

Spring brings a fresh energy that makes the library a welcoming and inspiring place to be. We host spring break programs like crafts, scavenger hunts, and book-themed games, making it a lively hub for kids and families. With the days getting longer and the buzz of warm weather in the air, it is our mission to serve the public and ensuring that all members of the community have the resources they need to thrive.

Here are a few of the fun programs at Newaygo Library in March!!



MARCH MADNESS: A BOOK SHOW DOWN – What is it? A month-long bracket-style tournament that matches select books one-on-one, with the Winner progressing on to the next week, until we are down to two books.

The **WINNERS ARE** -
ADULT: Iron Flame by Rebecca Yarros

Fine arts and graphic design professional Lindsay lenhart held a class at the Newaygo Library to teach a workshop on how to create a Cabochon Pendant!

The attendees enjoyed learning how to Wrap wire around a stone to create a pendant for a necklace.

This event was Sponsored in part by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



Take a look at just some of the adorable mini-libraries in a tin that were created by our imaginative patrons during our TEEN drop-in craft!

We were very impressed and also enjoyed hearing the lively chatter as they worked intently on their projects.

Thanks to the Michigan Arts and Culture Council for sponsoring this event.

A room full of beginner (ages 10 – 18) sewists came together to learn some machine sewing skills and make their own reading pillow.

They tackled the project with enthusiasm and were rewarded with some awesome results!

Thanks to Jean Matthews for being our expert teacher, as well as the Michigan Arts and Culture Council for sponsoring



1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Franklin LLC Board & Advisory Meeting - 3/13/25; NADL Board Meeting - 3/18/25.
- ✓ Monthly Staff Meeting – All Attended.
- ✓ Tammie and Carly had a table at Newaygo Elementary Literacy Night – 3/6/25;
- ✓ Cheryl presented library information with a Library Genre Bingo game to Newaygo Middle Schoolers - 3/7/25.

2. Programming Participation – March 2025.

- ✓ Wire Wrapping Pendant – Adult – 12
- ✓ March Madness – Adults – 20
- ✓ March Madness – Children - 63
- ✓ Library in a Tin Drop In – Teen – 35
- ✓ Sewing Reading Pillow - Teen – 8
- ✓ Newaygo Elementary Literacy Night – 128 stopped by our table and entered a drawing for a gift basket.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 203 new physical items.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ Received FACF Fowler Fund donation \$500.
- ✓ Received first State Aid check for 2025 \$4,018.92.

4. Wowbrary Newsletter – 483 Subscribers; Remind Subscribers –192;

5. Social Media.

- ✓ **FB:** 1912 Follows; **Instagram:** 293 Follows; **Twitter:** 35 Follows.

8. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 24 new library accounts.

Mary Franklin

Mary Franklin, Library Director





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY



STAY & PLAY: Tuesdays in May 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

There will be no Preschool Storytime for the month of May! We are taking a break from Story Time, but we welcome you to STAY & PLAY from 11 AM – NOON! There will be a few activities set up in the story time room for you. Story Time will resume June 10.

FABRIC BOWLS SEWING CLASS: May 3rd 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Jean Matthews is back to teach you some basic sewing skills while creating a fabric bowl. You'll have a chance to make two of them, so you can even gift one or both if you'd like! May 3, 10:30 – 12:30 for ages 10-18. RVSP Required. This class is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



BLOOMING BOOKMARKS – DROP IN CRAFT FOR AGES 10-18: May 5th – 10th

Drop In to complete this fun craft for the month of May! You'll be able to create a bookmark with pressed flowers of your choosing. What a beautiful way to mark your spot in your current read! The craft will be downstairs at the library and for participants ages 10 - 18. This event is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

MAY ADULT DROP-IN CRAFT – DIY LIP SCRUB: May 12th – 17th

The Adult Drop-In Craft for MAY will be a DIY Lip Scrub! Make it as a gift for you or someone else! This craft is supported in part by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council. All supplies will be available upstairs in the Local History Room during Library hours. QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED. Adults and Teens ONLY. LIMIT One Per Person. This is a Drop-In craft. Supplies are not available to make this at home.



LORI ESLICK – WATERCOLOR: May 17th 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join us at the library in welcoming back artist and children's book author Lori McElrath-Eslick for a Summer Landscape Watercolor painting class! All supplies will be provided. ADULTS AND TEENS ONLY! RVSP REQUIRED. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND HOURS

Friday – May 23rd: Closing Early @ 4 PM

Saturday – May 24th: Closed

Monday – May 26th: Closed



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

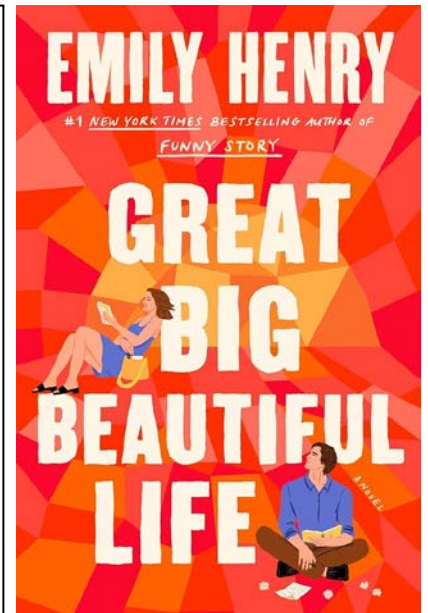
Sign up for our events reminder program! "Remind" will send out a text and email about events going on at NADL. To sign up, go to: remind.com/join/nadl1915 or Text @nadl1915 to 81010

FEATURED AUTHOR FOR MAY



Emily Henry is a New York Times bestselling author known for her romance novels, including *Beach Read*, *People We Meet on Vacation*, and *Book Lovers*. Her books use humor, love, and sincerity to explore difficult topics. Henry draws inspiration for her characters and plots from conversations, people she's met, places she's visited, and TV and movies.

She avoids pitfalls by making her characters, especially the female leads, feel like real people.



NEW BOOKS & DVDs

