

Newwaygo Area District Library



Director's Report

In August 2021, Newwaygo Area District Library (NADL) was awarded an American Rescue Plan Act Grant (ARPA) provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library of Michigan (LM). ARPA funding helped the Michigan library community to support their communities by responding to pandemic needs as well as related economic needs.

The grant of \$41,456 was awarded to NADL to provide digital access for the Newwaygo community. This project sought to reduce the digital gap by meeting two goals:

Goal One: To provide additional free public WIFI access points 24/7 in the community of Newwaygo. The library installed equipment to boost the facility's WIFI into areas in front and behind the building, thereby providing patrons with an outdoor library experience with digital accessibility even when the library was closed. The plans included placement of two picnic tables in front of the library in the patio area to complement the existing gazebo. The final step to completing this goal will be to install equipment to cast library WIFI into most of Brooks Park, adjacent to the library and city complex.

To further improve connectivity, the library recently placed three WIFI-enabled, solar-powered charging benches in downtown Newwaygo. Placement of these benches extended the digital reach of the library beyond its campus, thereby providing 24/7 connectivity to downtown residents, local restaurant and business traffic; and to tourists and business travelers. In cooperation with the City, one bench was placed at Linda's Chapel near the Newwaygo Post Office; one was placed near Timbertown Coffee Co.; and the third was installed in front of the renovated Newwaygo County Museum & Heritage Center. These benches allow users to charge their devices by plugging in or through touch-free charging. Each is able to simultaneously connect up to 16 devices at a time to free WIFI.

Goal Two: To provide local students and residents the ability to access WIFI from home by borrowing laptops and hot-spot devices from the library. In Newwaygo County, only 67.9% of homes have access to broadband. During the pandemic, most students and employees worked remotely from home. The inequity of connectivity impacted those most who were without dependable access. The library used grant funds to purchase eleven laptops for residents to check-out along with hot-spots for connectivity on the go. With a library card, any resident in need may have access to the technology and accessibility needed to complete their educational, employment and lifelong learning development needs.

As completion of this grant project draws near, we are grateful to IMLS and LM for providing these funds to help NADL bring exciting new technology and connect-ability to our Newwaygo community.

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

Director Kelly Tinkham

June 8, 2022

Near Timbertown Coffee Co.



Newaygo County Museum & Heritage Center location.



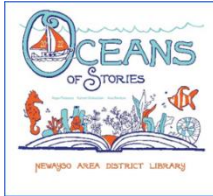
These innovative benches were purchased from EnGoPlanet, a company committed to providing clean, sustainable solutions to keep our world connected, bright and safe.

The library is pleased to offer this unique opportunity for our community.



Linda's Chapel location.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY



SUMMER READING SIGN-UP for ALL AGES!
Stop in! Join in the reading & fun events!

This SUMMER LONG program is supported in part by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

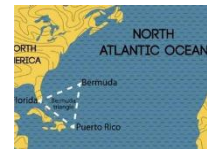
PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Three stories plus a craft are shared in the lower level.

TEENS – COMIC ART WORKSHOP: Tue. June 14, 11am – 12pm. If you love comics, Marvel, or art in general, you will definitely enjoy Marvel illustrator Jeffery DeCaire's demonstration! Attendees will learn the sketch techniques he uses to bring favorite characters to life on paper! Receive a sketch book and pencil (while supplies last) to participate.

ANIMAL MAGIC Thurs. Jun 16 from 11 am – 12 pm. Kids get to meet and learn about exotic animals with Mark Rosenthal.

BLUE WATER RAMBLERS: Jun 17, 2-4 pm in Brooks Park during the Farmer's Market. The band members perform their own songs and take turns harmonizing with each other to create a colorful tapestry of sounds. (Supported in part through a grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council through LowellArts.)

TEENS – BERMUDA TRIANGLE ESCAPE ROOM: Tue. Jul 21, 11 am – 12 pm. Teens will use their intellect and survival skills to escape the Bermuda Triangle.



CARIBBEAN STEEL DRUMS: Thurs. Jun 23, 11 am – 12 pm. Kids! Join us for a fun experience of dancing, drumming, and singing inspired by African and American contributions to music.

MR. JIM'S OCEAN ADVENTURE: Thurs. Jun 30, 11 am – 12 pm. this fun-filled family program will introduce children to snorkeling and diving, with hands-on gear. Mr. Jim will also share a collection of sea-shells, photos of favorite water creatures, MAGIC, and more!"



NADL will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Happy 4th!

ADULT JULY BOOK CLUB: Wed. July 6, 2:30 pm at NADL. **Carolina Built: A Novel**, by bestselling author Kiana Alexander, is a novelization of the life of real estate magnate Josephine N. Leary who lived in the emancipated North Carolina. Participants will have opportunity to speak with the author.

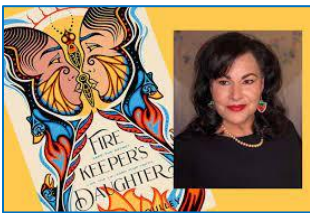
ADULT-TEEN DROP-IN ACTIVITY! July 11-16; Stop in the upper level to make patriotic drink coasters.

TEENS - EXTREME DUCT TAPE WORKSHOP: Tue. Jul 12, 11 am – 12 pm. Teens will create wearable & shareable Duct Tape crafts with presenter Joel Tacey! Create bracelets, bookmarks, wallets, purses, pouches, and more.

WET AND WILD DISCOVERIES: Thur., July 14, 11 am – 12 pm. Join us with our friends from Outdoor Discovery Center to experience and learn about Wet and Wild animals common to Michigan!

B-SIDE GROWLERS: Fri., July 15, 2–4 pm in Brooks Park during the Farmer's Market. The trio of performers focus on traditional inspired, toe-tappin' fired, vintage acoustic blues, jazz and country. (Supported in part through a grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council through LowellArts.)

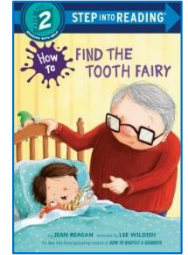
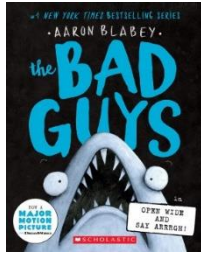
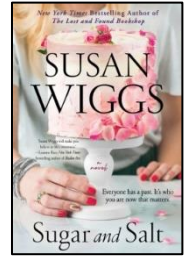
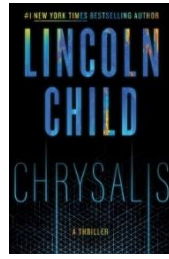
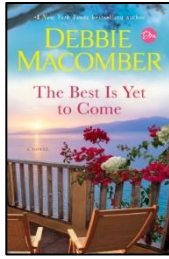
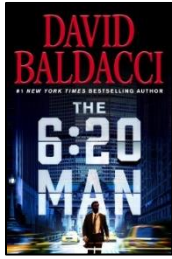
TEENS - SPOONMAN WORKSHOP: Tue., July 19, 11 am – 12 pm. Teens! Join the Spoon Man for comedy and musical instruction as he teaches the group how to play music on nothing but a pair of spoons!



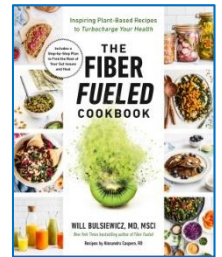
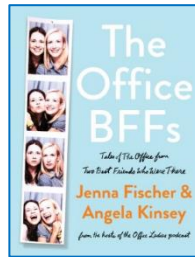
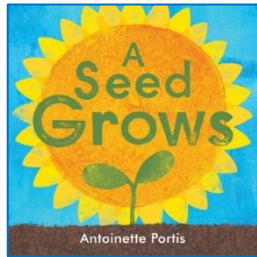
AUTHOR TALK - ANGELINE BOULLEY: Wed., July 20, 6–8 pm. We invite you to "An Evening with Angeline Boulley." Ms. Boulley will give an entertaining author talk followed by audience Q&A and a book signing. Admission is general and completely free. Copies of *Firekeeper's Daughter* will be available for purchase at the event. Angeline Boulley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She is a former Director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S.

Department of Education. Angeline lives in southwest Michigan, but her home will always be on Sugar Island. *Firekeeper's Daughter* is her debut novel, and was an instant #1 NYT Bestseller. It also won the Walter Dean Myers Award for Outstanding Children's Literature (Teen category) in 2022 and is a popular selection for both YA and adult book clubs. The novel has gained national popularity so quickly that it is slated to become a Netflix series by production company Higher Ground. ***Please save the date!***

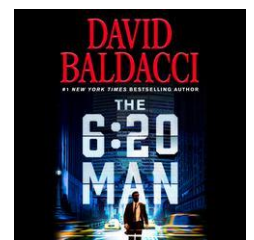
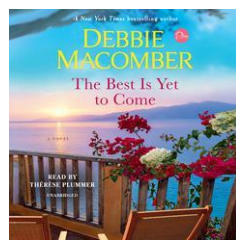
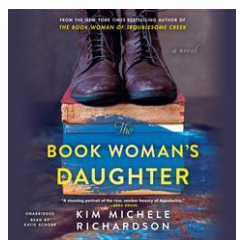
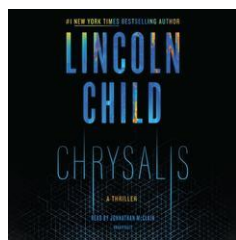
July Fiction



July Non-Fiction



July Books on CDs



Upcoming DVDs



1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Tinkham: LLC Meetings; NADL Board Mtg.; LLC Overdrive Meeting via Zoom.
- ✓ Assistant Director Mary Franklin: MI-PR Group; ReadSQ instructional meeting; Continued classwork for level 1 library certificate.
- ✓ Circulation Lead Kaitlin Moulds: June 1 LLC Circulation Forum.
- ✓ All Staff: May 17. SRP In-service training.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 147 new physical items.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 5/23/22 FACF Summer Reading Grant disbursement of \$6,150 was received.
- ✓ 5/31/22 Magna Mirrors donated \$250.00 for summer reading prizes.
- ✓ 5/31/22 GM Wood Products, Inc. donated 3 LeapPad Academy tablets, 4 Fire HD8 tablets, and 4 Fire HD Kids Prop tablets for youth grand prizes.
- ✓ 5/31/22 Several other local merchants donated gift cards and merchandise toward summer reading prizes.
- ✓ 6/06/22 A \$3,000 contribution to NADL for general support was received from the Gerber Foundation by the request of Barbara J. Ivens.

4. Wowbry Newsletter – 465 emails sent; Remind Subscribers – 94; ShoutBomb Subscribers – 83.

5. Social Media.

- ✓ FB: 1290 Likes; 1393 Follows; Instagram: 222 Follows; Twitter: 25 Follows.

6. Building & Maintenance.

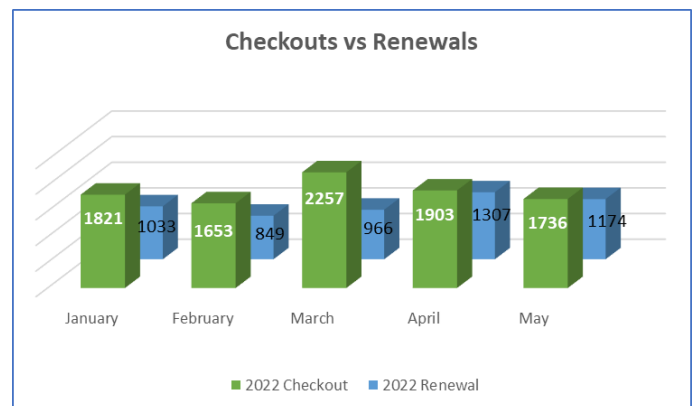
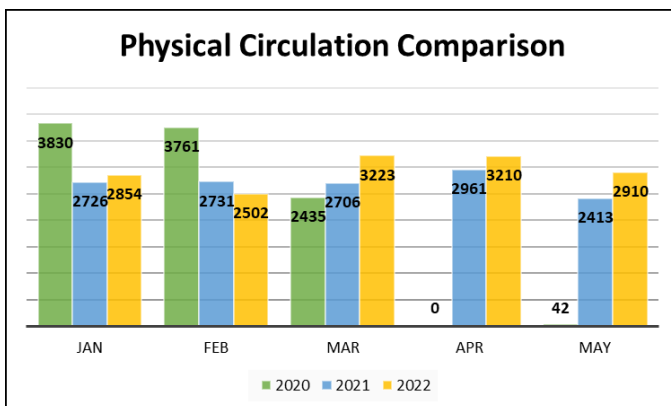
7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

- ✓ Patron Point is nearing activation for our LLC member libraries. With Patron Point, a resident will be able to register for an electronic library card if they do not wish a traditional plastic card.
- ✓ The Coop will begin strategic planning this summer and fall.
- ✓ There has been an increase in book challenges not only in Michigan, but in our nation. The issue at stake is protecting the First Amendment rights of our citizens. Resources recommended to library administration and boards may be found at Michigan Right to Read (www.mirighttoread.com), the Michigan Library Association (www.milibraries.org), and American Library Association (www.ala.org).
- ✓ LLC purchased a relatively new deliver truck.

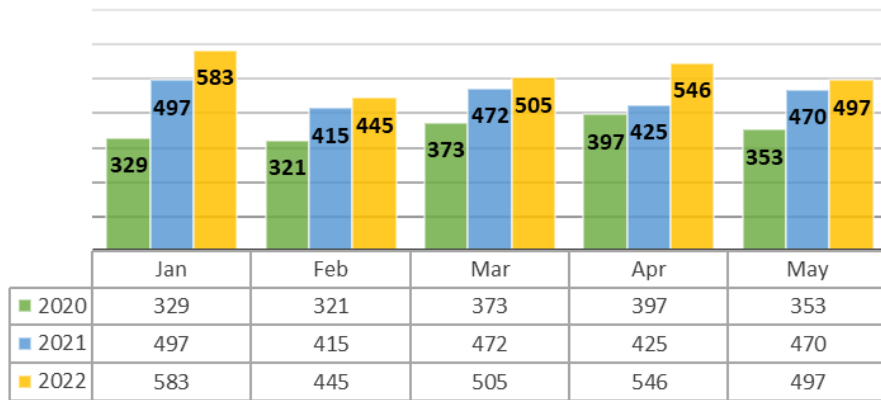
8. Covid-19 Supplies Distribution. The library received several more boxes of masks and test kits and continues to distribute them.

9. Library Circulation.

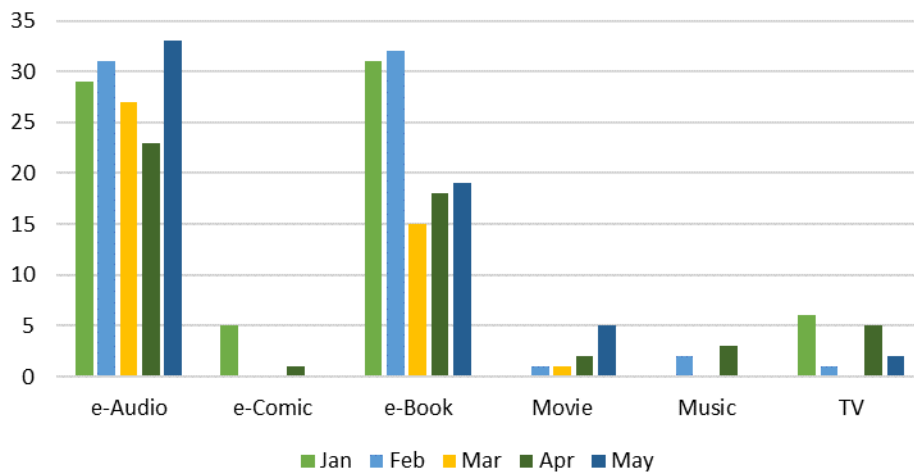
- ✓ 13 new patrons signed up for library cards.



Monthly Electronic Circulation Comparison



2022 Hoopla Checkouts by Format



REFERENCE STATISTICS FOR 2022

