



Newaygo Area District Library

Director's Report

It's good to review where we came from as we embark on a New Year. Let's take a look back over some highlights from 2022:

NADL shared in benefits of two ARPA grant projects: One from the Library Network provided the library with online and in-person programming equipment, such as Surface laptops, Video Camera Microphone/speaker system, and outdoor canopy. The other project through Lakeland Library Cooperative provided NADL \$2,025 worth of in-perpetuity access to digital content in ebook and audiobook formats to provide our residents digital content topics including mental health, workforce development, job seeking skills, health, and general educational needs.

Due to population increase recorded in the 2020 Census, NADL moved in class size from Class 2 to Class 3.

Mary Franklin became the library's first Assistant Director.

NADL held a variety of 145 different monthly library events and programs for all ages, attended by over 3,500 people.

Through a Library of Michigan (LM) ARPA Equipment Grant and an ECF Grant, laptops and hotspots were purchased and quickly became in high demand to checkout by patrons lacking connectivity and computers at home.

Also, through the LM ARPA Equipment Grant, NADL extended its facility's WIFI out from the building into the front patio area, rear parking area, and into Brooks Park. Three WIFI enabled charging benches and two picnic tables were also placed in the downtown area to help meet the connectivity needs of residents and tourists. These grant activities garnered statewide and national attention.

NADL added two Square terminals on both levels, providing patrons a convenient method to pay for copies, faxes, bookstore purchases, fines or fees, and donations. NADL began offering Wowbrary (an electronic newsletter) and maintained a library APP to help patrons manage their own accounts.

Summer Reading programs were a great success and much fun as more than 500 children, teens and adults participated in weekly reading and events.

NADL updated its library card image.

The Board approved an updated Employee Handbook.



Key areas in the facility were updated with fresh paint. All ceiling lights in the facility were replaced with cost efficient LED lights.

These are just a few of the past year's highlights from NADL, **your** place to **learn, connect, and explore!** We look forward to more exciting growth for our library and community in 2023.

Kelly Tinkham

Director Kelly Tinkham
January 9, 2023

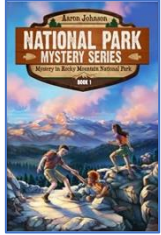


UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY



BABY BABBLETIME: A special storytime for babies! Mondays at 11 am. Come enjoy developmentally appropriate activities for your little ones, aged birth to two. Meet in the lower level with Mrs. Tammie.

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



WONDER KIDS BOOK CLUB: Sat. Mar. 11 at 11:00 am. Elementary and Middle School Kids! Love puzzling out secret codes, riddles, maps and hidden clues? Stop in the library to check out our March book club title, “**Mystery in Rocky Mountain National Park.**” On Saturday, meet in the Conference Room with Mrs. Tammie to discuss the story, share a snack, and participate in a fun activity related to the book. Sign up in the lower levels when you check out the book.

ADULT AND TEEN WINTER READING PROGRAM: Dec 5 – Feb 28. Stop in and sign up, or use the library’s handy ReadSquare App, to record your book reading progress. For every 2 books you read, earn a ticket in our final prize drawing. Top prizes are a Kindle fire 8 for a lucky adult and teen. Runner ups win a Warm Up Your Winter Gift Baskets.

MASON JAR SNOWMAN DROP-IN CRAFT: Mon, Jan. 9-14, Adults and teens may stop in the upper level of the library to craft a whimsical luminary sure to brighten your room. All supplies are provided.

MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY: Wed. Jan. 11 at 3:30 – 5:00 pm. In the lower level, enjoy the NEW RELEASE movie “Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile.

ANCIENT LANGUAGES & SACRED TEXTS: Jan. 12, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Learn about Egyptians Hieroglyphics, to the Rosetta Stone, to Hebrew, Greek and more! Dr. Gary Hauck, a world-traveled educator, pastor, and an expert in biblical languages, will speak about ancient writing practices and alphabets; the Hebrew and Greek of the Old and New Testaments; and about his travels to visit historical sites and study ancient text.



DOODLE ART CLASS: Sat. Jan. 14, 10:30 am. Adults and Teens! This is not FINE art, this is FUN art! Local artist, Victor DuBois, will help you create ink abstract art, and how to enhance it with color! All supplies are provided. Sign up and meet in the Conference Room. This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant Program.

CHILDREN’S TAKE & MAKE: Jan. 16 – 21 and Feb. 6 - 11. Stop in the Lower Level to pick-up a free take-home craft for children ages 5-12. While supplies last! Quantities are limited.

WARM DRINKS & ENCOURAGEMENT: Jan. 31, 10 am – 5 pm. Celebrate National Hot Cocoa Day with us! Stop in and enjoy a hot cocoa and receive words of encouragement, too!



WATERCOLOR BOOKMARKS: Feb. 4, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.

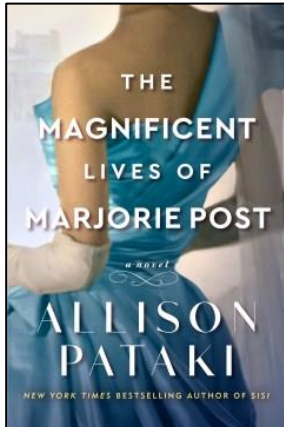
Linda Kilmer, local watercolor artist and designer, will help participants learn how to create a uniquely designed bookmark and stationary using markers for sketching and watercolors. Sign up and meet in the Conference Room. This adult opportunity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant Program.

Would you like to be notified by text of Newaygo Library events?

Sign up for our events reminder program! "Remind" will send out a text and email about events going on at Newaygo Library.

To sign up, go to: remind.com/join/44kk72 or Text SIGNUP to 616-432-2161

MARCH ADULT BOOK CLUB: Thursday, March 9, 2:00 pm



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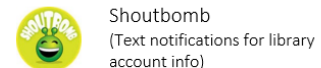
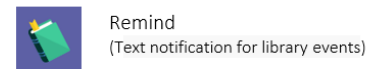
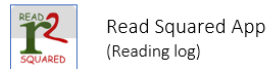
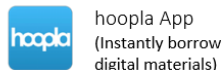
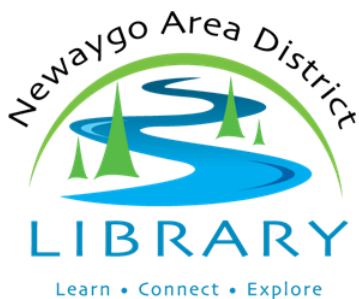
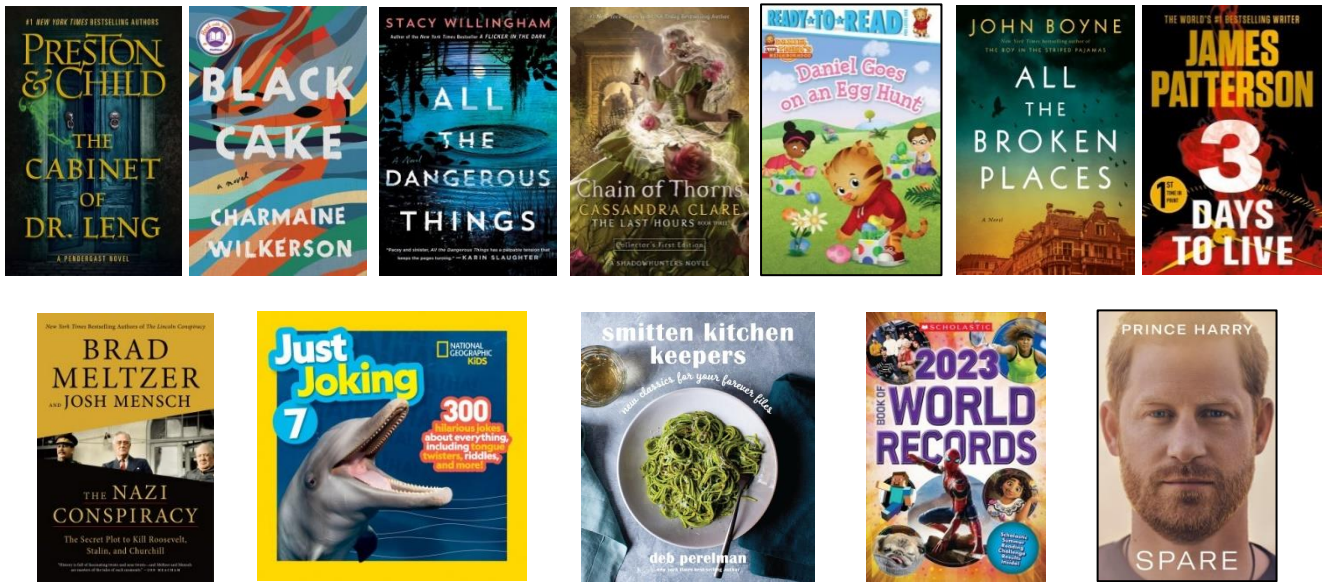
“Mrs. Post, the President and First Lady are here to see you. . . .” So begins another average evening for Marjorie Merriweather Post. Presidents have come and gone, but she has hosted them all. Growing up in the modest farmlands of **Battle Creek, Michigan**, Marjorie was inspired by a few simple rules: always think for yourself, never take success for granted, and work hard—even when deemed American royalty, even while covered in imperial diamonds.

Books are available in the upper level of the Library or on Libby. We will meet as a discussion group in the Conference Room.



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Coming Soon!



1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Tinkham: 12/20/22 NADL Board Meeting.
- ✓ 12/23 Monthly Staff Meeting (& Christmas Party!) All attended.
- ✓ Mary Franklin completed her level 4 library certification.
- ✓ Tiffany Chase completed her level 3 library certification.
- ✓ All staff evaluations completed by December 7.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 155 new physical items.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 12/27/22: Submitted Final Report for a Gerber Foundation 2022 Children’s Early Literacy Reading Materials Grant.
12/31/22: Giving Tree donations for 2022 was \$485. Thanks to donors for their generosity!
- ✓ By 1/13/23: Submitted Final Report for a the FACF Circulation 2022 Grant.

4. Wowbrary Newsletter – 422 emails sent; Remind Subscribers –115; ShoutBomb Subscribers – 87 users/73 texts sent.

5. Social Media.

- ✓ FB: 1390 Likes; 1516 Follows; Instagram: 249 Follows; Twitter: 25 Follows.

6. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ January 2023: Working with EnGoPlanet to replace a glass panel in one WIFI charging bench. Vinyl on the panel has begun to fracture. Also, a door requires replacement on a second bench.

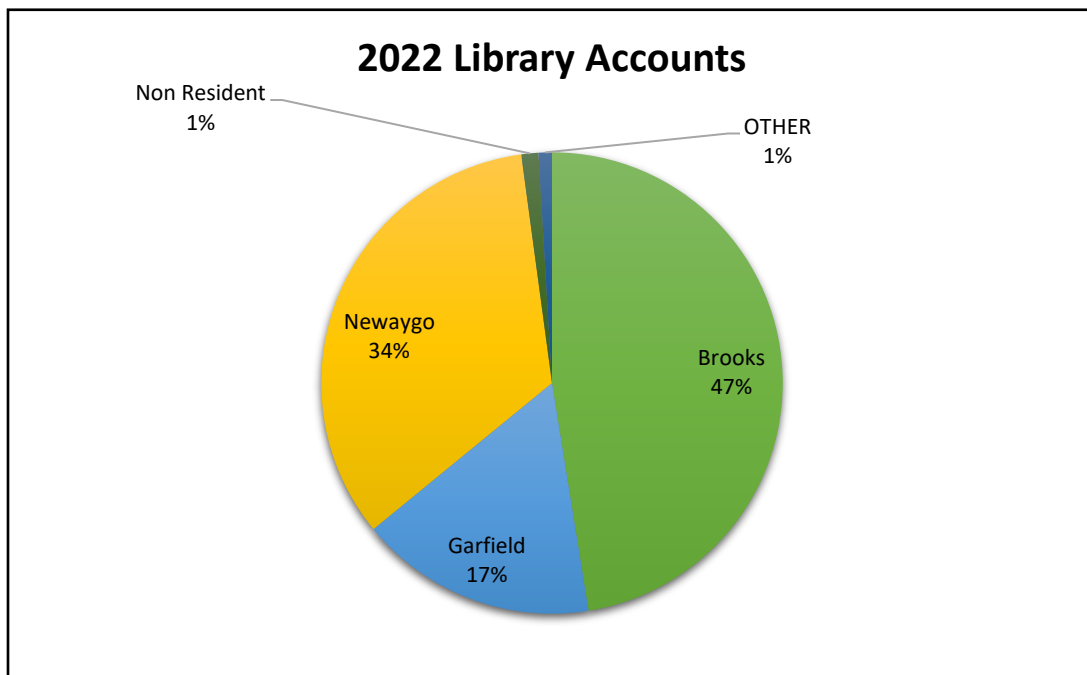
7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

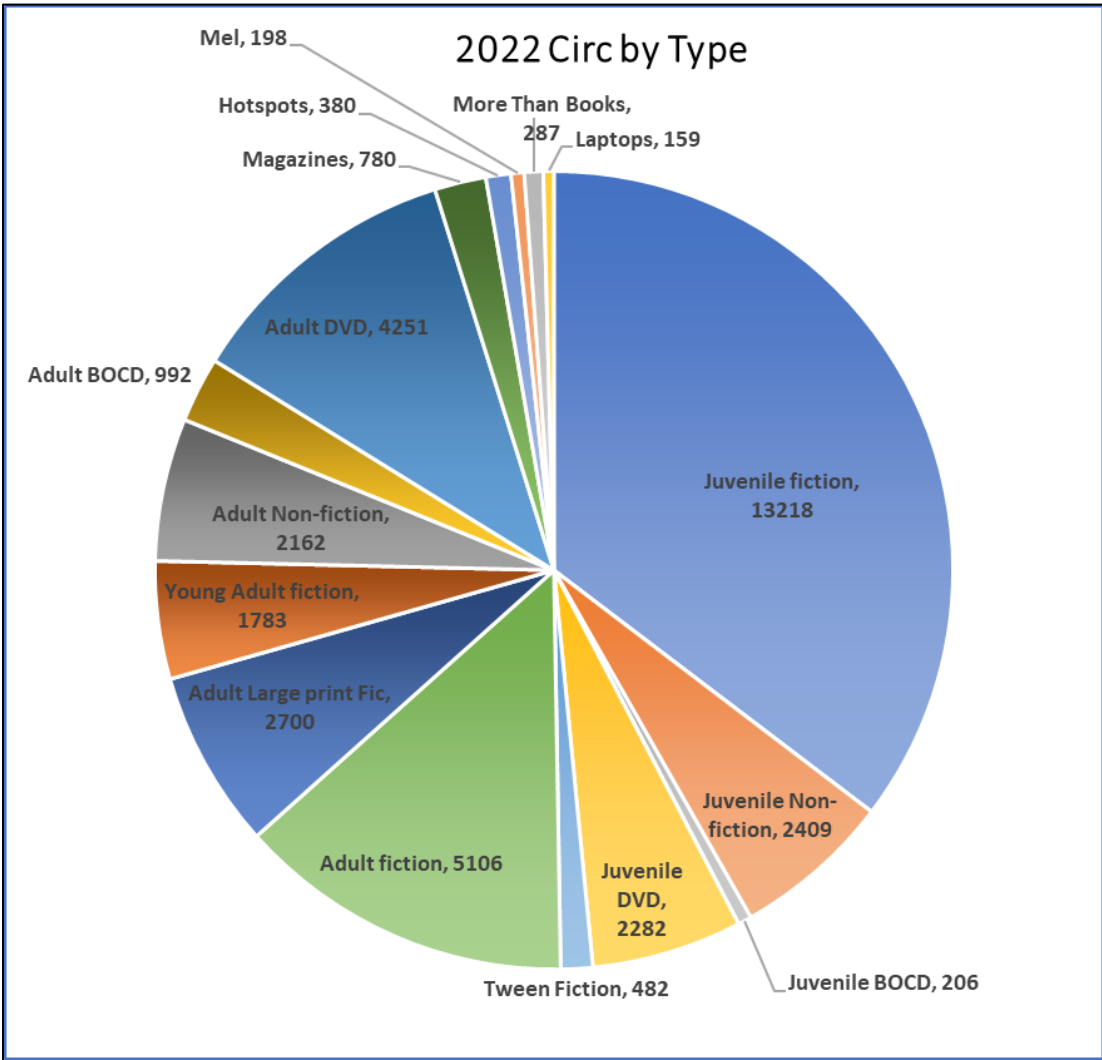
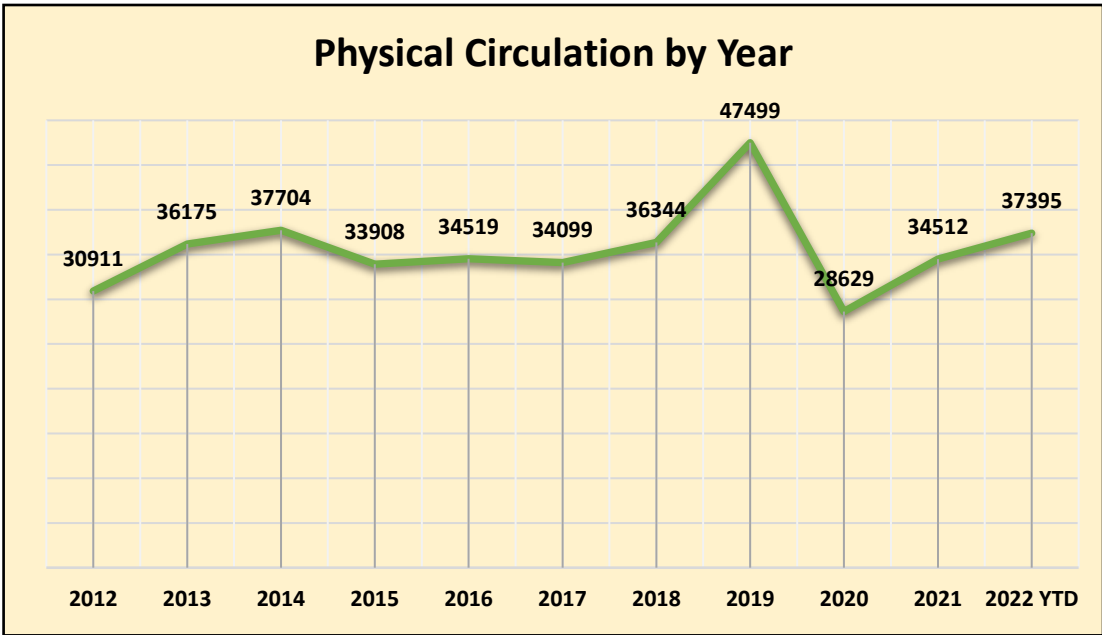
- ✓ ILS Manager Sheryl VanderWagen will retire Autumn of 2023.
- ✓ Patron Point implementation for Newaygo County libraries is scheduled for Jan. 23. In the meantime, trainings are being scheduled for staff.

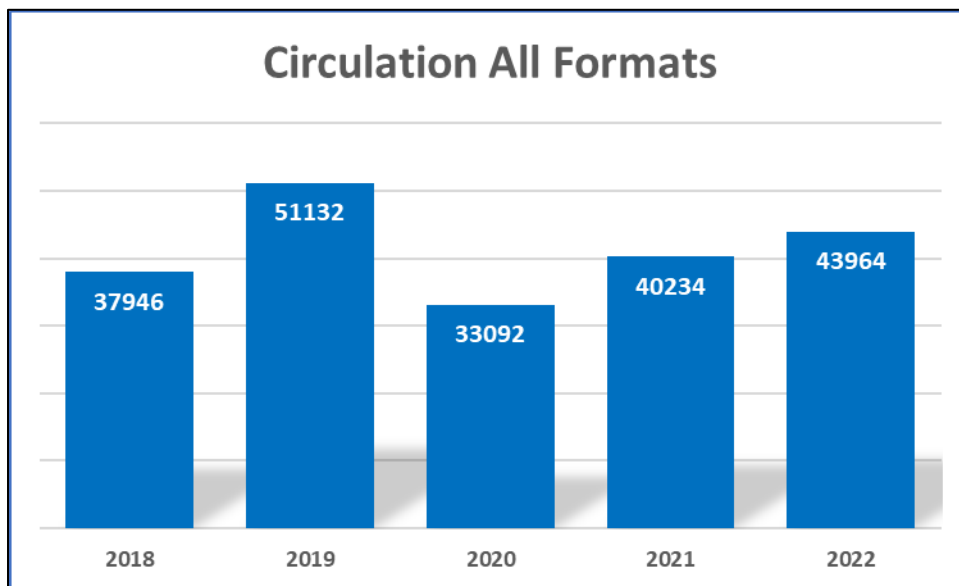
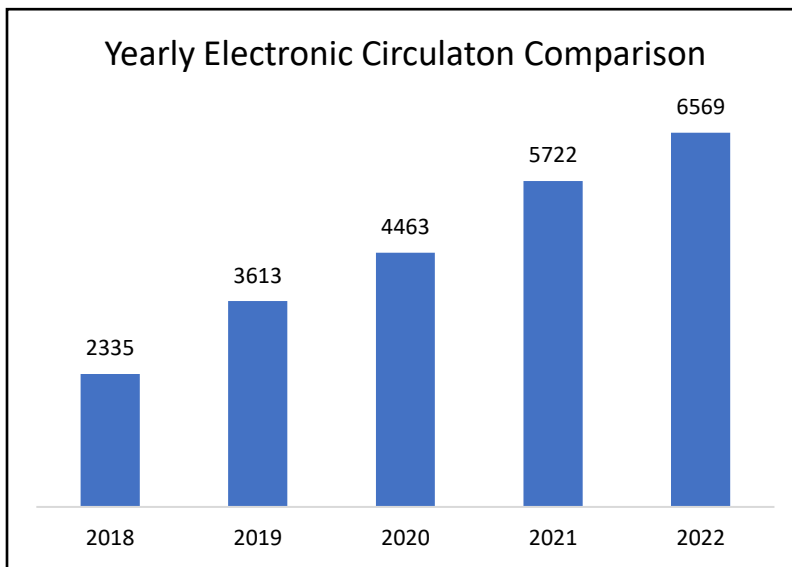
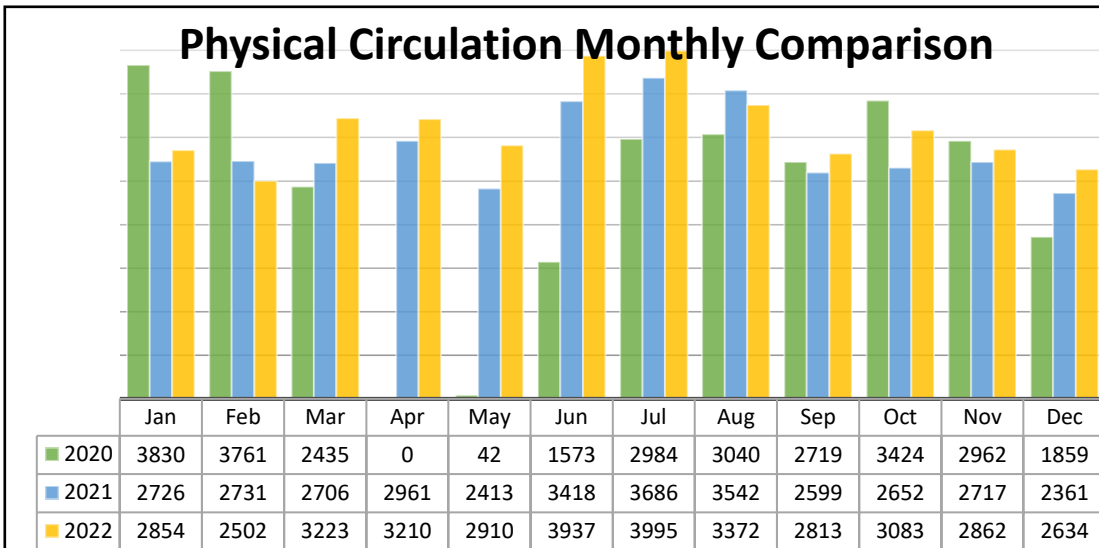
8. Covid-19 Supplies Distribution. We continue to distribute as patrons stop in.

9. Library Circulation.

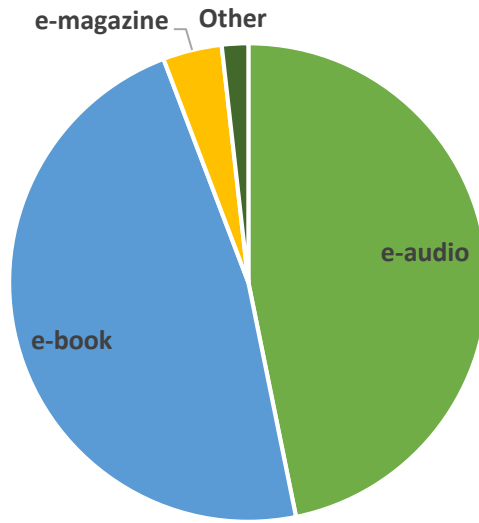
- ✓ 14 new library accounts in December.
- ✓ 2022 circulation rates in both electronic and physical items showed growth over 2020 & 2021 rates.







2022 Electronic Formats Comparison



REFERENCE STATISTICS FOR 2022

■ Upstairs ■ Downstairs

