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Born in Belfast: Titanic and Harland & Wolff with David Kaplan

[Gaylord, MI] — The Otsego County Library is pleased to host maritime historian **David Kaplan** for *Born in Belfast: Titanic and Harland & Wolff* on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm** at the library, 700 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord.

This engaging presentation will explore the history of Belfast's Harland & Wolff Shipyard—its global significance, its partnership with the White Star Line, and its crowning achievement: the construction of the RMS *Titanic*. Kaplan will also highlight the shipyard's modern-day revival, including the award-winning Titanic Quarter project.

Kaplan has devoted his life to studying the Titanic, beginning at the age of nine. He has met 18 survivors, including the last living survivor, Millvina Dean, and is a longtime member of the Titanic Historical Society, Titanic International Society, and Titanic Society of Atlantic Canada. His travels have taken him to Titanic-related sites throughout the UK and Ireland, as well as to the ship's resting place in the North Atlantic during the filming of the IMAX documentary *Titanica*.

An avid collector of Titanic artifacts and ship models, Kaplan has presented to audiences worldwide at schools, museums, and aboard Cunard liners such as the *Queen Mary 2* and *Queen Elizabeth*. With more than 400 days at sea on Cunard voyages, he brings both scholarship and firsthand seafaring experience to his lectures.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of the foremost voices on Titanic history.

For more information about this event or other upcoming programs, visit

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