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### AIR DISASTER MYSTERY REVEALED AT VBDL COVERT BRANCH

DECATUR, MICHIGAN - - - Michigan's Great Lakes are known for their mysteries: the Edmund Fitzgerald, the William B. Davock, the Griffin, the Thomas Hume, the Rosa Belle. But not all vessels sank from the surface; others plummeted from above.

On June 23, 1950, during a sudden and violent squall, NWA Flight 2501 mysteriously disappeared over Lake Michigan. Even though evidence washed ashore, the Navy and Coast Guard never located the wreck.

The rest of the story is revealed at VBDL Covert Branch, Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 pm, by award-winning author Valerie van Heest. The underwater explorer presents a multi-media program of her book, *Fatal Crossing: The Mysterious Disappearance of NWA Flight 2501 and the Quest for Answers*.

The book is based on her research with author and explorer Clive Cussler that was conducted more than fifty years after the DC-4 disappeared with 58 persons aboard. The two joined forces to locate the wreckage and solve the mystery. *Fatal Crossing* is the portrait of the victims and the last hours of their lives.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the branch at 33680 M-140, Covert; or phone 269.764.1298. VBDL's complete program schedule is available online at [VBDL.org](http://VBDL.org).

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