

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S NOVEMBER 2020 REPORT

As this year ends, Newwaygo Area District Library is grateful to include you among the library's supporters. We hope we can count on you this year for a donation to benefit the library mission in our community. In past years, individuals and organizations have supported the Library in the areas of:

Empowerment: NADL's digital inclusion efforts provide free 24/7 high-speed internet access in and around the facility and availability of hotspot devices to access data away from the library. Digital inclusion means all people have access to the information necessary for education, employment, lifelong learning, and essential services.

Education: The library provides summer and winter reading programs that historically reach over 700 people a year, providing them with engaging literacy programming and free books of choice. The collections of materials are constantly updated to include current topics and titles.

Engagement: The library hosts monthly classes, lectures, and events for children, youth and adults to pursue such activities as watercolor painting, doodling and drawing, crafting, self-defense, photography, author and lecture series, and most recently, two science and local history classes titled, "Metal DETECTING Our History."

Exploration: The library's expanding "More Than Books Collection" now includes three mobile hotspots, four metal detectors and equipment, ten digital cameras, Ozobots and Lego S.T.E.M. kits, puzzles, games, and Launchpads, allowing all people regardless of income to pursue new interests and develop their passions.

Economy: The library provides ten public computers for online resources, private conference and study rooms, and current reference materials for those seeking to develop a business or become employable in the community. Even during restricted service times, the library keeps public computers available for residents to complete essential tasks online.

What's your "E"? If you would like to support innovative and timely library programming, services, and collections that are vital to our community, please consider a monetary donation. You CAN make a difference in your community today.

NADL is YOUR place to gather, connect, and explore!

Kelly Tinkham, Library Director
December 9, 2020



NADL Wish Tree with gift donation suggestions.



1. Upcoming Programming at Newaygo Library

In-person meetings are dependent on State health restrictions. Social distancing and masks are required.

At this time through Jan. 4, 2021, the library is open by appointments for curbside pick-up and for in-person access to the facilities. All programming is virtual for this time.

TEEN & ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM Dec. 14-Feb 28. Sign-up and read 8 books for chances to win a new Kindle Fire 8 for a lucky teen and adult! ReadSquared or paper versions available.

WATERCOLOR INSTRUCTION: Saturday, January 16, 2021•10:30am – 12:30pm. Warm up your winter with a watercolor painting workshop filled with fun! Participants are given step-by-step watercolor instruction by artist Lori Eslick. Supported in part by the MCACA Lowell Arts Mini-grant. IN-PERSON.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: VIRTUAL

STORY CIRCLE: For elementary-aged children: New stories begin the first of every month. VIRTUAL.

FAMILY STORYTIME: Every Saturday of the month at 11 am. VIRTUAL.

MIDDLE-ZONE MONDAYS: Every Monday for Tweens: VIRTUAL.

TEEN TUESDAY: Every Tuesday: VIRTUAL.

WIMEE'S WORDS: For preschool/elementary ages, on NADL's Facebook page every weekday at 1 pm. VIRTUAL AND INTERACTIVE

#WHAT'S NEW WEDNESDAY, #THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY, #FRIDAY FUNDAY: Facebook posts for adults.



2. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Tinkham: November Michigan Library Directors Virtual Library of Michigan meetings; November 12, LLC Board and Advisory Council Meetings.
- ✓ New Hires: Nov. 28 Alexis Ashcroft; Nov. 30 Anna Case. We welcome both new staff!

3. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ 111 new physical items and 180 new e-books and 7587 e-periodicals were added into circulation.

4. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ Aug 5, submitted of a \$43,000 FACF 2-year circulation grant request for 2021-22. Upcoming meeting scheduled for Dec 22.
- ✓ Aug 7, submitted of a \$6,500 FACF summer reading grant request for 2021. Upcoming meeting scheduled for Dec 22.
- ✓ Oct 28, awarded a \$2,000 MCACA Lowell Arts mini-grant request for 2020-21. Grant disbursement coming soon.
- ✓ Nov 2, submitted final grant reports for IMLS LSTA 2020 grant and FACF SRP 2020 grant.
- ✓ Nov 25, received the \$2,000 Gerber Foundation Children's S.T.E.A.M. grant disbursement for 2020-21.

5. Building & Maintenance.

6. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

- ✓ Great Lakes Digital joined the group of libraries from Lakeland, Suburban, and MCLS to enlarge sharing of electronic collections. This is great news for patrons to have more availability of electronic books to read, to listen and to enjoy.
- ✓ Lakeland will receive an increase in State Aid.
- ✓ Bibliocore, the replacement of Encore card catalog, was moving forward for 2021. Newaygo Library opted in for a scoped search format, which will allow library branding and placed all local collections materials in front of the searching format.
- ✓ Capira app is nearing release!

- ✓ Discussions are ongoing to develop policy and procedures to allow Non-Resident cardholders access to local library digital collectors.

7. Friends of the Library.

- ✓ The Bookstore’s trial of being open unstaffed from 10 am – 4 pm every weekday worked well so far. A daily income was being generated. A Friend should stop by weekly to straighten and restock shelves.



8. Library Circulation. For the last 3 months, circulation of physical materials has exceeded totals from 2018. Electronic circulation continues to be hardy.

