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## Peace Banner

Beginning in 2017, Northern Community Mediation (NCM) began with one Peace Banner that it rotated among the libraries in Charlevoix and Emmet counties during the month of December. Since then, NCM has added six Peace Banners so that each library can display the Peace Banner throughout the month of December. A Peace Banner is presently on display in each of the following public libraries: Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, Pellston and Petoskey. Additionally, a Peace Banner is in the Alanson Public School library.

Each year shortly after Thanksgiving, Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar calls all of the librarians to ensure that they want to display the Peace Banner. Every year, the responses are unanimously in the affirmative. "This year was a little different," explains Millar. The overwhelming feeling was "If there ever was a year that we need the Peace Banner, this is the year."

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured are Nancy Dunn and Mike Frampas from the Harbor Springs Library.