

Director's Report

2024 Michigan Notable Books

Annually, the Library of Michigan chooses up to twenty of the most notable books published in the prior year. Each selection must be either written by a Michigan resident or be about Michigan or the Great Lakes. As State Librarian Randy Riley has said, "The *Michigan Notable Books* selections clearly demonstrate the diverse tapestry of subject matter that Michigan offers to inspire writers. Everyone will find something of interest that speaks to their lives or experiences in our great state."



The Michigan Notable Books annual program has roots stretching back to Michigan Week 1991. In 2004, the name changed from Read Michigan to Michigan Notable Books. In 2002, The Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries took over Read Michigan and Michigan Week. In October 2009, The Library of Michigan migrated to The Michigan Department of Education, bringing the Michigan Notable Books program with it. The Michigan Notable Books program is sponsored in part by the Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Center for the Book, and Michigan Humanities.

These are a few 2023 Notable Books available at your local library:

The All-American by Susie Finkbeiner

Cold, Hard Prayer by John Smolens

Enough to Lose by R.S. Deeren

Everything is Just Beginning: A Novel by Erin

Madness in America by Audrey Clare

Great Women of Mackinac, 1800-1950 by Melissa Croghan

In the Upper Country: A Novel by Kai Thomas

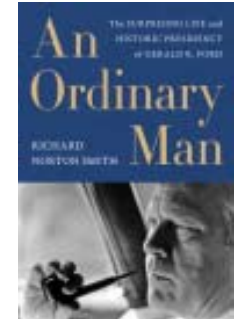
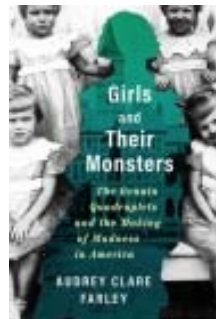
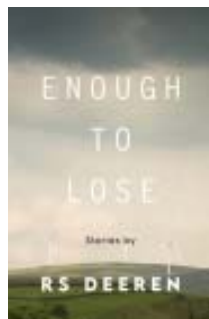
Michigan Rocks!: A Guide to Geologic Sites in the Great Lakes State by Paul Brandes

My Murder: A Novel by Katie Williams

An Ordinary Man: The Surprising Life and Historic Presidency of Gerald R. Ford by Richard Norton Smith

The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History by Ned Blackhawk

Warrior Girl Unearthed by Angeline



NADL, *your* place to learn, connect, and explore. We look forward to seeing you!

Mary Franklin

Interim Director Mary Franklin, February 05, 2024.



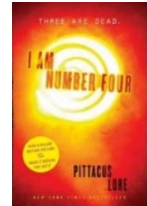
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

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

ADULT AND TEEN WINTER READING PROGRAM: Through Feb 29, 2024. Read to enter a drawing for a Kindle Fire! Drawing will be held on March 3.

TEEN/YA BOOK – PIZZA CHAT: Tues. February 6th 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

Hey Teens! Join Tiffany to discuss *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore, 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. This book is a Syfy fantasy adventure suitable for all readers. Space is limited and registration is required!



WATERCOLOR CLASS – VALENTINE: Sat. February 10th 10:30 am – 12:30 pm



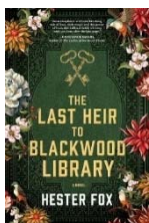
Love is in the air, and in the water(color)! Join us at the library in welcoming back artist Lori Eslick for a Valentine’s Day themed Watercolor Painting class! All supplies will be provided. Adults and teens only, and RVSP is required. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



SEED STARTING: Sat. February 24th 10:30 am

Get a head start on your garden! Learn everything you need to know about winter sowing, soil blocking, and using miniature greenhouses to get plants growing earlier in the year. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

NADL CHILI COOK-OFF: Feb 29 Stop in to the library upper level to sample a selection of staff-made chilis and vote on your favorite! Come in and warm up your winter day!



FEBRUARY ADULT BOOK CLUB: Thurs. February 29th 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

February 2024 Book Club – *The Last Heir to Blackwood Library* by Hester Fox. The book follows 23-year-old Ivy Radcliffe as she becomes Lady Hayworth with a stroke of a pen. With her new title comes complete ownership of the sprawling Blackwood Abbey estate, complete with a mysterious library that hides powerful secrets waiting to be revealed. The book will be available for checkout at the library circulation desk.

MICHIGAN’S MOST DANGEROUS WOMEN: Thurs. March 21st 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Newaygo City Chamber Room. Take a peek behind the walls of the old Detroit House of Correction, the only Michigan prison to house female inmates serving long-term sentences, and meet some of the most dangerous women in Michigan History. True crime author Tobin T. Buhk will introduce the audience to these morbidly intriguing characters in “Michigan’s Most Dangerous Women.” This presentation 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/nadl1915 or Text @nadl1915 to 81010

APRIL ADULT BOOK CLUB: Thursday, April 4, 2:00 pm



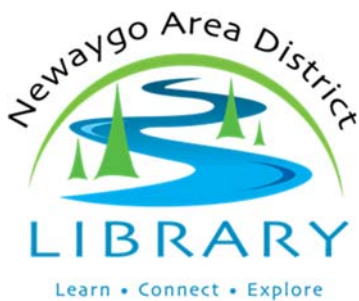
Kristin Hanna

THE Women

Frances “Frankie” McGrath, raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

Books are available in the upper level of the Library or on Libby. We will meet as a discussion group in the Conference Room.

Coming Soon!



hoopla App (Instantly borrow digital materials)
libby App (Digital books)

Read Squared App (Reading log)

MeL (Books and databases)



Remind (Text notification for library events)

Shoutbomb (Text notifications for library account info)

Wowbrary The Newest Stuff at Your Library

1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Tiffany Chase returned to Circulation Lead, Assistant Director Mary Franklin assumed Director duties as Interim Director.
- ✓ 1/30 Monthly Staff Meeting. All attended. Updates on programming, use of Square designations; marketing library services to patrons, and circulation issues were reviewed.
- ✓ Tiffany Chase attended a Zoom Readers Advisory Training.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 211 new physical items.
- ✓ Weeded: Magazines dated prior to January 2022.

3. Grants and Donations.

- FAF Newaygo Area District Library Fund has \$3,200 available for 2024.
- FAF John and Ailene Pugno Community Fund for NADL has \$300 available for 2024.
- FAF Marilyn Davis & Jane Bode Fowler Friends of the Library Fund for NADL has \$500 available for 2024.

4. Wowbrary Newsletter Subscribers – 324; Remind Subscribers –162; ShoutBomb Subscribers – 88 users/71 texts sent.

5. Social Media.

- ✓ FB: 1742 Follows; Instagram: 275 Follows; Twitter: 33 Follows.

6. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ January 2024: Kone performed routine maintenance on the elevator.

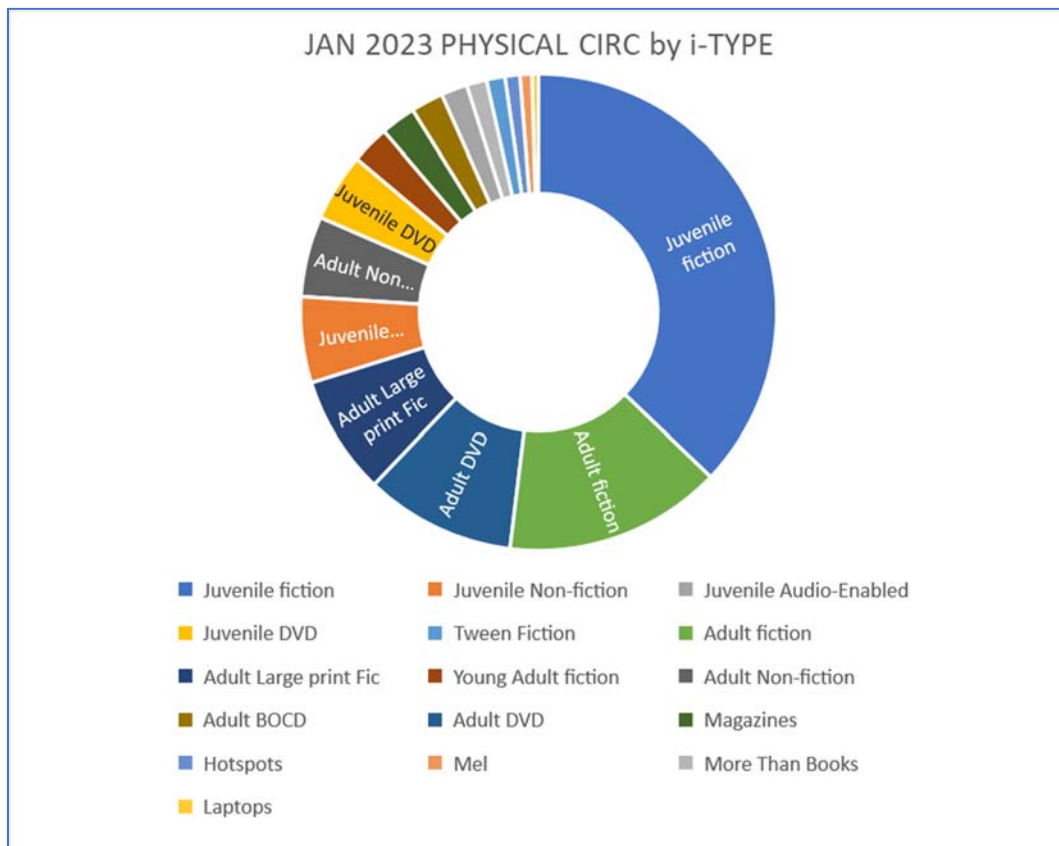
7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

- ✓ Bibliocommons – Suggest a Purchase Button is live.

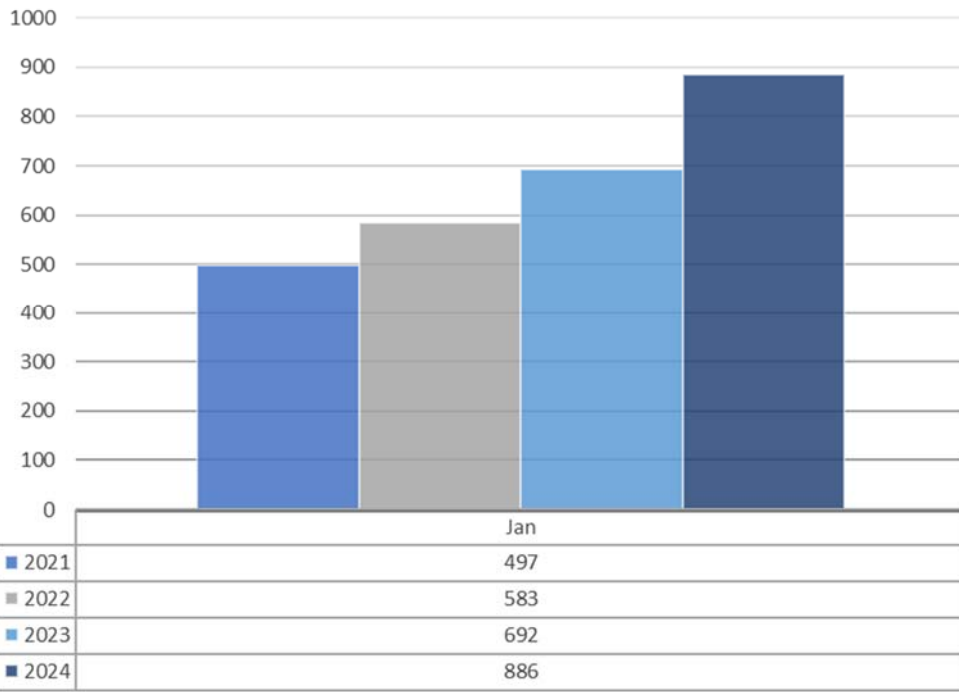
8. Covid-19 Supplies Distribution. We continue to distribute as patrons stop in.

9. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 20 new library accounts in December.



Monthly Electronic Circulation Comparison



Checkouts vs Renewals

