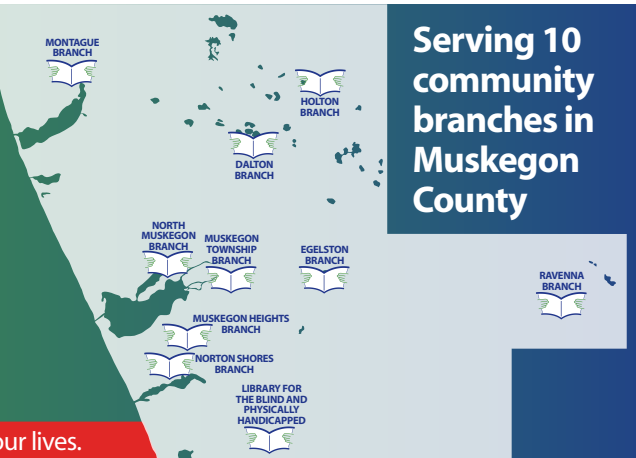




THE MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Serving 10 community branches in Muskegon County

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A community-wide library system providing services and programs to enrich our lives.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

An Update from Kelly Richards, Director

The Muskegon Area District Library—your community's public library—plays a critical role in the quality of life and growth in our community. We understand this important role and we are committed to providing a relevant service now and for years to come.

Following the millage renewal in August, 2016, we moved ahead quickly with several initiatives that were on hold. In December, we began the process of planning a strategy for the development of a new five-year Strategic Plan. The Board of Trustees approved our new Strategic Plan in June. The last strategic plan was developed in 2010.

Strategic planning is important as it provides us with a sense of direction and helps us develop measurable goals. It is a tool that is useful for guiding our day-to-day decisions and also for evaluating progress and for changing approaches when moving forward.

We worked closely with Library Strategies Consulting Group on a six-month process to develop a new plan. We are thankful for all of the wonderful input and involvement from employees, friends, trustees and our community during this process. Various elements of information were used during the process, including a community data audit, SWOT analysis, (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats), a community survey and a community retreat.

Through all of these various elements, consistent themes emerged that centered primarily on early literacy, lifelong learning, technology improvements and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Our final Strategic Plan is now in place to help us plan more effectively for the future and guide us in our work to provide the best library service for you during the next five years. At right is our new Mission, Vision and Values statements from the Strategic Plan.

MISSION

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

VISION

The Muskegon Area District Library is recognized as a primary resource for literacy and learning; a gathering place for families, cultural and civic life; and a contributor to the community's economic development. We ensure public sharing of digital and print materials, and innovative technologies.

VALUES

Access and Inclusion

We work to ensure equal access for all. We foster and maintain a climate that is inclusive.

Community Focus

We provide resources and services to meet community needs.

Creativity and Innovation

We support creativity in the workplace and we innovate together to better serve the community.

Customer Service

We welcome people and treat them with friendliness and respect.

Intellectual Freedom

We provide information representing all points of view. We recognize each individual's right to access information. We respect the privacy of library users.

Stewardship

We strive to oversee public resources efficiently and effectively.

Summer Programs Draw Hundreds of Children, Parents, and Friends

This summer we were bustling with activity when we offered diverse learning programs including magic, building, puppets, t-shirt painting and live animals. We also offered a great Summer Reading Club for all ages, where participants earned great prizes.



Summer reading programs engage young minds and prevent the loss of critical thinking skills that occurs when school is not in session; also known as the summer slide. Reading is important to continue with basic literacy. By offering high quality summer reading activities, we can narrow the gap and help to create lifelong learners.



SPLAT THE CAT TO "PURR FORM" IN SEPTEMBER!

Splat the Cat is where it's at! Splat the Cat, a black cat, lives with his dad, mom, Little Sis, and Splat's best mouse friend, Seymour. Together, Splat the Cat and Seymour can take on any adventure.

Splat the Cat book character will premiere at all library branches mid-September. The community and local schools will be invited to join in the fun. Details on page 3.



Splat the Cat is a 2008 children's picture book by Rob Scotton. Splat the Cat was a *New York Times* bestseller.



THIS IS HOW WE DO IT

The Muskegon Area District delivery van is on the road again and again. Each day, five days a week, our drivers travel 110 miles to ten area branches throughout Muskegon County to deliver patron materials. Thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, and various items are delivered to the branches. The next time you see us be sure to wave to our friendly driver.

NEW On-Line Service

NextReads delivers reading recommendations directly to your email. Readers can choose from more than 25 newsletters, each one focused on a genre or topic. The newsletters automatically link back to our catalog, making it easy for you to get more information or to place a hold. NextReads newsletters are written by award-winning book experts.

Visit our website, madl.org and check out this new service along with many other 24/7 on-line resources. Other resources are also listed on our bookmarks, shown here. Use your MADL Library card to access our on-line catalog for books, e-books, movies, CDs, DVDs and more.



CHILDRENS' programs

Families welcome



Afternoon Movie

Tuesdays
3:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Kids and teens are welcome to join us at the library every Tuesday while school is in session for a family-friendly movie. Popcorn and juice provided.



After School Movie

Thursdays
3:15 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Come in after a long day of school to relax and watch a G or PG rated movie at the library. Popcorn provided.

Family Fun Night: Pirates

Tuesday, September 12
6:00 pm

Holton Branch

Bring the whole family to the library for pirate stories, music, dress-up, crafts and more.

Spanish for Kids with Ms. Catalina

Wednesdays starting September 13
4:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Certified Montessori teacher Catalina Leo Escudero offers free classes in Spanish to children ages 3-6. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate with their children. Registration is required. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

DIY Playdough

Saturday, September 16
10:00 am

Ravenna Branch

Bring your kids to the library to make memories-and DIY Playdough. Space limited to 20. Call 231-853-6975 to register.



Make It, Take It Learn to Sew: Lap or Doll Blanket

Saturday, September 16
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Taught by Julie Shyne, learn to make a lap blanket for those cold winter nights in front of the TV. Fabric may be a different pattern or you can bring two yards of fabric of your own. Some materials and sewing machines provided. Call 231-739-6075 to register.



Arrr Pirates

Saturday, September 16
2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Celebrate *Talk Like a Pirate Day* with pirate crafts, a treasure hunt, and more. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Let Your Art Out

Wednesdays
September 20
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Color, paint, draw and create. Materials provided. You bring your originality. All ages welcome.

Family Fun Night: Pirates

Monday, September 25
6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Bring the whole family to the library for pirate stories, music, dress-up, crafts and more.



Kid's Movie Afternoon Despicable Me 3

Wednesday, September 27

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Come and watch a great kids movie and have some popcorn.

Storytime Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, October 10
11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Holton Branch

Attend this regularly scheduled Storytime with added value. Great Start Collaborative will bring lunch, sensory activities, themed learning stations, and information about more community resources for families with young children. Call 231-821-0268 to register.

Family Fun Night: Photo Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, October 10
6:00 pm

Holton Branch

Bring your digital camera, phone or other photo taking device and explore the library on this fun scavenger hunt.

Storytime Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, October 11
11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Attend our regularly scheduled Storytime and stay for lunch provided by Great Start Collaborative. GSC will also bring sensory activities, themed learning stations, and information about community resources for families with young children. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Storytime Snack & Learn

Tuesday, October 17
9:45 am – 11:00 am

Ravenna Branch

Great Start Collaborative will join our regularly scheduled storytime with snacks, sensory activities, themed learning stations, and information about more community resources for families with young children. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Storytime Snack & Learn

Thursday, October 19
9:30 am – 10:45 am

Egelston Branch

Attend this regularly scheduled Preschool Storytime and stay for snacks, sensory activities, themed learning stations, and information about more community resources for families with young children provided by Great Start Collaborative. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Storytime Snack & Learn

Thursday, October 19
10:15 am – 11:30 am

Egelston Branch

Come early for our regularly scheduled Tiny Tots Storytime and join Great Start Collaborative with snacks, sensory activities, themed learning stations, and information about more community resources for families with young children. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Art Attack

Saturday, October 21
10:00 am

Ravenna Branch

Come to the library and get your creative juices flowing. We will have an array of craft supplies and art materials for kids to use and make whatever their creative (he) arts desire.



Family Fun Night: Photo Scavenger Hunt

Monday, October 23

6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Bring your digital camera, phone or other photo taking device and explore the library on this fun scavenger hunt.

Zombie Fest

Wednesday, October 25

4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Make some zombie sock puppets (bring your own adult-sized sock), practice your zombie moves, and enjoy some creepy treats. Ages 3-12. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Halloween Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Wednesday, October 25

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Egelston Branch

Wear your costume and bring along a stuffed friend to hear spooky stories and make oobleck. Then, tuck in your friend for their sleepover. Friday, October 27, pick up your stuffed friend and find out what they were up to overnight. **Bring a stuffed friend you won't mind leaving at the library overnight.** Ages 3-12. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Halloween Party

Saturday, October 28

10:30 am

North Muskegon Branch

Come dressed in your Halloween costumes for a costume parade. There will also be games, crafts, and snacks provided.

International Games Week

October 30 – November 4

All MADL Branches

MADL will join thousands of libraries around the world during International Games Week to bring our communities together to read, learn and play. Enjoy tabletop and board games at all branches during the week of October 30 – November 4. Each branch will also have a Giant Game Day celebration.



Trick or Treat at the Library

Tuesday, October 31
4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Make a Halloween craft, show off your costume, and watch a Halloween themed movie.

Mustache Shenanigans

November 1 – 30

Egelston Branch

Check out a mustache book from our display and get a mustache to take home.

Veteran's Week Celebration

Monday, November 6 –
Saturday, November 11

Ravenna Branch

Give thanks to our veterans by creating a card that will be sent to a local veteran's home. All ages welcome.

Family Fun Night: Glow-in-the-Dark

Tuesday, November 7

6:00 pm

Holton Branch

Bring the whole family to the library for stories, music, crafts and more...in the dark. Take home a glow-in-the-dark craft.

Candy Cornucopia

Saturday, November 18
10:00 am

Ravenna Branch

Get in the Thanksgiving spirit by creating your own candy cornucopia. Space is limited. Call 231-853-6975 to register.



Family Fun Night: Glow-in-the-Dark

Monday, November 27

6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Bring the whole family to the library for stories, music, crafts and more...in the dark. Take home a glow-in-the-dark craft.

Family Fun Night: Gingerbread

Monday, December 4

6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Bring the whole family to the library for an all-about-gingerbread event. Hear some favorite stories and make a gingerbread craft.

Family Fun Night: Gingerbread

Tuesday, December 5

6:00 pm

Holton Branch

Bring the whole family to the library for an all-about-gingerbread event. Hear your favorite stories and make a gingerbread craft.



Homemade Holiday Cards

Wednesday, December 6

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Egelston Branch

Use scrapbooking and other art materials to create Christmas cards that will brighten someone's day. All ages welcome. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Make It & Take It — Doll Clothes

Saturday, December 9

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Come and learn how to make simple doll clothes with instructor Julie Shyne, referencing the book, "I Can Make Dolls' Clothes" by Louise Scott-Smith and Georgia Vaux. Materials will be provided. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Gingerbread Houses

Wednesday, December 13

4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Build and decorate a gingerbread house with us. Space limited to 30. Ages 5 and up. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



Family Film Series: *Lego Batman*

Wednesday, December 20
2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Enjoy pop, popcorn, and crafts while watching *Lego Batman*. Families welcome.



Kid's Movie Afternoon

Thursday, December 21
4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Come and watch a great kids movie and have some popcorn on us.



Family Film Series: *Jumanji*

Wednesday, December 27
2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Enjoy pop, popcorn, and crafts while watching the classic *Jumanji* before seeing the new film. Families welcome.

Storytime



September 11 – December 8

Baby Time

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

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots is a special story time for children 0 – 36 months with a caregiver. Little ones will enjoy books, games, songs, and other age appropriate story related activities. Arrive 15 – 20 minutes early for sensory play and crafts.

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 Storytime

Preschool Storytime is geared toward 3- to 5-year-old children and their families. This program will engage children in books, fingerplays, music, crafts, movement, pre-reading games & 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.

MONDAYS

Muskegon Township Branch:
10:30 am FAMILY
Montague Branch:
11:00 – 11:45 am FAMILY

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

Egelston Branch:
9:30 – 10:15 am PRESCHOOL
Egelston Branch:
11:00 – 11:30 am TINY TOTS

FRIDAYS

North Muskegon Branch:
9:30 – 10:15 am PRESCHOOL
North Muskegon Branch:
11:00 – 11:30 am TINY TOTS

FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS

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

LAST MONDAYS

Norton Shores Branch:
6:30 pm PAJAMA TIME

INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY

International Games Week GIANT Game Day

So you think you've got game? Read, learn, and play during International Games Week. Join us for GIANT games including Jenga, Connect 4, Memory and more.

Monday, October 30
1:00 – 5:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch

Monday, October 30
3:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, November 1
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch

Wednesday, November 1
6:00 pm
Holton Branch

Thursday, November 2
4:00 pm
Dalton Branch

Saturday, November 4
11:00 am
Montague Branch

Saturday, November 4
11:00 am
Egelston Branch

Saturday, November 4
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch

Tuesday, November 7
4:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch

Let the Holidays Begin...with Santa

Start your holiday season with stories, crafts and a visit with Santa. Be sure to bring your camera for this great photo opportunity.



Saturday, December 2
10:30 am
North Muskegon Branch

Saturday, December 2
10:30 am
Holton Branch

Saturday, December 2
1:00 pm
Egelston Branch

Tuesday, December 5
4:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch

Saturday, December 9
10:30 am
Ravenna Branch

Saturday, December 9
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch

Monday, December 11
10:30 am
Muskegon Township Branch

Monday, December 11
6:00 pm
Montague Branch

Thursday, December 14
4:00 pm
Dalton Branch



Bow Wow Readers

Bow Wow Readers is a read-aloud program that pairs kids with registered therapy dogs and handlers from the Muskegon Lakeshore Obedience Training Club, Dog Blessed or Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Share a book as you sit and read aloud to a furry friend and practice your reading skills with confidence. Kids ages 5 and up will be scheduled for 15-minute time slots. Spots limited, registration required by calling your branch library.



Tuesday, September 5
4:30 – 5:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Call 231-739-6075 to register

The second Tuesday of the month
September 12, October 10,
November 14
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Dalton Branch
Call 231-828-4188 to register.

The third Tuesday of the month
September 19, October 17,
November 21
6:30 – 7:45 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

The fourth Monday of the month
September 25, October 23,
November 27
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Holton Branch
Call 231-821-0268

The fourth Tuesday of the month
September 26, October 24,
November 28
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Montague Branch
Call 231-893-2675 to register.

The fourth Tuesday of the month
September 26, October 24,
November 28
6:30 – 7:45 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

The fourth Wednesday of the month
September 27, October 25,
November 22
4:00 – 5:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Tuesday, October 3
6:30 – 7:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Tuesday, November 7
6:30 – 7:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
Call 231-760-4329 to register.



Splat the Cat Live @ MADL

Meet Rob Scotton's beloved book character Splat the Cat. Hear Splat stories read aloud, take a picture with him, and make a craft. Bring your camera and share your pictures on our Facebook Page.

Splat the Cat Live @ Storytime

See Splat the Cat at one of our regularly scheduled Storytime programs. Bring your camera and share your pictures on our Facebook Page.

Saturday, September 16
10:30 am
Holton Branch

Monday, September 18
5:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch

Tuesday, September 19
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch

Saturday, September 23
11:00 am
North Muskegon

Saturday, September 30
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch

Monday, October 2
4:00 pm
Montague Branch

Tuesday, October 3
4:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch

Thursday, October 5
4:00 pm
Dalton Branch

Saturday, October 7
11:00 am
Egelston Branch

Monday, September 18
10:30 am
Muskegon Township Branch

Tuesday, September 19
9:45 am
Ravenna Branch

Wednesday, September 20
10:30 am
Norton Shores Branch

Wednesday, September 20
11:00 am
Muskegon Heights Branch

Thursday, September 21
9:30 am
Egelston Branch

Friday, September 22
9:30 am
North Muskegon

Monday, October 2
11:00 am
Montague Branch

Tuesday, October 3
11:00 am
Holton Branch

Wednesday, October 4
4:00 pm
Dalton Branch

LEGO CLUB

Join fellow LEGO fans and show us your skills. Build alone or with friends to make a masterpiece for display in the Library. We provide the LEGOs, YOU provide the creativity. No experience needed to join the fun.


The third **Monday** of the month
September 18, October 16,
November 20, December 18
4:00 – 7:00 pm
Holton Branch

Every **Saturday**
September 9 – December 30
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Montague Branch

The first **Saturday** of the month
September 2, October 7, November 4
10:00 – 11:30 am
Dalton Branch

The second **Saturday** of the month
September 9, October 14, November 11,
December 9
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch


Teen programs

 **Teen Book Club**
Friday, September 1
3:30 pm


Ravenna Branch
Snacks and discussion of *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman.

Teen Anime Club
Saturday, September 16
2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Join your peers in discussing your favorite anime shows, manga books, and more. Snacks are provided.

 **Teen Book Club**
Tuesday, September 19
4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Snacks and discussion of *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds. Books are available before Teen Book Club to check out and read. Come hang out and recommend future reads.

 **Teen Book Club**
Friday, October 6
3:30 pm

Ravenna Branch
Snacks and discussion of *I Hunt Killers* by Barry Lyga.

Zombie Appreciation Day
Tuesday, October 17
4:00 pm


Norton Shores Branch
Braaaaains... appreciate zombies with games, makeup tutorials, and gross treats. Registration required. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Let Your Art Out
Wednesday, October 18
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch
Color, paint, draw and create at the Library. Materials provided. All ages welcome.

Teen Anime Club
Saturday, October 21
2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Join your peers in discussing your favorite anime shows, manga books, and more. Snacks are provided.

 **Teen Book Club**
Friday, November 3
3:30 pm

Ravenna Branch
Snacks and discussion of *The Truth About Forever* by Sarah Dessen.

Guitar Pick Jewelry
Saturday, November 4
2:00 pm


North Muskegon Branch
Most supplies will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own items to turn into guitar picks (including old IDs, used gift cards, hotel room card keys, or any other thin plastic pieces you have around the house).

Teen Anime Club
Saturday, November 18
2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Join your peers in discussing your favorite anime shows, manga books, and more. Snacks are provided.

Anime Café
Tuesday, November 21
4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Teens will choose from a selection of anime features to watch while enjoying Japanese and Korean snacks.

 **Teen Book Club**
Friday, December 1
3:30 pm

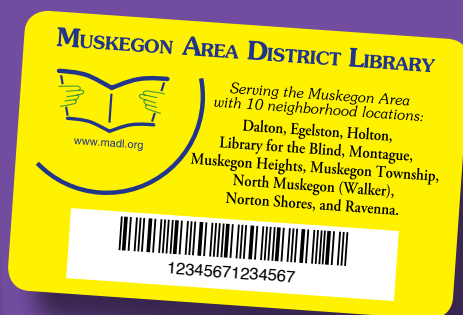
Ravenna Branch
Snacks and discussion of your favorite book titles.

Teen Anime Club
Saturday, December 16
2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Join your peers in discussing your favorite anime shows, manga books, and more. Snacks are provided.

Harry Potter Potions Class
Tuesday, December 19
4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Make invisible ink, butterbeer, and bath fizzes to keep. Registration required. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



September is National Library Card Sign-up Month!

Back to school is the perfect time to remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Help spread the word—every child can obtain a library card and use it for free.

Adult programs

Technology Tutoring
Fridays, September 8 – December 29
9:00 am – 5:00 pm, or by appointment

Ravenna Branch
Have questions on your phone, tablet, or computer? Drop by the library to get answers for your technology questions. Public computers can be reserved for tutoring use as well. All ages welcome. Call 231-853-6975 to schedule an appointment.



Technology Tutoring
Mondays, September 11 – December 18
12:00 pm – 7:00 pm, or by appointment.

Muskegon Township Branch
Got a phone, tablet, or computer? Drop by the library to get answers for your technology questions. Public computers can also be reserved for tutoring use. All ages welcome. Call 231-760-4329 to schedule an appointment.

You 'CAN' Do It
Monday, September 11
6:00 pm

Egelston Branch
It's tomato season and whether you are a canning newbie or looking for a refresher, this program is for you. MSU Extension Food & Safety Educator Jane Hart shares safe methods to preserve the amazing taste of the garden fresh tomato. This class will provide you with handouts and resources for reference. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Basics of the Internet
Tuesday, September 12
10:00 am

North Muskegon Branch
If you struggle with basic internet functions then this is a class for you. Learn what the internet is, basic searching skills, and other computer fundamentals. Space is limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

You 'CAN' Do It
Tuesday, September 12
6:00 pm

Montague Branch
MSU Extension Food & Safety Educator Jane Hart shares safe methods to preserve the amazing taste of the garden fresh tomato. This class will provide you with handouts and resources for reference. Call 231-893-2675 to register.

Phone, Mail & e-Scams, Oh My
Wednesday, September 13
3:00 pm

Holton Branch
Don't get scammed! Learn the tell-tale signs of scams prevalent in phone calls, mail, email and texts, along with steps to take to minimize your risk of being a victim. Carol Hillman of the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Education Program Division will help you discover how to protect you and your loved ones from scams. Call 231-821-0268 to register.

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease
Wednesday, September 13
6:00 pm

Montague Branch
Join Sarah Hicks, with the Michigan Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, as she discusses the difference between normal memory loss and Alzheimer's disease. Risk factors for Alzheimer's, the diagnostic process and brain changes during the progression of the disease are just some of the topics covered. Call 231-893-2675 to register.

You 'CAN' Do It
Monday, September 18
6:00 pm

Dalton Branch
Whether you are new to tomato canning or you're looking for a refresher, this program is for you. MSU Extension Food & Safety Educator Jane Hart shares safe methods to preserve the amazing taste of the garden fresh tomato. This class will provide you with handouts and resources for reference. Call 231-828-4188 to register

MADL Thursday Night Music Club: The Blue Water Ramblers
Thursday, September 21
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Enjoy traditional music with modern themes and harmonizing vocals that create a colorful tapestry of sounds.



Book Sale
Friday, September 22
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, September 23
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
MADL Administration
Gently used books, movies, CDs, and more are available for purchase.

You 'CAN' Do It
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6:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch
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Live @ the Library
Tuesday, October 3
6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch
M & M play favorite songs from the 70s and 80s. Who are M & M? Mike Snell on guitar and vocals with Mike Lenich on guitar, vocals, and mandolin.

Phone, Mail & e-Scams, Oh My
Wednesday, October 4
2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Not all scary things are make-believe. Learn the tell-tale signs of scams prevalent in phone calls, mail, email and texts, along with steps to take to minimize your risk of being victimized. Presenter Carol Hillman of the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Education Program Division will help you discover how to protect you and your loved ones from scams. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Book Sale
Friday, October 6
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 7
9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Gently used books, movies, CDs, and more are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Norton Shores Library.

Reserving Books
Tuesday, October 10
10:00 am

North Muskegon Branch
Learn how to use our online library catalog, reserve books, and find books on the Michigan eLibrary (MeL). Space is limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Movie Pop Quiz

Every week in December a different movie quote will be posted at all Branch Libraries and on our Facebook page. If you guess the movie quote correctly, your name will be entered in a drawing for a refillable Wesco popcorn bucket filled with goodies. You can make your guess and enter once per week. OPEN TO ALL AGES.



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Writing Workshop with Author Sherry Winston

Saturday, October 14
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Author, and Muskegon Heights native, Sherry Winston will conduct a writing workshop. Winston is the author of *President of the Whole Fifth Grade*, *The Kayla Chronicles*, and *Acting Out*. Call 231-739-6075 to register.



Phone, Mail & e-Scams, Oh My

Monday, October 16
10:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

Not all scary things are make-believe! Learn the tell-tale signs of scams prevalent in phone calls, mail, email and texts, along with steps to take to minimize your risk of being victimized. Presenter Carol Hillman of the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Education Program Division will help you discover how to protect you and your loved ones from scams. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Make It & Take It — Handmade Cosmetic Bag

Saturday, October 21
10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Make a handmade cosmetic bag with local artist Eloris Hunter. Various fabrics provided or you may bring your own yard of fabric. Materials and small sewing machines provided. Call 231-739-6075 to register.



MADL Thursday Night Music Club: Green on Blue Jazz Quartet

Thursday, October 26
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Discover a new twist on the jazz standards that have formed the backbone of America's music culture, including bebop, traditional swing, and Latin.



Michigan Waterfalls with Author Phil Stagg

Saturday, October 28
11:00 am

Dalton Branch

Phil has been aggressively documenting Michigan's waterfalls since 2009. His passion for photography and waterfalls started him on a quest to create a set of guidebooks with beautiful pictures as well as detailed maps and data about many Michigan waterfalls. Phil will be available after his presentation to sign books and answer questions. Call 231-828-4188 to register.



Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Wednesday, November 8
2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join Sarah Hicks, Program Coordinator with the Michigan Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, as she discusses the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's and what to do if someone you know has signs of the disease. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club: Ruth & Max Bloomquist

Thursday, November 9
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

One of Muskegon's favorite duos, featuring influences of folk, bluegrass, and country music that create a heart touching, audience pleasing, acoustic Americana sound.



Intro to Overdrive

Monday, November 13
10:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

Learn the basics to get started with eBooks, including borrowing eBooks from the library, downloading them to your device, and placing holds on them. Space is limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Michigan Underground: A Writer's Journey

Monday, November 13
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join local author R. C. Robotham as he shares how his interest and research into the abolitionist movement along the western shore of Lake Michigan introduced him to the likes of Jonathan Walker, Rev. William Ferry and Chief Cobmoosa and led to the writing of his novel, *In Sight of Freedom*.

Live @ the Library

Tuesday, November 14
6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

The Tim Johnson Trio features local drummer and vocalist Tim Johnson with buddies on keyboard and guitar in a program of jazz, pop, rock, and country favorites.

Let Your Art Out

Wednesday, November 15
4:00 to 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch

We provide the materials to color, paint, draw and create. All ages welcome.

What Does the Senior Millage Mean to Me?

Wednesday, November 15
6:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Lisa Tyler, Communications Director of Senior Resources of West Michigan will share information about the senior millage, and senior transportation.

Holiday Entertaining Made Easy

Wednesday, November 15
6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Having a holiday party or get together coming up? MSU Extension Food & Safety Educator Jane Hart takes the stress out of your food preparation with tips for preparing and freezing your holiday goodies in advance. There will be handouts and resources to reference.

Book Sale

Saturday, November 18
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Gently used books, movies, CDs, and more are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Walker Memorial Branch Library.

Small Business Bingo

Saturday, November 25
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Celebrate Small Business Saturday by turning in a filled out small-business bingo card for a prize. Bingo cards can be picked up any time during the week prior.

Shop Small Saturday

Saturday, November 25
11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Stop by the Library for some *Shop Small* swag and a list of local Shop Small businesses.

Create.on.canvas

Saturday, December 2
2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

A painting instructor will lead you step-by-step to create your own masterpiece on canvas. Space is limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Live @ the Library

Tuesday, December 5
6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Bryan Uecker, pianist and owner of the Book Nook and Java Shop in Montague, will perform classical favorites. Bryan is featured around town as a soloist, in chamber groups, as an accompanist, and in two and four piano ensembles.

Homemade Holiday Cards

Wednesday, December 6
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Egelston Branch

Use scrapbooking and other art materials to create Christmas cards that will brighten someone's day. All ages welcome. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club: Celtic Christmas with Peat in the Creel

Thursday, December 7
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Enjoy traditional Irish carols along with holiday favorites delivered via the warm Celtic tones of instrumentation and vocals.

Intro to Hoopla

Monday, December 11
10:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

Hoopla is a digital 24/7 service offered by the library which allows you to borrow movies, eBooks, eAudiobooks, music, and more. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

It's Gonna Get Ugly

Wednesday, December 13

ALL MADL Branches – ALL Day

It's the time of year when holiday sweaters so ugly they're cute come out of the closet. Voting for the ugliest holiday sweater worn by your favorite Library Branch staff member could win you a surprise. Stop by a Branch any time during open hours and choose your favorite. You can vote on the Library's Facebook page. Wear your own ugly sweater and we will post your picture on Facebook for fun. Voting is open to ages 12 and up.



MAD(L) Crafters: Magnolia Book Page Wreath

Create a beautiful wreath by recycling books and staining the pages with tea for an aged effect. The magnolia leaf shape is super trendy. Ages 18 and up.



Tuesday, September 12
6:00 pm

Egelston Branch

Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Wednesday, September 13
6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Wednesday, September 20
6:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

MAD(L) Crafters: Ombre Beaded Necklace

Color gradually fades from light to dark and it's the hot, chic way to subtly play with color palettes while staying within one hue. Be ready to work with some smaller beads in this project. Ages 18 and up.

Wednesday, October 11
6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Tuesday, October 17
6:00 pm

Egelston Branch

Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Wednesday, October 18
6:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

MAD(L) Crafters: Felt Flower Bouquet

Felt flowers in vibrant fall colors will last forever. Create a small bouquet for a home décor update. Ages 18 and up.



Wednesday, November 8
6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Tuesday, November 14
6:00 pm

Egelston Branch

Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Wednesday, November 15
6:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS! Community book lovers meet once a month at the Library to discuss the monthly book selection. Visit your Library for copies of the featured books. Newcomers always welcome. No registration required.

Tuesday Morning Book Club

10:30 am
Muskegon Township Branch
Books to be selected by group participants.
September 19
October 24
November 21
December 19

Tuesday Evening Book Club

The third Tuesday of each month
6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
September 19: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
October 17: *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear
November 21: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
December 19: *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney

Holton Book Club

The third Tuesday of the month
6:00 pm
Holton Branch
Books to be selected by group participants.
September 19
October 17
November 21
December 19

Ravenna Reader's Book Club

The first Wednesday of each month
6:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
September 6: *The Circle* by David Eggers
October 4: *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal
November 1: *Starvation Lake* by Bryan Gruley
December 6: *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter

Dalton Book Club

The fourth Monday of the month
6:00 pm
Dalton Branch
September 25: *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion
October 23: *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus
November 27: *Open and Shut* by David Rosenfelt

Thursday Morning Book Discussion

The first Thursday of each month
10:30 am
Norton Shores Branch
September 7: *Sweetbitter* by Stephanie Danler
October 5: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance
November 2: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
December 7: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple



Library Tote Bags for Sale



Pick up a new library tote bag for only \$2.00 at any Muskegon Area District Library branch.



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ADVISORY OUTREACH CENTER TO OFFER NEW SERVICES

In the inaugural issue of the Muskegon Area District Library newsletter, June 2016, we featured an article on the braille and talking book service for the blind and physically handicapped. During the library's millage request, it was explained how the new millage would enable MADL to improve this service.

The braille and talking book program is a free library service administered by the National Library Service (NLS) for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress. Established by an Act of Congress in 1931, it is for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding printed materials. NLS works with a network of regional (Lansing) and subregional (MADL) cooperating libraries to provide materials postage-free to eligible readers.



The Lansing Braille and Talking Book Library circulates materials and the playback equipment for the entire state. The Muskegon Area District Library serves as a subregional Advisory Outreach Center providing community outreach and readers' advisory service, demonstrations, mailing applications for service, and registering patrons. Although we are located in the MADL main office, we occupy only a very small space with other services at this location. Unlike other Advisory Outreach Centers in Michigan, we have not been able to provide space for an assistive technology lab, nor have we been able to offer speakers or other programs for our patrons.

We serve approximately 500 patrons in Muskegon and Ottawa Counties. Braille

and talking books are also available online through the NLS Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service and BARD Mobile. The NLS program has continued to increase promotion of its services with a new marketing campaign "That All May Read," to develop new features in its equipment, offer mobile apps for iOS and android devices, and most recently, launching a completely



redesigned more accessible website, www.loc.gov/nls.

Since voters approved the millage in August 2016, new plans for an assistive technology lab have been steadily developing. The MADL team, with input from our community partners and citizens, created a new strategic plan which will guide our future direction to provide the best possible library service. A community round table discussion provided ideas for the AOC. Visits to other libraries' assistive technology labs provided more hands-on advice. Recommendations from the regional Braille and Talking Book Library, and meetings with vendors about equipment, pricing, and our budget will continue. And, the strategic plan includes new goals for the Advisory Outreach Center.

While our address will remain the same,

4845 Airline Road, we will be transitioning into a more accommodating adjacent space. A more accessible entrance is planned and 8-10 computers will be added, some with software specifically designed for people with visual and/or physical disabilities. Furniture will accommodate those with limited mobility. Computers will have large screen monitors, large character keyboards, and trackball mice. Lower shelving will hold a selection of talking books, large print books, and descriptive narration DVDs to checkout. A new sitting area will be available for patrons' drivers. An ADA compliant private cubicle will be available for individuals using a computer with talking software. The changes will be incremental, but they will create a new level of service for our community now and into the future.

ADMINISTRATION AND LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

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

EGLESTON 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
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
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. Meetings are held at various branch locations. Visit madl.org to see the meeting schedule and Board members.

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