

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S January 2021 REPORT



### January 19, 1915 Newwaygo Carnegie Library Dedication

2021 records 106 years of inspiring lifetime learners, building informative readers, and providing a welcoming community gathering space at Newwaygo Library. From the initial dream in the hearts of members of the Women's Civic League over a century ago, could they have ever imagined where Newwaygo Library would be today?

### March 2013 Renovated Newwaygo Area District Library Reopening

Through every decade of change in our country, the library has remained open for service to our community. Technology development through the years has led libraries to evolve to meet the changing needs of communities. Paper card catalogs migrated to online catalogs. Bookshelves moved over to make room for computer labs. Newwaygo Library evolved to remain relevant to meet community needs.



**September 2020 Newwaygo Library Became Mobile.** We were very excited to upgrade our library service to reach more residents wherever they went. With our Newwaygo Library app, if you are unable to make it to our building, you will find at your fingertips access to your library, including: your card account, library news, the card catalog, digital card catalog, youth services news, research and databases, library information, and renewing your card. Search your App Store for the Lakeland Library Cooperative mobile app, download and choose Newwaygo Library, enter your card number and pin, and you are ready to go! Newwaygo Library is ready and available for you wherever you may be.

As we plan for this year and beyond, despite the unknowns about the pandemic in the months to come, we are preparing for a fantastic year of reading, arts and humanities activities, business and technical workshops and more. If you haven't stepped into Newwaygo Library for a few years, you should come. Much has changed over the years. You'll see people using computers and others reading magazines and newspapers. You'll see parents and children sharing story-books and playing in a magical place. The library *is* a special place where people of all ages and backgrounds may gather to visit, learn new hobbies, discover new ideas and interests, and feel at home. Nevertheless, it's also a developing technology center. Even the least tech-savvy person can begin to learn all the information available in our digital world.

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

Kelly Tinkham, Library Director  
February 9, 2021



## 1. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

The library is open for walk-in access to the facilities and by appointments for curbside pick-up.

Programming may be virtual and in-person as state restrictions dictate.

*In-person meetings require social distancing and facemasks.*

### **IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES**

**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! Read Squared or paper versions available.

**PERSONAL PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:** In February, Tuesdays – Fridays, 11 am to 4 pm. Families are invited to make an appointment for a personal story-time with children’s staff Mr. Tim. A family group will spend an hour listening to the reading of 3 picture books and enjoy time to create a craft. Virtual story-times also continue.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH:** NADL will hold a month-long Scavenger Hunt. Learn the history of prominent African American people by searching the library facilities for their pictures and bios. The scavenger hunt forms will be available starting Monday February 1st. Stop in and pick up your form for your chance to win a Gift Certificate to a local restaurant!

**CRAFTING AT THE LIBRARY!** Beginning in February, Newaygo Library will be having Week-long Drop-In Crafts for Adults and Take-N-Make Crafts for Children. Quantities are limited and on a First Come basis. February’s Adult Drop-In Craft will be a DIY BIRD FEEDER, February 15th – 20th. Come on into the Local History Room during business hours and enjoy a little crafting time.

February’s Take-N-Make for Children age 12 and under will be a VALENTINE SEQUIN HEART DECORATION, available February 8th-13th. These can be picked up downstairs in the children’s library.

**TEEN BOOK CLUB:** Feb. 22, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Teens meet with staff Ms. Anna to pick up your book: “Yesterday is History” by author Kosoko Jackson. “This is a romantic, heart-felt, and whimsical novel about letting go of the past, figuring out what you want in your future, and staying in the moment before it passes you by.” This will include a live virtual event featuring author Kosoko Jackson on March 23, 2021, 7:00 PM. Then meet at the library again on Mar. 29 to discuss and pickup the next great read!

**MIDDLE ZONE BOARD GAME DAY:** Thursday, February 25, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Hey TWEENS! Join the Newaygo Library for Board Game Day as we develop a medieval city in Carcassonne! Expand the city to buff up your knights, or draw out a road to make your highwayman more successful! Help us build a landscape at the Newaygo Library!

### **VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES**

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:** On Facebook, every Tuesday at 11 am.

**STORY CIRCLE:** For K-3 children on Facebook: Stories begin first of every month; run daily on the weekday.

**FAMILY STORYTIME:** Every Saturday of the month at 11 am on Facebook.

**MIDDLE-ZONE-MONDAYS:** Every Monday, activities for Tweens on Facebook.

**TEEN TUESDAY:** Every Tuesday, activities for Teens on Facebook.

**WIMEE’S WORDS:** For preschool/elementary ages on NADL’s Facebook page every weekday at 1 pm. This INTERACTIVE program features Wimee the Robot and YOU!

**#WHAT’S NEW WEDNESDAY, #THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY, #FRIDAY FUNDAY:** Facebook posts and activities for adults.



## 2. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Tinkham: January Michigan Library Directors Virtual Library of Michigan meetings; Jan 8., LLC Fund Raising Webinar, Jan 14, LLC Board meeting; Jan 19, NADL Board Meeting; Jan 15. NADL Staff Meeting; Jan 26, EBSCO MeL Legal and Financial Health Resources Webinar; Jan 26, Fighting Budget Cuts and Finding Funding by United for Libraries.
- ✓ Children’s Specialist Tim Hill: Jan. 13, Youth Services Meeting.
- ✓ Marketing Specialist Mary Franklin: Jan. 4, Clearwater Beach Library Notebook Workshop; Jan 12, New York Library’s Diamond Painting Talk via Zoom.
- ✓ Jan 15, Staff Meeting: All attended: Review of circulation. procedures, time management and work/task organization tips, upcoming programming review.

## 3. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 120 new physical items; 45 e-books. Adult fiction collection weeding continues.

## 4. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ The library received an anonymous donation toward Middle Grade programming in February.

## 5. Building & Maintenance.

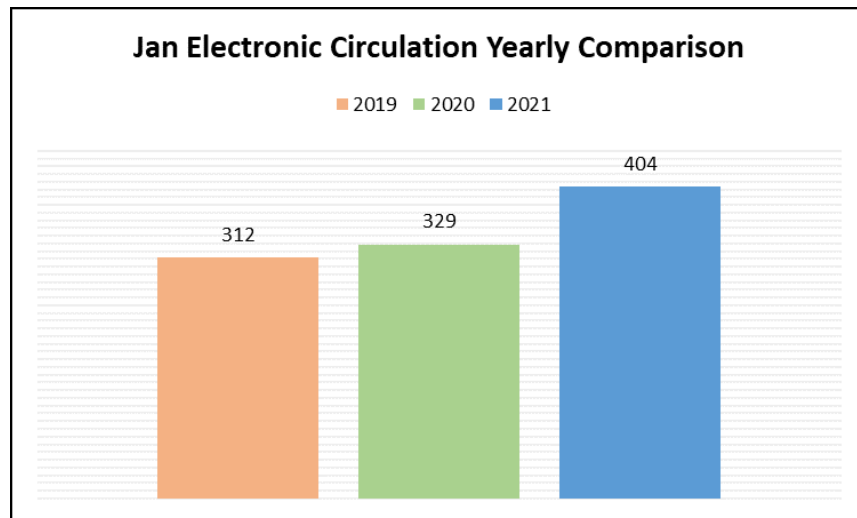
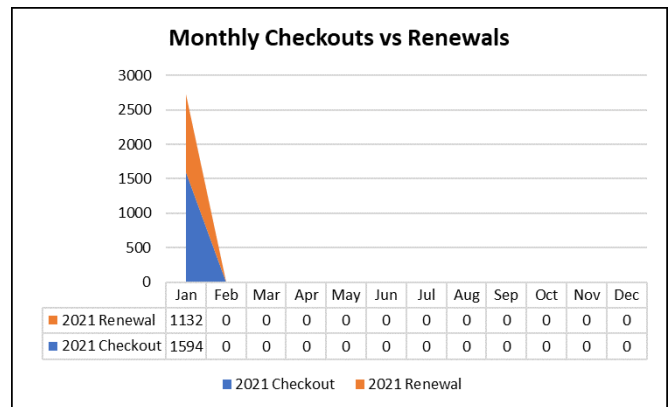
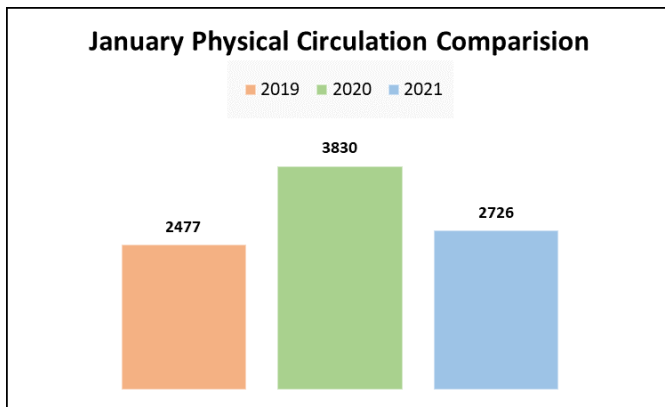
## 6. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

- ✓ Lakeland was in planning meetings with Bibiocommons and BiblioCore. The goal was for BiblioCore implementation on June 1. Six libraries have chosen not to scope the catalog and 34 will scope.

## 7. Friends of the Library.

- ✓ The Bookstore was open weekdays from 10 am – 4 pm and has generated sales daily.

## 8. Library Circulation.





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### FEBRUARY FEATURE AUTHOR: KRISTIN HANNAH

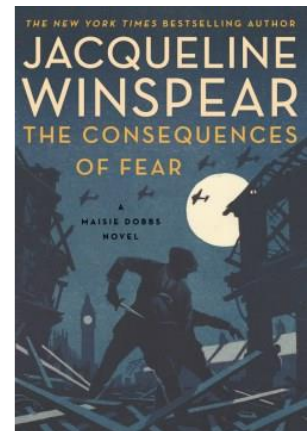
"Through one woman's survival during the harsh and haunting Dust Bowl, master storyteller, Kristin Hannah, reminds us that the human heart and our Earth are as tough, yet as fragile, as a change in the wind." —Delia Owens, author of *Where the Crawdads Sing*

From the number-one bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Great Alone* comes a powerful American epic about love and heroism and hope, set during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them.

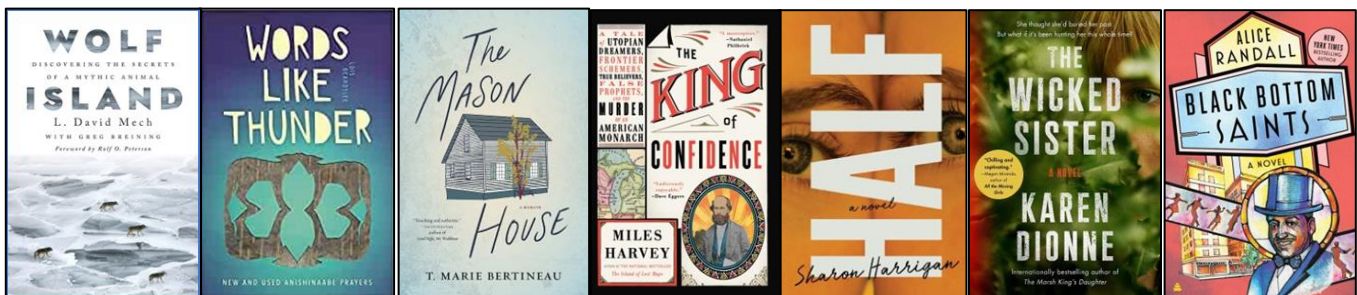
### MARCH FEATURE AUTHOR JACQUELINE WINSPEAR

"As Europe buckles under Nazi occupation, Maisie Dobbs investigates a possible murder that threatens devastating repercussions for Britain's war efforts in this latest installment in the New York Times bestselling mystery series."

Jacqueline Winspear was born and raised in the county of Kent, England. Her grandfather was severely wounded and shell-shocked at The Battle of the Somme in 1916, and it was as she understood the extent of his suffering that, even in childhood, Jacqueline became deeply interested in the "war to end all wars" and its aftereffects. As an adult her interest deepened to the extent that, though she did not set out to write a "war" novel, it came as no surprise that this part of history formed the backdrop of Maisie Dobbs and other books in the series.



### MICHIGAN 2021 NOTABLE AWARD BOOKS

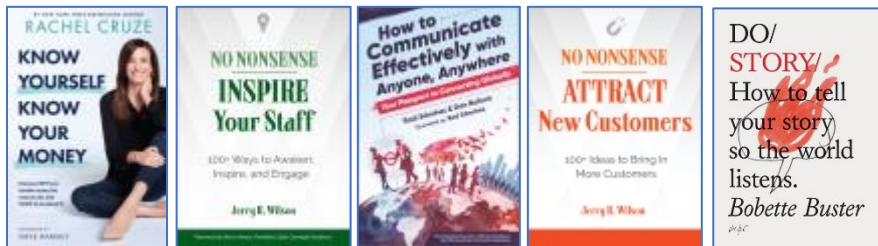


## FEBRUARY NEW RELEASES

A few fiction selections



## Business and Personal Finance selections



## Lifelong Learning selections



## UPCOMING MARCH NEW FICTION RELEASES

