

Director's Report

I love those first hints of Autumn that spice the air in Michigan. Seeing the touches of reds, oranges and yellows on the trees, the cooler temps, and shorter days...fills me with anticipation of the taste of crisp apples, warm apple cider and fresh baked donuts, and, of course, the fun of Halloween and Thanksgiving. Yes, the seasonal changes bring the sad end to summer while at the same time, the gladness of what's coming next.

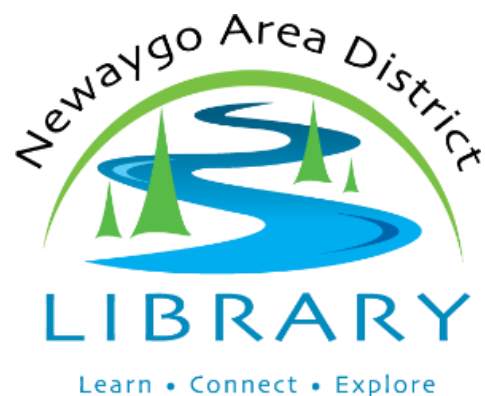
As fall arrives at the library, changes are imminent, too. As my final days as director draw closer, I anticipate the sadness of closing out my time with great staff and board, having worked together to serve our community with library service. We've had some successes to celebrate! But, we are also making strides to be ready to receive the new director into leadership of the library. We anticipate the library will grow and thrive for our community's benefit.

Some of the upcoming autumn events to highlight are: Backyard Birding talk, book clubs for all ages, Adult Fall into Reading program, sketching class, the Great Michigan Read program, a discussion about the assassination of the Kennedy brothers, a paranormal tourism lecture, drop-in crafting for adults, and new take-and-make crafts for kids.

From the Library's founding in 1915 and into the future, there is something for everyone at NADL, *your* place to **Learn, Connect, and Explore.**

Kelly Tinkham

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Sept. 13, 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 CARD MONTH: September 1st – 30th

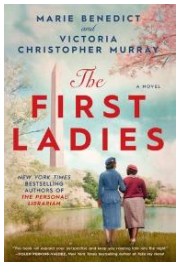
September is Library Card Month! We encourage you to stop by and sign up for a library card! A library card is one of the most value-friendly deals on the market. Sign up today!

ADULT FALL INTO READING PROGRAM: Tues. September 5th – Sat. November 30th

The Newaygo Area District Library adult fall reading program begins September 5th. “Fall Into Reading” to earn tickets to be entered into a prize drawing for a gorgeous fall gift basket! Read a book, earn a ticket! Max 6 tickets. Participate in the adult drop-in crafts to earn additional tickets!



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! For ages 5+ and adult supervision required.



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. Combing action photography, video, and audio, he will bring the outdoors inside! This activity is supported in part by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

RENAE WALLACE – PENCIL SKETCH CLASS: Sat. September 16th 10:30 am – 12:30 pm



We are pleased to have Renae Wallace back to teach a sketching class! Renae Wallace is a local artist from Fremont, MI. She graduated from Central Michigan University. She is CEO of Two Inspired Hands and has created murals in several Newaygo County libraries and businesses including: Newaygo Area District Library, Fremont Area District Library, and the Gerber Federal Credit Union. Her talents include painting, drawing, home décor, sketching, and sculpture. She has participated in several NADL Michigan Grown Arts programs with Newaygo Library. Adults and teens only, and all supplies will be provided! RSVP is required.

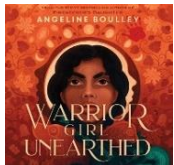
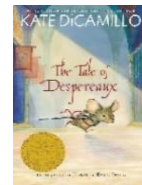
This activity is supported in part by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

SEPTEMBER ADULT DROP-IN CRAFT: Mon. September 18th – Sat. September 23rd

The adult drop-in craft for September will be a pressed flower votive! All supplies will be available upstairs in the Local History Room during library hours. Quantities are limited and adults and teens only. Limit one per person. This is a drop-in craft. Supplies are not available to make this at home.

CHILDREN BOOK/PIZZA CHAT – AGES 8-12: Tues. September 26th 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

Hey kids! Join Tammie after school to discuss *The Tale of Despereaux* while enjoying pizza! Space is limited and registration is required. Sign up in the lower level of the library!



TEEN BOOK CLUB: Tues September 26th 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

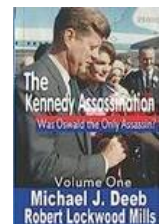
Hey teens! Join Tiffany to discuss *Warrior Girl Unearthed*, a novel that follows an exploration of identity, family and reclamation in Native communities, while enjoying pizza! Space is limited and registration is required.

CLOSED – IN-SERVICE DAY: Mon. October 9th

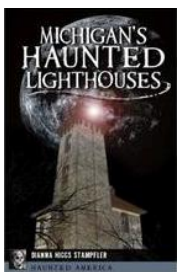
Newaygo Library will be closed today for in-service. The library will re-open Tuesday October 10th at 10:00 am.

JFK ASSASSINATION WITH DR. MICHAEL DEEB: Thurs. October 12th 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The JFK Assassination took place on November 22nd 1963, and this year will mark the 60-year anniversary of the event. Come to the Newaygo Area District Library on Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 pm to hear historian and novelist Dr. Michael Deeb give a talk on this national tragedy. This presentation is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



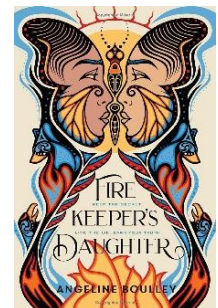
PARANORMAL TOURISM IN MICHIGAN: Thurs. October 19th 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm



Dianna Stampfler – author of “Michigan’s Haunted Lighthouses” and “Death & Lighthouses on the Great Lakes” – has been writing about haunted restaurants, hotels, attractions, tours, and festivals around Michigan for years. Come and hear her talk about her experiences with mediums, investigators, paranormal groups, tour operators, and event planners who not only recognize the impact that paranormal tourism has on their communities, and how they celebrate the dark side of Michigan history in a respectful, educational, and entertaining way. This presentation is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

2023–24 Great Michigan Read Book Choice

Michigan Humanities’ Great Michigan Read creates a statewide discussion around a Michigan themed book. Through partnerships with libraries, schools, book clubs, and a wide range of other non-profit organizations, the Great Michigan Read facilitates statewide reading and programs to bridge communities around a common conversation. Copies of the book are available at your library. The Adult Book Club will read this for our next discussion on November 9.

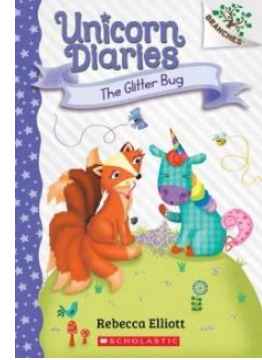
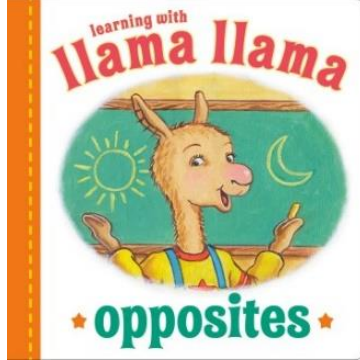
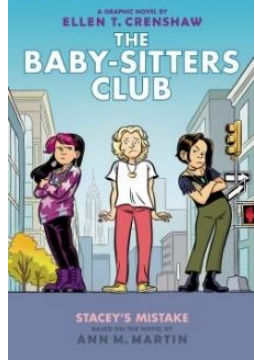
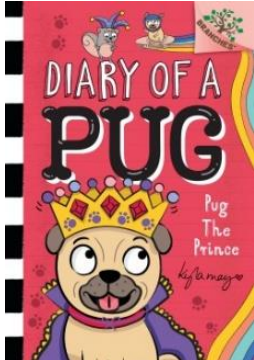
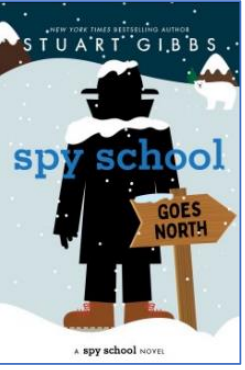
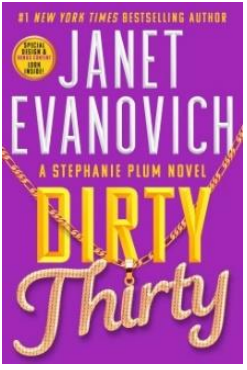
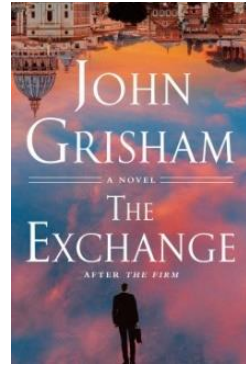
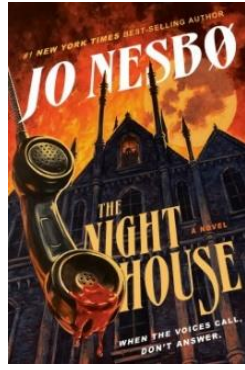
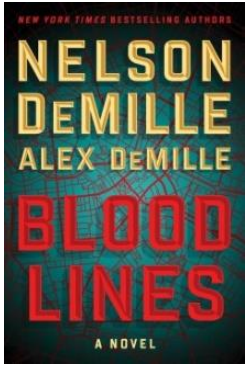


Would you like to be notified by text of Newaygo Library events?

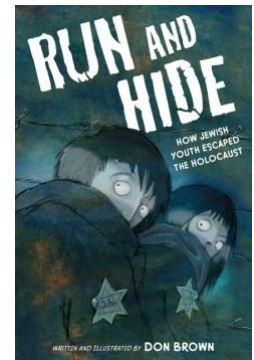
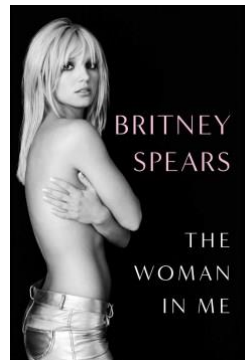
Sign up for our events reminder program! "Remind" will send out a text and email about events going on at NADL. To sign up, go to: remind.com/join/44kk72 or Text SIGNUP to 616-432-2161

Coming Soon!

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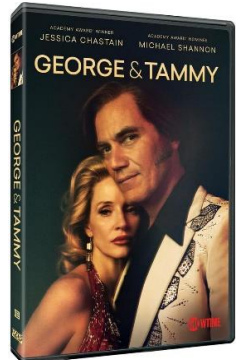
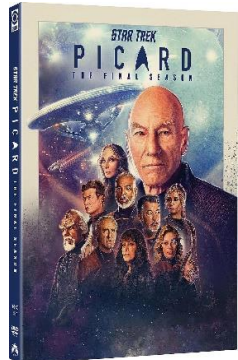


NON-F I C T I O N



More to Come!
Stay Tuned!

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*Remember to place a hold on new releases!

1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Tinkham: 8/2 LLC Patron Point zoom meeting; 8/10 Lakeland MTGs; 8/29 NADL Regular Board MTG.
- ✓ Mary Franklin: 8/2 LLC Patron Point zoom meeting.
- ✓ Tiffany Chase: 8/23 LLC Circulation Meeting.
- ✓ Staff Meeting: 8/22 All attended but one. Reviewed Circulation items, upcoming SRP party, began de-escalation training, reviewed policy and new emails.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Development: 77.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 09/05/23: Submitted a \$2,000 grant request to Gerber Foundation for 2024 Children’s Collections Grant.

4. Wowbrary Newsletter – 273 subscribers; **Remind Subscribers** –146; **Transparent Language**-- 10 users. **ShoutBomb Subscribers** – 95 users.

5. Social Media.

- ✓ **FB:** 1553 Likes; 1666 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.
- ✓ Aug. 12: Jason Howell of Pioneer Construction removed debris from the flat roof over the lobby.
- ✓ Aug. 24: J. Stevens patched several spots on the flat roof.
- ✓ Aug. 25: After several weeks of intermittent service from AT&T for our alarm panel communications, Johnson Controls/Simplex Grinnell technician serviced our panel; concluded there was nothing wrong with the equipment, but if the connection to the tower falls below three bars, it will cause an alarm event notifying that communications with the control center had been broken.

7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

- ✓ Lakeland’s new ILS manager will work remote part-time for a couple months, and once she has been released from the military, will increase to a full-time schedule.

8. Library Circulation.

- ✓ Patrons added: 22.

