



## Newygo Area District Library

### Director's Report

It's true that NADL is full of stories in many formats, from board books to large print, books on CDs to audio-enabled books, electronic audiobooks to e-books. **But**

**there is much more to our story.** NADL lends items such as hotspots, laptops, board games, puzzles, magazines, STEM kits, cameras, metal detectors and accessories, museum passes, and more. Library programming brings people together for lifelong learning events, book clubs, story-times, lectures, and entertainment. The library facility enhances the community by providing meeting space, internet and technology access, literacy growth opportunities, and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs, and WIFI-enabled charging benches in the downtown.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 23-29, 2023

*There's More to the Story.*

**Celebrate National Library week this year in many ways! Take time to learn YOUR LIBRARY'S story!**

**Visit** your library to find a great book to read! Need a library card? Staff can help. Or, just follow this link: [Newygo Library Patron Point](#). **Recognize** your library's staff. **Stop by** one of the three WIFI charging benches in the downtown and see how cool it is. **Tell Congress** to invest federal funding for libraries: [Fund Libraries](#). **Spread the news** of what NADL has to offer to your friends and neighbors. **Follow along** on social media, and **sign up** with [Remind](#) for programming alerts. **Download** the library apps: Lakeland Library APP, Transparent Language, Libby and Hoopla. **NADL's story is not complete without YOU!**

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKERS DAY

ALA/APA

April 25 is **National Library Workers Day**, a day to recognize the quality NADL staff who serve patrons who visits the library. Allow me to introduce you to NADL's valuable staff who meet their patrons where they are and who are always ready to help.

- ★ **Dominic** is passionate about learning and sharing the love of learning with others. As the NADL Adult Programming Specialist, he was instrumental in holding a popular ancient language lecture, gardening and beekeeping classes, and has several more interesting opportunities in the works for patrons to enjoy this year. He also has begun to assist the Director in grant writing. Dominic enjoys reading erudite prose, and is currently tackling Plato's Republic.
- ★ **Janell** is cheerful and always willing to help both staff and patrons alike. As a Circulation Specialist, she often works in the lower level assisting with story-times and keeping the children's library looking great. She prepares the Feature Author display, and helps with the Adult Book Club. If you find the outdoor sign in front of the building helpful, Janell is the person to thank! Her favorite genre is *Suspense*.
- ★ **Jessica** is friendly and welcoming, always willing to assist patrons at the circulation desk. She put together the March Madness Brackets, of which, "Where the Wilds Things Are" was voted the best 2023 children's book, and "Nettle and Bone" was voted the best adult/young adult book. She is recently learning to enter magazines into the collection, and to prepare items for checkout. Jessica's favorite book is "The Book Thief," by Markus Zusak.
- ★ **Mary** is creative, organized, and resourceful. As Assistant Director and in charge of Marketing, she plans content for the library website and social media platforms to help keep our community abreast of local



news, services and resources. Besides that, she oversees circulation records creation so that the most current items are correct and ready for holds and checkout. Mary likes to read Cozy Mysteries.

★ **Molly** is also creative and has accumulated great experience in proper book repair, and is particular in overseeing both repairs to damaged materials and preparation of materials for circulation. As the Circulation Technician Team Lead, she often has the not-so-easy responsibility of calling patrons about damaged items. Molly also oversees everything about Mel loans. Molly’s favorite genre is Fairy Tales.

★ **Tammie** is passionate about literacy and thoughtfully plans creative story-times for babies and preschoolers, and exciting book clubs for elementary and middle schoolers. As the NADL Children’s Specialist, she is preparing for great summer reading programs! Tammie’s favorite genre is Historical Fiction, and her favorite author is Liz Curtis Higgs.

★ **Tiffany** is attentive to detail, and recently stepped into the role of Circulation Specialist Team Lead. She is doing a marvelous job of keeping circulation details and tasks consistent and orderly. She also prepares the New York Times Best-sellers lists, and keeps up on entering new materials into the library collection, so that you may place holds on upcoming new releases. Tiffany’s favorite genre to read is Fantasy.

It is my pleasure and honor to work with each of these passionate, upbeat, and enthusiastic library people. It is impossible to list all that they do every day to help run the library. Together, we make a great team!

Oh, and by the way, my own most recent favorite read was, “The Man Called Ove,” by Fredrik Backman. Check it out!

There is something for everyone at NADL. It truly is **your** place in the community to **learn, connect, and explore**. We look forward to seeing you!

*Kelly Tinkham*  
Director Kelly Tinkham  
April 7, 2023



Tuesday, April 25, 2023 is NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKERS DAY! Now, is the perfect time to highlight the VALUABLE role library workers in your community play in keeping NADL running. Click the link to nominate a STELLAR LIBRARY WORKER.

**[Submit a NADL Star Staff!](#)**





### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

**BABY STORYTIME:** 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 am. Three stories plus a craft are shared in the lower level.

**MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY:** Wed. Apr. 12, 3:30pm–5:00pm. Come join us in the Children's library to watch the film *Hop* (2011).

**GARDENING 101-- with Elizabeth Pitzer:** Thu. Apr. 13, 6:00pm–8:00pm. Cultivate your green thumb: come and learn how to prepare a vegetable bed, select vegetables and flowers that attract pollinators, and everything else you need to know to plan and maintain your garden! Attendees will be able to leave with up to four heirloom seedlings to get you started. Registration is required.



**WONDER KIDS BOOK CLUB—Because of Winn Dixie:** Sat. Apr. 15, 11:00am. On Saturday, meet in the Conference Room with Mrs. Tammie to discuss the story and have a pizza party—invite a friend! Audio-enabled copies of the book available. Ages 8–12, RSVP required.



**A BIRD IN THE HAND:** Thur. Apr. 20, 6:00pm–7:00pm. Local Birder, Terry Grabill made a marathon effort to see as many species of Michigan birds as possible in 2021. "A Bird in the Hand" will bring stories from the road as Terry birded 36 days, drove over 33,000 miles and recorded 323 bird species. Terry is a life-long Newaygo County resident and a retired science teacher.

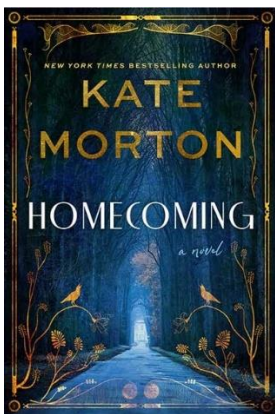
**POETRY WORKSHOP with Madeline Boss:** Sat. Apr. 22, 10:30am–12:30pm. Madeline Boss, published author, poet and speaker, will be hosting a poetry workshop at the library. Her class will give attendees and introduction to poetry, and she will share about her personal writing process. Participants will have time to free-write, and they will receive an NADL notebook to take home and continue their poetry journey. RSVP required. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

**CHILDREN'S MAY TAKE & MAKE:** Mon. May 8–Sat. May 13. ALL WEEK LONG! Newaygo Area District Library will have a Mother's Day Take & Make craft kit available for children ages 12 and under.



**MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY:** Wed. May 10, 3:30pm–5:00pm. Come join us in the Children's library to watch the children's film *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish* (2022).

**MAY BOOK CLUB:** Thu. May 18, 2:00pm–3:00pm. The book planned for May's Book Club chat will be: *Homecoming* by bestselling author, Kate Morton.



*"[...] Jess is a journalist in search of a story. Having lived and worked in London for almost twenty years, she now finds herself laid off from her full-time job and struggling to make ends meet. A phone call out of nowhere summons her back to Sydney, where her beloved grandmother, Nora, who raised Jess when her mother could not, has suffered a fall and been raced to the hospital.*



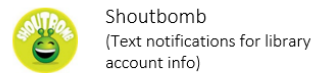
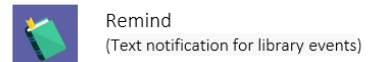
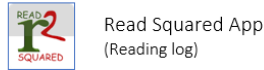
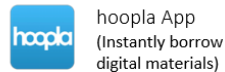
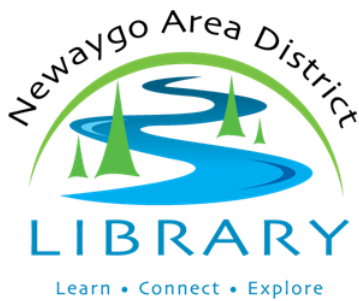
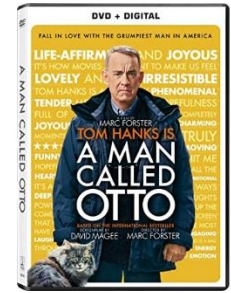
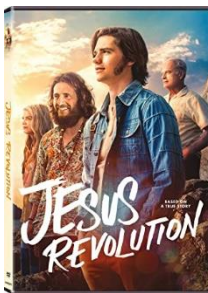
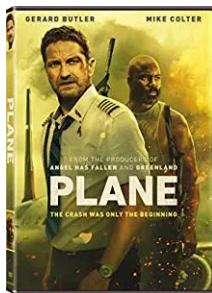
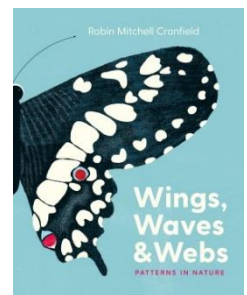
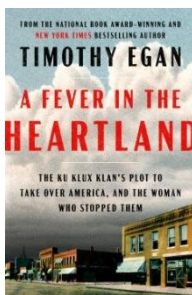
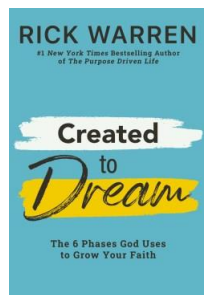
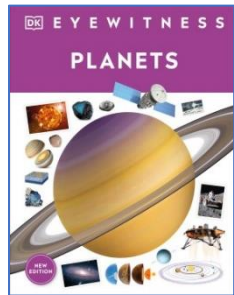
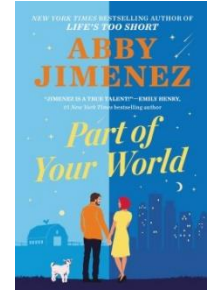
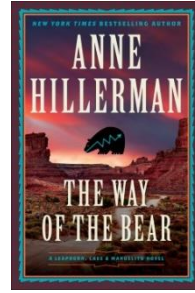
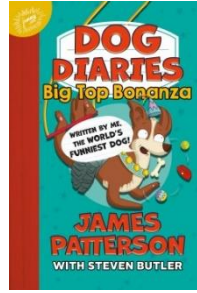
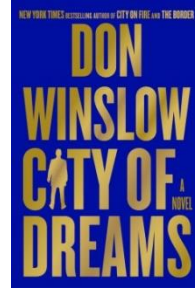
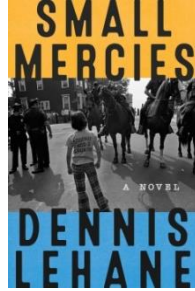
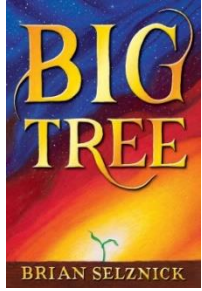
*At Nora's house, Jess discovers a book that chronicles the police investigation into a long-buried crime: The Turner Family Tragedy of Christmas Eve, 1959. It is only when Jess skims through the pages that she finds a shocking connection between her own family and this once-infamous event – a murder mystery that has never been resolved satisfactorily."*

#### 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 NADL. To sign up, go to: [remind.com/join/44kk72](https://remind.com/join/44kk72) or Text SIGNUP to 616-432-2161



Coming Soon!



**1. Library Staff Opportunities.**

- ✓ Director Tinkham: 3/9 LLC Meetings; 3/21/23 NADL Board Meeting.
- ✓ Tiffany Chase: 3/22 Circulation Forum.
- ✓ Staff Meeting: 3/28. All attended. Reviewed Circulation topics, Sierra issues, need to promote library services to patrons; upcoming programming needs; April displays.
- ✓ Molly Hurrele celebrated her 3-year anniversary in January.

**2. Collection Management and Development.**

- ✓ Development: Added: 206 new physical items.
- ✓ Management: Juvenile Fiction weeding to begin.

**3. Grants and Donations.**

- ✓ 3/23/23: Submitted a grant request to the Great Lakes Energy People Fund for a \$5,000 grant to purchase seven new public computers.
- ✓ 3/30/23: Submitted a grant request for \$3,207 from the FAFN NADL Endowment Fund and a request for \$800 from the FAFN John and Aileen Pugno Community Fund for NADL. Funds will be used for purchase of collections materials.
- ✓ 4/3/23: Submitted a Dollar General grant request for \$4000 to purchase two new children’s educational computers and audio-enabled books for book clubs.

**4. Wowbry Newsletter** – 166 subscribers; **Remind Subscribers** –134; **Transparent Language**-- 11` users. **ShoutBomb Subscribers** – 92 users/75 texts sent.

**5. Social Media.**

- ✓ **FB:** 1474 Likes; 1596 Follows; **Instagram:** 260 Follows; **Twitter:** 29 Follows.

**6. Building & Maintenance.**

- ✓ April 5: After heavy rain and wind, developed a leak in the upper level near the Large Print Section. Call outs were made to maintenance and a roofing company.
- ✓ April: Scheduling replacement door installation on one charging bench.

**7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.**

**8. Covid-19 Supplies Distribution.** March 30 reordered through MDHHS supplies of Covid home tests.

**9. Library Circulation.**

- ✓ 12 new library accounts in March.

