

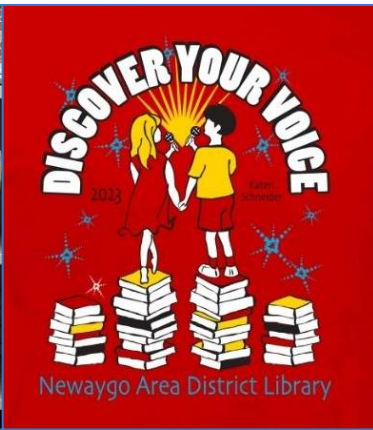


Newwaygo Area District Library

Director's Report

Summer reading is fast approaching, and staff at NADL are busy preparing fun reading events and activities for all ages of readers. This year's theme is "Discover Your Voice."

One way we strive to make participation in our program desirable for kids is by holding a t-shirt logo design contest. This year, Kateri Schneider (Homeschool 8th grade-Pictured below) won first place, Jayda Nestor (NPS 10th grade) won 2nd place, and Toby VanRooyen (NPS 12th grade) won Honorable Mention. Children that sign up for the summer reading program and complete their summer reading goals have a chance to win one of these one-of-a-kind 2023 summer reading prize shirts! Teens will have a chance to win a unique teen shirt featuring NADL's logo.



Summer reading has benefits for all ages of people!

- Did you know that, in general, it takes 2-3 months to build a new habit? What better time than summer to begin to build a life-long reading habit!
- Reading with a parent or caregiver promotes literacy in the youngest children by building language and social-emotional skills.
- Benefits of summer reading for elementary and middle school children are enormous, because free reading is essential for students to become better readers, learners, and spellers.
- Literacy also affects self-esteem. Reading choices are numerous within the library's collections. Students read more when they choose materials based on their own interests.
- Summer reading programs also motivate reluctant or struggling readers to find success and reward in reading.
- Joining library summer reading programs and events creates enjoyable social times for everyone.

Sign up for summer reading begins on June 1. Save the date!

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!

Director Kelly Tinkham
May 4, 2023



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.

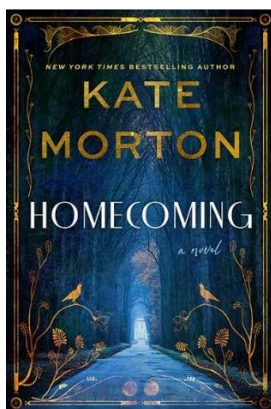
PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Tuesdays at 11 am. Three stories plus a craft are shared in the lower level.

CHILDREN’S MAY TAKE & MAKE: Mon. May 8–Sat. May 13. ALL WEEK LONG! Newwaygo 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.”

FLY-TYING WORKSHOP with Kevin Feenstra: Sat. May 20, 10:30am–12:30pm. Join us for a free class on how to do Fly-Tying! Kevin Feenstra started Feenstra Guide Service LLC in 1997. His passion is swinging flies for steelhead, but loves to fish for any predator fish that is willing to eat a fly. He has also published several fly fishing DVDS, including *Searching for Steelhead*, *Striking Steel*, and *Big Appetite, Small mouth*. He has authored many magazine articles, and his flies are published in fly tying manuals and magazines. Class is to be held in the Newwaygo Library Conference Room. All supplies will be provided. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



MEMORIAL DAY HOURS: Fri. May 26—Library closing at 4:00pm.
Sat. May 27—Library closed.
Mon. May 29—Library closed.



MICHIGAN MYSTERIES with Ross Richardson: Tue. June 6, 6:00pm. Ross Richardson, shipwreck hunter, trained SCUBA diver, and author, will be giving a presentation at the library on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023! How many missing persons, missing aircraft and missing ships are there in the Michigan Region? Dozens? Hundreds? Try thousands! Explore some of Michigan’s most mysterious disappearances and learn how some of these baffling cold cases get solved. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

Warning: This program contains images and stories concerning true crime, missing persons cases and human remains.

Would you like to be notified by text of Newwaygo 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 or Text SIGNUP to 616-432-2161

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

TEEN SUMMER READING

SATURDAYS

JUNE & JULY

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Ages 12 & up



TEEN D&D CAMPAIGN

PROFESSOR FIZZBURN'S MAD LABORATORY ADVENTURE

JOIN THE QUEST! Players can join in on the ongoing campaign, based loosely on the *Lost Mines of Phandelver*.

To accommodate everyone's busy summer schedule, those who can't make it to every session may drop in and out for games.

After Session 0, new players will choose from pre-made characters.



Calling all teen heroes, mages, wanderers, scoundrels, and rogues!

D & D is at NADL for Teen Summer Reading!

Join the party to play Dungeons and Dragons every Saturday beginning June 10 through all of July with Dungeon Master JR.

Players can join in on the ongoing campaign, based loosely on *Lost Mines of Phandelver*.

Dungeons and Dragons is a collaborative story-telling game played as a group. Players make their way through a fantasy adventure on their own terms. Explore an unknown world, battle monsters, or run your own successful cabbage farm—the choice is yours! Your options are limited only by your own imagination.

Parents!

Through the Teen D & D, players will:

- develop confidence and social emotional skills
- collaborate with peers on a story-creating activity
- exercise creative problem-solving
- strengthen math skills



All teenage players are welcome—no experience required!



2023 CHILDREN SUMMER READING EVENTS

AT THE NEWAYGO AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

JUNE:

June 15th @ 11:00 am - Snakes, Lizards, Turtles, Oh My!

Join us and our friends at Outdoor Discovery to see live reptiles and experience hands-on artifacts including skins, skulls, and shells!

June 22nd @ 11:00 am - Dance for Kindness

"Dance for Kindness" is a fun, high energy musical celebration promoting kindness and friendship. Audience participation is encouraged!

June 29th @ 11:00 am - The Village Puppeteers

The Village Puppeteers will entertain us with colorful puppets and silly antics. Puss 'n Boots & The 3 Little Pigs will be joined by many others including a handsome prince, a maiden in distress, and a dazzling dragon!

JULY:

July 13th @ 11:00 am - Live Birds of Prey: A Bird's Eye View

See live birds of prey presented by our friends from Outdoor Discovery! Experience hands-on artifacts including skulls, feathers, talons and more!

July 20th - Starlab - 4 Starlab Sessions available due to limited occupancy - 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00

Explore the night skies inside a Starlab mylar dome. Gather in Brooks Park 15 minutes before your preferred session time to line up. Library staff will escort you to the Newaygo Heritage Museum for this star-filled, planetarium experience!

July 27th @ 11:00 am - The Laugh Factory Comedy Magic Show

Professional Magician, Doug Scheer, will dazzle you as he performs a magic show of nutty wackiness & non-stop laughter.

AUGUST:

August 3rd @ 11:00 am - Passports in Time

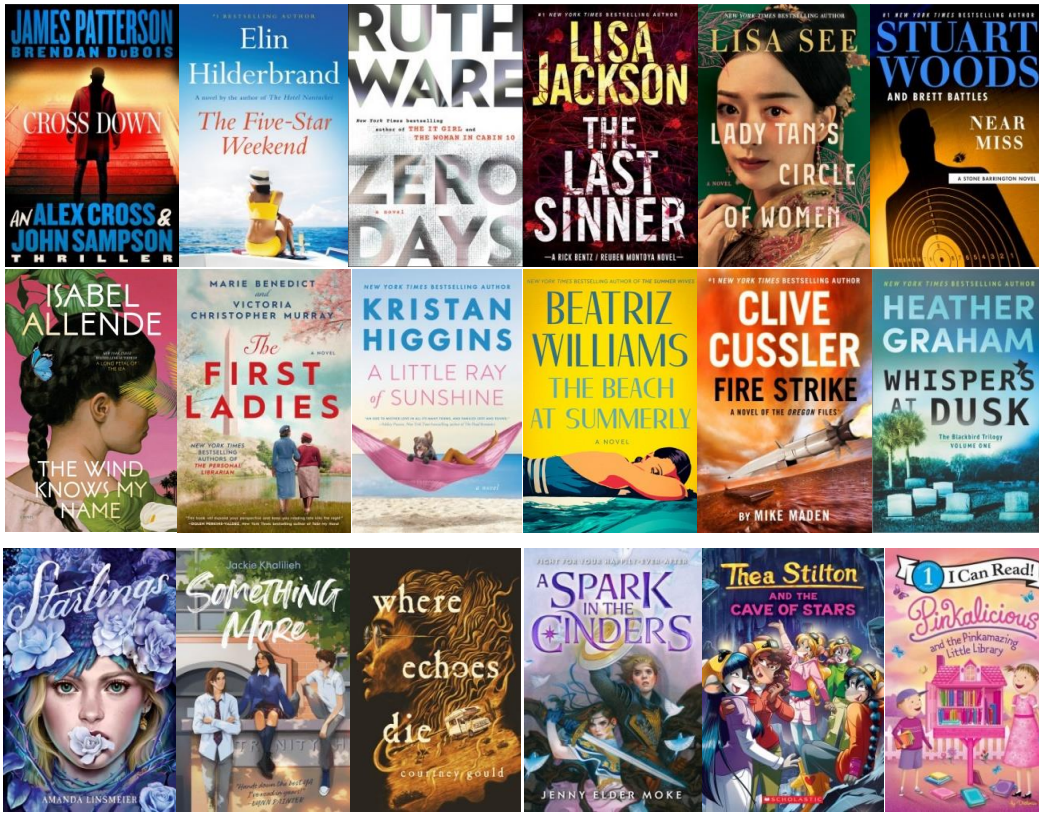
Discover how children lived in 1915, the year our library was built. Gather in Brooks Park at 10:45 a.m. to line up. Library staff will escort you to the Newaygo Heritage Museum where the museum staff will then lead you on a fascinating tour of our past.

August 24th @ 10:00-11:30 am - SRP Prize Winners Reveal

Enjoy a cupcake and find out who the SRP winners are! Prize drawing winners will be published for all to see! This is also the last day to receive reading log prizes.

Coming Soon!

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MyLibrary App



Read Squared App
(Reading log)



Remind
(Text notification for library events)



hoopla App
(Instantly borrow digital materials)



MeL
(Books and databases)



Shoutbomb
(Text notifications for library account info)



libby App
(Digital books)



1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Tinkham: 4/14/23 LM Directors Meeting; 4/18/23 NADL Board Meeting; 5/2/23 NC Directors’ Meeting.
- ✓ Tiffany Chase: April Circulation Forum.
- ✓ Mary Franklin: 5/3/22 Library Services for Homeschoolers Meeting
- ✓ Staff Meeting: 4/18 All attended. Reviewed Circulation topics, Sierra issues, upcoming programming needs including Summer Reading; May displays.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Development: Added: 93 new physical items.
- ✓ Management: Juvenile Fiction weeding has begun.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 4/3/23: Submitted a Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant request for \$4000 to purchase two new children’s educational computers and audio-enabled books for youth book clubs. Grant recipients will be announced August 17.
- ✓ 4/17/23: Received a combined grant of \$4,007 from the FAFN NADL Endowment Fund and from the FAFN John and Aileen Pugno Community Fund for NADL. Funds will be used for purchase of collections materials.
- ✓ 4/24/23: Great Lakes Energy People Fund awarded a \$5,000 grant to purchase seven new public computers and monitors.

4. Wowbrary Newsletter – 195 subscribers; **Remind Subscribers** –138; **Transparent Language**-- 12 users. **ShoutBomb Subscribers** – 91 users/50 texts sent.

5. Social Media.

- ✓ **FB:** 1500 Likes; 1617 Follows; **Instagram:** 262 Follows; **Twitter:** 30 Follows.

6. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ April 7: American Classic from Grant repaired cracked caulking on roof that led to leaks during heavy spring rains. After further inspection of the roof, shingles condition remains good.
- ✓ May: Scheduling replacement door installation on one charging bench.

7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

8. Covid-19 Supplies Distribution. In April, we received new stock of Covid home tests.

9. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 10 new library accounts in APRIL.

