

Interim Director's Report

The Solar Eclipse party at the library was a huge success! With over 425 FREE eclipse glasses given out thanks to the generous donation from the SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Librarians) Community, with funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, ensuring that everyone could safely observe the rare astronomical event.

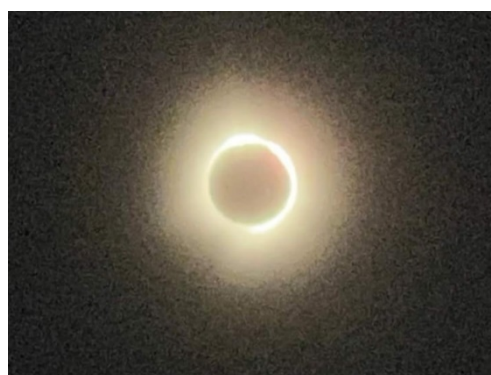
The day was made even more special with the addition of food vendors, Riverwalk Nutrition and Pork-N-Stein Food Truck, that added to the festive atmosphere.

The perfect weather with clear skies and mild temperatures provided ideal viewing conditions for the eclipse, allowing everyone to enjoy the celestial event to the fullest.

It was heartwarming to see the community come together to celebrate this astronomical wonder. The event wouldn't have been possible without the support and participation of everyone who attended.

Thank you to all who contributed to making this occasion truly memorable.

THE ECLIPSE VIEW IN MICHIGAN



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Read Squared App
(Reading log)



MeL
(Books and databases)



Remind
(Text notification for library events)



Shoutbomb
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

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

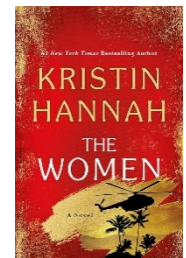
CHILDREN'S APRIL FOOLS SCAVENGER HUNT: Mon. April 1st – Sat. April 6th



All week long! It's April Fool's Day all this week! 8 wacky things in the library you should seek. Work with a partner, your family, or by yourselves. Look high, look low, on tables and shelves. Look for things that are out of place. And write them down in the correct space. When your paper has every line filled, return to the librarian and she'll be thrilled. All your hard work earns you a treat, and your April Fool's Day hunt is complete!

ADULT BOOK CLUB: Thurs. April 4th 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Join Jessica to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah! *The Women* is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women how put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism. The book will be available for checkout at the library circulation desk. Audio book too!



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: Mon. April 8th 11:30 am – 2:00 pm



Come on out to Brooks Park Newaygo, Monday April 8th to see the solar eclipse! The peak of the eclipse is 3:11 pm, but we're starting early to enjoy some refreshments with local food vendors – Riverwalk Nutrition and Pork-N-Stein! You will be responsible to purchase your own food. Rain or shine, bring lawn chairs, or blankets to sit in the grass! We will be handing out viewing glasses to the first 500 people!

During an annular eclipse, it is never safe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection designed for solar viewing.

BUTTON SOCIETY: Tues. April 9th 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Come join the West MI Buttoneers program on the history and art of buttons! Have you ever rummaged through your grandma's button box? Do you have special buttons you might like more information on? Please join us for a walk-through time. We will present a program on buttons and will be available after to answer your questions about buttons you have. We will be meeting in the Newaygo City Chamber Room.



LEARN TO SEW – AGES 10 -15: Tues. April 9th, 16th, and 23rd 3:30 pm – 5:45 pm



Are you ages 10 – 15 and would like to learn to sew? Learn beginning sewing skills at Newaygo Library! Day 1 – Pillowcase, and Day 2 and 3 – Bandana Quilt. All supplies provided! RVSP and attending all classes is required!

MICHIGAN REDISCOVERED: Thurs. April 25th 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Newaygo City Chamber Room. Author, speaker, and podcast host Ron Rademacher will take us on a rollicking road trip across Michigan to more than a dozen destinations most travelers have missed. Discover the underground rathskeller in the Irish Hills, the gravity mystery in Frankfort, the Monarch Butterfly Migration, Lady Godiva in Michigan and others. This event 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

1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Interim Director Franklin: APR. 11 - LLC Meetings. MAR 19 - MI PR Group-Social Media in Libraries. MLA Beginning Workshop Certification (refresh)
- ✓ Tammie Hansen-Campbell and Cheryl Hanna: APR 9 LLC Youth Services Zoom Meeting.
- ✓ Staff meeting: MAR 19, reviewed circulation, Summer Reading Events status; and more.

2. Special Programming Attendance.

- ✓ March Madness – 60 participants.
- ✓ Leprechaun Hunt – 75 participants.
- ✓ April Fool’s Day Scavenger Hunt – 78 participants.
- ✓ Solar Eclipse – Handed out over 425 glasses.

3. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 137 new physical items.

4. Grants/Funding and Donations.

- ✓ 4/01/24 TIFA FY 23-24 for \$12,412.00
- ✓ 3/20/24 State Aid for \$3,773.06

5. Wowbrary Newsletter – 346 subscribers; Remind Subscribers –170; Transparent Language-- 11 users

6. Social Media.

- ✓ **FB:** 1780 Follows; **Instagram:** 275 Follows; **Twitter:** 33 Follows.

7. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ Nick Heimler with Heimler Consulting is working with Johnson Controls for a solution to the inconsistent phone line issue with the alarm system.
- ✓ Nick Heimler finished the internet Migration to NCATS.

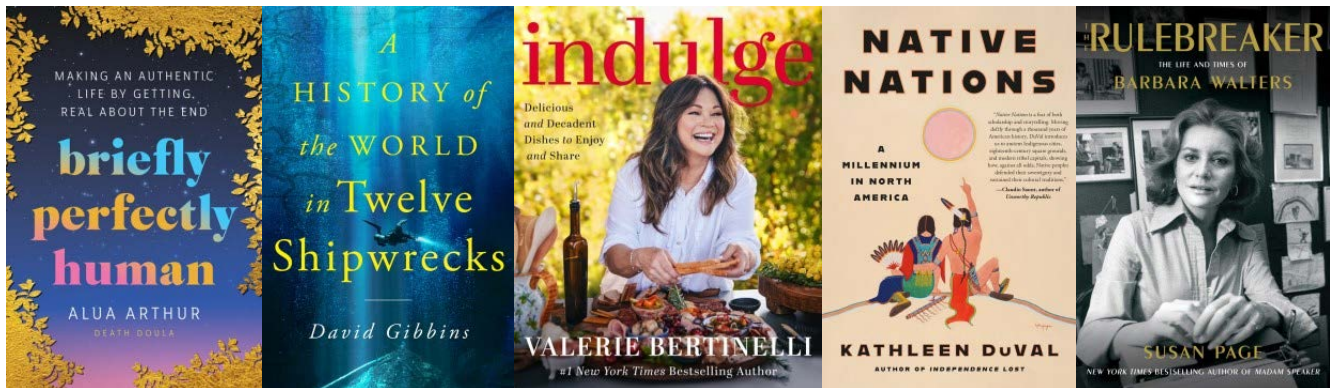
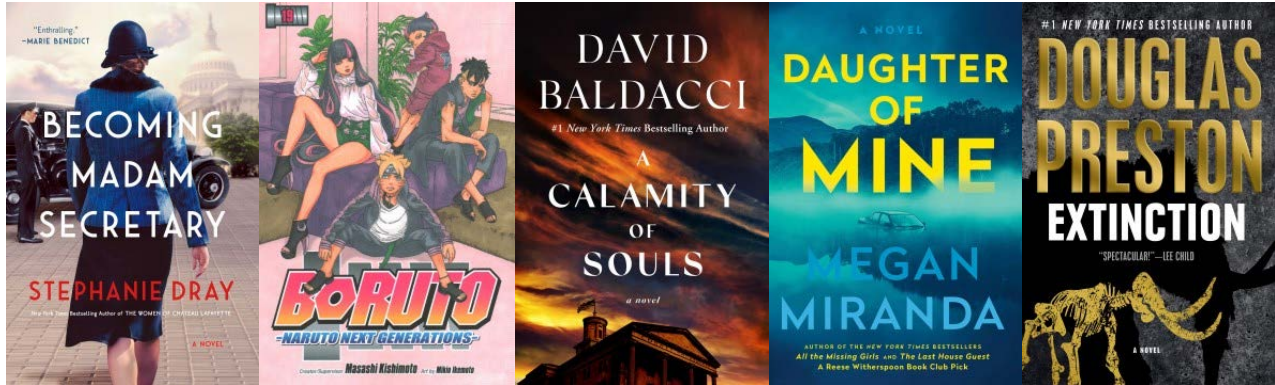
8. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

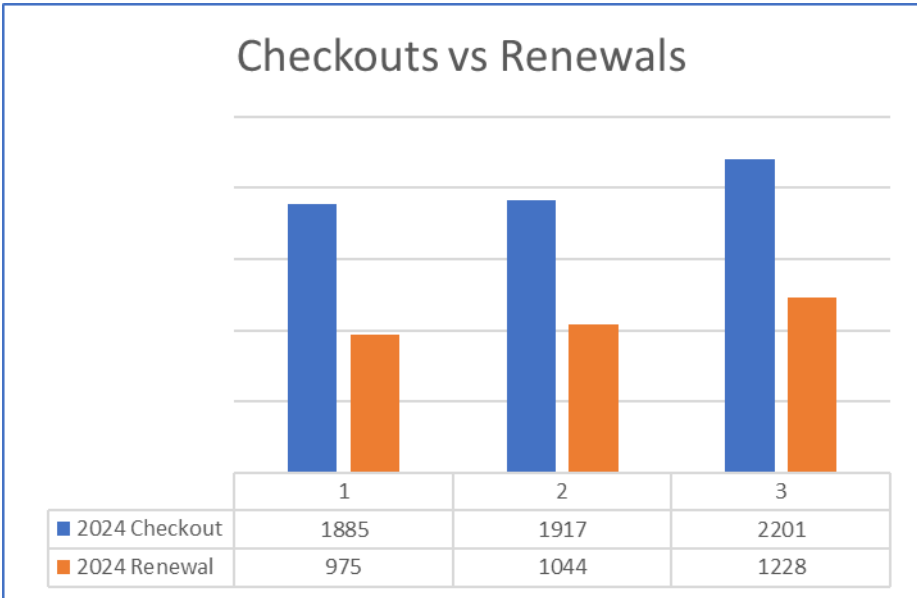
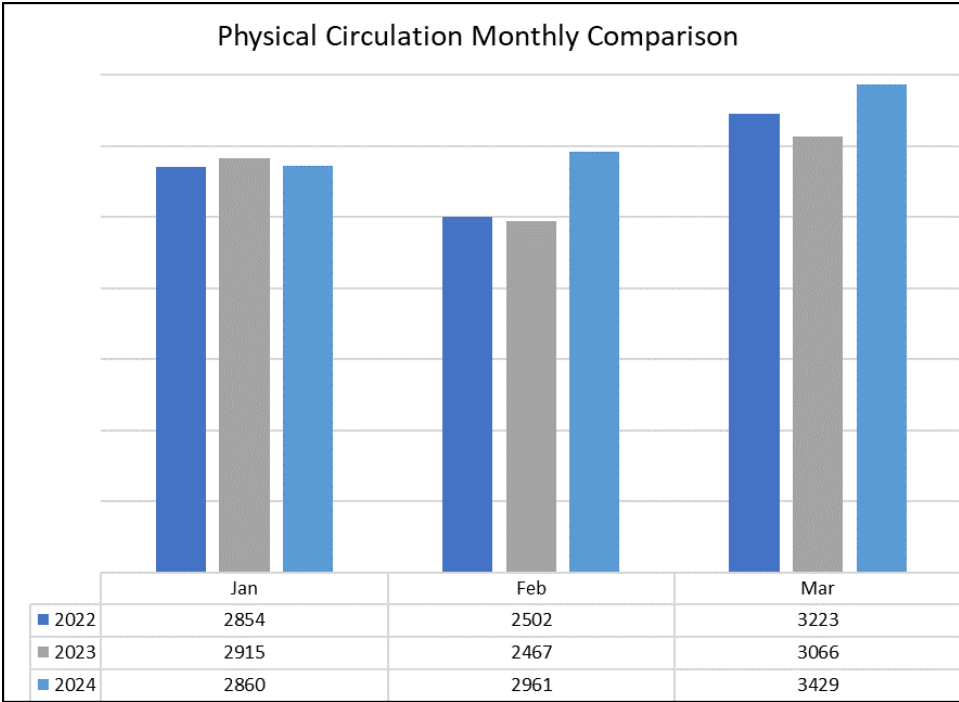
- ✓ At the Lakeland meeting APR 11, we will be given training and materials for the new library app.
- ✓ Newaygo LLC email migration to a new server through Heimler Consulting is complete.

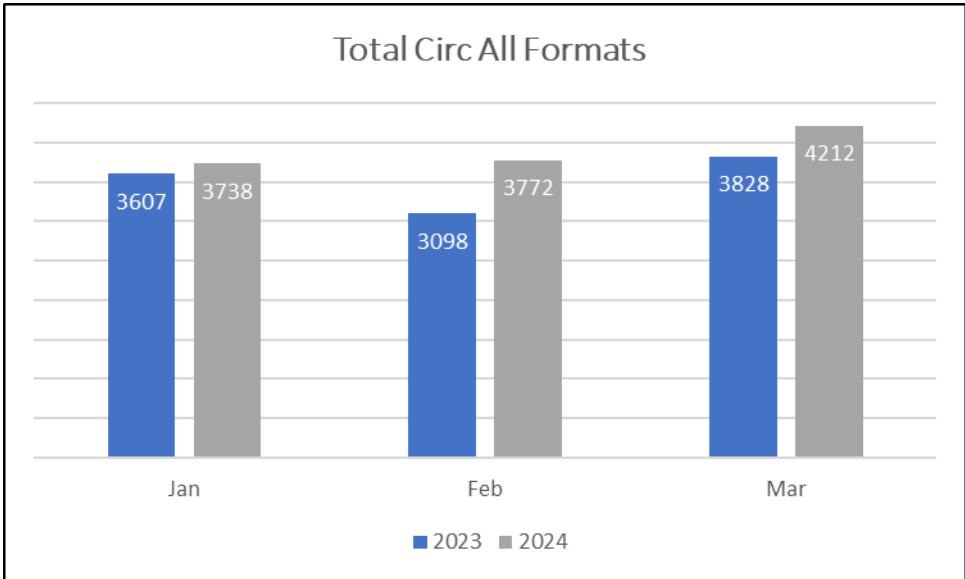
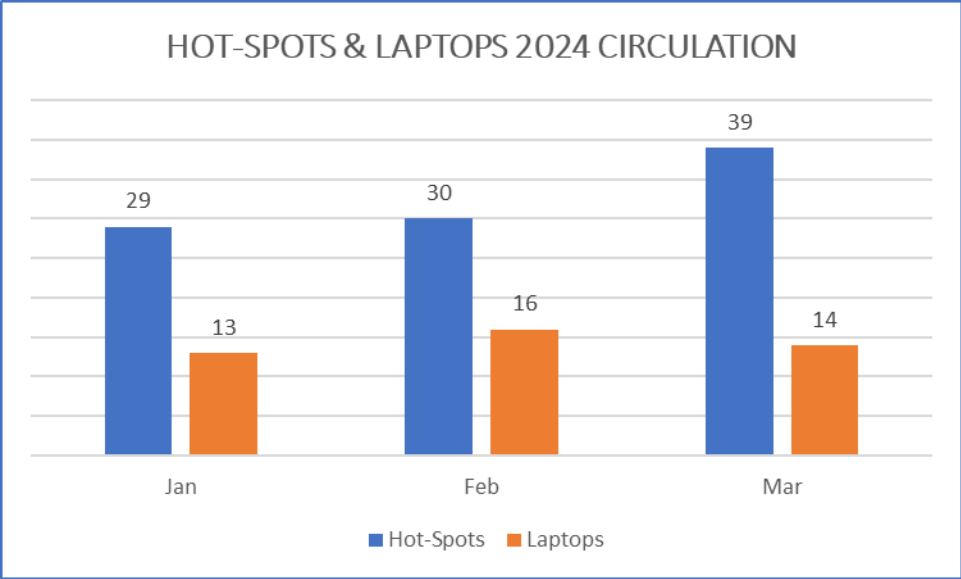
9. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 14 new patrons signed up for library cards.

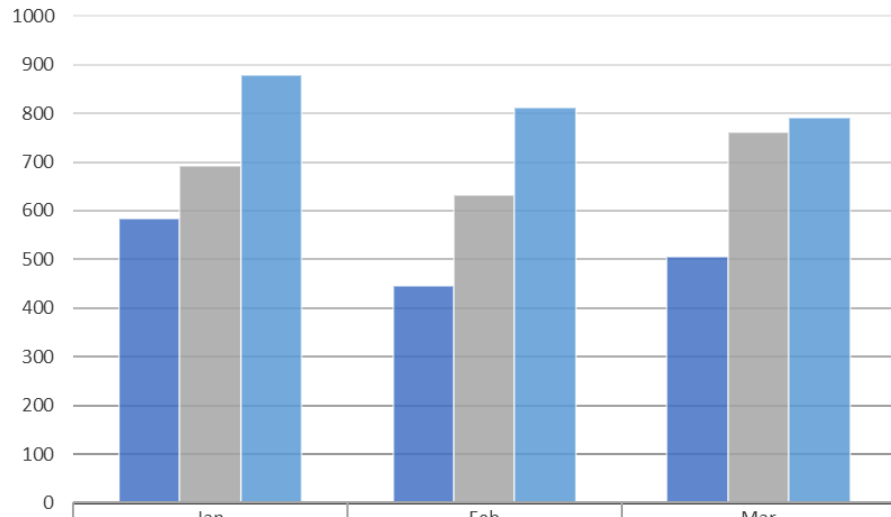
NEW IN APRIL







Monthly Electronic Circulation Comparison



	Jan	Feb	Mar
2022	583	445	505
2023	692	631	762
2024	878	811	791