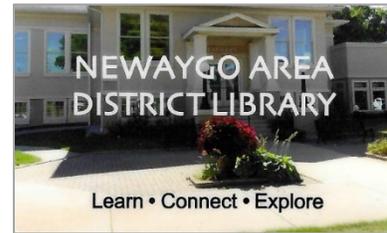




## Newaygo Area District Library

### Director's Report



October is **Michigan Library Appreciation Month**. In recognition of the valuable services that Michigan libraries provide to their communities, Governor Whitmer declared this statewide event.

Detroit was the location of Michigan's first library, founded in 1817. At first, membership was the only way to access the City Library of Detroit! The Detroit Public Library transformed into a free public library in 1865. Between 1881 and 1919, philanthropist Andrew Carnegie contributed to the construction of over 1,700 public libraries in the United States, including the Newaygo Carnegie Library. committed on January 18, 1915. The Newaygo Area District Library (NADL) was officially founded on September 1, 2005.

Despite the numerous changes that have occurred in Michigan libraries during the past two centuries, our goal of serving as a neighborhood center where everyone can access information has remained the same. experience lifelong learning and seek cultural enrichment.

Every member of the community may utilize and benefit from NADL's facilities, programs, resources, and collections. The First Amendment of the United States establishes the important right to read. Everyone should be free to read, and we must also protect the privacy of our customers. Everyone can learn, connect, and explore in the security of our library. Our team is always striving to grow our offerings in order to establish NADL as a hub for lifelong learning and discovery throughout the year.

### CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT NEWAYGO AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY!

Here are a few simple ways to enjoy and support your library:

- Get your library card - A library card opens the door to endless learning and fun! Visit our website to find out how to apply.
- Stop by the library - Explore the Upper Level for adult and teen collections, or visit the Lower Level for kids—from birth to tweens. There's something for everyone!
- Join our events - Don't miss Storytime every Tuesday morning and monthly programs for all ages. Check our Events page for details.
- Stay in the loop - Sign up for Wowbrary to get updates on new books, programs, and more.
- Go digital - Use your NADL card to download eBooks, movies, music, and more through our Digital Resources.
- Shop the Virginia CuiPIDRO Bookstore - Find great deals on books and DVDs—proceeds support library programs like Summer Reading. This month's expanded sale is in the Local History Room!
- Join a Book Club - NADL hosts book clubs for adults, kids, and tweens. Come share your love of reading!
- Use our technology - Enjoy free Wi-Fi, public computers, and checkout options for laptops and hotspots. We also offer copying, faxing, and printing services.
- Get involved - Volunteer your time or contribute to support library events and services. Every bit helps our community thrive!

Director Mary Franklin  
October 14, 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 – FALL READING CHALLENGE:** September 22<sup>nd</sup> – November 22<sup>nd</sup>



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 – FALL READING CHALLENGE:** September 22<sup>nd</sup> – November 22<sup>nd</sup>

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.



**CANDY CORN GUESSING JAR:** November 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>



Visit the Newaygo Library November 10th - 15th and guess how many candy corn are in the jar! Adults and teens (16+) can submit their guess upstairs. Ages preschool - 15 can submit their guess downstairs in the Children's Library. Winners will receive the jar and a small prize. Winners will be notified November 17th! Limit 1 guess per person.

**LIBRARY CLOSING EARLY @ 4PM - THANKSGIVING:** November 26<sup>th</sup>

NEWAYGO Library will be closing early today for Thanksgiving. The staff at Newaygo Library would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday weekend!



**LIBRARY CLOSED – THANKSGIVING:** November 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

NEWAYGO Library will be closed today for Thanksgiving. We will be open tomorrow,

**OCTOBER FEATURED AUTHOR, STEPHEN KING**

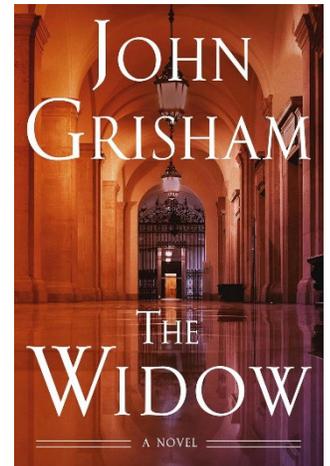
***Would you like to be notified by text of Newaygo Library events?***

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](https://remind.com/join/nadl1915) or Text @nadl1915 to 81010

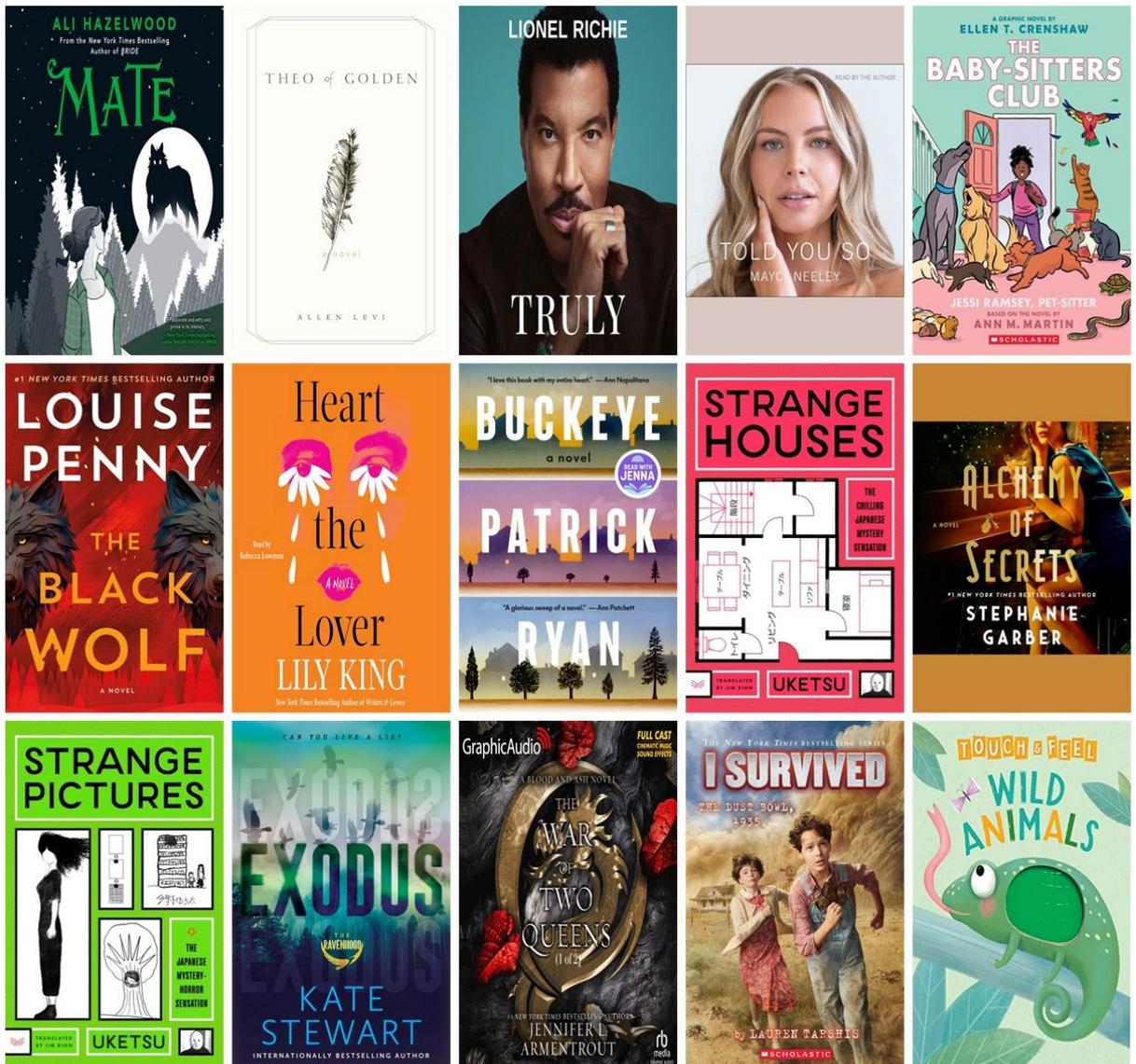
John Grisham is a bestselling American author, best known for his gripping legal thrillers and courtroom dramas. His novels have been translated into nearly 50 languages, and has more than 300 million copies sold worldwide!

Throughout his career, John Grisham has received several honors, including the British Book Awards' Lifetime Achievement honor and the Library of Congress Creative Achievement Award for Fiction.

Outside of writing, he is also active in philanthropic causes, particularly supporting initiatives related to wrongful convictions and literacy. A longtime advocate for justice reform, Grisham combines his legal expertise with storytelling to entertain, inform, and provoke thought across the globe.



Coming Books



### 1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Franklin: LLC Board Meeting; NADL Board Mtg; N.C. Director Meeting.

### 2. Programming Participation – SEPTEMBER 2025.

- ✓ Monarch Migration – Children’s Library – 50
- ✓ Clay-Mel Apple Drop-In Craft– Children –24
- ✓ Mini-Maker Terrarium – Tween - 9
- ✓ Rope-Bowl Sewing Class – Adult – 7
- ✓ Fall Landscape Paint Class – Adult – 9
- ✓ Magical Library Book Nook Class – Adult - 19
- ✓ September Combined Storytimes – 95 Adults and Children.

### 3. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 168 new physical items.
- ✓ Added: 12 Hot Spots

### 4. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 9/02/25: Submitted a 2026 summer reading grant request of \$7,300 to FACF.
- ✓ 9/15/25: Submitted a 2026 circulation resources grant request of \$2,000 to Gerber Foundation.

### 5. Wowbrary Newsletter – 514 subscribers; **Remind:** 238 subscribers;

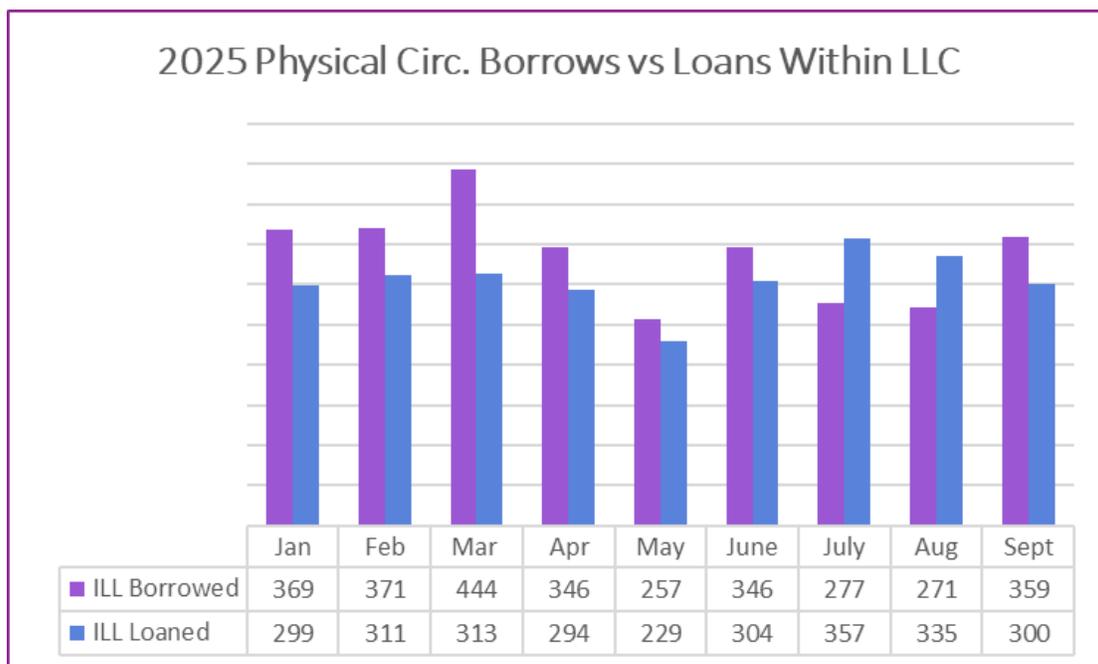
**Social Media - FB:** 1985 Follows; **Instagram:** 299 Follows; **Twitter:** 35 Follows.

### 6. Building & Maintenance.

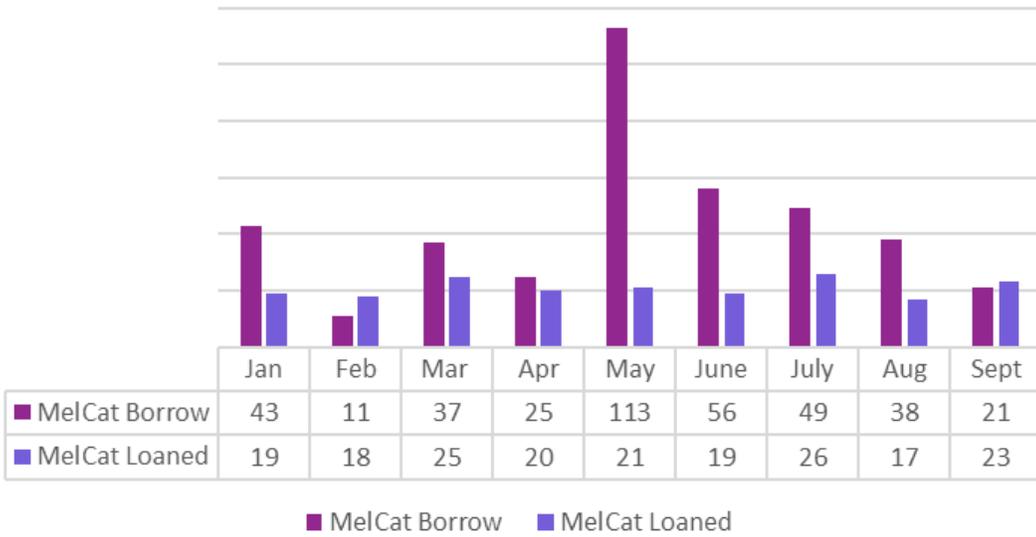
- ✓ Fire Alarm & Sprinkler Inspection
- ✓ Fire Exit Light Inspection

### 8. Library Circulation.

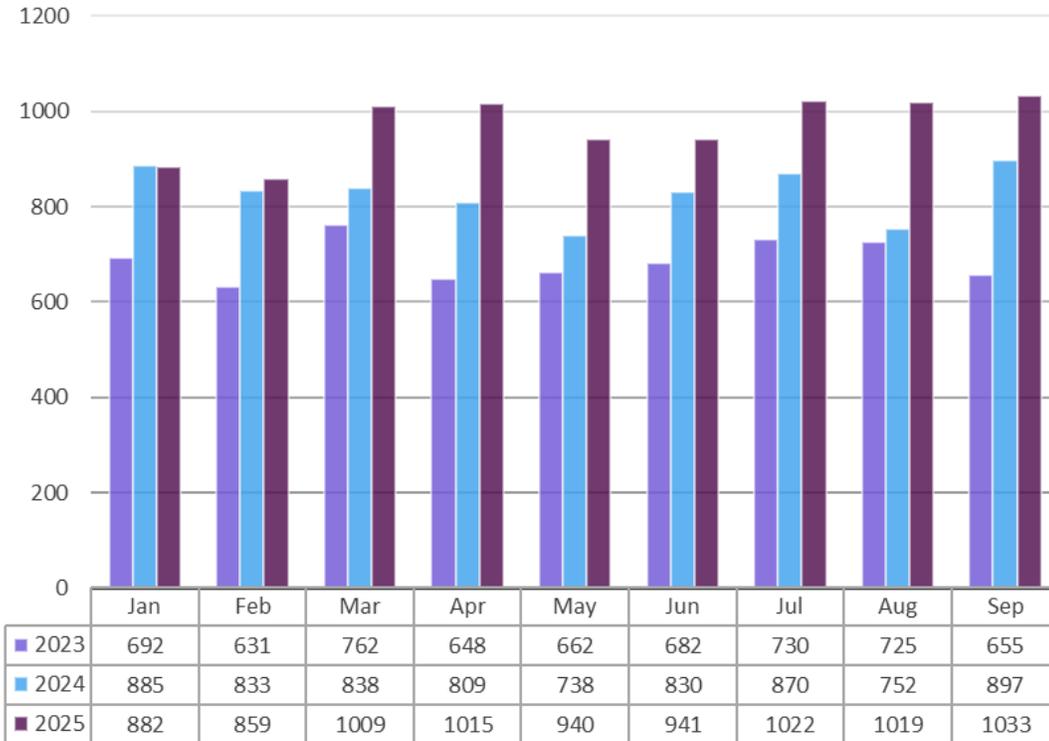
- ✓ 21 new patrons signed up for library cards. Many more patrons renewed their accounts this month.



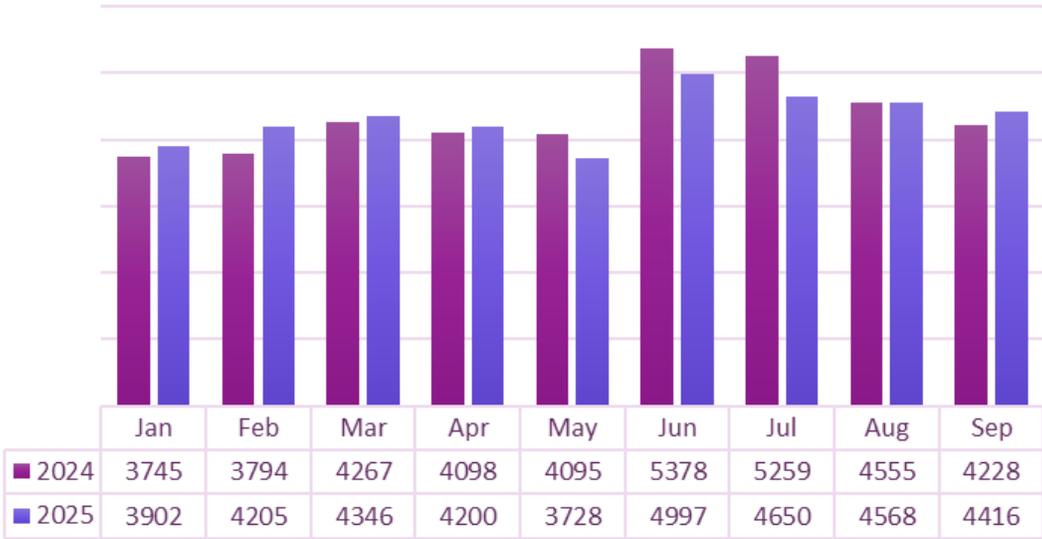
### 2025 MelCat Borrows vs Loans



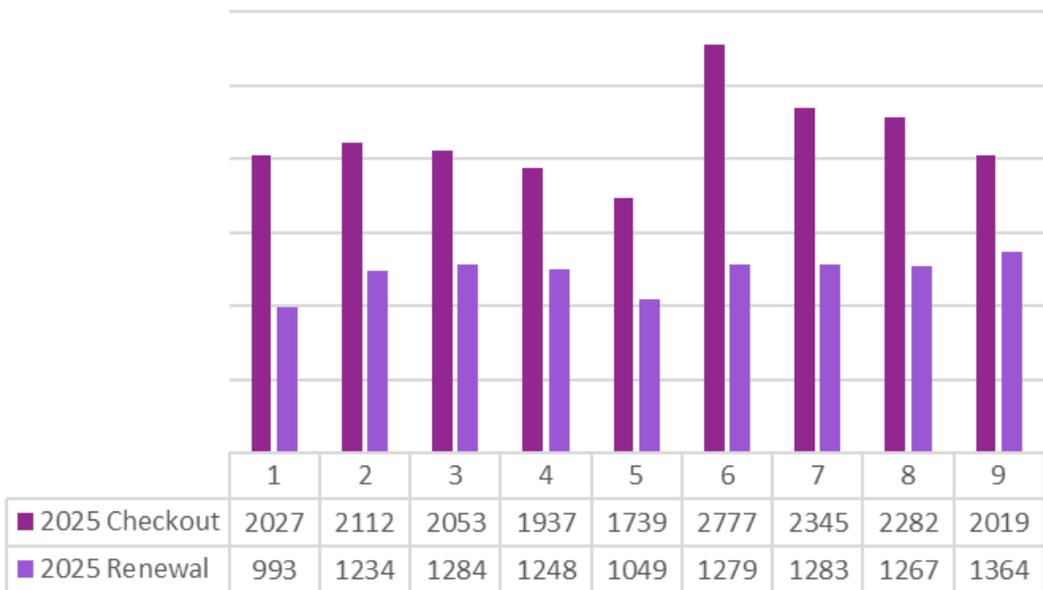
### Monthly Electronic Circulation Comparison



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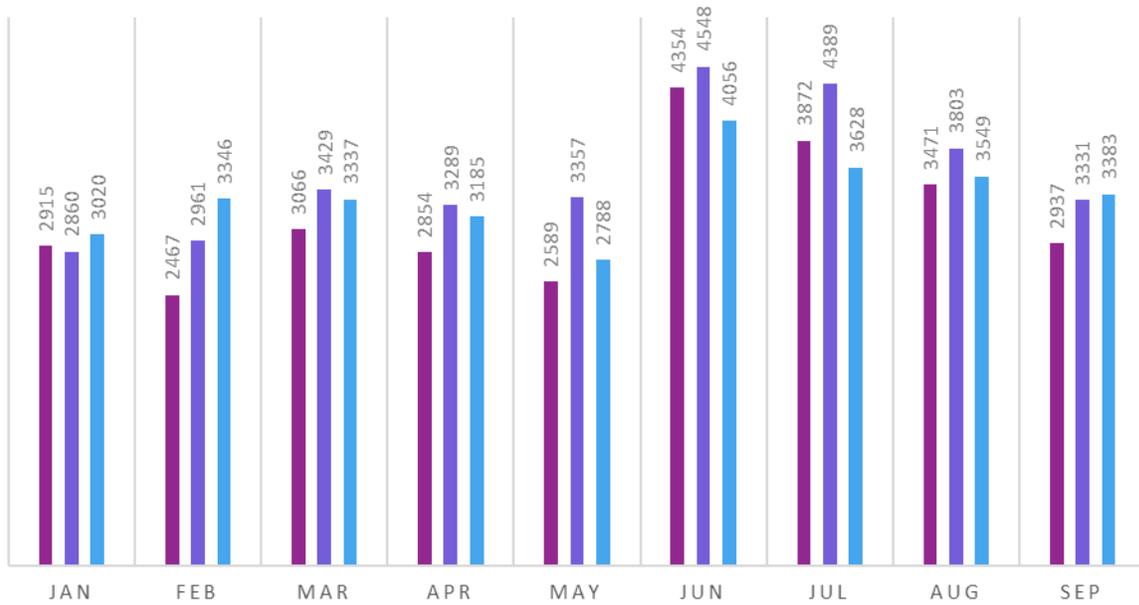


### NADL Patron Checkouts vs Renewals



## PHYSICAL CIRCULATION MONTHLY COMPARISON BY YEAR

■ 2023 ■ 2024 ■ 2025



## HOT-SPOTS & LAPTOPS 2025 CIRCULATION

