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Newsletter

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

Serving the community at 10 local branches.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

An Update from Kelly Richards

We have many new great programs and services lined up for you to enjoy this summer! You can choose from various entertaining virtual options and also visit us in person to check out all of your favorite materials from our vast collection.

We are on the road to recovery from the public health crises and we may be re-opening fully to the public soon. There are now fewer restrictions for occupancy in our branches and social distancing rules have become more relaxed. With your safety in mind, we are doing everything to make your visit enjoyable.

Our Summer Reading program kicks off on June 14 and we are bringing you a new on-line reading challenge software and mobile app called Beanstack. It will make it

easy for patrons to register, track reading, earn incentives and chances to win great prizes.

We're keeping connected with you at home and in person this summer with a variety of fun things to do. Our programs include everything from 'Make It Monday' crafts, live virtual magic and animal shows and popular author Book Talks.

We will continue to bring you more of our very popular 'Take It Make It' craft kits for you to enjoy making at home at your leisure. Stop by any branch and pick one up for you and your family.

We're open five days a week, so bring your family and friends and enjoy all that we have to offer at any of your ten local branches. We're still here for you and our helpful staff look forward to seeing you soon.

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FREE Printing Now Available!

Did you know you can print documents for free at our libraries? Yes, you can use our wireless printing option or just visit us on-site to print 10 free prints per day. It's that easy. Files saved on your device can be uploaded to the MADL wireless print page and then the branch staff can print your files for you. There is a simple upload process that doesn't require a log-in. Visit any of our ten branch locations to pick up your print.



**Coming this summer—
our new Bookmobile!**

Look inside for a complete list of programs!

On-Line Learning Resources

Looking for new learning opportunities this summer? Check out these two useful resources. You can access them 24/7 on madl.org.



Brainfuse is our new online one-on-one tutoring service. This service connects people who want to learn with experts who want to teach. Students from kindergarten through college can access live tutors from 2:00–11:00 pm EST. There are printable practice sheets for almost all topics as well. Test prep, FAFSA assistance, and adult resources are available too. With their Writing Lab, you can submit a paper and receive feedback within 24 hours. Their HelpNow experts can also assist you with creating a winning resume. Log on to Brainfuse and explore all it has to offer. All you need is your library card.

pronunciator:

This is a fun and free way to learn any of 163 languages with personalized courses, movies, music and more. You can learn online, either on your desktop computer or mobile device. Pronunciator is a language-learning service for all ages, all literacy levels, with over 100 of the world's most popular languages.

New Catalog App!

The new Lakeland Library Cooperative App is now available. This app allows you easy access to our catalog. Now you can search for books, view upcoming library events, and gain access to online learning tools and other resources right from your smartphone or tablet. It also provides a quick and contact-less



way to checkout items with the mobile checkout feature. This app is available in the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store. You can search and place holds on materials, find events, digital collections, research, databases and other library information. Download it today!

Michigan Activity Pass



The Michigan Activity Pass is a wonderful way to visit some of the best cultural and natural attractions that Michigan has to offer. With your MADL card, you can “check out” free or discounted admission passes to a variety of locations like state parks, museums, nature centers and more. Visit michiganactivitypass.info, enter your starting location, how far you would like to travel, your home library, and search the hundreds of locations available to you. Let your library help you explore our beautiful state. Visit the Michigan Activity Pass site today.

MADL Eliminates Fines

Muskegon libraries have partnered to eliminate overdue fines for all items now. This is great news for anyone with unpaid late fines which will now be forgiven. MADL, together with Hackley Public Library and White Lake Community Library are providing improved access to library services.

By eliminating the fines, inactive patrons can now return to enjoy all library services such as free WiFi, computers, downloadable digital resources, movies, videos and so much more. The libraries' mission is to provide free and equitable access to all and removing barriers to access.



Book Bundles Now Available at MADL

Not sure what to read, watch, or listen to next? Then MADL Book Bundles might be perfect for you. Book Bundles consist of five items. You pick a category and we'll surprise you with some selections you might like. These items can be five books, five audiobooks, or five DVDs, or some

of each. Bundles are available in a variety of genres, so you can request a bundle of mystery, non-fiction, romance, or a mix. They are available for all ages and in large print too. Just call your local MADL branch to request a Book Bundle and let our friendly staff select something for you.

madl.org/books [more/book_bundles](http://madl.org/books/more/book_bundles)

Visit Muskegon Township's New Location!

Our new Muskegon Township branch library is up and running and offers library services at a highly visible and convenient location. The community is welcome to visit the branch and check out high demand materials. This newest relocated branch offers a relaxing and modern interior design, a laptop and phone charging area, computer stations and a large collection of best-selling books, DVDs and video games. Stop by and check us out today.



MADL will continue to provide library services and a variety of virtual programs. 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, or 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 more information and updates.

SUMMER READING IS HERE!

June 14–August 21

Join for your chance to win Grand Prize theme-based baskets like cooking, outdoor fun, crafts, hiking, and more.

To get started, go to madl.org/SummerReading and learn more about Beanstack, our new mobile reading app. There, you can register everyone in the family, log your reading, and earn prizes. We have something for everyone: 6th grade and younger, 7th through 12th grade, and even adults!



MiLibrary Quest

Hey Teens! MiLibraryQuest: Summer Edition begins on June 1. Start at madl.org/teenquest, then visit other library webpages across the state of Michigan to find descriptions of a variety of animals. Enter your findings in your

digital field journal by July 31 for a chance to win a \$25 Meijer gift card. Ages 11–18 eligible.

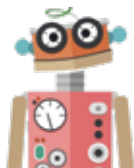
Wimee's Words

Weekdays

4:00 pm

Facebook Live

Tune into the Muskegon Area District Library Facebook Page for an online LIVE show featuring Wimee and friends as they sing, write stories, learn languages, and more. Join the fun every weekday at 4:00 pm where YOUR ideas could become part of the show!



Lighthouses: What's the Difference?

Monday, June 7

6:00 pm

Zoom

Join Matt Varnum, curator of the White River Light Station & Museum, for a look at why every lighthouse looks and sounds different from another. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Make It Monday: Flip Flop Welcome Sign

Monday, June 14

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Make your door summer ready with this festive flip flop welcome sign. Holly will show you how to create this super easy craft using dollar store items.



Magic with Joel Tacey

Tuesday, June 15

10:30 am

Zoom

Kick-off your summer reading and explore a forest of books as Reading Ranger Joel brings animal stories to life with dazzling magic, silly stunts, and goofy gadgets. The whole family will be laughing out loud and go crazy about reading. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Perennials 101—Garden Basics from an Expert

Monday, June 21

7:00 pm

Zoom

Certified Local Horticulturist, Kevin Ricco, will teach the basics of perennial gardening including site selection, plant layout, and routine maintenance. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Birdwatching vs Birding

Tuesday, June 22

7:00 pm

Zoom

Birder Greg Bodker shares the differences between birding and birdwatching while his beautiful photography displays the joys of each. Novice birdwatchers and aspiring birders will discover how to attract more birds to your backyard, along with places to go birding in the Muskegon area. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Virtual Libra

Tales About Tails

Tuesday, June 29

10:30 am

Zoom

Meet some of Howell Nature Center's wild friends and learn about their habitats, roles in the ecosystem, and the amazing adaptations that help them survive...including their tails. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Make It Monday: Abstract Heart Canvas

Monday, July 12

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Join Holly and learn how to make a heart painting with an easy-peasy painting technique requiring no brushes and items from the dollar store.



Professor Snoopenheimer Snoops Out Kooky Kryptids!

Tuesday, July 13

10:30 am

Zoom

Meet storyteller extraordinaire, Mat Emerick (AKA Professor Snoopenheimer), as he snoops out "kryptids" (well... "cryptids" really)—mysterious creatures that may or may not exist...you know, like Big Foot! This action-packed show features acting, stories, music, mimes, juggling, acrobatics, and colorful characters. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Camp MADL—Stuffed Animals Sleepover

Wednesday, July 21–Friday, July 30

All MADL Branches

It's time for summer camp! Drop your stuffed animals off at the library for Camp MADL. Stuffed animals will enjoy a fun-filled library adventure and take home camp photos. (Be careful, choose a friend you don't need for bedtime.)

Birds of Prey

Tuesday, July 27

10:30 am

Zoom

Join us for a close-up look at rescue birds of prey that live at the Outdoor Discovery Center in Holland. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

Coming in August...

Animal Trivia

Think you know a lot about animals? Put your knowledge to the test in this fun and interactive game for families to play together. Watch for details in your branch.



Make It Monday: Paper Doily Decoupage Bottles

Monday, August 9

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Holly will teach us how to turn empty wine bottles into works of art using simple paper doilies found at the dollar store.



Virtual Pet Show during PJ Storytime

Thursday, August 12

7:00 pm

Zoom

Do you have a pet that you love and want to show off? Join us for a Virtual Pet Show where the stars of the show are your pets. Don't have a pet? No problem—show off your favorite stuffed toy or just sit back and enjoy the show. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

MADL Pet Show

August 23–27

Get ready to vote for your favorite MADL pet! MADL staff will post photos of their furry or scaly friends along with random facts and trivia about them. Vote for your favorite. Winning results will be announced the following week.



Take It Make It

TiMi craft kits are back! Visit any branch to pick up your kit while supplies last.

6th Grade and Younger

June 14: Reading Wand
June 28: Dig It Up: Wild Animals
July 12: Bird Feeder
July 26: Grow a Pet
August 9: Nature Scavenger Hunt

Teen/Adult

June 21: Festive Coasters and Faygo
August 16: TBD

ry Programs

TEEN VIRTUAL GAME NIGHTS

6:00 pm
We love video games and there are so many fun games to try. Join us as we play online multiplayer games and branch out into virtual tabletop games. Want to chat about it? Join the Teen Book Club Discord.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate

Wednesday, June 16
Battle popular Nintendo characters against each other in this update to the classic game. Participants will need a Switch console and a Nintendo Switch Online account to participate.

Mario Kart 8

Wednesday, July 7
Racers, start your engines and get your blue shells ready—join us for MarioKart! Participants will need a Switch console and a Nintendo Switch Online account to participate. Find the access code/ID for players on the madl.org calendar right before game time.

Mini Tabletop Night: Honey Heist

Wednesday, July 21
You and your crew have a foolproof plan to heist a major score. The one potential problem? You're all bears and heisting honey is tough. Join us for a virtual tabletop game of mayhem via Discord. Registration required on the madl.org calendar so we can plan for the number of players but you do not need any supplies or experience to play, just internet and a Discord account.

Super Mario Party

Wednesday, August 4
Solve puzzles as a group in Mario World. Participants will need a Switch console and a Nintendo Switch Online account to participate.

Mini Tabletop Night: Uninvited Goose Party

Wednesday, August 18
It's the biggest, most elegant party in town and you are a flock of terrible geese. Join us in this virtual adaptation of the tabletop game Goat Crashers via Discord. Registration required on the madl.org calendar so we can plan for the number of players but you do not need any supplies or experience to play, just internet and a Discord account.

Summer Book Talks presented by the Friends of the Montague Library

Wednesdays
7:00 pm

Zoom and Facebook Live

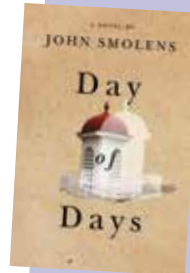
The Friends of the Montague Library have been hosting author books talks for over 20 years. This year, they will once again partner with MADL and The Book Nook to bring their Summer Book Talks to everyone. Join us for engaging talks and author insights on great books. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



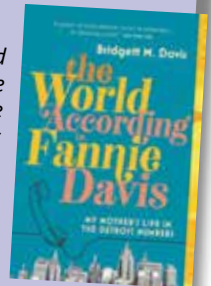
June 30:
The Faygo Book
by Joe Grimm
(a 2019 Michigan Notable author)



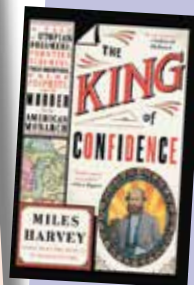
July 7:
Cross River Rivals
by Dan Yakes



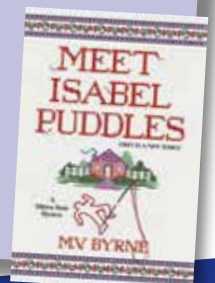
July 14:
Day of Days
by John Smolens



July 21: *The World According to Fannie Davis: My Mother's Life in the Detroit Numbers*
by Bridgett Davis
(a 2020 Michigan Notable author)



July 28:
The King of Confidence
by Miles Harvey
(a 2021 Michigan Notable author)



August 11:
Meet Isabel Puddles
by M. V. Byrne

Storytimes

Pajama Storytime Online

Thursdays, June 17–August 19

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Put on your PJs and snuggle up every week for books, music, and more. It's a virtual storytime that's great for kids of all ages.

Baby Time Online

The third Friday of the month

June 18, July 16, August 20

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.

Storytime LIVE

Tuesdays

June 22, July 6 and 20, August 3, 10, and 17

10:30 am

Zoom

We miss you! Join the MADL Storytime Crew on Zoom so we can see your smiling faces while we read with you. Registration required on the [madl.org](https://www.madl.org) calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

Story Walk

Read and get some exercise at the same time. Start your adventure at the library, follow the signs and read the story, then return to the library to collect your prize.

June 1–7: Dalton Branch

June 15–21: Ravenna Branch

June 28–July 2: Montague Branch

July 12–16: North Muskegon Branch

July 26–31: Holton Branch

August 9–13: Norton Shores Branch

August 16–20: Dalton Branch

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

Evening Book Club

Fourth Tuesday of the Month

6:00 pm

Zoom

Join Julie from the Holton Branch for Book Club each month. Newcomers always welcome. Registration required on the [madl.org](https://www.madl.org) calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

June 22: *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware

July 27: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

August 24: *Home Safe* by Elizabeth Berg

Morning ZOOM Book Club

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](https://www.madl.org) calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

June 3: *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi

July 8 (note date change): *Klara and The Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

August 5: *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

TEEN Book Club

Fourth Tuesday of the month

June 22, July 27, August 24

4:00 pm

Discord

Talk books with us and other teens, vote for your favorites, and choose what we read next. Register on the [madl.org](https://www.madl.org) calendar. You will also need a Discord account to participate. Bring your friends! Ages 13–18.

Thank You Sponsors



All branch hours 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. (Hours subject to change.)

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

EGLSTON 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
1910 E. Apple Avenue, Suite D, 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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