

Director's Report

We have all experienced the challenges of the recent years: the pandemic, intellectual freedom challenges, misinformation, political differences and so many other issues—yet it is important to realize that new opportunities have also arisen for our libraries and communities.

Recently, the Library Network and Lakeland Library Cooperative received \$2,252,462 to fund the MI-83 Project through two grants from the Library of Michigan through the Institute for Museum and Library Services LSTA American Rescue Plan (ARPA). Known simply as the MI-83 Project, public libraries in all 83 Michigan counties will soon be eligible for increased digital eContent from Overdrive, and technology tools/equipment to help facilitate recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This month, Newaygo Library was informed that it will be receiving the following equipment: 2 Laptops and an Online Programming Kit consisting of a Programming Laptop, Video Camera, Microphone, Tripod, Greenscreen, Webcam, and Kit Container. These items are valued at approximately \$3,784! This equipment will be arriving sometime in the next few months.

Lakeland Library Cooperative has also informed us that Newaygo Library will receive \$2,025 of in-perpetuity access to digital content in ebook and audiobook formats. In keeping with the federal legislative priorities, digital content topics will include mental health, workforce development, job seeking skills, health, and general educational needs with a focus on nonfiction titles to enhance current collections and create new ones. In coming months, NADL will be able to order the e-content materials.

In these ways, our local residents will receive benefits from these federal ARPA funds. What a wonderful opportunity for equipment and digital content! Stay tuned for more exciting news.

NADL is *YOUR* place in the community! We look forward to seeing you.

Director Kelly Tinkham

January 11, 2022





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

The library is open for walk-in and by appointments for curbside pick-up. Social distancing is recommended and wearing of facemasks is welcome but not required.

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY: Lower level at 3:30 pm, Jan 19 (Luca); Feb. 2 (Ice Age); Feb. 16 (Tangled)

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



WATERCOLOR CLASS: Feb 12, 10:30am - 12:30pm; Taught by artist Lori Eslick, this arts instruction for adults and teens is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Mini-grant Program

ADULT BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION: Book Club-Feb 2. We will meet at River Stop Café from 2:30 – 3:30 pm.

Our book is: The Woman They Could Not Silence: One Woman, Her Incredible Fight for Freedom, and the Men Who Tried to Make Her Disappear, by Kate Moore.



ADULT DROP-IN ACTIVITY! Feb 7-12 Adults and Teens! Stop in the upper level to stitch your own heart-shaped handwarmers.

ADULT AND TEEN WINTER READING PROGRAM: December 13, 2021 – Feb 28, 2022. Read to enter a drawing for a Kindle Fire!

HISTORY OF CHOCOLATE TRIVIA: Feb 1-5, stop in the upper level of the library to test your knowledge of chocolate. Win some chocolate in the process!

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK: Feb 7-12, take a chance on discovering your next great read! Check out books from our Blind-Date Display without seeing the cover or title. We will have books of a variety of genres all dressed up in brown paper. This is a fun way to read a new author/title you might not have picked out. Come on...take a chance with a blind book date!



FEBRUARY KIDS TAKE-N-MAKE: Feb 7-12, Stop-in the lower level to pick up a fun Valentine's Day craft for kids to craft at home. (While supplies last!)



TWEEN/TEEN WHO WILL BE MY VALENTINE? Feb 8, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Hey Tweens & Teens! Join Janell at the Library to roll some dice and help eight couples from eight well-loved books compete to be the ULTIMATE couple! Will the winners end up with the one whom they share a story? Or will the outcome be more complex than that? Join us in the Newaygo Library's Conference Room to find out!

CHILI COOK-OFF: Feb 24 is National Chili Day! Stop in the library upper level to sample a selection of staff-made chilis and vote on your favorite! Come in and warm up your winter day!



VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

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!



LIKE AND FOLLOW NEWAYGO LIBRARY ON FACEBOOK!

February - A few UPCOMING fiction book selections



A few non-fiction book selections



Wowbrary
The Newest Stuff at Your Library

Find out what's new at NADL! Sign up for the library weekly newsletter at www.newaygolibrary.org and click on the **JOIN OUR NEWSLETTER** button.

1. Library Staff Opportunities in November.

- ✓ Director Tinkham: Dec 9 LLC Meetings, Dec 21 NADL Board Mtg.
- ✓ Staff meeting: December 23rd meeting included the end-of year Christmas party.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 136 new physical items.
- ✓ Collection maintenance involving a weed of large print and young adult books is underway.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 12/04/21 FAFCE Circulation Grant for 2022 awarded \$12,800.
- ✓ 12/04/21 FAFCE Summer Reading Grant for 2022 awarded \$6,150.
- ✓ 12/09/21 Submitted the Gerber Foundation STEAM Grant for 2020-21 final report.
- ✓ 01/04/22 A memorial donation was given to the Library in memory of Jan Klumpp. The donor requested the donation be used to purchase children’s books and boardgames.
- ✓ 01/05/22 Fremont Area Community Foundation reported that Donation ID 148574 was received for Newaygo Area District Library for large print books. Amount: \$175.00.

4. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ On 1-07-22, a communicator was installed on the alarm panel. This re-established connectivity to the monitoring station and removed the crossover of alarm panel telephone lines between the City and Library.

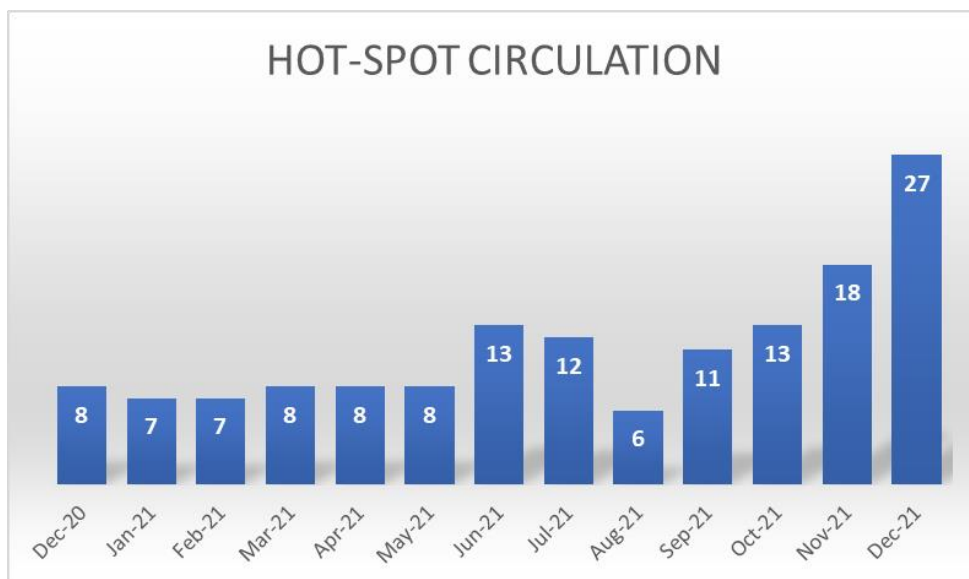
5. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

6. Friends of the Library.

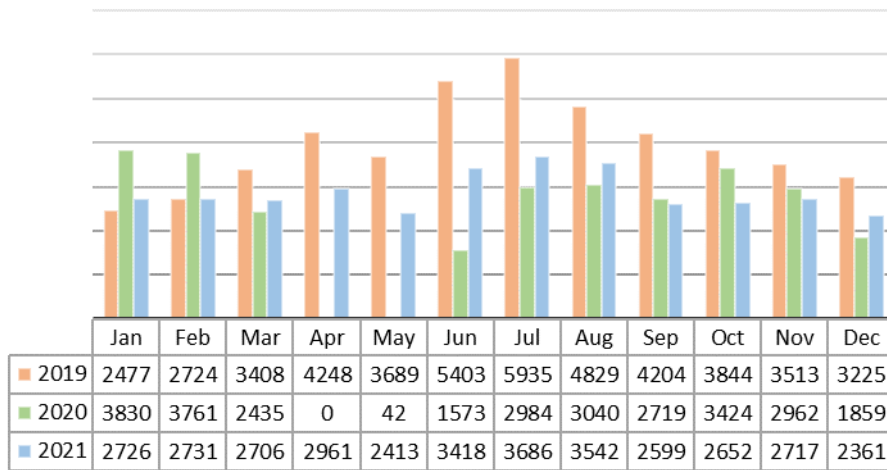
- ✓ The Bookstore is open Mon – Fri, 10 am – 5 pm.

7. Library Circulation.

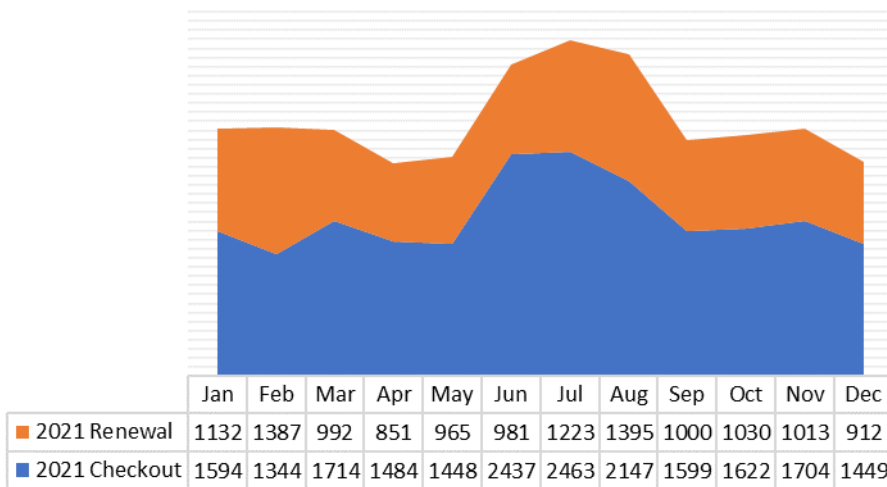
- ✓ 12 new patrons signed up for library cards.
- ✓ 11 T-Mobile hotspots are available for connectivity purposes. These resources are funded in part through the ECF Grant and the ARPA Equipment Grant the library received this year.
- ✓ Dec. 2021 Electronic Circulation data will be available next month.



Physical Circulation Comparison



Monthly Checkouts vs Renewals



Physical Circulation by Year

