

Serving the community at 10 local branches.

Newsletter

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR

An Update from Kelly Richards

SHIFTING GEARS DURING A PANDEMIC

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we adjusted our operations to provide the best possible service while being mindful of the safety and well-being for all. During an Executive Order by the Governor, MADL closed temporarily in mid-March, however, staff worked continuously providing on-line help, answering questions from patrons, and we continued 24/7 access to digital on-line resources. Virtual programs were developed and planned in conjunction with our Summer Reading program.

On June 15, we opened our branches with full social distancing protocols in place and began offering curbside service. We are now fully open to the public with system-wide alike hours at branches Monday through Friday. We are following state guidelines

for social distancing and allowing 25% limited capacity. Masks are required and computers are available by appointment for one-hour sessions.

Due to the limited capacity, in-house programs have been suspended until further notice. However, we began and are continuing to offer a great line-up of virtual programs, including popular Storytimes and self-serve pick up program kits at all of our branches. Our books and materials continue to be available in person, or by using our website to access our digital resources 24/7.

We stand committed to serve our community and our staff is eagerly here to welcome you back. We appreciate your continued support and understanding during an unprecedented time in our county.



Curbside Convenience

Patrons are now offered contactless curbside pickup of library materials at all of our branch locations. There are a couple of options available – call the library to place a hold and schedule a pick-up time. Or, you can use the online catalog to search for items and use your library card to place a hold on the items you want. Items will be placed in a plastic bag and put out on a table for pick up. Check it out today!

Look inside for a complete list of programs!

New Location!

Major Branch Improvements in Progress

We are excited about many new library branch improvements happening now. Renovations are underway at four of our branches this Fall. We are working closely with our local city and township officials to update the physical environments to provide a better library experience for all as was requested of MADL during the millage renewal.

We are modernizing our libraries by creating flexible and multi-use spaces with moveable furniture and multi-functional areas. Designers have studied our spaces and created comfortable attractive environments, with open, user-friendly and accessible spaces. MADL is working to meet our community's needs and more improvements at other branches will take place in 2021. Here is a short list of improvements:

- North Muskegon Branch**
 - Total redesign of interior to maximize space
 - New furniture, shelving and flooring
- Muskegon Heights Branch**
 - Redesign of entire interior
 - Painting of interior and exterior building
 - New carpet, furniture and shelving
- Egelston Branch**
 - Painting and upgrades to youth area
 - New carpet and furniture and shelving units

- Muskegon Township Branch**
New Location! Moving to the Quarter-Apple Mall
 - Completely new branch development at a highly visible location
 - Best selling books, DVDs, video games

Muskegon Township Branch

You won't be able to miss our new location on Apple Avenue. A completely new Muskegon Township Branch Library is under construction at the Quarter-Apple Mall between two popular restaurants. It will offer the community high demand library services in a highly visible and convenient location. It is expected to be completed in the winter.



Norton Shores Branch Renovations

The Norton Shores Branch Library planned renovation project is now complete with brand new carpet, new shelves, a re-design of the space and a new roof! The old carpet in all areas of the branch was removed and new carpet installed. This massive space of over 12,046 feet, included the main library, study rooms, office and youth areas. Special shelf lifting equipment was used to move shelves with the books and materials in place. The main circulation desk was reconfigured into three different service areas. Guests are now enjoying a more welcoming and open environment. Stop by and visit soon!



STORYVILLE Mural Welcomes You to “The Neighborhood”



There's a new fun and happy picture on the Muskegon Height Branch Library exterior wall now. The fresh, vibrant mural, called "The Neighborhood," is located on the corner of Sanford and Broadway. It provides a new exciting welcome for library visitors.

The colorful illustration depicts elements of the new Storyville Village located inside the library, which includes a house with a kitchen, garden, and reading porch. Muskegon Storyville is an early literacy, child-size village where children ages 0–5 can let their imaginations run wild.

This project is made possible by the Community Foundation for Muskegon County.

Family Place Library

Muskegon Area District Library, in partnership with Hackley Public Library and White Lake Community Library, will become a certified Family Place Library. Our Ravenna branch will be a certified branch in 2021. Family Place Libraries certification supports the idea of libraries as community centers where children and families grow and develop to become lifelong learners.

What does that mean for the Ravenna branch? Over the next year, the branch will receive a brand-new Early Childhood Area. It will consist of a play area for children ages 0–5 and their caregivers, and will contain books, toys, areas for creative play,

early STEAM learning, and so much more. An updated parenting collection will be added and information on community resources will be available. Parent/Child workshops will be held at least twice a year. These workshops will be a time for parents and children ages three and under to play, learn, and speak with community guests.

Though Ravenna is the only branch that will be certified, six other branches will receive new Early Childhood Areas. Parent/Child workshops will also be offered at other branches and around the community.

See the complete list of programs on the inside!

We continue to provide library services and offer a great variety of virtual programs this fall. Our Take It Make It Craft Kits will be available for pickup at all branches. Other programs will be live online using Zoom and Facebook Live. And still others will be recorded and made available on the Muskegon Area District Library

Facebook page and on the Muskegon Area District Library YouTube channel. The recorded programs will be available to view after the published date. Be sure to like our Facebook page and subscribe to our YouTube channel for information and updates.

Wimee's Words

Weekdays beginning
September 14
1:00 pm

Facebook Live

Tune into the Muskegon Area District Library Facebook Page for an online LIVE show featuring a singing robot, story writing, a science bird, Spanish learning, musical guests, kid chats, daily features, and more. "Wimee's Words" is a web based interactive LIVE kids show that encourages imagination, vocabulary building, and storytelling through puppetry, music, and wordplay. Join the educational fun every weekday at 1:00 pm where YOUR ideas could become part of the show!



West Michigan Symphony Saturday Series The third Saturday of the month

7:00 pm
September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19
Facebook

For 80 years, the West Michigan Symphony has been the leading professional orchestra in the West Michigan region, dedicated to bringing live symphonic music performances that inspire audiences throughout the area. Join the West Michigan Symphony in a virtual Saturday Series showcasing performances from their regular concert season.



September 19

This performance will include excerpts from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, featuring violin soloist Chee-Yun; *Lyric for Strings* by the late George Walker, the first African American composer to win the Pulitzer Prize for Music; and the first movement of Mozart's *Divertimento No. 1*. The program will include interviews with conductor Scott Speck and musicians from the Orchestra.

October 17

Listen to three great masterpieces from the Slavic string collection, with melodies from Rachmaninoff, *Vocalise*, Tchaikovsky, *Serenade for Strings* and Grieg, *Holberg Suite*.

November 21

Join Claire Huangci on piano for a special tribute for Beethoven's birthday, including selections from Bach, Boulogne and Beethoven. The concert celebrates three great composers with works from Baroque to the Romantic eras in music.

December 19

A special *Home for the Holidays* program features all your holiday favorites performed by the West Michigan strings. This performance will showcase the Frauenthal center's newly-restored 1929 Barton theatre organ, played by Peter Kurdziel.



Take It Make It: Bird/Squirrel Feeder

Beginning Monday, September 14
6th grade and younger

See feathered and furry friends right outside your door. Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit while supplies last.

Teen Animal Crossing

The first & third Wednesdays of the month
September 16, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18,
December 2 & 16
6:00 pm

Nintendo Switch

Need an island break? Grab your Nintendo Switch or Switch Lite and explore a new island or two when MADL staff open their airport gates. Play games, find hidden surprises, and even take home a virtual prize. Find Dodo Codes right before each event on the madl.org calendar. No need to sign up—just fly in! Intended for ages 11–18.



Make It Monday: Book Bird Cage

Monday, September 21

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Join Holly as she shows you how to upcycle an old paperback book into a beautiful book bird cage. Transform that unwanted book into a work of art with just a few items. For a list of supplies you need, see the madl.org calendar.



Virtual Library Ser

Teen Book Club

The fourth Tuesday of the month
September 22, October 27, November 24, December 22
4:00 pm

Discord

Looking for new book suggestions? Want to share your favorites with other readers? Check out our new book club for teens, which meets once a month on Discord. Discuss the books you've been reading. Vote for the book or genre for later book discussions. Registration available on the madl.org calendar—you must be 13 to 19 years old and will need a Discord account to participate.

Storytime Live: Outdoor Discovery Center

Thursday, September 24
10:30 am

Facebook Live

The Outdoor Discovery Center is leading September's Storytime Live with a story and two live Michigan animals.

Teen Virtual Escape Room: The Abandoned Cabin

October—all month

Online at madl.org/escape

You were lost in the woods, you stopped to rest—now you're trapped. Can you escape the Abandoned Cabin? Try this virtual escape room from BreakoutEDU and MADL, available all month.



Take It Make It: Catapult

Beginning Monday, October 5
6th grade and younger

Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit with everything you need to make a catapult that can send pom poms flying. Available while supplies last.



Take It Make It: Mini Zen Garden

Beginning Monday, October 19

Teens and Adults

Help increase mindfulness and calm your mind with a mini Zen garden. Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit while supplies last.



Make It Monday: Canning Jar Lid Pumpkins

Monday, October 19

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Just in time for fall, Holly will show you how to make adorable pumpkins out of canning jar lids. It's fun and easier than you think! For a list of supplies you need, see the madl.org calendar.



Virtual RootTALK: From Immigrant to Citizen—US Naturalization Records

Tuesday, October 13
6:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Join Alison and discover how your ancestors became citizens of the United States, the kinds of records they generated when they did so, what information those records contain, and where you can search them on Ancestry and beyond.

Music Play Patrol: Spooky Stories and Sound Effects

Thursday, October 15
11:00 am

Zoom

Mr. Frank from Music Play Patrol will join us with family friendly stories that use electronic instruments for cool sound effects. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Pizza Invasion

Tuesday, October 6
6:00 pm

Facebook

Join the Fresh Food Fairy on a pizza making adventure that's fun for the whole family. See how to make your very own pizza from scratch and creative ways to get everyone excited about eating vegetables. After learning from three simple pizza recipe tutorials, including homemade dough, veggie packed sauce, and even a healthy dessert pizza, everyone will be saying, "Let's get baking!"

Storytime Live: The Dentist is In

Tuesday, October 20
10:30

Zoom

Dr. Jessica Lambert, representing the Muskegon County Oral Health Coalition, will join the MADL Storytime Crew for an interactive storytime all about teeth. We'll read stories, sing songs, and learn the best way to clean our teeth as we celebrate National Dental Hygiene Month. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

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Take It Make It: Shrinky Dinks

Beginning Monday, November 2
12th grade and younger

Everyone loves Shrinky Dinks, even teens! Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit while supplies last.

Lakeshore Camera Club Fall 2020 Photography Exhibition and Competition

Monday, November 9–Sunday, November 15

Facebook

The Lakeshore Camera Club's Fall 2020 Photography Exhibition and Competition provides local photographers with a chance to showcase their art. This year, the photography exhibition is available exclusively online on MADL's Facebook Page. From November 9 to 15, visually stroll through the show albums and vote for a People's Choice favorite by liking one photo in each album once. Winners will be announced the week of November 16. Contact lakeshorecameraclub@gmail.com for more information.

Storytime Live: Mermaid Molly

Thursday, November 12
10:30 am

Facebook Live

Join Mermaid Molly to hear mermaid stories and songs.



Tidying Up: The KonMari Method™ with Kate Sood

Thursday, November 12
6:00 pm

Zoom

Kate Sood, a certified KonMari organizer, will introduce you to the life-changing, revolutionary KonMari Method™. This live presentation will detail this system as you learn about the many benefits (both physical and mental) of using this approach to declutter and how to fold just like Marie. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Make It Monday: Denim Bouquet

Monday, November 16

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

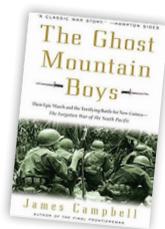
Have an old pair of jeans hanging around? Don't throw them away. Holly will walk you through how to make a beautiful bouquet made of denim. For a list of supplies you will need, see the madl.org calendar.

Remembering World War II: The Ghost Mountain Boys and the Forgotten War of the South Pacific

Wednesday, November 18
6:00 pm

Zoom

The Army's 32nd Red Arrow Infantry Division was assigned the most grueling mission of the entire Pacific Campaign: with little training or supplies for the jungle conditions, march 130 miles over the Owen Stanley Mountains of New Guinea and drive back the Japanese forces. Many men serving in this unit were from the Muskegon area. Join MCC History Instructor George Maniates and James Campbell, author of *The Ghost Mountain Boys*, as they discuss this harrowing mission that became an epic journey of survival and courage. Copies of the book are available to borrow at all MADL branches while supplies last. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Music Play Patrol: Djembe Drum Circle

Thursday, November 19
11:00 am

Zoom

Let's sing and dance while we explore drums from West Africa with Mr. Frank. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Take It Make It: Winter Craft

Beginning Monday, December 7
All ages

Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit while supplies last.

Storytime Live: Santa

Thursday, December 10
7:00 pm

Zoom

Although Santa is practicing social distancing, he wants to safely see the kids of MADL. Join him for a special Zoom event. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Music Play Patrol: Festival of Bells

Thursday, December 17
11:00 am

Zoom

Join us as we explore hand bells and the glockenspiel while celebrating songs from different holidays (Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza) with Mr. Frank. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Make It Monday: Winter Gnome

Monday, December 21

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

In less than 20 minutes, Holly will show you how to make a whimsical Scandinavian gnome to add to your winter décor using dollar store items. For a list of supplies you will need, see the madl.org calendar.



Holiday Break Fun

Visit any branch during open hours to get a surprise Take It Make It craft kit or a surprise gift.

December 21–23

December 28–30

Storytimes

Storytime Online

Wednesdays, September 16–December 30
10:30 am

Facebook and YouTube

Join the MADL Storytime Crew every week for books, music, and more. It's a virtual storytime that's great for all kids of all ages.

Baby Time Online

The third Friday of the month
September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18
10:30 am

Facebook and YouTube

Join Miss Gill as she introduces babies to music, rhythm, and rhyme, all vital pre-lingual and pre-literacy skills.

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

Hoopla Book Club Blog

September–December

9:00 am

madl.org

Looking for a book club that fits your schedule? Join us at madl.org as we discuss a new book each month. Read at your own pace as we share background information, videos and questions every week and feel free to share your comments. All the books are available online through Hoopla, so even if you don't have a physical copy you can still join the club.

September: *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart

October: *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara

November: *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernardine Evaristo

December: *The Lost Book of Adana Moreau* by Michael Zapata

Morning ZOOM Book Club

The first Thursday of the month

10:30 am

Zoom

Community book lovers meet once a month for a live ZOOM book discussion with Alison from the Norton Shores Branch. Newcomers always welcome! Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

October 1: *Eight Perfect Murders* by Peter Swanson

November 5: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson

December 3: *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano

Evening ZOOM Book Club

Third Tuesday of the month

6:00 pm

Zoom

Join Julie from the Holton Branch for a live ZOOM book discussion each month. Newcomers welcome! Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

October 20: *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goodrick

November 17: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See

December 15: *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey

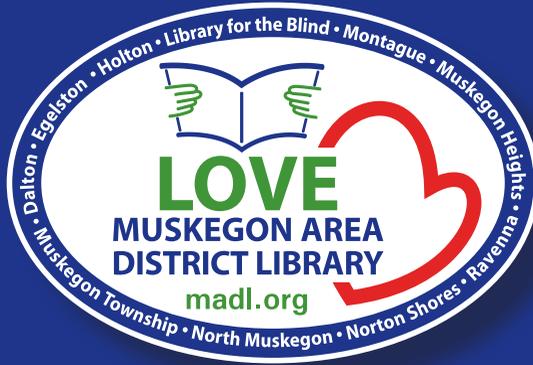
Movie Pop Quiz

Every week in December a different movie quote will be posted at all MADL Branch Libraries and also 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.

A special thank you to WESCO for their continued support of MADL and the Movie Pop Quiz.

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Due to the pandemic, all branch hours (except for the Muskegon Township Branch) are the same at this time. Branches are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, and on Wednesday from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. The Muskegon Township Branch is only open on Tuesday and Wednesday at the times listed above.

ADMINISTRATION AND LIBRARY FOR THE VISUALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED
4845 Airline Road, Muskegon
231-737-6248

DALTON BRANCH
3175 Fifth Street, Twin Lake
231-828-4188

EGELSTON BRANCH
5428 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon
231-788-6477

HOLTON BRANCH
8776 Holton–Duck Lake Road, Holton
231-821-0268

MONTAGUE BRANCH
8778 Ferry Street, Montague
231-893-2675

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BRANCH
2808 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights
231-739-6075

MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH
1765 Ada Avenue, Muskegon
231-760-4329

**NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH
“Walker Memorial”**
1522 Ruddiman Drive, North Muskegon
231-744-6080

**NORTON SHORES BRANCH
“Jacob O. Funkhouser”**
705 Seminole Road, Norton Shores
231-780-8844

RAVENNA BRANCH
12278 Stafford Street, Ravenna
231-853-6975

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 a list of Board members.

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