



Newaygo Area District Library

Director's Report

It has been a very busy rewarding Season here at Newaygo Area District Library.

GRATEFUL TO GIVE GRATEFUL TO READ

This year we did our Food Drive to support Weekend PowerPacks provided by True North Community Services Weekend PowerPacks program. Weekend PowerPacks provide area youth with weekend food through partnerships with local school districts. Each Weekend PowerPack consists of kid-friendly, shelf-stable pre-packaged foods. This fuel is crucial to the success of local kids. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Grateful to Give Food Drive!



NATIONAL APPLE CIDER DAY

To celebrate National Apple Cider Day, the library had free apple cider and cookies. We had twenty-seven people participate.

ADULT FALL INTO READING PROGRAM

This year, we did a **FALL INTO READING BINGO!** Adults who signed up, received a special bingo card with fun fall activities to do. Such as Read Under a Cozy Blanket, Swap a Book with a Friend, Read Under a Tree, etc. For every "row" completed they received a Ticket in the Prize Drawing for a Fall Gift Basket. Our winner this year is Ashley.

NEWAYGO ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WALK

It was another great year at the Christmas Walk. We hosted the Middle School Art Display. We sold several used books in our Used Book Sale, which will help with purchasing new books. We also gave out **117** bags of Popcorn!

NEWAYGO LIBRARY GIVING TREE

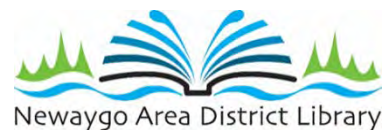
December 2nd thru January 2nd, the Newaygo Library will have our annual Giving Tree in the Lobby. This gives the community an opportunity to give back this holiday season and spread the joy of literacy. These donations will help purchase new library materials. Want to honor someone special? You can make your donation in memory of a loved one. This year we have made it possible to make a donation online at <https://square.link/u/of2L11pj>.

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

Director Mary Franklin

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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.

GIVING TREE THRU DECEMBER 29TH: December 2nd – 29th

December 2nd through December 29th the Newaygo Library will have a Giving Tree. This gives the community an opportunity to help expand the Library's collection! You can find it in our Lobby. Here's how it works: Choose an ornament for the item you would like to purchase with your donation. Pay inside with a staff member. Donations are tax deductible, and they can be made in dedication of loved ones at your request.



ADULT DROP-IN CRAFT – PAPER PINE CONE ORNAMENTS: December 9th – December 14th

The Adult Drop-In Craft for DECEMBER will be a Paper Pinecone Ornament. All supplies will be available upstairs in the Local History Room during Library Hours. Quantities are limited with a limit of one per person! Adults and Teens ONLY! This is a drop-in craft, supplies are not available to make this at home.



CHILDREN'S DECEMBER – TAKE & MAKE: December 9th – December 14th

ALL WEEK LONG! Newaygo Library will have a Stone Snowman Take & Make craft kit available for children ages 12 and under. Quantities are limited! Craft for ages 5+ and adult supervision is required.

MIDDLE ZONE MUG RUG SEWING: December 14th 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join us for a fun and creative sewing class designed especially for kids ages 10 – 15. In this class, students will learn the basics of sewing on a sewing machine and make their own festive holiday mug rug – a small, colorful quilted mat perfect for holding a mug of cocoa or tea during the holiday season. Space is limited! Sign up by calling the library or RSVP from the calendar of events on the library's website.



FIND FROSTY SCAVENGER HUNT: December 16th – 28th

Join the Fun at Our *Find Frosty Scavenger Hunt*! Hey, families! Looking for a holiday activity that your kids (from little ones to tweens) will absolutely love? Come join us for our *Find Frosty Scavenger Hunt*! Hunt for pieces of Frosty hidden around the children's library, gather them all, and then use them to create your very own take-home holiday ornament! It's a perfect way for your kids to explore, create, and bring some frosty fun to your tree. December 16 - December 28 (**while supplies last**). In the NADL children's library. Bring your holiday cheer and sharp eyes. We can't wait to see you there!



WINTER BREAK MARIO KART TOURNAMENT – MIDDLE ZONE: December 27th 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Mario Kart Madness at the Library! Think you've got what it takes to conquer the Rainbow Road? This Christmas break we'll be hosting an epic Nintendo Switch Mario Kart Tournament for ages 10 - 15. Free to enter and you don't need to bring your switch or controllers. Only 16 slots available and prizes for all participants, so sign up with a friend soon! Friday, December 27 from 3 - 4:30.



MIDDLE ZONE CHESS CLUB: Tuesdays in January & February 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm



Ready to make your move? The Newaygo Library is kicking off a Chess Club for our Middle Zone patrons, ages 10 - 15. Whether you're a curious beginner or a seasoned chess master, all are welcome! Join Chris Matthews on Tuesdays in January and February from 3:30 - 5 for a snack and some chess. Chris has taught chess club for years and will work well with all skill levels. Join us for fun, friendly competition. Meet new friends and discover the lifelong game of chess. Space is limited, so sign up on the library's event calendar or by calling the library. Let the games begin!



NEWAYGO LIBRARY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOURS

December 23rd – Closing early at 4:00 pm

December 24th – Closed

December 25th – Closed

December 31st – Closed

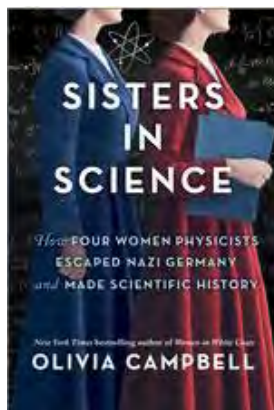
January 1st – Closed



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

FEBRUARY ADULT BOOK CLUB: THU. FEB 6, 2:30 pm



Our book selection is **Sisters in Science** by Olivia Campbell. The extraordinary true story of four women pioneers in physics during World War II and their daring escape out of Nazi Germany. This story brings these trailblazing women to life and shows us how sisterhood and scientific curiosity can transcend borders and persist—flourish... Books are available in the upper level of the Library. We will meet as a discussion group in the Conference room.



Coming Soon!



1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Franklin: 11/06/24 NC Director Meeting; 11/14/24 LLC Board & Advisory Meeting; 11/19/24 NADL Board Meeting. 11/22/2024 Tammie attended 2025 Summer Reading Workshop.
- ✓ 11/21/24 Monthly Staff Meeting: Covered new card accounts creation; Sierra updates; managing damaged/replacement fees; upcoming programs and displays.
- ✓ All staff evaluations completed by December 13.

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 125 new physical items.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 11/14/24 Lowell Area Arts Council MACC FY24 Final MACC payment of \$336.00.
- ✓ 11/15/24 Received \$5000 from Great Lakes People Grant toward the new Circulation Area.
- ✓ 11/20/24: Received \$2000 donation from the Rich and Kerriann Meeunberg fund.
- ✓ 12/02/24: Awarded a \$5,650 FACF 2025 Summer Reading Program Grant.

4. Wowbrary Newsletter – 453 emails sent; Remind Subscribers – 182;

5. Social Media.

- ✓ FB: 1855 Follows; Instagram: 288 Follows; Twitter: 33 Follows.

6. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ 11/04/24 Bishops Heating and Cooling performed the annual winterization of the HVAC system.
- ✓ 12/10/22: Kone performed routine maintenance on the elevator.

7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

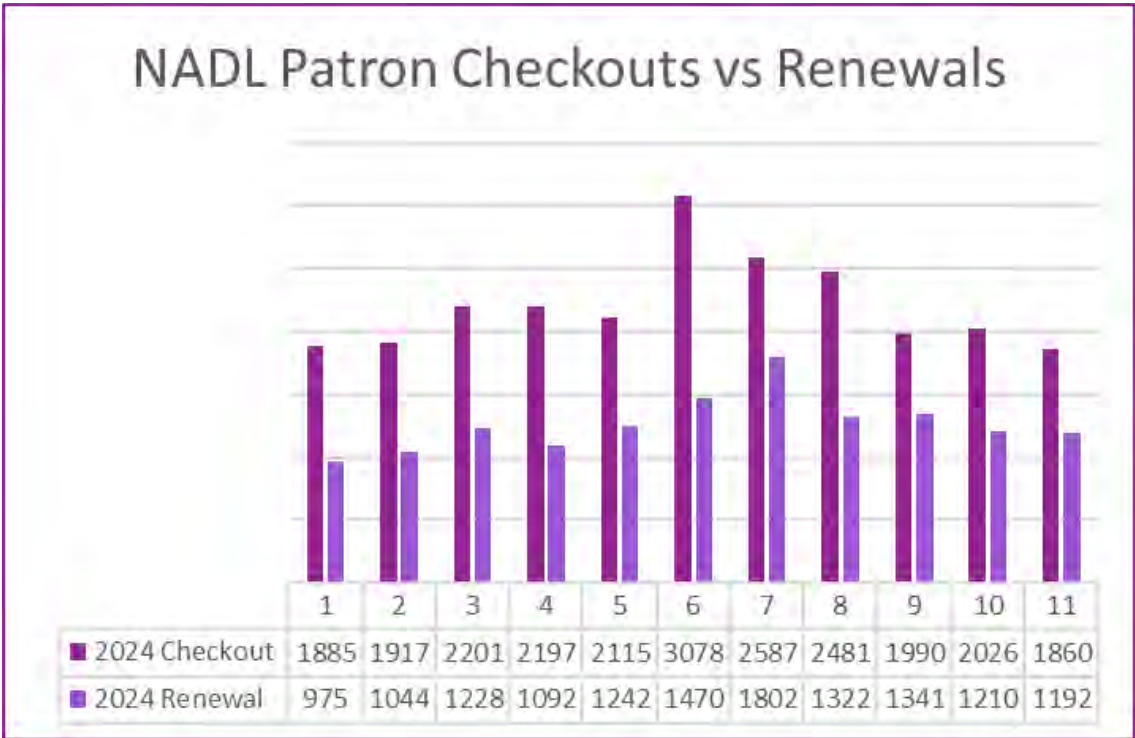
- ✓ Discontinued Transparent Language Subscription. Total of four hours used in the last year. Annual subscription cost was \$588.00.

8. Library Circulation.

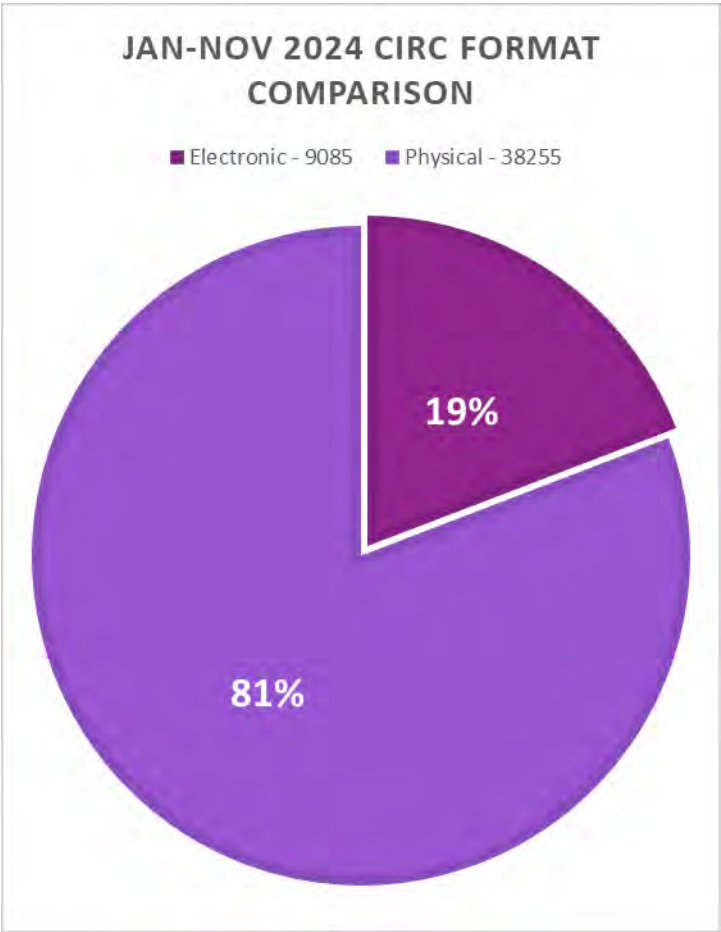
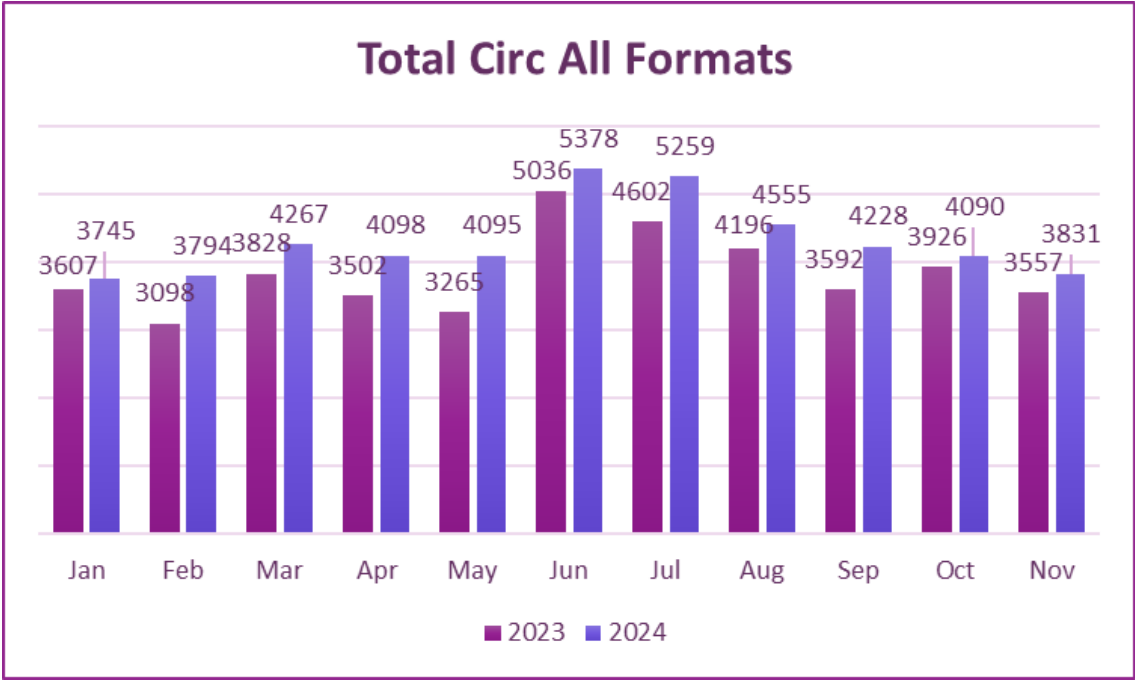
- ✓ 17 new library accounts.



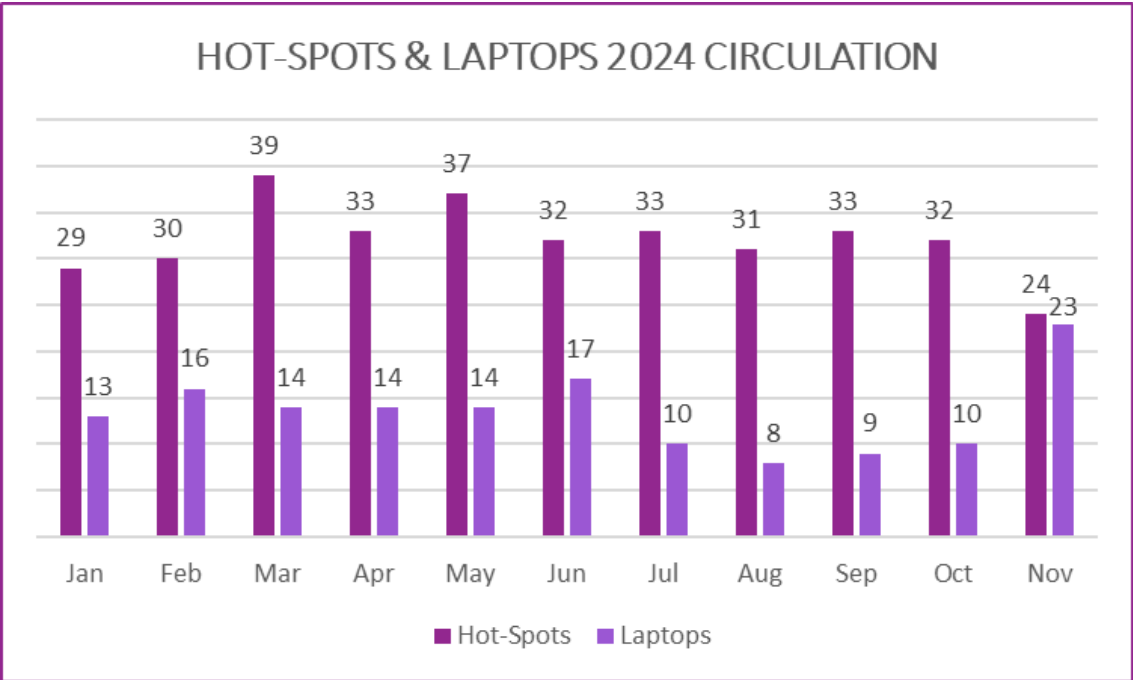
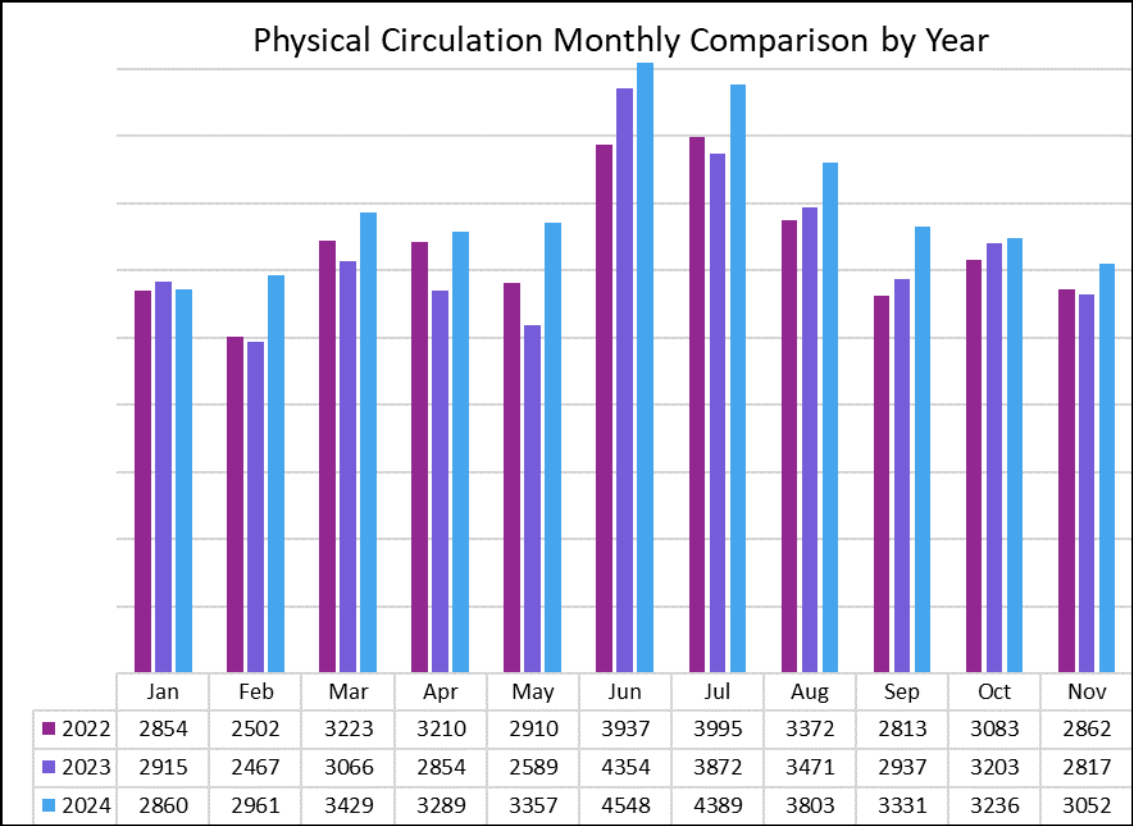
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