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

EROM THE DIRECTOR An Update from Kelly Richards

NEW Strategic Plan: 2022–2025

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I have loved and cherished the past seven years as the Director of the Muskegon Area District Library (MADL). I have been blessed to lead a team of great employees to shepherd the organization through many significant changes. The Library Board has been very forward thinking for the citizens of Muskegon County. The Board and staff listened to your requests and we accomplished many of them. This time with you has been awesome and my greatest experience in the library world. In January, I will be leaving MADL to start a new incredible adventure serving as the President and Director at the Free Library of Philadelphia. How that happened is fantastic but a story for another day.

During the past several months, we embarked on an ambitious strategic planning process which included collecting valuable information from our community through surveys

and focus groups about the needs and wants for the future. We truly appreciate the participation from our community. The plan will also consider your needs from MADL as we navigate our way through Covid.

This year, MADL will begin to implement the new Strategic Plan, which will help chart its direction and focus on key goals. The Plan guides the decision-making to deliver the best possible services for the community at large. Concurrently, an Implementation Plan will be finalized. The Implementation Plan will serve as a means of monitoring and measuring success in progressing towards, and reaching the established Goals over the next three years. There will be many new initiatives to help make MADL one of the most effective and vital public libraries for the residents in our community.

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NEW iPAD Kits Now Available for Check Out

MADL is making it easy to bring accessible devices and internet access with you wherever you go. The new MADL iPad Kits contain everything you need to work, learn, or play anywhere you happen to be. Each kit includes a 10-inch iPad, wireless mouse and keyboard, a hotspot, and a convenient carrying case. A "Getting Started" guide is also included for those who are new to iPads, and it includes simple steps to get you started as well as information on how to connect to the library for one-on-one help. All MADL cardholders in good standing will be able to place a hold on an iPad Kit through the MADL catalog or by calling their favorite MADL branch.

Funding is provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan.

New Look at the Montague Branch



When you visit the Montague branch, you may feel a calm wash over you. Inside you will enjoy stepping onto freshly installed new carpeting. You'll find yourself surrounded by newly painted walls in various shades of blue. The recently renovated branch has a way of making you feel at home—your home away from home.

Early Literacy Stations with S.T.R.E.A.M

Fun for Kids at all branch locations!



Our AWE Learning Stations are now installed with the latest updates for kids to enjoy whenever the libraries are open. The children's computers feature over 100 educational titles. A child sized colorful keyboard and mouse make it easy to use. They are equipped with all kinds of content, everything from learning letters and their sounds to learning about privacy online, and learning how to code. Here are some of the games—ABC Trains, Connect the Dots, Fingertapps Paints, Our World.

1000 BGGKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



MADL is joining hundreds of libraries in a national early literacy program, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, which promotes reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers and encourages parent and child bonding through reading.

Numerous studies estimate that as many as one in five children have difficulties learning to read. Reading has been associated as an early indicator of academic success. Public formal education does not typically start until ages 5–6, making parents and caregivers their children's first teachers during the critical early years.

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a simple and fun way (read a book, any book, to your child with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten) to establish strong early literacy skills. Repetition is great for young children so you can count a book EVERY time you read it to your child. By participating, you can help young children gain the confidence necessary to become strong readers.

Coming in February

To join this program, simply go to madl.org/1000 books, register on the Beanstack app to track your activity, and start reading. If you have trouble with the Beanstack app, visit vour local MADL Branch and they can help. Optional paper reading logs are available at MADL Branches so children can watch their reading progress. Stop by a MADL Branch to get a reading log and receive a brag tag for each 100 books read. After your child logs 1,000 books, they will earn a great new backpack for school.

It's never too early to start reading to your children!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Without a doubt, the way in which people use the library has changed. Check-out of physical library materials (books, audiobooks, movies, etc.) has decreased over the years, and the use of digital content (e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, downloadable music and movies, etc.) has been on the rise. MADL has been innovative in bringing new services and programs to meet the needs of its diverse communities and will embrace new opportunities in promoting literacy from early childhood through adulthood.

MADL takes pride in serving Muskegon County now and well into the future and its **NEW** Strategic Plan will guide its commitment to the community in which it serves. I hope the best for you and your family. I will be back to visit this awesome community and lakeshore as often as I can. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Families welcome!

Literacy Village

Looking for advice on kindergarten readiness? Personal support will be available in combination with our Storyville Villages. Parents and caregivers will get guidance in building literacy learning foundations. Ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Montague Branch Mondays: 10:00–11:00 am

Norton Shores Branch Fridays: 9:30–10:30 am

Muskegon Heights Branch

Fridays: 11:00 am-12:00 pm

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Wimee's Words

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 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, musical guests, kid chats, daily features, and more. "Wimee's Words" is a web based interactive LIVE kids show that encourages imagination, vocabulary building, and storytelling through puppetry, music, and wordplay. Join the educational fun where YOUR ideas could become part of the show!

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Entire month of January Open Hours

Montague Branch

Come with your photo taking device (phone, camera, etc.) anytime during the month of January and complete our scavenger hunt around the library. Perfect for the whole family. Prizes will be awarded!

Snacktivity

Wednesdays January 5–May 25 3:00-6:00 pm

Montague Branch

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

Movie Time

Wednesdays, January 5–May 25 3:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Watch a family friendly movie every Wednesday. Snacks provided.

Afternoon Movie

Second Thursday of the month

January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12 5:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Watch a family friendly movie every second Thursday. Snacks provided.

History Talks: Pirates on the Great Lakes

Thursday, January 13 6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Join us for an interactive program about piracy on the Great Lakes, and learn how it was very different from what you might have imagined or heard about. Get to know the real-life Great Lakes pirate, Dan Seavey, and his exploits which included the hijacking of a ship in West Michigan.





Take It Make It: Valentine Cards Available beginning

Tuesday, January 18. Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit and make valentine cards for family and friends. If you bring some back to the library, we will get them to local nursing homes. Available while supplies last.

Music Play Patrol

Third Tuesday of the month January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17 10:30 am

Zoom

Sing-a-long with Mr. Frank as he teaches us about instruments, music, sounds, and more. Perfect for classrooms to join. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

Snowflake STEAM

Thursday, January 20 3:30 pm

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North Muskegon Branch

Join Ms. Diana to conduct a variety of snowflake science and frosty experiments: everything from making crystals to creating snowflake art. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

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Love Bug Bingo

February 1 to 14 **Dalton Branch**

It's February and love is in the library. Pick up your Love Bug Bingo card at the desk, search the library to find the bugs that match your card, mark them down, and return to the desk for a prize. Ages 10 and under.



Lego Building Challenge Thursday, February 17

3:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Build and compete or just build—we'll provide the Legos. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

🌇 Kids Paper Craft



Third Monday of the month February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16

4:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Bend, fold, glue, and press! Make a boxy paper creation from a flat piece of paper and turn it in to a 3-D figure.

Family Fun Night: Library Olympics

Go for the Gold in our Library Olympics. Compete in our version of some of your favorite olympic events, try to make it through our obstacle course, make crafts, and learn about how the Olympics started in Greece and about the host country of China. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Norton Shores Branch Monday, February 21 6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Thursday, February 24 6:00 pm

Spring Equinox Celebration

Saturday, March 5 & 12 11:00 am

Dalton Branch

Create a piece of art that includes 12 things, in honor of the Spring Equinox on March 20, when we will have an equal amount of day and night time, 12 hours each. Artwork will be displayed until March 18. Patrons will be able to vote on their favorite. The winning artist will receive a gift grab bag. Call 231-828-4188 to register.



Take It Make It: Spring Craft

free craft kit while supplies last.

Available beginning Monday, March 7. Visit any branch to pick up your

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Make a Sock Book Worm Monday, March 7

Monday, March 7 3:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Need a reading buddy? We've got you covered. Miss Diana will show you how to make your own Book Worm out



of a sock. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

At time of publication no programs are planned for the Holton Branch due to upcoming renovations. Watch the madl.org calendar for changes and updates.

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS continued

Families welcome!





Make it @ Montague Salt Painting Thursday, March 10 5:30 pm

Montague Branch

Create a beautiful piece of art using three simple ingredients.

Family Fun Night: How Does Your Garden Grow?

It's time to think about spring planting. Decorate a pot to start your



indoor garden and "borrow" seeds from MADL's Seed Library to get planting at home. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Montague Branch

Thursday, March 24 5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Monday, March 28 6:00 pm

Bow WOW Readers

Third Monday of the month March 21, April 18, May 16 5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Fourth Wednesday of the month March 23, April 27, May 25 5:30 pm

Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled

Bow WOW Readers is a once-amonth read-aloud program that pairs people ages 6 and up with trained therapy dogs and handlers from the MLOTC for reading. Register for a time slot on the calendar at madl.org.



Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts

Saturday, April 2 10:30 am

Egelston Branch

Search for Easter eggs, and take home a craft. Fun for everyone.

Family Game Day

Wednesday, April 6 3:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun-board games, puzzles, charades, Pictionary, or active video games. Snacks provided.



Duct Tape Pouches

Thursday, April 7 3:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Use fun and funky Duct tape and heavy freezer bags to make an awesome bag to carry your pencils,



Legos or whatever else you want. Ages 5–12. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9 10:30 am

Holton Branch

Participate in an Easter Egg Hunt in Downtown Holton Park, meet and take pictures with the Easter Bunny and make a craft. Bring your own basket. Please stop by the library or call 231-821-0268 to register.

Easter Egg Drop

Saturday, April 9 11:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

Join the fun at Walker Park between the Library and City Hall. Meet the Easter Bunny as he assists the Friends of the Walker Library in dropping approximately 5,000 candy-filled eggs for children to collect. Age groups are 0-4, 5-7, 8-10 and 10 & up. Younger children will start first.

1, 2, 3, Play with Me

Wednesdays, April 13–May 11 11:30 am–12:45 pm

Ravenna Branch

The Ravenna Branch will join the Family Place Libraries national network to provide a welcoming community environment with resources that families need to nurture their children's development, beginning at birth, to help with school readiness.

Join us for a five-week series of parent/child workshops focusing on: Early Literacy, Speech & Language, Child Development, Nutrition, and Music & Movement.

Families will meet community professionals who can answer questions, provide insight, and build awareness around services in the area (at no cost). Families are asked to commit to all five weeks.

Ages 0–3 and their caregivers. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.



4th Annual Peeps Diorama Contest Saturday, April 16

1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Get creative by making a diorama using Peeps. Work on your creation all week and bring it into the library or come in for this event and use our



supplies to make your masterpiece. All finished dioramas will be on display the following week for patrons to vote on. Prizes are awarded to winners in each of the following categories: young children, school age kids, and teens.

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 just in time for the new Fantastic Beasts movie. If you come dressed as your favorite character, you can enter our costume contest. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Montague Branch

Thursday, April 21 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Monday, April 25 6:00 pm

Take It Make It: Shrinky Dinks

Available beginning May 2. Visit any branch to pick up your free Shrinky Dinks craft kit while supplies last.



Plant a Pot Saturday, May 7 11:00 am North Muskegon Branch Plant a beautiful pot of spring flowers just in time for Mother's Day.



Squirt Gun Painting Saturday, May 14

10:30 am Egelston Branch

Did you know art can be a bang? Use a squirt gun to make the ultimate painting to take home and hang on your wall. Ages 4 and up.

Family Fun Night: Dog Man Police Academy and Cat Kid Comic Club

Join the Dog Man Police Academy and the Cat Kid Comic Club for games, activities, crafts and food inspired by two of your favorite characters. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Montague Branch

Thursday, May 19 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Monday, May 23 6:00 pm

T-Rex Tea Party Saturday, May 21 1:00 pm



North Muskegon Branch

Join us for various dinosaur activities including: stories, a craft, Dino-dancing, tea, and more. We promise you'll have a roaring good time. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.



Make It @ Montague: Dinosaur Suncatcher

Thursday, May 26 5:30 pm

Montague Branch

Join Kristina as she shows you how to make a scary or cute dinosaur.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS continued

Families welcome!



ABC's of Cooking

Join Read Muskegon for a six-week course for caregivers and their children that includes literacy activities and child-friendly recipes cooked on site. Great for families with children ages 3–5. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Holton Branch

(Location may change due to library remodel) Fridays, April 1–May 6 10:00 am–12:00 pm

ABC's of Art

Join Read Muskegon for a six-week course for caregivers and their children that includes literacy activities and art projects on site. Great for families with children ages 3–5. Registration required on the madl.org calen<u>dar.</u>

Muskegon Heights Branch Thursdays, February 3–March 10 11:30 am–1:30 pm

ABC's of Sound

This class takes a closer look at phonemic awareness through interactive stories and activities. For families with children ages 3–5 who have already attended an ABC's of Cooking or Art class.

Muskegon Heights Branch Fridays, March 11–April 15 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Holton Branch Fridays, May 13–June 17 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Storytime

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, prereading 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.

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 **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: 11:15 am–12:00 pm Preschool

FRIDAYS

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

Watch for special Money Smart Storytimes at your branch in partnership with Michigan Financial Wellness Network in April.



MADL at the Movies

Join MADL at the Cinema Carousel Tuesday, April 5 for a great movie as we celebrate Spring Break. You will need to show us your MADL library card to get a free ticket. (Sorry only MADL library cards accepted). We'll provide the ticket and the Cinema will provide the pop and popcorn. More details coming soon!

Candy Bar Bingo

Feeling lucky? Come try your hand at bingo. You could win a delicious candy bar. Ages 5-18. Register on the madl.org calendar.

Egelston Branch Monday, April 4 10:30 am

Muskegon Heights Branch Monday, April 4 2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch Monday, April 4 2:00 pm

Ravenna Branch Wednesday, April 6 2:00 pm

Montague Branch Wednesday, April 6 3:00 pm

Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled

Thursday, April 7 10:00 am

Muskegon Township Branch Friday, April 8 11:00 am

Dalton Branch Friday, April 8 2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Friday, April 8 3:00 pm

Spring in to STEAM

Build it, grow it, draw it, or make it. See cool things you can do with everyday objects. Visit multiple stations for different fun activities focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Ravenna Branch Monday, April 4 1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Monday, April 4 4:00 pm

Dalton Branch Wednesday, April 6 11:00 am

Norton Shores Branch Wednesday, April 6 2:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch Thursday, April 7 2:00 pm

Montague Branch Thursday, April 7 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch Friday, April 8 11:00 am

Egelston Branch Friday, April 8 2:00 pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

Ages 11–18

Teen Video Game Night

Thursdays, January 6–May 26 4:00 pm

Ravenna Branch Hang out and play Nintendo Switch party games. Snacks provided.

Teen Club

Second Tuesday of the month January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10 4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join us at Teen Club for crafts, trivia, book discussions, and more.

Dragon Eye Necklace

Wednesday, January 12 3:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Are vou excited for the Game of Thrones preguel House of the Dragon or do you just love dragons? Make a



dragon eye necklace with us using nail polish. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.



Paper Creation

Second Friday of the month January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Make a 3-D model of popular characters from TV, video games, and anime using a piece of paper.

MiLibrary Teen Quest

Beginning February 1, teens can search for clues on participating libraries' websites, solve a mystery, and be entered to win a \$25 Meijer gift card. Watch for more information at madl.org/teenquest.



Lip Balm and Mermaid Sugar Scrub

Tuesday, February 1 3:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

First, we'll show you how simple it is to make your own homemade lip balm. Then we'll



show you how to leave your skin feeling magical when you make your own mermaid sugar scrub using coconut oil, sugar and food coloring. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.



School Color Wreath Saturday, February 19

1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Show your Norse or Rocket pride by making a school color wreath out of bandannas. It's really easy and will



look great in your room. Ms. Diana will show you how. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Make It @ Montague: Wish Bracelet

Wednesday, February 23 3:30 pm

Montague Branch

Drop in after school to make a cute and colorful wish bracelet.



Green Screen Basics

Wednesday, March 2 3:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Join us to make your own short movies using green screen technology. We'll show you how. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Video Game Day

Wednesday, April 6 3:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Are retro games your thing? Go head to head with each other on our Atari or SNES



Duct Tape Wallets

Thursday, April 7 3:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

We've got the duct tape, you bring the creativity. Ms. Diana will walk you through how



to make your own wallet out of colorful duct tape. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament

Thursday, April 7 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Think you're good at Smash Bros? Think you can keep your opponents off the stage? Test your skills against others in this unofficial tournament at the library.



Make It @ Montague: **Dotted Sharpie Mugs**

Wednesday, April 27 3:30 pm

Montague Branch

Drop in after school to make a personalized mug that expresses who you are.



Video Game Day

Wednesday, May 18 3:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Are retro games your thing? Go head to head with each other on our Atari or SNES.



ADULT PROGRAMS



Descriptive Movie Afternoon

First Monday of the month Jan 10 (note date change) *No Man's Land* Feb 7: *Godzilla vs Kong* March 7: *Here Today* April 4: *Black Widow* May 2: *Luca* 1:00 pm

Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled

Come sit back and enjoy a movie at the LVPD. Watch on a large TV with descriptive audio so that anyone can enjoy. Light refreshments provided.



Craft Clutch

Fridays, January 7–May 27 1:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch

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

Trivia Night

Second Tuesday of the month January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Are you a Wise Guy? A Smarty Pants? Go head to head against others and prove it! Refreshments will be served, prizes will be awarded, and it's free. So, come out, test your knowledge, and exercise your mind! Open to anyone 16+. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. (Can't make it to the library? Play along on Facebook.)

Dungeons & Dragons in the Stacks

Wednesdays, 5:30–8:00 pm January 12, February 2, March 30, May 4

Norton Shores Branch

Maybe you've heard of a strange and mythical game involving many sided dice and fighting monsters. You're intrigued but don't know where to start. Staff from The Griffin's Rest game store will explain the basic elements of the classic role-playing game for beginners and players looking to practice. Attend one or all sessions. Ages 13 and up. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Expungement Workshop

Friday, January 14 Monday, March 21 Friday, April 8 3:00 pm **Muskegon Heights Branch**

If a prior criminal conviction prevents you from finding a job or starting a career, this workshop could help. Learn more about how the Clean Slate law helps expunge records so that you can legally state that you've never been convicted or arrested for that crime on job, school, and/or housing applications. Expungement can help you find full-time employment and create financial stability. West Michigan Works will help with the steps necessary to file a Set Aside application.

Board Game Night

Third Wednesday of the Month January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 6:00 pm

Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled

Come on in and play some board games. We will have many to choose from. Light refreshments provided. Fun for all ages.

100 Years of the NAACP in Muskegon County

Take a look back at the NAACP's 100+ year history in Muskegon County with video interviews of local residents. One of those residents will be on hand to share their experience.

Muskegon Heights Branch

Thursday, January 20 5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Wednesday, February 9 7:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, February 16 6:00 pm

Coming Soon!

New Laketon Township branch at the Reeths-Puffer Administrative Offices

ADULT PROGRAMS continued





Knitting with Tina Thursday, January 20 5:00–7:00 pm

Montague Branch

Learn to knit a cowl. Bring your favorite 100g skein of DK or Worsted weight yarn and corresponding 16" circular needles (check your ball band for needle size) to knit a cozy cowl to keep you warm this winter. Learn how to knit in the round and a k(knit)4, p(purl)2 rib pattern. Some supplies will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own needles and yarn. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

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Creative Creatures and Basic Cartooning with Corinne Roberts

Monday, January 24 7:00 pm

Zoom

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Learn basic cartooning techniques with professional artist, Corinne Roberts. All ages 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.

Euchre Night

Last Wednesday of the month January 26, February 23, March 30, April 27, May 25 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Are you a hardcore Euchre player? Have you only played once? Do you want to know what Euchre is? Come join us and we'll teach you how to play and provide some competition for more experienced players. Open to anyone 16+. Registration required on the madl.org calendar

Book Blizzard Bingo

February 1–March 31 Pick up a bingo card at any MADL Branch, snuggle up with good book, and complete a bingo for a chance to win a great prize. Ages 18 and up.





Live at the Library: Serita's Black Rose Tuesday, February 1 6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Self-professed "Funkateer", Serita Crowley of Serita's Black Rose, brings a raucous mix of funk, rock, blues, Neo-soul, and Americana that will shake the ground beneath your feet.

VITA Tax Help

The VITA program provides free tax preparation to low to moderate income families and individuals. Our volunteers are trained and certified to help you get any and all credits and refunds that you are due. If you are interested in finding out more about our VITA service, email vitataxes@goodwillwm. org. Call 211 after January 17 to schedule your FREE VITA Tax Preparation appointment.

Muskegon Heights Branch

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, February 1–April 13 10:00 am–1:00 pm and 2:00–4:00 pm

Egelston Branch

Wednesdays, February 3–April 13 11:30 am–3:30 pm



Make It @ Montague: Home Spa Day Thursday, February 10

5:30 pm **Montague Branch** Join Kristina to make mint face scrub, bath bombs, and vanilla coffee sugar scrub. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.



History Talks: Great Lakes Fur Trade

Thursday, February 10 6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Hear about the trade that first brought Europeans to Michigan and the Great Lakes. Handle furs, learn what makes them valuable, and get to know the French voyageurs who helped pave the way for Michigan's later populations. All ages welcome.

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Knitting with Tina

Thursday, February 17 5:00–7:00 pm

Montague Branch

Learn to knit fingerless mitts in the round. Bring approximately 150 yards of your favorite fingering weight yarn along with



size 2.5mm dons (double point needles) and either a 9"–11" size 2.5mm circular needles or 2, 16" or 24" (1 in ea. length is preferable) 2.5mm circular needles. All of these techniques will be demonstrated if time allows. Some supplies will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own needles and yarn. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

A Fashionista's Guide to Purses on a Budget

Thursday, February 17 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Do you like purses and handbags but don't know much about them? Tanisha will go over some different brands and give some tips on buying online.

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Drawing Space Adventures with Corinne Roberts

Monday, February 21 7:00 pm

Zoom

A drawing class for the whole family. Learn how to make some out of this world works of art. All ages 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.

Soul Food Exchange

Thursday, February 24 5:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Learn a little about the history of soul food and share your love of it as you exchange your favorite soul food recipes with others.





MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Serita's Black Rose Thursday, February 24 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

A raucous mix of funk, rock, blues, Neo-soul, and Americana that will shake the ground beneath your feet.





Live at the Library: Legal Rehab Tuesday, March 1 6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch Local pop/rock musicians Britta and Roy Portenga and their colleagues Scott White and Pete Bucholz perform toe-tapping favorites. Refreshments provided.



Lost in Michigan Wednesday, March 16 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Mike Sonnenberg, author of *Lost in Michigan: History and Travel Stories from An Endless Road Trip,* showcases interesting and historic locations from around Michigan and tells fascinating stories about them. He will be showing some of the photographs he has taken and talking about his travels around Michigan. Sonnenberg's work has been featured in the Detroit Free Press and he is considered a "Michigan Expert" by USA Today.

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Knitting with Tina Thursday, March 17 5:00–7:00 pm

Montague Branch

This class will be an open knit class to finish up our beginners knitting class series. Bring your works in progress from previous classes and we will try and make them finished objects for show and tell! Registration required on the madl.org calendar.



MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Uneven Ground Thursday, March 17 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Spend St. Patrick's Day with one of Muskegon's most exciting traditional/folk Celtic bands.



Drawing Mythical Creatures with Corinne Roberts

Monday, March 21 7:00 pm

Zoom

Join a drawing class that is great for the whole family. Use basic shapes and simple line techniques to create classic and your own imaginative Mythical Creatures. All ages 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.

Seed Swap

Monday, March 28 5:00–7:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Our Seed Library is entering its 5th year and to celebrate we are hosting a seed swap. Bring your own varieties of fresh heirloom seeds to share with fellow gardening enthusiasts and go home with several more varieties. It's like a potluck but with seeds.

Community Appreciation Day Tuesday, April 5

All MADL Branches–ALL Day It's National Library Week and

our chance to celebrate our library users! Join us for treats and giveaways throughout the day.



Live at the Library: Plain Jane



Tuesday, April 5 6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Glory

Laura and Michael Boxer on fiddle, guitar and vocals return to our stage with their special brand of folk and Americana. Refreshments provided.

Poet Kip Sorlie

Thursday, April 7 6:00 pm



North Muskegon Branch

In celebration of National Poetry Month, North Muskegon welcomes local poet Kip Sorlie. His stories set to rhyme tell of a little boy who grew up on Drummond Island, a Soldier who served four tours of duty in Vietnam, and a cowboy who aged in Montana and South Dakota. These life experiences provide the words that come from his pen. Refreshments provided.

Winter Skin Care: Get back your glow

Michigan winters can be hard, especially on our skin. Our skin is our largest organ and sometimes we don't treat it as well as we should. Let Krystal George, from The Tish, show you how to ditch that winter dryness and head into spring with glowing skin.

Norton Shores Branch

Monday, April 11 6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Monday, April 18 6:00pm



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Make It @ Montague: Wine Glass Bunny Candle Holders

Thursday, April 14 5:30 pm

Montague Branch

Join Kristina to make a candle holder perfect for the season.

Legal Aid of Western Michigan: End of Life Planning

Thursday, April 14 6:00 pm Muskegon Township

Muskegon Township Branch

Have questions about simple wills, powers of attorney, and medical directives? Join Legal Aid of Western Michigan to learn about the basics on these end-of-life planning choices that can greatly reduce stress for you and your loved ones.



MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Entourage

Thursday, April 21 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

The repertoire of this versatile trio from Grand Rapids includes jazz, swing, bossa nova, ballroom and much more. **Rosie the Riveter** Wednesday, May 4 6:00 pm



North Muskegon Branch

Angie Morthland of the American Rosie the Riveter Association will join us for an enlightening talk on Rosie the Riveter and women in the workforce during World War II. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

The Thrill of the Mushroom Hunt

Wednesday, May 11 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Are you curious about the many mushrooms you see popping up every fall and spring? You're not alone. Library Assistant (and fungus enthusiast) Noah Hanes will present an interactive presentation covering the basics of mushroom identification, their role in the environment, and more. Registration required on the madl.org calendar.

Alice In Wonderland Sensory Garden

Saturday, May 14 2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch Originally created by students

at North Muskegon Schools, the sensory garden has gotten an Alice in Wonderland themed glow up. Come check our new and improved garden and enjoy refreshments courtesy of the Walker Friends of the Library.

World War II through The Eyes of a Tank Commander Monday, May 16

7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Retrace the steps of Sqt. George Rinsema, who fought in the European theater of World War II. Clyde & Beth Rinsema, George's son & daughter-in-law, share George's journey. Sqt. Rinsema arrived in France on the Normandy coast after D-Day, saw action in the Battle of the Bulge, fought at the Siegfried Line in Germany, crossed the Rhine, and in 1945 met the Russians at the Elbe River in central Germany. Sqt. Rinsema's amazing story includes his own personal combat photographs taken with a 'liberated' German camera.

Legal Aid of Western Michigan: Renters Rights

Thursday, May 19 5:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Falling behind on rent? Eviction threats? Unsafe housing conditions? Tenants can face a lot of legal questions. Join Legal Aid of Western Michigan to learn about landlord/tenant law in Michigan, and to understand your rights and responsibilities as a tenant.





MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Adams Family Thursday, May 19 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Rediscover a treasure trove of 1950's-60s music with the exceptionally tight vocal, guitar and rhythm arrangements of this guartet.

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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.

Montague Branch

Second Tuesday of the month January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10 1:00–3:00 pm

Dalton Branch

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

Norton Shores Branch

Third Wednesday of the month January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 1:00–3:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch First and Third Friday of the month 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ravenna Branch First and Third Friday of the month 1:00–3:00 pm



Muskegon Prescribes Food for Health

Learn to eat right through this 12-week cooking and nutrition program MADL is offering in partnership with Community enCompass and the YMCA. Participants will learn cooking skills in this hands-on class, as well as learn nutrition facts and participate in light physical exercise like yoga and meditation. To register, email lauren@communityencompass.org or call the Branch.

Montague Branch Tuesdays January 11–March 29 1:00–3:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch Wednesdays January 12–March 30 1:00–3:00 pm

Used Book Sales

North Muskegon Branch Saturday, April 23 9:00 am–3:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch Friday, May 6 9:00 am–5:00 pm Saturday, May 7 9:00 am–3:30 pm



Downton Abbey Teatime Returns A second movie, *Downton Abbey: A New Era* opens March 18 and MADL is inviting you back for tea with the Crawleys and their staff. You're invited to wear a lovely hat and/or period clothing (optional) and join fellow DA fans to enjoy clips from the PBS series, games, trivia and more. Registration required on the madl.org calendar or call your local branch.

North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, March 9 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Monday, March 14 6:00 pm

Egelston Branch

Tuesday, March 22 6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Wednesday, March 23 6:00 pm

Montague Branch Thursday, March 31 6:00 pm



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Tech Talks: Computer Basics

Having trouble getting started with computers? Need a refresher course? Join Jackie to learn how to get started with computers. She'll cover some beginner controls and shortcuts, common lingo, and basic internet safety. Register on the madl.org calendar.

Dalton Branch

Second Monday of the month (No March session) January 10, February 14, April 11, May 9 3:00 pm

Egelston Branch Monday, March 7

2:00 pm

Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled

Mondays, 2:00 pm January 24 February 28 March 28 April 25 May 23

Muskegon Heights Branch

Fridays, 3:00 pm February 18 March 18 April 15 May 20

Muskegon Township Branch

Monday, February 7 1:00 pm Thursday, February 24 5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Thursday, January 27 2:00 pm Thursday, March 24 2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Tuesday, February 15 2:00 pm Tuesday, March 15 6:00 pm Tuesday, April 19 2:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Wednesday, February 2 5:30 pm Wednesday, March 2 1:00 pm

Tech Talks: Open Hours

Need some assistance with a device or have questions about an app? Stop in at our Tech Talks Open Hours to get help with technology. Available on a first come, first serve basis.

Dalton Branch

Third Wednesday of the month 4:00 pm

Egelston Branch Third Monday of the month (Note January 24 date change) 2:00 pm

Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled First Thursday of the month 1:00 pm

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 Month 2:00 pm North Muskegon Branch Second Thursday of the month 11:00 am

Norton Shores Branch Third Tuesday of the month 4:00 pm

Ravenna Branch Second Friday of the month 2:00 pm

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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

Tuesday, January 18 (note day change) February 21 March 21 April 18 May 16

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Third Tuesday of the month 6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

January 18: *The Women of the Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell (Great Michigan Read) February 15: *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo March 15: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Shetterly April 19: *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie May 17: *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams

Ravenna Reads Book Club

First Wednesday of the month 6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

January 5 February 2 March 2 April 6 May 4

Wednesday Night Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month 6:00 pm

Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled

Jan 12: *Room* by Emma Donoghue Feb 9: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman March 9: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood April 13: *The Future We Choose* by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac May 11: *The Women of the Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell (Great Michigan Read)

Dalton Book Club

Fourth Wednesday of the month 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch

January 26: *The Women of the Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell (Great Michigan Read) February 23: *The Person Librarian* by Marie Benedict March 23: *The Moonlight School* by Suzanne Woods Fisher April 27: *Home Safe* by Elizabeth Berg May 25: *The Printed Letter Bookshop* by Katherine Reay

Book Discussion Group

First Thursday of the month 10:30 am

Norton Shores Branch

January 6: *The Women of the Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell (Great Michigan Read) February 3: *The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois* by Honoree Jeffers. March 3: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell.

April 7: Sand, Stars, Wind, & Water: Field Notes from Up North by Tim Mulherin. May 5: This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger.

TIM MULHERIN SAND, STARS, WIND& WATER

Sand, Stars, Wind, & Water: Field Notes from Up North with Author Tim Mulherin

Join author Tim Mulherin as he discusses his collection of nonfiction essays and stories focusing on a number of themes: identity, place, and belonging; an enduring best friendship; and the increasing interest in and pressure on Michigan from visitors and how to respect this great national treasure and the people who call it home. Books will be available for purchase.

Norton Shores Branch Wednesday, April 13 7:00 pm North Muskegon Branch Tuesday, April 26 6:00 pm Ravenna Branch Thursday, April 28 6:00 pm



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 on the madl.org calendar.



Bed Spring Snowman

Turn an old rusty bed spring into an adorable snowman for your winter home décor. Registration required on the madl.org calendar or call the library.

Egelston Branch Tuesday, January 11

5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Wednesday, January 26 6:30 pm



Bead Garland

Create the perfect accent piece for your shelves or table centerpiece to celebrate love all year long.

North Muskegon Branch Monday, February 7 6:00 pm

Egelston Branch Tuesday, February 8 5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch Wednesday, February 23 6:30 pm



Wood Block Photo Holder Make your own wood block photo holder out of scrap wood and display pictures.

Egelston Branch Tuesday, March 8 5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch Monday, March 14 6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch Wednesday, March 23 6:30 pm

Wooden Bunny

Celebrate Spring with a rustic wooden bunny constructed from round and oval wood pieces.

North Muskegon Branch

Monday, April 11 6:00 pm

Egelston Branch Tuesday, April 12 5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch Wednesday, April 27 6:30 pm

Pinecone Flowers

Easy pinecone flowers inspired by Mother Nature make a cute magnet, a bountiful garland or lovely barrette.

Egelston Branch

Tuesday, May 10 5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch Wednesday, May 25



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MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH 231-760-4329

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S	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
SU Labor Day–Memorial Day	1:00 – 5:00 pm

NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH 231-744-6080

1522 Ruddimar	Dr, North Muskegon 49445
M, T,	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
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NORTON SHORES BRANCH 231-780-8844

705 Seminole Rd, Norto	on Shores 49441
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SU Labor Day–Memorial Day	1:00 – 5:00 pm

RAVENNA BRANCH 231-853-6975 12278 Stafford St, Ravenna 49451

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