

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S SEPTEMBER 2020 REPORT

The month of September was **Library Card Sign-up Month**! Twenty-nine individuals either signed up for a new library card account or updated their information with the library. Everyone who participated and stopped in received a free pen and were entered into a drawing for a \$20 gift card to a local business. On October 1st, Tanya Stray, a new library patron, won a \$20 gift certificate to Jimmy's Roadhouse! Congratulations, Tanya!



"Reading Is a Treat" the entire month of October at Newaygo Library. During **Michigan Library Appreciation Month** NADL continues to invite people to stop in, open an account, or update their information. As offered last month, everyone who does will receive a free gift and be entered into a new drawing contest. Sign up today! Also, on Halloween morning kids are invited to show us their costumes and receive two treats—a candy and free book to keep! This program was made possible in part by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

In September, NADL offered two interactive presentations for Michigan Grown Arts Program. Over 40 people attended the two virtual events. On Sept 17, Greg Bodker presented Birdwatching VS Birding, and on Sept 24, Jackson Faulkner presented Roadside Reflections. Both included wonderful photographs and included insights about Michigan nature and history.



On October 6, NADL, in partnership with the Newaygo Museum and Heritage Center, held a class, "Metal DETECTING Our History." Six homeschool students strengthened their understanding of the field of archaeology and learned the importance of

preserving local history. Due to high interest, a second class is being offered on October 17. Four sets of metal detectors and excavating tools were purchased through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. These will soon be available for checkout from NADL's More than Books Collection. In the picture above right, Miles Weller and Maima Goll hold a metal object they discovered under the soil on the Water Street property. NADL thanks Mary Bush for graciously allowing students to work in her yard and Scott Looman from the Museum for showing us how!

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

Kelly Tinkham, Library Director
October 7, 2020



1. Upcoming Programming at Newaygo Library

All in-person programming is dependent on State health restrictions. Social distancing is required.

Metal DETECTING our History Class for 10-15 YEAR OLDS Saturday, October 17, 10 am-12-pm. IN-PERSON at NADL and OFF-SITE.

RUSTIC FALL WREATH CLASS 1: Thursday, October 8, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Join staff for a fun class on how to make a Rustic Fall Wreath out of braided paper. Each guest (4) will leave with their very own creation! This class will be held in the Library's Local History Room. IN-PERSON.

RUSTIC FALL WREATH CLASS 2: Saturday, October 10·10:30 am – 12:30 pm. IN-PERSON.

PUMPKIN BOOK CLASS 1: Saturday, October 31, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Book folding is a form of art that is just as fun as it sounds! In this class, library staff will guide you through the technique to book fold a pumpkin to make holiday décor for your home or to gift! IN-PERSON.

READING IS A TREAT! October 31 from 10 am – 1 pm, kids are invited to stop by the library in their costumes and receive a treat and a book to keep, while supplies last.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Every Tuesday at 11 am. VIRTUAL.

PRESCHOOL STORTYIME – OUTSIDE! Tuesdays at 11 am in Brooks Park, weather permitting. IN-PERSON.

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.

STORYTIME ON THE ROAD: Mr. Tim shares story-time at local Resonate Church daycare on the 3rd Thursdays of the month. IN-PERSON and OFF-SITE.

WIMEE'S WORDS: For preschool and 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 joined VIA Zoom: September Michigan Library Directors Virtual Library of Michigan meetings; Sept. 10, LLC Board and Advisory Council Meetings; Sept. 3, NADL Board Finance Committee Mtg; Sept. 15, NADL Board Meeting.
- ✓ Staff meeting was held Sept. 25: Staff shared updates on library programming; procedures; safety during flu-season.
- ✓ Marketing Specialist Ivy DeWitt's last day of employment was September 9. She will be missed but staff wish her all the best as she and her husband move to the Lansing area.

3. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ 110 new physical items and 147 new electronic items were added into circulation.

4. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ Aug 3, submitted of a \$4,000 MCACA LowellArts minigrant request for 2020-21.
- ✓ Aug 5, submitted of a \$43,000 FACF 2-year circulation grant request for 2021-22.
- ✓ Aug 7, submitted of a \$6,500 FACF summer reading grant request for 2021.
- ✓ Aug 7, submitted of a \$2,000 Gerber Foundation Children's S.T.E.A.M. grant request for 2020-21.
- ✓ Sept 14, in-kind donation of one-year subscriptions to Wimee's Words from Wimage.

5. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ Continuation to change light bulbs; Replaced potable water expansion tank on water heater.

6. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

- ✓ Capira App beta testing has begun.

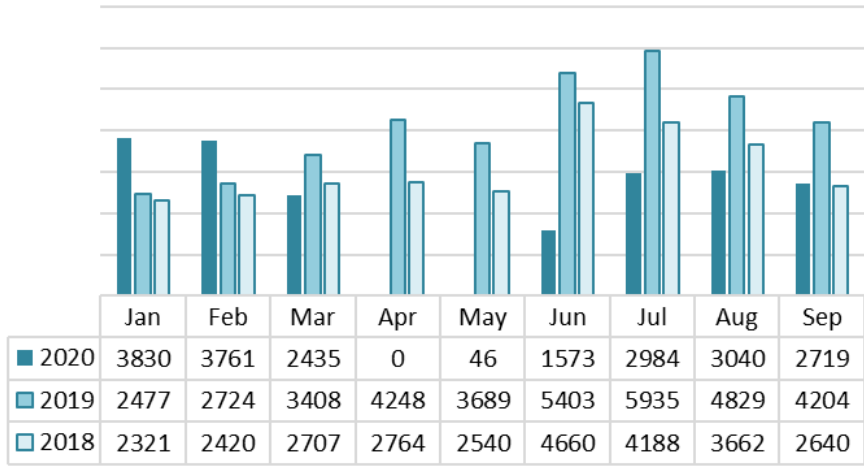
7. Friends of the Library. A meeting to be rescheduled.



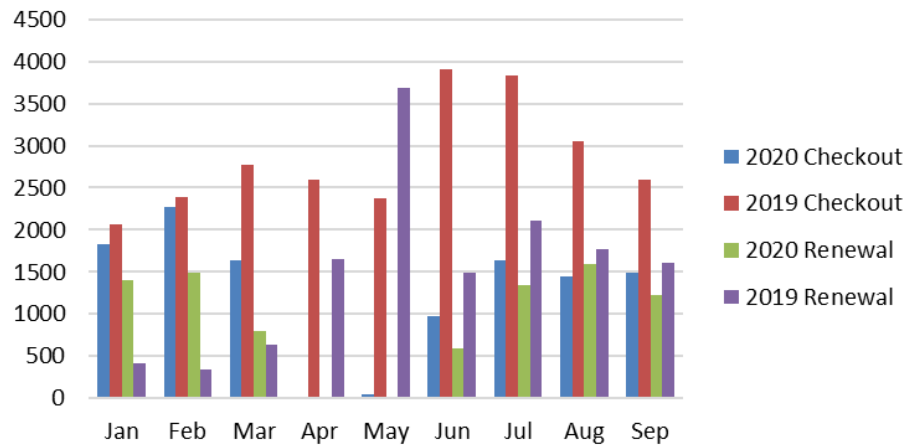
8. Library Circulation.

In September, we welcomed eight new library cardholders who discovered the value of their NADL card! 3 T-Mobile hotspots were checking out extremely well (14 times for the month of September.) Circulation of physical materials dropped slightly as usual when school begins and schedules change.

Monthly Physical Circulation



Monthly Checkout vs Renewal



Electronic Circulation 2020 vs 2019

