

Director's Report

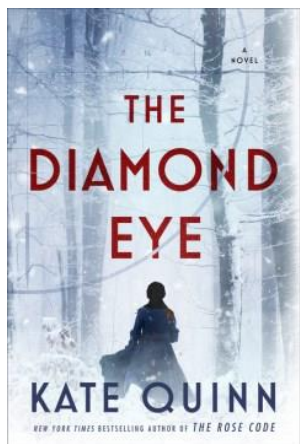
One of Newaygo Library's goals in our community is to be a gathering place for people to experience lifelong growth, cultural enrichment and education. One way we do this is by providing group reading opportunities. Preschool Story-time and TW/TN Pizza & Pages are two children's reading clubs you may recognize. But what about opportunities for adults? Newaygo Library has an Adult Book Club, too. Since 2021, our Adult Book Club participants have read several book titles independently, and then gathered at the library or local restaurants for deeper discussions.

Why are book clubs so important?

BOOK CLUBS CREATE AN ENJOYMENT OF LITERATURE IN A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT AND ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING AND DEEPER ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHERS OVER THE STORIES.

A book club is a forum where readers from many different backgrounds and experiences come together to mull over aspects about the story to understand deeper conclusions and to expand conversation and social empathy.

The next Adult Book Club book title will be [The Diamond Eye](#) by Kate Quinn, author of the New York Times bestselling book, [The Rose Code](#).



[The Diamond Eye](#) is an unforgettable World War II tale of a quiet bookworm who becomes history's deadliest female sniper.

It is based on a true story.

The book will release on March 29. The Library will have several books available in different formats for checkout. We will meet as a group on May 18th at 3:30 pm in the NADL Conference Room to discuss the story AND to [share with author Kate Quinn via Zoom](#). This is a unique opportunity to delve into life in Ukraine during the Nazi invasion, and to discuss deeper conclusions with fellow readers and the author herself. Please reserve the date on your calendar and place a library book hold for your copy to read. You will not be disappointed! We look forward to seeing you soon.

NADL is *YOUR* place in the community!

Director Kelly Tinkham
March 10, 2022

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

Social distancing is recommended and facemasks are welcomed but not required.

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY: Lower level at 3:30 pm: Mar. 16 (Doolittle); April 6 & 20 (TBA)

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Three stories plus a craft are shared in the lower level. April 5 is SMART MONEY STORYTIME. A guest reader from Gerber Federal Union will share stories and children will craft personal banks.

ADULT AND TEEN WINTER READING PROGRAM: Drawing prize winners were: Jadon Ryman and Tammie Tindall, winners of the Kindles; and Emily Tindall and Jenny Cross, winners of the Gift baskets. Congrats to all 52 participants!



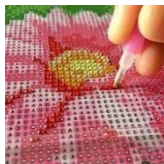
CHILI COOK-OFF: Anna Case won bragging rights to creating the winning Keto-Chicken Chili entry! Congrats Anna! Feb 24 was National Chili Day! 22 people stopped by the library to sample selections of staff-made chili. It was a great way to warm up our winter day!

ADULT-TEEN DROP-IN ACTIVITY! Apr. 4-9. Stop in the upper level to create your Lavender Sachet!



MARCH KIDS TAKE-N-MAKE: Mar. 14-19. Stop-in the lower level to pick up a fun St Patrick's Day craft for kids to craft at home. (While supplies last!)

TWEEN/TEEN SCAVENGER HUNT! Mar. 17; 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Hey Tweens & Teens! Join Janell at the Library to follow the clues to the Leprechaun gold! Meet in the Newwaygo Library's Conference Room to find out how to begin the search!



DIAMOND PAINTING CLASS: Mar. 19, 10:30am - 12:30pm; Taught by staff Mary Franklin, this arts instruction for adults and teens is supported by the Michigan Arts & Culture Council Mini-grant Program. Participants will create a free-form style diamond painting picture.

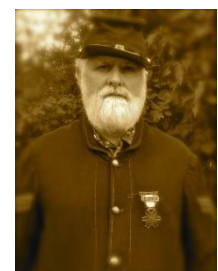
MARCH MADNESS BOOK EDITION: Tue. Mar 1st - Fri Apr 1st. Drop by the library on both levels to fill out your brackets and to vote on the books you want to move forward in the brackets. Winners will be placed in a drawing to win a gift certificate to a local business.



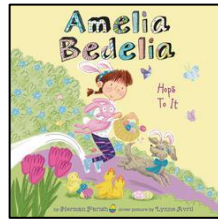
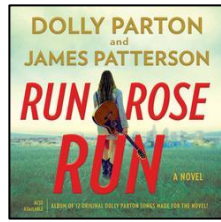
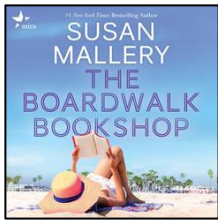
Special Guest, Capt Kevin Feenstra

FLY TYING with KEVIN FEENSTRA: Sat. Apr. 9th 10:30am - 12:30pm. Kevin is a local resident and fishing guide. He will lead a demonstration in fly tying for up to 8 participants. Please RSVP with the library. Supported by Michigan Arts & Culture Council.

CIVIL WAR INFANTRY WEAPONS: Tue. Apr. 12th 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Rob Stone presents Civil War weaponry. Through 25-plus years in Civil War reenacting, he amassed firsthand knowledge regarding the soldiers' lives and times. Have you ever wondered what sorts of weapons were used in the Civil War and how they evolved over the course of the conflict? Rob will share not only his knowledge, but he will have artifacts to display as well. Join us for this unique presentation! Supported by a Michigan Humanities MI-Hope Grant.



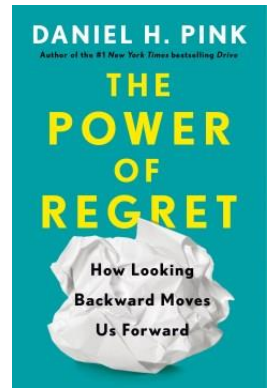
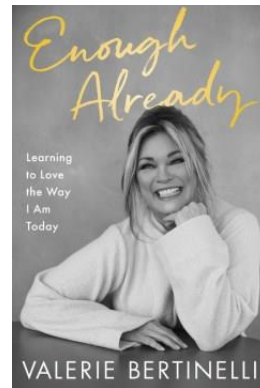
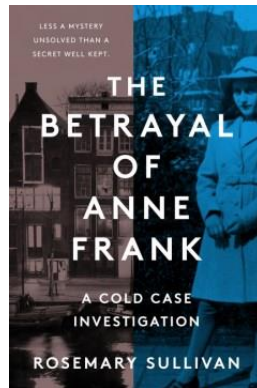
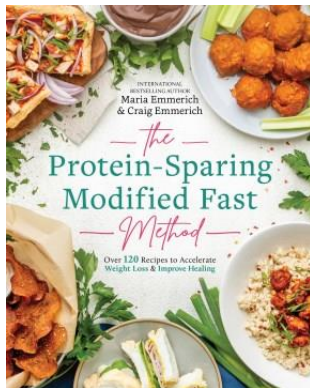
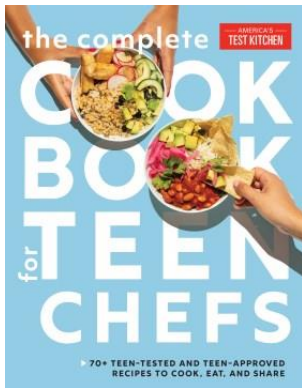
Upcoming Selections - Books on CDs



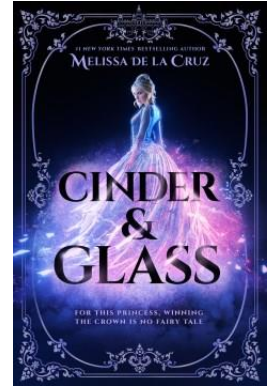
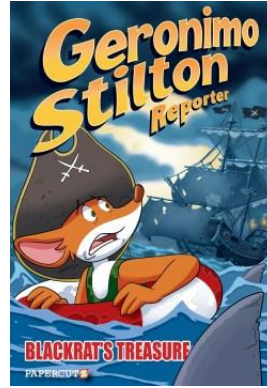
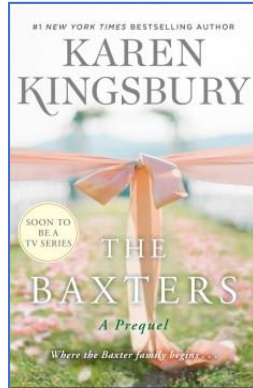
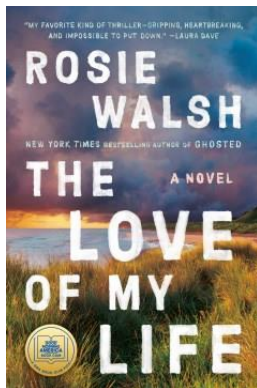
DVD's



March-April Non-Fiction Books



March-April Fiction Books



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1. Library Staff Opportunities in November.

- ✓ Director Tinkham: Feb. 10 and Mar 10 LLC Meetings; Feb. 15 NADL Board Mtg.
- ✓ Assistant Director Mary Franklin: Feb - March Library Certification classes; Feb 15 MI PR Group-Instagram; Mar 2 Intro to Strategic Planning for Public Libraries; Mar 9 Designing Effective Signage.
- ✓ Janell Olney: Feb 21, completed her MeL Maven Badge by taking 6 interactive modules learning about the Top 10 MeL eResources to be able to provide better customer service.
- ✓ Staff meeting: Feb 11, reviewed circulation needs, MeL, personnel needs; and more.
- ✓ Circulation Specialist Tanya (Sheila) Lownsbery's last day of employment was March 5.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 118 new physical items.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 1/14/22 ECF Grant, received \$86.10 first reimbursement.
- ✓ 2/08/22 FAFS Circulation Grant for 2022 received, \$12,800.
- ✓ 3/03/22 LM LSTA Grant request for \$2,000 submitted.

4. Wowbrary Newsletter

- ✓ 41 subscribers.

5. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ 2/1/22 Tridonn Construction Company priced out two broken windows in the lower level. Library insurance paid out for damages minus deductible. Repair work begins once windows are available.
- ✓ 2/1/22 Ongoing Maintenance-Jason Howell: Replacement of 1-2 lighting units; clean light covers along exterior of the building; repair rain gutter.
- ✓ 2/12/22 Stairwell floors cleaned and waxed.

6. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

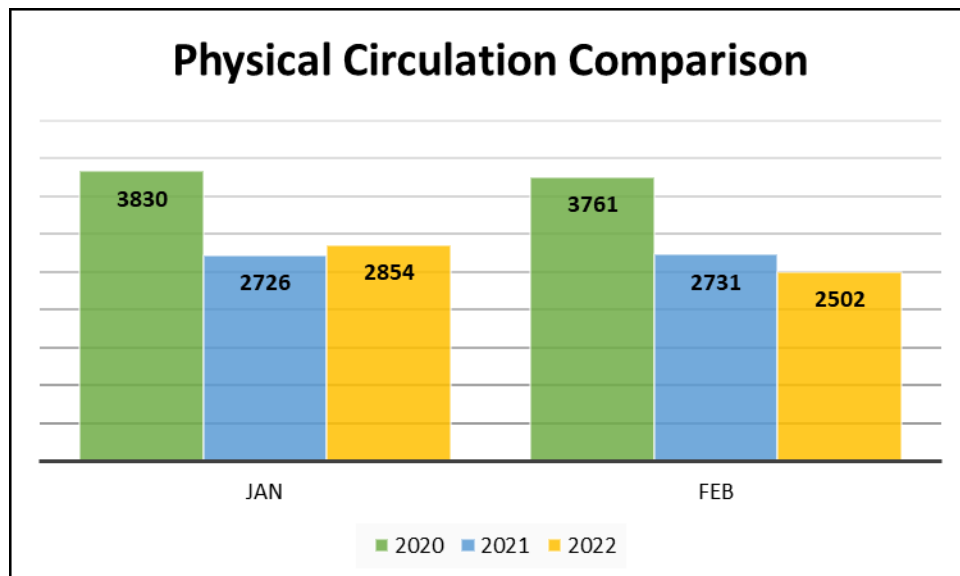
- ✓ In February, LLC received an unmodified opinion in their financial audit for 2021.
- ✓ The population in the LLC service area increased according to the 2020 Census, resulting in \$144,000 more State Aid revenues than prior years.
- ✓ LLC plans to update their Strategic plan and complete it by the end of 2022.

7. Friends of the Library.

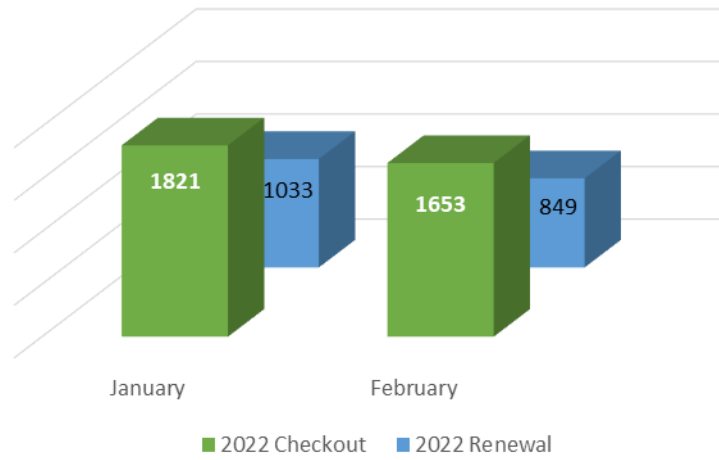
- ✓ The Bookstore is open Mon – Fri, 10 am – 5 pm.

8. Library Circulation.

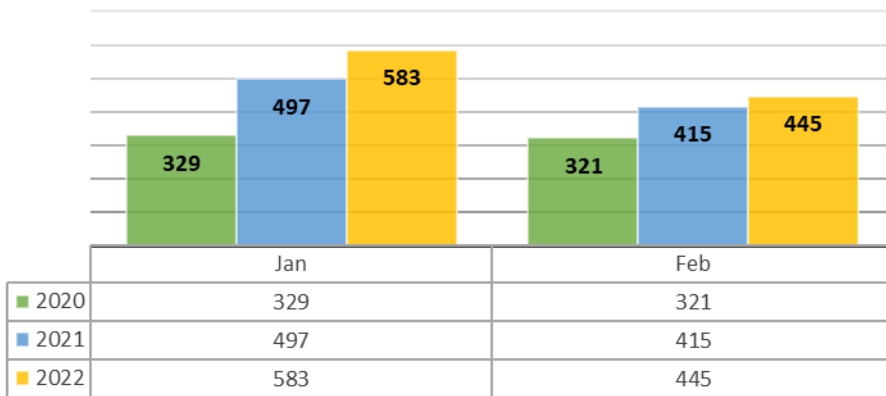
- ✓ 4 new patrons signed up for library cards.



Checkouts vs Renewals



Monthly Electronic Circulation Comparison



REFERENCE STATISTICS FOR 2022

