

### Director's March 2021 Report

The theme of National Library Week for 2021 is, **"Welcome to YOUR Library."** The emphasis is that libraries exist deeper in the community than just the four walls of the building; and all people are invited to use their services.

After a year navigating pandemic closures, isolation, illness, facemasks, social distancing, and a plethora of other new rules, we have come through a difficult year together. The key word in that statement is TOGETHER. Not downplaying the value of the physical assets of the library, the most valuable part of NADL is the staff and patrons.

During the pandemic, library staff resiliently adapted to remote work and virtual programming. They brainstormed new ideas of service and worked out how to launch them. Through their efforts, the library continued to offer community members resources, technology, educational programming, and opportunities to grow as individuals.



April 6 is **National Library Workers Day**. Allow me to introduce you to NADL's valuable staff who meet their patrons where they are and who play crucial roles during challenging times.

**Alexis** delivers great service at the circulation desk—plus does a superb job at preparing materials for check out. She planned a fun "March Madness Book Brackets" activity, and an upcoming crayon melt craft for older kids. Currently she is reading, *WHY YOU LOVE MUSIC: FROM MOZART TO METALLICA--THE EMOTIONAL POWER OF BEAUTIFUL SOUNDS*, by John Powel.

**Anna** recently stepped into the role of planning both teen and adult programming. She launched two new book clubs, and offered drop-in resume help and college prep classes. She is passionate about helping young people make wise decisions for their future. *THE HATE U GIVE* by Angie Thomas was one of her favorites.

**Cathy** is friendly and welcoming, always willing to assist patrons at the circulation desk. She plans out the feature author displays and keeps the New York Best Sellers lists current. She is environmentally conscious and sees that the library recycles cardboard and discarded paper. Cathy is reading *THE VANISHING HALF* by Brit Bennett.

**Mary** is creative, organized, and resourceful. She plans content for the library website and social media platforms to help keep our community abreast of local news, services and resources. Besides that, she enters materials into circulation so that the most current items are ready for holds and checkout. Nora Roberts is one of her favorite authors.

**Molly** is the main person who repairs all damaged materials and makes certain that DVDs and CDs are clean and functioning correctly. She is creative and artsy, and the collection materials she prepares for checkout look great. She also helps enter magazines into circulation for checkout. Presently, Molly's favorite genre to read is fairy tales.

**Sheila** is a caring person and has a sense of community, recognizing the value in being kind. She re-organized the local history materials into an attractive and useable collection. She taught a beginner sprouting for health class, where she shared her passion and knowledge for natural health. Sheila helps

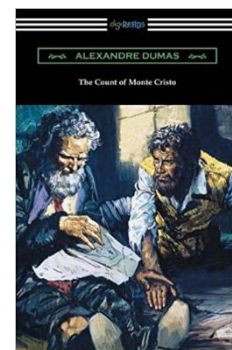
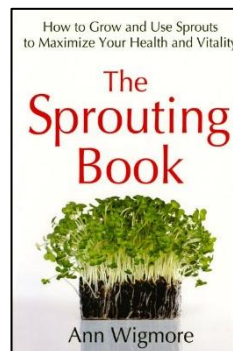
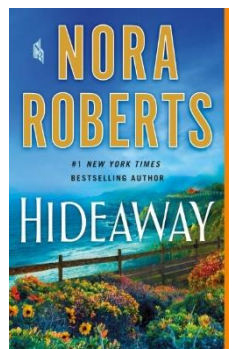
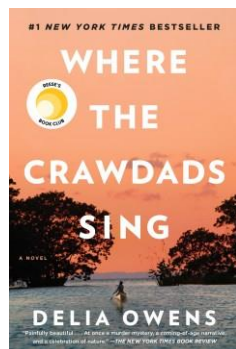
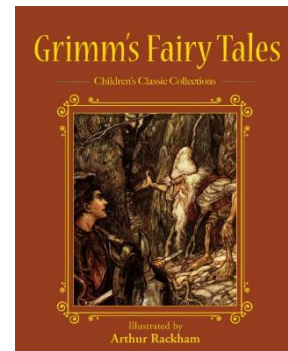
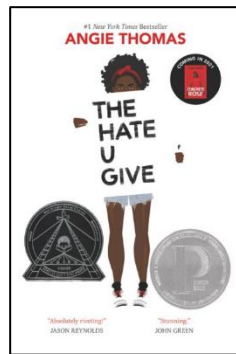
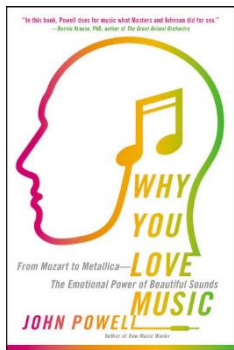
process materials for circulation. She mostly likes to read whatever non-fiction book peaks her interest at the time.

Tim enthusiastically plans stories and crafts both for in-person and virtual story times. He is always upbeat and quick to smile. Just wait until you see the great summer reading programs he is planning! THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO is his all-time favorite book.

It is my pleasure and an honor to work with each of these passionate, upbeat, and enthusiastic library people. And oh...my most recent favorite book I read (twice) was, WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING, by Delia Owens.

NADL is *the* place to learn, connect, and explore! We look forward to seeing you.

Director Kelly Tinkham  
April 12, 2021



“The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.”  
*Albert Schweitzer*



## 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 April and May, 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.

**ADULTING 101:** On Tuesday, April 13 and 20, 3:30 – 5 pm. The College Prep Workshop. This two-part hands-on event is for high school seniors who are planning on attending college. Part One will focus on the logistical side of college prep and the criteria available to help with your decision-making process. Part Two will focus on the financial aspect: applying for aid, calculating total payoff, private vs government loans, etc.

**MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY:** In the lower level at 3:30 pm. April 7, Sonic; April 22, War with Grandpa; May 5, Call of the Wild; May 19, The Croods.

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:** Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Three stories plus a craft are shared in the lower level.

**CRAYON MELT PAINTING INSTRUCTION:** Learn a new way of creating art! With nothing but a blank canvas, a pack of crayons and a heat gun, you'll create beautiful galaxy-like art pieces! Tweens meet Thursday, April 15 at 3:30 pm; Teens meet Saturday. April 17 at 10:30 am.

**TERRARIUM DROP-IN ACTIVITY!** April 19-24, Adults are invited to come to the Local History Room during business hours and enjoy a little “you” time planting your own succulent terrarium.

**BOARD GAME DAY @ THE LIBRARY:** Saturday, April 24, 10:30am – 12:00pm. All ages! Join the Newaygo Library for Board Game Day! We will have many board games to choose from. Spend some time out with friends.

**BOOK CLUBS:** Teens meet Monday, April 26; Adults meet Thursday, April 29 at 1 pm.



**WALK IN OUR SHOES: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH:** Come to the Library and take part in our May month-long activity! Find support, encouragement, and resources by visiting the library and adding your voice to our wall of shoes of self-expression.

**MICHIGAN MOREL MUSHROOMING with ANTHONY WILLIAMS:** Saturday, May 1, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Anthony Williams, an award-winning morel picker, will share folklore and picking stories and explain the finer points of searching for this elusive delicacy. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant Program, administered by LowellArts.

**SEED BOMBS ACTIVITY** May 3-8, Adults are invited to visit the Local History Room and create a seed bomb. Simply plant the completed seed bomb in soil to grow wildflowers. Create a little beauty in your neighborhood!

### **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!

**2. Library Staff Opportunities.**

- ✓ Director Tinkham: March Michigan Library Directors Virtual Library of Michigan meetings; Mar 11, LLC Board meeting; Mar 25, F.O.L. meeting; Mar 16, NADL Board Meeting; Mar 26, NADL Staff Meeting.
- ✓ Children’s Specialist Tim Hill: Mar 23, LM Youth Services Meeting.
- ✓ Anna Case accepted the duties of Teen and Adult Programming on Mar 22.
- ✓ Mar 26, Staff Meeting: Read Squared SRP app; Sierra review; upcoming programming.

**3. Collection Management and Development.**

- ✓ Added: 134 new physical items; 3347 e-Periodicals.

**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.

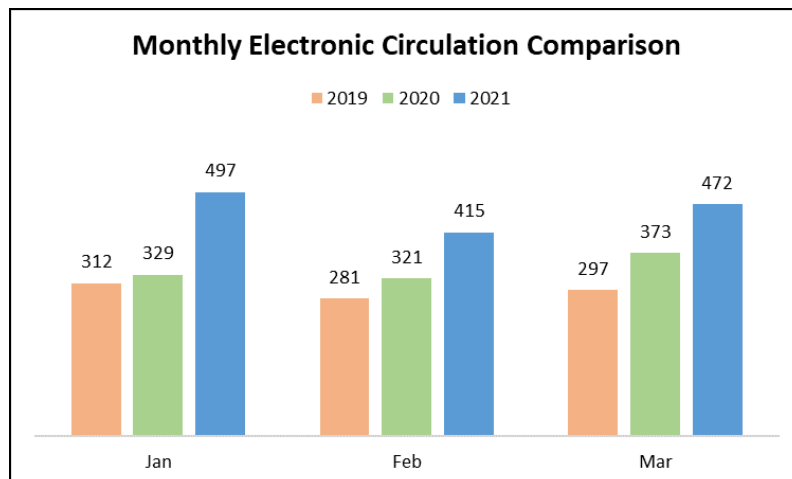
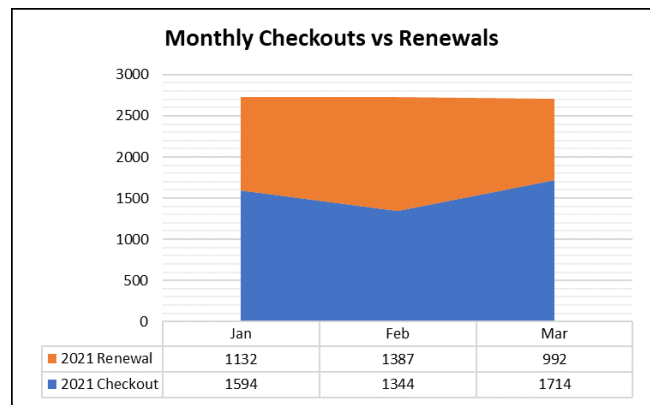
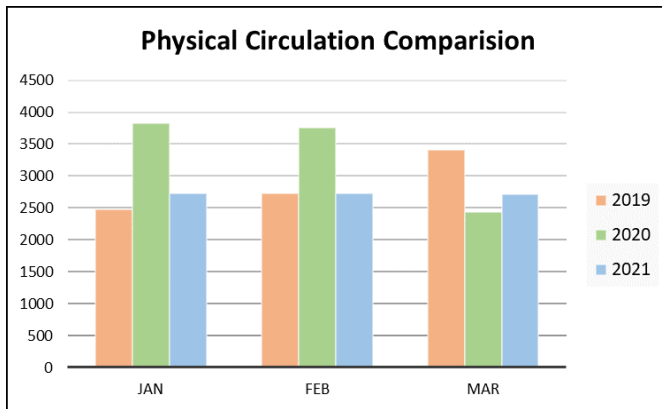
**5. Building & Maintenance.**

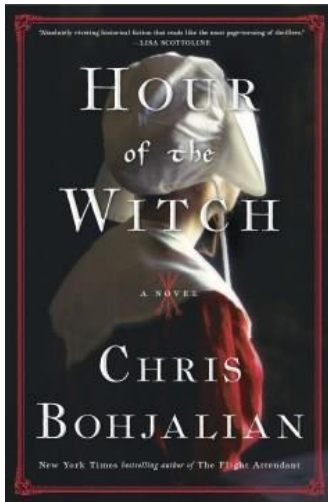
**6. Lakeland Library Cooperative.**

**7. Friends of the Library.**

- ✓ The Bookstore operates weekdays from 10 am – 4 pm. A meeting was held on Mar. 25. Secretary/Treasurer Erin Burns stepped down from the office but committed to continuing membership support. Old business was reviewed and a decision was made to hold a Memorial Weekend book sale on Sat. May 29 from 10 am – 2 pm. A meeting was scheduled for May 25 at 5 pm in the NADL Conference Room.

**8. Library Circulation. 13 new patrons received library cards in February.**





#### 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*.

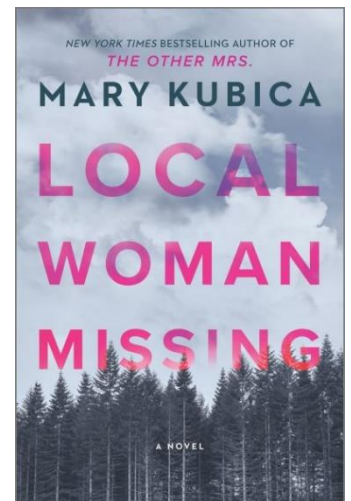
Chris Bohjalian is a best-selling author, a playwright and screenwriter. Chris graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude from Amherst College. He has been awarded Honorary Degrees as well from Amherst, Champlain College, and Castleton University. He lives in Vermont with his wife, the photographer 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.

#### MAY FEATURE AUTHOR MARY KUBICA

"Shelby Tebow is the first to go missing. Not long after, Meredith Dickey and her six-year-old daughter, Delilah, vanish just blocks away from where Shelby was last seen, striking fear into their once-peaceful community. Are these incidents connected? After an elusive search that yields more questions than answers, the case eventually goes cold.

Now, eleven years later, Delilah shockingly returns. Everyone wants to know what happened to her, but no one is prepared for what they'll find.

In this smart and chilling thriller, master of suspense and *New York Times* bestselling author Mary Kubica takes domestic secrets to a whole new level, showing that some people will stop at nothing to keep the truth buried."



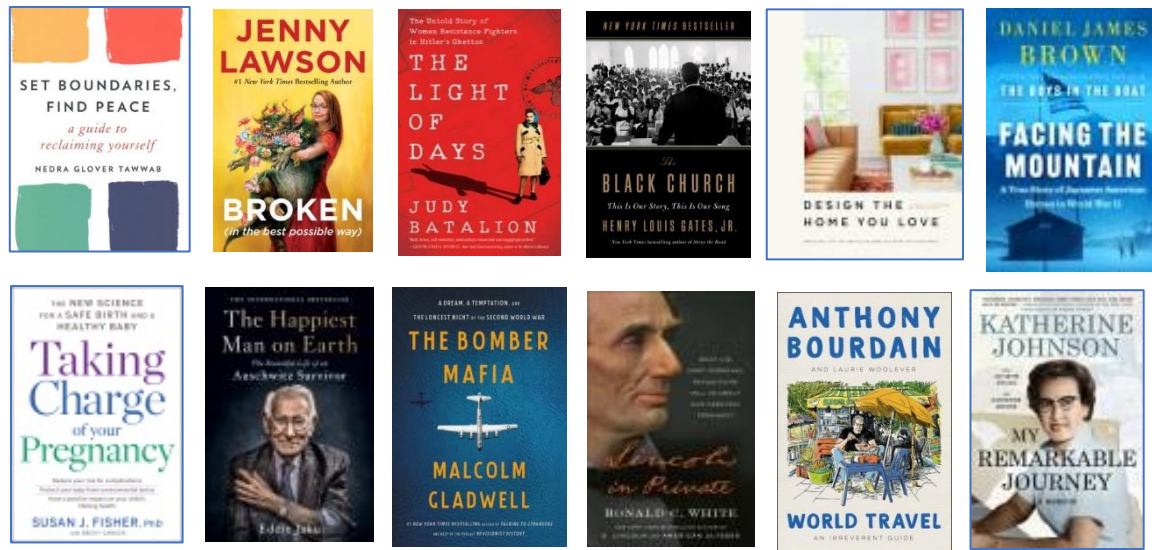


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A few fiction selections



A few non-fiction selections



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