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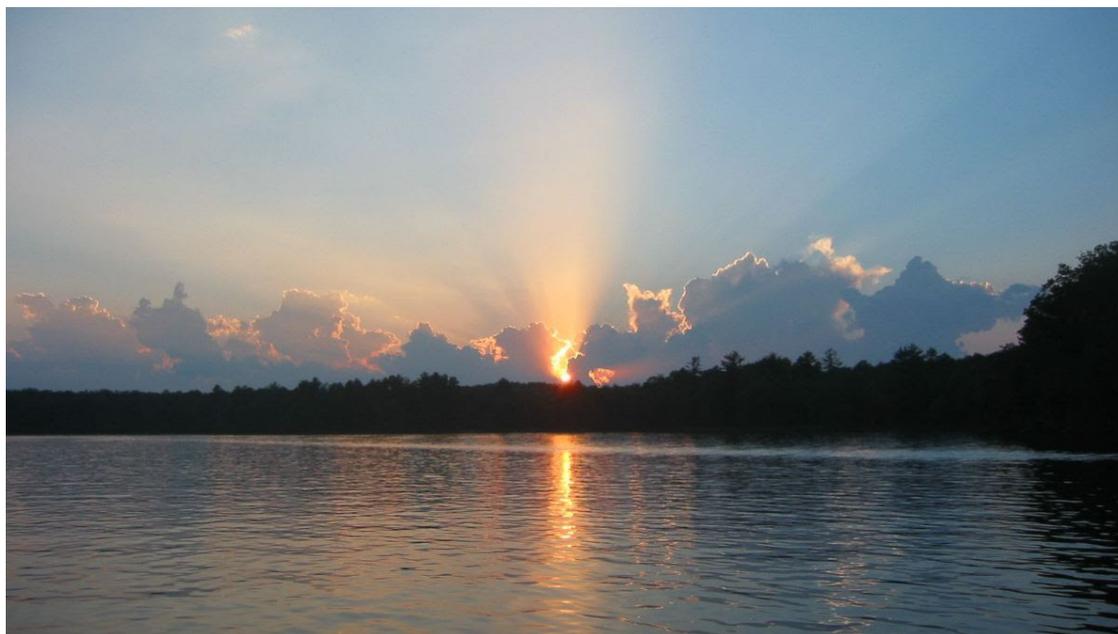
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### *Supporting Our Library Into the Future*

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## Endowment Update

Thanks to your support, the HLF endowment is at \$657,000 as of the end of July. Investment Committee members Kathy McCoy, Bean Timmerman, Tom Burgess, Deb LaSavage, Karen Menke, and Jesse and Jonah Beckerman recently updated the Foundation's investment guidelines in light of the growth in the endowment. The board will be reviewing the future

spending plan to ensure HLF will be supporting the Weiss library far into the future.



### Thoughts on Libraries by Kathy Hanson

(Kathy is a columnist for the Sawyer County Record and a former board member.)

Our lives are touched, formed, reformed and transformed by many institutions: family, religion,

education, government, politics and even the media. I believe that the library is also an institution. Few institutions have played such a major role in my life as the library. Next to family and religion, the library has held sway with relentless power and persuasion on me from childhood to the present day—and will into the future.

The word, library, derives from the Latin “liber,” meaning book. And books have been one of the greatest gifts of my life. What else—quite literally—do we carry with us through childhood, adolescence, adulthood and senior hood? Why, books! That’s what. What a journey our books take us on—from the time we sit in the lap of a dad or a grandmother and hear fairy tales and fables to reading our own comic books to loading our backpacks with assigned books for school to buying our college books to the books that are the cornerstones of our professions and jobs to finally getting to that place in life where we just read what we want—books are the weights of ink and gold. Think of the genres: action and adventure, classics, mystery and true crime, fantasy, horror, fiction, romance, sci-fi, biography and autobiography, history, memoir, self-help, short stories, poetry—and even cookbooks.

And all those books live in our libraries. They wait for us to spot their spines, take them off the shelf, turn a few pages, and hopefully take them home. We read in our favorite chair, on our front porch, in our cabin, on the boat, in the car and—my favorite place—in bed.

Books inspire, terrify and soothe us. They make us laugh and cry; they give us courage and critical thinking skills; they expand our universe; they heal us. Before

I learned to read my father read to me every evening before lights out. Then I learned to read and my world opened up. I think I have read every day of my life.

I've never met a library I didn't like and I've never felt more at home than in the Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library.

Kathy Hanson

Don't forget to check out the new [Weiss library website](#). Log in with your library card number to browse new titles, check out books and DVDs, browse online databases, sign up for library events, and more.

Upcoming library events:

New Story Walk book

Library Scavenger Hunt

Aug 19 – Outdoor Movie – "Over the Hedge"

Aug 20 – WOJB Story Time with Paul & Judy

### ***Meet Our Newest Board Members: Serving the Community***

We are excited about *new and future* board members coming on board at HLF. If asked why Foundation Board Members continue to serve on the Board beyond their first term, you would likely receive a range of answers. At the heart of their responses is the satisfaction of serving the community by ensuring that Hayward will always have a place for personal and community growth that is welcoming and safe. The skills needed on the Foundation Board have evolved as the assets have grown. It will be beneficial to have Board members with legal, financial and donor development skills who share our vision of a strong library that is buffered from the fluctuations of public funding. If you share our vision and are willing to serve a 3-year term on our Board which meets monthly, please contact us to request an application.

### ***New Board Members for 2021: Thank You***

**Bean Timmerman** is retired and a committed Hayward community volunteer. Bean took over President Joe Timmerman's board seat after Joe passed suddenly in 2020. From Bean: "I was honored to take Joe's seat on the Board. I promise to do whatever I can to help promote the library and keep it sustainable for generations to come."

**Kathy McCoy** is a tax preparer and enrolled agent at H&R Block and is the Clerk of the Township of Round Lake. Kathy was an original founder of the Foundation along with Cookie Bonicatto, Cliff Stoner, and Ray Moeller. She has been a County Board supervisor, involved in the Lumberjack World Championships, the Hayward Logrolling Program, the Fat Tire, Operation Christmas, and the ALS walk. Kathy has raised her kids with the Library, checking out 15 plus books a week! It's her belief that libraries can change lives.

**Deb LaSavage** is recently retired from Anderson, Hager, and Moe. She was born and raised in Hayward. She graduated from WITC-Rice Lake in 1975 with an Associate Degree in Secretarial Science. Deb has worked with the Lumberjack World Championships Foundation for many years assisting in the Office the weekend of the event. She currently serves as a Board Member of the Hayward Community Credit Union and had served as a Board Member of the Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce for 4 years and continues to volunteer for Chamber events. She has 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren.

**Nancy Knutson**, former Director of Marketing & Communications at the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation, recently retired from a satisfying career in marketing and public relations. She lives in Hayward with her husband Todd. Knutson enjoys gardening, baking fancy cookies, reading, traveling, biking, and spending time with family & friends.

**Jesse Beckermann** is a Financial Planner with Ameriprise and is lending his expertise to our Investment Committee. He resides here in Hayward with his wife Layla, children Hunter, Alyse, and Annabelle. They all enjoy family and outdoor activities.

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