

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April brought a fresh spring feel to NADL with steady visits, strong after-school traffic, and continued community connection throughout the month.



MAR 16-21 – Adults & Teens dropped in to the library to make pressed botanical collages. Participants could choose between making an organic collage or using our AccuCut and making a specific image or letter.

MAR 21 – Tweens ages 10 – 15 joined Jean Matthews to learn some basic sewing skills while making ice cream cozies. They even got to end the class by enjoying some delicious ice cream!



APRIL 11 – Jazzlyn from the Infinity Shoppe in Fremont taught a class of adult and teens in the art of terrarium making. Participants were able to pick from a variety of succulents and learn all about taking care of them. Nine people joined in on the fun!

APRIL 13-18 – Adults & teens dropped in to make leaf inspired trinket bowls out of air-dry clay! Participants were encouraged to use their scrap clay in creative ways and they did not disappoint!



As we head into May, staff are focused on final summer reading preparations and building excitement for the busy summer season ahead.

Mary Franklin, Library Director

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT NEWAYGO LIBRARY



STAY & PLAY: In lieu of Preschool Story Time this month, the Newaygo Library invites you to STAY & PLAY! Stay & Play gives children the opportunity to build early literacy skills, practice school readiness, and start building their own community with other kids! Parents and caregivers also benefit from joining Stay & Play. IStory Time will resume June 2!

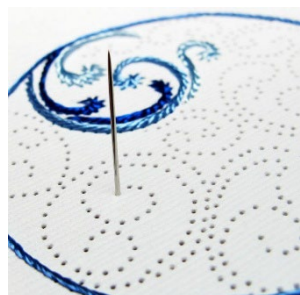


SPRING FLOWER DROP-IN CRAFT: May 4th – 9th

April Showers bring May flowers! Join us in May, for a spring flower drop in craft in the children's library! Ages: Preschool - 15

ADULT & TEEN DROP-IN CRAFT: ESSENTIAL OIL ROOM SPRAY: May 4th – 9th

Stop by the Local History Room May 4 - 9 for our May Adult & Teen Drop-In Craft: Essential Oil Room Spray! Patrons are invited to create their own custom room sprays using a variety of essential oils. Mix and match scents to design a fragrance that fits your style. This easy, hands-on activity is perfect for a quick creative break. All supplies will be available upstairs in the Local History Room during library hours. **QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED. LIMIT ONE PER PERSON. Adults and teens (16+) only.** No registration required. The activity is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



EMBROIDERY W/ HARMONY: May 16th 10:30AM – 12:30PM

Join us for a Beginner Embroidery Class with Harmony from The Stitch Studio, designed for ages 10–15! In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn basic embroidery stitches and techniques while creating their own simple design. This class is perfect for beginners and a great introduction to the art of embroidery. All materials will be provided, just come ready to learn a new skill and get creative! **RSVP REQUIRED.** Ages: 10-15 The activity is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

STAINED GLASS MANDALA WINDOW CLINGS DROP-IN CRAFT: May 18th – 23rd

Stop by the library May 18–23 for our Drop-In Craft for Ages 10–15: Mandala Window Clings! Participants can relax and get creative as they decorate beautiful mandala designs using vibrant colors. Once finished, these eye-catching window clings can be taken home to brighten up any space. No registration is required—just drop in and enjoy a fun, creative activity! The activity is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



SPILL THE TEA: TEA BLEND WORKSHOP: May 30th 10:30AM – 12:30PM

Join us for Spill the Tea: Tea Blend Workshop on Saturday, May 30th from 10:30 AM–12:30 PM! In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the basics of tea blending, explore different ingredients and flavor profiles, and sample a variety of teas. You'll have the opportunity to get creative and craft your own custom blends to take home and enjoy. **RSVP REQUIRED. ADULTS & TEENS (16+) ONLY.** The activity is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



NEWAYGO LIBRARY MEMORIAL WEEKEND HOURS

Saturday, May 23rd – Monday, May 25th: **CLOSED**
NADL will re-open at 10AM on Tuesday, May 26th



MAY FEATURED AUTHOR, Carley Fortune



Carley Fortune is the number one New York Times bestselling author of *Every Summer After*, *One Golden Summer*, *This Summer Will Be Different*, and *Meet Me at the Lake*. Her books have sold more than four-million copies worldwide. Her fifth novel, *Our Perfect Storm*, comes out May 5, 2026.

Every Year After, the series based on *Every Summer After*, will premiere June 10 on Prime Video. *This Summer Will Be Different* is currently being adapted as a Netflix series.



Coming Books



1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- Director Franklin: NADL Board Meeting - 3/17/26; LLC Advisory Meeting via ZOOM - 4/09/26; Quarterly Tifa meeting - 4/17.

2. Programming Participation – March 2026

- March Madness – Adult – 32 / Children - 50
- Pot of Gold Guessing Jar – Adult – 28 / Children - 43
- Leather Journal Stamping Class – Adult - 10
- Drop-In Craft – Pressed Botanical Collage - Adult – 26
- Sew Much Fun Sewing Class – Tween - 7
- DR Seuss Scavenger Hunt – Children - 36
- Drop-in Craft – Mirrored Masterpieces – Tween - 19
- Combined StoryTimes – Adult & Children – 109
- Stay N’ Play – Pre-School - 19

3. Collection Management and Development.

- Added: 130 new physical items.

4. Grants and Donations.

- Summer Reading Donations from local businesses continue to come in.
- Summer Reading from GM Wood Products – 300 shirts for Finishers, 12 Children’s Kindles for Prizes.

5. Online Statistics

- Webpage Newsletter, Instagram, Facebook, Remind subscribers – 274;
- Library Online App – 15 – IOS users; 48 – Android users.

5. Social Media Cooperative.

- Outsource the LLC Delivery – cont.
- Evaluating a new ILS catalog system – cont.

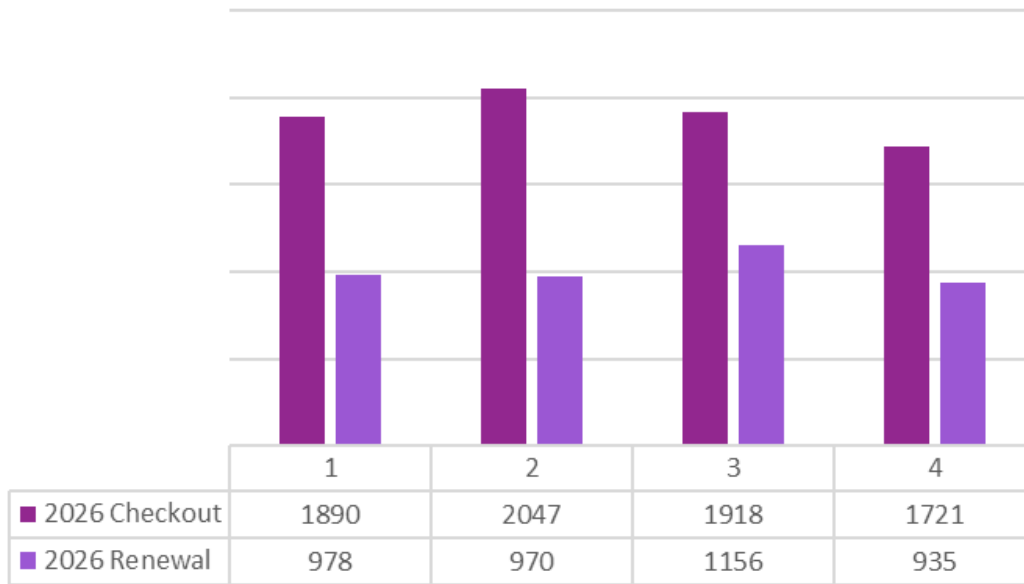
6. Library Circulation.

- 15 – New Library accounts
- 12 – Online Cards

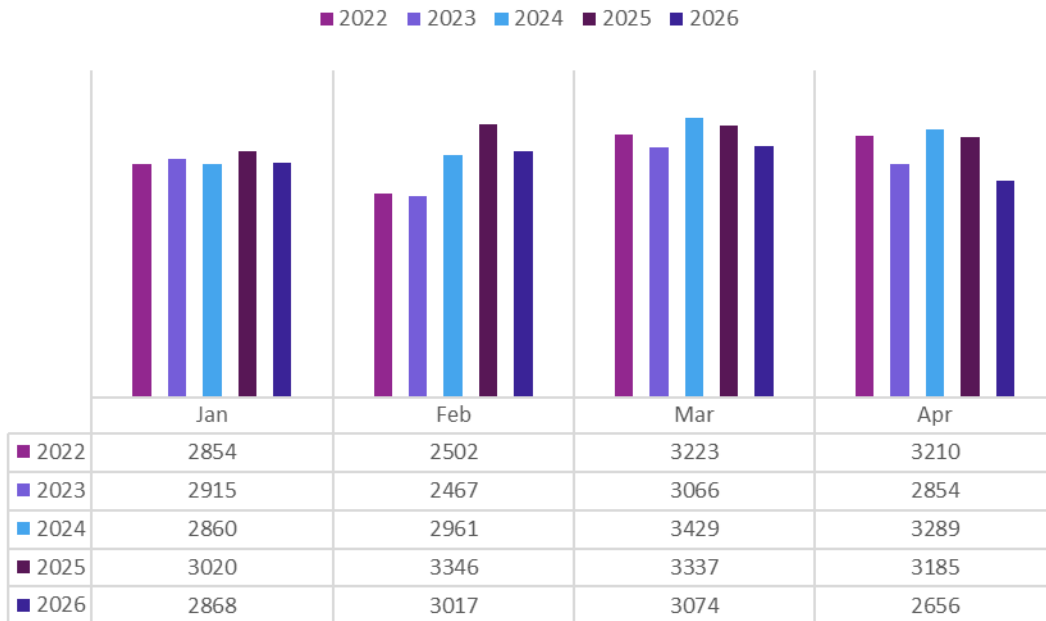
Would you like to be notified by text of Newaygo Library events?

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/1915nadl or Text @1915nadl to 81010

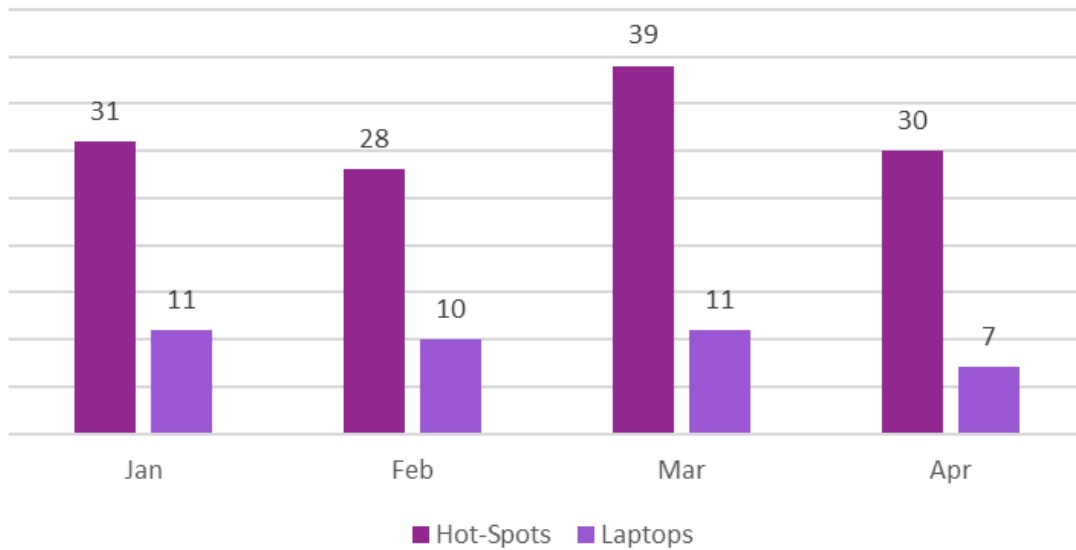
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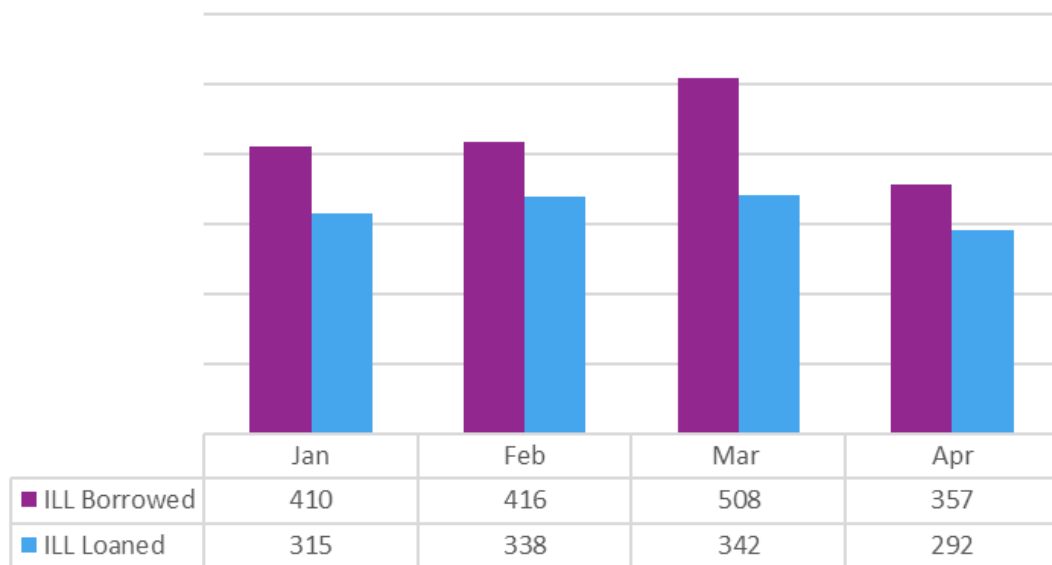
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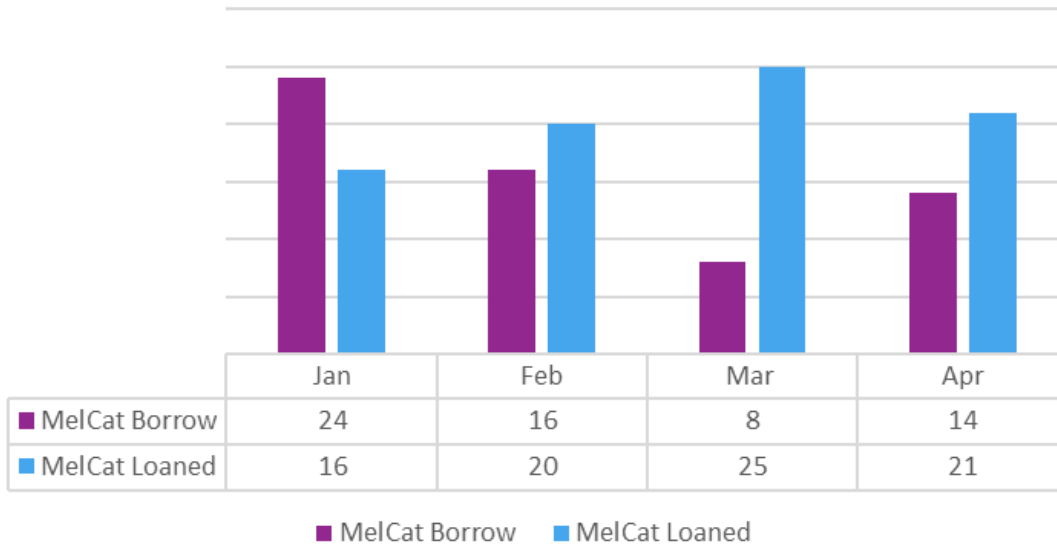
HOT-SPOTS & LAPTOPS 2026 CIRCULATION



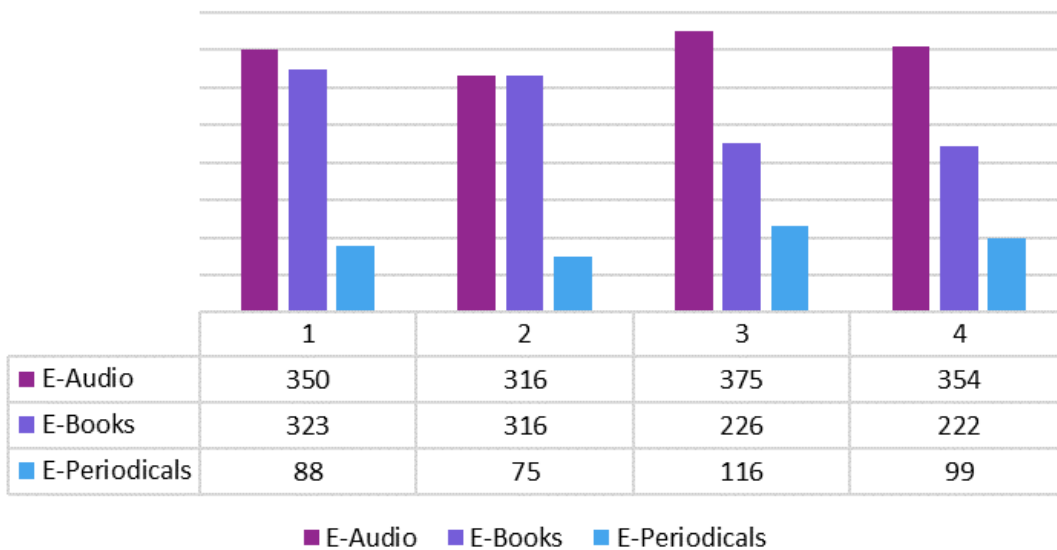
2026 Physical Circ. Borrows vs Loans Within LLC



2026 MelCat Borrows vs Loans



2026 Libby Borrows



Total Circ All Formats

