

### **Get Ready for a Summer Full of Reading and Fun at NADL!**

The theme this year is “Color Our World” and it’s almost here! Excitement is already building at the **Newaygo Area District Library!** Whether you’re a returning participant or new to the program, this year promises something for everyone—kids, teens, and adults alike.

Our staff is hard at work preparing for a season of discovery and adventure. We’re currently scheduling **library tours for NPS classes**, giving students a first look at all the exciting activities, reading challenges, and events coming their way. From themed storytimes and crafts to fun projects and guest performers, each week will bring something new and fun for young readers.

### **Great Prizes Await!**

Thanks to the generous support of local businesses and community members, we’re thrilled to offer **fantastic prizes for readers of all ages**. Earn rewards just by reading and participating! The **first 100 finishers** (child – teen) will receive a **2025 Summer Reading T-shirt**, and our prize shelves are being stocked with brand-new books and surprises you’ll love.

### **Summer Reading Is for Everyone**

Think summer reading is just for kids? Think again! Our **Adult Summer Reading Program** is back and better than ever. Adults who complete their reading goals will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win all kinds of fun and useful prizes. Including a Kindle for the Grand Prize winner! It’s a great way to rediscover the joy of reading while connecting with your community.

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

The fun officially kicks off June 2, so keep an eye out for our full **Summer Reading Program schedule**—including event calendars, sign-up details, and everything you need to get started.

**Stop by often. Sign up. Join the adventure.**

There’s something exciting waiting for everyone at NADL this summer.

**Let’s read, explore, and celebrate together!**



### 1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Franklin Newaygo TIFA Meeting - 4/11/25; NADL Board Meeting - 4/15/25.
- ✓ Monthly Staff Meeting – All Attended.
- ✓ New Employee – Elizabeth (Liz Patin) Started 4/3/2025

### 2. Programming Participation – April 2025.

- ✓ Foraging and Wild Tending Presentation – Adult – 55
- ✓ Birdfeeder Drop In Craft– Adults – 22
- ✓ Mario Kart Smash Brothers Tournament – Tween - 26
- ✓ Succulent Can Creation Drop In Craft – Teen – 24
- ✓ April Fool’s Scavenger Hunt – Children’s Library – 81
- ✓ April Combined Storytimes – 97 Adults and Children.
- ✓ Homeschool Group Preschool Playdate - 27

### 2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 126 new physical items.

### 3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ Received FACF Circulation Grant - \$15,000.
- ✓ Received 2025 Summer Reading Grant - \$5,600.
- ✓ Summer Reading donations from local businesses are filtering in.

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

### 5. Social Media.

- ✓ FB: 1915 Follows; Instagram: 294 Follows; Twitter: 34 Follows.

### 8. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 17 new library accounts.

*Mary Franklin*

Mary Franklin, Library Director



Lakeland App



Read Squared App  
(Reading log)



Remind  
(Text notification for library events)



hoopla App  
(Instantly borrow digital materials)



MeL  
(Books and databases)



Shoutbomb  
(Text notifications for library account info)



libby App  
(Digital books)

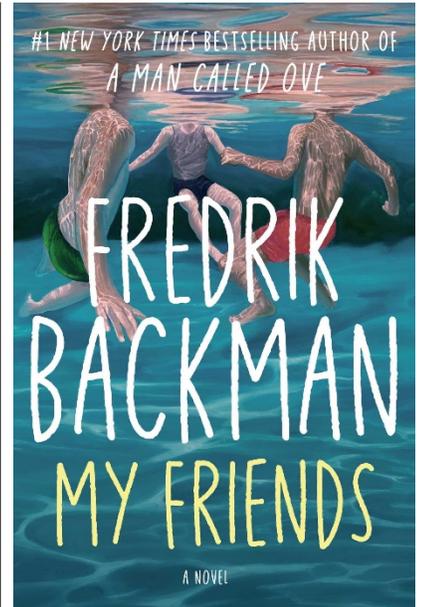


**Wowbrary**  
The Newest Stuff at Your Library

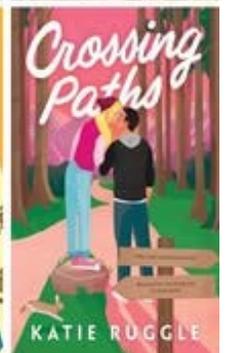
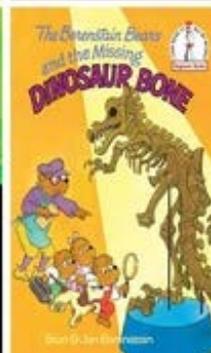
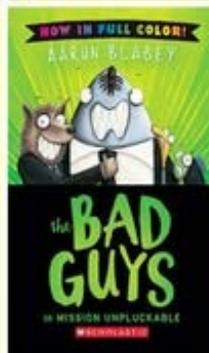
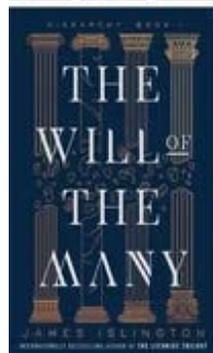
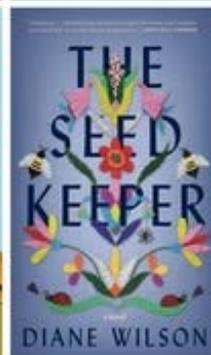
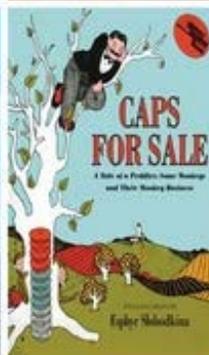
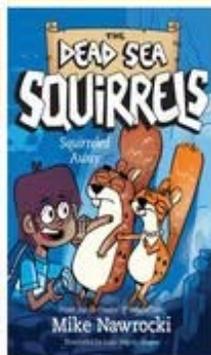
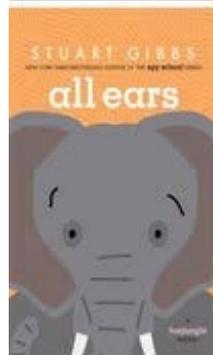
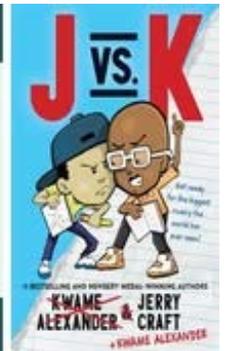
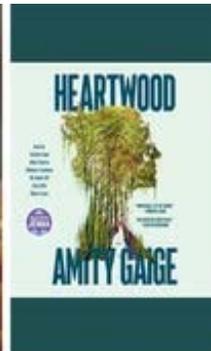
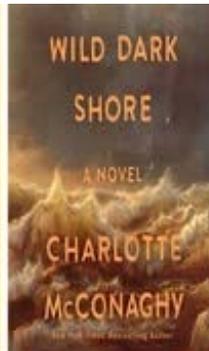
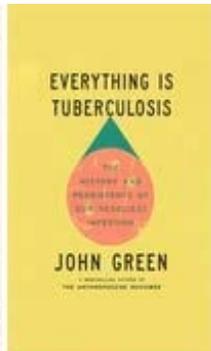
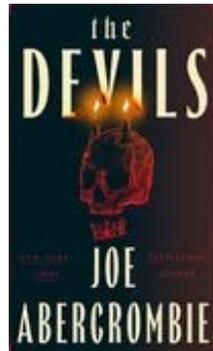
## FEATURED AUTHOR FOR JUNE



Fredrik Backman is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove*, *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, *Britt-Marie Was Here*, *Beartown*, *Us Against You*, *Anxious People*, *The Winners*, *My Friends*, as well as two novellas and one work of nonfiction. His books are published in more than forty countries. He lives in Stockholm, Sweden, with his wife and two children.

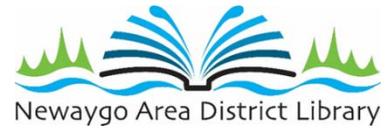


## NEW BOOKS & DVDs





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY



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

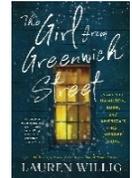


### **SUMMER READING BEGINS:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Get ready to embark on a journey of art and creativity this summer, celebrating all the ways art enriches our lives! The 2025 Summer Reading Program theme: "COLOR OUR WORLD." Stop into the library to sign up for the 2025 Summer Reading Program!

### **JUNE ADULT BOOK CLUB:** June 5<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Join Jessica to discuss *The Girl from Greenwich Street*, a story based on the true story of the famous Levi Weeks trial that forced bitter rivals, Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr to work together to save a man from the gallows! RVSP online @ [newaygolibrary.org](http://newaygolibrary.org) or at 652-6723.



### **MEDIEVAL SWORDSMANSHIP CLASS – AGES 10-15:** June 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm



Have you ever dreamed of living in a castle, wearing armor, or wielding a sword? Now is your chance to partake in an introduction to historical swordsmanship, focusing on the Medieval Longsword. This class will be taught by someone from the Swordsmanship Museum and Academy. The class will be held in the large conference room at the Heritage Museum of Newaygo County. Registration is required.

### **NICK THOMAS – WORLD-RECORD JUGGLER & COMEDIAN:** June 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Enjoy mind-blowing tricks & mesmerizing light-up routines featuring juggling, ball spinning, Slinkys & more! Join us for a hilarious, interactive performance! Sponsored in part by the Fremont Area Foundation.



### **GRACE THEISEN:** June 20<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



Join us at the Newaygo Farmer's Market on 6/20 to hear the music of Americana artist Grace Theisen with Carolyn Koebel! Her style is a mix of blues, Americana, and soul. She is also 1/3 of the band, *The Rebel Eves*, an Americana band that includes two other MI natives. Grace and her band have played several large MI venues and festivals including Kalamazoo Pride, Frederik Meijer Gardens, and Local Spins Fest. This activity is supported in part by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

### **DRAWING FANTASY:** June 24<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ages 10 to 15 can learn to draw fantasy with Natalie Budnick! You'll follow along to draw your own fantasy characters and creatures while learning different techniques. You can bring your own computer or art supplies, but it's not necessary. Registration required.



### **DRUMMUNITY:** June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Using her unique hand drums & simple drum circle games, Lori Fithian creates a positive, non-competitive experience for all ages & abilities to share. Join us for this unique, interactive experience! Drums and fun are provided for everyone! Sponsored in part by the Fremont Area Foundation.

### ***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](http://remind.com/join/nadl1915) or Text @nadl1915 to 81010

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Newaygo

## Happening at your local library

The Newaygo Area District Library has several free activities and programs planned for the next few days.

**Fun With Watercolor** for youngsters ages 10 through 18 will be on Saturday, April 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children's book illustrator and author Lori McElrath-Eslick will teach some artistic skills and help students create paintings to take home. The class is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

**Earth Day Succulent Can Creations** drop-in craft project for people ages 10 through 18 will be offered from April 21 through 26, inviting participants to celebrate Earth Day and express creativity by upcycling tin cans. The craft project is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

**Fabric Bowls Sewing**

**Class** is scheduled for May 3 from 10:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. Jean Matthews will teach some basic sewing skills. The class, intended for people ages 10 to 18, is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

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**Earth Day succulent can creations**, a drop-in craft project for people ages 10 to 18, is scheduled to be available through Saturday, April 26. The drop-in craft is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

**Fabric bowls sewing class** will be on Saturday, May 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jean Matthews will teach people ages 10 to 18 some basic sewing skills and how to create fabric bowls. The class is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

Instead of Preschool Story Time in May, the library will host **Stay and Play** on Tuesdays in May from 11 a.m. to

noon. Story Time is scheduled to resume on June 10.

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**Stay And Play** will be held on Tuesdays in May, from 11 a.m. to noon in lieu of Preschool Story Time. Activities will be set-up in the story time room. The Story Time sessions are scheduled to resume on June 10.

**A Blooming Bookmarks** drop-in craft project for young people age 10 through 18 will be offered from May 5 through 10. Participants will be invited to create bookmarks with pressed flowers. The event is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

**May Adult Drop-In DIY Lip Scrub** will be offered to adults and teens from May 12 through 17. Supplies will be available upstairs

in the Local History Room during library hours. The craft project is supported in part by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

**A Summer Landscape Watercolor Class** will be offered on Saturday, May 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for adults and teens. Artist and children's book author Lori McElrath-Eslick will lead the class. All supplies will be provided. The class is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

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**Stay and Play** is scheduled for Tuesdays in May from 11 a.m. to noon. In lieu of Preschool Story Time, children will be invited to interact with activities set up in the story time room. Story Time is scheduled to resume on June 10.

The Adult Drop-In Craft for May is "**DIY Lip**

**Scrubs,**" available this week through Saturday. The program is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

The **Great Character Hunt**, scheduled for May 19 to May 31, invites participants to find classic book characters and solve a puzzle. Prizes and extra clues will be available.

The library is scheduled to close at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 23 and remain closed through the Memorial Day holiday.

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Story Time this month, activities will be set up in the story time room, offering children opportunities to build early literacy skills, practice school readiness and start building their own community with other children. Story Time is scheduled to resume on June 10.

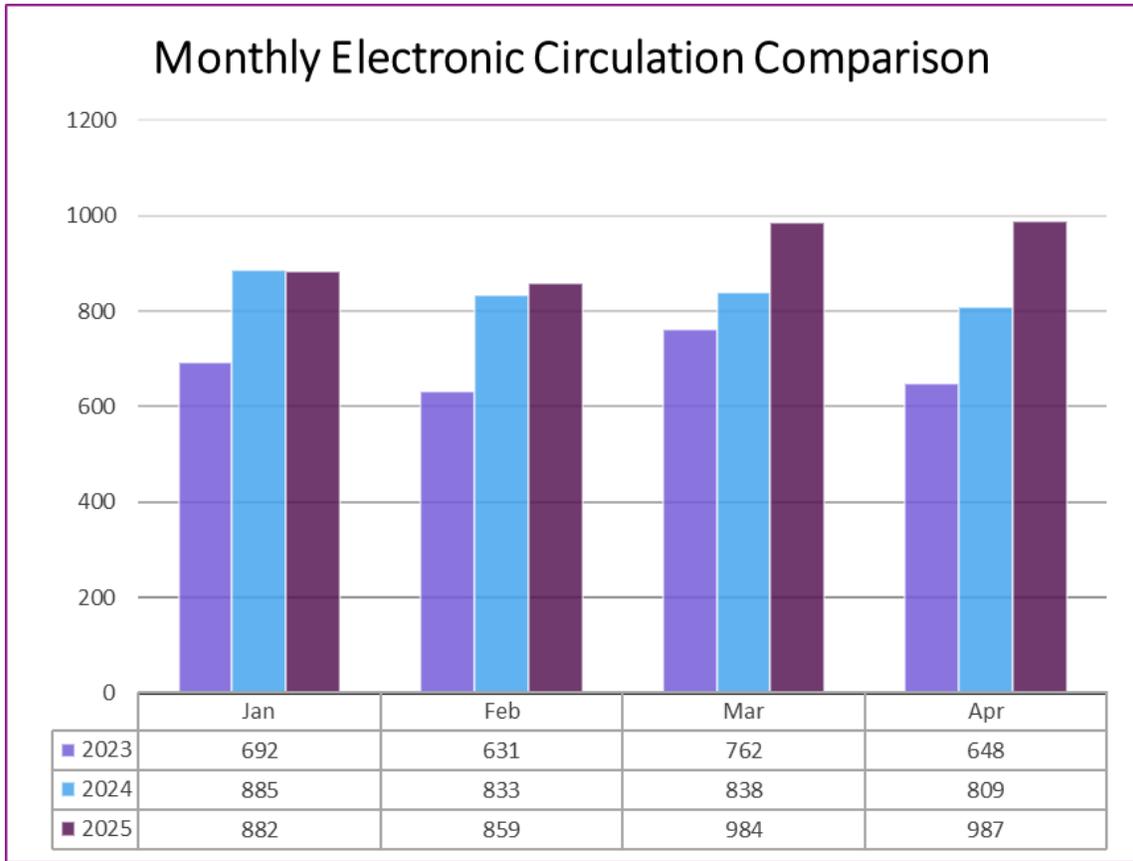
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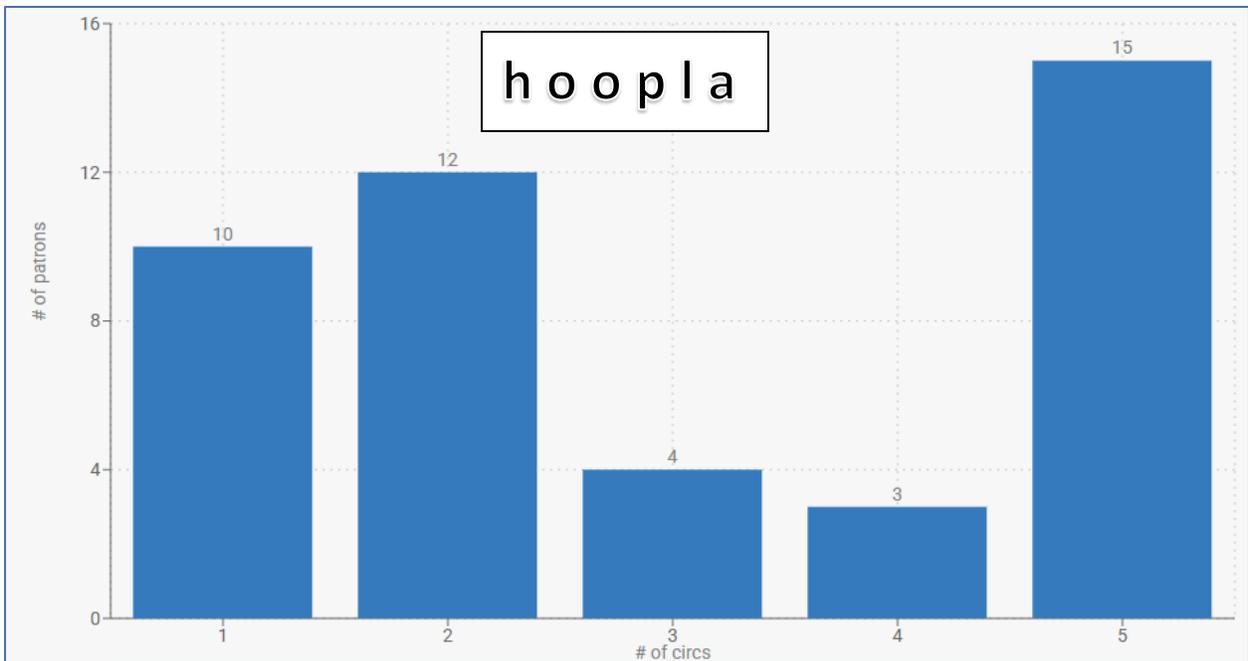
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silhouettes of a dozen classic characters to their books while finding clues to solve the puzzle and win a prize.

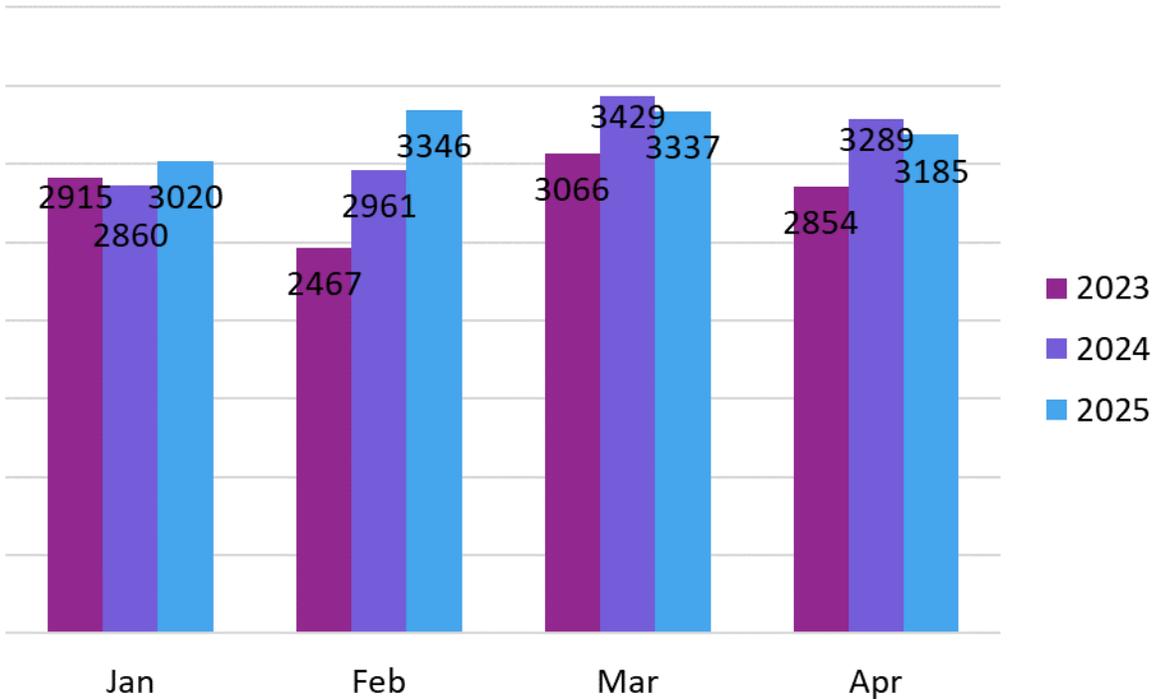
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This report shows the distribution of number of **Instant** borrows by NADL patrons on hoopla during April 2025. Each patron may use a max of 5 instant borrows per month.

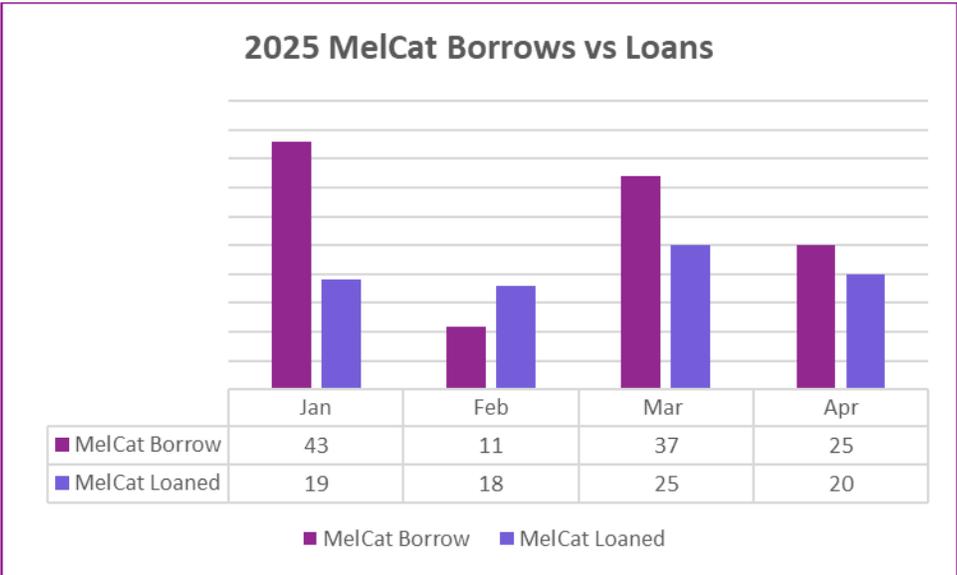
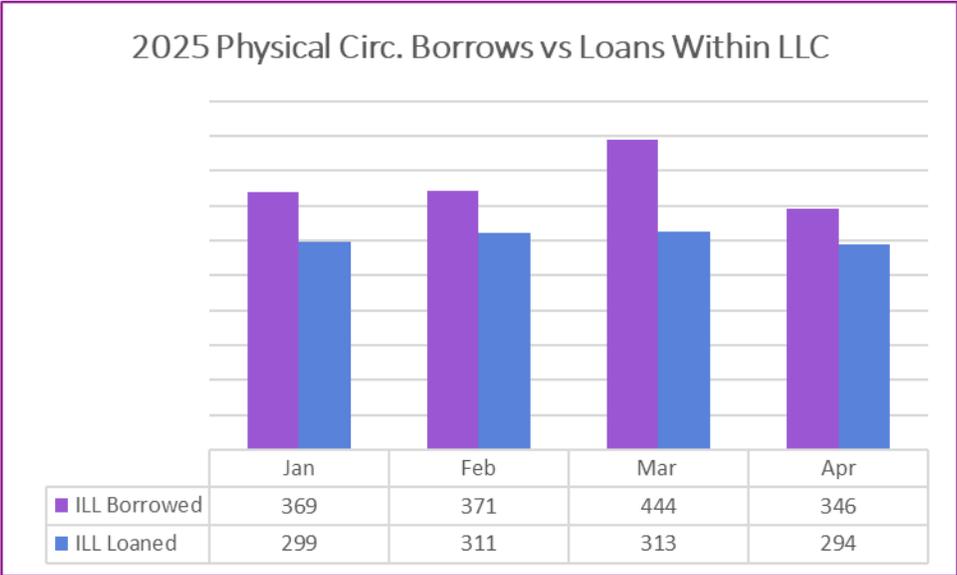
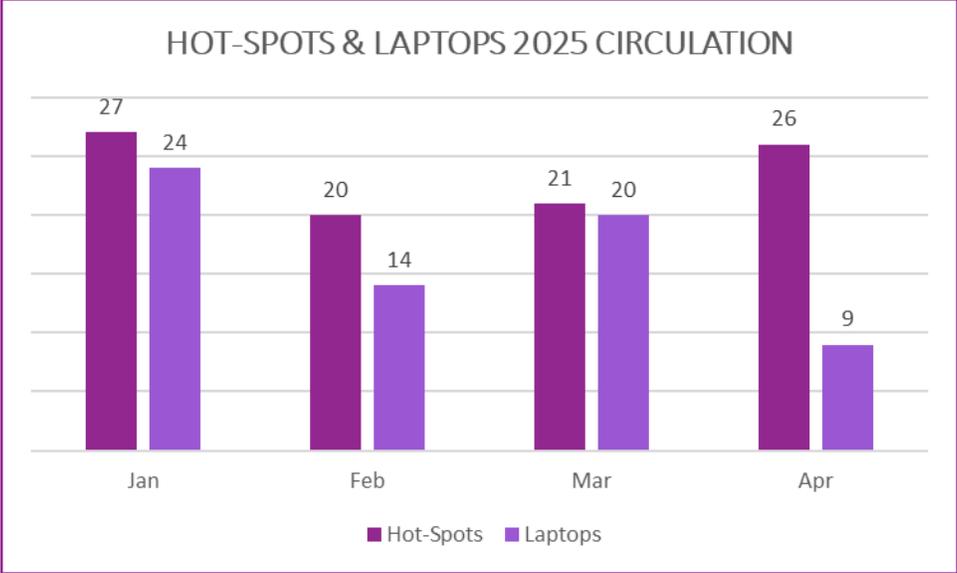


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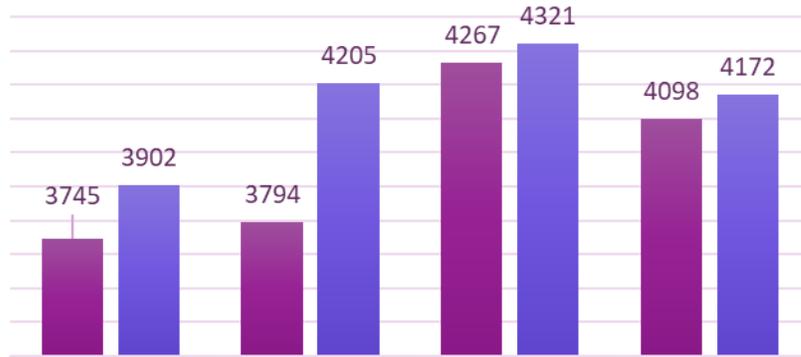


### NADL Patron Checkouts vs Renewals





### Total Circ All Formats



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
2024	3745	3794	4267	4098
2025	3902	4205	4321	4172