



# Newwaygo Area District Library

## Director's Report

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NOVEMBER 2025

On October 25, NADL partnered with area businesses in the first annual **Scarecrow Stroll**.

The community was invited to join the holiday fun by participating in the **city-wide free activities**.



The stroll **began at the library**, where families did a fun Obstacle Course through the library and picked up a treat, a Halloween treat bag, and ballot to vote on their favorite Scarecrow display.

Close to **2000 people** visited the library that day! Many were **first time visitors** to the library. A few opened library accounts, and over **two hundred books were distributed to kids** to build their home libraries. Building a home library has a positive effect on supporting a child's literacy and educational opportunities.



On Halloween Kids under 17 were welcomed to pick out a treat and a free book of choice from NADL's **"Reading Is a TREAT"** book cart.



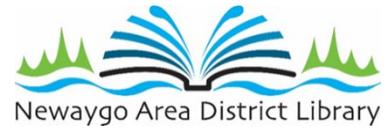
NADL is *your* place to **learn, connect, and explore!** We look forward to seeing you.

*Mary Franklin*

Director Mary Franklin  
November 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!



### **GIVING TREE:** December 1<sup>st</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

December 1<sup>st</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **ADULT BOOK CLUB:** December 4<sup>th</sup>

Come to the December Book Club at Newaygo Library on December 4th at 2:30PM to discuss *What We Can Know* by Ian McEwan! The story is about a solitary scholar in the year 2114 who uncovers a trail to a lost poem from 2014 that once stirred scandal, unraveling a century-old mystery of love, betrayal and artistic legacy in a world longing for what it has lost.



### **NEWAYGO CHRISTMAS WALK:** December 6th 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Newaygo Library is having their annual Used Book Sale during the Newaygo Christmas Walk on Friday December 6th from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm! Stop in and browse the Book Sale and grab a FREE POPCORN! \*Note – the Library will be closing at 4:00 pm to get ready for the Christmas Walk!

### **LOCAL AUTHOR TALK – DALE & KATHY PAINTER:** December 11<sup>th</sup>

Come join Newaygo Library in the City Chamber Room at 6:00 pm as local debut authors Dale and Kathy Painter discuss their new book: *Standing in the Crossroads... Walking on Spirit-Led Pathways!* Newaygo natives and lifelong adventurers, Dale and Kathy were married in 1969 and have spent decades exploring both the world and their faith.



### **TREE-MENDOUS STRING ART CLASS – AGES 10 TO 15:** December 13<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a Festive String Art Class! Calling all creative minds ages 10 - 15! Get into the holiday spirit at the library as we create a Christmas tree string art decoration using string and nails. Spots are limited, so reservations are required.

### **REINDEER SCAVENGER HUNT:** December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>



### **NEWAYGO LIBRARY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOURS**

December 23rd – Closing early at 2:00 pm  
December 24th – Closed  
December 25th – Closed  
December 30th - Closing early at 4:00 pm  
December 31st – Closed  
January 1st – Closed





**WINTER BREAK MARIO KART TOURNAMENT:** December 30<sup>th</sup>

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! Tuesday, December 30 from 2 -3:30.

**NEWAYGO LIBRARY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOURS**



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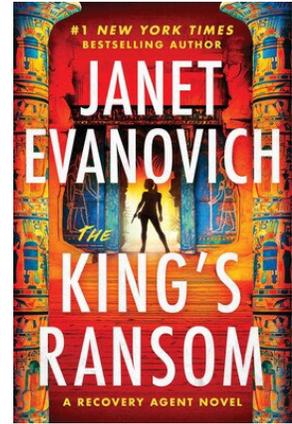
***Would you like to be notified by text of Newaygo Library events?***

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

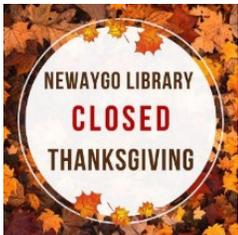
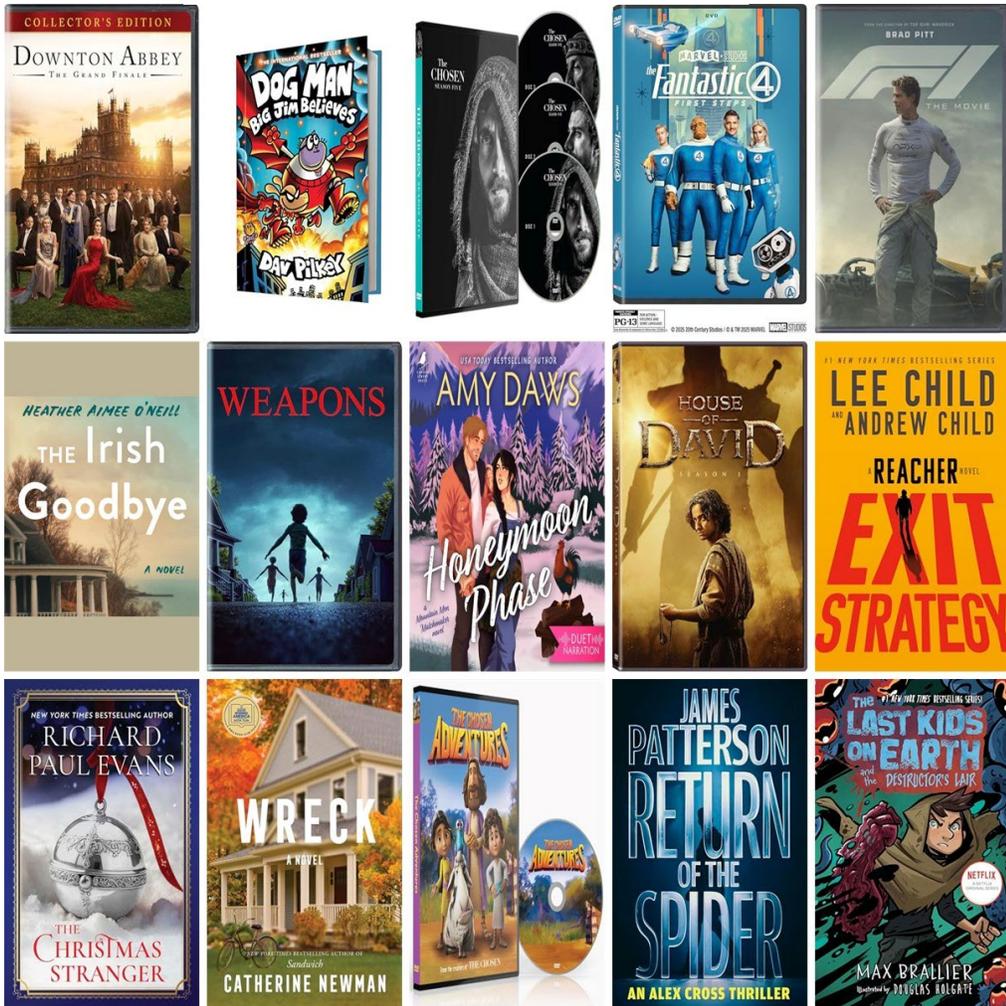


NOVEMBER FEATURED AUTHOR, Janet Evanovich

Janet Evanovich is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Stephanie Plum series, the co-authored Fox and O'Hare series, the Knight and Moon series, and the Lizzy and Diesel series as well as twelve romance novels, the Alexandra Barnaby novels, Troublemaker graphic novel, and How I Write: Secrets of a Bestselling Author.



Coming Books



The Library will be closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28.



### 1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Franklin: 11/13 LLC Board Meeting; 10/21 NADL Board Mtg.; 10/19-21 MLA Annual Conference; 11/2 LLC Overdrive Group Meeting.
- ✓ 10/13 All Staff Newaygo County In-service Training & Monthly Staff Mtg: Demco Book Repair Training, Sierra Training and Presentation for Suicide Prevention.

### 2. Programming Participation – OCTOBER 2025

- ✓ Adult Book Club – 3
- ✓ Fall Diamond Painting – Adult – 6
- ✓ Adult Drop-In Craft – Simmer Pot Mix - 22
- ✓ Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt – Children’s Library - 48
- ✓ Scarecrow Stroll – Approximately 700 children
- ✓ Reading is a Treat – 17 and under – 78
- ✓ October Combined Storytimes – 30 adults – 75 Adults and Children

### 3. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 95 new physical items.

### 4. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 11/08/25: Received a \$100,000.00 Gift from the Vivian Sorden Trust upon her passing.
- ✓ 11/09/25: Approved for a \$2000 - 2026 Circulation Grant from Gerber Foundation.
- ✓ 10/25/25: Submitted Final Report to FAFC for the 2025 Summer Reading grant.
- ✓ 10/28/25: Submitted Final Report to MACC for the 2024-2025 Adult and Teen Programming grant.
- ✓ 10/28/25: Received \$15,000 Amazing X Grant from FACH for the upstairs Circulation Desk.

### 5. Wowbrary Newsletter – 491 emails sent; Remind Subscribers –249;

Social Media - FB: 2005 Follows; Instagram: 299 Follows; Twitter: 35 Follows.

### 6. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ Toilet replaced in the men’s restroom.
- ✓ Elevator Inspection.

### 7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

- ✓ MyLibraryFinder.org - an updated map of all the service and un-served areas in Michigan.
- ✓ Looking to replace Sierra catalog with another ILS. They have narrowed it down to three.

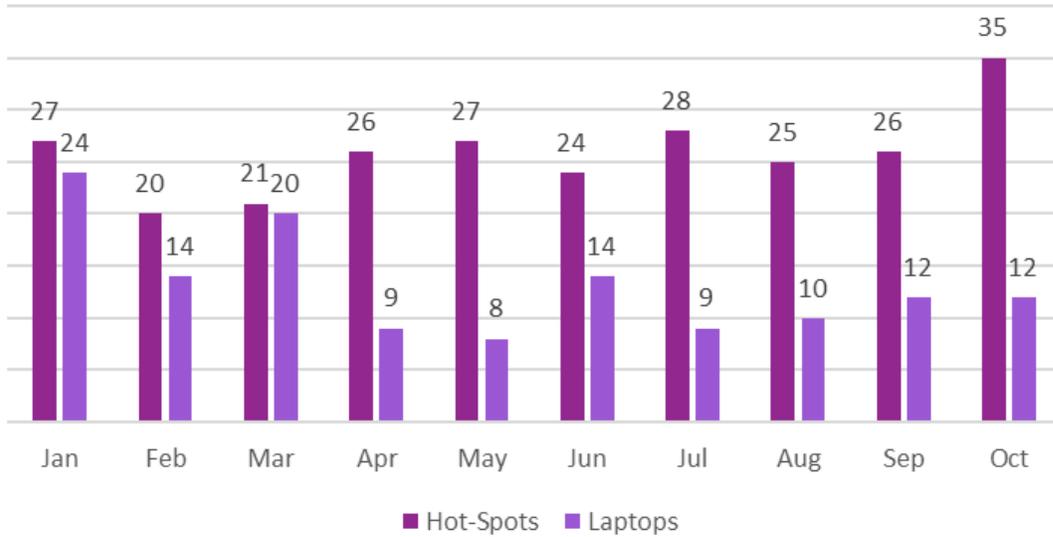
### 8. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 18 new library accounts.

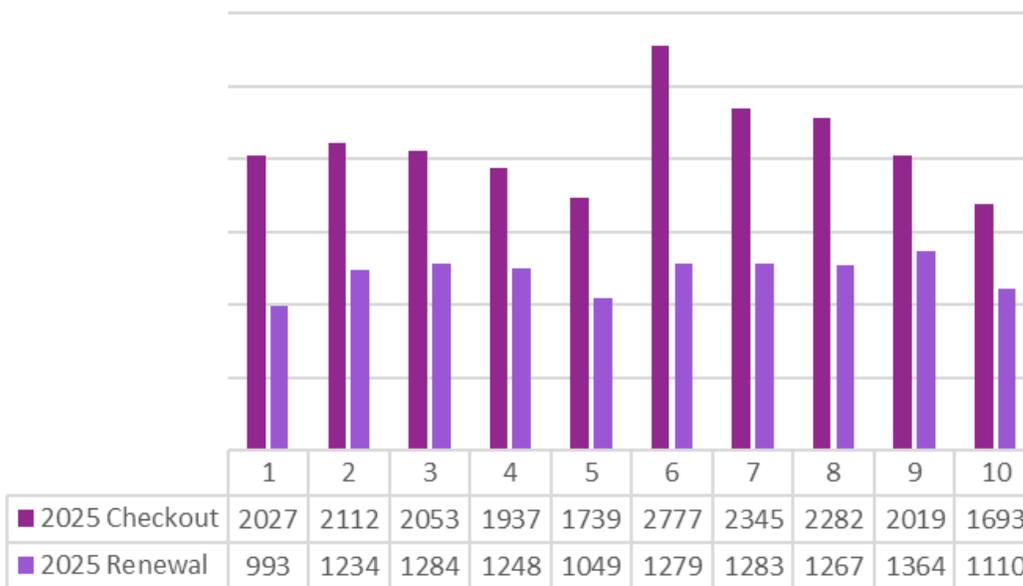
**THE LIBRARY WILL CLOSE @ 2 PM NOVEMBER 19 and BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 20  
FOR THE INSTALL OF THE NEW UPSTAIRS CIRCULATION DESK**



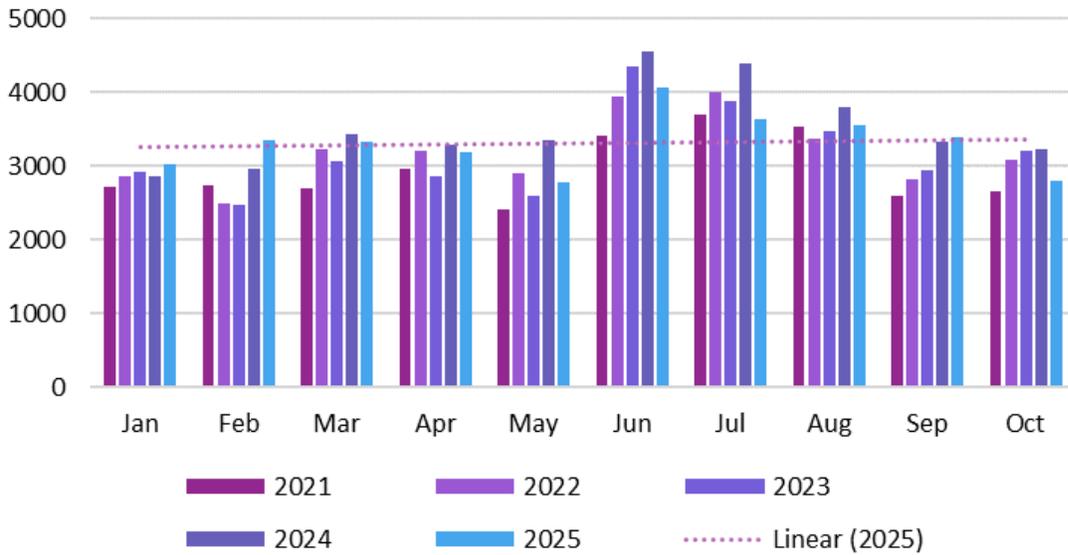
## HOT-SPOTS & LAPTOPS 2025 CIRCULATION



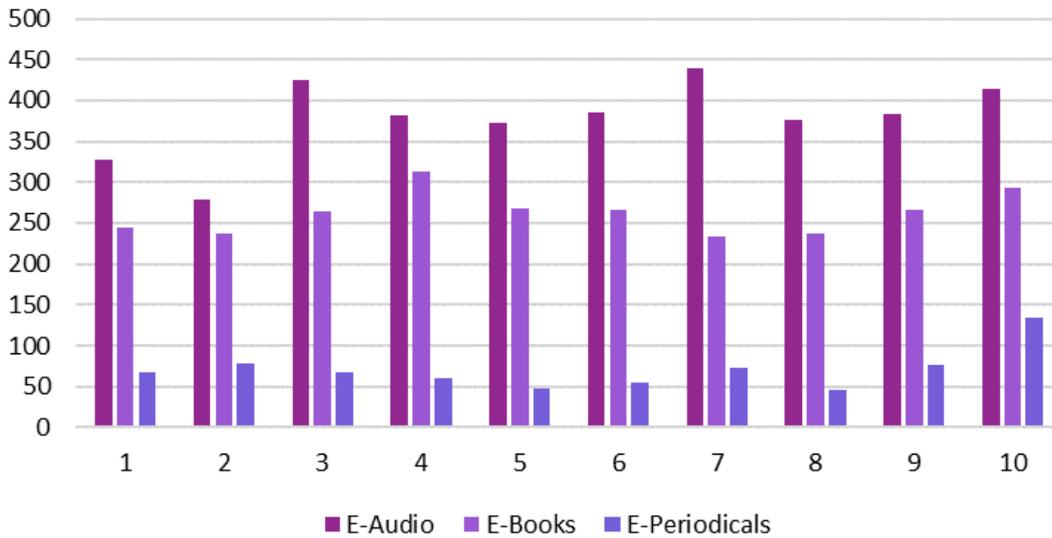
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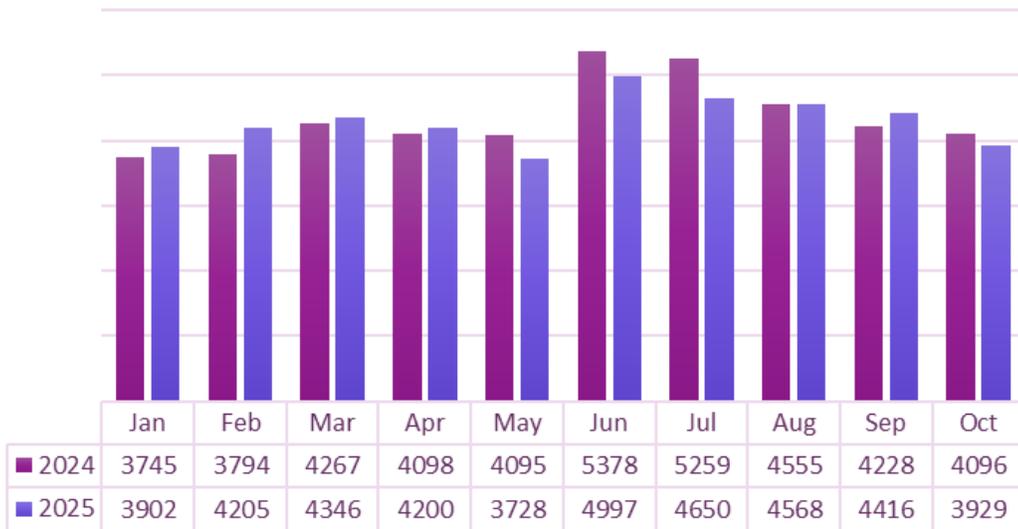
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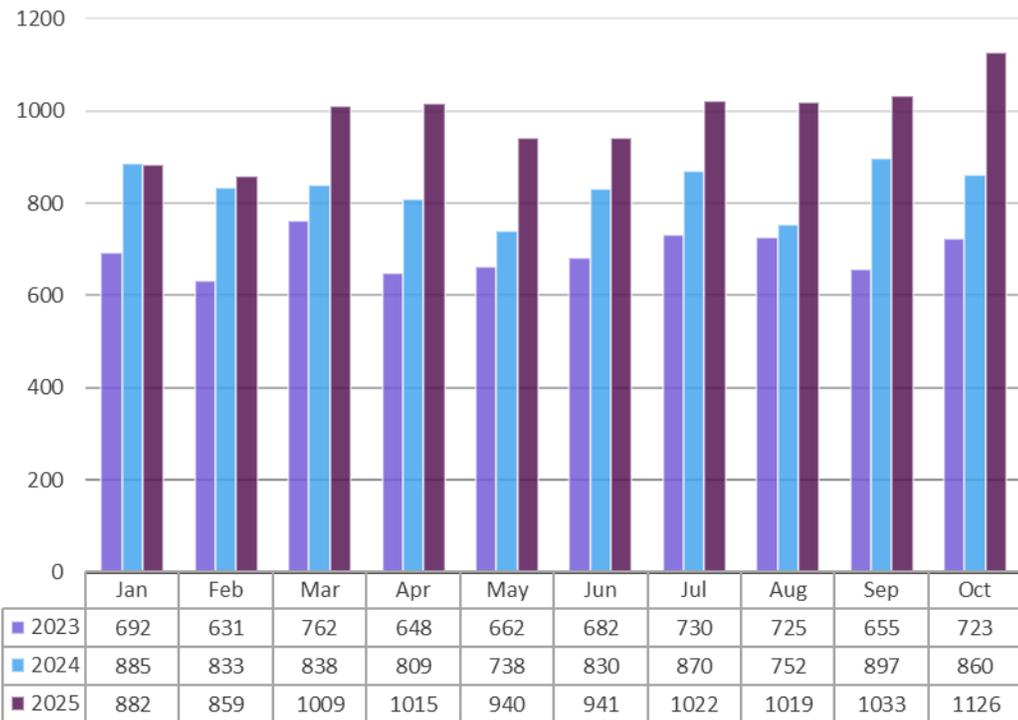
### 2025 Libby Borrows



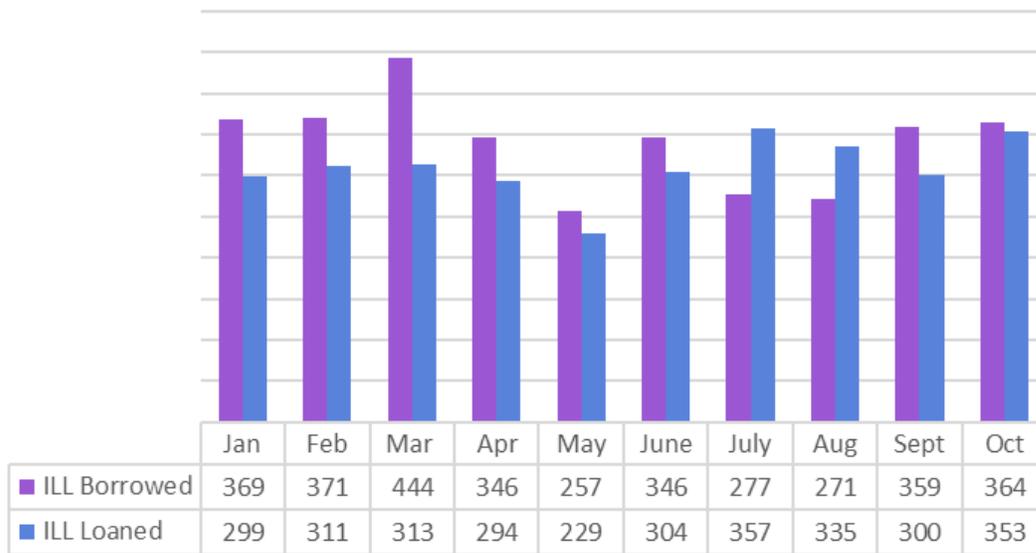
### Total Circ All Formats



### Monthly Electronic Circulation Comparison



### 2025 Physical Circ. Borrows vs Loans Within LLC



### 2025 MelCat Borrows vs Loans

