

THE MUSKEGON AREA; DISTRICT LIBRARY

VEWSLETTER

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Serving the community

at 10 local branches.

OUR MISSION: The Muskegon Area District Library connects a diverse community to resources and services that educate, inform, enrich and entertain.

An Update from Kelly Richards

There are many new developments underway to provide enhanced services for our community. We have increased our hours of operation at the Montague and Ravenna branches, which are now open Thursdays, 12:00–5:00 pm. The Muskegon Area District Library is open six days a week and provides 24/7 online access.

We are adding more digital resources to our vast collection of books and materials. In the new year, we offer you two new resources which will give users access to powerful online research with Reference USA and Kanopy, ondemand film streaming. (See article below.) Videogames will be added to several of our branches in 2019 for patrons to check out and play on various consoles.

Did you know nearly 400,000 people visit our libraries annually? We are more than books and we offer a wide variety of programs and services and serve as a community gathering space. We offer information and resources not available at home for many. Tax forms are available at all of our locations during tax season.



In 2017 a strategic plan was adopted by the Muskegon Area District Library to move the library into the future. Many members of the community took part in giving feedback to the library which was incorporated in the strategic plan. This plan guides our ongoing work.

MADL has engaged in more community partnerships which have led to increased programming and services. We are investing in our IT infrastructure to make sure we are not only meeting the current demands of our patrons but are continuing to meet technology demands of the community for years to come.

Another development from the strategic plan is the new location of the Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled which provides Talking Books. Early literacy initiatives have been increasing with greater numbers of programs and the Storyville Project is well underway. We are grateful for all of the feedback from our community and we are always working on ways to improve our services. We are committed to providing accurate and reliable electronic services and resources to meet our community's need now and well into the future.

New Online Services Now Available reference USA®

ReferenceUSA is a powerful online reference and research tool that provides library cardholders instant, real-time access to accurate, in-depth information on U.S. businesses and U.S. residents. It is faster and easier to find new business opportunities, research executives and companies, find news articles, conduct job searches, research papers, locate addresses and phone numbers, conduct market research and much more.

It is the premier source of information for reference and research and offers accurate data on 53 million businesses and 290 million consumers.



The popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy is now available for free. Library cardholders can access Kanopy and sign up to start

streaming films instantly. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema.

To access the new on-line resources, visit madl.org, or if you need help, please ask your branch librarian.

Pout-Pout Fish Swims into Library Branches

In October, beloved book character, Pout-Pout Fish swam into the hearts of children throughout Muskegon County. He visited each branch for Storytime and an afterschool or Saturday program. Stories, crafts and taking pictures with Pout-Pout were enjoyed by all. Teachers brought their classrooms to the library for a special program and class pictures.



Pout-Pout Fish entertained nearly 1,600 children at 38 different



LVPD Location, Location, Location

The Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled (LVPD) is up and running in its new location on Airline Road, in Fruitport and is adjacent to the administrative offices. Serving Muskegon and Ottawa counties, the LVPD provides free braille and talking books mailed free to your door. Individuals with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding a printed page are eligible for this service. If you or someone you know is interested in this service, give us a call at 231-737-6310.







Bow Wow Readers is a once-a-month read-aloud program that pairs kids ages 5 and up with trained therapy dogs and handlers from the **Bow Wow** Muskegon Lakeshore Obedience Training Club or from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. These dogs are great listeners who love to hear a good story. Readers

Second Tuesdays January 8, February 12, March 12

Dalton Branch Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Tuesday, March 5 4:30-5:15 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch Call 231-739-6075 to register. Ravenna Branch

First Tuesdays March 5, April 2, May 7 6:30-7:00 pm

Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Third Tuesdays March 19, April 16, May 21 6:30-7:45 pm **Norton Shores Branch**

March 26, April 23, May 28 6:30-7:45 pm **Egelston Branch**

Fourth Tuesdays

Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Let Your Art Out: Sandpaper Art Thursday, January 3

2:00-4:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Drop in art program. Use sandpaper and crayons to create your own reverse image pointillism masterpiece. Call 231-828-4188 to register.



Monday Movie

Mondays, January 7–May 20

Ravenna Branch

All ages are welcome to come to our weekly family movie. Popcorn and juice are provided.

Bookworms

The second Tuesday of the month January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14 4:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

A book club for 1st-3rd graders. Listen to Miss Becca read from a chapter book, and then discuss it. Snacks and drinks provided.

Family Fun Night: Dog Man Police Academy

Tuesday, January 8 6:00 pm

Holton Branch

Join the Dog Man Police Academy for games, activities, crafts and food inspired by Dog Man, a hero who is half dog, half police officer.



LEGO Builder's Drop-In Wednesdays, January 9-May 29

3:30-6:30 pm **Montague Branch**

Join fellow LEGO fans every Wednesday this spring. Build alone or with friends to make a masterpiece for display in the library. We provide the LEGOs, you provide the creativity.



Family Movie Night

The second Wednesday of the month January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8 5:30 pm

North Muskegon BranchBring the whole family to enjoy a G or PG movie. Popcorn and juice provided.



Mini Makers: Fire Breathing Dragon

Tuesday, January 15 3:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Make a fun Fire Breathing Dragon out of paper tubes.



Washi Tic-Tac-Toe Tuesday, January 15

6-13. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch Make a colorful tic-tac-toe set of your own in this craft that you can customize to your liking. Ages

Family Fun Night: Dog Man Police Academy

Thursday, January 17

Montague Branch

the Dog Man Police Academy for games activities, crafts and food inspired by Dog Man, a hero who is half dog, half police officer.



Lego Saturday

The third Saturday of the month January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20 10:00–11:30 am

Dalton Branch

Put on your thinking hat and build a masterpiece in brick. There will be 10 minute create challenges to see what you can make from random bricks. Ready, Set-Build!



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Lego Club

The third Saturday of the month January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 10:00 am- 4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Join us in making Lego creations. Drop by anytime between 10:00am and 4:00pm.



Salt Painting Saturday, January 19

1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Painting with salt? Yes. Learn how to make a

vibrant work of art using ordinary salt, glue, and watercolor paint. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Pizza and Pages

The fourth Tuesday of the month January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28 4:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

A book club for 3rd-6th graders. Enjoy a piece of pizza while we discuss what we are currently reading.

Homeschool Canvas

Thursday, January 24 10:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

Homeschool families, join Ms. Gayle to learn about art and create an awesome painting to hang on your wall. A \$5 materials fee per person is due at registration. Limited to 30 participants. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Winter Fair

Saturday, January 26

2:00 pm **Norton Shores Branch**

Stop by the Winter Fair and play a selection of fun indoor fair activities with small prizes. Ages 6-14. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Painting Pals Partner Canvas

Saturday, February 2

10:00 am **North Muskegon Branch**

Kids, bring your family or friend for a special canvas class. Ms. Gayle will help you create your own canvas which can be combined with your partner's canvas to make one big art piece. A \$5 materials fee per person is due at registration. Space limited to 20 pairs.

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Family Fun Night: Chinese New Year

Ring in the New Year-Chinese style. Celebrate the Year of the Pig with crafts, music and stories, while learning about the Chinese culture.

Tuesday, February 5 6:00 pm

Holton Branch

Thursday, February 7 6:00 pm

Montague Branch



Let Your Art Out: Beading

Thursday, February 7

4:00-5:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Drop in art program. Use colorful beads to create an interesting bracelet on wire or design an intriguing pattern for your lanyard. Call 231-828-4188 to register.



Sock Creatures

Saturday, February 16 1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Ever wonder what to do with a sock whose partner goes missing? Make sock creatures with them. Learn how to make a snowman, snake, or kitten with just a little bit of cutting, sewing, and creativity. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Mini Makers: Felt Bookmark Monsters Tuesday, February 19

3:00 pm Ravenna Branch

Make a felt bookmark that looks like a monster.

The Great Paper Airplane Race

Tuesday, February 19 4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Want to race paper airplanes but they never go as far as you want? Learn how to make some advanced paper airplanes, decorate them, then compete in a contest to see whose plane flies the furthest. Ages 6–13.

The Sweet Science of Candy

Wednesday, February 20

4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Density, chemistry, chromatography-you can learn it all with candy. Join us for some sweet experiments. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party

Monday, March 4 4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Join MADL and the Great Start Collaborative to celebrate Dr. Seuss with stories, crafts, sensory activities and a free book.



Let Your Art Out: Dragons & Tacos Thursday

Thursday, March 7

4:00-5:00 pm

Dalton Branch Drop in art program. Create tacos for your favorite Dragon but be sure to hold the salsa or you know what will happen! Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Family Fun Night: Superhero Night

Tuesday, March 12 6:00 pm

Holton Branch

It's going to be a "super" party. Games, crafts, activities, food and more. Come dressed as your favorite Superhero. The Great Start Collaborative will also join us with sensory activities, themed learning stations, and information about community resources for families with young children.



Paper Mache Animals Saturday, March 16

1:00 pm North Muskegon Branch Put your own inventive spin on plastic

animals with the art of paper mache. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

FabLab Collab

Saturday, March 16 2:00 pm **Norton Shores Branch**

Learn more about the Lakeshore Fab Lab at Muskegon Community College and join in a maker project. Ages 6-14. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



Mini Makers: Pipe Cleaner Flower Pots Tuesday, March 19

3:00 pm Ravenna Branch



Spring Dragonflies Tuesday, March 19

4:30 pm

Make a small flower pot with

Muskegon Heights Branch

Spring is here and winter is fading so let's celebrate by making a spring creaturea dragonfly. Ages 6-13.

Family Fun Night: Superheroes

Thursday, March 21 6:00 pm

Montague Branch

It's going to be a "super" party. Games, crafts, activities, food and more. Come dressed as your favorite Superhero.

Bingo for Books

Saturday, March 30 1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Bring the whole family and try your luck. We'll play several different games. Winners get either a children's or young adult book. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Spring Break Lego Challenge Take the Lego Challenge, create

new Lego Mini designs, and more. All ages welcome.

2:00-5:00 pm **Holton Branch** Thursday, April 4

11:00 am

Tuesday, April 2

2:00-6:30 pm **Montague Branch**

Welcome to the Spider-Verse! Thursday, April 4

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Norton Shores Branch Do you have what it takes to join the Spider-Verse? Test your web-slinging skills. Ages 6-14.

Amazing Library Race

Friday, April 5

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

2:00 pm Montague Branch

This family program is based on the television reality show "The Amazing Race". Build your team of 2-4 people, then "race" around the library completing challenges. The team that completes the challenges in the least amount of time, wins the race and a prize. Call 231-893-2675 to register.



2nd Annual Peeps Diorama Contest

Friday, April 5

2:00 pm North Muskegon Branch

Bust Spring Break boredom and get creative by making a diorama using Peeps. All finished dioramas will be on display for patrons to vote on. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the following categories: young children, school age kids, and teens.

Family Fun Night: Harry Potter

Spells will be flying. Join us for a magical evening of Harry Potter trivia, games, crafts and food while learning about British culture. Come dressed as your favorite character and enter our costume contest.

Tuesday, April 9 6:00 pm

Holton Branch Thursday, April 11 6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 13

10:30 am **Egelston Branch** Hippity hop over to the library to listen to a story,



Mini Makers: **Felt Finger Puppets** Tuesday, April 16

Easter craft. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

hunt for eggs, enjoy a yummy treat and make an

Ravenna Branch Make four felt finger puppets to take home.



Muskegon Heights Branch Tired of traditional dolls and action figures? Make a special doll or action figure to play with using washi tape, pens, and craft sticks.



Stepping Stones Tuesday, April 16

6:00 pm

Egelston Branch One step at a time. Bring the kids and make a personalized stepping stone with their name, stones, jewels and their hand or footprint.



Bird Feeders Saturday, April 20 1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Ms. Kristina will help you whip up a tasty treat to hang outside for your feathered friends.

Family Fun Night: Cinco de Mayo

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Celebrate this Mexican tradition with our Cinco de Mayo Family Fun Night. Learn about the Mexican culture through stories, music, crafts and more.

Montague Branch Tuesday, May 7 6:00 pm **Holton Branch**

Thursday, May 2



6:00 pm

Mother's Day Gift Decorating Tuesday, May 7 6:00pm

Egelston Branch

No idea what to get the moms in your life? You can never beat a homemade gift. Listen to mom inspired stories and make a craft that will light up her life. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Money Smart Month

Wednesday, April 17 Wednesday, April 17 11:00 am 9:15 am **Montague Branch Dalton Branch**

Sheryl Hogle from HarborLight Credit Union will join our regular storytime to share a story, information and give-aways. Friday, April 26 Tuesday, April 23

11:00 am **Holton Branch**

10:00 am and 11:15 am **North Muskegon Branch**



January 14-May 10

Baby Time

Aimed exclusively at infants ages 0 to 18 months and their caregivers. Baby Time introduces babies to music, rhythm, and rhyme-all important pre-lingual and preliteracy skills.

Tiny TotsA special storytime for children 0 to 36 months with a caregiver. Little ones will enjoy books, games, songs, and other age appropriate story related activities.

Toddler Time
Created for 2 and 3 year old toddlers and their caregivers, Toddler Time includes books, fingerplays, music, crafts, movement, pre-reading games, and more.

Preschool StorytimeGeared toward 3 to 5 year old children and their families. This program will engage $children\ in\ books, finger plays, music, crafts,$ movement, pre-reading games and more.

Family Time
Designed to reach children ages birth through elementary, Family Time includes elements of Preschool Storytime, Toddler Time, and Tiny Tots.

Pajama Time Come in your pajamas to a Family Storytime with songs, crafts, books, dancing, and more.

February is National Children's Health Month. Look for a special Storytime at your branch in partnership with the Muskegon County Oral Health Coalition.

Choose Your Own Adventure Story

Wednesday, May 8

Norton Shores Branch

Write or draw or just share ideas as we make a daring adventure story together. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Plant a Pot

Saturday, May 11 11:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

Plant a beautiful pot of spring flowers just in time for Mother's Day. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Mini Makers: **Sunshine Summer Journal** Tuesday, May 21

Ravenna Branch

Make a sunshiny journal to document your

Egelston Branch: 9:30–10:15 am FAMILY **Muskegon Township Branch:** 10:45-11:30 am FAMILY

Ravenna Branch: 9:45–10:30 am FAMILY **Norton Shores Branch:** 10:30-11:15 am TODDLER **Holton Branch:** 11:00–11:45 am FAMILY

Dalton Branch: 9:15–10:00 am FAMILY **Egelston Branch:** 9:45–10:15 am TINY TOTS Norton Shores Branch: 10:30–11:15 am PRESCHOOL **Montague Branch:** 11:00 -11:45 am FAMILY **Muskegon Heights Branch:**

North Muskegon Branch: 10:00-10:30 am TINY TOTS North Muskegon Branch: 11:15 am–12:00 pm PRESCHOOL

11:30am-12:00 pm TINY TOTS

Norton Shores Branch: 10:30-11:15 am BABY TIME

Norton Shores Branch: 6:30–7:15 pm PAJAMA TIME



Muskegon Heights Branch

Let your imagination run wild with Legos. The finished Lego creations will be displayed

Family Challenge: Minute to Win It

Saturday, May 25 1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Compete in a series of fun and crazy challenges with just one minute to win it. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Spring Break Nerf Battle

Players ages 8–16 will try to out-wit and out-blast the competition during this epic battle. We provide all the equipment including blasters, darts, vests, safety goggles, and obstacles along with a friendly referee for all of the exciting NERF action. Snacks provided. Registration requiredspace limited.

Wednesday, April 3 11:00 am

Egelston Branch

Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Wednesday, April 3 3:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Thursday, April 4

Teen programs

Ages 11-18

Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them

The first Wednesday of the month January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1

Ravenna Branch

Join the ROUSs (Readers of Unusual Sarcasm) for a fun discussion of our teen book of the month. Refreshments provided.



Arm Knitting with Katie Tuesday, January 15 4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Learn the art of arm knitting and make a quick scarf. Participants will need to bring two skeins of bulky size 6 yarn to make one scarf. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



Ninjago Papercraft Thursday, January 17

4:30 pm **Muskegon Heights Branch**

If you love Ninjago then you'll love this craft where you build your very own Ninjago character.



String Art Monday, January 28 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Learn the basics of string art and make a masterpiece.



Monday, February 4 6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Make a felt coffee cozy to protect your hands from hot coffee or cocoa.

Creativity Lab

Tuesdays, February 5, March 5, May 7 3:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Join us for a guided STEAM activity and instruction on how to use the Makerspace.

What's Your Story?

Thursdays, February 14-March 21 3:30-5:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

The Ravenna Library is partnering with the Ravenna Museum to host a history club. This six-week club will allow students to dig into their history and their town's history to find their own story.

Cake Pops Tuesday, February 19

4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch Join us in making and decorating cake pops

using icing, crumbled cake, and candy melts for a delicious treat. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



Tree of Life Sun Catchers Wednesday, February 20 5:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Light up your room in a riot

of color by making your very own tree of life sun catcher using beads

and wire. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Washi... What? Thursday, February 21 4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch Use really awesome decorative washi tape to

stylize your phone case and give it new life. Call 231-739-6075 to register.



Teen Craft Night: Taco **Cord Holder**

Monday, March 4 6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Make a snapping taco shell to store your earbuds or other cords.

Bujo for Beginners: Intro to Bullet Journaling Tuesday, March 19 4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Learn more about this organizational system and set up a basic bujo. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Catapult Contraption

Thursday, March 21 4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Looking for something to do? Make this small contraption and have fun launching soft objects or trying to make goals alone or with a friend. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Retro Video Game Night

Monday, March 25

3:30 pm **North Muskegon Branch**

Test your skills, meet new friends, and compete against fellow gamers in this video game tournament while playing Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart. We'll have plenty of board games and other video games available. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Anime Café

Tuesday, April 2

2:00 pm **Norton Shores Branch**

Join us for some anime and snacks. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



Contest Friday, April 5 2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Join the fun and get creative by making a diorama using Peeps. All finished dioramas will be on display the following week for patrons to

2nd Annual Peeps Diorama

vote on. There will be a prize.

Stop Motion Club Thursdays, April 11-May 16 3:30-4:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Join our six week Stop Motion Club and make awesome short films with our Lego, Minecraft, and clay stop motion kits.



DIY Wooden Bracelets Thursday, April 18

4:30 pm **Muskegon Heights Branch**

Make a wooden bracelet and take it up a notch by adding decorations. Call 231-739-6075 to register.



Hot Air Balloons Monday, April 22 5:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch We'll show you how to make a super easy and fun hot air balloon to hang above your bed. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Teen Craft Night: DIY Harry Potter Wands Monday, May 6

6:00 pm Ravenna Branch

Make your very own Harry Potter wand.

Chocolate Olympics Wednesday, May 15 5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Ever wished that chocolate eating was an Olympic event? Well now it is. Join us for a sweet program and compete in a variety of chocolatey challenges for prizes. Bring your friends and bring your appetite. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Bottled Up Pendants Tuesday, May 21 4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Tiny bottles? Check. Cool stuff to go inside? Check. Unique and fun jewelry? Check. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



DIY Phone Speaker Thursday, May 23 4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Turn your phone into a sound system using household objects to make your music loud(er)!

Spring Break Escape Box Search for clues, solve the puzzles, unlock the box

Monday, April 1 10:30 am **Norton Shores Branch**

and win a prize. Ages 8-16.

Monday, April 1 2:00 pm **Muskegon Township Branch** Call 231-760-4329 to register.

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Tuesday, April 2 1:00 pm **Dalton Branch** Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Tuesday, April 2 4:30 pm **Muskegon Heights Branch**

Call 231-893-2675 to register.

Wednesday, April 3 2:00 pm **Montague Branch**

Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Thursday, April 4 1:00 pm Ravenna Branch

Call 231-853-6975 to register. Friday, April 5

11:00 am **Egelston Branch** Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Friday, April 5 2:00 pm **Holton Branch** Call 231-821-0268 to register.

Saturday, April 6 12:00 pm North Muskegon Branch Call 231-744-6080 to register.





Adult programs



Craft Clutch Fridays, January 4–May 31

Muskegon Township Branch

Bring your own craft supplies and chat with other crafters while working on your next project.

Make it @ MADL: Bullet Journaling

Saturday, January 5

North Muskegon Branch

Start the New Year with a new way to get organized. Designed to be as flexible as you need, this system could be the answer to those papers with scribbled notes stashed everywhere. This notebook could replace your to-do list and calendar to organize your life. We will provide notebook or you are welcome to bring your own.

Trivia Night

The second Tuesday of the month January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14

Space is limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

North Muskegon Branch

Are you a wise guy? A smarty pants? Go head to head against others and prove it! Refreshments will be served, prizes will be awarded. Test your knowledge and exercise your mind. Open to anyone 16+. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

The second Tuesday of the month January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14

Norton Shores Branch

The third Friday of the month January 18, February 15, March 15, May 17

Norton Shores Branch

Just get your yellow MADL library card? Drop in to learn how to log in and manage your account, search the online catalog, and request materials. Discover the free services and resources available to you when you unlock the power of your

Adulting 101: All About Credit

Saturday, January 12

1:00 pm **North Muskegon Branch**

Let our local expert help you increase your financial literacy. Learn how to build, maintain, and manage your credit. This is an introduction to basic knowledge regarding credit. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Snowman Canvas Monday, January 14

Ravenna Branch

Paint a snowman on canvas during January's Craft N Chat. Call 231-853-6975 to register.



Ravenna Branch

Welcome local authors Amanda Averill and Albert Valk to our Book Potluck evening. Chat with them about their new book, The Merkaba Stone, which is set in and around our very own Ravenna Library.



Valentine Card Making Saturday, January 19

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Get ready for Valentine's Day by making a custom Valentine's Day card to show that special someone how much you care. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

USED BOOK SALES

Montague Branch

Thursday, March 21: 6:00-8:00 pm Friday, March 22: 9:30–5:00 pm Saturday, March 23: 9:00-1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Saturday, April 27 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Friday, May 3: 9:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday, May 4: 9:00 am-3:30 pm

The Basics: Memory Loss, **Dementia and Alzheimer's** Wednesday, January 23

6:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Laura Klassen, from the Michigan Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, discusses detection, causes, risk factors, stages and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



Movies at the Library Mondays, January 28, February 25, April 29, May 20 4:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch

Join us in the library to enjoy a movie and a meal. Age Well services will provide meals at \$6 for anyone 59 and under, and \$4 donation for anyone 60+.

Game Night at the Library

The last Monday of the month January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 20

Ravenna Branch

Want to try new and different board games? Join us as we partner with the Muskegon Area Gamers and The Gaming Annex to host a gaming night. Game selection will vary, but could include games such as Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, and Pandemic.

Should Women Be Pastors and Leaders in Church? with Author Dr. Bill Rudd

Tuesday, January 29 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join Dr. Bill Rudd, Pastor Emeritus at Muskegon's Calvary Church, as he shares his journey to learn what the Bible teaches about gender roles in church, including his shocking discovery of gender bias. In his new book, Should Women Be Leaders and Pastors in Church?, Dr. Rudd shares conclusions with important implications regarding the contemporary cultural emphasis on women's equality. Books will be available for purchase.

GEM Theatrics presents: My Dearest Friend

Wednesday, January 30

North Muskegon Branch

My Dearest Friend, by Michigan playwright Mary G. Kron, chronicles the true story of the lives of John and Abigail Adams. Using primary sources, the play is a touching flashback of the high points of their life together, making history come alive as it gives new insights. Enjoy their love, strength and remarkable relationship, while learning things you didn't learn in history class.



BLACK We'll be celebrating Black History Month at all branches with a film series that recognizes the heritage, accomplishments and culture of African Americans. Check your local

branch for times and movie titles.

Book in a Jar Contest

During the month of February

Dalton Branch

Guess the title of a classic book by looking at small slips of text in a glass jar. At the end of the month a winner will be chosen from the correct answers to receive a prize.

Live @ the Library: Legal Rehab Tuesday, February 5

6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

The Northside's homegrown masters of folk. rock, and Celtic music, return with their awardwinning arrangements. Britta Portenga on fiddle, Roy Portenga on guitar and vocals, and Scott White on harmonica, drums, and vocals. Refreshments provided.

Adulting 101: Taxes

Saturday, February 9 1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Intimidated at the thought of doing your taxes? This class is perfect for those of you who have a W2 and other simple documents. Our expert will show you how to find a reputable tax website to get those taxes filed on your own. This class is an introduction to tackling your taxes. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Sherm Poppen and the **Birthplace of Snowboarding** Saturday, February 9

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Would you believe that snowboarding got its start in Muskegon? Local historian Ron Pesch explains how Muskegon native Sherm Poppen's creation of the Snurfer along with the sport of Snurfing made Muskegon the birthplace of snowboarding.



Paper Heart Chandelier Monday, February 11 5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Make a beautiful heart chandelier with us during February's Craft N Chat. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

From Bugs Bunny to Stanley Kubrick—Classical Music Goes to the Movies Monday, February 11

7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Just in time for the 91st Academy Awards ceremony, Blue Lake Public Radio's Foley Schuler shares his love of both classical music and cinema through a selection of iconic and unforgettable scenes where script and music are melded together for dramatic effect.

Advanced Care Planning

Tuesday, February 12 2:00 pm

Holton Branch

Is your living will enough? Who will speak for you when you cannot? One of the most important conversations you can have is about your future medical care. Make your wishes known and be involved in the decision making while you are able. Join Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial's Community Health Team to learn more about advance care planning.



BLACK A Conversation with Rose Hammond

Wednesday, February 13

Norton Shores Branch

Rose Hammond, director of the documentary film In Between the Trees, will share the film's trailer and talk about her process of making a film about the African-American resort towns of Idlewild and Woodland Park based on her 2008 book. Hammond entered the trailer and three creative designs on canvas in 2018's ArtPrize in Grand Rapids. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



BLACK Jordan Hamilton— **Cellist Extraordinaire**

A classically trained musician, Hamilton's music is unique and

inspiring. He combines electroacoustic arrangements with the cello and will sing some of his original songs and perform in many genres including jazz, classical, folk pop and Hip Hop.

Live @ the Library

Wednesday, February 20

North Muskegon Branch

MADL Thursday Night Music Club: Thursday, February 21 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

The Basics: Memory Loss, **Dementia and Alzheimer's** Monday, February 25

6:00 pm **Montague Branch**

Laura Klassen, with the Michigan Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, discusses detection, causes, risk factors, stages and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.



Make it @ MADL: Secret Storage Book Box Tuesday, February 26 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Book lovers-this is the craft project for you. Recycle an old book into a secret storage box. Place it on your table to store everyday items or slip it on your bookshelf to hide your treasures. Space limited to 20 participants. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Sit and Be Fit

Fridays, March 1-April 5

1:00 pm

Holton Branch

Learn chair exercises that have been researched and designed by specialists to help you age gracefully. This is designed for older adults, particularly those who have balance issues, physical limitations or chronic conditions such as arthritis and osteoporosis.

Call AgeWell Service at 231-733-8643 to register.

How Do I Garden? Let Me Count the Ways! Tuesday, March 5 6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Join Eric Nelson, Certified Green Industry Professional from Weesies Garden Center & Landscape for a Q&A session about gardening. Eric has been a Michigan Certified Nurseryman

Live @ the Library: Steve Talaga Tuesday, March 5

6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Enjoy Steve Talaga, professional jazz pianist and adjunct professor of music at Hope College, in a solo performance on the grand piano. Refreshments provided.

Adulting 101: Sewing

Saturday, March 9

North Muskegon Branch

Join our local expert for this life skills course which will teach you how to sew on a button, fix a ripped seam, and other minor repairs so you can stop throwing damaged items out and fix them instead. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Mod Podge Coasters Monday, March 11 5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch Make a fun set of coasters for your home with

Mod Podge and pretty papers. Call 231-853-6975 to register

Live without Smoke, Chew or Vape Monday, March 11

6:00 pm **Holton Branch**

Join Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial to learn how you and your family can live healthy-tobacco and nicotine free lives. Tobacco treatment specialist Sally Wagoner, RN, will teach you how to quit tobacco and nicotine use for the first time-or again. She will discuss how second and third hand smoke can cause chronic disease in your children and pets and what you can do about it, and how pregnant women who smoke or vape can quit.



Layered Burlap Monogram Wall Art Monday, March 11

6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Make this layered burlap monogram piece using just a few materials from a local craft store. Space limited to 30 participants. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Computer Help Monday, March 18 4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Don't know anything about computers but want to learn enough to fill out a form or application? In a one-on-one session discover all this and more. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Uneven Ground Thursday, March 21

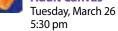
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Enjoy Muskegon's most exciting traditional/folk Celtic band, offering a



Paint Your Art Out: Adult Canvas



North Muskegon Branch

Join Ms. Gayle and learn step by step how to paint

on canvas. Refreshments provided. A \$5 per person materials fee is due at the time of registration. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Live @ the Library: Tim Froncek and Friends Tuesday, April 2 6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Tim, who needs no introduction to Muskegon jazz lovers, is one of the busiest drummers in West Michigan; still, he finds time to assemble a few musician friends together to set our toes to tapping. Refreshments provided.



Easter Wreath Monday, April 8 5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Make a beautiful spring wreath for your home. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Patron Appreciation Day at MADL Tuesday, April 9

All MADL Branches-ALL Day

It's National Library Week and time to celebrate our library users. Join us for treats, giveaways and crafts in all branches throughout the day. This party is all about you!

Zumba Gold

Fridays, April 12-May 24 1:00 pm

Holton Branch

Active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba® class that re-creates the original moves at a lower intensity. The class introduces easy-tofollow Zumba® choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. Call AgeWell Services at 231-733-8643 to register.

Adulting 101: Resumes and Cover Letters Saturday, April 13

1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Join a local expert who will share tips and show you how to craft a resume and cover letter that will impress potential employers. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Descriptive Movie Afternoon: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Wednesday, April 17 1:00 pm

Library for the Visually & Physically **Disabled Branch**

Come sit back and enjoy a movie at the LVPD. The show will be on projector and have descriptive audio so that anyone can enjoy. Light refreshments will be provided.



Adult Program Make it @ MADL: Sakura Eggs Wednesday, April 17 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Craft beautiful Japanese inspired eggs just in time for Easter. Space is limited to 30. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents The Adams Family Thursday, April 25

7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Rediscover a treasure trove of 1950's-60s music with the exceptionally



tight vocal, guitar and rhythm arrangements of this quartet.

Introduction to Mushroom Hunting Tuesday, April 30

Norton Shores Branch

Are you interested in foraging for mushrooms, but now sure how to safely identify a Morel from a Blusher? Tim Coddington of the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club will provide an introduction to mushroom hunting in our area to help you get started in this rewarding hunt.

Lakeshore Camera Club Spring Photography Show and Competition

Saturday, April 27 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join us as we host the Lakeshore Camera Club of Muskegon's Biannual Show and Competition. Discover local photographic talent, meet the photographers and vote for your favorite to win. There will be refreshments, a photo booth, prints to purchase for holiday gift giving and more.



Descriptive Movie Afternoon: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel Wednesday, May 1 1:00 pm

Library for the Visually & Physically **Disabled Branch**

Come sit back and enjoy a movie at the LVPD. The show will be on projector and have descriptive audio so that anyone can enjoy. Light refreshments will be provided.

Euchre Night

Tuesday, May 7

6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Are you a hardcore Euchre player? Have you only played once? Do you want to know what on earth Euchre is? Come join us and we'll teach you how to play and provide some competition for hardcore card players. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Community Shred Day

Saturday, May 11 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Kent Record Management, Inc., representatives will be in the parking lot to accept up to 100 pounds of private documents per person for free. All documents will be securely transported to Kent Record Management facilities for shredding and recycling.

Adulting 101: Hair and Make-up Tips Saturday, May 11

1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Our experts will give you insider beauty tips and answer all of your burning questions about hair and makeup to get you ready for summer. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Fabric Herb Pots Monday, May 13 5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Make fabric Mod Podge pots for summer herbs. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Skeleton Key Escape Box

A locked case, a mysterious will, a family fortune? Do you dare to try an Escape Room done library style? Work in a team to solve the puzzle of the skeleton key to unlock the case before time runs out! Be prepared to think on your feet.

Tuesday, May 14

6:00 pm

Holton Branch

Call 231-821-0268 to register.

Thursday, May 16 6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Call 231-893-2675 to register.

Murder Mystery at the Library: Six Feet Under The Sea

Saturday, May 18

6:00-9:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Join the Friends of the Ravenna Library as we solve a murder mystery at the library. Six Feet *Under the Sea* is presented by the travelling troupe from Master Arts Theatre. Cost is \$10 per person and includes refreshments and beverages. Visit the library or call 231-853-6975 to register.

Computer Help

Monday, May 20

Muskegon Heights Branch

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Make it @ MADL: **Paper Daisy Kissing Ball**

Monday, May 20 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Make this gorgeous

paper daisy kissing ball for a wedding, party or to brighten up any room.



Class limited to 30. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Awesome Distraction

Thursday, May 23 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Beautiful songwriting, superb harmonies and unique interpretations by this trio make each performance an experience.



Get going on your genealogy journey with an introduction to two essential record groups: US census and vital records (birth, death, marriage). Norton Shores Branch Librarian Alison Purgiel provides an overview of the rich family detail these new sources contain and how to search for them on MADL's newest online genealogy resource: Ancestry.com. Hands-on experience using Ancestry included—bring family names and dates. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Monday, March 4, 5:30 pm **Dalton Branch** Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 pm **Holton Branch** Call 231-821-0268 to register.

Friday, March 8, 3:30 pm Muskegon Heights Branch Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Monday, March 18, 6:00 pm North Muskegon Branch Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Saturday, March 23, 2:00 pm **Norton Shores Branch** Call 231-780-8844 to register.

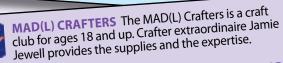
Monday, March 25, 4:30 pm **Muskegon Township Branch** Call 231-760-4329 to register.

Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 pm **Egelston Branch**

Call 231-788-6477 to register. Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 pm Ravenna Branch

Call 231-853-6975 to register. Thursday, March 28, 6:00 pm

Montague Branch Call 231-893-2675 to register.



Heart Wall Hanging

Transform paper and cording into a lovely piece of

Monday, February 11

Tuesday, February 19

Wednesday, February 20

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Potted Mini Felt Succulent



mini feltie "plant" in a terra cotta pot that requires no

Tuesday, March 19 6:00 pm **Egelston Branch** Call 231-788-6477 to register.

6:30 pm **Norton Shores Branch** Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Multi-Strand Leather Cord Bracelet

Learn a new braid technique with multiple strands of leather cord to make this unique handcrafted bracelet.

Wednesday, April 17 6:30 pm

Call 231-780-8844 to register. Tuesday, April 23 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Egelston Branch

Call 231-788-6477 to register. **Marbled Glass Candleholders**

Choose your favorite colors of a surprising type of paint to make a pair of marbled candle holders.

Monday, May 6 6:00 pm North Muskegon Branch Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Wednesday, May 15 6:30 pm **Norton Shores Branch** Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Tuesday, May 21 6:00 pm **Egelston Branch** Call 231-788-6477 to register.

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS!

Unbooked!

Mondays 4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch February 18 and April 15 Talk about a book you liked

Dalton Book Club

The fourth Monday of the month 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch

January 28: Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate February 25: The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede

March 25: Cheaper By the Dozen by Frank B Gilbreth April 22: Before I Go to Sleep by S. J. Watson May 20: Life After by Katie Ganshert

Adult Book Club

The third Tuesday of the month

10:30am

Muskegon Township Branch

January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21 Discuss the book of the month

Holton Book Club The third Tuesday of the month 6:00-7:00 pm

Holton Branch January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21 Discuss the book of the month

Tuesday Evening Book Club The third Tuesday of the month

6:30 pm North Muskegon Branch January 15: The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards

February 19: Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict March 19: Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance April 16: Born Under a Lucky Moon by Dana Precious May 21: Three Things About Elsie by Joanna Cannon

Wednesday Morning UnBook Club The first Wednesday of the month

January 2: New year, new to you–share a new author February 6: Choose love-share a book you love March 6: March for your right-share a book about injustice April 3: I just can't even-share a book you

#RavennaReads

The first Wednesday of the month 6:00 pm Ravenna Branch

didn't want to read but loved

January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1 Discuss the book of the month. **Book Potluck**

Ravenna Branch January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17,

Chat about what you are reading and cooking as we swap book and recipe recommendations.

10:30 am

January 3: Lillian Boxfish Takes A Walk by Kathleen Rooney February 7: Native Son by Richard Wright May 2: Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens



heartwarming wall art.

North Muskegon Branch Call 231-744-6080 to register.

6:00 pm Egelston Branch Call 231-788-6477 to register.

6:30 pm **Norton Shores Branch**

Create an adorable

green thumb to look great in your house or office.

Wednesday, March 20







10:00 am North Muskegon Branch

May 1: Hooray for Hollywood–share a book that was made into a movie

The third Wednesday of each month 6:00 pm

Book Discussion Group The first Thursday of the month

Norton Shores Branch

March 7: Educated by Tara Westover April 4: Varina by Charles Frazier

Thank You Sponsors























Holton Branch Library Where everybody knows your name

The Holton branch is in a small rural area in northeast Holton Township. Located off M-120, on Holton-Duck Lake Road, it's in a popular corridor, next door to the local grocery store and across the street from the post office and Township Fire Department. The township is about 15 miles northeast of Muskegon and about 15 miles east of Lake Michigan, and has a total area of 35.7 square miles with approximately 2,519 people.



The first record of library service in Holton dates all the way back to 1876. Over the years the library has changed names and locations several times, but has always proudly served the residents of Holton Township. In 1983, a goal to build a new library and township hall became a reality. Through fundraising and donations, the library moved into its current location in 1985. Much of the original wood shelving remains today.

In addition to the library space, the community room is used for library programs. The "Kid's Corner," with a colorful children's rug and decorative flannel board, has helped to create an inviting space for families. A large outdoor sign helps promote library programs and events.

Recently, the Holton branch began offering an adult book club which meets once a month. Members of the book club select the titles that are read. Also offered are many programs for families, including a new monthly Family Fun Night, which often includes special guests from the community. The library also partners with Holton Public Schools.

In order to better serve the community, library staff has been reorganizing the collection of materials. It has included better labeling, better signage and more user friendly shelving locations. High demand items at Holton include DVDs, music and children's books. The public computers and free Wi-Fi are also well used, as patrons are able to use their library cards to download many free items on their computers and devices.



Monetary support for the Holton Branch comes in many forms. Since 1988, the Friends of the Holton Library have raised funds and awareness of the library. Often its members volunteer their time at library programs. Currently, the Friends group is working on a project that will include a remodel of the library to create more space for the collection and more areas for tables and chairs. Their support is much appreciated at the branch.

In 2017, over 18,100 patrons visited the Holton Branch with 1,312 attending 70 programs. There has been an increase in the number of programs and attendees in 2018. The Holton Branch continues to be a place in downtown Holton to meet with others, learn new things and enjoy great programs and services.



You Can Help

If you would like to support the Library with a monetary donation, you may do so through The Muskegon Area District Library Foundation Fund held at the Community Foundation *for* Muskegon County, https://cffmc.org/give/give-now/or contact Brenda Hall, Director of Finance for more information.



ADMINISTRATION AND LIBRARY FOR THE VISUALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED

4845 Airline Road, Muskegon 231-737-6248 Mon – Fri, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

DALTON BRANCH

3175 Fifth Street, Twin Lake 231-828-4188 Mon & Wed, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Tue, Thu, & Fri, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sat, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

EGELSTON BRANCH

5428 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon 231-788-6477 Mon, Tue, & Wed, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm Thu, Fri, & Sat, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

HOLTON BRANCH

8776 Holton–Duck Lake Road, Holton 231-821-0268 Mon, Tue, & Wed, 10:30 am – 7:00 pm Fri, 10:30 am – 5:00 pm Sat, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

MONTAGUE BRANCH

8778 Ferry Street, Montague 231-893-2675 Mon, Tue, & Wed, 9:30 am – 7:00 pm Thu, 12:00 – 5:00 pm Fri, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm Sat, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BRANCH

2808 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights 231-739-6075 Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Wed, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Sat, 10:00 – 3:00 pm

MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

1765 Ada Avenue, Muskegon 231-760-4329 Mon, Tue, & Wed, 10:30 am –7:00 pm Fri, 10:30 am – 5:00 pm Sat, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH "Walker Memorial"

1522 Ruddiman Drive, North Muskegon 231-744-6080

Mon, Tue, & Wed, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm Thu, Fri, & Sat, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

NORTON SHORES BRANCH

"Jacob O. Funkhouser"

705 Seminole Road, Norton Shores 231-780-8844 Mon, Tue, & Wed, 9:00 am – 8:00 pm Thu, Fri, & Sat, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

RAVENNA BRANCH

12278 Stafford Street, Ravenna 231-853-6975 Mon, Tue, & Wed, 9:30 am – 7:00 pm Thu, 12:00 – 5:00 pm Fri, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm Sat, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Area District Library Board of Directors

The Muskegon Area District Library holds regular meetings at 4:00 pm on the third Monday of each month. Visit madl.org to see the meeting schedule and Board members.

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Want to know what is going on at the Library? Sign up for MADL's e-Newsletter at madl.org.













