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From the Director Ron L. Suszek

Another beautiful, Michigan summer has come and gone. Personally, it marked my return to the Great Lakes State after five years away. It's good to be home! In my first few days as Director of the Muskegon

Area District Library, I drove across the county, visiting all of MADL's branch locations. I continue to be astounded by how beautiful and diverse this region is. From the fields and farms of Ravenna to the beach front of Montague, the Library provides services and access to resources as diverse as the people who call Muskegon home.

It's been a pleasure meeting members of this community hearing their stories of Muskegon's past as well as their visions of its future. This sense of place and community is special—it's what brought me here. I look forward to serving this community and, together with MADL's talented staff, to helping it grow, achieve, and remain an informed and extraordinary place to live and work.

This fall, MADL is excited to engage with the National Endowment of the Arts, (NEA) in a month-long communitywide reading initiative focused on coming together through reading the same book. We have partnered with NEA Big/ Little Read Lakeshore to build a future where reading matters and where we hope to bring us together through a shared literary experience.

My staff and I encourage you and your children, parents, grandparents, co-workers, and friends to read and discuss

the selected books, and talk, together, about that experience; what about that experience felt similar; what was different? We

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The Muskegon Area District Library connects a diverse community

to resources and services that educate, inform, enrich and entertain.



want readers to listen to and learn from each other as we explore these books, but just as important, from ourselves and our personal experiences.

Literature is an incredibly powerful tool that helps us not only understand ourselves, why we feel, think, and do the things we do, but also understand our neighbors, those living next door or across the globe. Maybe there has never been a more important time to read, together, as a community.

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NEW COMMUNTY-WIDE PROGRAM

MADL is excited to partner with Hope College and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Lakeshore Big Read/ Little Read. We are planning a twomonth, community-wide reading program focused on the experience of coming together around the reading of one book. Through partnerships with libraries, schools, non-profit organizations, and businesses, NEA Big/Little Read fosters a culture where reading matters, and MADL is excited to bring this regional partnership to Muskegon.

As part of the NEA Big Read Lakeshore, a book has been chosen for children, teens, and adults. This year's adult selection is Madeline Miller's *Circe*, a retelling of the Odyssey as told from the perspective of the witch, Circe. The Little Read choice, Matt de la Pena's *Last Stop on Market Street*, won the 2016 Newberry Medal and follows a young boy on the city bus with his grandma as he learns what everyday heroes do in everyday situations. The Middle Read

BIG Lakeshore Community Events

selection is *Superman,* also by Matt de la Pena.

During October and November, MADL will host various programs at all 10 branches that highlight

these reads and includes a special Book Club in a Bag for book clubs. We will also hold six book discussions at various branches, and author visits!

Together with local partners, we will bring fun and engaging activities and programs around the books to encourage everyone to participate. The NEA Read for the Lakeshore includes libraries in Ottawa, Allegan, and Muskegon counties. A full schedule of various programs is offered for adults, teens and kids centered around the READ theme. Details can be found at madl.org/BIG-READ.

AUTHOR VISITS

Matt De La Pena Thursday, November 10, 7:00 pm

Frauenthal Center, Muskegon Courtesy of Community Foundation *for* Muskegon County

Madeline Miller November 14, 7:00 pm

Holland (in person) or live stream at the Norton Shores, Montague, Holton, or North Muskegon branches

Summer Reading at MADL

After two years, MADL Summer Reading was able to return to in-person programs. These programs were all unique and exciting; everything from magic shows to traveling zoos and STEAM activities. For three days a week over six weeks this summer, 4,300 readers came to their local library branch to participate in the fun.





We have expanded our service area with another library branch. Located in the Reeths-Puffer Administration building, you can visit Laketon Township Branch on Wednesdays from 11 am–7 pm or Thursdays from 10 am–6 pm.





The Muskegon Area District Library has joined the world of podcasts! You can now find new episodes of MADL's Official Podcast, *Believe in Your Shelf,* every other Monday. Youth Librarian, Jennifer Spangler, hosts episodes with topics that range from reading recommendations, to spots in the Muskegon area to visit, to travel tips from your favorite librarians. Don't forget to subscribe wherever you listen to podcasts so you won't miss an episode.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Families welcome!

Grow a Little Reader

Saturdays, September 3–24 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Holton Branch

Grow a Little Reader is a program geared towards families with children ages 0–3. Families get to learn different ways to be their child's first teacher through playing, singing, dancing, and learning with dinosaur themed activities. To register call 231-747-7273.

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Family Movie Afternoon

First Monday of the Month September 6: *Encanto* (Tuesday due to Labor Day) October 3: *Thor* November 7: *Lego Justice League, Gotham City Breakout* December 5: *Rise of the Guardians* 1:00 pm **Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled Branch**

Sit back and enjoy a movie at the LVPD. Light refreshments provided.

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Sewing for Beginners Tuesdays, September 6–

December 13

(No classes during branch remodel)

3:00–4:00 pm **Ravenna Branch**

Do you want to learn how to sew? We will teach you how to hand sew, machine sew



and how to begin using patterns to make projects that interest you. All ages welcome.

Snacktivity

Wednesdays, September 7–December 21 3:00–6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Meet at the library for games, crafts, Lego and more every Wednesday. Snacks will be provided at this fun activity. Drop in anytime!



Movie Time Wednesdays, September 7– December 14

(No movies during branch remodel) 3:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Enjoy a family friendly movie, popcorn, and drinks.

Bow Wow Readers

Bow Wow Readers is a once-a-month read-aloud program that pairs readers with a trained therapy dog and handler from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs International for reading or some quality time. Ages 6 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Egelston Branch

Tuesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 22, Dec. 20 5:30 pm

Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled Branch

Second Wednesday of the Month Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Mondays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 19 5:30 pm

Family Fun Night: Retro Night

Monday, September 12 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Stroll back to the 1950s for the library's Sock Hop. Don't be a square,



Daddy-O. Come groove on this new record set and hang with other hepcats for a crazy evening of fun, '50s music, and games. 1950s attire is highly encouraged but not required. Registration required at madl.org/ calendar.

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Fingerprint Art: Pirates Monday, September 19

4:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Do you want to make a pirate masterpiece? So do we...with fingerprints! Ages 5–18.

Family Fun Night: Pirate Party!

Arrrrrr you ready for a great night of pirate fun? Come to the library for games, crafts, dress-up, music, food and more. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Holton Branch Tuesday, September 20 6:00 pm

Montague Branch Thursday, September 22 6:00 pm

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Wednesday, September 21 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Wear your favorite PJs and listen to a bedtime story, do



a craft, and have a snack before letting your stuffed animal stay for an evening in the library. Photos of your friend's adventures will be provided when you return to pick them up. (Don't bring your favorite friend. Choose one you don't need for bedtime.) Ages 3–10. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Family Fun Night: Fall for Fine Arts

Monday, September 26 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

To celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month, we will learn about some famous artists and create some art of our own. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Lego Day

Wednesday, September 28 4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Put your building skills to the test and let your imagination run wild on Lego Day. We provide the Legos. Ages 5 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Collage Crafts

Fourth Wednesday of the month September 28, October 26,

November 23 5:00 pm

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

Make a collage project with Sax. Materials will be provided. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Dinosaur Escape Box

Tuesdays in October Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm

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

Paleontologist Doug Tinct has been kidnapped and an evil organization is coming to steal his research. Can you search his office for clues and find his discovery before they arrive? Try our Dinosaur Escape Box to find out! Ages 7 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

1, 2, 3, Play with Me

Fridays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4 10:00 am-11:45 am



Egelston Branch

This is a five-week workshop program for toddlers and their parents/caregivers. It's a fun, informal, play-based program that provides a rich environment of toys, books and art activities. Families have the opportunity to spend time together, make new friends, and talk one-on-one with different community resource professionals each week. The professionals will be available to answer questions, provide insight, and build awareness of services available in the community (at no cost). Weekly workshop topics include Early Literacy, Speech and Language, Child Development, Nutrition, and Music & Movement. Families are asked to commit to all five weeks. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Catch the Bus with MADL:

Join us for a short ride around the community on a MATS bus. Librarians will read *Last Stop on Market* Street by Matt de la Pena (Little Read Lakeshore) before we board the bus. Come back to the library to do a fun activity afterwards. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Friday, October 14 11:00 am **Dalton Branch**



Tuesday, October 18 11:00 am

Montague Branch

Wednesday, October 19 4:00 pm **Norton Shores Branch**

Friday, October 21 11:00 am

North Muskegon Branch



Makerspace Open House

Saturday, October 15 1:00-3:00 pm

Montague Branch

Celebrate the grand opening of the Montague Makerspace, made possible by The Friends of Montague Library. Snacks, activities, and crafts will be available.

Take It, Make It Happen: BIG READ

Available beginning Monday, October 17

All MADL Branches

Stop in for a random acts of kindness activity where kids and families can pick up ideas of what they can do to help others.



Fingerprint Art: Spooky Monday, October 17 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch Let's make some spooky art with fingerprints! Ages 5-18.



Pumpkin Painting Monday, October 17

5:30 pm **Egelston Branch** Make a truly spooky pumpkin. How spooky? So spooky it lets off an eerie glow!



Ages 4 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Gem Spider Craft

Saturday, October 22 11:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

Create beautiful, creepy, crawly creatures just in time to add to vour Halloween



decorations. Registration required on madl.org calendar.

Family Fun Night: **Halloween Party**

Saturday, October 29 11:00 am-12:00 pm North Muskegon Branch



Join us for some spooky, silly fun with crafts, games, pumpkin carving or painting, apple cider, and donuts. Costumes encouraged. Registration required on madl.org calendar.



Movie Night: Lego DC Gotham City Breakout

Batman goes on vacation and chaos erupts in Gotham. Some snacks provided. Ages 3 and up. Parents must remain with their children for the entirety of the movie.

Holton Branch

Wednesday, October 5 2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Tuesday, October 11 4:00 pm

Montague Branch Thursday, October 20 2:00 pm

LVPD Monday, November 7 1:00 pm



Need help registering on the madl.org calendar? Visit or call your local branch and we will help!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Families welcome!



Spikey Dinosaur Succulent Planter

Wednesday, November 16 6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Create a fun and unique planter for yourself or gift it to a loved one this holiday season. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Saturday, November 19 11:00 am

Egelston branch

Come for a rawr-in good time! Ages 2 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Fingerprint Art: Fall Leaves Monday, November 21

Monday, November 21 4:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Join us to make a fall leaf thankful card using your fingerprints. Ages 5–18.

Dino-vember

Monday, November 28 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

November is Dino-vember. Each November, the dinosaurs come out to play, make messes, and have a good time. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

September 12-December 10

Tiny Tots

A 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 Storytime

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 and more.

Family Time

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

Sensory Storytime

An interactive, inclusive storytime geared towards children with special needs, such as autism spectrum disorders, sensory processing challenges, or short attention spans. Certified behavioral specialists from the Healthwest Autism Program will assist. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Watch for special Oral Health Storytimes at your branch in partnership with Muskegon Oral Health Coalition in October.



Family Fun Night: Gingerbread Houses Monday, December 5 6:00 pm



North Muskegon Branch

Build and decorate your own 'gingerbread' house with graham crackers, frosting, and candy. We provide the supplies, you supply the creativity. Dress for a mess. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Christmas in Holton

Wednesday, December 7 6:00 pm

Holton Branch

Start the holidays off right with a visit to downtown Holton for this fun, family event. Come to the library to meet Santa, do a craft and enjoy treats. Also, join the community in a tree lighting and singing in the park across from the library.



Holiday Gem Bracelet Saturday, December 10 11:00 am



North Muskegon Branch

Create a beautiful gem bracelet using colorful beads and bendable wire. This is perfect for yourself or as a gift for someone you love. Ages 8 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Mondays

Egelston Branch: 9:45–10:15 am Tiny Tots Ravenna Branch: 10:00–10:45 am Family Muskegon Heights Branch: 11:30 am–12:00 pm Tiny Tots

Tuesdays

Dalton Branch: 9:15–10:00 am Family Muskegon Township Branch: 10:00–10:45 am Family Norton Shores Branch: 10:30–11:15 am Toddler Montague Branch: 11:00–11:45 am Family

Wednesdays

Holton Branch: 11:15 am–12:00 pm Family Norton Shores Branch: 11:30 am–12:15 pm Preschool

Fridays

North Muskegon Branch: 9:30–10:15 am Toddler North Muskegon Branch: 11:00 am–11:45 pm Preschool

Sensory Storytime

Norton Shores Branch: 9:30 am First Wednesday of the Month September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7



Family Fun Night: Gingerbread Houses Monday, December 12

6.00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Build and decorate your own 'gingerbread' house with graham crackers, frosting, and candy. We provide the supplies, you supply the creativity. Dress for a mess. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Fingerprint Art: Winter Scene

Monday, December 19 4.00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Make a winter (or holiday) scene with fingerprints. Ages 5–18.



Myth Crushers: The Science of **Super Powers**

Talk about what superpowers could be real, plausible, or busted. Kids will be able to use science to test theories on how these powers work. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Norton Shores Branch Monday, October 3 6:00 pm

Egelston Branch Tuesday, October 4 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch Thursday October 6 4:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch Wednesday, October 12 4:00 pm

Montague Branch Thursday, October 13 4:30 pm

Holton Branch Tuesday, October 18 6:00 pm

LVPD Wednesday, October 19 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch Monday, October 24 6:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch Wednesday, October 26 6:00 pm

Reindeer Visit

Wednesday, December 21 3:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Bring the whole family to see live reindeer outside, make reindeer crafts, and visit Santa inside the library. Santa will arrive at 4:00 pm. Fun for all ages.



Winter Break Lego

Take the Lego Challenge building competitions, create new Lego Mini designs, and more! All ages welcome.

Holton Branch

Wednesday, December 28 1:00-4:00 pm

Montague Branch Wednesday, December 28 3:00-6:00 pm



Family Fun Night: Superheroes

Do you have a Marvel or D.C. fan in your life? Celebrate our favorite characters with a night of comics and crafts. This family event is sure to bring out your inner superhero. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Montague Branch Monday, November 3 6:00 pm

Egelston Branch Monday, November 7 6:00 pm

Holton Branch Tuesday, November 8 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch Wednesday, November 9 6:00pm

North Muskegon Branch Wednesday, November 16 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch Thursday, November 17 4:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch Monday, November 21 6:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch Wednesday, November 23 6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch Wednesday, November 30 6:00 pm



Happy Noon Year

Thursday, December 29 11:30 am

Norton Shores Branch

We're giving kids an exciting way to ring in the new year with a countdown, noisemakers, crafts, and fun—at an hour that won't keep them up way past their bedtimes. Come join the fun. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Santa Claus

Santa is in town! Join us for a story, crafts, and a visit with Santa. Be sure to bring your cameras for this great photo opportunity.

Ravenna Branch Saturday, December 3 11:00 am

Dalton Branch Monday, December 5 5:00 pm

Holton Branch Wednesday, December 7 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch Saturday, December 10 11:00 am

Egelston Branch Monday, December 12 6:00 pm

LVPD Wednesday, December 14 5:00 pm

Montague Branch Thursday, December 15 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Saturday, December 17 11:00 am

Norton Shores Branch Wednesday, December 21 4:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch Thursday, December 22 6:00 pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

Ages 11–18

Video Game Hang Out

Thursdays, September 1–December 15 (*No programs during branch remodel*) 3:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Play the Nintendo Switch on the big screen and enjoy snacks and drinks.



Lego Days

First Wednesday of the month September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7 4:00–6:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Build some awesome structures and challenge your friends and family. Ages 10 and under. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Afternoon Movie

Second Thursday of the month September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8 5:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Watch a family friendly movie every second Thursday of the month. Snacks provided.



Project Lego

Second Tuesday of the month September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Join us as we build with Lego. Choose between building the theme for the night, or free build anything you imagine.



Cosplay Corner

Second Wednesday of the month September 14, November 9,

December 14 (No program during branch remodel) 4:00-6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Learn how to modify patterns and use them to sew cosplay costumes of your choice.





Crayola Calligraphy Callingraphy Wednesday, September 14 4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Join Heather Love as she teaches calligraphy basics to help you turn your handwriting into art using everyday art supplies. Materials will be provided, and you get to take them home to keep practicing. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

YA Book Club

Third Thursday of the month September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15 3:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

What's better than reading some really super freakin' amazing books? Talking about these books with some really super freakin' amazing fellow book nerds. Come together to discuss some of the most interesting YA books being published. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



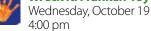
Fingerprint Art

Third Monday of the month September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Do you want to make an artistic masterpiece? So do we...just with fingerprints! Join us for this series of fingerprint art with a different focus each month.

Wreck It: Franken-Toy



North Muskegon Branch

Be prepared to release your inner Dr. Frankenstein as you take apart old toys and put them back together in new, interesting ways. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Drawing Superheroes with Corinne Roberts

Use basic shapes and simple line techniques to create superheroes. No prior drawing experience is needed. All you need is paper, a pencil, and an eraser. Registration required on the madl.org/calendar.

Norton Shores Branch Monday, November 7

6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Wednesday, November 9

5:00 pm

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Calling all Writers: NaNoWriMo

Thursdays in November (except November 24) 4:00 pm





November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). Writers are encouraged to write a little every day with a goal of completing the first draft of a 50,000-word novel by the end of the month. Stop in on November 1 to pick up a writing kit (while supplies last) and then join us on Thursdays for an hour of dedicated writing time. Snacks are provided to help fuel your creativity.

Sequin Christmas Tree

Monday, December 5 5:30 pm Egelston Branch



Make a shiny Christmas tree sure

to dazzle everyone! Registration

required at madl.org/calendar.

Saturday, December 10 11:00 am

Dalton Branch

DIY stocking stuffer. Easy and personalized gift for everyone on your list, including yourself. Materials provided. Registration required at madl.org/calendar



Warm Drink Koozie Craft

Wednesday, December 14 4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Using fabric, hot glue, buttons, and a little creativity you can create your own warm drink koozie. Come ready to craft and test your creation with some hot chocolate and marshmallows. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Muskegon Prescribes Food for Health

Tuesdays, August 30–November 15 1:00–3:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Learn to eat healthier at this 12-week cooking and nutrition program offered in partnership with Community enCompass and the



YMCA. Learn nutrition facts and cooking skills in this hands-on class, as well as participate in light physical exercise like yoga and meditation. To register, email britany@communityencompass.org or call the library at 231.739.6075. Class size is limited to 10 participants.



Craft Clutch

Fridays, September 2–December 30 1:00–3:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch

Bring your own craft and supplies and chat with other crafters while working on your next project. Any table top craft is welcome. Curious are welcome.



Evening Craft Clutch

First and third Wednesday of the Month

September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16, December 7 & 21 5:00–7:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch

For those who work or just can't make our Friday afternoon Craft Clutch. Bring your own craft and supplies and chat with other crafters while working on your next project. Any table top craft is welcome. Curious are welcome.



Greek Culture and Cuisine

Wednesday, September 7 6:00 pm

Egleston Branch

The Muskegon Community College Center for Experiential Learning, along with MCC Professor George Maniates, will discuss the life and times of the "Homeric Greeks." The presentation will center on the conflict, myths, politics, and the religious lives of the people found in the Iliad and the Odyssey. Gina Demos and Kristi Karis of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church will discuss the "ambrosia" of Greek culture. They will highlight the beautiful sweet delicacies of Greek cultural traditions from the past to the present. Tasty samples will be available.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Selkie

Thursday, September 8 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Selkie was born out of three multiinstrumentalists' love for the Celtic tradition and each other. Whether playing high intensity jigs and reels or poignant airs and songs, they perform with a soul and fluidity that draws you in.

Mindfulness and Meditation Mondays

Mondays, September 12, October 3, November 7, and December 5 9:30 am

Norton Shores Branch

Come join our friends from Muskegon Yoga at these free classes that encourage time to practice quieting and stilling the body and mind, giving you the opportunity to rest and restore. This class is appropriate for all levels and designed to help you begin or maintain your own personal home meditation practice. Please bring a yoga mat. Space is limited to 25 participants. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Craft Clutch

Mondays, September 12– December 19 (no meeting on October 10) 2:00 pm

Holton Branch

Bring your own craft supplies and chat with other crafters while working on your next project. All crafts, skill levels, and newcomers welcome.

Trivia Night

Second Tuesday of the month September 13, October 11, December 13 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Are you a Wise Guy? A Smarty Pants? Go head-to-head against others and prove it. Come out, test your knowledge and exercise your mind! Open to anyone 16+. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Plant an Indoor Succulent Arrangement

Wednesday, September 14 6:00 pm



Ravenna Branch

Arrange your own personal succulent planter while learning a few tips and tricks to help your plants thrive and stay alive. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Knitting with Tina— Simple Shawl

Thursday, September 15 5:00 pm



Montague Branch

Join Tina Ramthun for a beginner knitting course and learn to make a simple shawl. Some supplies will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own needles and yarn. Suggested Yarns and Needle Sizes: Fingering weight (1 skein, US sz5 or sz6), Aran weight (2 skeins, US sz8 or sz9), Worsted weight (2 skeins, US sz8). Ages 15 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

ADULT PROGRAMS continued

Storytime for Grown Ups

Third Tuesday of the month September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20 6:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Grown-ups need storytime too! Join Karen once a month for readings of short stories



that are probably guaranteed to make you laugh, or cry, or feel some kind of emotion. We'll even throw in some hot chocolate. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

HUMANS OF MUSKEGON



Saturday, September 24 10:00 am-2:00 pm **Norton Shores Branch Library**

Part II: Engage LIVE with Our Humans

The public is invited to engage live with Muskegon County residents from all walks of life who will share their personal stories of how they have faced stereotypes and prejudice. This is the second part of this unique engaging project, and you can watch the first part—an oral history recording, about each of their special journeys on our website, madl.org/HumansofMuskegon

At this live event, you can "check out" these individuals who will serve as Open Books. Engage with their stories in 20-minute one-on-one and small group conversations. Ask questions. Listen. Walk in someone else's shoes. Unjudge. Develop a deeper understanding of the world around you. Open yourself to the Open Books. Register for this event at madl.org/calendar. Walk-ins welcome.

Pysche's Garden: Myth and Mystery

Thursdays, September 22–November 17 1:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join Dr. Trish Kochka in exploring the flowering of myths and stories in human imagination throughout time. Learn what they can teach us about ourselves and our world. Discussion topics include the roles of myth in human development; how environment, time, and culture shape myths; and themes, commonalities, and variations of myths from diverse places. Many marvelous tales will be told and explored. This is a 9-week course, with attendance requested for all 90-minute sessions. Space is limited. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



3D Design and Print

Tuesday, September 27 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Learn the basics of 3D design using TinkerCAD and design your own key chain charm. 3D projects will be printed and available for pickup later in the week. Ages 18 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Adult Canvas Tuesday, October 4 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join Char as she walks you through how to paint this delightful pumpkin canvas just in time for fall.

Live @ the Library:

Boogie Woogie Kid Tuesday, October 4

6:30 pm **North Muskegon Branch**

Join us for the Boogie Woogie Kid, pianist Matthew Ball, for a family friendly music event of toe-tappin' American Songbook favorites from New Orleans and the Swing Dance Era.



Stretch 'N More

Learn a combination of health tips (arthritis and other), relaxation techniques and a majority of stretching exercises. Work at your own pace to increase flexibility and reduce levels of pain and stiffness. This class can be done sitting in a chair or standing. Provided by Agewell Services with funds from the Muskegon County Senior Millage. *Endorsed by the Arthritis Foundation. Call 231-354-2215 to register.

Holton Branch

Tuesdays, October 4–November 22 2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Thursdays, October 6, 13, & 20 10:00 am



Cruisin' with MADL: Book and Cheese Tasting

To kick off our series of Big Read events, we invite you to join us aboard

the Aquastar as we cruise Muskegon Lake, sample amazing cheese from the Cheese Lady, as MADL librarians give you awesome book recommendations themed around *Circe.* This event is free, but space is limited. Registration required at madl.org/calendar. Adult beverages available for purchase.

AQUASTAR

Wednesday, October 5 5:30 pm boarding. Cruise departs promptly at 6:00pm 560 Mart Street, Downtown Muskegon

The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Wednesday, October 12 5:30 pm

Muskegon Township Branch

Hear the story of the Edmund Fitzgerald, a Great Lakes freighter that sank during a storm on Lake Superior, and the crew of 29 men who were lost when the freighter seemingly disappeared on November 10, 1975.

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MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Asamu Johnson & the Associates of the Blues

Thursday, October 13 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch Unique and based in West Michigan, the Asamu Johnson Blues Band has performed



across the nation at various festivals, night clubs, and other venues. Join us for some first-class blues that once opened for Blues legend Koko Taylor.



Greek Culture and Cuisine

Wednesday, October 19 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

The Muskegon Community College Center for Experiential Learning, along with MCC Professor George Maniates, will discuss the life and times of the "Homeric Greeks." The presentation will center on the conflict, the myths, politics, and the religious lives of the people found in the Iliad and the Odyssey. Gina Demos and Kristi Karis of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church will discuss the "ambrosia" of Greek culture. They will highlight the beautiful sweet delicacies of Greek cultural traditions from the past to the present. Tasty samples will be available.



Knitting with Tina— Jernbanebyen

Legwarmers Thursday, October 20 5:00 pm

Montague Branch

In this informal and fun class you will learn to

make a cute pair of legwarmers. Some supplies will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own needles and yarn. Suggested Yarn and Needle Size: Sport weight (400 yards, US sz2.5-sz3 small circular or dpns). Ages 15 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Watercolors with Lori Eslick

Thursday, October 20 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Join Lori Eslick, nationally renowned children's book illustrator and City of North Muskegon resident, for a Halloween themed watercolor painting session. \$10 supply fee for each participant. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

1986: A Sinister Murder Mystery

Friday, October 21

Norton Shores Branch

You have been invited to Flamebury Falls, home of the historic Craven Gray Manor estate. Wicked things have happened at



the manor over the years, and some say the property is cursed. Ridley Barnabet recently inherited the family fortune and wishes for the manor to become a hotspot and travel destination. Ridley has sent out exclusive invitations for a VIP bash. What will happen on this night when the who's who of the town will be gathered? Perhaps a death? Dress in your 1980's best and join with other participants to solve a baffling mystery. Cost is \$10 per person and includes food/beverages. Ages 16 and up. Participants can register at the library where they will be assigned a character and provided more information.

Drawing Superheroes with Corinne Roberts

Thursday, October 20 7:00 pm

ZOOM

Corinne Roberts is back with a Zoom class using basic shapes and simple line techniques to create superheroes. No prior drawing experience is needed. All you need is paper, a pencil, and an eraser. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program. All ages welcome.



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Dr. Stephen Maiullo will discuss *Circe*, explore what the book is about, how it is connected to other Greek classics, and how it compares to Greek culture and society. Ages 18 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Norton Muskegon Branch

Monday, October 24 6:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Tuesday, October 25 6:30 pm



Greek Culture and Cuisine Wednesday, October 26

6:00 pm

Montague Branch

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Thor Join us for a Thor movie. Popcorn provided.

LVPD

Monday, October 3 1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Thursday, October 27 6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Thursday, October 27 6:30 pm

ADULT PROGRAMS continued



Live @ the Library: **Oat Bran Boys** Tuesday, November 1

6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Join us for an evening with the Oat Bran Boys, consisting of brothers John King on guitar, Rich King on bass, and longtime band member



Dan Seabolt on fiddle. The trio has been wowing audiences with their lively acoustic variety of bluegrass, country, swing, folk, Irish, Cajun, and more.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents the B-Side Growlers

Thursday, November 3 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch Enjoy B-Side Growlers for

tradition inspired, toe-tappin'fired, vintage acoustic blues, jazz and country.



Author Visit:

The Transformative Nature of Literature: From

Reluctant Reader to Author

Thursday, November 10 7:00 pm

Frauenthal Center, 425 W. Western Ave. Awarding author, Matt de la Peña, will share his personal journey from reluctant reader to writer, focusing on the barriers many working class boys and young men encounter in the acquisition of literacy. Registration will be required for this event. Presented by Muskegon Area District Library, Lakeshore Big Read, and the Community Foundation of Muskegon County.





Monday, November 14 7:00 pm

Holton, Montague, North Muskegon, and Norton Shores Branches

Hear Circe author Madeline Miller via live stream as she presents at Hope College in Holland.

Knitting with Tina— 10

Very Warm Headband in Four Gauges

Thursday, November 17 **Montague Branch**

Learn how to make a warm headband. Some supplies will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own needles and varn. Suggested Yarn and Needle Size: DK weight (85 yards, US sz6), Worsted weight (80 yards, US sz8), Chunky weight (65 yards, US sz10), Super Chunky weight (45 yards, US sz15). Ages 15 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.



Christmas Designs by Taylor



Tuesday, November 29

Holton Branch

Join Taylor from Fairview Floral as she demonstrates how to make holiday decorations for your home.



Live @ the Librarv: **Carl Webb Trio**

Tuesday, December 6 6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Join us for the Carl Webb Trio and their blend of blues, country and rock n' roll.



Holiday DIY Cards and Truffles **Extravaganza**

Wednesday, December 7 4:00-6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Create handmade holiday cards and delicious Oreo truffles to share with loved ones this holiday season.



MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents the A Cappella Bellas

Thursday, December 8 7:00 pm



Norton Shores Branch Join us as we welcome

the A Cappella Bella chorus. The Bellas are dedicated to singing A Cappella music, barbershop style. They have a strong love of harmony, a genuine affection for many eras of music, and sing with a spirit of fun and friendship



DIY Glass Magnets

Saturday, December 10 11:00 am

Dalton Branch

DIY stocking stuffer. Easy and personalized gift for everyone on your list, including yourself. Materials provided. Registration required at madl.org/calendar

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MAD(L) CRAFTERS The MAD(L) Crafters is a craft club for ages 18 and up. Crafter extraordinaire Char Little provides the supplies and the expertise. Space is limited. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

COTTONY STEMS WITH VASE

Make this chic stem arrangement that will fit in with any home décor.

Egelston Branch Tuesday, September 20 5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Wednesday, September 21 6:30 pm

2X4 CANDY CORN



Welcome the Fall season with this adorable candy corn that won't add to your waistline.

Egelston Branch Tuesday, October 11 5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch Monday, October 17 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch Wednesday, October 19 6:30 pm

WOODEN RUDOLPH

Welcome the Holiday season with the leader of Santa's sleigh. We'll transform an ordinary block of wood into an adorable Rudolph.

Egelston Branch

Tuesday, November 15 5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch Monday, November 28 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Wednesday, November 30 6:30 pm

POCKET WALL HANGING

Upcycle an ordinary tin can into a beautiful piece of wall décor using the art of decoupage.



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

Wednesday, December 7 5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch Monday, December 12

6:00 pm

Egelston Branch Tuesday, December 13 5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch Wednesday, December 14 6:30 pm





NEA Big Read Circe Book Discussions

Join MADL for a lively book discussion of the NEA Big Read book Circe by Madeline Miller.

Muskegon Township Branch

Monday, September 19 10:30 am

Holton Branch Tuesday, October 25 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch Wednesday, October 26 6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch Wednesday, November 2

Norton Shores Branch Thursday, November 3

North Muskegon Branch Tuesday, November 15 6:30 pm

Talking Book Basics

Having issues reading books? Are physical limits keeping you from your love of reading? If you or a loved one are facing this problem, you could qualify for a free federally funded program that will mail braille books, audiobooks, and/or a player to your home. Come to our sessions to learn more about the program and how it can keep you

Holton Branch

Tuesday, September 6 3:00 pm

Dalton Branch Monday, September 12 4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Wednesday, September 14 2:00 pm

Egelston Branch

Wednesday, October 19 2:00 pm

Montague Branch Thursday, October 6 4:00 pm

LVPD Wednesday, November 16 5:00 pm

ADULT PROGRAMS continued

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

Community book lovers meet once a month at the Library to discuss the book selection of the month. Visit your Library for copies of the featured books. Newcomers always welcome. No registration required.

Muskegon Township Book Club Third Monday of the month 10:30 am

Muskegon Township Branch September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19

Tuesday Evening Book Club Third Tuesday of the month 6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20

Holton Book Club Fourth Tuesday of the month 6:00 pm

Holton Branch September 27, October 25, November 22, December 27

Ravenna Reads Book Club

First Wednesday of the month 6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

September 7: Circe by Madeline Miller October: No Book Club due to remodel November 2: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig December 7: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

Dalton Book Club

Fourth Wednesday of the month 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch

September 28: The Darkest Evening by Ann Cleeves October 26: Circe by Madeline Miller November 23: The Rose Code by Kate Quinn December 28: The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware

Thursday Morning Book Club

First Thursday of the month 10:30 am

Norton Shores Branch

September 1: We Are Not Like Them by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza October 6: Infinite Country by Patricia Engel November 3: Circe by Madeline Miller December 1: Falling by T.J. Newman

USED BOOK SALES

Tuesday, September 6–Friday,

Ravenna Branch

During open hours

September 16

Holton Book Club

Fourth Tuesday of the month 6:00-7:00 pm **Holton Branch**

September 27, October 25, November 22, December 27

Senior Navigation Services

Are you over age 60? If you need help finding a primary care physician, applying for benefits (veterans, food stamps, Medicaid), paying for medications, obtaining durable medical equipment, financial assistance for hospital bill payment, utility assistance and food or housing, the Senior Navigator from the Health Project HUB can help with answering questions and linking you to services. No registration required—just drop in.

Dalton Branch

Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month 1:00-3:00 pm

Egelston Branch Second Thursday of the month 1:00-3:00 pm

Holton Second Friday of the month 1:00-3:00 pm

LVPD Second Friday of the month 10:00-12:00 pm

Montague Branch Second Tuesday of the month 1:00-3:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch First and third Friday of the month 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch Third Wednesday of the month 1:00-3:00 pm

Ravenna Branch First Friday of the month 1:00-3:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Friday, October 7: 9:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday, October 8: 9:00 am-3:30 pm

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

Thursday, Oct. 27, 9:00 am-4:00 pm Friday, Oct. 28, 9:00 am-4:00 pm Saturday, Oct. 29, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Saturday, November 19 9:30 am-3:30 pm



Tech Talks: Ancestry 101

Wednesday, September 14 Wednesday, October 12 4:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Create your online research frameworks and dive into search results, you'll likely find yourself combining these tips in creative ways—and bringing up those treasures you just knew were there. Registration required at madl.org/calendar, or by calling 231-828-4188.

Suicide Prevention Training

Question. Persuade. Refer. Three simple steps can help save a life. Spectrum Health is offering a free training to community members. Our free one-hour training will show participants how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, offer hope, get help, and save a life. Anyone can help prevent suicide. Friends, neighbors, colleagues and many others. To register, call 231-924-3073 or email communityhealth@spectrumhealth.org

Holton Branch

Wednesday, September 21 6:00-7:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, November 2 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Have tech questions? Bring them to the library!

ГЕСН A **Open Hours**

Need some assistance with a device or want to ask a question about an app? Stop in at our Tech Open Hours to get some help with technology. Help is offered on a first come, first served basis.

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Dalton Branch

Third Wednesday of the month 4:00 pm

Egelston Branch Third Monday of the month 2:00 pm

Holton Branch Second Tuesday of the month 2:00 pm

Montague Branch First Wednesday of the month 11:00 am

Montague Branch Third Thursday of the month 2:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch Fourth Tuesday of the month 3:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch Second Wednesday of the 2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Second Thursday of the month 11:00 am

Norton Shores Branch Third Tuesday of the month

Ravenna Branch

Friday, September 9 Friday, November 18 Friday, December 9 2:00 pm

Thank you Partners!























Muskegon Area District Library Board of Directors

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BOOKMOBILE See schedule and hours at madl.org

DALTON BRANCH 231-828-4188 3175 Fifth St, Twin Lake 49457 9:00 am - 6:00 pm 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

T, TH, F 11:00 am - 7:00 pm W S 10:00 am - 2:00 pm EGELSTON BRANCH 231-788-6477

5428 E. Apple Ave, Muskegon 49442 9:00 am - 7:00 pm M, T, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm TH, F, S 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

HOLTON BRANCH 231-821-0268 8776 Holton-Duck Lake Rd, Holton 49425 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 11:00 am - 7:00 pm CLOSED 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

	NSHIP BRANCH :h Muskegon 4944.	
W	11:00 am – 7	
TH	10:00 am – 6	5:00 pm
MONTAGUE BR.	ANCH	231-893-2675
8778 Ferry St, Mo	ntague 49437	
M, T, F	9:00 am – 5	5:00 pm
W,TH	11:00 am – 7	⁷ :00 pm
S	10:00 am – 2	2:00 pm
MUSKEGON HE	IGHTS BRANCH	231-739-6075
2808 Sanford St, M	Auskegon Heights	49444
M, T, F	9:00 am – 5	5:00 pm
W,TH	11:00 am – 7	7:00 pm
S	10:00 am – 2	2:00 pm

MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH 231-760-4329

1910 East Apple Ave, Suite D, Muskegon 49442			
M, T, F	9:00 am – 5:00 pm		
W,TH	11:00 am – 7:00 pm		
S	10:00 am - 2:00 pm		
SU Labor Day–Memorial Day	1:00 – 5:00 pm		

NORTH M	IUSKEGON BRANCH	231-744-6080
1522 Rudd	liman Dr, North Muskego	on 49445
M, T,	9:00 am –	7:00 pm
W	11:00 am –	7:00 pm
TH, F, S	9:00 am –	5:00 pm

NORTON SHORES BR	ANCH	231-780-8844
705 Seminole Rd, Norto	on Shores 494	141
M, T,	9:00 am – 7	⁷ :00 pm
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TH, F, S	9:00 am – 5	5:00 pm
SU Labor Day–Memorial Day	1:00 - 5	5:00 pm

RAVENNA B	RANCH	231-85	3-6975
12278 Staffor	d St, Ravenna 49451		
M, T, F	9:00 am –	5:00 pm	
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