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Student-created Visible/Invisible Disability Photovoice to be Displayed at Traverse Area District Library

Disability Awareness Exhibit to be Featured through June

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – Northwest Education Services (North Ed) is excited to announce the “Visible/Invisible Disability” Photovoice display will be hosted at the Traverse Area District Library (TADL) through June 30, offering the public an extended opportunity to view student-created work and learn more about the perspectives of people with disabilities.

The Visible/Invisible Disability Photovoice work will be on display in the McGuire Community Room at the TADL’s Main Library, 610 Woodmere Ave., Traverse City. The library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Photovoice project was a collaboration by students from North Ed’s Career Tech and Transition Campus programs Life Skills Center and Adult Community Experience (ACE), which serve students from throughout North Ed’s five-county service area who have a variety of disabilities, ranging in age from 18-26 years old.

Photovoice is a creative tool and research method that uses photography and storytelling to capture a particular person’s perspective on an issue, and is used to encourage positive change within communities, build social awareness and educate decision-makers.

The North Ed students had the opportunity to learn from each other about what disabilities means to them. A gallery opening event was held in May to recognize the work and photos captured, which includes scenes from the schools’ campus, like updated accessible parking signs that display a person using a wheelchair in forward motion, rather than an older version of the sign where the person in the wheelchair is depicted as stationary.

To learn more about the Visible/Invisible Disability project and the gallery opening event held last month, [visit North Ed’s website](#).

To learn more about the Traverse Area District Library, [visit TADL’s website](#).

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