



Newaygo Area District Library

Director's Report

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.

"Why should I get a library card?"

Great question — we're so glad you asked!

A library card isn't just a card... it's your all-access pass to fun, learning, and connection. Here's what it can do for you:

- **Spark Curiosity** – Find books and resources that make you wonder, dream, and keep learning for life.
- **Get Kids School-Ready** – Parents and caregivers can grab tools and activities to help little ones start school ready to shine.
- **Help Students Succeed** – Pick up awesome books and materials that make reading fun — and help keep literacy skills strong.
- **Bring the Library Anywhere** – Stream e-books, audiobooks, TV shows, movies, magazines, and music on Libby and Hoopla.
- **Get Connected** – Borrow laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots to do homework, apply for jobs, or just get online.

And that's just the start! Your NADL card also gets you...

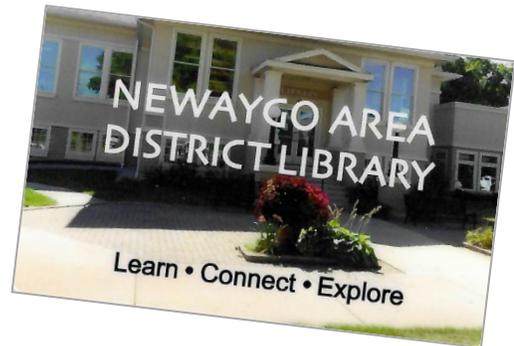
Books, magazines, audiobooks, DVDs, board games, puzzles, cake pans, LEGO kits, digital cameras, metal detectors, and even statewide MeL (Michigan Electronic Library) resources.

Getting a card is easy — just stop by!

NADL is your place to learn, connect, and explore. See you soon!

Mary Franklin

Director Mary Franklin
Sept 10, 2025





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Did you know that listening to stories fosters your child's language development, creativity, and listening skills? Engage your Preschooler with songs, stories, crafts, and activities that nurture early literacy skills in a fun, interactive atmosphere. Join us on Tuesdays in the Children's Library for Storytime!



FALL INTO READING –READING CHALLENGE - ADULT/TEEN: September 22nd – November 22nd



Join us in a fun Reading Challenge this fall and Fall into Reading! Sign up upstairs and pick up a Reading Log. If you'd like to track your reading online, you can sign up on ReadSquared. ADULTS & TEENS - AGES 16+. Earn entries into the NADL Prize Drawing by completing books or submitting Patron Picks! The Grand Prize is a Fall Gift Basket. Logs are due on November 22nd. Prize Drawing will be held November 28th. Winners will be notified by phone.

GIVE ME S'MORE BOOKS BINGO - AGES BIRTH -15: September 22nd – November 22nd

Join us in this fun Reading Challenge this fall. Bingo cards are available for ages Birth - 9 and 10 - 15. Sign up downstairs and pick up a Bingo Card. If you'd like to track your reading online, you can sign up on ReadSquared. BINGO = 5 across, down, or diagonal, and mark off each square as you complete it. Your first Bingo earns you a s'more treat and an entry into a prize drawing. You can fill out a Patron Pick with the librarian for a favorite book to earn a ticket in the prize drawing. Each additional Bingo earns you another entry into the prize drawing - up to 5 total tickets.



ADULT BOOK CLUB: October 2nd 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Come to the October Book Club at Newaygo Library on October 2nd at 2:30 pm to discuss The Art of a Lie by Laura Shepherd-Robinson! The story is about a widowed confectioner in 18th century England who is drawn into a web of love, betrayal, and intrigue following the murder of her husband.

SCARECROW SCAVENGER HUNT: October 6th – 11th

Keep an eye on the Newaygo Library website calendar! More information coming soon!

SCARECROW STROLL: October 25th 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Library is the FIRST STOP on the Newaygo SCARECROW STROLL! On Sat. Oct 25th from 11 am - 2 pm, Newaygo Library is your first stop in the Newaygo Scarecrow Stroll. Pick up a Halloween bag to take on your "Stroll" through town! Don't forget to grab a Ballot to vote for your favorite store display! Wear your costumes to trick or treat at the library. WHAT SPOOKY FUN!



READING IS A TREAT: October 31st 10:30 am – 5:30 pm

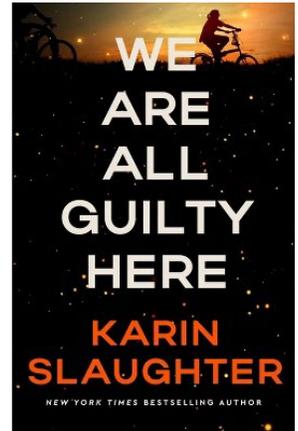
Ages 17 and under: Visit the Newaygo Library in your Halloween costume to receive a treat and book to keep! * While supplies last!

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

OCTOBER FEATURED AUTHOR, KARIN SLAUGHTER

She is the author of more than twenty instant *New York Times* bestselling novels, including the Edgar-nominated *Cop Town* and standalone novels *Pretty Girls*, *The Good Daughter*, and *Pieces of Her*. She is published in 120 countries with more than 40 million copies sold across the globe. *Pieces of Her* is a #1 Netflix original series starring Toni Collette, and *WILL TRENT*, based on her *Will Trent series*, is on ABC (and streaming on Hulu in the U.S. and Disney+ internationally). *False Witness* and *The Good Daughter* are in development for television. Slaughter is the founder of the Save the Libraries project—a nonprofit organization established to support libraries and library programming. A native of Georgia, she lives in Atlanta.



Coming Soon



1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Franklin LLC Board & Advisory Meeting - 9/11/25; NADL Board Meeting - 8/19/25.
- ✓ Monthly Staff Meeting – All Attended.

2. Programming Participation – August 2025.

- ✓ Junk Journal Drop-In - Adult – 25
- ✓ Sew Much Fun Drawstring Bags – Tween – 7
- ✓ SRP Extreme Duct Tape Workshop - Tween – 22
- ✓ SRP Smash Brothers Tournament – Tween - 28
- ✓ Adult Book Club – 5
- ✓ Erin Bartels – Author Talk – 12
- ✓ Music in the Park – Mick Hanna – 84
- ✓ MI Lumber Jack – Adult – 3
- ✓ Music In the Park Landford Lads – 80
- ✓ Fly Tying – Adult – 8

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 130 new physical items.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ Submitted 2026 Summer Reading Grant

4. Building and Maintenance

- ✓ Fire Extinguishers Tested

5. Wowbrary Newsletter – 512 Subscribers; Remind Subscribers –236;

6. Social Media.

- ✓ **FB:** 1977 Follows; **Instagram:** 299 Follows; **Twitter:** 33 Follows.

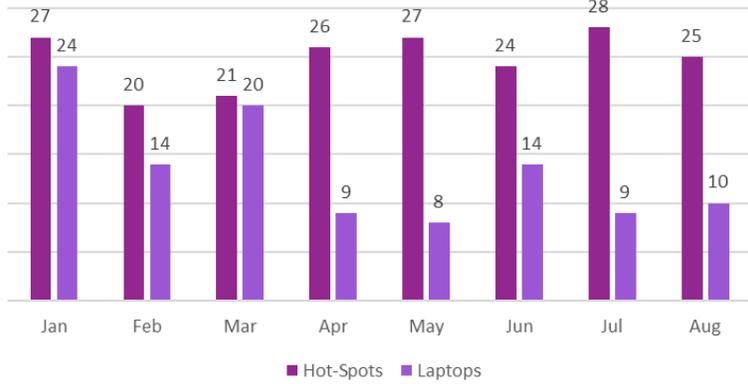
7. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 19 new library accounts.

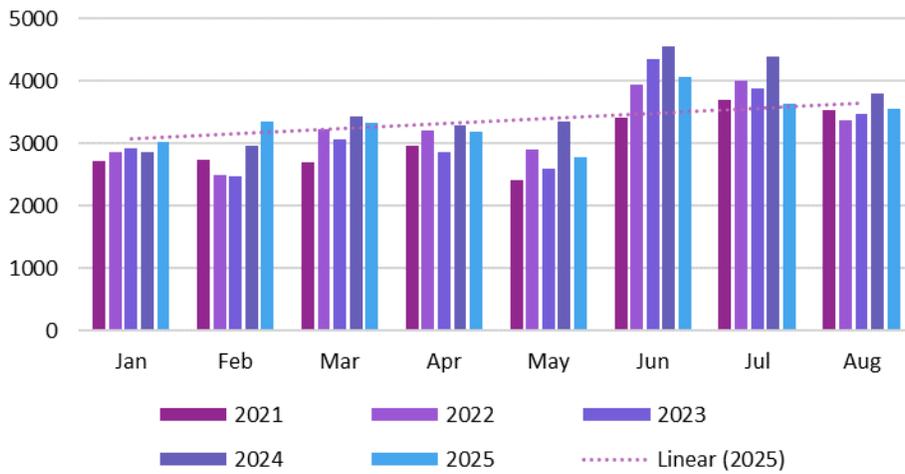
NADL Patron Checkouts vs Renewals



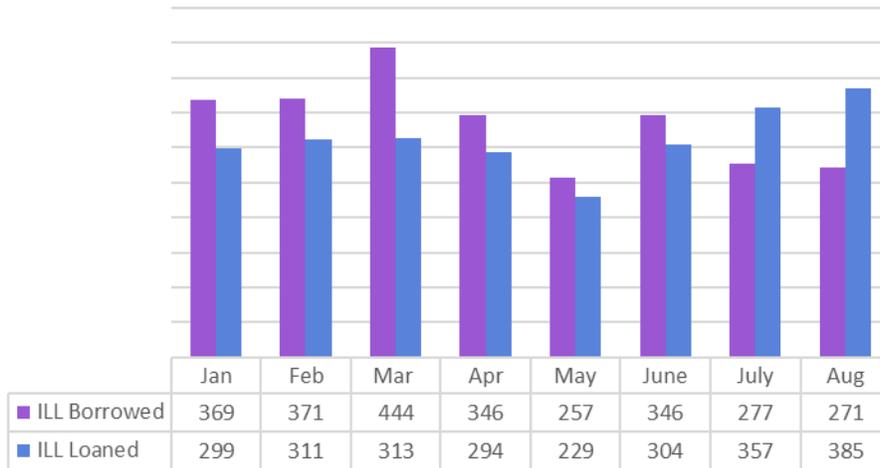
HOT-SPOTS & LAPTOPS 2025 CIRCULATION



Physical Circulation 5 YR Comparison



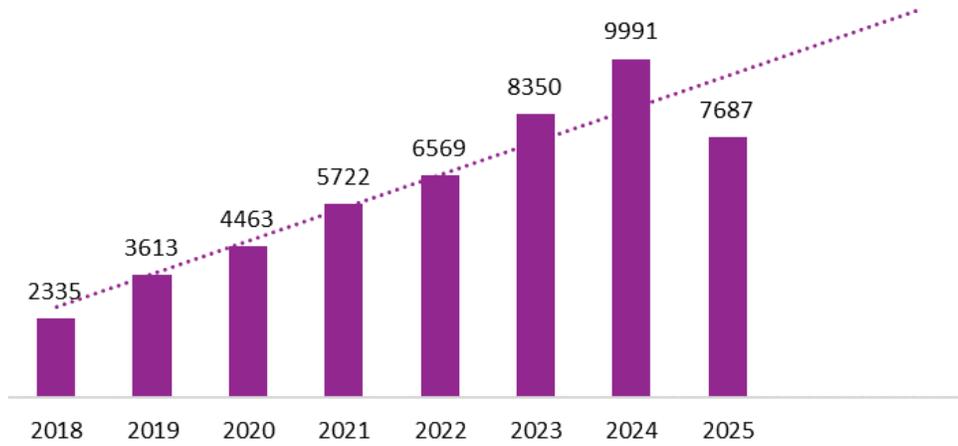
2025 Physical Circ. Borrows vs Loans Within LLC



Monthly Electronic Circulation Comparison



Yearly Electronic Circulation Comparison



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