

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**February 17, 2026**  
**5:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Roll Call.
- Approval of Agenda. (Motion)

**2. MINUTES**

- Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2026. (Motion)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public may address the Board on any agenda item. Comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per citizen. Please state your name and address for the records.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS (Motion)**

**5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Children's Library

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

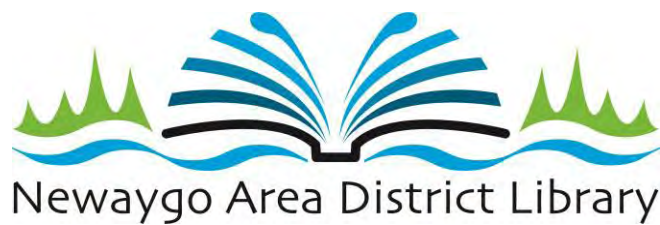
- Personnel

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT (Motion)**



# Newaygo Area District Library

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

January 20, 2026

UNOFFICIAL

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Cindy Blamer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the City Chamber Room, 28 State Road, Newaygo, Michigan 49337.

- **Roll Call: Present:** Christian Burns, Cindy Blamer, Sharon Haege, Candy Wells, David Chambers and Samantha Kauffman.  
**Absent:** Patty Goodman.
- **Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Wells with support by Haege. **AIF/MC.**

## 2. MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 16, 2025. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Blamer with support by Haege. **AIF/MC**

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – N/A

## 4. RESERVED TIME

- **Nomination and Election of new officers.** Cindy Blamer was nominated for the office of Board President by Haege and second by Kauffman; Candy Wells was nominated for the office of Vice-President by Kauffman and second by Haege. Blamer nominated Samantha Kauffman to fill the office of Board Secretary; second by Haege, and Blamer nominated Sharon Haege to fill the position of Board Treasurer; second by Kauffman. There were individual roll calls vote for each position.  
All nominations passed. **AIF/MC**
- **Appointments of Finance and Personnel Committee Members.** Vice-President Blamer appointed Haege, Wells and Burns to the Finance Committee. Goodman, Chambers, and Kauffman were appointed to the Personnel Committee.

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

The library has received:

- \$41,855.57 from Brooks Township – Winter Tax Disbursement
- \$8,387.20 from Garfield Township – Winter Tax Disbursement
- \$2,227.99 from City of Newaygo – Winter Tax Disbursement

Motion to approve the Financial Reports and Bills and Cash Disbursements was made by Chambers with support by Wells. **AIF/MC**

## 6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mark Micho from GM Wood Products stopped in the library and will send a donation to start getting items for the Children's Library. Homework Computers, Switch games to be used at the Library, VR Headsets for educational games, and 2 wall tablets for Pre-School age and an Electronic game table (chess, checkers etc.) for the 8-15 age.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

\* The Vivian Sorden Donation went into a 6-month CD to give the library time to decide the best way to use it.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- VP Wells mentioned the possibility of nominating Mark Micho from GM Wood Products for the “I Care” Award.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

N/A

**10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Treasurer Haege asked Director Franklin how college classes were going. Director Franklin replied that she just completed one; is carrying a 4.0 Grade Point; and has 7 – 8-week classes to go. She will be taking the Spring/Summer off.
- Everyone is very happy to have David back.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-President Blamer- called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Haege with support by Burns. **AIF/MC**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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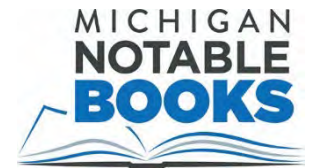
NADL President

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NADL Secretary

***Michigan Notable Books 2026***

Every year, the Library of Michigan selects up to twenty of the most notable books, either written by a Michigan resident or about Michigan or the Great Lakes. The selected books are honored in the year after their publication or copyright date. Each selected title speaks to our state's rich cultural, historical, and literary heritage and proves without a doubt that some of the greatest stories are found in the Great Lakes State.



The Michigan Notable Books annual program has roots stretching back to Michigan Week 1991. In 2004, the name changed from Read Michigan to Michigan Notable Books. In 2002, The Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries took over Read Michigan and Michigan Week. In October 2009, The Library of Michigan migrated to The Michigan Department of Education, bringing the Michigan Notable Books program with it. The Michigan Notable Books program is sponsored in part by the Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Center for the Book, and Michigan Humanities.

**2026 MICHIGAN NOTABLES BOOK LIST:**

**“Bear County, Michigan: Stories”** by John Counts

**“Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea: A Veteran's Memoir”** by Khadijah

**“The Containment: Detroit, the Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North”** by Michelle Adams - Farrar, Straus and Giroux

**“Cooler Than Cool: The Life and Work of Elmore Leonard”** by C.M. Kushins

**“Dead Moose on Isle Royale: Off Trail with the Citizen Scientists of the Wolf-Moose Project”** by Jeffrey M. Holden

**“Devouring Time: Jim Harrison, a Writer's Life”** by Todd Goddard

**“Forever in the Path: The Black Experience at Michigan State University”** by Pero G. Dagbovie

**“The Gales of November: The Untold Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald”** by John U. Bacon

**“The Hours Are Long, But the Pay Is Low: A Curious Life in Independent Music”** by Rob Miller

**“The House of David: Salvation, Scandal, and Survival in a Modern American Commune”** by Evelyn Sterne

**“How to Talk to Your Succulent”** by Zoe Persico

**“An Ignorance of Trees: A Memoir in Essays”** by Jim Daniels

**“Miss Betti, What Is This?: How Detroit's School Lunch Lady Got Good Food on the Menu”** by Lela Nargi; illustrated by Kristen Uroda

**“No Human Involved: The Serial Murder of Black Women and Girls and the Deadly Cost of Police Indifference”** by Cheryl L. Neely

**“Roy Reuther and the UAW: Fighting for Workers and Civil Rights”** by Alan Reuther -

**“Stepping Off The Boat: Stories From North Manitou Island”** by Susan Hollister Wasserman

**“Theater Kid: A Broadway Memoir”** by Jeffrey Seller

**“This Magnetic North: Candid Conversations on a Changing Northern Michigan”** by Tim Mulherin

**“The Vacation: A Teenage Migrant Farmworker's Experience Picking Cherries in Michigan”** by Robert “Carlos” Fuentes; illustrated by Kristen Wasil

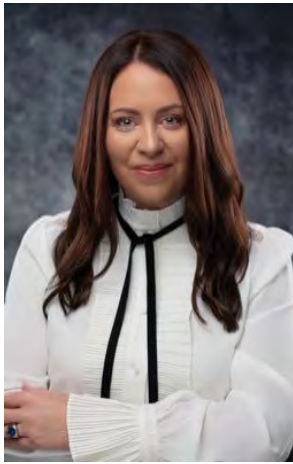
**“Waterline: A Novel”** by Aram Mrjoian

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

*Mary Franklin*

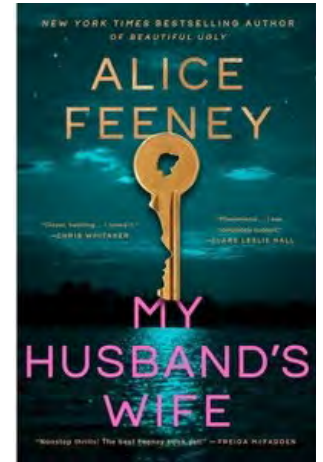
Director Mary Franklin, February 12, 2026.

MARCH FEATURED AUTHOR

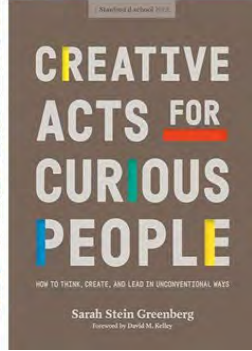
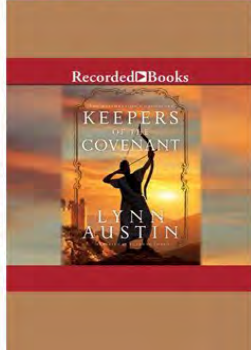
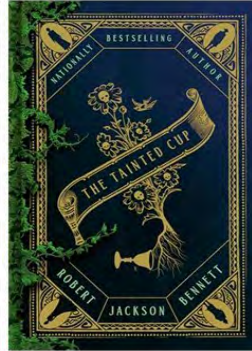
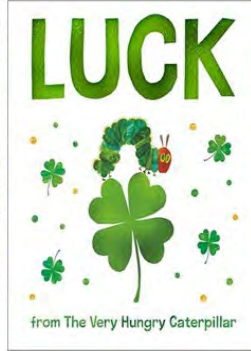
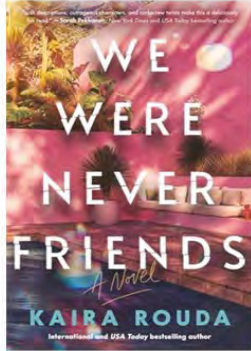
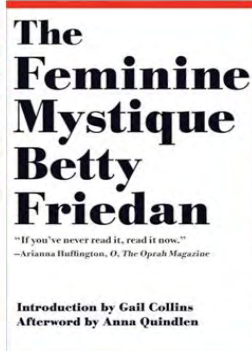
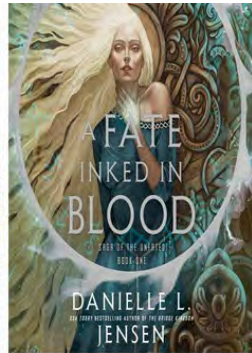
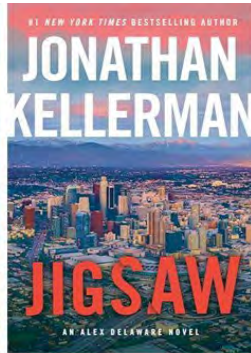
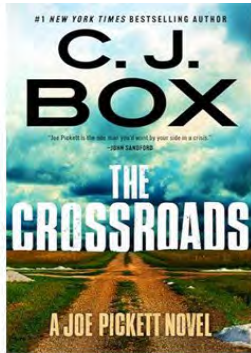
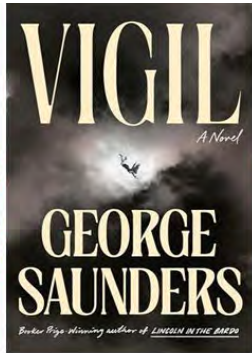
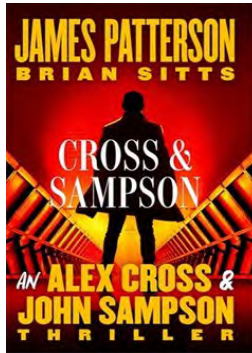


**ALICE FEENEY**

ALICE FEENEY IS A NEW YORK TIMES MILLION-COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF NOVELS INCLUDING HIS & HERS, SOMETIMES I LIE, ROCK PAPER SCISSORS AND DAISY DARKER. HER BOOKS HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO OVER THIRTY-FIVE LANGUAGES, AND HAVE BEEN OPTIONED FOR MAJOR SCREEN ADAPTATIONS, WITH HIS & HERS CURRENTLY IN PRODUCTION FOR NETFLIX, PRODUCED BY JESSICA CHASTAIN AND STARRING TESSA THOMPSON AND JON BERNTHAL. ALICE WAS A BBC JOURNALIST FOR FIFTEEN YEARS, AND NOW LIVES IN THE DEVON COUNTRYSIDE WITH HER FAMILY. Books are available in the upper level of the Library.



Coming Soon!



**1. Library Staff Opportunities.**

- ✓ Director Franklin: 1/07/26 Newaygo County Director Meeting; 1/08/26 LLC Meeting.
- ✓ 1/29/26 Monthly Staff Meeting Canceled due to weather. Email was sent out.

**2. Collection Management and Development.**

- ✓ Added: 92 new physical items.

**3. Grants and Donations.**

- ✓ 2/03/26: \$10,000 donation from the Carnegie Corporation.
- ✓ 2/03/26: \$30,000 donation from GM Wood Products for Children’s Library.
- ✓ 2/05/26: \$100 donation from Donald and Marge Redder through FACF with a \$100 match donation.

**4. Wowbrary Newsletter – 518 Remind Subscribers – 259;**

**5. Social Media.**

- ✓ **FB:** 2040 Follows; **Instagram:** 303 Follows; **Twitter:** 34 Follows.

**6. Lakeland Library Cooperative.**

- ✓ Sierra update went smoothly on January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Lakeland meeting on February 13 canceled due to weather.

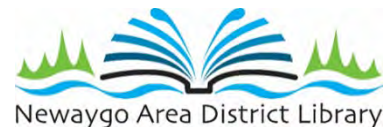
**7. Library Circulation.**

- ✓ 16 new library accounts in January.





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY



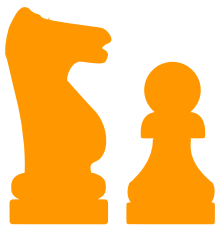
### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:

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 CHESS CLUB: 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 26th 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)

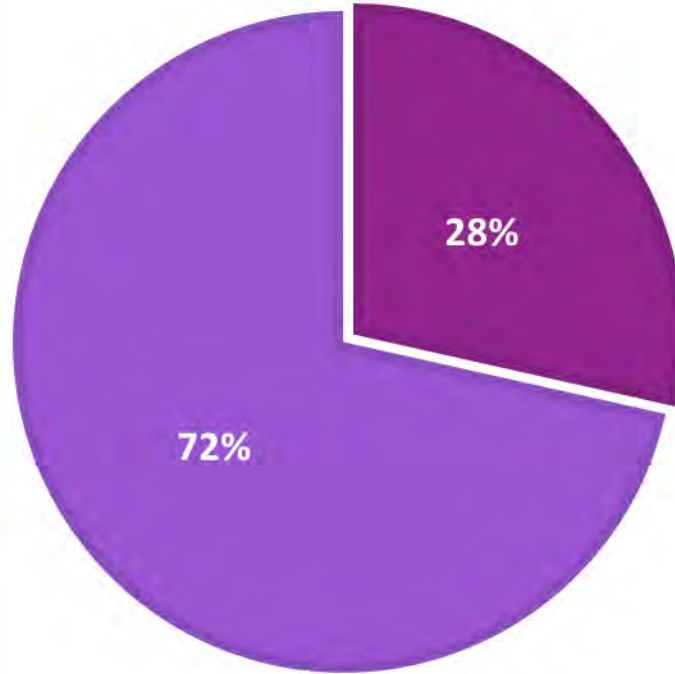


### **Would you like to be notified by text of Newaygo Library events?**

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

### 2026 CIRC FORMAT COMPARISON

■ Electronic - 1143   ■ Physical - 2868



### Total Circ All Formats



- 2023
- 2024
- 2025
- 2026

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