



Newwaygo Area District Library

Director's Report

As I reflect over the past years, I count myself blessed to have worked under an incredible Library Board, with creative and engaged Staff, beside outstanding Peers, and for my vibrant Community. The commitment to purposeful library service for our patrons has made this feel more like a mission than just a job. And so, it is with mixed emotions, I announce that I will step down as Director from Newwaygo Area District Library, effective October 30, 2023.

Since 2004, I am glad to have been a part of the history of Newwaygo Carnegie Library, through the transition phase, and into the newly renovated and expanded Newwaygo Area District Library, the Class 3 library we are today. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have spent the last seven years as Director. Through the years we've accomplished some significant achievements, such as:

- Updated library policies and employee handbook.
- Established a five-year strategic plan.
- Developed a new logo and library branding.
- Improved staff pay/benefits and workplace environment.
- Maintained a healthy financial position including a stable fund balance.
- Obtained over \$338,000 of grant funds since 2017. These funds helped provide our patrons:
 - Expanded services, library apps, and a variety of library programming for all ages.
 - Extended WIFI into our city's downtown area, including solar powered charging benches.
 - Seven new public computers stations.
 - Library materials like books and other reading materials in many formats, including expanded digital collections, plus laptops, hotspots, metal detectors and other unique items for check-out.

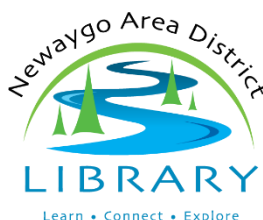
By extending internet connectivity beyond our facility into our community, NADL became an example of creative library service on a national level. But what thrills me most has been to witness the excitement and satisfaction patrons expressed when library resources, services, and programming opportunities met their personal needs and desires.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the future for NADL. As the Board strategically plans for the next leadership and direction of library services, I am pleased to say I will continue employment in a new capacity as Assistant Director of Finance. This position will support the incoming director to successfully develop new strategies and opportunities of growing library services for our community to enjoy.

There is something for everyone at NADL, *your* place to **Learn, Connect, and Explore**.

Kelly Tinkham

Director Kelly Tinkham
July 10, 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.

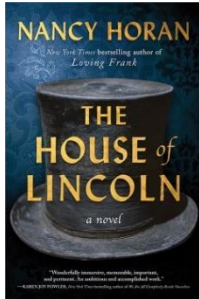
PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Three stories plus a craft are shared in the lower level.

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY – TUES. JULY 4TH

Newaygo Area District Library will be closed today in observance of Independence Day.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday!

JULY ADULT BOOK CLUB: Thurs. July 6th 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm



The book planned for July’s Book Club will be: *THE HOUSE OF LINCOLN* by Nancy Horan. “An unprecedented view of Lincoln’s Springfield. *The House of Lincoln* is a sweeping historical novel, which tells the story of Abraham Lincoln’s ascendance from rumpus lawyer to U.S. president to the Great Emancipator through the eyes of a young asylum-seeker who arrives in Lincoln’s home of Springfield from Madeira, Portugal.

This book will be available for checkout at the library circulation desk after June 6th.

B-SIDE GROWLERS – AT NEWAYGO FARMER’S MARKET: Fri. July 14th 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



The B-Side Growlers are an acoustic trio: Mary Lewandoski, Matt Porter, and Pete Lewandoski from Grand Rapids, MI. They focus on traditional inspired, toe-tappin’ fired, vintage acoustic blues, jazz and country. Come for the music and to shop the Market!

SUMMER READING EVENTS

TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB: Saturdays June 10th – July 29th 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join the quest of Professor Fizzburn’s Mad Laboratory Adventure! Players can join in on the ongoing campaign, based loosely on the Lost Mines of Phandelver. Those who can’t make it to every session may feel free to drop in and out for games. New players will choose from pre-made characters. This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, private donors, and the generosity of many local businesses.

Session 4: Sat. July 8th

Session 5: Sat. July 15th

Session 6: Sat. July 22nd

Session 7: Sat. July 29th



BIRDS OF PREY: Thurs. July 13th 11:00 am – 12:00 pm



Join our friends from Outdoor Discovery to see birds of prey, including hawks, owls and falcons and learn about their habitats! Experience hands-on artifacts including skulls, feathers, pelts, and talons! This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, private donors, and the generosity of many local businesses.

***We will be meeting outside in Brooks Park UNLESS it rains – then we will move inside. Please look to the website or our Facebook page, for inclement weather updates.*



STARLAB – OUR AMAZING UNIVERSE: Thurs. July 20th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Kids & Families: Join us for a planetarium experience at the Newaygo Heritage Museum! Explore the wonders of the night skies in the Starlab dome. There are 4 Starlab sessions available, with a limited occupancy of 30 per session. Gather in Brooks Park before your preferred session time to be escorted to the museum as a group. This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, private donors, and the generosity of many local businesses.

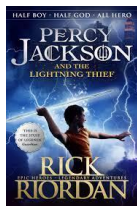


Session 1: 10:30 am – 11:00 am

Session 2: 11:00 am – 11:30 am

Session 3: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Session 4: 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm



TEEN BOOK CLUB: Tues. July 25th 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Hey teens! Join Tiffany in the Conference Room to discuss The Lightning Thief, a novel that follows the epic journey of halfblood, Percy Jackson, and his friends while enjoying pizza! This will count towards your summer reading requirements! Space is limited, and registration is required.

LAUGH FACTORY COMEDY MAGIC SHOW: Thurs. July 27th 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Professional Magician, Doug Scheer will dazzle you as he performs a magic show of nutty wackiness & non-stop laughter! This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, private donors, and the generosity of many local businesses. ** We will be meeting outside in Brooks Park UNLESS it rains – then we will move inside. Please look to the website or our Facebook page, for inclement weather updates.*



PASSPORTS IN TIME: Thurs. August 3rd 11:00 am – 12:00 pm



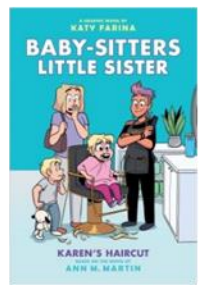
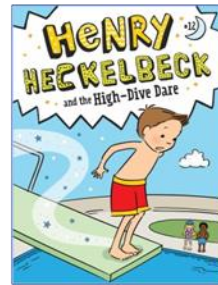
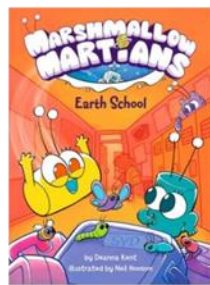
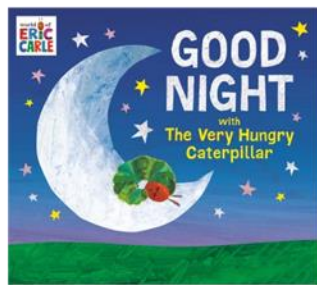
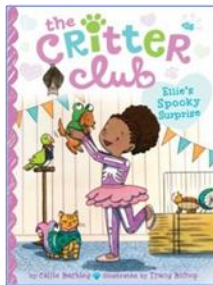
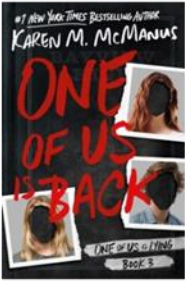
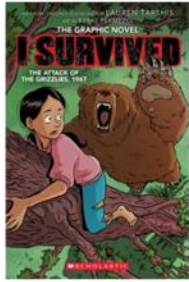
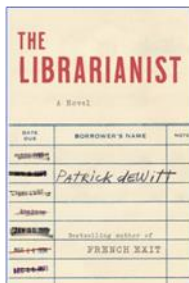
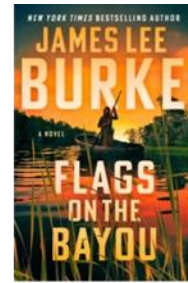
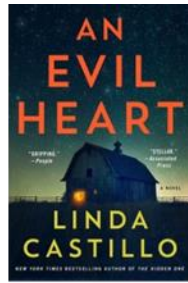
In partnership with The Heritage Museum of Newaygo County, the Newaygo Library will be escorting groups to the museum for a tour provided by museum staff. Passports in Time will be showcasing how children lived in 1915 when Newaygo Library was built. This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, private donors, and the generosity of many local businesses.

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

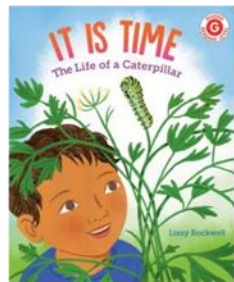
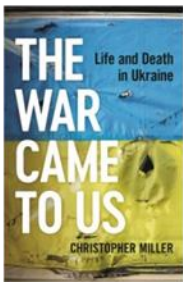
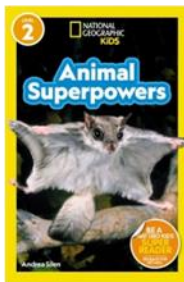
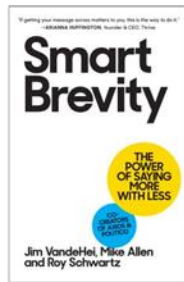
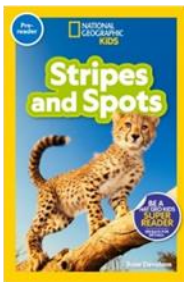
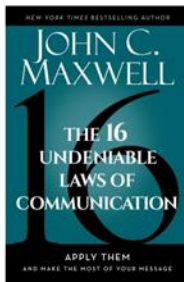
Sign up for our events reminder program! "Remind" will send out a text and email about events going on at NADL. To sign up, go to: remind.com/join/44kk72 or Text SIGNUP to 616-432-2161

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*Remember to place a hold on new releases!

1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Tinkham: 6/8 NADL Board MTG; 6/14 Finance Committee MTG; 6/14 Employee Retention and Recruitment at the STREAM; 6/14 LM: The Power of Brevity: Maximum Impact with Less Words zoom MTG; 6/28 LM: What to Do with Patrons that are Mad on Arrival.
- ✓ Mary Franklin: 6/14 LM: The Power of Brevity: Maximum Impact with Less Words zoom MTG.
- ✓ Staff Meeting: 6/22 All attended. Reviewed Circulation items and key points of professionalism in customer service.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Development: Added: 103 new physical items.

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.
- ✓ 6/23/23: Submitted a \$4,000 MACC Mini-grant request for MI-Grown Arts Programming for 23-24.

4. Wowbrary Newsletter – 235 subscribers; Remind Subscribers –148; Transparent Language-- 10 users. ShoutBomb Subscribers – 94 users.

5. Social Media.

- ✓ **FB:** 1513 Likes; 1647 Follows; **Instagram:** 267 Follows; **Twitter:** 31 Follows.

6. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ May 23: Johnson Controls performed annual inspections and repairs to the sprinkler system. Performed 3-year Air Leakage Test.
- ✓ May 30: Trail’s End applied pesticide to exterior of facility.
- ✓ June: Replaced door on one charging bench and replaced of the bench near Linda’s Chapel.

7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

8. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 34 new library accounts.

