



Serving the community at 10 local branches.

Newsletter

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR **An Update from Kelly Richards**

Happy New Year to all of our Friends and Families!

We are hopeful for a better and brighter new chapter of renewed library services this year.

The year 2020 was challenging and stressful with a national pandemic and a year of significant fluctuations in our operations and services. The COVID-19 disease will be long-remembered for the tragedy of its effects on millions of people around the world and for the great work of our scientists and government working on a vaccine in record time.

From our initial closing in March, then partially re-opening, and then closing again except for limited services and limited capacity, we continued to make adjustments and kept our 24/7 access to digital resource services and wi-fi access open to the public.

The changes we had to make in our workplace were difficult. We offered curbside pickup services,

online programs and expanded online resources. Curbside service is available during open branch hours, and provides convenient service to pick up holds from the safety of a vehicle or walk-up service. We also offer a large variety of digital options, including online library card signup, access to a huge collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eVideos, eMusic and eMagazines.

We accelerated many technological services; an increase digital checkouts, an increase in wi-fi access, more hotspots for lending, wireless printing from home, fines free, and more.

Programming moved from in-house to total virtual offerings. Our talented staff quickly adapted and began to offer many new virtual programs; Storytimes, crafts, book clubs, music and a new online LIVE early literacy show for children — Wimee's Words.

We appreciate your patience and acceptance of this ever-changing environment in which we are living. We have an excellent, talented and dedicated team who care deeply about our patrons. And, it's exciting to know we will be seeing you out in your local neighborhoods with the new Bookmobile soon!

Coming in 2021 — a library on wheels — our new Bookmobile!

We will embark on an exciting new outreach service for our community. Our custom designed mobile library service will be equipped with computer stations, a collection of high demand books and materials, wi-fi, a printing and charging station, TV, PA system, lift gate and retractable awning — completely child friendly. The new service will offer convenient mobility and scheduling flexibility.



Look inside for a complete list of programs!

Discovery Packs

This spring, our Discovery Packs will be updated with a new comprehensive collection of books, music CDs and suggested activities. The clear backpacks are easy to check out based on popular themes for preschool, primary, and intermediate aged children. They are a great resource for parents to use with their children. Some of the themes include Pete the Cat, Potty Time, Feelings, Holidays and more. They can be picked up at any of our ten local branch libraries and borrowed for 14 days.



TumbleBookLibrary is available now!



TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, graphic novels, nonfiction books, and more for kids of all ages.

You can access TumbleBookLibrary online anytime by clicking the MADL at Home button on madl.org.

Or, download the TumbleBooks app for FREE.

New Bookmobile Service in Muskegon

A brand new, custom built Bookmobile arrives this spring and will bring greater mobile outreach services to our community.



The MADL Bookmobile will travel throughout Muskegon County and provide full library services and programs to those who may not have a library branch nearby, and to those with mobility and transportation issues. We will provide new access for educational and entertainment offerings — books, movies, music, video games, wi-fi access, public computers, printing and more. Look for the Bookmobile at township halls, community centers, parks, schools, churches and events. More information will be available on our website. We are excited to resume the Bookmobile service and look forward to bringing the library to your neighborhood soon!

Imaginative Art Now at the Norton Shores Branch



The "Beauty of Books" Kayak was painted live during the 2019 Muskegon Lakeshore Art Festival by local artist Audrey Link. It was donated to MADL by the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce. The 115 hand-painted butterflies on the boat are meant to inspire your imagination. It is installed at the children's area close to the Storyville Village Hines Baby Garden, where there are four painted butterflies hanging from the ceiling.



"Wisdom," a metal sculpture of two owls created by Larry Sybesma, can be seen outside the Seminole Road entrance. Made from 100% recycled metal, the sculpture was made possible with donations, including one from the Norton Friends of the Library. The sculpture was part of the 2020 PADNOS Public Art Project in conjunction with the Lakeshore Art Festival. Larry Sybesma, from Holland, Michigan is dedicated to taking every opportunity to inspire children in the arts and nature.

Branch Renovations

Muskegon Heights



Youth area including "The Neighborhood" Storyville village.



Patron's entrance and adult collection area with vibrant colors.

North Muskegon



New carpet, paint and furniture at the North Muskegon Branch Library



See the complete list of programs on the inside!



We continue to provide library services and offer 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 information and updates.

Teen MI Library Quest

January 1–February 14

madl.org

An anonymous tip has come in that a thief has announced that they will steal an iconic Michigan landmark on Valentine's Day. We're recruiting teenage private detectives charged with stopping the heist! Figure out what they're stealing and who the thief is to prevent the crime and be entered to win a prize. The challenge begins on January 1. You have until February 14 to solve the mystery.

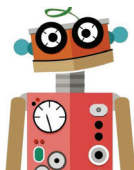
Wimee's Words

Weekdays beginning January 4

4:00 pm

Facebook Live

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



Teen Animal Crossing

The first Wednesday of the month

January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5

6:00 pm

Nintendo Switch

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



Make It Monday: Coffee Filter Flower

Monday, January 11

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Use a hula hoop, coffee filters, hot glue, and some lace to make this show-stopping decoration for your home. For a list of supplies you need, see the madl.org calendar.



Mad Science: Fantastic Flyers

Tuesday, January 12

11:00 am

Zoom

The Wright Brothers would be proud as we follow in their footsteps and learn the fundamental principles of flight. Build different types of stunt planes and gliders. Experiment with trick planes and have a contest to see who can build the farthest flying glider. You'll be Top Gun after this class! Perfect for classrooms to join. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

Art Journaling with Corinne Roberts

Thursday, January 14

7:00 pm

Zoom

Practice basic sketching techniques to draw the world around you, along with learning to use drawing as a source of relaxation, stress relief, and mental focus. Intended for adults but everyone is welcome. No prior drawing experience is needed. All you need is paper, pencil, and eraser. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Teen Virtual Game Night

The third Wednesday of the month

January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19

6:00 pm

Platform varies

We love Animal Crossing, but there are so many other fun games to try! Join us as we play other online multiplayer games like Among Us, Super Smash Bros Ultimate, and more. Check the calendar to see what game and platform we're trying each month. Want to chat about it? Join the Teen Book Club Discord by registering on the calendar at madl.org.

Music Play Patrol: Countdown to Noon

Thursday, January 21

11:00 am

Zoom

Join Mr. Frank to celebrate the new year with singing, dancing, and a virtual parade. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

Virtual Library Ser



Make It Monday: Argyle Heart Valentine Wreath

Monday, February 8
7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Holly will show you how to make this adorable wreath using a foam wreath, yarn, and felt. A perfect gift for someone you love. For a list of supplies you need, see the [madl.org](https://www.madl.org) calendar.



Drawing Mythical Creatures with Corinne Roberts

Thursday, February 11
7:00 pm

Zoom

Join a drawing class that is great for teens and the rest of the family. Use basic shapes and simple line techniques to create classic and your own imaginative mythical creatures. No prior drawing experience is needed. All you need is paper, a pencil, and an eraser. Registration required on the [madl.org](https://www.madl.org) calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

Black History Month: Music that Matters

Saturday, February 13
7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

For over 20 years, Robert Jones and Matt Watroba have been musical partners, sharing a love for traditional American music. Please join them for an exclusive concert featuring



music that reflects our country's history, social change, migration patterns, hopes, and dreams through songs that are rich and diverse, direct and powerful.



Music Play Patrol: Universe of Sounds

Thursday, February 18
11:00 am

Zoom

Explore the sounds of space using sound processors and other unique instruments with Mr. Frank. Registration required on the [madl.org](https://www.madl.org) calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

Solutions to Taming all the To Dos in Your Life

Wednesday, February 24
7:00 pm

Zoom

Linda Fuzi, from Organize Within LLC, will explore the many ways people can simplify their lives, including setting up daily systems, using technology and learning how to conquer the unique situations that arise. Registration required on the [madl.org](https://www.madl.org) calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program. Send in your questions when you register or ask during our Q & A after the presentation.



Make It Monday: Ombre Tassel Necklace

Monday, March 8
7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Learn how to craft this colorful necklace by making a stunning (but super simple) array of tassels from embroidery thread.

For a list of supplies you need, see the [madl.org](https://www.madl.org) calendar.



Mad Science: Movie Effects

Tuesday, March 9
11:00 am

Zoom

Grab your popcorn but don't sit back.

We're going to learn first-hand how advances in science and technology are behind our favorite special effects. 3, 2, 1...Science in Action. Perfect for classrooms to join. Registration required on the [madl.org](https://www.madl.org) calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Ladies of the Lights

Wednesday, March 10
6:00 pm

Zoom

In celebration of Women's History Month, author Dianna Stampfler brings to life women

before their time, taking on the romantic, yet dangerous and physically demanding job of tending to the beacons that protected the shoreline. In all, some 40 women have been identified who excelled in this profession over the years — dating back as early as the 1840s and as recent as present day. Registration required on the [madl.org](https://www.madl.org) calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program

VICES & PROGRAMS

Drawing the Dr. Seuss Way with Corinne Roberts

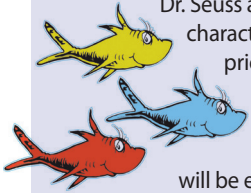
Thursday, March 11

7:00 pm

Zoom

Gather the whole family to celebrate and be inspired by Dr. Seuss as you learn to draw classic characters and how to create your own! 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.



Music Play Patrol: Bucket Drumming

Thursday, March 18

11:00 am

Zoom

Learn how to create fun rhythms using ordinary buckets (or desks) with Mr. Frank. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

Yooper Talk

Tuesday, March 23

6:30 pm

Zoom

Join us on Zoom with Kathryn Remlinger, Ph.D., as she discusses the social and linguistic history of English in the Upper Peninsula "Yooper Talk." In this fascinating presentation, Dr. Remlinger will show how the social and political history of the Upper Peninsula is reflected in the variety of English spoken there. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program



Virtual Escape Room: Spring Break Vacation

April 5–April 30

Anytime

Online at madl.org

Spring break rolls around and you find a mysterious envelope in your mailbox, promising an all-expenses-paid vacation trip—if you can solve all the puzzles. But why won't it tell you where the trip will take you?

The Basics of Landscape Drawing with Corinne Roberts

Thursday, April 8

7:00 pm

Zoom

Learn basic techniques of composition, perspective, and value to start creating your own landscapes. Intended for adults but everyone is welcome. 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.



Make It Monday: Water Candles

Monday, April 12

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Have you ever wanted to try candle making but are hesitant to attempt the traditional melt and pour method? Holly will show you step-by-step how to make fun, whimsical water candles in under 10 minutes. For a list of supplies you need, see the madl.org calendar.

Virtual RootTALK—Read All About It: Family History Research with Newspapers

Tuesday, April 13

6:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Join Alison to discover how obituaries, birth and wedding announcements, advertisements, and local news stories can provide a deeper glimpse into our ancestors' lives, along with tips and resources to help plan your newspaper research.



Music Play Patrol: Tails and Tales

Thursday, April 15

11:00 am

Zoom

Join Mr. Frank for musical stories featuring classic fairytales and animals. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

Morning ZOOM Book Club

The first Thursday of the month
10:30 am

Zoom

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

January 7: *Good Riddance* by Elinor Lipman
February 4: *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
March 4: *Uncanny Valley: A Memoir* by Anna Wiener
April 1: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
May 6: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

Evening ZOOM Book Club

Third Tuesday of the month
6:00 pm

Zoom

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

January 19: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain
February 16: *Lark & Termite* by Jayne Anne Phillips
March 16: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein
April 20: *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes
May 18: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

TEEN Book Club

The fourth Tuesday of the month
January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25
4:00 pm

Discord

Talk books with us and other teens, vote for favorites and upcoming discussions. Registration available on the madl.org calendar. You must be 13–18 years old and will need a Discord account to participate. Join the Teen Book Club Discord by registering on the calendar at madl.org. Bring your friends!

Storytimes

Storytime Online

Wednesdays January 13–May 19
10:30 am

Facebook and YouTube

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

Baby Time Online

The third Friday of the month
January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21
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.



Make It Monday: Colorful Clothespin Wreath

Monday, May 10

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Tune in to Holly and learn how to turn ordinary clothespins into a cheerful addition to your entryway. This colorful wreath is simple to make and only takes a few supplies—all of which you can find at a dollar store. For a list of supplies you need, see the madl.org calendar.

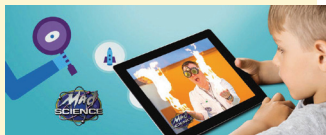


Mad Science: Sun and Stars

Tuesday, May 11
11:00 am

Zoom

This stellar program is your ticket to the stars. Watch star dust burn and journey through a soapy galaxy as you investigate the life cycle of stars. Perfect for classrooms to join. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Draw Your Pets with Corinne Roberts

Thursday, May 13
7:00 pm

Zoom

A drawing class for the whole family. Use basic shapes and sketch lines to create your favorite furry friends. 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.



Music Play Patrol: Campfire Songs and Stories

Thursday, May 20
11:00 am

Zoom

Get ready for summer campfires with singing, dancing, and Mr. Frank. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Take It Make It

They're back! Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit while supplies last.

Kids 6th grade and younger

The first Monday of the month
February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3

Teens and adults

February 15, April 19



Due to the pandemic, 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.

ADMINISTRATION AND LIBRARY FOR THE VISUALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED

4845 Airline Road, Muskegon
231-737-6248

DALTON BRANCH

3175 Fifth Street, Twin Lake
231-828-4188

EGELSTON BRANCH

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

HOLTON BRANCH

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

MONTAGUE BRANCH

8778 Ferry Street, Montague
231-893-2675

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BRANCH

2808 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights
231-739-6075

MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

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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