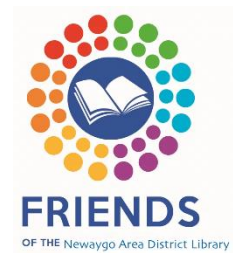


Directors February 2021 Report

Libraries need Friends, plain and simple. Historically across our country, public libraries like NADL exist because of the dedicated efforts of community members seeking to establish and support libraries in their communities. In fact, to receive a Carnegie grant, residents of the village of Newaygo had to agree to provide a building site for their library AND to support the operation of the library at a cost of not less than \$500 annually.



Library Friends are people just like you and I who understand the value NADL is to our community and who also know that libraries need community support to thrive, not just survive.

How does NADL benefit from its local Friends group?

NADL benefits by the expansion of resources to serve the public:

- Through dollar gifts generated through used book and baked goods sales, the Friends has provided funds for such items as: Books; bookcases; DVD cabinets; library remodeling; decorative rugs and furniture; computer chairs; a digital camera; summer reading program shirts; guest speakers; and equipment such as a television and DVD player for programming.

NADL benefits by being in a more competitive position for grant funding:

- In 2017, the Friends formed an endowment called the **Marilyn Davis and Jane Bode Fowler Fund for Friends of the Newaygo Area District Library** through the Fremont Area Community Foundation. An annual disbursement from the endowment will support summer reading programs at NADL for years to come.
- When applying for grants, NADL is able to demonstrate tangible support from the very people who use and benefit from the library.

NADL benefits through advocacy support within the community:

- Friends are advocates by default, going to bat for the library by donating their time, energy and financial support! The Friends were an essential part of fundraising when the former facility was renovated and enlarged in 2012-2013.
- Friends continue to step up to the plate every year for advocacy needs as they arise.

Consider becoming a Library Friend! The next Friends meeting is March 25 at 5 p.m. at NADL. Unable to attend? No worries! Friends work in many ways to make sure their library is strong, relevant and well-funded. The Friends accept donations of clean used books and DVDs through library staff for bookstore sales. Donate time to help manage and organize the book store weekly. Shop at the bookstore, too. Be on call to bake and donate baked goods for holiday sales. Volunteer to help staff at library events. Tell the people in your neighborhoods about ways NADL will provide reading materials, programming, and services for lifelong learning, technology, and personal economic development.

YOU can make a difference at your library to make NADL *the* place to learn, connect, and explore!

Director Kelly Tinkham
March 8, 2021



1. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

The library is open for walk-in access and by appointments for curbside pick-up. Programming may be virtual and in-person as restrictions dictate. *In-person meetings require social distancing and facemasks.*

IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES

PERSONAL PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: In March, 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.

MARCH MADNESS BOOK BRACKETS: Come to the Library and take part in our March Madness Book Brackets! Vote on the book titles you want to win for each week, and see which book prevails at the end of the month. Adult/YA Bracket upstairs, Kids/Tweens Bracket downstairs. Let your vote count! Winners will be put in a drawing for a chance to win a Gift Certificate to a local restaurant!

THE ELUSIVE RESUME - RESUME BUILDING WORKSHOP: On Saturday, March 13, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Do you find the idea of writing a resume intimidating? Are you unsure of what to include? Staff are taking appointments for sharing one-on-one resume building tips – then step into the computer room to craft your resume! Just call the Library at 231-652-6723 to reserve your spot!

CRAFTING AT THE LIBRARY! Newaygo Library will hold Week-long Drop-In Crafts for Adults and Take-N-Make Crafts for Children. Quantities are limited and on a First Come basis. March’s Adult Drop-In Craft will be a SPRING WREATHS, March 8-13. Come to the Local History Room during business hours and enjoy a little crafting time. March’s Take-N-Make for Children age 12 and under will be a LEPRECHAUN CRAFT, available March 15-20. These can be picked up downstairs in the children’s library. March 29 – April 3 will be the kids Take and Make for EASTER.

TEEN BOOK CLUB: March’s book is “Yesterday is History” by author Kosoko Jackson. A live virtual event featuring author Kosoko Jackson will be March 23, 2021, 7:00 PM. The link is on the library website for teens to join from home. Then meet at the library again on Mar. 29 at 3:30 pm to discuss the book and pick up the next great read!

MIDDLE ZONE BOARD GAME DAY: Thursday, March 18, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Hey TWEENS! Join the Newaygo Library for Board Game Day as we play Disney’s Villainous.

SPROUTING FOR BEGINNERS: On Thursday, March 25 at 2-3 pm or Saturday, March 27 from 10:30-11:30 am, join staff Sheila for a free class on how to grow your own Mason Jar Sprouts. Sprouting seeds from home is a great alternative to store bought sprouts. Not only are sprouts a great source of fiber and vitamins, they are great in salads, wraps, and stir-frys. All supplies will be provided!

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: February Michigan Library Directors Virtual Library of Michigan meetings; Feb 11, LLC Board meeting; Feb 16, NADL Board Meeting; Feb 19. NADL Staff Meeting.
- ✓ Children’s Specialist Tim Hill: Feb 23, LM Youth Services Meeting.
- ✓ Feb 16, Staff Meeting: All attended: Review of circulation and other procedures, housekeeping reminders, upcoming programming planning and review.

3. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 216 new physical items; 104 e-books. Adult fiction collection weeding continues.

4. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ On Feb. 12, the library applied for a \$2,500 LSTA grant to purchase a 3-D printer and other peripheral equipment.

5. Building & Maintenance.

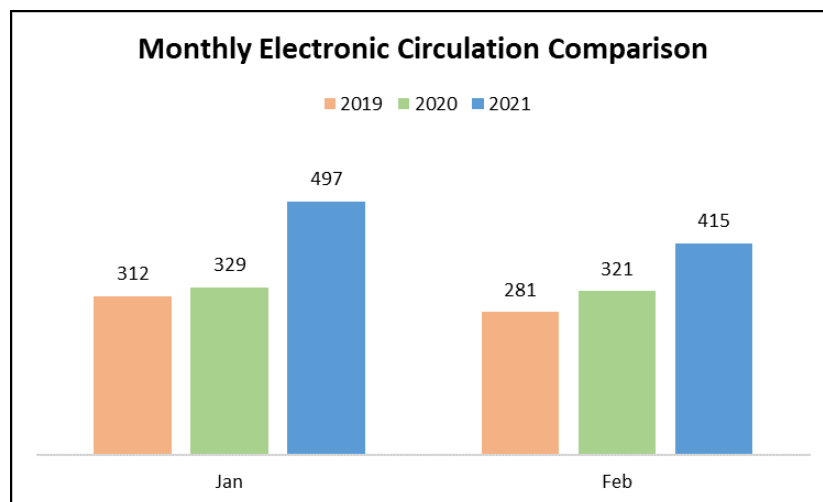
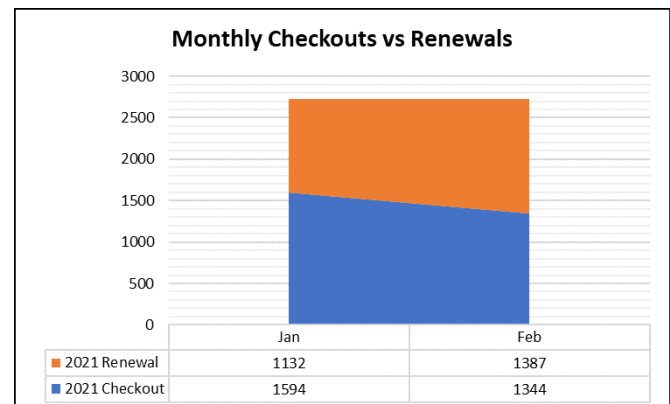
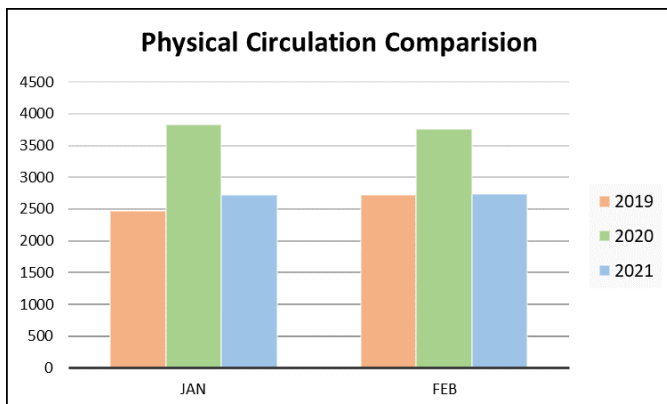
- ✓ On Feb 23, a slowly dripping leak occurred in the upper level near the Young adult room. The drips were resolved once melt-off on the roof occurred, however the caulking and shingles will be inspected.

6. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

7. Friends of the Library.

- ✓ The Bookstore operates weekdays from 10 am – 4 pm. A Friends meeting was scheduled for Mar. 25 at 5 pm in the NADL Conference Room.

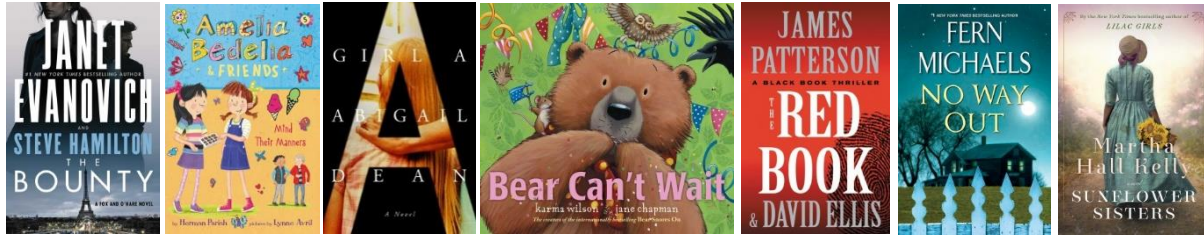
8. Library Circulation. 8 new patrons received library cards in February.





MARCH NEW RELEASES

A few fiction selections



New non-fiction selections

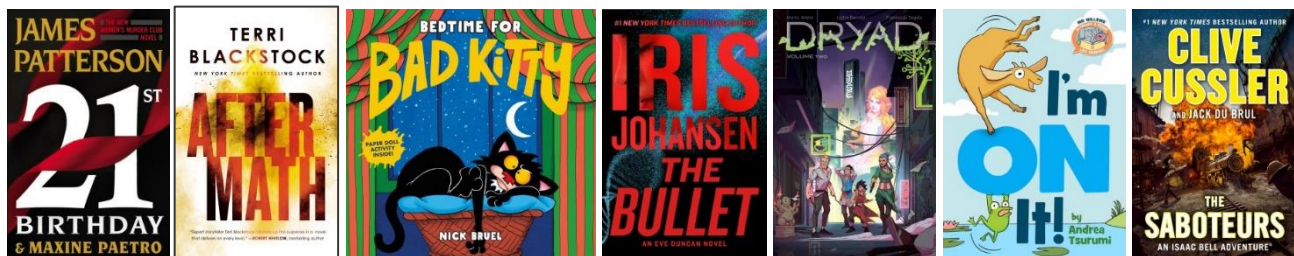


UPCOMING NEW FICTION RELEASES

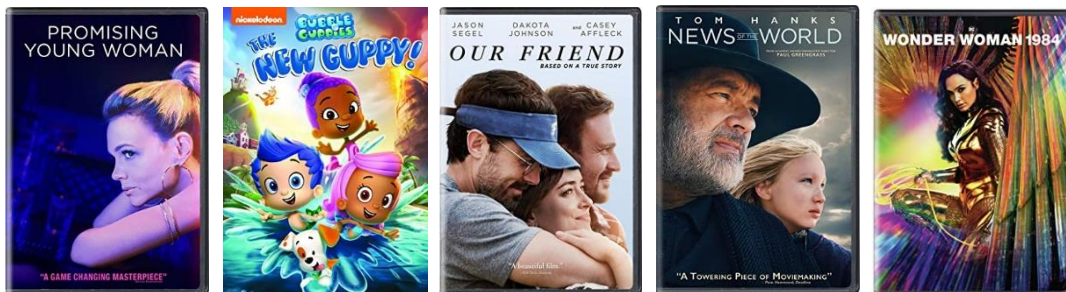
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DVDs



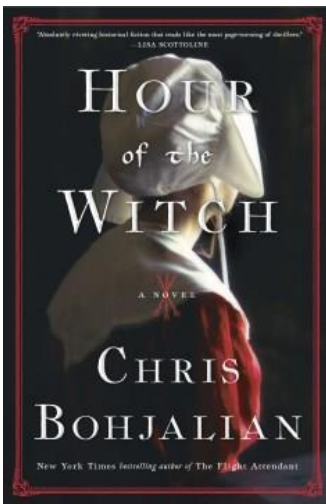
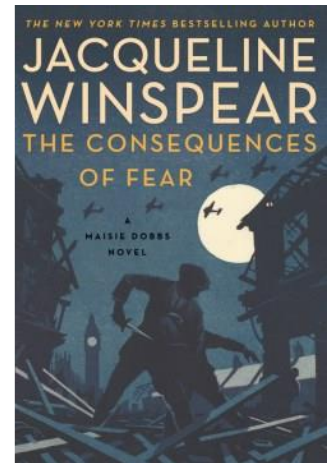
Place a Hold Today!



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.



APRIL FEATURE AUTHOR CHRIS BOHJALIAN

"A young Puritan woman--faithful, resourceful, but afraid of the demons that dog her soul--plots her escape from a violent marriage in this riveting and propulsive historical thriller from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Flight Attendant.

Chris Bohjalian is a best-selling author, a playwright and screenwriter. Chris graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude from Amherst College. He has been awarded Honorary Degrees as well from Amherst, Champlain College, and Castleton University. He lives in Vermont with his wife, the photographer Victoria Blewer. His brand-new novel arriving May 4, 2021, "Hour of the Witch," is set in 1662 Boston — inspired by the first divorce in North America for domestic violence — and America's original witch hunt.

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view. Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." HARPER LEE