



AGENDA
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
May 19, 2026
City of Newaygo Chamber Room
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda (Motion)

2. MINUTES

- Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting of April 21, 2021 (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)

- Budget Adjustments (Motion)

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Bid Award Contracts for Children's Library Carpet and Painting
 - Request for Board Approval of contracts for new carpet and paint for the Children's Library (Motion)

7. NEW BUSINESS

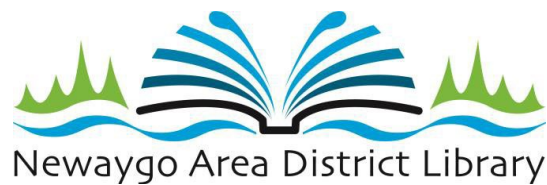
- 2026 Budget Planning – Finance Committee
- Director's Contract (Motion)

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9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT (Motion)



MINUTES - UNOFFICIAL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees April 21, 2026
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cindy Blamer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at Newaygo Area District Library, 44 N State Rd, Newaygo, MI 49337

▪ Roll Call:

Absent: David Chambers, Patty Goodman

▪ Approval of Agenda.

Add Purchase Policy to New Business

A motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of adding Purchase Policy to New Business, was presented by Wells and supported by Burns **AIF/MC**

2. MINUTES

▪ Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2026.

* President Blamer asked about Cheryl's replacement, because it was in two sentences. So one sentence needs removed.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2026 with requested changes was presented by Kauffman and supported by Haegel. **AIF/MC**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

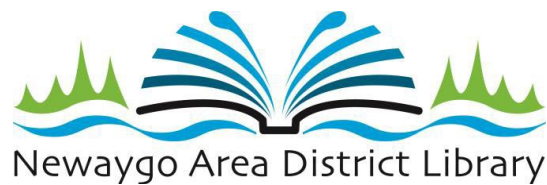
• Director Franklin reviewed the Financial Statements.

• Bids were also discussed for the -

- Children's Library Furniture –The furniture will come from The Library Store, two other companies were asked to bid. One company was significantly higher, and another did not respond.
- The Children's gaming table is approximately \$9,000. This is a specialty item, so no other bids were available.

The NADL Purchasing Policy requires all purchases of goods or services over \$5,000, or any non-routine purchases without appropriation in the current budget to be submitted to the Library Board for approval prior to purchase. Director Franklin submitted to the Board a request to approve the purchase of the Library Furniture at \$223,461.36 and the Gaming Table at \$9,000.

* The Motion for the Furniture and Gaming Table purchase was presented by Burns and supported by Haegel. **AIF/MC**.



- Director Franklin requested a Budget Adjustment to increase the Cost Center 101-750 for Operating Expenses of \$27,000 to reflect the donation by GM Wood Products.

* The Motion to adjust the Operating Expenses Cost Center was presented by Haege and supported by Burns. **AIF/MC**.

* A Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Cash Disbursements was presented by Wells and supported by Kauffman **AIF / MC**

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- * National Library Worker Day – Director Franklin gave the staff Gift Cards to River Stop Café.
 - * Painting will take 2 weeks
 - * Carpet will take a week
- Director Franklin is looking at options to close the Children's Library and still provide support to patrons.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- * The Board verified that the Dropbox Purchase was approved with the Circulation Desk last year. Director Franklin did mention that there will need to be a budget adjustment for that spending.
- * Director Contract expires May 20 – Director Franklin will bring her contract to the next meeting, on May 19.
 - * Director Franklin will bring the new contract with any changes requested to the May Board Meeting and the Board will review it.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- * Purchase Policy – Refresh on the current Purchasing Policy. Which was covered in the Treasurer's report.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- President Blamer commented that great things are happening at the library and before long we'll have a completely updated library.
- Other Board members also voiced approval and excitement of the new renovations.

10. ADJOURNMENT

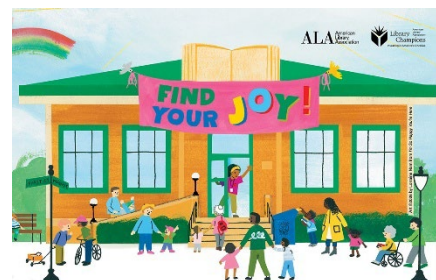
President Blamer requested a motion to adjourn. Haege made the motion, supported by Burns. **AIF/MC**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Summer reading is almost here, and the team at NADL is busy getting everything ready for a fun-filled summer of books, discovery, and adventure for kids of all ages!

This year's theme is "Unearth Your Story," and we've planned tons of activities that let kids dig in, use their imaginations, and find new favorite books.



We love this year's theme because reading really does feel like an archaeological dig—every book is a chance to uncover something new. Summer reading is a great way to build strong reading habits that stick with you (kind of like how fossils form over time).

For little ones, reading together with a parent or caregiver helps "unearth" early language skills and supports their social and emotional development. For elementary and middle school kids, regular reading strengthens comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, and overall learning. When kids get to pick their own books—whether it's dinosaurs, ancient civilizations, or whatever sparks their curiosity—they stay way more engaged and confident. Even for reluctant or struggling readers, summer reading can feel like a successful dig site, where every little discovery helps build their confidence back up.

There are many fun prizes in store for children as they go through the different reading levels. All the kids that complete the Summer Reading Program will receive a 2026 Summer Reading shirt!

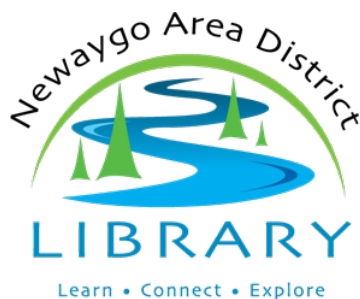
Most of all, it's just a really fun way for everyone to come together, explore new ideas, and share what they've discovered.

Mark your calendars—summer reading sign-up kicks off on June 1st!

There's truly something for every age at NADL. We can't wait to "unearth" another fantastic summer with all of you.

Mary Franklin

Director Mary Franklin



hoopla App
(Instantly borrow
digital materials)



libby App
(Digital books)



Read Squared App
(Reading log)



MeL
(Books and
databases)



Remind
(Text notification for library events)



Shoutbomb
(Text notifications for library
account info)

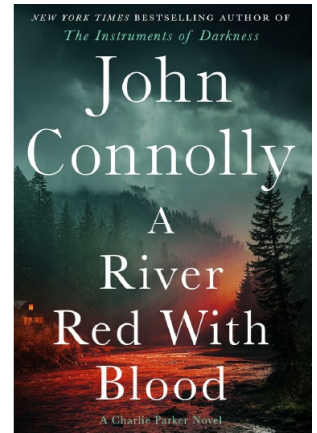




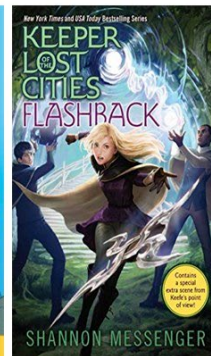
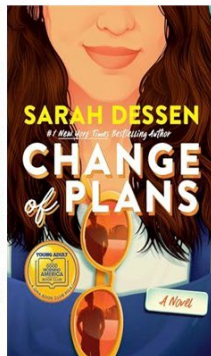
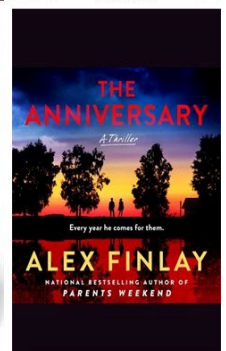
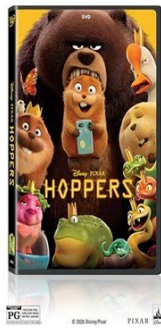
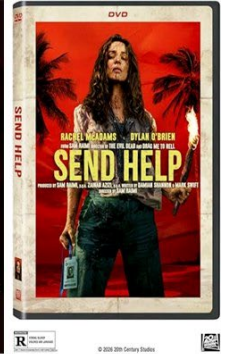
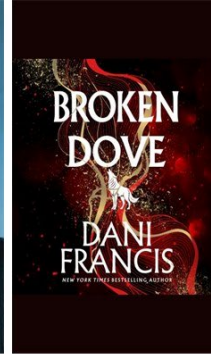
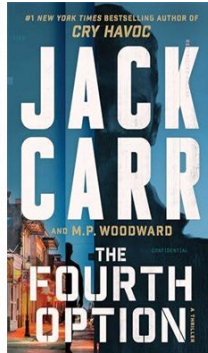
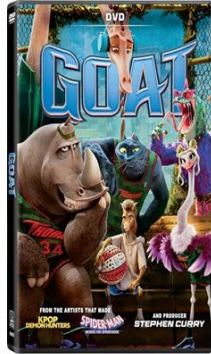
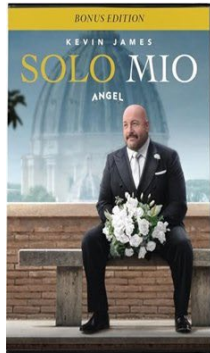
JUNE FEATURED AUTHOR, John Connolly

John Connolly was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1968. He studied English in Trinity College, Dublin and journalism at Dublin City University, subsequently spending five years working as a freelance journalist for The Irish Times newspaper, to which he continues to contribute.

John has won numerous awards for his writing. Check out the latest book in the Charlie Parker series: A RIVER RED WITH BLOOD



Coming Books



1. Library Staff Opportunities.

- Director Franklin: NADL Board Meeting - 4/17/26; Newaygo Community Events Mtg – 5/12/26; LLC Board & Advisory Meeting - 4/9/26.
- Monthly Staff Meeting – 4/30/26

2. Programming Participation – April 2026.

- Book Club – Adult – 4
- Drop-In Craft – 10 to 18 yrs. - 25
- Drop-In Craft – Adult –26
- Rubber Duck Scavenger Hunt – Child - 42
- Earth Day Terrarium Class – Adult - 9
- Morel Mushroom Seminar – Family - 40
- Pysanky Egg Decorating – 3
- Newaygo High School Forum/Tour - 87
- Combined StoryTimes – Adult & Children - 51

2. Collection Management and Development.

- Added: 142 new physical items.

3. Grants and Donations.

- \$6,300 – Fremont Area Community Foundation – Summer Reading Grant
- \$95,000 – GM Wood Products – Donation for Children’s Library Furniture Down payment
- \$4,017.56 – State of MI – FY2026 State Aid 1st check

4. Online Statistics

- **Wowbrary Newsletter** – 532 Subscribers; **Remind Subscribers** –297;
- **Library Online App** – IOS users - 15; Android users - 33.
- **Social Media**
- **FB:** 2,108 Follows; **Instagram:** 307 Follows; **Twitter:** 35 Follows

5. Lakeland Library Cooperative.

- Outsource the LLC Delivery, should save money
- Evaluating a new ILS catalog system

6. Library Circulation.

- 13 – New Library accounts
- 10 – New Online Library accounts



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!

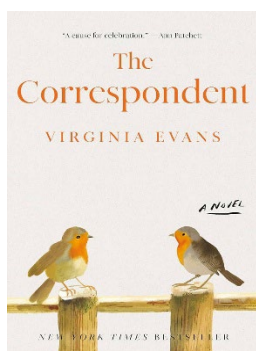
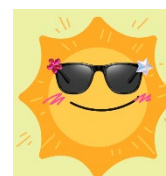


SUMMER READING BEGINS: June 1st

Get ready to embark on a journey of art and creativity this summer, celebrating all the ways art enriches our lives! The 2026 Summer Reading Program theme: "Unearth a Story"

BLING SUNGLASSES DROP-IN CRAFT: June 1st – 6th

Celebrate Summer Reading with Bling Sunglasses! Stop in downstairs June 1 - 6 to create super sunglasses that sparkle and shine! AGES: Preschool – 15 Parent supervision may be required. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



JUNE ADULT BOOK CLUB: June 4th 2:30 – 3:30PM

Come to the June Book Club at Newaygo Library to discuss *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans! Discover connection, secrets, and the power of words. Told entirely through letters, this beautifully crafted novel invites readers into an intimate exchange of thoughts, emotions, and hidden truths. As the correspondence unfolds, so do the lives behind the pages— revealing relationships, past decisions, and unexpected connections that keep you turning (or opening!) each new letter. Perfect for readers who love character-driven stories and a unique storytelling style, *The Correspondent* offers a heartfelt reminder of how powerful written words can be.

ADULT & TEEN DROP-IN CRAFT: DESIGN YOUR OWN BEACH TOTE: June 8th – 13th

Stop by the library June 8–13 for our Adult & Teen Drop-In Craft: Design Your Own Beach Tote! Get creative using fabric markers to decorate a tote bag with your own unique style. Perfect for beach days, library trips, or everyday use. No experience is needed, and all supplies will be provided. Just drop in, design, and take home a one-of-a-kind tote! 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.



DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT: June 8th – 13th

Join us downstairs in the children's library for a Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt during the week of June 8th - 13th. Several Dinosaurs will be hidden throughout the downstairs. Once you find them, you will be able to answer a Dinosaur riddle. All patrons will earn a small prize for participating! AGES: Preschool – 15

SRP JURASSIC NINJA OBSTACLE COURSE AGES 10-18: June 16th 1:00 – 3:00PM

Patrons will participate in a ninja course wearing inflatable dinosaur costumes. They can wear their own or borrow one of ours. Patrons can do the course with or without the costume. Northpoint Gymnastics will provide equipment, help set up the course, and provide someone to explain the course.





SOLDIERS & TACTICS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR: June 17th 6:00 – 7:00PM

Join us on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 PM for an engaging presentation with Jerry Berg from the Swordsmanship Museum and Academy! Learn about the soldiers and tactics of the Revolutionary War as Jerry shares fascinating insights and brings along authentic artifacts and detailed replicas from the era. This interactive program offers a unique, hands-on look at history and is a great way to get an early start on celebrating America's 250th birthday. Located in the City of Newaygo Chamber Room. **ADULTS & TEENS (16+) ONLY.** The activity is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

MUSIC IN THE PARK: IN THE BLUE JAZZ ENSEMBLE: June 19th 2:00 – 4:00PM

Join us at the Newaygo Farmer's Market in Brooks Park on June 19 as we kick off our Music in the Park summer series with a live performance by In the Blue Jazz Ensemble! Our Music in the Park series brings the community together to enjoy live music in a relaxed, outdoor setting throughout the summer. In the Blue Jazz Ensemble features talented, trained musicians, many connected to Grand Valley State University and the West Michigan jazz scene. They perform a lively mix of classic jazz standards and contemporary favorites. Come enjoy an evening of great music in the park! The activity is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



DROP-IN CRAFT: DESIGN YOUR OWN BEACH TOTE (AGES 10-18): June 22nd – 27th

Stop by the children's library June 22-27 for our Drop-In Craft: Design Your Own Beach Tote! Get creative using fabric markers to decorate a tote bag with your own unique style. Perfect for beach days, library trips, or everyday use. No experience is needed, and all supplies will be provided. Just drop in, design, and take home a one-of-a-kind tote! **QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED. LIMIT ONE PER PERSON. AGES 10 -18.** No registration required. The activity is sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

SRP GALACTIC SWORDSMANSHIP – LED LIGHT SABERS AGES 10-18: June 23rd 1:00 – 2:30PM

Join Jerry Berg from the Swordsmanship Museum and Academy on June 23rd at The Heritage Museum of Newaygo County for Galactic Swordsmanship! Participants will have the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of this style of swordsmanship while getting to use LED Light Sabers! **AGES: 10-18. RSVP REQUIRED.**



AMERICAN FLAG SCAVENGER HUNT: June 29th – 11th

In celebration of our country's 250th birthday, children and tweens will hunt for American flags with numbers on them hidden in the library. As they find the flags they will mark a recording sheet to solve a riddle, then bring it to the librarian for a small flag & candy prize.



NEWAYGO LIBRARY INDEPENDENCE DAY HOURS

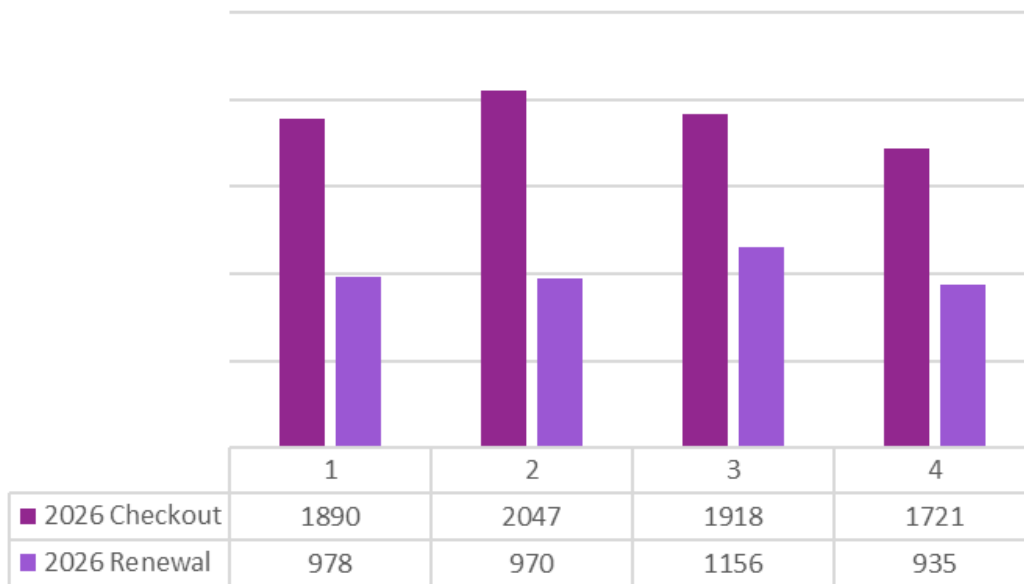
Friday, July 3rd – Sunday, July 5th: **CLOSED**
NADL will re-open at 10AM on Monday, July 6th.



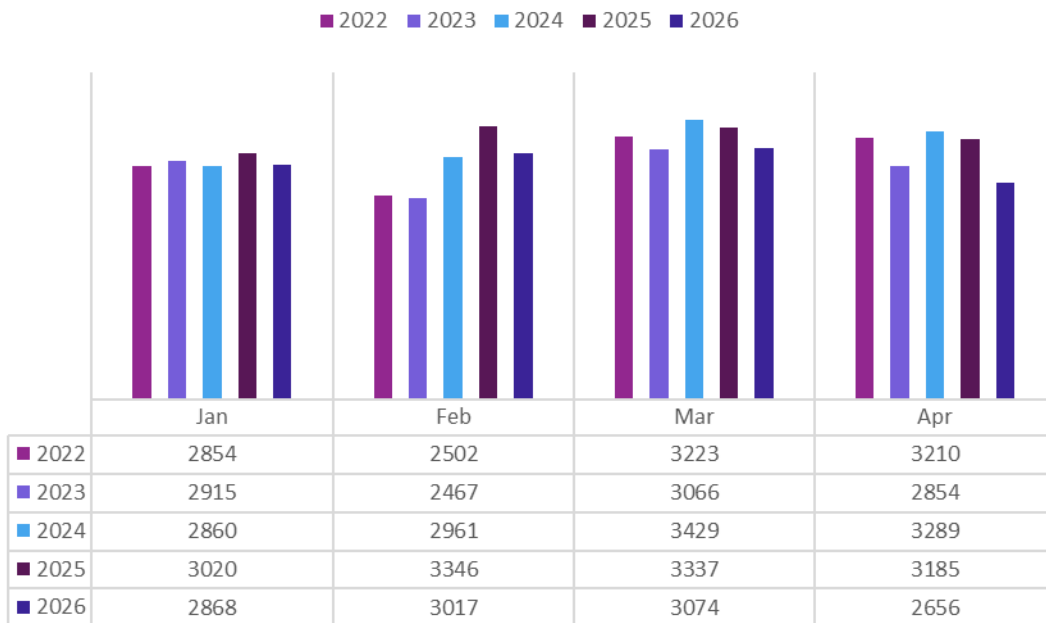
Would you like to be notified by text of Newaygo Library events?

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

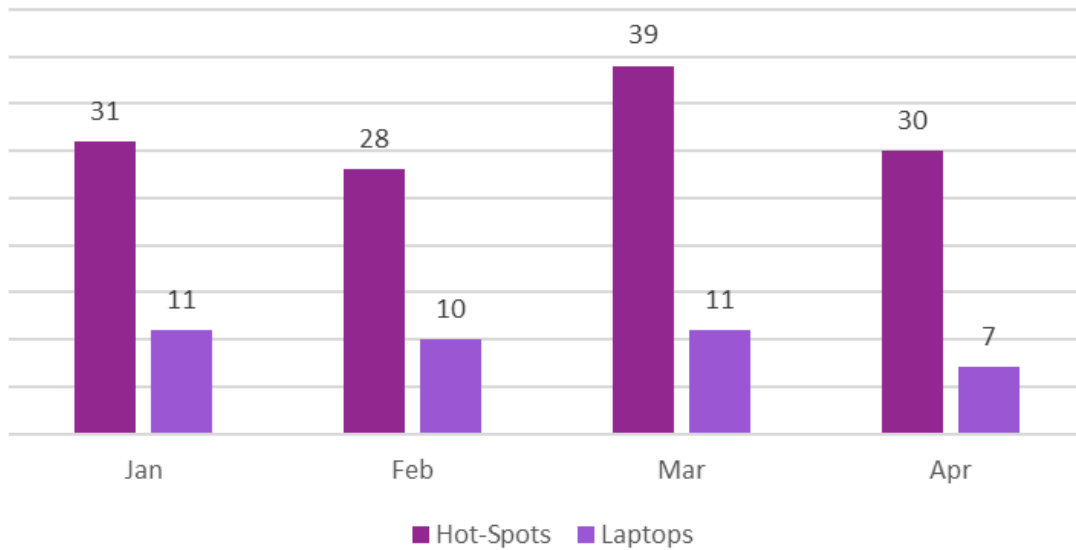
NADL Patron Checkouts vs Renewals



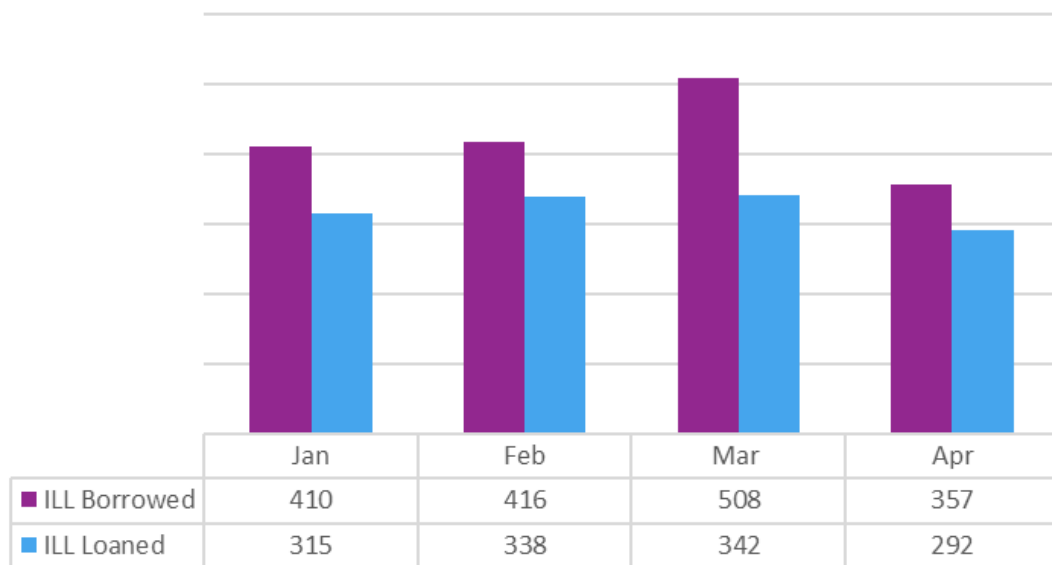
PHYSICAL CIRCULATION MONTHLY COMPARISON BY YEAR



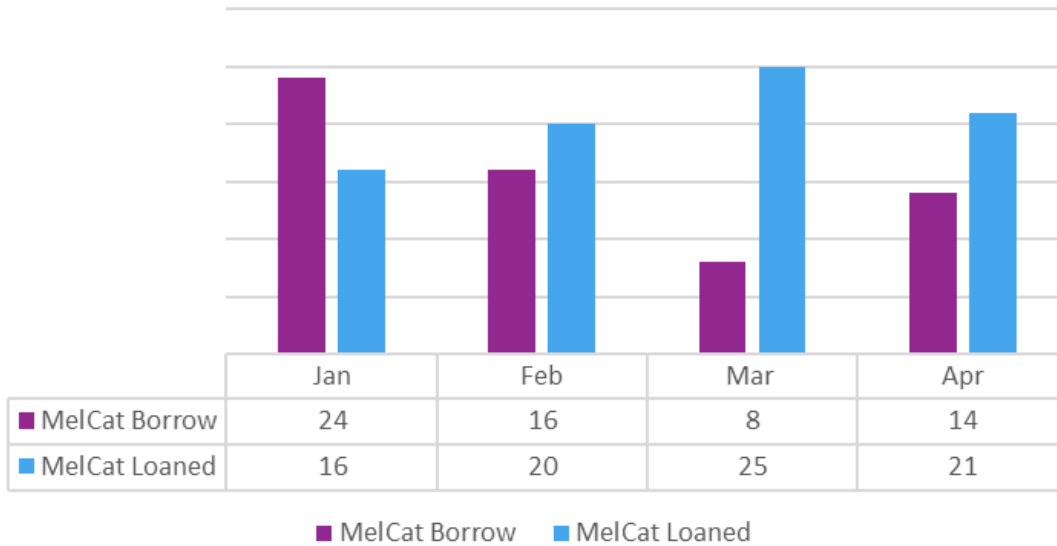
HOT-SPOTS & LAPTOPS 2026 CIRCULATION



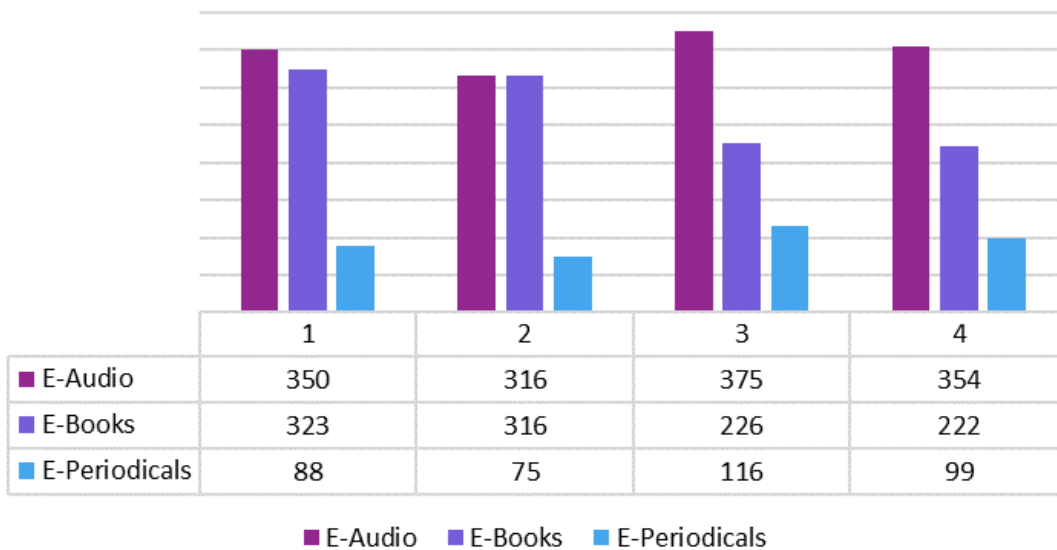
2026 Physical Circ. Borrows vs Loans Within LLC



2026 MelCat Borrows vs Loans



2026 Libby Borrows



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