



Newygo Area District Library

Director's Report

Hello Everyone,

Looking back at all of 2023, we had some amazing accomplishments! We were able to add over 1,400 items to our physical collection between December of 2022 and November of 2023. A grant from the Great Lakes Peoples Fund allowed us to purchase 7 new computers for the upstairs computer lab, while the Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant helped us bring 2 educational computers to NADL's Peggie L Stone Children's Library. NADL was also able to serve an amazing 530 patrons at our 2023 Scarecrow Stroll event, and has circulated a total of 45,727 items between physical and digital formats. We even rounded 2023 out with a new director!

While 2023 was exciting, in the present we are as a community once again facing a surge in COVID-19 cases. If you and your family are facing this illness, please know you are not alone. We have free COVID tests available both in the downstairs Children's section of NADL, and also in the upstairs Adult/Teen section of NADL. If you are sick and unable to come inside, we've got your back! Please give the Library a call at 231-652-6723 when you're in our parking lot and a member of our staff will run tests out to you in your car. This makes sure that you, our patrons, get the help you need, while also keeping our staff safe and healthy. NADL is proud to be able to provide these free tests to all of you in the community.

Location of COVID 19
Free Tests Kits in our
Children's Section
Downstairs



Location of COVID 19
Free Tests Kits in our
Adult/Teen Section
Upstairs



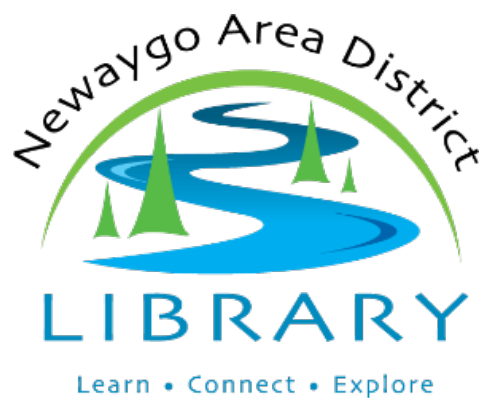
Finally looking forward to 2024, our Adult Book Club is going strong, and will be diving into *Weyward* by Emilia Hart. The Teen and Children's book clubs will also be meeting, reading *I am Number Four* and *Stone Fox* respectively. We have a brand new Zentangle art class this month, and we are planning on bringing back classic programming like Hot Cocoa Day in January and our famous Chili Cookoff in February. It's not just upcoming programming that our patrons have to look forward to. NADL has secured a Children's Literacy grant from the Gerber Foundation that will allow us to bring even more collection items in for our young patrons. This year is set to be as

exciting if not more than 2023, and I'm looking forward to walk this next year's journey with you all.

As always, the staff and I are looking forward to your next visit here at NADL, your place to **Learn, Connect, and Explore.**




Director Tiffany Chase
January 3rd, 2024

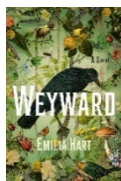




UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

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

	NEW YEAR'S HOURS Mon. January 1 st – Closed Tues. January 2 nd – Closed		
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JANUARY ADULT BOOK CLUB: Thurs. January 11th 2:00 pm

Join Tiffany and Jessica to discuss *Weyward* by award winning author Emilia Hart! This novel weaves together the stories of 3 extraordinary women across 5 centuries, and is an enthralling novel of female resilience and the transformative power of the natural world. The book display is at the front desk of the library for adults to checkout.

ZENTANGLE ART: Sat. January 20th

Joan Omans, a certified Zentangle instructor will be coming to the Newaygo Area District Library to host a Zentangle class! Come exercise your creativity and find some Zen at the Library! Adults and teens only and all supplies will be provided. RVSP required. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

QUILT – FABRIC FLOWER: Sat. January 27th 10:30 am

Come join quilter, and owner of Patchwork Breeze LLC Nancy Myers at the Newaygo Area District Library for a fresh take on quilting! Nancy will be opening up new horizons for quilters of all skill levels, as participants will make a work of landscape art using textile materials. All materials will be provided. Adults and teens only and RVSP is required. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



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

Hey kids! Join Tammie on Tuesday January 30th to talk about our next book – *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner. The book is available for checkout in multiple formats! Be sure to sign-up for the book/pizza chat when you checkout the book! Invite a friend!

TEEN YA BOOK CLUB: Tues. February 6th 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

The book for our this Book Talk is: *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore! Join Tiffany and Jessica to discuss a tale straight from the Elder Leader of the Lorian himself while enjoying pizza! *I Am Number Four* follows the journey of Lorian John Smith as he begins inheriting his legacy while having to hide them from his friends.



HOT COCOA DAY AT THE LIBRARY: Wed. January 31st 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

We are celebrating National Hot Chocolate Day at the library! Stop in to Newaygo Library today for a hot beverage and some encouraging words!

WATER COLOR CLASS – VALENTINE: Sat. February 10th

Love is in the air, and in the water(color)! Join us at the library in welcoming back artist Lori Eslick for a Valentine's Day themed Watercolor Painting class! All supplies will be provided. Adults and teens only, and RVSP is required. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



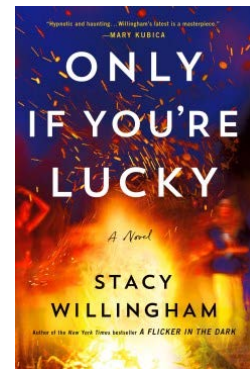
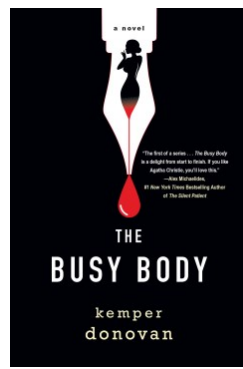
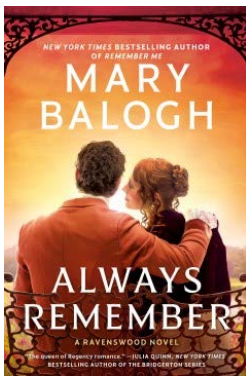
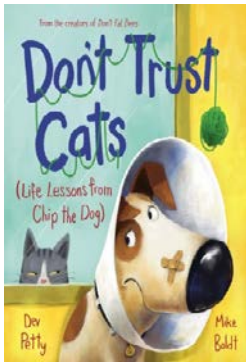
Would you like to be notified by text of Newaygo Library events?

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

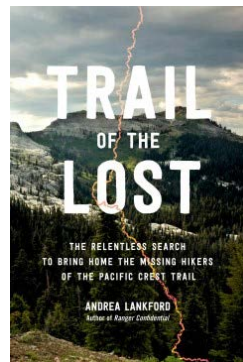
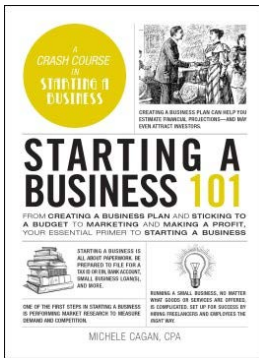
*Remember to place a hold on new releases!

New Items Coming Soon!

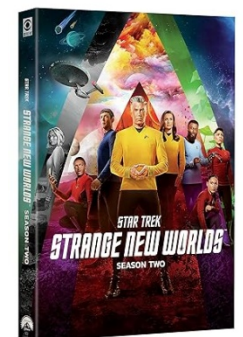
Fiction:



Non-Fiction:



DVDs:



1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Chase attended the following: 12/6 Biweekly Newaygo County Directors Meeting; 12/2 Meeting with Lakeland Cooperative Director; 12/13 Penal Fine meeting with Newaygo County Directors and Lakeland Cooperative Director; 12/15 Meeting with Fremont Library Director.
- ✓ Assistant Director Tinkham attended the following Lakeland Accounting Demos: 12/6 CDM+ Accounting Demo 12/7 Patriot Payroll Demo; 12/11 Odoo Accounting Demo
- ✓ Lead Tech Specialist Hurre and Circulation Specialist Mitchel started the process to become certified by the Library of Michigan.
- ✓ Annual Staff Reviews were completed by Director Chase.
- ✓ The monthly staff meeting took place on 12/22, and covered circulation procedures and training on library statistics.

2. Collection Management and Development:

- ✓ 120 new physical items were added.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 12/21/23: We received a generous \$100 donation from Mary Melville.
- ✓ Giving Tree 2023: We received generous donations from our patrons totaling \$210.
- ✓ 1/3/24: Michigan State Aid Report submitted

4. Wowbrary Newsletter – 322 subscribers; Remind Subscribers – 157; Transparent Language-- 16 users. ShoutBomb Subscribers – 98 users.

5. Social Media.

- ✓ FB: 1718 Follows; Instagram: 275 Follows; Twitter: 33 Follows.

6. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ 12/4/23: Howell inspected the upstairs Carnegie ceiling panels after changes in panel stability were noted by Chase. Panels were found to be stable for the moment, pending any leaks. Plans were made for future maintenance and repair of the Carnegie ceiling. Howell will also be helping to plan the repair of the library's front steps.
- ✓ 12/8/23: Foster Electric was contacted to schedule future replacement of the 3 emergency combo lights at the libraries three exits that have faulty battery charging systems, and the aging easement light above the libraries front stairs. Due to Foster Electrics busy schedule, repair will take place sometime in early 2024.
- ✓ 12/27/23: SuePER Clean performed extra annual cleaning tasks at the library including cleaning windows and baseboards.

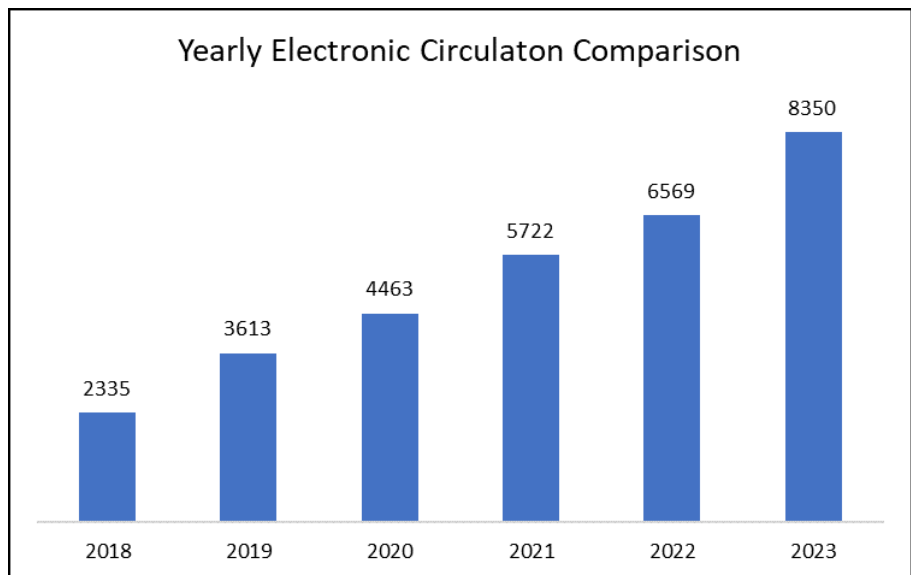
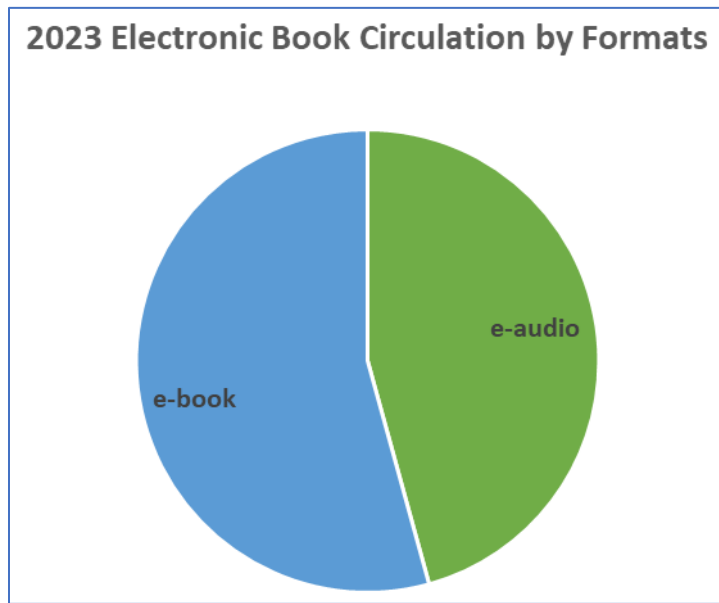
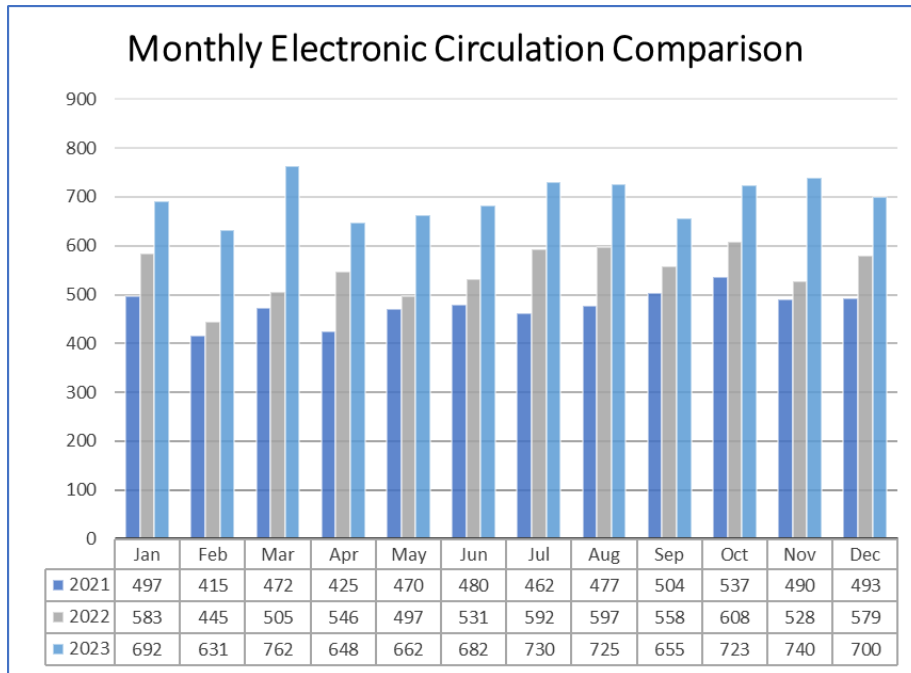
7. Library Circulation.

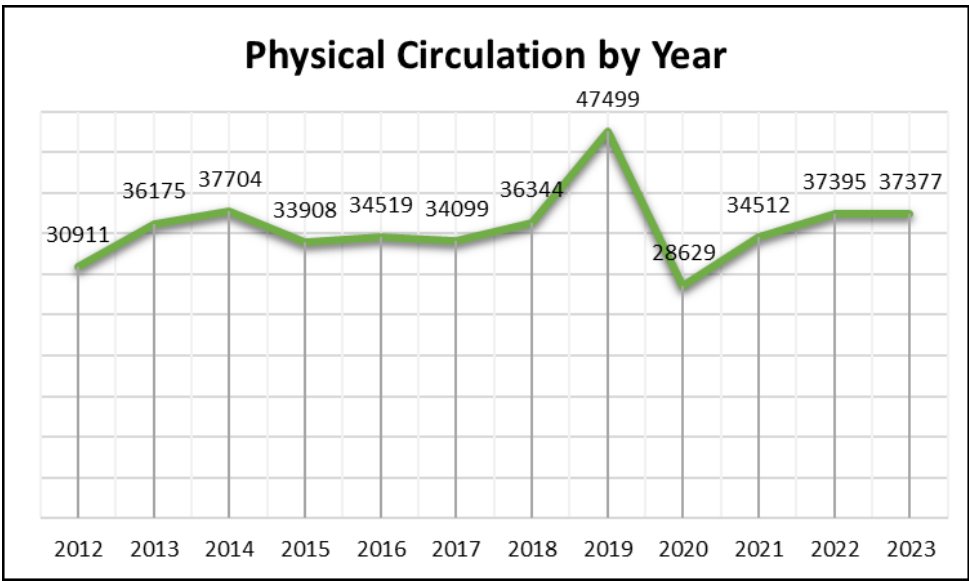
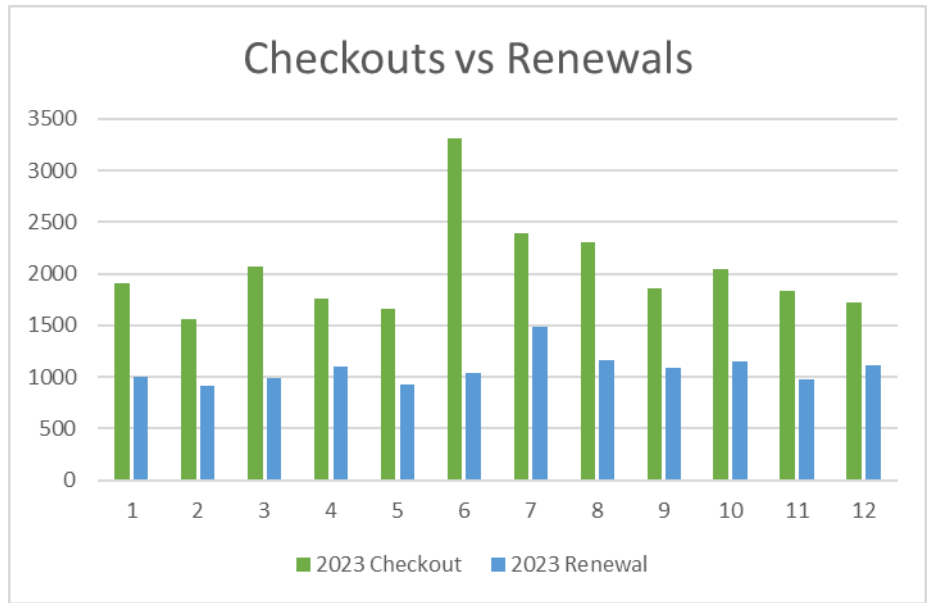
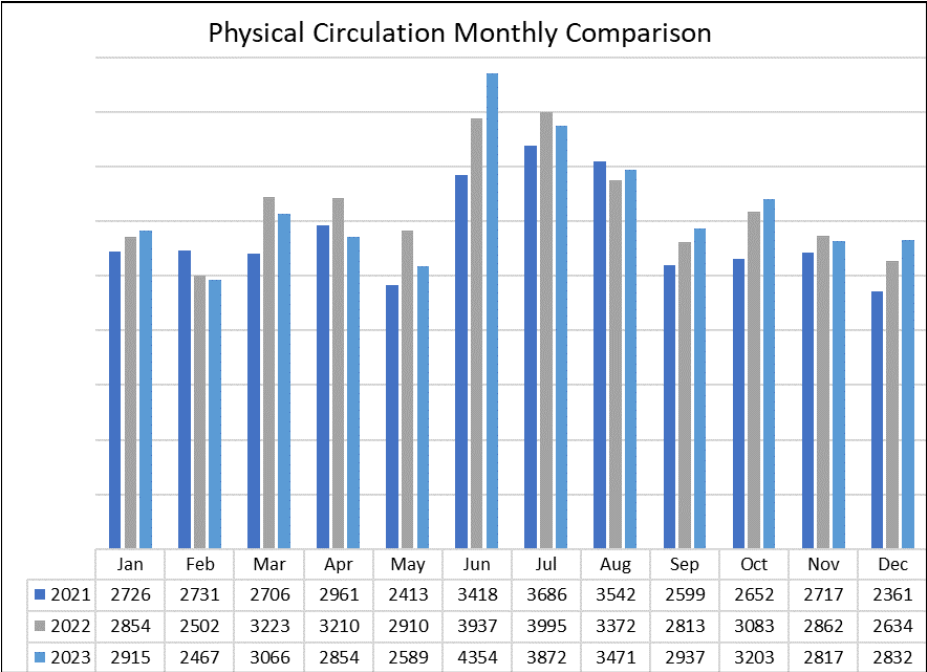
- ✓ Patrons added: 17.

8. Covid-19 Supplies Distribution

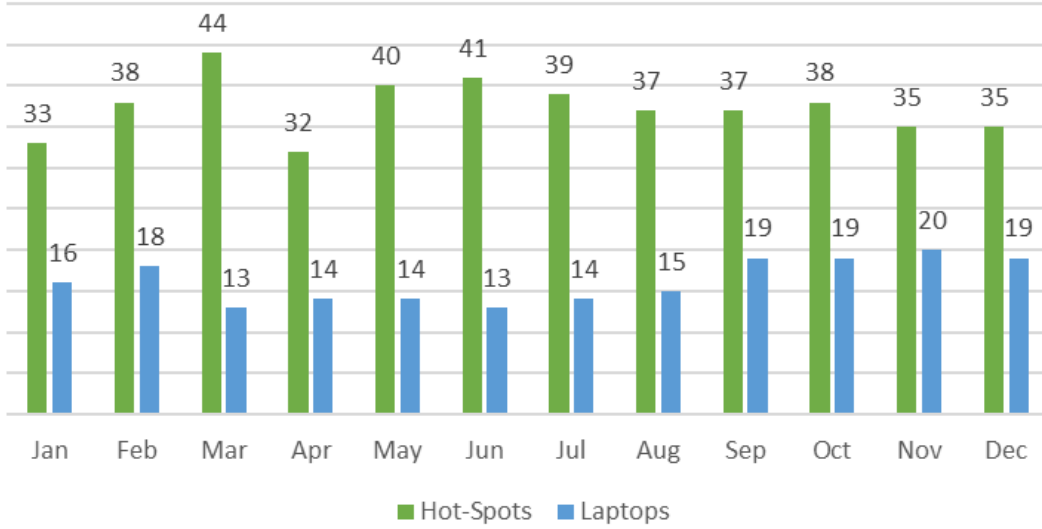
- ✓ Ordered and received new Covid 19 Home Test Kits in December. Distribution of tests continues on both levels of the library.

Statistics:

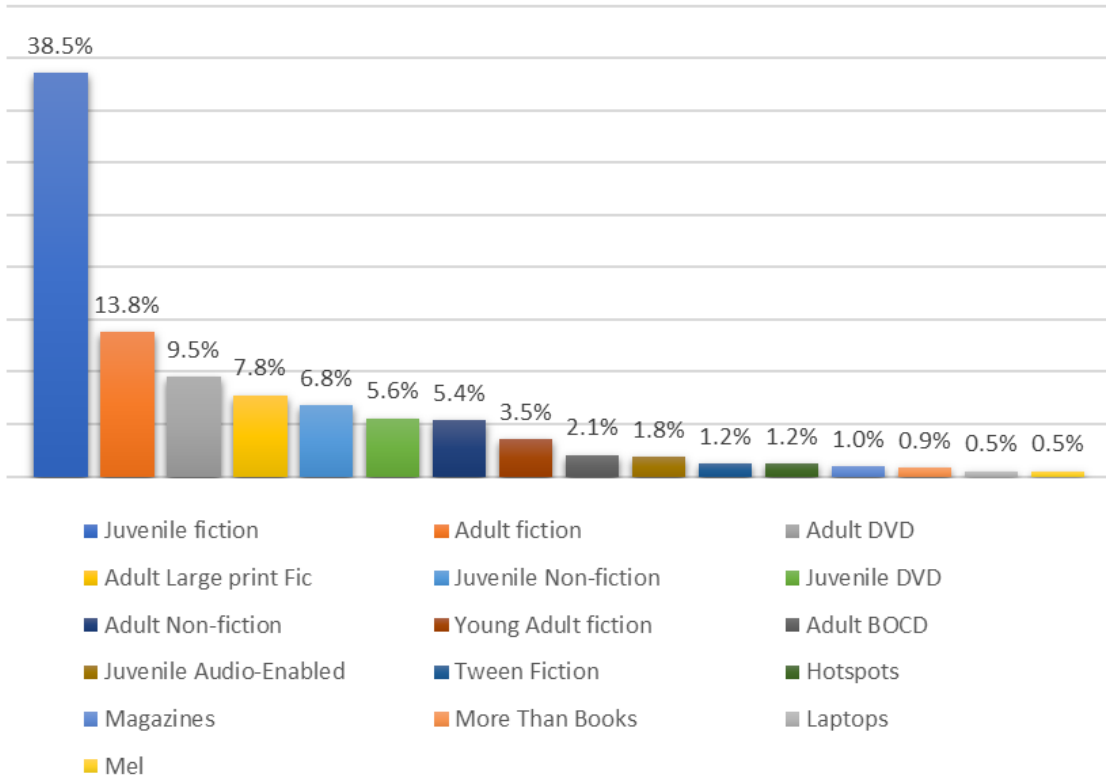




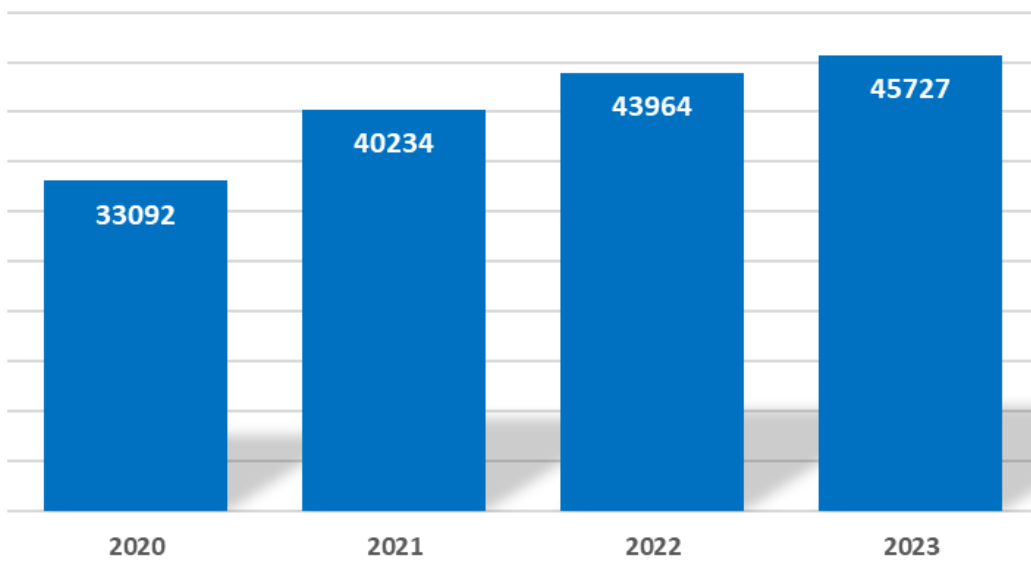
2023 CIRCULATION HOT-SPOTS vs LAPTOPS



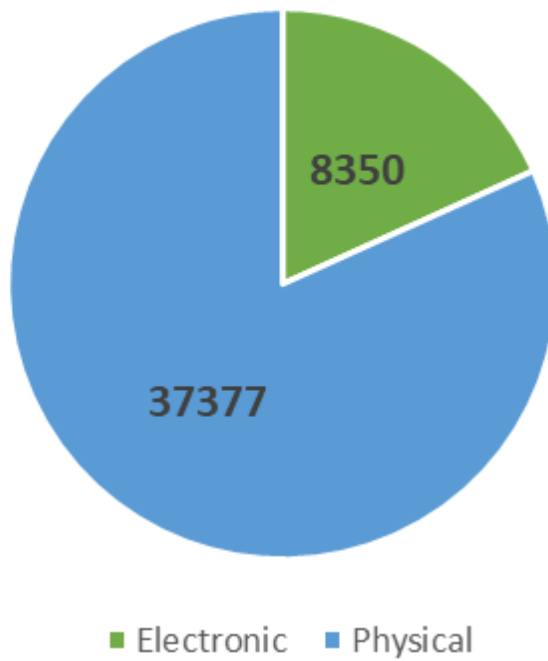
2023 Physical Circulation Data Breakdown

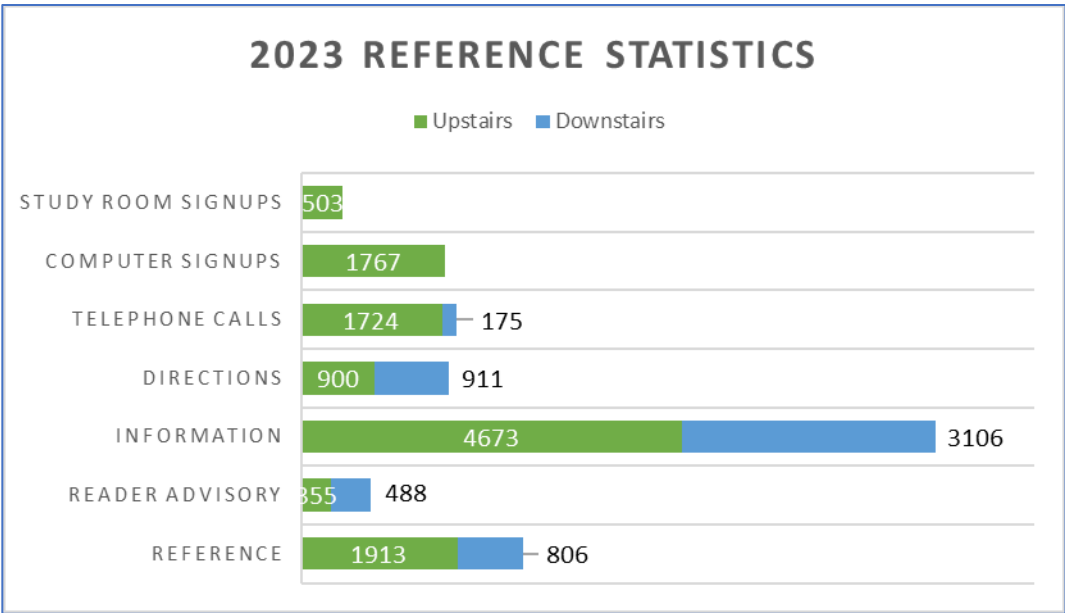


Annual Total Circulation



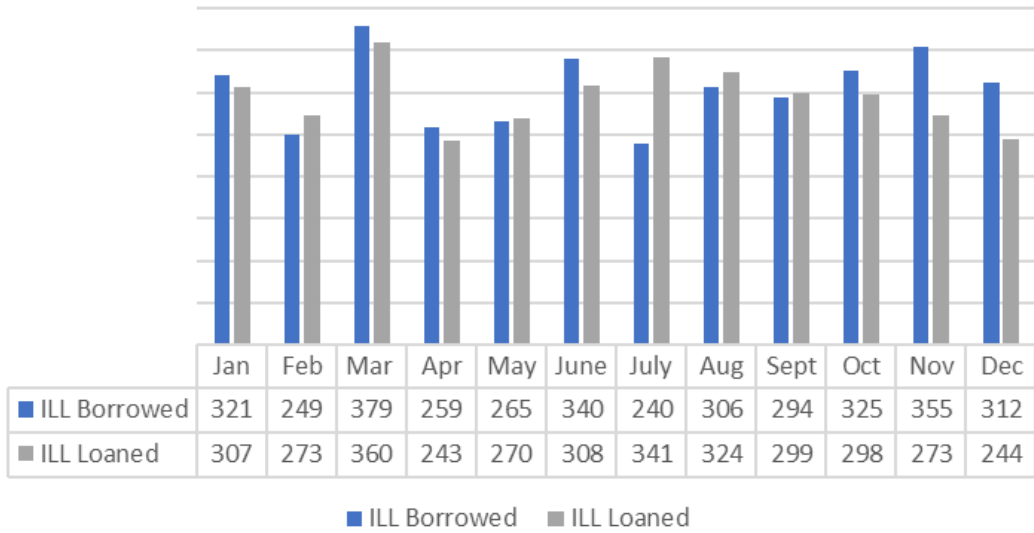
2023 Circ by Format





2023	
Total Service Hours Open	2142
Weekdays Open	249
Saturdays Open	50
Annual Visitors (Est. based on 3-wk actual count))	30260
Total Reference Questions & Answers	11341

2023 Inter-library Loans



2023 MelCat Loans

