

Director's June 2021 Report

The window for libraries to apply for relief funds from the Covid-19 pandemic have opened in June-August. Two new funding sources are the ARPA Equipment Grant and the ARPA Capacity Grant through the Library of Michigan (LM). These grants are designed to assist public libraries through support for outreach equipment and digital materials to provide safe services to our residents. Newaygo Library has applied for an equipment grant to extend internet connectivity deeper into our community.

For many in Newaygo County, access to an internet signal is either not available due to remoteness, or is not affordable. Connection to internet is necessary for people trying to meet education needs, job development, and to seek health information. To provide 24/7 access sites for public WIFI, Newaygo Library proposes to install two WIFI-enabled, solar-powered charging benches in the downtown area. Further, the library seeks to install a mesh extender to broaden wireless access around the library facility and into adjacent Brooks Park. For mobile connectivity, the library seeks to purchase laptops and hot-spot units for home use by students and other residents. These new opportunities will provide the first of their kind in Newaygo County. They offer thoughtful and creative ways to connect our community and provide lifelong learning opportunities for our residents.

Lakeland Library Cooperative is also submitting a LM Capacity Grant on behalf of libraries in Michigan. Through relief funding, each cooperative of libraries will be afforded content for their digital collections. Even through library closures during the pandemic, digital circulation of e-books, e-magazines, and e-audio books climbed. If awarded this grant, all Michigan libraries will be able to expand purchase of the much-demanded titles our community members seek. What great news!

Stay tuned for more exciting develops at NADL -- *Your* place in the community! We look forward to seeing you.

Director Kelly Tinkham July 7, 2021





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1. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

The library is open for walk-in and by appointments for curbside pick-up.

Due to Covid-19, In-person meetings require social distancing, and facemasks indoors unless vaccinated. IN-PERSON ACTVITIES

<u>PERSONAL PRESCHOOL STORTYIME:</u> 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.

MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY: In the lower level at 3:30 pm. July 21, Scoob! Aug 4, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone; Aug 18, Spiderman – Into the Spiderverse.

<u>PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:</u> Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Three stories plus a craft are shared in the lower level. <u>ADULT DROP-IN ACTIVITY!</u> Aug 9-14, Adults - visit the Local History Room to make your very own Bath Salts!

<u>B SIDE GROWLERS</u>: Friday, June $23 \cdot 2 - 3:00$ pm, Enjoy the acoustic trio playing a wide variety of song styles while you browse the Newaygo Farmers' Market in Brooks Park. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant Program, administered by LowellArts.

<u>AUGUST BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION:</u> Wed. Aug 18, 2:30 – 4 pm. Meeting at the River Stop Cafe, 52 State Rd, Newaygo, MI 49337. This month our book is: "The Firekeepers Daughter" by award winning author, Angeline Boulley. Eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of a fresh start at college, but when family tragedy strikes, Daunis puts her future on hold to look after her fragile mother. As the deceptions—and deaths—keep growing, Daunis must learn what it means to be a strong Anishinaabe kwe (Ojibwe woman) and how far she'll go for her community, even if it tears apart the only world she's ever known..

SUMMER READING CONTINUES! ALL AGES.

July 22 at 11 am: <u>Wacky Science Show</u>- Kids! Doug Scheer will dazzle you with his Wacky Science! These crazy science experiments look like magic, but they're not!

July 29 at 11 am: <u>John Ball Zoo</u>- Kids! Learn about and interact with Live Animals as John Ball Zoo presents them at the Newaygo Library!

Aug 7 at 11 am: <u>Party in The Park</u>- Kids! Join the Newaygo Library for the end of the Summer Reading Party in the Park! Have fun and celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program! There will be a Rock and Roll concert, prize giveaways, pizza, goodies, and all sorts of games!

July 27 at 2:30 pm: <u>Teen Jiu Jitsu Demo or Yoga Class</u>- Teens! The library is proud to partner with Newaygo Fitness Center to host a <u>Jiu Jitsu Demonstration or Yoga Class</u> as part of the <u>Teen Summer Reading Program!</u> The classes will be held at the same time at the Newaygo Fitness location. Transportation is not provided. Meet up there!

July 24 at 10:30 am-12:00 pm: <u>Teen Doodle Journal Class-</u> The library is proud to partner with local artist Victor DuBois, who will be instructing Teens on how to create their very own Doodle Journal. What a fun way to spend a Saturday morning!

These events are made possible in part by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation and are also funded in part by the Michigan Humanities Council Touring Grants.

VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

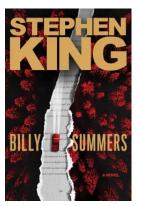
PRESCHOOL STORTYIME: On Facebook, every Tuesday at 11 am.

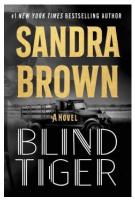
MIDDLE-ZONE-MONDAYS: Every Monday, activities for Tweens on Facebook.

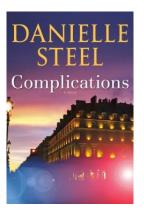
TEEN TUESDAY: Every Tuesday, activities for Teens on Facebook.

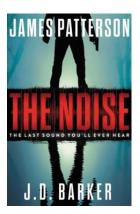
<u>WIMEE'S WORDS</u>: For preschool/elementary ages on NADL's Facebook page every weekday at 1 pm. This INTERACTIVE program features Wimee the Robot and YOU!

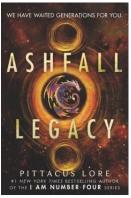




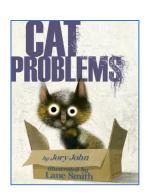


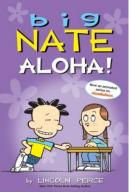




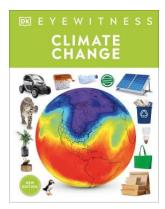


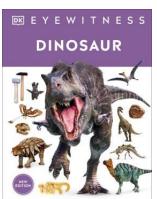


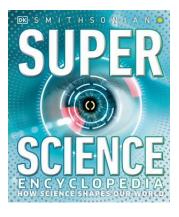


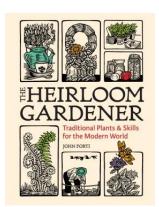


A few non-fiction selections









Place a Hold Today!

2. Library Staff Opportunities in June.

✓ Director Tinkham: Michigan Library Directors Virtual Library of Michigan meetings; LLC meetings; NADL Board Meeting.

3. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 151 new physical items.
- ✓ Young adult and large print collections were weeded according to last dates of circulation.

4. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 7/15/21 Application submitted to the LM ARPA Equipment Grant for digital inclusion in our community.
- \checkmark 7/1/21 Application to ECF Fund Grant for 8 T-Mobile hot-spots for educational purposes.

5. Building & Maintenance.

√ 7/14/21 Bishops Heating and Cooling performed routine maintenance on furnaces and aircondition units.

6. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

✓ In July, Lakeland has approved a revision to their Non-Resident Account policy to allow member libraries the option to afford new non-resident patrons the ability to have access to digital collections.

7. Friends of the Library.

✓ The Bookstore is open Mon – Fri 10 am – 4 pm.

8. Library Circulation.

✓ 20 new patrons received library cards in June1. Summer reading programs draw new patrons to the library!

