

KIDS' BIKE LIBRARY

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BIKES ARE FOR EVERYONE.

The goal of the Grand Traverse Regional Kids' Bike Library is to get a quality bike in the hands of every Grand Traverse area kid: no matter their family's resources.

The Bike Library is a 100% free program, open to any family in the Grand Traverse region in need of a bike for any period. As with a book library, families return the bike they have "checked out" when finished. They can then check out the next size up.



A BANNER YEAR FOR BIKES.

One thing that didn't change in 2020? The need for awesome bikes for awesome kids. We saw an increase in demand – one that, thanks to your donations and the help of partners like McLain Cycle and Fitness, we were able to meet.

48 Bikes loaned to families from Traverse City library

21 Bikes loaned to families from Elk Rapids library

37 Traverse City families who received bikes

19 Elk Rapids families who received bikes



ELK RAPIDS: BETTER THAN EVER.

The Elk Rapids Kids' Bike Library saw a massive expansion in 2020, with the construction of our brand-new Chain Hub at Rotary Park! Biggest thanks to our amazing Elk Rapids sponsors for all your help in making it happen.

"The Chain Hub in Elk Rapids wants to provide access to quality bikes for all ages. Our goal is to filter our bikes into Antrim County, because we realize the county is very large and rural, and many families are not able to travel long distances."

- Lauren Dake, Norte Outreach Coordinator, based in Antrim County



NO BIKE? NO PROBLEM.

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Bikes were lent to kids participating in Norte programs in Summer Bike Camp and Mountain Bike Team sessions.

The lack of a bike, or one that functions to get kids where they want to go easily, will never stop anyone from participating in Norte programs. This reality is because of our extensive library of donated program bikes. We always have a bike to lend to whoever needs one: whether that's because of a lack of resources to purchase one or an iffy rear derailleur one day. Norte bikes are for everyone.



GREAT BIKES FOR GREAT KIDS.

We were thrilled to receive huge bike donations for our Traverse City and Elk Rapids bike library locations from our fantastic friends and Business Champions, McLain's Cycle and Fitness.

This expansion of our inventory allows us to partner with schools and libraries in Leelanau, Grand Traverse, and Antrim Counties. Schools across Northern Michigan may now incorporate biking as a part of physical education and young riders to take great bikes home.



STRONGER WITH OUR PARTNERS.

With the expansion of our Kids' Bike Library in 2020, we now lend bikes to partner schools and community organizations. This effort gets bicycles closer to the young riders who most need and will benefit from them — and allows schools to incorporate biking into their physical education curriculum.

Bikes distributed to:

Alba Public Schools • Bellaire Public Library • Central Lake Library • Communities in Schools of Northwest Michigan • Grand Traverse Academy • Lakeland Elementary School • Leelanau Township Library • Mancelona Communities in Schools • Suttons Bay Public Schools



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Bikes distributed to our partner organizations in 2020.



BIKING IS FOR EVERYONE.

We're committed to our mission that every kid should learn active living skills that stay with them for life.

Our availability of high-quality program and library bikes at no cost ensure that no one's left out because of their family's resource challenges. However, we want to continue to put our bikes in the reach of more awesome kids.

Want to help create more young riders? Visit our website to [donate](#) today, or become one of our incredible [volunteers!](#)



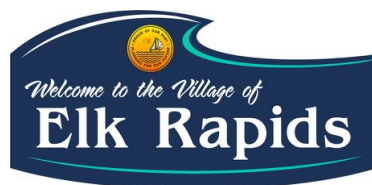
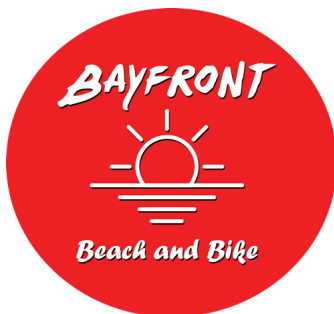
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Visit us at our two Grand Traverse County Civic Center houses, the Clubhouse and Wheelhouse, or at the Chain Hub in Elk Rapids' Rotary Park.

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