



Newwaygo Area District Library

Director's Report

NADL's vision is to be a place of connection in our community for people to not only discover the information and resources they need, but to also enjoy space to connect with each other. Recently a local group facing a rainy-day challenge was able to use library spaces to read stories as a group; create crafts together; and play a few safe, indoor games, including a faux snowball fight. What fun!

Summertime is a perfect time to visit the library. Whether a group of friends meet to play a rousing game of Dungeon's and Dragons in the Local History Room, or a couple moms organize their kids' playdates in the Children's Library, staff at NADL are always happy to receive patrons and work to make each visit enjoyable. Library sponsored summer reading events are wrapping up soon, but everyone may continue to log reading progress and collect incentive prizes until August 23. Don't forget to join us for the **SUMMER READING WRAP-UP PARTY ON August 24** from 10-11:30 am!

September is Library Card Month. Encourage everyone you know to visit NADL and speak to staff to apply for a new library card or to update their current library card account.

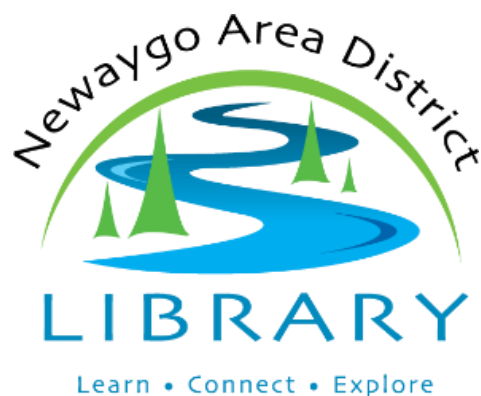
Lost your card? We can help! Your first library card is free, and replacement cards only cost \$3.00.

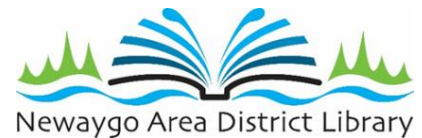
Not convinced you need a card? Did you know that your library card is a cost-effective and powerful tool to access thousands of free items, including: books and magazines in both print and electronic formats, entertainment and educational DVDs, music CDs; video games, hotspots, laptops, metal detectors and tools, puzzles, board games, talking books, and coloring books and colored pencils.

Using your NADL library card will literally save you hundreds of dollars a year. We look forward to your next visit. There is something for everyone at NADL, **your** place to **Learn, Connect, and Explore.**

Kelly Tinkham

Director Kelly Tinkham
Aug. 9, 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.

SUMMER READING EVENT

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.



BACK TO SCHOOL CHILDREN’S BOOK SALE: August 7th – 18th

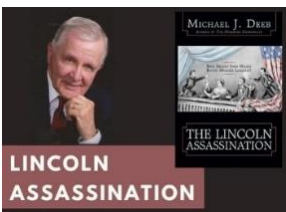
Come join us in the library’s lower level for a back to school book sale for the kids!

IN THE BLUE JAZZ ENSEMBLE – NEWAYGO FARMERS MARKET: Fri. August 18th 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

In the Blue Jazz Ensemble is composed of Tim Grieme, Jarrett Holtslag, Steve Rothstein, Jake Vanderheyden, Andrew Witter, and Carl Kaczmariski. In 2016, *In the Blue* started out creating music and playing gigs in Detroit. Recently, *In the Blue Jazz Ensemble* has been building a reputation as a great local talent in West Michigan! This activity is supported in part by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



LINCOLN ASSASSINATION PRESENTATION – DR. MICHAEL DEEB: Tues. August 22nd 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



THE LINCOLN ASSASSINATION – Who Helped Booth Murder Lincoln? Come hear historical novelist and retired history teacher Dr. Michael Deeb discuss the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. A number of conspiracy theories about the assassination were popular in the time following the event, and Dr. Deeb will discuss them all.

SUMMER READING WRAP-UP: Thurs. August 24th 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Come join us in Brooks Park for the wrap-up of our Summer Reading Program! There will be sidewalk chalk, crafts, cupcakes, and the reveal of the prize drawing winners!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND LIBRARY HOURS

Friday 9/1 – Closing at 4 pm

Saturday 9/2 – Closed

Monday 9/4 – Closed

LIBRARY CARD MONTH: September 1st – 30th

September is Library Card Month! We encourage you to stop by and sign up for a library card! A library card is one of the most value-friendly deals on the market. Sign up today!



SEPTEMBER ADULT BOOK CLUB: Thurs. September 7th 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The book for the September Adult Book Club will be THE FIRST LADIES by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray!

A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune – a forbidden friendship that changed the world, from the New York Times bestselling authors of The Personal Librarian. The book will be available for checkout at the library circulation desk.



CHILDREN'S SEPTEMBER – TAKE & MAKE: Mon. September 11th – Sat. September 16th

All week long! Newaygo Library will have an Apple Tree take & make craft kit available for children ages 12 and under. Quantities are limited!



BIRDING WITH GREG BODKER: Thurs. September 14th 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Join us September 14, at 6pm for a Presentation of Birding Across Michigan! Greg Bodker has been a serious birder in Michigan since 2006 across all 83 Michigan counties. His presentation will share birding strategy using multimedia and stories. Combining action photography, video, and audio, he will bring the outdoors inside! This activity is supported in part by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

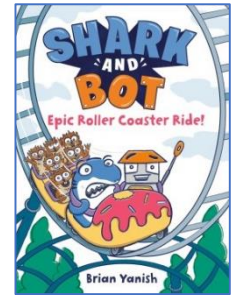
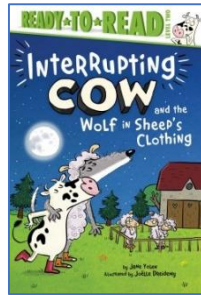
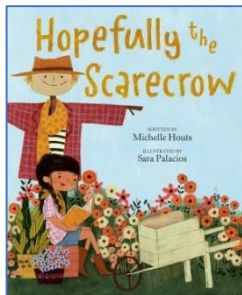
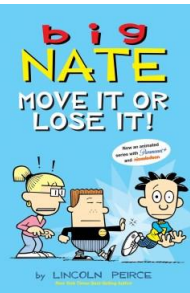
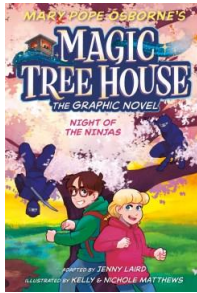
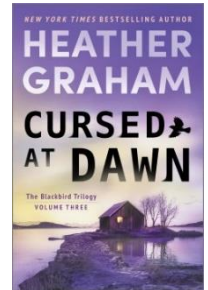
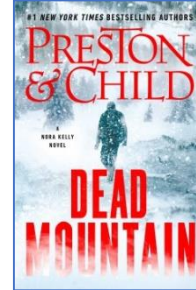
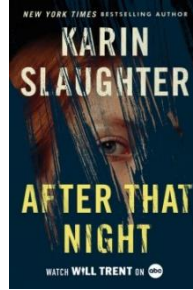
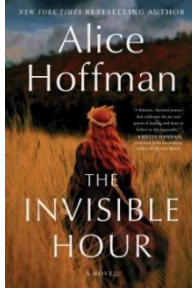
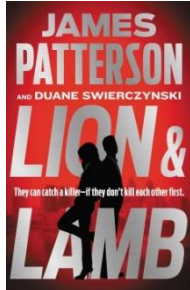
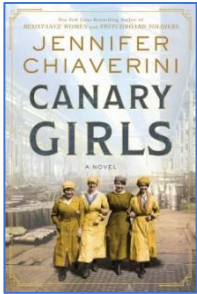
Would you like to be notified by text of Newaygo Library events?

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

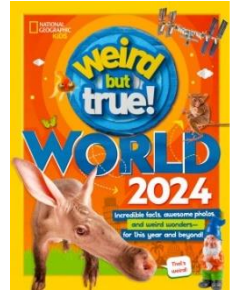
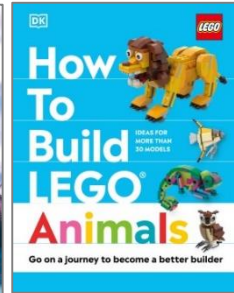
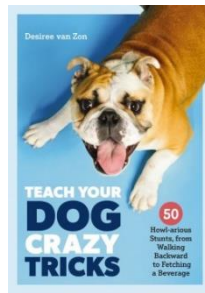
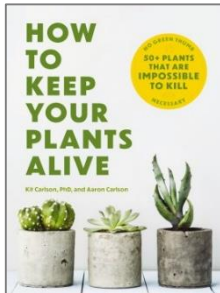
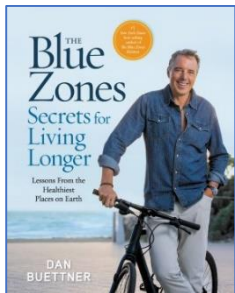


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1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Tinkham: 7/6 NADL Special Board MTG; 7/12 Finance Committee MTG; 7/13 Lakeland MTGs; 7/14 LM: Directors Meeting; 7/18 NADL Regular Board MTG; 7/21 TIFA MTG; 7/25 Gerber Foundation library visit and tour.
- ✓ Staff Meeting: 7/27 All attended. Reviewed Circulation items and fall programming planning.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Development: June Added: 146 new physical items.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 06/23/23: Submitted a \$4,000 MACC Mini-grant request for MI-Grown Arts Programming for 23-24.
- ✓ 07/06/23: Received \$4,889 Library Fiber Connection TIFA Grant from Newaygo City.
- ✓ 07/21/23: Submitted the 2023 Agency Profile to FACF.
- ✓ 08/07/23: Submitted a \$16,500 2024 Collections Materials Grant Request to FACF. On 08/10, FACF notified that they were in the process of changing details and processes for Newaygo County Library Annual Circulating Materials grants. Once all the details were in place, I will be updated.
- ✓ 08/17/23: Awarded a Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant for \$3000 to purchase two new children’s educational computers and audio-enabled books for youth book clubs.

4. Wowbrary Newsletter – 277 subscribers; Remind Subscribers –146; Transparent Language-- 10 users. ShoutBomb Subscribers – 95 users.

5. Social Media.

- ✓ **FB:** 1517 Likes; 1652 Follows; **Instagram:** 271 Follows; **Twitter:** 31 Follows.

6. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ Aug 2: Bishops Heating & Cooling performed maintenance on the 4 A/C units and furnaces. Two units on ground level appeared to have been tampered with, having had internal wiring unplugged. One unit required replacement of a burned-out compressor as a result of the tampering. A police report was filed, and an insurance claim was made.

7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

- ✓ Lakeland hired a new ILS manager, as Sheryl VanderWagen will retire in September.
- ✓ Lakeland will be discontinuing managing an email server for the coop. In the next few weeks, Newaygo emails migrate to a new server through Heimler Consulting.

8. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 22 new library accounts.

