



# THE MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Serving the community at 10 local branches.

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

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

### An Update from Kelly Richards, Director

#### TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY

During the summer, we began working on a new Technology Assessment for our system-wide operations. Improving our overall technology is a key goal identified in our new Strategic Plan. We are examining our complete infrastructure, our platforms and applications, so that moving forward we will be better equipped to provide what is needed at all of our branches and at our centralized service center. Additionally, a security audit has been completed to help us ensure network security and privacy standards.

**We will strive to improve and update technology within the library and expand our menu of digital resources and services for patrons.**



Most recently, we have installed new enterprise grade switches at all 10 branch locations, the first part of reconfiguring our overall network. The addition of several new self-check computers will help improve customer service and reduce wait times. We will be looking to improve our current phone system by moving to a Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol system that will be unified across the 10 locations, improve our patron phone experience and help us reduce costs.

Ultimately, by reviewing our overall technology operations we will further develop plans for using the latest technology to engage patrons, improve security, ensure privacy and help our staff provide the best possible customer service.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Celebrate Black History Month with MADL!**  
Look for this icon identifying BHM events.



### Jazz: The Great American Songbook

Edye and Mike Hyde will perform songs from The Great American Songbook in the styles of our only true American music art form: jazz. They will demonstrate and discuss the relationship between musical improvisation and political freedom.

Tuesday, February 20 6:30 pm <b>North Muskegon Branch</b>
Wednesday, February 21 7:00 pm <b>Muskegon Heights Branch</b>
Thursday, February 22 7:00 pm <b>Norton Shores Branch</b>

## Book Club in a Bag is now easier to use!

Need help with your book discussion group? Have you tried our **Book Club in a Bag**? Beginning in January, you will have on-line access to all of our titles. Through Plymouth Rocket's KitKeeper, MADL patrons will be able to browse our collection on-line, check availability and place a request for the title they want. The kits will be available for pickup at any MADL branch.

Our **Book Club in a Bag** offers 10 copies of a book and a reader's discussion guide. Some of the kits include one large print copy as well. The bags check out for six weeks and can be reserved several months in advance. Visit [madl.org](http://madl.org) for more information and to place a request.



## Digital Magazines Now Available

We are pleased to provide digital magazines that you can download to your PC, Mac or mobile device. To enjoy RBDigital's wide selection of popular magazines, go to [madl.org](http://madl.org) and click on the Digital Magazines logo. Browse the wide array of magazines from All Recipes, ESPN to Yoga Journal plus adult coloring books to download and print. Check them out by using your MADL library card number and PIN.

Read on your computer or download the RBDigital app to access and read magazines on your mobile device. Once you download a magazine, it is yours to keep as long as you want. You can also sign up to be notified when a new issue of any magazine is available.

## Spring Used Book Sales



Mark your calendar now for our Spring Used Book sales. We offer gently used hardback and paperback books in every genre. Books, CD's, DVDs, videos and books on CDs will be sold at bargain prices. Book sales are held throughout the year with the generous support of Friends Groups and countless volunteers. The proceeds help support programs and services at MADL.

**Montague Branch**  
March 22–March 24  
Call 231-893-2675 for Book Sale open hours.

**North Muskegon Branch**  
April 21: 10:00 am–4:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**  
May 4: 9 am–5 pm  
May 5: 9 am–3:30 pm

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# CHILDREN'S programs

Families welcome

## Bow Wow Readers

Is your elementary student struggling with reading? Help boost their confidence by reading aloud to a furry friend. 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 good story as you read aloud to a friendly dog and practice your reading skills with confidence.

The fourth Monday of the month:  
January 22, February 26,  
March 26, April 23, May 21  
4:00–5:00 pm  
**Holton Branch**  
Call 231-821-0268 to register.

The second Tuesday of the month:  
January 9, February 13, March 13  
4:00–5:00 pm  
**Dalton Branch**  
Call 231-828-4188 to register.

The fourth Tuesday of the month:  
January 23, February 27,  
March 27, April 24, May 22  
4:00–5:00 pm  
**Montague Branch**  
Call 231-893-2675 to register.


Registration required, spots limited. Kids ages 5 and up will be scheduled for 15-minute time slots.

The first Tuesday of the month:  
March 7, April 4, May 2  
6:30–7:00 pm  
**Ravenna Branch**  
Call 231-853-6975 to register.

The third Tuesday of the month:  
March 21, April 18, May 16  
6:30–7:45 pm  
**Norton Shores Branch**  
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

The fourth Tuesday of the month:  
March 27, April 24, May 22  
6:30–7:45 pm  
**Egelston Branch**  
Call 231-788-6477 to register.



 **After School Movie Day**  
Wednesdays, January 3–May 30  
3:00 pm


**North Muskegon Branch**  
Come in after a long day at school to watch a G or PG movie at the library. Popcorn provided.

**Kids Zumba**  
Mondays, January 8–April 30  
4:30 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**  
So you think you can dance! You will at our weekly Zumba class taught by certified instructor, Lois Morris. Join us for a fun time dancing and staying fit.

**LEGO Builder's Drop-In**  
Tuesdays, January 9–May 29  
3:30–6:30 pm

**Montague Branch**  
Join fellow LEGO fans at the library. Build alone or with friends to make a masterpiece to be displayed in the library. We provide the LEGOs, you provide the creativity.

 **After School Movie: A Bug's Life**  
Tuesday, January 9  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**  
Watch a family friendly movie. Popcorn and juice provided. All ages welcome.

**LEGO Club**  
The second Saturday of the month  
January 13, February 10,  
March 10, April 14, May 12  
10:00 am–4:00 pm



**North Muskegon Branch**  
Join fellow LEGO friends and show off your skill. Build alone or with friends to make a masterpiece for display in the library. We provide the LEGOs, you provide the creativity.

**MADL Science: DNA Strawberries**  
Wednesday, January 17  
4:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**  
Scientists extract it to study it, crime labs study it to stop criminals, and historians use it to trace family trees. Come learn how to extract and look at real DNA. Ages 6–14. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Spanish for Kids with Ms. Pilar**  
Wednesdays, January 17–March 7  
4:30 pm


**Norton Shores Branch**  
Certified teacher Pilar Vanderstelt offers free classes in Spanish to children ages 3–6. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate with their children. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



**Family Fun Night: Frozen**  
Join us for a Frozen Family Fun Night, with music, dancing, crafts and characters. Come in costume and learn about Scandinavian culture.

Monday, January 22  
6:00 pm  
**Montague Branch**

Tuesday, January 23  
6:00 pm  
**Holton Branch**

 **Afternoon Movie: Tangled**  
Monday, January 29  
3:00 pm  
**Muskegon Township Branch**  
Join us in the Library for an afternoon movie.


**Storytime Snack & Learn with the Great Start Collaborative**

Monday, February 5  
9:30–10:45 am  
**Egelston Branch**  
Attend this regularly scheduled Storytime with added value. Great Start will bring snacks/lunch, sensory activities, themed learning stations, and information about community resources for families with young children. Call 231-788-6477 to register.


**Storytime Lunch & Learn with the Great Start Collaborative**

Tuesday, February 6  
10:30–11:30 am  
**Norton Shores Branch**

See \* below. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

 **After School Movie: Leap**  
Tuesday, February 6  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**  
Watch a family friendly movie. Popcorn and juice provided. All ages welcome.

 **After School Fun: Ruby Bridges**  
Tuesday, February 6  
6:30 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**  
Watch the movie *Ruby Bridges* to learn her inspirational story. Popcorn provided.

**Storytime Lunch & Learn with the Great Start Collaborative**

Monday, February 12  
10:45 am–12:00 pm  
**Muskegon Township Branch**  
See \* below. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Family Fun Night: Chinese New Year**  
Tuesday, February 13  
6:00 pm

**Holton Branch**  
Ring in the New Year—Chinese style. Celebrate the Year of the Dog with crafts, music and stories while learning about Chinese culture.

**Valentine Cookies**  
Wednesday, February 14  
4:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**  
Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library by decorating a cookie.

**Wonka Candy Workshop**  
Saturday, February 17  
2:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**  
Make special treats for yourself and others using chocolate, sprinkles, and candy melts. Allergens may be present. Ages 5 and up. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Storytime Lunch & Learn with the Great Start Collaborative**


Tuesday, February 20  
11:00 am–12:15 pm  
**Holton Branch**  
See \* below. Call 231-821-0268 to register

**Storytime Lunch & Learn with the Great Start Collaborative**

Wednesday, February 21  
11:15 am–12:30 pm  
**Muskegon Heights Branch**  
See \* below. Call 231-739-6075 to register

**Family Fun Night: Chinese New Year**


Wednesday, February 21  
6:00 pm  
**Montague Branch**  
Ring in the New Year—Chinese style. Celebrate the Year of the Dog with crafts, music and stories, while learning about Chinese culture.

 **Afternoon Movie: Wall-e**  
Monday, February 26  
3:00 pm

**Muskegon Township Branch**  
Join us in the library for an afternoon movie.

**Afterschool Fun: Bow Wow Readers**

Tuesday, March 6  
4:30–5:30 pm  
**Muskegon Heights Branch**  
Share a book as you sit and read aloud to a furry friend and practice your reading skills with confidence. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

 **After School Movie: Big Hero 6**  
Tuesday, March 13  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**  
Enjoy a family friendly movie. Popcorn and juice provided. All ages welcome.

**Storytime Snack & Learn with the Great Start Collaborative**

Tuesday, March 13  
9:45 am–11 am  
**Ravenna Branch**  
See \* below. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

**Family Fun Night: St. Patrick's Day**

Tuesday, March 13  
6:00 pm  
**Holton Branch**  
The luck of the Irish will be with you at our St. Patrick's Day Family Fun Night. Join us for music, dancing, crafts and stories while learning about Irish culture.

**MADL Science: Building Basic Bots**

Wednesday, March 14  
4:00 pm  
**Norton Shores Branch**  
Artbots and Brushbots are quick to make and fun to use. Small electronic parts in use—not recommended for younger children. Ages 6–14. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Family Fun Night: St. Patrick's Day**

Wednesday, March 14  
6:00 pm  
**Montague Branch**  
The luck of the Irish will be with you at our St. Patrick's Day Family Fun Night. Join us for music, dancing, crafts and stories while learning about Irish culture. The Great Start Collaborative will bring snacks and information about community resources for families with young children.


**St. Patrick's Day Cookies**

Saturday, March 17  
4:30 pm  
**Ravenna Branch**  
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by decorating a cookie.



**Music with Wendy**

Saturday, March 24  
10:00 am  
**Dalton Branch**  
Piano teacher, Wendy Kops, will share her love of music and help children discover the wonderful world of piano playing. All children attending will be entered in a prize drawing. Call 231-828-4188 to register.

 **Afternoon Movie: Hop**  
Monday, March 26  
3:00 pm

**Muskegon Township Branch**  
Join us in the library for an afternoon movie.

**LEGO Challenge**

It's all about Legos. During spring break, take the LEGO Challenge—building competitions, creating new LEGO Mini designs and more. All ages welcome.



Tuesday, April 3  
4:30 pm  
**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Wednesday, April 4  
2:00 pm  
**Montague Branch**

Wednesday, April 4  
2:00 pm  
**Norton Shores Branch**

Friday, April 6  
2:00 pm  
**Holton Branch**

**Peeps Diorama Contest**

Friday, April 6  
3:00 pm  
**North Muskegon Branch**  
Bust Spring Break boredom and get creative by making a diorama using Peeps. All finished dioramas will be on display the following week for patrons to vote on. Prizes will be awarded by age: Kindergarten and younger, 1st–6th grades, 7th–12th grades.

**Family Crafternoon**

Saturday, April 7  
2:00–4:00 pm  
**North Muskegon Branch**  
Bring the whole family for an afternoon of creativity at the library. Let your imagination run wild as you use our supply of crafts to make ingenious inventive works of art.

**CSI—Cash Scene Investigation**

Monday, April 16  
4:00 pm  
**Montague Branch**  
Let's go into "The Lab" to investigate money. We'll examine dollar bills and their features, and collect evidence of what it means to save money.

**Family Fun Night: Harry Potter**

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

Monday, April 23  
6:00 pm  
**Montague Branch**

Tuesday, April 24  
6:00 pm  
**Holton Branch**

\*Attend this regularly scheduled Storytime with added value. The Great Start Collaborative will bring snacks/lunch, sensory activities, themed learning stations, and information about community resources for families with young children.





**Money Smart Kids Read**  
April 21–28

Join our regularly scheduled Storytimes during Money Smart Week and have fun becoming MONEY SMART with books and crafts.



**After School Movie: Deep**  
Tuesday, April 24  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Watch a family friendly movie. Popcorn and juice provided. All ages welcome.



**Afternoon Movie: Moana**  
Monday, April 30  
3:00 pm

**Muskegon Township Branch**

Join us in the library for an afternoon movie.

**Family Fun Night: Cinco de Mayo**

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

Tuesday, May 1  
6:00 pm

**Holton Branch**

Wednesday, May 2  
6:00 pm

**Montague Branch**



**After School Movie: James and the Giant Peach**  
Tuesday, May 8

3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Relax and enjoy a family friendly movie. Popcorn and juice provided. All ages welcome.

**Plant a Pot**

Saturday, May 12  
12:00 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**

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

**All the Dots**

Saturday, May 12  
2:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

Make a mark, make a dot. We will use a variety of materials to explore pointillism (art from dots). We will have paints, so dress for a mess. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



**Afternoon Movie: Finding Nemo**  
Monday, May 21  
3:00 pm

**Muskegon Township Branch**

Join us in the library for an afternoon movie.

# Storytime



## January 8–May 4

**Baby Time**

Exclusively for 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.

**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**

This program 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**

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

**TUESDAYS**

**Norton Shores Branch:** 9:30–10:15 am TODDLER  
**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:** 9:15–10:00 am FAMILY  
**Egelston Branch:** 9:30–10:00 am TINY TOTS  
**Norton Shores Branch:** 10:30–11:15 am PRESCHOOL  
**Montague Branch:** 11:00–11:45 am FAMILY  
**Muskegon Heights Branch:** 11:15–11:45 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:** 6:30–7:15 pm PAJAMA TIME

# Teen programs

Ages 11-18



**Teen Book Club**  
Friday, January 5  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Snacks and discussion of *Berserker* by Emmy Laybourne.

**DIY Screen-Conductive Gloves**

Tuesday, January 16  
4:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

Need to use a tablet or phone and keep your hands warm? We can help. Bring gloves to customize (not required) and we will provide the rest. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Guitar Pick Jewelry**

Tuesday, January 16  
4:00 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Make a guitar pick out of plastic using old gift cards, IDs, or other plastic cards. We'll provide everything you need. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

**T-Shirt Tote Bag**

Friday, January 19  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Bring your favorite old t-shirt to the library and turn it into a tote bag. We will provide scissors, but participants must bring a shirt.



**Teen Book Club**  
Friday, February 2  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Snacks and discussion of *Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Mariscalco.

**Random Fandom Trivia**

Tuesday, February 20  
4:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

Teams will choose one from four different fandoms (Doctor Who, Harry Potter, Star Wars or Stranger Things) and face off in a trivia bowl. Do you have what it takes? Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Bookend Painting**

Thursday, February 22  
3:00 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**

Help give the Young Adult section of the library a makeover by creating book inspired works of art on library bookends. All supplies will be provided.



**Custom Phone Case**

Thursday, February 22 AND  
Friday, February 23  
4:00 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Bored of your phone case and how plain it looks? Bring your phone and your old phone case and make a new one. This is a two-day process so plan to attend both days. Call 231-739-6075 to register.



**Teen Book Club**  
Friday, March 2  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Snacks and discussion of *Jane Unlimited* by Kristen Cashore.

**Fuzzy Ball Coasters**

Friday, March 16  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Join us to create your own fuzzy ball coaster masterpiece. Materials provided.

**Cupcake Boss**

Tuesday, March 20  
4:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

Test your cupcake decorating skills. We provide the supplies, you provide the talent. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Duct Tape Bags**

Tuesday, March 20  
4:00 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Design your own reusable bag with tape. We'll have lots of colorful tape to choose from. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

**Harry Potter Escape Room**

Thursday, April 5  
1:00 – 4:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

Teams of four will have 30 minutes to solve riddles and decipher clues together. Can you and your companions escape or will you be lost in Hogwarts forever? Call 231-780-8844 to register.



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

**Ravenna Branch**

Snacks and discussion of *Scion of the Fox* by S.M. Beiko.

**A Keys Key Chain**

Tuesday, April 17  
4:00 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Make a key shaped keychain using modeling clay then bake it at home. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

**Haiku Slam**

Tuesday, April 17  
4:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

Easy to learn but/Strangely difficult to write/Haiku happens now. Learn a deceptively easy form of poetry—either to share or for fun, for poetry or for lyrics. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**DIY Nail Polish Rock Paperweight**

Friday, April 20  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Create a do-it-yourself paperweight made out of rocks and nail polish. We will provide the materials, you bring the creativity.



**Teen Book Club**  
Friday, May 4  
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Snacks and discussion of *The Traitor's Kiss* by Erin Beaty.

**Exam Cram Coloring Jam**

Tuesday, May 15  
4:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

Need a break? Come grab some markers or pencils and color with us.

**Sharpie Mugs**

Friday, May 18  
3:00 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**

Decorate your own mug using oil-based Sharpies. We'll have the mugs, the Sharpies, and some inspiring ideas to get you started. Then, take your mug home and bake it to make your design permanent. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

**Make Music @ MADL with KANA MUSIC**

Join KANA MUSIC for a free music class designed for families with children ages 0–10 years old. Enjoy making music with instruments, singing, movement, stories and a music instrument craft. Registration is limited to 15 children and their parents or caregivers.

Saturday, February 10  
11:00 am

**North Muskegon Branch**

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Saturday, February 10  
2:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Saturday, April 14  
10:30 am

**Montague Branch**

Call 231-893-2675 to register.

Saturday, April 14  
1:00 pm

**Egelston Branch**

Call 231-788-6477 to register.



# Adult programs

## Technology Tutoring

Fridays, January 5–May 25  
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. Call 231-853-6975 to schedule.

## Gifts from Psyche's Garden: A Jungian approach to Myths, Stories & Dreams

Fridays, January 5–February 9  
1:00 pm

### North Muskegon Branch

Join Trish Kochka, Ph.D. as she guides you to a deeper understanding of the symbol-world. Topics will include the role of the unconscious and myths and stories that shape cultures and individuals. Learn the value of “reading” stories in terms of culture and of self, and the importance of dreams. This is a six-week course with 90-minute sessions. Space is limited to 12 participants. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

## Zumba Class

Mondays, January 8–April 30  
5:00 pm

### Muskegon Heights Branch

Join us for a fun time dancing and staying fit at our weekly Zumba class taught by certified instructor, Lois Morris.

## Make it @ MADL:

### Toilet Paper Roll Wall Art

Tuesday, January 9  
6:00 pm

### North Muskegon Branch

Upcycle toilet paper rolls into a beautiful piece of art for your living room wall. All materials are provided. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

## Ladies Night

Wednesday, January 10  
6:00 pm

### Muskegon Heights Branch

Ladies, stop in for a night of fun and relaxation while watching a movie and enjoying snacks.

## Warm Your Body & Soul: An Author Tea

Wednesday, January 17  
2:00 pm

### Norton Shores Branch

Looking for inspiration in the New Year? Join local authors Bonnie Jeane-Marie (*My Journey to Ephphatha*) and Kitty Sharron (*It's All in Your Head; The Longest Letter*) as they share challenging life experiences described in their books that emphasize the importance of their faith. Tea and cookies included. Copies of the authors' works will be available for purchase. This is presented in connection with the **Great Michigan Read** 2017-18, statewide one-book reading initiative sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council.

## Spine Label Poetry

Monday, January 22–Friday, January 26  
All day

### Ravenna Branch

Visit the library and create a spine label poem. Choose at least three books from our shelves and use the titles to create a poem. Poems created will be displayed throughout the week. Families welcome to participate.

## Technology Tutoring

Mondays, January 22–May 14  
10:30 am–7:00 pm or by appointment.

### Muskegon Township 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. All ages welcome. Call 231-760-4329 to schedule.



## Page to Screen Noir: *The Big Sleep*

Wednesday, January 24  
1:30 pm

### Norton Shores Branch

Read the classic noir mystery and then watch the film; program includes an informal discussion of both formats, plus popcorn. January's title: *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler. The film stars Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart.

## Lair of the Library

The second and fourth Wednesdays of the month  
January 24–May 23  
5:30 pm

### Muskegon Heights Branch

“Welcome to the Lair,” said the spider to the fly... Ah, I mean Game Master to the Player; and enter at your own risk. Here is a place where imagination and stories are a little more real. Want to be a magician, a fantasy warrior, or superhero? Join an interactive role playing game where you and others are able to create your own story. Starter character sheets provided.



## Crochet Craft Club

Wednesday, January 31  
5:30 pm

### Ravenna Branch

Join a group of experienced crocheting individuals, or learn the craft yourself from someone more experienced. Not into crocheting? Then bring whatever craft from home you are working on and enjoy the friendship circle. Materials not provided—so bring whatever you need.



## Create on Canvas

Saturday, February 3  
1:00 pm

### North Muskegon Branch

Join instructor Lacy from Create.A.Frame Studios as she guides you through making a beautiful work of art. A \$12 prepaid materials fee is due at the time of registration. Space limited to 20. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



## Live at the Library

### presents Jeremy Verwys

Tuesday, February 6  
6:30 pm

### North Muskegon Branch

Enjoy Jeremy Verwys, performer and teacher in an inspiring recital of guitar classics. Jeremy has performed with the Grand Rapids Symphony and the White Lake Chamber Music Festival.



## Ladies Night

Wednesday, February 7  
6:00 pm

### Muskegon Heights Branch

Ladies, stop in for a night of fun and relaxation while watching a movie and enjoying snacks.



## Make It Take It Plus

Saturday, February 10  
1:00 pm

### Muskegon Heights Branch

Start the year off with a craft. Learn how to make crochet dish cloths that you can keep. If you're feeling motivated make a few extra at home to sell at the presenter's shop, Sisters Gifts and More! Call 231-739-6075 to register.



## Make it @ MADL: Beaded Teapot Bookmark

Tuesday, February 13  
6:00 pm

### North Muskegon Branch

Make an adorable beaded bookmark. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



## Jamming in the Kitchen

Jam and jelly season has arrived! Making jam and jelly involves kitchen chemistry, meaning exact measurements and proper ingredients are important. Discover everything you need to know to preserve that delicious fresh fruit taste with MSU Extension Food & Safety Educator Jane Hart.

Monday, May 7  
4:30 pm

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

Tuesday, May 8  
6:00 pm

**Egelston Branch**  
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Monday, May 14  
6:00 pm

**Dalton Branch**  
Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Tuesday, May 22  
6:30 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**  
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Wednesday, May 23  
5:30 pm

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

Wednesday, May 30  
6:00 pm

**Montague Branch**  
Call 231-893-2675 to register.



## Ebony Road Players

Monday, February 19  
7:00 pm

### Norton Shores Branch

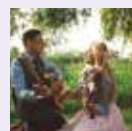
The Ebony Road Players perform excerpts of *The Meeting*, a fascinating play by Jeff Stetson that depicts the supposed meeting of two of the most important men of modern times: Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Differing in their philosophies, but alike in their mutual respect, the two men debate their varying approaches to the same grave social problems, both prepared to die for their beliefs. This production relates to *X: A Novel*, the 2017-2018 **Great Michigan Read**.

## Plain Jane Glory

Wednesday, February 21  
6:00 pm

### Dalton Branch

Muskegon's Plain Jane Glory is a husband and wife duo specializing in NeoFolk/Americana music that is honest, passionate, heartfelt, and nostalgic. They use a variety of instrumentation including: vocal harmonies, violin/fiddle, acoustic guitar, banjo, harmonica, and percussion to create a surprisingly big sound.



## Crochet Craft Club

Monday, February 26  
5:30 pm

### Ravenna Branch

See \* below.



## Page to Screen Noir

Wednesday, February 28  
1:30 pm

### Norton Shores Branch

Read the classic noir mystery and then watch the film; program includes an informal discussion of both formats, plus popcorn. February's title: *Double Indemnity* by James M. Cain. The film stars Barbara Stanwyck.

## Live @ the Library

### presents Paddy's Cure

Tuesday, March 6  
6:30 pm

### North Muskegon Branch

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day early with the Celtic band Paddy's Cure, playing pub classics and modern-day favorites.



## Ladies Night

Wednesday, March 7  
6:00 pm

### Muskegon Heights Branch

Ladies, stop in for a night of fun and relaxation while watching a movie and having snacks.



## Paint a Plate

Saturday, March 10  
11:00 am

### North Muskegon Branch

Add to your spring décor by painting a beautiful plate. All materials are provided. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

## MADL Thursday

### Night Music Club

### presents Uneven Ground

Thursday, March 15  
7:00 pm

### Norton Shores Branch

Get your “green” on as one of the Muskegon area's most popular Celtic bands performs foot-stompin' jigs, reels, folk tunes and more.



## Seed Library Launch Party

Saturday, March 17  
2:00 pm

### North Muskegon Branch

Find out how the seed library will work, and learn all about seed saving from presenter Ben Cohen of Small House Farms. Refreshments provided.



## Make it @ MADL: Zentangle Cards

Tuesday, March 27  
6:00 pm



### North Muskegon Branch

Learn the art of Zentangle—a relaxing and fun art form done in pen and ink that takes doodling to the next level—and make your own amazing creation. All supplies will be provided. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

## Fungal Wonders:

### Adventures with a Mycophyle

Tuesday, March 27  
7:00 pm

### Norton Shores Branch

Spring means mushroom hunting in Michigan. Join Nicole Mathiaz, Certified Mushroom Expert, to explore the world of mushrooms. Nicole will delve into their role on our ecosystems and dispel some of the myths surrounding edible fungi.



## Page to Screen Noir

Wednesday, March 28  
1:30 pm

### Norton Shores Branch

Read the classic noir mystery and then watch the film; program includes an informal discussion of both formats, plus popcorn. March's title: *Rear Window*, based on the short story *It Had To Be Murder* by Cornell Woolrich. The film stars Grace Kelly and James Stewart.



## Crochet Craft Club

Wednesday, March 28  
5:30 pm

### Ravenna Branch

See \* below.

## Live @ the Library

### presents Uneven Ground

Tuesday, April 3  
6:30 pm

### North Muskegon Branch

We welcome back local four-piece band Uneven Ground, who will take us on a humorous journey into the roots of Celtic music.



## Ladies Night

Wednesday, April 4  
6:00 pm

### Muskegon Heights Branch

Ladies, stop in for a night of fun and relaxation while watching a movie and enjoying snacks.

## Patron Appreciation Day

Tuesday, April 10

### ALL MADL Branches—ALL Day

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

## Live @ the Library

### presents Foley Schuler

Tuesday, April 10  
6:30 pm

### North Muskegon Branch

Celebrate poetry month with WBLV radio announcer Foley Schuler. Enjoy his original poetry and some of his favorites from literature; then read a favorite of your own—or have Foley read it for you.

\*Join a group of experienced crocheting individuals,

or learn the craft yourself from someone more experienced. Not into crocheting? Then bring whatever craft from home you are working on and enjoy the friendship circle. Materials not provided—so bring whatever you need.





### Make It Take It Plus

Saturday, April 14  
1:00 pm

#### Muskegon Heights Branch

It's time to get crafty. This month we are making jewelry. Keep it for yourself or make something for a friend. If you're feeling motivated make a few extra at home to sell at the presenter's shop, Sisters Gifts and More! Call 231-739-6075 to register.

#### Gardening 101

Monday, April 16  
6:00 pm

#### North Muskegon Branch

A local gardening expert will share tips and tricks for how to get the most from your spring garden. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

#### MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Lake Michigan Guitar Duo

Thursday, April 19  
7:00 pm

#### Norton Shores Branch

Bring a friend or the whole family to hear guitarists Paul Vondiziano and David Martin who have combined their talents to form an exceptional classical duo.



### Make it @ MADL: Floating Tea Cup

Monday, April 23  
6:00 pm

#### North Muskegon Branch

Learn to make this one of a kind piece which creates the illusion of flowers spilling into a saucer from a "floating" cup. All supplies are provided. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



### Crochet Craft Club

Wednesday, April 30  
5:30 pm

#### Ravenna Branch

See \* below.



### Mom and Me Canvas

Saturday, May 5  
1:00 pm

#### North Muskegon Branch

Instructor Lacy from Create.A.Frame Studios will guide you and your child in making two paintings which fit together to make a beautiful work of art. A \$12 prepaid materials fee is due at the time of registration. Space is limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



#### Community Shred Day

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

#### Norton Shores Branch

Kent Record Management representatives will be at the Library's parking lot to accept up to 100 pounds of private documents per person for free secure shredding and recycling.

#### MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Julia & the Greensides

Thursday, May 17  
7:00 pm

#### Norton Shores Branch

This contemporary folk trio with cello and guitar backing up strong vocal harmonies shares tones as warm and sweet as a summer orchard.



### Make it @ MADL: Sugar Scrubs

Monday, May 21  
6:00 pm

#### North Muskegon Branch

Come see how incredibly easy it is to make your own home-made sugar scrubs. We will show you how to make two different scents and provide you with recipes to make more at home. All supplies are provided. Call 231-744-6080 to register.



### Crochet Craft Club

Wednesday, May 30  
5:30 pm

#### Ravenna Branch

See \* below.

## Let's Talk About Books

Community book lovers meet once a month at the Library to discuss the book selection for that month. Visit your Library for copies of the featured books. Newcomers always welcome.

#### Dalton Book Club

The fourth Monday of the month  
6:00 pm

#### Dalton Branch

January 22: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr  
February 26: *X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon  
March 26: *The Book of Polly* by Kathy Hepinstall  
April 23: *The Dorito Effect* by Mark Scatzker

#### Tuesday Morning Book Club

The third Tuesday of the month  
10:30 am

#### Muskegon Township Branch

Books to be selected by group participants.  
January 16  
February 20: *X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon  
March 20  
April 17  
May 15

#### Holton Book Club

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

#### Holton Branch

Books to be selected by group participants.  
January 16  
February 20: *X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon  
March 20  
April 17  
May 15

#### Tuesday Evening Book Club

The third Tuesday of the month  
6:30 pm

#### North Muskegon Branch

January 16: *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walters  
February 21: *X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon  
March 20: *The Storied Life of AJ Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin  
April 17: *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks  
May 15: *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe

#### Ravenna Reader's Book Club

The first Wednesday of the month  
6:00 pm

#### Ravenna Branch

January 3: Discussion on a poem of your choosing.  
February 7: *X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon  
March 7: *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  
April 4: *Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert  
May 2: *Home Safe* by Elizabeth Berg

#### Wednesday Morning Book Club

The first Wednesday of the month  
10:00 am

#### North Muskegon Branch

January 3: *The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson  
February 7: *X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon  
March 7: Title selected at previous Book Club  
April 4: Title selected at previous Book Club  
May 2: Title selected at previous Book Club

#### Thursday Morning Book Discussion

The first Thursday of the month  
10:30 am

#### Norton Shores Branch

January 4: *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan  
February 1: *X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon  
March 1: *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi  
April 5: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith  
May 3: *The Man in the High Castle* by Phillip K. Dick

## Consumer Education Programs

Presented by Carol Hillman from the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Education Division.

#### In Home Care and Senior Residences

Learn about resources available to help you make the best decisions regarding care for yourself or loved ones while at home or in a senior residence.

Thursday, January 18  
11:00 am

#### North Muskegon Branch

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Saturday, February 17  
10:30 am

#### Dalton Branch

Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Wednesday, April 11  
6:00 pm

#### Holton Branch

Call 231-821-0268 to register.

Wednesday, May 9  
6:00 pm

#### Montague Branch

Call 231-893-2675 to register.

#### Home Repair and Improvement

Home ownership comes with maintenance, repair, and improvement projects. Discover the telltale signs of home repair scams, unscrupulous contractors, and how to navigate the home improvement process.

Saturday, January 27  
10:30 am

#### Dalton Branch

Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Thursday, March 22  
11:00 am

#### North Muskegon Branch

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Tuesday, April 10  
6:00 pm

#### Egelston Branch

Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Wednesday, April 18  
6:00 pm

#### Holton Branch

Call 231-821-0268 to register.

Wednesday, April 25  
2:00 pm

#### Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

## MAD(L) Crafters

#### Mini Macramé

Vintage crafts are really trending, and macramé is cool again. Learn some of the basic knots and create this cute miniature owl. Ages 18 and up.

Tuesday, February 13  
6:00 pm

#### Egelston Branch

Call 788-6477 to register.



Wednesday, February 21  
6:30 pm

#### Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

#### Stencil Painting

Learn some skills in using stencils on wood and create a cheery "Welcome Spring" sign. Ages 18 and up.

Tuesday, March 13  
6:00 pm

#### Egelston Branch

Call 788-6477 to register.



Wednesday, March 14  
6:00 pm

#### North Muskegon Branch

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Wednesday, March 21  
6:30 pm

#### Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

#### Paper Bead Bracelet

Discover how to make paper beads then turn them into a chic, stretchy bracelet. Ages 18 and up.

Wednesday, April 11  
6:00 pm

#### North Muskegon Branch

Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Tuesday, April 17  
6:00 pm

#### Egelston Branch

Call 788-6477 to register.

Wednesday, April 18  
6:30 pm

#### Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

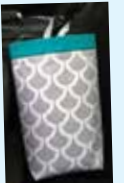
#### No Sew Fabric Bag

No needle or thread required to make this handy fabric litter bag, perfect for the car or camper. Ages 18 and up.

Wednesday, May 9  
6:00 pm

#### North Muskegon Branch

Call 231-744-6080 to register.



Tuesday, May 15  
6:00 pm

#### Egelston Branch

Call 788-6477 to register.

Wednesday, May 16  
6:30 pm

#### Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

## Great Michigan Read

During the month of February, MADL branches will host book discussions of *X: A Novel*, written by his daughter, Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon. This young adult novel explores the Michigan roots of Malcolm X. This book is part of the **Great Michigan Read** which aims to connect Michiganders by deepening our understanding of our state, our society, and our humanity. This project is funded in part by the Michigan Humanities Council.

Pick up a copy of the book at a MADL Branch and attend one of the book discussions listed below:

Thursday, February 1  
10:30 am

#### Norton Shores Branch

Wednesday, February 7  
10:00 am

#### North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, February 7  
6:00 pm

#### Ravenna Branch

Saturday, February 17  
11:00 am

#### Muskegon Heights Branch

Tuesday, February 20  
10:30 am

#### Muskegon Township Branch

Tuesday, February 20  
6:00-7:00 pm

#### Holton Branch

Wednesday, February 21  
6:30 pm

#### North Muskegon Branch

Monday, February 26  
6:00 pm

#### Dalton Branch







## EGELSTON BRANCH – EAST MUSKEGON’S STAR LIBRARY

Nestled between the fire department and the township offices sits the Egelston Branch of the Muskegon Area District Library. First established in a small room in the basement of the township hall, the library was



moved into the old township governmental offices in 1972. A children’s area was constructed in 1979 with the help of a federal grant. In 1982, online computer circulation services were connected with the Muskegon County Library and the branch thrived until it outgrew its small building location.

In 1990, Muskegon County Library, local businesses, supportive residents and the Egelston Township board all worked together on a

fundraiser for a new library building. Then in 1992, a new Egelston Branch was built in its current location at 5428 E. Apple Avenue. The 5,000 square foot location has a spacious layout, a comfortable seating area for visitors to read, and a children’s area where kids can sit back and escape with a book.

The branch houses a large DVD collection, and visitors mention that the selection at the library rivals local video stores. The branch also has a special collection of books written by local authors. These books are written by current or former residents of West Michigan. Authors are encouraged to donate a copy of their works to the library to add to the collection so others in the area can enjoy them.

The library offers weekly preschool Storytime programs, including a Tiny Tots programs for toddlers. Many families, toddlers and children enjoy these well attended and popular early literacy programs. Adults can participate in various monthly craft programs. A unique service that the branch offers to the public is educational proctoring. Students who are taking online or off-campus classes can make arrangements in advance to take exams at the library free of charge.

In 1996, circulation was 37,630. Twenty years later, in 2016, circulation almost doubled to 73,086, ranking the branch as third busiest in the MADL system. The community continues its support with thousands of people visiting each month to use the library’s six Internet computers and free Wi-Fi. A color copy machine is also available, along with fax services.

An annual book sale is held every August by a group of dedicated volunteers. Items donated from residents are sold and proceeds help to support programs. Members of our community over the years have also donated book shelving. The library has grown to be a place with more than just a wide variety of books. With a MADL library card, patrons can download free music and videos to laptops and smart devices. Audio and e-books are also available.

The Egelston branch continues to be a star in the community and provides a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere for its many users. With the continued support of the township, the library will flourish for many years to come.



### 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

### EGELSTON BRANCH

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

### HOLTON BRANCH

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

### MONTAGUE BRANCH

8778 Ferry Street, Montague  
231-893-2675  
Mon, Tue & Wed 9:30 am – 7:00 pm  
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](http://madl.org) to see the meeting schedule and Board members.

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