

Sacha Webborn is new assistant director of Walloon Library

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Sacha Webborn came a long way to become the new assistant manager of the Crooked Tree District Library.

Prior to moving to Northern Michigan one year ago, Webborn lived in North Yorkshire, England, where she and her family made their home on a “smallholding” farm along with their bees, chickens, geese, and a goat. She spent a lot of her time in the English countryside, assisting with nature walks, forest bathing, and green woodworking and leading sessions of children's Kolrosing, an ancient Scandinavian art form, while finding inspiration for her writing.

Webborn's children's book, [Nettle and Dock](#), became the foundation for a literacy project that brought her to schools and libraries across England and Ireland, where she shared the tale of two historic leaves and performed music with her husband and illustrator, Thomas.

After arriving in Northern Michigan, Sacha returned to libraries to continue promoting literacy and encouraging lifelong learners. Her recent intergenerational programs have included woodcraft projects, songwriting, musical performances, gardening activities, and an all ages and all abilities storytime where everyone is welcome.

Webborn has a multitude of interests, including green woodworking, songwriting, taiko drumming, and writing for children of all ages. She and Thomas also form the musical duo Webborn, and have performed across the UK and now Northern Michigan.

As the newest member of the Crooked Tree District Library team, Webborn is already planning future programs and events. One of those is a Coffee and Creative Writing event at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, to celebrate National Coffee Day. Each participant will receive a cup of coffee from Iron Goat Coffee as well as a journal, and Webborn will lead a creative writing session to start filling those pages. Registration will be required and the event is free.

Webborn started her position in Walloon Lake on June 12, and says she has enjoyed meeting many members of the Walloon Lake community. "I am so excited to continue making the Walloon branch a warm and welcoming place to engage with information, stories, local history, and people," she said.