

This summer, Newaygo Library hosted 25 exciting summer reading programs—from drumming and painting to science, animals, and sewing—each inspiring kids and teens to explore new interests and dive into related books. When young readers choose what excites them, reading becomes a joy, not a chore.

Thanks to the generosity of the Fremont Area Community Foundation and over 30 local businesses, our community made this program shine. Together, we're building confidence, pride, and a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

Here are some fun things we did!!



FANTASY WATERCOLOR

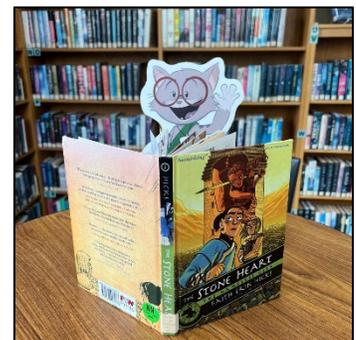
SEWING DRAWSTRING BOOK BAG



DIAMOND PAINTING

MITTENS VISITS NEWAYGO LIBRARY

MeLCat, which stands for the Michigan eLibrary Catalog, is a statewide resource sharing service for libraries in Michigan. It allows patrons of participating libraries to borrow materials like books, movies, and music from libraries across the state and have them delivered to their local library for pickup.



1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Franklin LLC Board & Advisory Meeting - 8/14/25; NADL Board Meeting - 7/15/25.
- ✓ Monthly Staff Meeting – All Attended.

2. Programming Participation – July 2025.

- ✓ SRP Bubble Science – 51
- ✓ Sculpt a Snail Drop-In – Children – 42
- ✓ SRP Art in Nature – 84
- ✓ SRP Magician Wrap-Up – 36
- ✓ Byzantine Bling Drop-In – Children – 26
- ✓ Dragon Diamond Painting – Children – 21
- ✓ Watercolor Fantasy – Tween/Teen – 9
- ✓ Glass Jar Succulent Drop In – Adult – 24
- ✓ Music In the Park Landford Lads – 80
- ✓ Patriotic Flower Diamond Painting – Adult – 12
- ✓ Library Tin Drop-in – Adult - 23

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 127 new physical items.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ Received \$600 from the Micho Foundation for Children’s Books

4. Building and Maintenance

- ✓ Men’s Urinal in Lobby bathroom repaired
- ✓ Staff Kitchen Water Heater replaced

5. Wowbrary Newsletter – 515 Subscribers; Remind Subscribers –216;

6. Social Media.

- ✓ **FB:** 1960 Follows; **Instagram:** 299 Follows; **Twitter:** 33 Follows.

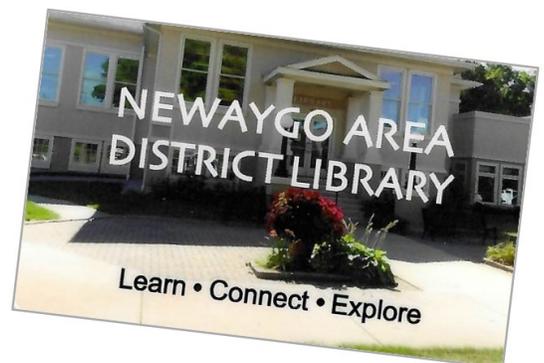
7. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 13 new library accounts.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Libraries and library staff nationwide join the American Library Association to alert parents, caregivers, students and individuals that signing up for a library card opens a pathway to lifelong learning and academic success.

Mary Franklin, Library Director

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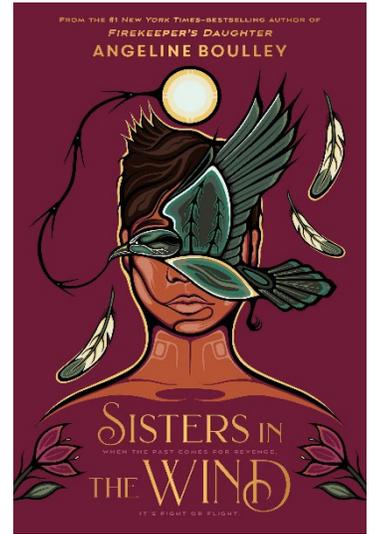
FEATURED AUTHOR FOR SEPTEMBER



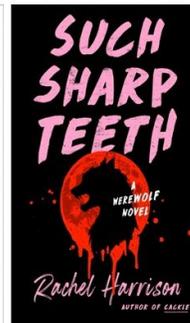
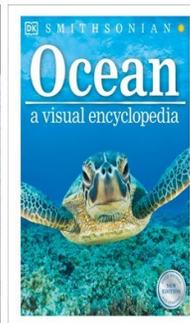
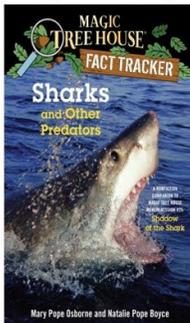
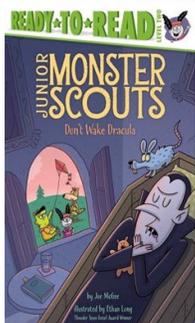
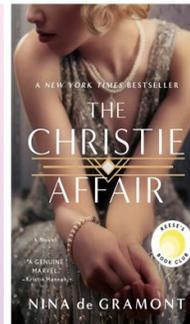
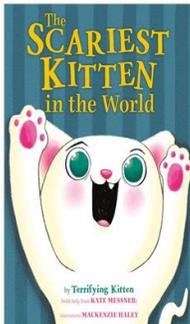
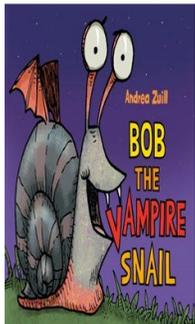
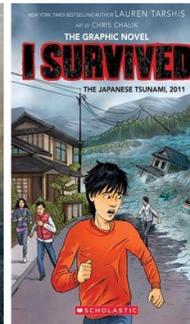
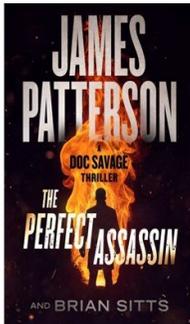
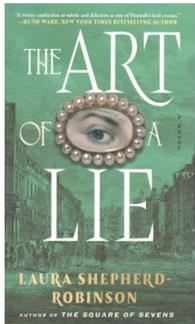
Angeline Bouley is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Michigan and an international bestselling author. Her new **novel *Sisters in the Wind***, is an explosive story about seeking justice for a past that won't let you go.

Lucy Smith is on the run. Years in foster care have taught her to be smart, cautious. But when the kind-eyed Jamie Jameson and his “friend-not-friend” Daunis track her down and show interest in her case, Lucy begins to wonder if things could be different.

They tell her the truth about her father, and the family that has been hidden from her all this time. But Lucy is being followed. As the secrets mount and threaten to swallow her whole, Lucy must decide what she’s willing to sacrifice to protect the people she loves.



NEW BOOKS





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

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

	LABOR DAY WEEKEND HOURS	
<p>Friday – August 29th: Library closing early at 4:00 pm</p> <p>Saturday – August 30th: Closed</p> <p>Monday – September 1st: Closed</p>		

ROPE BOWL SEWING: September 6th & 13th 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join Jean Matthews on 9/6 to learn how to sew together a rope bowl! Some sewing experience is needed for this class. There will be a second part on 9/13 for those who sign up and participate in the first session. All supplies will be provided. **ADULTS AND TEENS ONLY!** RSVP REQUIRED. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



FALL ILLUSTRATIVE LANDSCAPE: September 18th 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm



Join Newaygo Library in welcoming back artist Corinne Roberts to teach a Fall Illustrative Landscape class! Corinne is an illustrator, cartoonist, and author of webcomic “Out and About!” All supplies will be provided. **ADULTS AND TEENS ONLY!** RVSP REQUIRED. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

MINI MAKERS: TERRARIUM EDITION – AGES 10-18: September 20th 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Newaygo Area District Library Conference Room. Join us at the library for Mini Makers: Terrarium Edition, a hands-on event where patrons 10 to 18 years old can create their own miniature terrariums! We'll provide the supplies—plants, containers, soil, and decorative elements—along with step-by-step guidance by Jaslyn from The Infinity Shoppe. She will help you build a tiny green world to take home. This event is the perfect way to get your hands dirty and your creativity flowing. RSVP REQUIRED. Supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



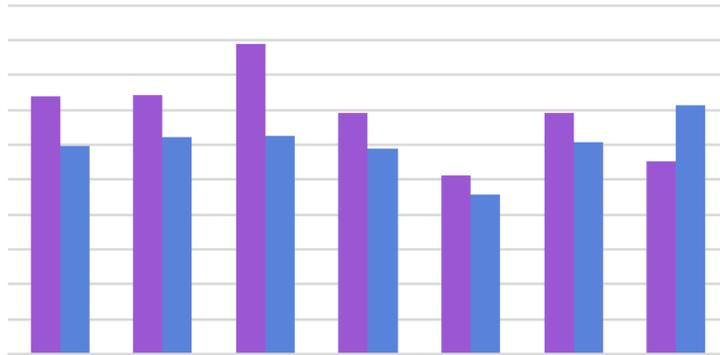
DIY BOOK NOOK KIT: September 27th 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Do you enjoy reading and want to create something to decorate your bookshelves? Come to Newaygo Library to put together a Magical Library Book Nook on September 27th in the Newaygo City Chamber Room! All supplies will be provided. **ADULTS AND TEENS ONLY!** RVSP REQUIRED. This class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

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

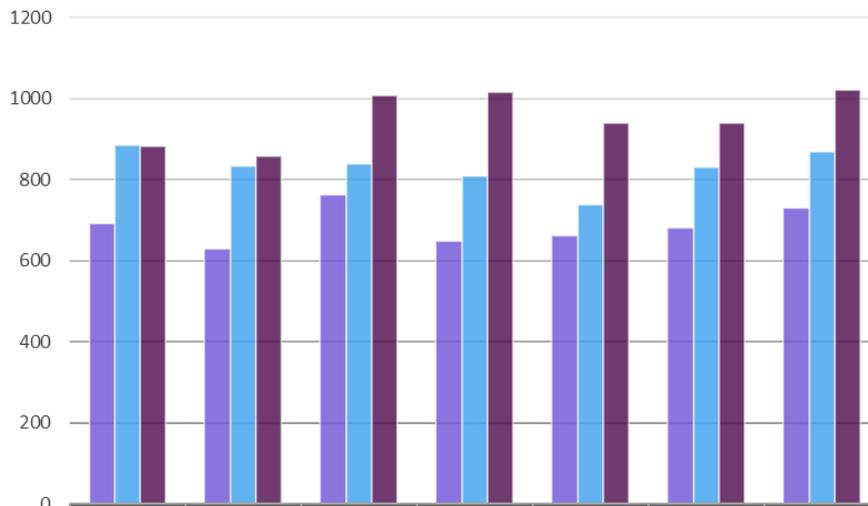
Sign up for our events reminder program! "Remind" will send out a text and email about events going on at NADL. To sign up, go to: remind.com/join/nadl1915 or Text @nadl1915 to 81010

2025 Physical Circ. Borrows vs Loans Within LLC



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
ILL Borrowed	369	371	444	346	257	346	277
ILL Loaned	299	311	313	294	229	304	357

Monthly Electronic Circulation Comparison

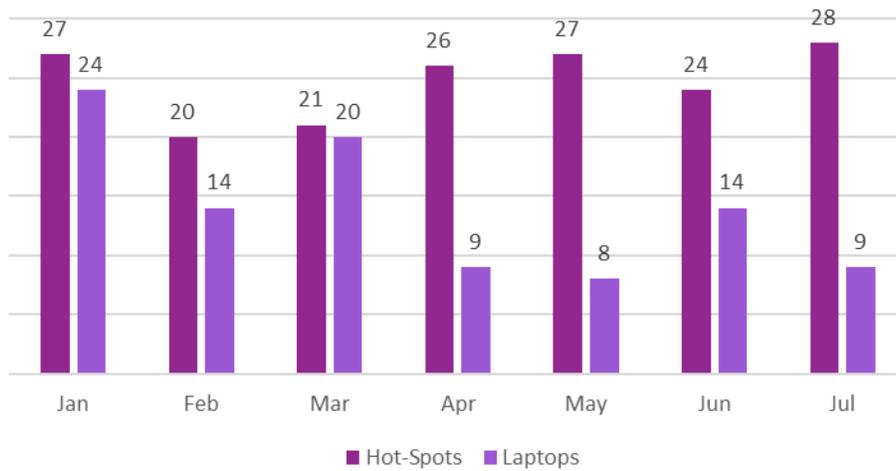


	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
2023	692	631	762	648	662	682	730
2024	885	833	838	809	738	830	870
2025	882	859	1009	1015	940	941	1022

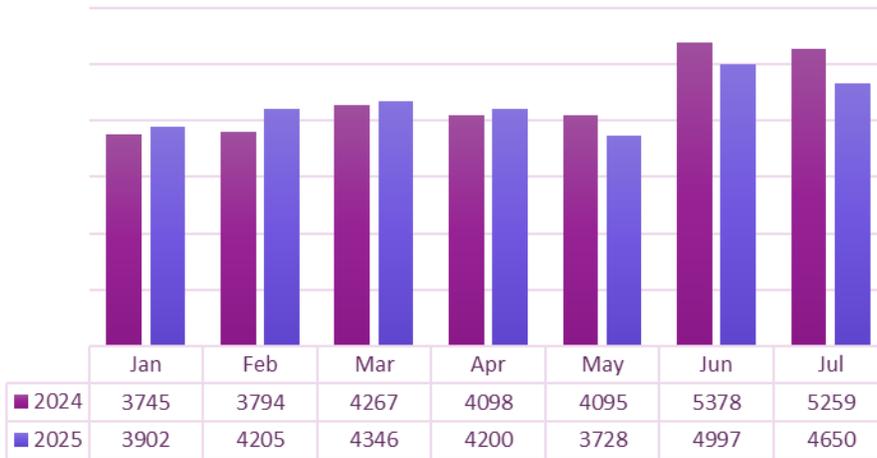
NADL Patron Checkouts vs Renewals



HOT-SPOTS & LAPTOPS 2025 CIRCULATION



Total Circ All Formats



PHYSICAL CIRCULATION MONTHLY COMPARISON BY YEAR

2023 2024 2025

