

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WELCOME 2026! 2025 was an exciting year! So many new and fun things happening at the library! Check out some of the fun we had in December as we said goodbye to 2025!



2025 GIVING TREE – Throughout the month of December the Library had the Giving Tree in the Lobby. People could choose an ornament off the tree with an amount and an item to donate to the Library. The Library received \$317 in donations.

DEC 8 – Adult & Teens dropped in to make a festive Fabric No-Sew Fabric Ornament using Fabric squares and Styrofoam balls. Twenty-four people joined in on the fun.



DEC 13– A creative, hands-on art class for ages 10–15 where students designed their own Christmas tree string-art decorations using colorful string and nails. The highlight? Getting to hammer in the nails and bring their designs to life—loud, proud, and full of fun!

DEC 30 - Cheryl hosted an epic Nintendo Switch showdown featuring both Smash Bros and Mario Kart video games. More than 16 teens, ages 10–15, jumped in for a high-energy afternoon of competition and fun.



The Newaygo Area District Library is a great community place to go to for fun activities, programs, computer use and meeting space. 2025 was a great year at the library, and 2026 is shaping up to be even better. Come see everything we have waiting for you!

Mary Franklin, Library Director



*Mary Franklin*

January 12, 2026

1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- ✓ Director Franklin: 1/16/26 TIFA Mtg; 1/8/26 LLC Board & Advisory Mtg; 12/16/25 NADL Board Mtg. Asst. Director Tinkham: 12/17/25 Foster Swift Training
- ✓ 12/23/25 Monthly Staff Meeting: Christmas Party at The NOTT (Newaygo Old Town Tavern)

2. Collection Management and Development.

- ✓ Added: 83 new physical items.

3. Grants and Donations.

- ✓ 12/22/2025; \$1000 Summer Reading Grant from Fremont Area Community Foundation.
- ✓ 12/22/2025; \$2000 Donation from the Meeuwenbergs
- ✓ 1/05/2025: Giving Tree received \$317 in donations.

4. Wowbrary Newsletter – 509 Subscribers; Remind Subscribers – 253;

5. Social Media.

- ✓ FB: 2027 Follows; Instagram: 304 Follows; Twitter: 35 Follows.

6. Building & Maintenance.

- ✓ 1/6/26: Repairs made to roof.

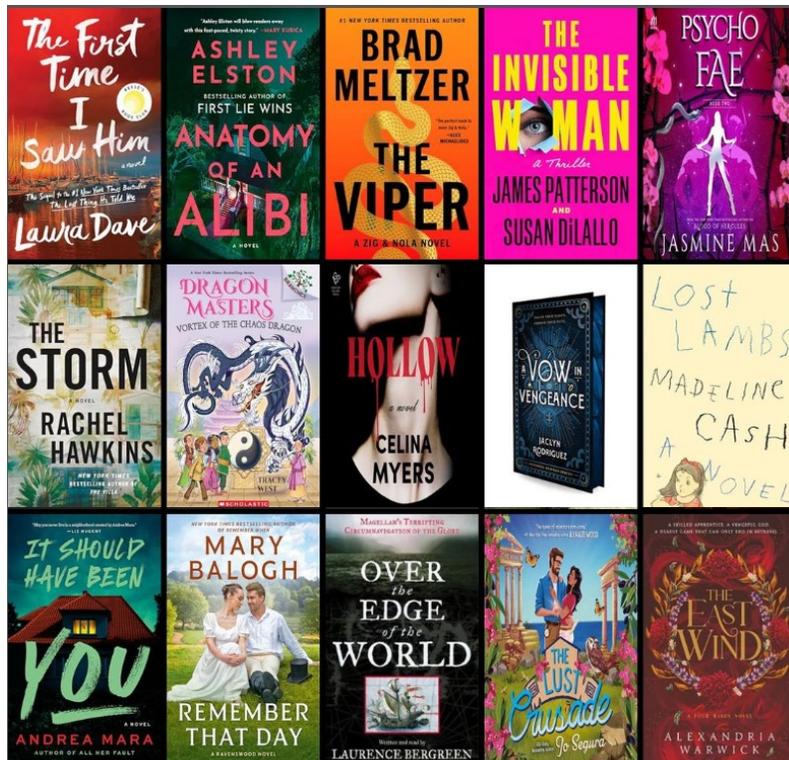
7. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

- ✓ Funding for libraries nationwide has been reinstated for the time being at least.

8. Library Circulation.

- ✓ 17 new library accounts.

NEW BOOKS





## 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!



### **MIDDLE ZONE CHESSCLUB:** January 13, 27; February 3, 10, 24

Ready to make your move? The Newaygo Library is bringing back the popular Chess Club for our Middle Zone patrons, ages 10 - 15. Whether you're a curious beginner or a seasoned chess master, all are welcome! Join Chris Matthews January 13 and 27 and February 3, 10, and 24 from 3:30 - 5 for a snack and some chess. Chris has taught chess club for years and will work well with all skill levels. Join us for fun, friendly competition. Meet new friends and discover the lifelong game of chess. Space is limited, so sign up on the library's event calendar or by calling the library. Let the games begin!

### **ADULT BOOK CLUB:** February 5<sup>th</sup>

Come to the February Book Club at Newaygo Library to discuss Queen Esther by John Irving! Queen Esther is a richly told novel that blends history, identity, and human relationships, all delivered with Irving's signature emotional depth and thoughtful storytelling. This book is perfect for readers who enjoy character-driven literary fiction, layered themes, and stories that explore family, faith, and what it means to belong—without rushing or oversimplifying the journey.



### **DROP-IN CRAFT: VALENTINE CARD STATION:** February 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Patrons are invited to Drop-In to the Library and create a Valentine for someone special in their life. Ages Preschool – 15 (w/ adult supervision) can participate on the lower level in the Children's Library. Adults and teens (ages 16+) can access supplies on the upper level in the Local History Room. **QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED. LIMIT ONE PER PERSON.** No registration required. This is a Drop-In Craft, supplies are not available to make this at home.

### **WATERCOLOR CLASS:** February 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30AM – 12:30PM

\*Exact date and details are still being ironed out\*

Adults and teens are invited to join us in welcoming back artist and children's book author Lori McElrath-Eslick for a watercolor painting class! All supplies will be provided. **ADULTS AND TEENS ONLY! RSVP REQUIRED.**



### **NADL STAFF CHILI COOK OFF:** February 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM – 5:00PM

The Newaygo Library Staff is having a Chili Cookoff! **AND YOU GET TO VOTE!** Stop into the library on February 26 between 11 AM and 5 PM to taste and vote for your favorite chili! It's a great way to "Warm Up Your Winter"! \*While supplies last.

### **WINTER READING PROGRAM:** January 5<sup>th</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>

Newaygo Library is kicking off their Adult/Teen Winter Reading Program! Stop in and sign-up for the NADL Winter Reading Program! For every 2 books you read, you earn an entry for our Kindle Fire 8 Prize Drawing. (Total four tickets)



### **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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## Library gets updated circulation desk

The Newaygo Area District Library unveiled its new Adult Circulation desk this month.

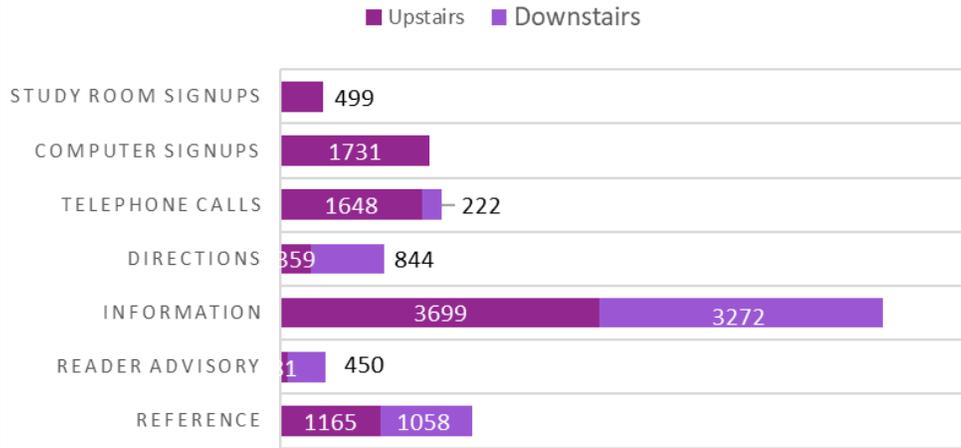
The project was funded in part by contributions from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, the Newaygo Tax Increment Financing Authority and Great Lakes Energy.

Library Director Mary Franklin said that the desk's sleek design provides ample space for efficient checkouts and accessible features to better meet the needs of patrons with disabilities. Franklin added

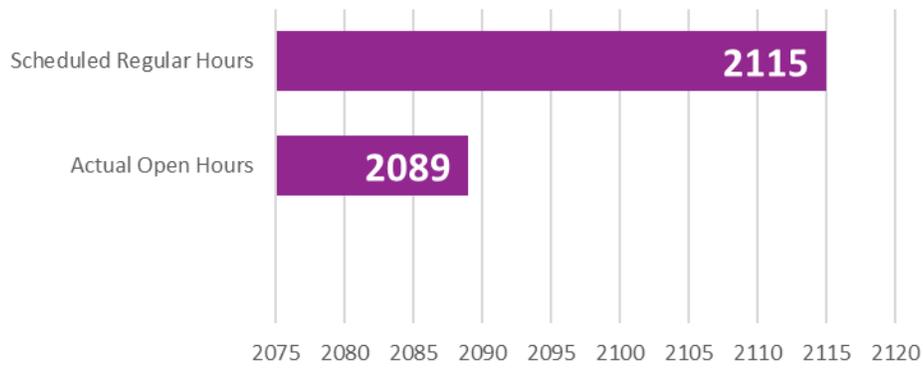
that the enhancement not only streamlines the borrowing process for patrons seeking everything from bestselling novels to educational resources, but also reflects the library's ongoing commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive spaces that foster learning and connection.

Library visitors are said to be happy with the improved flow and aesthetic appeal, which complements the library's historic Carnegie roots while embracing contemporary needs.

## YTD 2025 REFERENCE STATISTICS

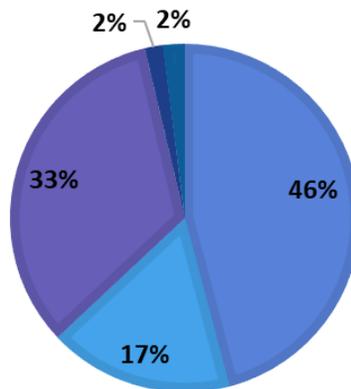


## 2025 REGULAR vs ACTUAL HOURS OPEN

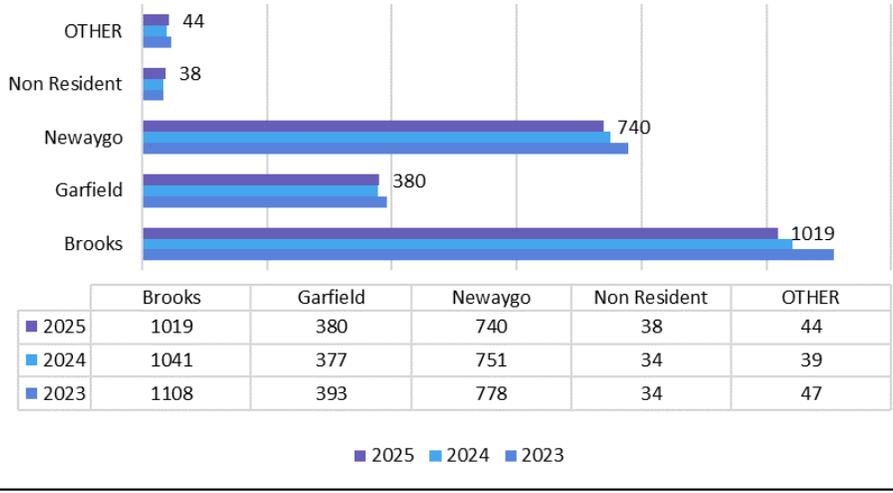


## 2025 PATRONS BY LOCATIONS

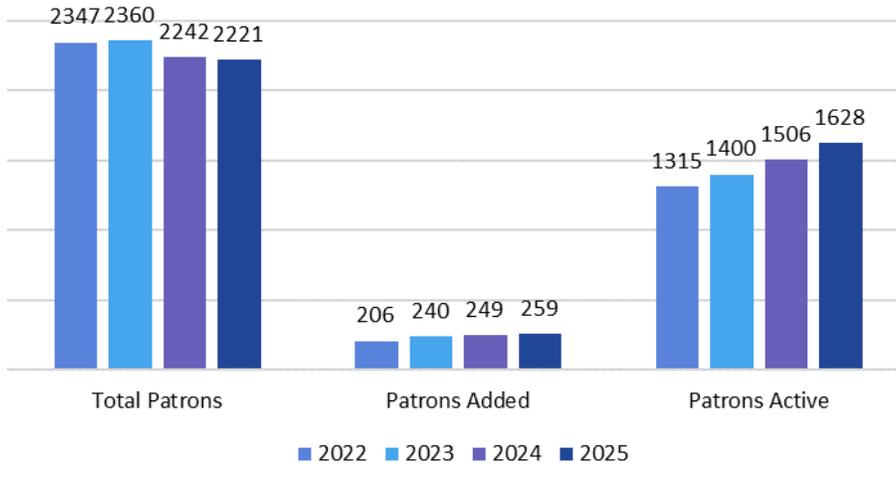
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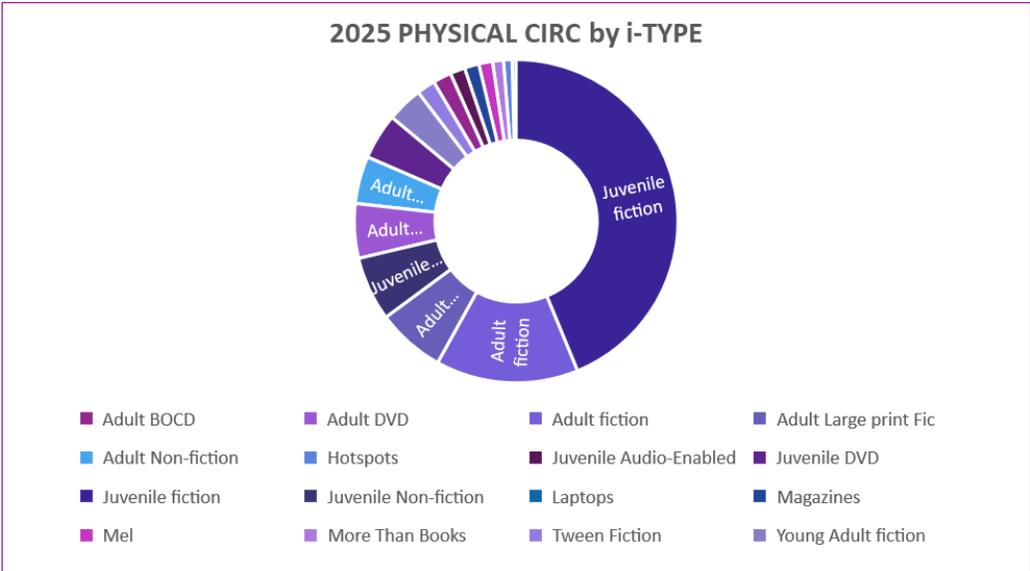
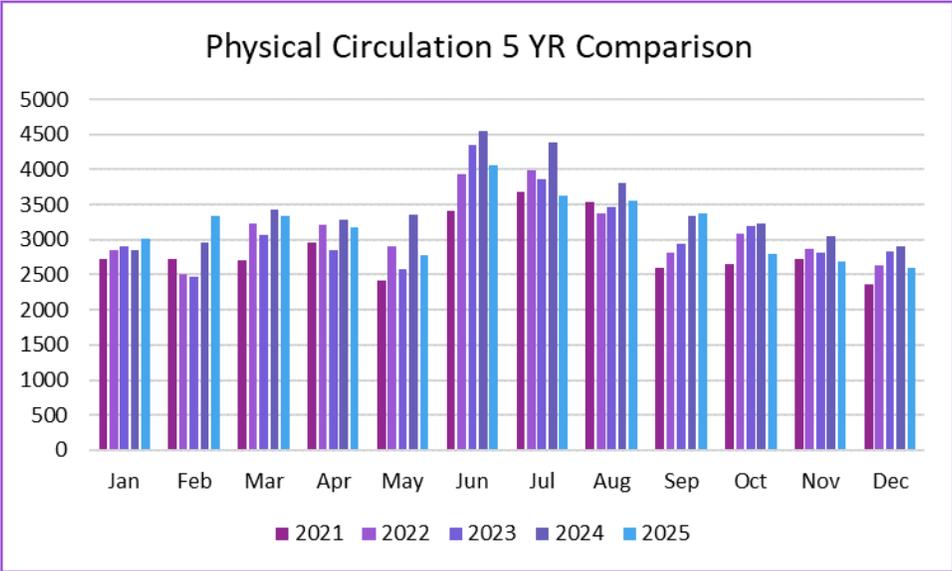
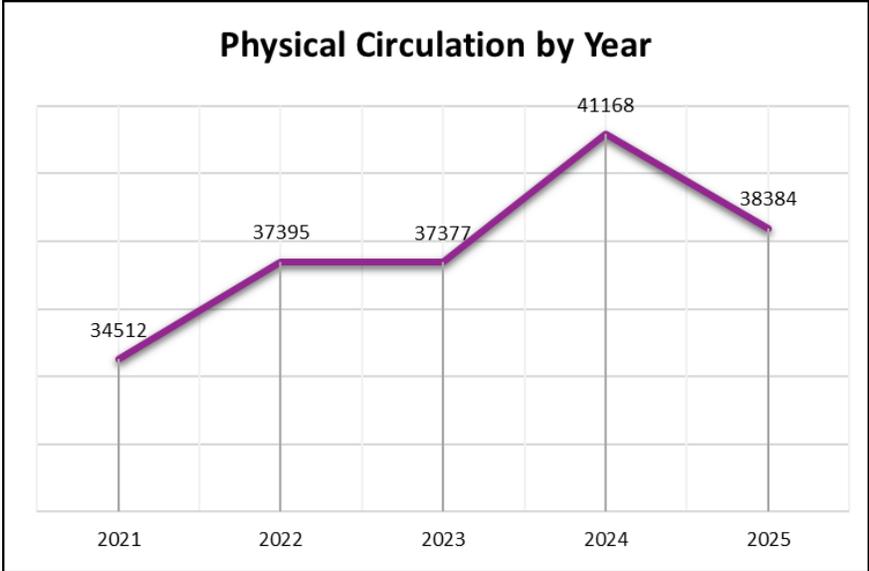


### LIBRARY ACCOUNTS COMPARISON by LOCATION

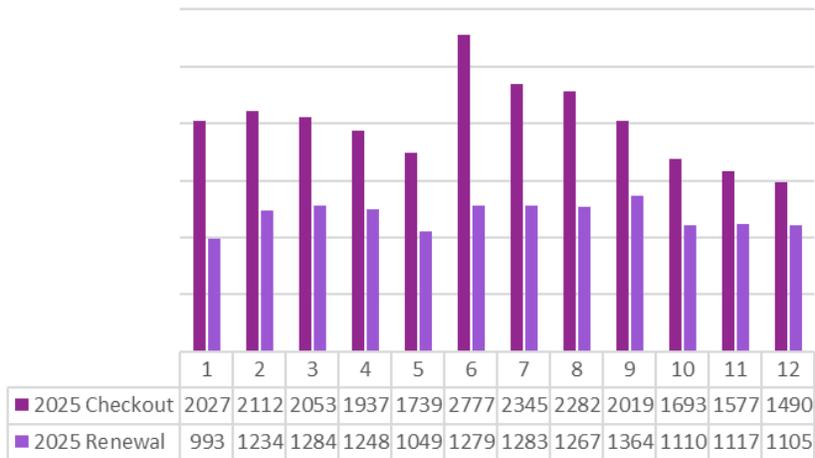


### Patrons Total - Added - Active

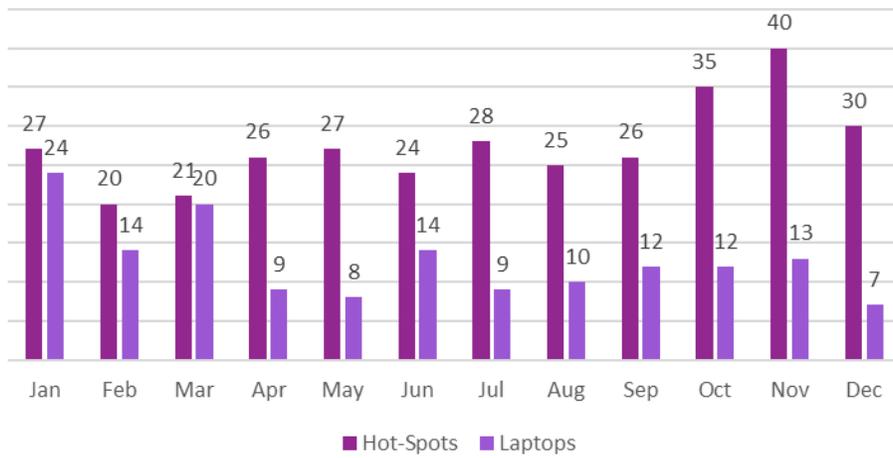




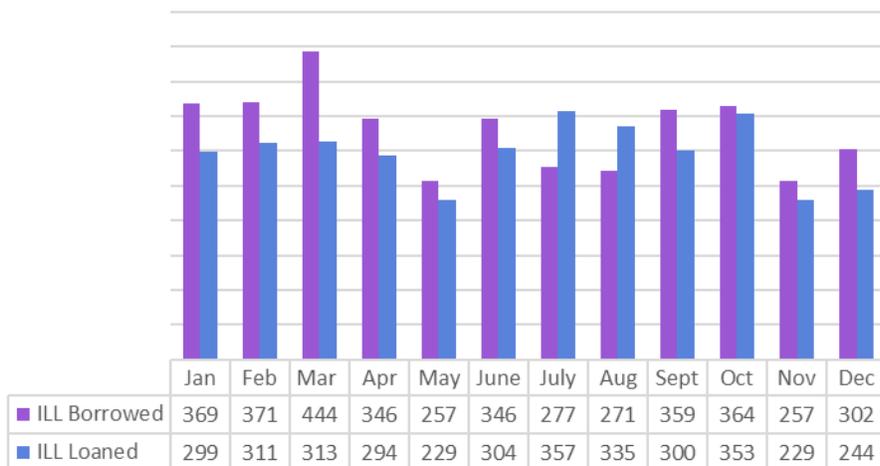
## NADL Patron Checkouts vs Renewals



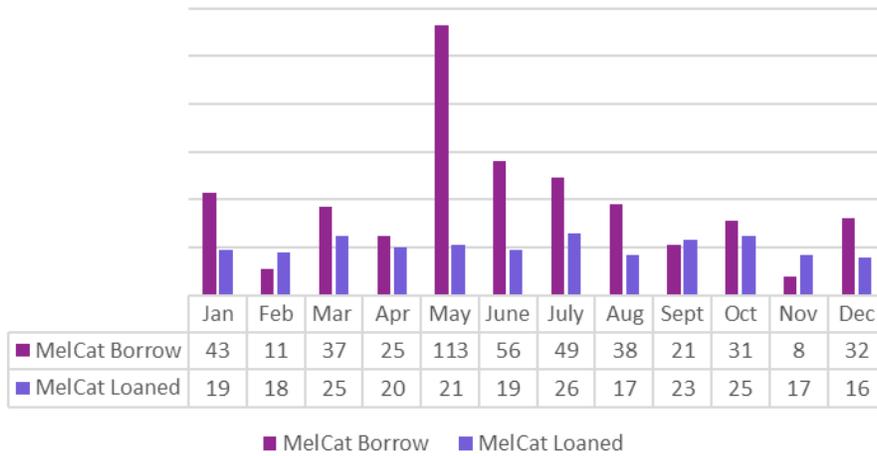
## HOT-SPOTS & LAPTOPS 2025 CIRCULATION



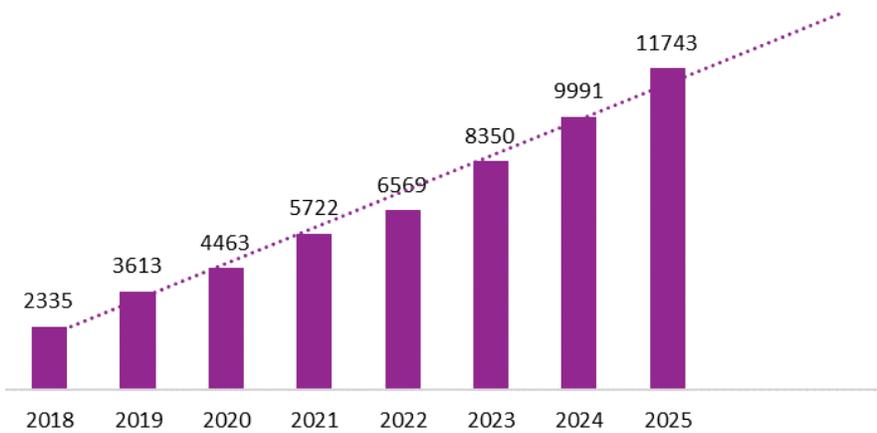
## 2025 Physical Circ. Borrows vs Loans Within LLC



### 2025 MelCat Borrows vs Loans

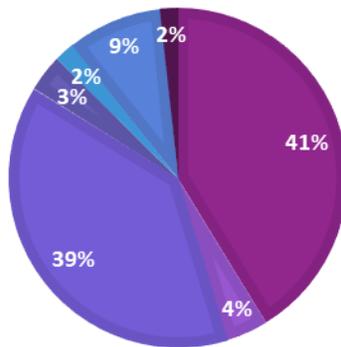


### Yearly Electronic Circulation Comparison

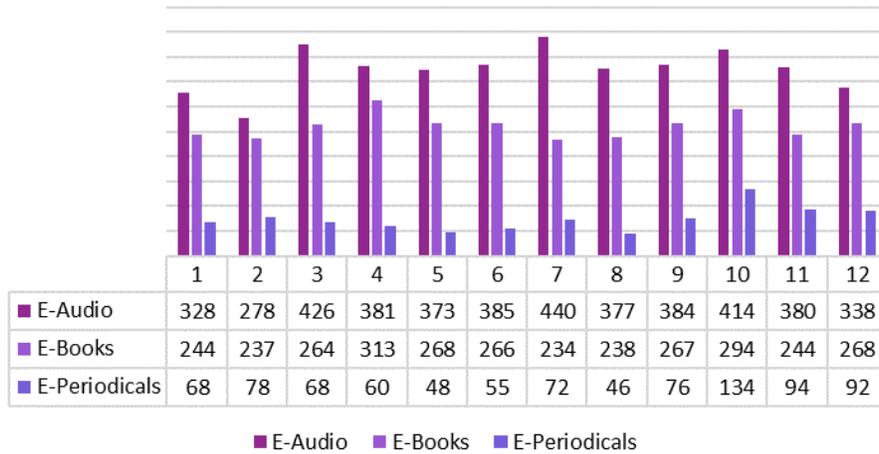


### 2025 FORMATS OF INSTANT BORROWS FROM HOOPLA

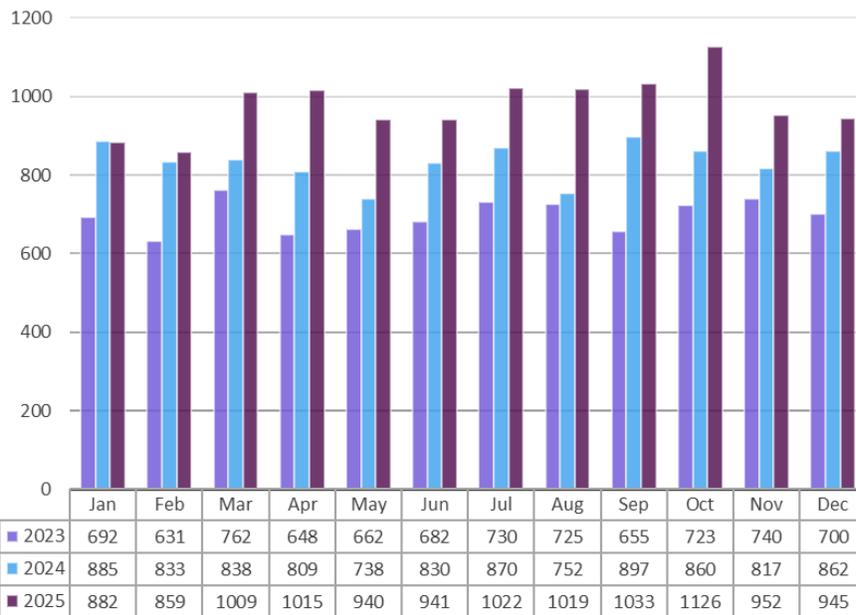
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### 2025 Libby Borrows



### Monthly Electronic Circulation Comparison



### Circulation Stats All Formats

