimed at: building strong relationships with family and friends, improving self-esteem, effectively communicating ideas with others. Activities include crafts and cooking with some fashion thrown in for fun! FREE: Great snacks, Fantastic Prizes & Gifts, Transportation to and from the sessions.

Friday, January 7

Blood Drive

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 11

Scrapbooking

6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 18

Book Club Dinner

6:30 pm

Please call Mary at the Library for reservations

Thursday, January 6,

Young Women for Change

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 25

Writing Group

6:30 - 8:30 pm

All ages are welcome!

Interlochen Public Library

Saturday, January 1st

New Year's Day

Closed in observance of New Year's Day, have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Every Wednesday

Pre-School Story Hour

10:00 am and 1:00 pm

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Interlochen Public Library

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Friday, January 7 & 21

Katie the Therapy Dog

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Read to Katie, a 130-lb. St. Bernard, & her Welsh Corgi friend, Denny.

Wednesday, January 12 & 19

Baby Play Time

Wednesday, January 5

Let's Talk About It Book Discussion Group

6:30 pm

Read a biography and plan to discuss it!

Thursday, January 13

Let's Talk About It Book Discussion Group

10:00 am

To be determined.

Peninsula Community Library

1st and 3rd Thursdays

Story Stew

11:00 am

Stories, crafts and songs for little ones.

Traverse Area District Library

610 Woodmere

Traverse City, MI 49686-3347

Return Service Requested

Monday, beginning January 10

English as a Second Language classes

7 p.m.

Saturdays, January 8

Little Amigos Story Hour

10:30 a.m.

Preschool story hour in Spanish

Monday, January 10

Yarn Arts Club

7:00 pm

Knitting, spinning, dying & yarn related topics & projects

Saturday, January 15

Beginning Spanish Classes

10 a.m.

Call to register

Monday, January 17

Craft & Dessert Night

7 p.m.

Wine charms with Marcie Conlon

Thursday, January 20

Why Afghanistan?

7 p.m.

Jack Segal, former senior policy advisor to NATO's Joint Force Commander, speaks on the history of the region & the conflict there today.

Thursday, January 20

Pageturners

7 p.m.

Book Club meets to discuss *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

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