



THE MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Serving 10 community branches in Muskegon County

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A community-wide library system providing services and programs to enrich our lives.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

An Update from Kelly Richards, Director

Welcome to the Muskegon Area District Library first district wide newsletter edition. In our eleventh year as a District Library, we are proud to serve the community with tremendous life-long learning opportunities all year long.

During the past year, we have seen exciting new programs and services offered for our patrons and friends. Through our 10 community branches, we help transform our communities by providing many options for continuous learning. And by providing these opportunities through knowledge and information and access for everyone, we all benefit. In this newsletter you will read about the many programs planned for your learning and enjoyment. I hope you will take advantage of them and visit us at any one of our neighborhood gathering places — your local branch Library.

Some of the significant highlights this past year included new services and programs for children:

- Last June, **“Gordon” from Sesame Street** came to town and was a big hit with kids. Hundreds of people, families and children attended the lively programs held at the Dalton, Muskegon Heights, Muskegon Township, Norton Shores, and North Muskegon branches, as well as at Barnes & Noble. Fans joined Gordon singing “Sing, Sing a Song,” dancing and later had their pictures taken with him and received autographs.
- **Early Childhood Literacy AWE stations—The Early Literacy Station,**™ designed specifically for our youngest learners, ages 2–8, with over 4,000 learning activities, were added. The fun, interactive and engaging content spans all seven curricular areas: math, science and nature, social studies and geography, reading, art and music, writing and computer skills, and reference. We added these stations at the Dalton, Muskegon Heights, North Muskegon and Ravenna branches. The Norton Shores branch has two stations as well.



- Early literacy is a high priority in Muskegon County and impacts the future growth of our community. **In 2015, nearly 8,000 parents and children participated in our many Storytime programs.** We engage with our youngest learners, through our Baby Time Program for children zero to 18 months, our Tiny Tots Program for children zero to 36 months, our Toddler Program for two- to three-year-olds, and our Preschool Program for three- to five-year-olds. Through music, rhythm, rhymes, books, crafts, movement, and pre-reading games, we increase children’s exposure to books and early literacy activities.

FAMILY CONCERT WITH JIM GILL

Saturday, July 30 at 11:00 am
Muskegon Township Branch

Join us for the first ever MADL-wide end of Summer Reading Celebration for all ages—centrally located at the Muskegon Township Branch.

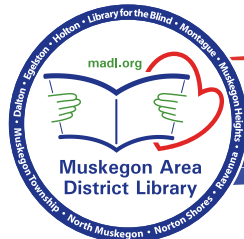
Jim Gill, award-winning musician and author, offers more than a show to watch. Each concert is an opportunity for family play! Get ready to sing, clap, dance and sneeze along. Gill’s distinctive music play creates the spirit of a family room in the concert hall and is an invitation to children, parents and grandparents to sing and play together! Check out Jim Gill’s CDs at any MADL Branch.



As always, this event is free and open to the public.



LOOK INSIDE TO FIND MORE GREAT PROGRAMS!



2016 Millage Election

Millage Election – Tuesday, August 2

On Tuesday, August 2, 2016, Muskegon County residents will vote on an operating millage renewal and increase. The proposed 1.249 millage proposal will renew the current 0.749 mills with an additional 0.5 mills and provide funding for a period of 10 years through 2026. The existing millage provides funding through December 31, 2016. **The Muskegon Area District Library will cease to operate without a millage renewal.**

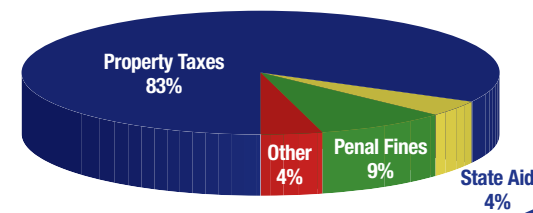
WHAT WILL THE MILLAGE FUND?

The Muskegon Area District Library (MADL) property tax millage provides 83% of the operating funds for extensive services offered at 10 community branches. Services include on-line and in-branch materials, programs, technology and staff. A millage renewal will provide:

- **Early Literacy Outreach** — MADL provides educational and reading programs for the community’s youngest learners through extensive summer reading and storytime programs. Plans are being made to add more computers and create new learning spaces for children.

- **Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped** — The LBPH provides talking books and playback equipment in digital format for individuals with a visual or physical disability. MADL will develop an assistive technology lab to include computers with programs designed specifically for the disabled and limited mobility furniture.

- **Lifelong Learning Opportunities** — MADL will enrich the lives of thousands of residents in the community through reading, cultural, recreational and educational programs. MADL provides access to information in a variety of ways, including electronic, e-books and materials, and serves as a well-known community gathering place. Additional programs, electronic materials, technology and increased hours of operation will be offered.



Muskegon Area District Library 2015 Operating Income

For more information:
www.madl.org/millage

ALL CHILDREN...

on Your Mark, Get Set, READ!

Join the Summer Reading Club at MADL and earn prizes.

ON YOUR MARK,
GET SET...
READ

On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Summer Reading Club

June 13 – July 30

ALL MADL BRANCHES

Ages 3 – 6th Grade

Join the Summer Reading Club and earn prizes. For every two hours completed, readers can enter a drawing for a great prize. The more time spent reading, the more chances to win!



Summer Reading Club Kick-off Carnival

Friday, June 10

12:00 – 2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Start off the summer with a BANG! Join us at the North Muskegon Branch to celebrate the beginning of our Summer Reading Club for ALL AGES. There will be a bounce house, trackless train, tattoos, carnival games, a photo booth and PRIZES. This is a community event with local churches and businesses participating. Some snacks and drinks will be provided while supplies last.

Summer Reading Kick-off

Monday, June 13

10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join us as we celebrate Summer Reading. Sign up for Summer Reading anytime starting today. Bring a t-shirt to decorate. This year's theme for Summer Reading is On Your Mark, Get Set, READ.

Paint a Plaque for Father's Day

Tuesday, June 14

10:30 – 11:30 am

North Muskegon Branch

Surprise your dad with a personalized plaque that you design for Father's Day. Call the Library to register.

Summer Reading Orientation

Thursday, June 16

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Kids ages 7 – 12 will learn about the Summer Reading Program and prepare their own personal fitness/good eating goal sheets. No registration needed.

Joel Tacey's Page Racer Comedy Show

Monday, June 20

10:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

SPRINT, RUN and LEAP into books with Jumpin' Joel as he brings eight amazing books to life. Hilarious comedy, dazzling magic, wacky stunts, and lots of audience participation make this program a blast.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Jump Rope

Thursday, June 23

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

See a jump rope team in action and learn how jumping rope can be good exercise. Kids ages 7 – 12 in attendance will get their own jump ropes while supplies last. Call the Library to register.

Wiggle and Shout Dance Party

Monday, June 27

10:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

Think dance parties are boring? Think again. Parents and kids are welcome to join in the fun as we wiggle, stretch, bounce, and dance. Ages 3 and up.

Make a Fairy Garden

Tuesday, June 28

10:30 am

North Muskegon Branch

Make a miniature fairy garden perfect for your room. Prepare to get your hands dirty. All supplies will be provided. Call the Library to register.

Urban Gardening

Thursday, June 30

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Learn how to set up an urban garden or flower pot garden. Make a sun visor to shade your eyes while you're gardening. Call the Library to register.

Frisbee Toss

Thursday, July 7

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Decorate your own frisbee and use it in the Frisbee Toss Competition. The top three winners will receive ribbons. Call the Library to register.

Movie Time

Friday, July 8

1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Watch a great kids' movie. Popcorn will be provided. Call the Library to register.

Kids Yoga with Muskegon Yoga

Monday, July 11

10:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

Kids can bring a yoga mat or beach towel and learn some great exercise moves. Parents are welcome to try as well. Registration required – space is limited.

Yoga for Kids

Tuesday, July 12

10:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

Traditional yoga poses are brought to life to help kids cultivate a deeper understanding of their environment and themselves while developing strength, flexibility, coordination and balance—in both body and mind. Please bring a towel or yoga mat. For kids 8 – 12 years old. Call the Library to register.

Rubber Ducky Relay Race

Thursday, July 14

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Let's see whose rubber ducky is the fastest in the Rubber Ducky Relay Race. After the race, you can make a craft. Call the Library to register.

Kids Karate and Self Defense

Saturday, July 16

11:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

Kids 6 – 10 join us to learn effective street proofing and life skills in a fun environment. Emphasis is placed on respect and self-discipline while learning basic self-defense.

The Fresh Food Fairy, Hether Frayer

Monday, July 18

10:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

The Fresh Food Fairy is here to share information on making healthy eating fun! We will be trying some bicycle-blender smoothies as part of this program. Registration required – space is limited.

Let's Line Dance

Thursday, July 21

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Did you know line dancing is great exercise? Join the dance party and learn more dance moves. Call the Library to register.

Karate Demonstration and Mini-Lesson

Monday, July 25

10:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

Trisha and her students from MzMeogi's Karate will demonstrate their skill at karate and share a few pointers.

End of Summer Reading Party

Thursday, July 28

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Wrap up your summer reading with reward certificates, trophies, and treats. Call the Library to register.

Monday Movie Mania

Mondays, June 6 – August 29

3:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Spend your Monday afternoons kicking back at the Library with a great kid friendly movie.

STORYTIMES

Baby Time

First & Third Saturdays

June 4 – August 20

10:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

Aimed exclusively for infants ages 0 to 18 months and their caregivers, Baby Time is a great chance to introduce babies to music, rhythm and rhyme – all important pre-lingual and pre-literacy skills. No registration required.

Storytime

Wednesdays, June 15 – August 3

11:15 am

North Muskegon Branch

Join us for stories, rhymes, songs, and more! Summer storytime is for children 6 and under. No registration required.

Pajama Night Storytime

Mondays, June 20 – July 25

6:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Miss Gillian will share books, music, crafts and fun with families. No registration required.

THE STRIPED CIRCUS

An amazing display of circus entertainment. See circus acts featuring physical fun, object manipulation and ground acrobatics. (No circus animals, just circus people.)

Monday, June 13

10:30 am Dalton Branch

1:00 pm Holton Branch

3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, June 14

10:30 am Ravenna Branch

1:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, June 15

10:30 am Muskegon Township Branch

1:00 pm Fruitport Branch

(Special location, 4548 Airline Road)

3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

Thursday, June 16

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch

1:00 pm Egelston Branch





AUDACIOUS HOOPS

Professional Hula Hooper, Audria, will amaze you with her hooping skills. There will be time for everyone to give their hula hooping skills a try.

Monday, June 20

10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, June 21

10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, June 22

10:30 am Muskegon Township Branch
1:00 pm Fruitport Branch
(Special location, 4548 Airline Road)
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

Thursday, June 23

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch

GREAT IDEAS FOR THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Join us for some great outdoor games that you can easily make at home. A lucky reader will win tickets to see the Muskegon Risers Soccer Team in action. If it rains, we'll move inside.

Monday, June 27

10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, June 28

10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, June 29

10:30 am Muskegon Township Branch
1:00 pm Fruitport Branch
(Special location, 4548 Airline Road)
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

Thursday, June 30

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch

STORYWALK®

July 5-July 9

It's a story book and a walk combined. Enjoy reading a picture book while taking a walk around the Library. When you are done with the Storywalk®, stop at the desk and register to win a prize.

MR. JIM, CUP STACKER

Learn how to stack cup pyramids at amazing speeds after Mr. Jim shows you how.

Monday, July 11

10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, July 12

10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, July 13

10:30 am Muskegon Township Branch
1:00 pm Fruitport Branch
(Special location, 4548 Airline Road)
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

Thursday, July 14

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch

BINGO

Play BINGO for a chance to win a great prize.

Monday, July 18

10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, July 19

10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, July 20

10:30 am Muskegon Township Branch
1:00 pm Fruitport Branch
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3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

Thursday, July 21

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch

BIRDS OF PREY

The Outdoor Discovery Center of Holland will bring live Michigan birds of prey to the Library.

Monday, July 25

10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, July 26

10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, July 27

10:30 am Muskegon Township Branch
1:00 pm Fruitport Branch
(Special location, 4548 Airline Road)
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

Thursday, July 28

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch

FAMILY CONCERT WITH JIM GILL

Join us for the first ever MADL-wide end of Summer Reading Celebration for all ages—centrally located at the Muskegon Township Branch.



Jim Gill will have everyone singing and dancing along with songs from his newest CD, *Vote for Jim Gill*, and fan favorites like "Spin Again" and "Silly Dance contest". **Bring a blanket or beach towel so you and your family can sit and enjoy the concert together.** Check out Jim Gill's CDs at any MADL branch.

History of the Muskegon Area District Library



The Muskegon Area District Library, (MADL), previously known as the Muskegon County Library, was formed in 2006 as a result of a millage campaign.

MADL serves 21 local governmental units throughout Muskegon County; the residents of which are taxed .75 mills. Although everyone in Muskegon County is welcome to use all of the MADL branches, the millage does not include residents of the City of Muskegon and Muskegon Public School District, which are served by Hackley Public Library; and the City of Whitehall and the Whitehall Public School District, which are served by White Lake Community Library.

MADL is a public Library system with 10 branches, including a Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Over 400,000 people visited our libraries last year, where we provide a wide array of programs and services, including early literacy, summer reading programs, on-line and in-branch materials, technology and resourceful staff. Today, we continue to grow and change to meet the needs of the community and provide continuous life-long learning programs and services.

What is the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped?

How do you keep reading when you can't see the print or have difficulty holding printed materials? Do you know someone who can no longer read print? Don't let failing eyesight ruin reading enjoyment. Or perhaps you know someone who has difficulty holding printed materials because of a physical disability. The braille and talking book program gives you the independence to enjoy the gift of reading again.



What Is the Braille and Talking Book Program?

The braille and talking book program is a free Library service administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress. NLS works with a network of regional and sub-regional libraries to provide this service to eligible individuals who are unable to read or use regular print materials because of a visual or physical disability. Braille and talking books are circulated to eligible readers by postage-free mail. Talking books are also available on-line through the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service.

MADL serves as a sub-regional Advisory Outreach Center for this postage-free mail service. Many popular titles are available in braille and/or audio formats. Books are selected for the NLS collection on a basis of their appeal across a wide range of interests. Best sellers, biographies and other nonfiction, fiction (mysteries, westerns, romance, inspirational) are in great demand. The collection also includes books in Spanish.

Books for all ages are available in audio and braille formats sent through the mail and for download. The audio books are played using an NLS-issued portable digital player loaned to the registered borrower. Eligible borrowers enroll for the service by completing an application which has been signed by their healthcare professional.

For more information or to request an application, please call 231-737-6310. Information including tutorials, links to state and federal websites and an application are also on our website, www.madl.org. As an Advisory Outreach Center we serve Muskegon and Ottawa Counties and also assist folks from other counties.

ALL TEENS...

Get in the Game... Read!

Teen Summer Reading Club for ages 11-18
Enter a drawing for a great prize.

**GET
IN THE
GAME
READ**

GET IN THE GAME... READ! Teen Summer Reading Club

June 13 – July 30, 2016

ALL MADL BRANCHES

Grades 7th – 12th

Summer reading is for big kids too. For every two hours completed, teen readers can enter a drawing for great prizes. The more time spent reading, the more chances to win.

Join the Super Awesome Teen Volunteer Group

Monday, June 6

3:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Learn about our teen volunteer group and sign up to help at the Library this summer. You will need to have a completed volunteer form signed by a parent. Pick up your volunteer form at the Library. If you're already approved as a teen volunteer make sure to sign up to help.

Create a Sharpie Mug

Monday, June 13

2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Funky, artsy, funny—make your mug any way you'd like. Lots of ideas, materials and instructions will be provided. Call the Library to register.

Off the Cuff LEDs

Friday, June 17

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Start off the summer and the National Week of Making right with light-up cuffs. Sewing skills are a plus, but not required.

Teen Book Club: Manga Mash

Saturday, June 18

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Bring your favorite manga or graphic novel and tell us about it. Enjoy the books and Japanese snacks.

Stress Management— with Coloring

Friday, June 24

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Feeling stressed about the new school year? Kick back with us as we talk about how to deal with stress, enjoy some healthy snacks and color.

Cut it Out

Monday, June 27

2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Bring a plain, solid colored tee and make a cool cut-out design you can wear over another tee or tank top. Instructions and supplies (except the shirts) will be provided. Call the Library to register.

Teen Book Club

Friday, July 1

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Pax by Sara Pennypacker — When war turns his family upside down and he has to move, Peter is forced to give up his pet fox Pax. Neither can stand being apart from the other, so Peter strikes out alone to find Pax.

Wilderness Safety

Friday, July 8

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

What could go wrong on a hike? If you're not prepared, **a lot**. We will cover wilderness safety basics and test your skills with a game.



Cupcake Wars

Monday, July 11

2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Do you think you have what it takes to be the cupcake champ? Bring your inspiration; we'll provide the cupcakes and some interesting items for decoration. Best decorator wins a gift card. Call the Library to register.

Ace Magic

Tuesday, July 12

3:00 pm

Fruitport Branch

See close-up magician, Paul Rathbun, perform illusions and tricks with cards and coins. Can he read your mind and predict the future? Watch him try. Call the Library to register.

Fresh Food Fairy

Tuesday, July 19

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

How far does our food travel from where it is grown to where it is eaten? Find out about the Fresh Food Fairy's smoothie ingredients and where they come from, ride the bike, and enjoy some smoothies made from local ingredients.

Iron Chef: Trail Mix Edition

Friday, July 22

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Taking a hike this summer? Need a snack to keep your energy going? Mix and munch your own customized trail mixes. Peanut-free program, but teens with allergies should be aware we will be mixing trail mix components together.



Teen Book Club

Saturday, July 23

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney — Amira's village in Sudan has been attacked by militants and what's left of her family travels to a refugee camp. The chance to study gives Amira hope.



Kendama Club

Tuesday, July 26

3:00 pm

Fruitport Branch

What is a Kendama? It's a Japanese skill toy (think of it as advanced ball in a cup). Learn tricks from a Kendama pro from MackKite in Grand Haven. If you have a Kendama, bring it. If you don't have one, don't worry, we will have some available to use. Teens will be entered in a drawing to win a Kendama. Call the Library to register.

Afternoon Movie

Friday, July 29

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join us for a laid-back movie afternoon. We will have a vote on which movie to watch when teens arrive. Popcorn provided.

Teen Volunteer Party

Monday, August 8

2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

We want to thank all of the teens for volunteering at the North Muskegon Branch Library this summer by having a special party just for you. Make sure to register for this fun event.

Teen Book Club

Saturday, August 20

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

The 5th Wave by Robert Yancy — Ohio teen Cassie struggles to reunite with her family in the midst of an alien invasion causing massive destruction.



NEW Teen Bookclub Chew & Chat for Middle Schoolers

North Muskegon Branch

Join us to discuss some great books and enjoy a yummy snack. Copies of the book will be available for check out at the circulation desk at the Library.

Monday, June 20, 2:00 pm

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Monday, August 15, 2:00 pm

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Monday, August 15, 2:00 pm

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by

Tom Angleberger



MAKE IT @ MADL: DUCT TAPE GYM/BEACH BAGS

Come to the Library to make a Duct Tape Bag to use to carry your gear to the gym or to the beach.

Please register at your Library.

Tuesday, July 5

1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch

3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, July 6

1:00 pm Egelston Branch

3:00 pm Ravenna Branch

Wednesday, July 13

11:00 am Holton Branch

1:00 pm Dalton Branch

3:00 pm Montague Branch

Thursday, July 14

3:00 pm Fruitport Branch

(Special location, 4548 Airline Road)

Friday, July 15

2:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

Monday, July 25

2:00 pm North Muskegon Branch

ALL ADULTS...

Exercise your mind! Read for your chance to win a great prize.

EXERCISE
your mind.
READ!

Exercise Your Mind! Adult Summer Reading Club

June 13 – July 30

ALL MADL BRANCHES

Adults ages 18 and up.

Summer reading is not just for kids anymore! For every six books completed, adult readers can enter a drawing for a great prize. The more time spent reading, the more chances to win.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Newcomers are always welcome!

No registration required. Community book lovers will meet at the Library to discuss great books.

Thursday MORNING Book Club at the Norton Shores Branch

June 2, 10:30 am

The Turner House by Angela Flournoy

July 7, 10:30 am

No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA and the U.S. Surveillance State by Glenn Greenwald

August 4, 10:30 am

Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

Tuesday EVENING Book Club at the North Muskegon Branch

June 21, 6:30 pm

The Paris Wife by Paula McLain

July 19, 6:30 pm

Stealing Buddha's Dinner by Bich Minh Nguyen

August 16, 6:30 pm

Paths of Glory by Jeffrey Archer

Most Miles Walked

June 16 – July 28

Muskegon Heights Branch

Beginning June 16 at 2:00 pm, adults can sign up for our "Most Miles Walked" competition. Participants will receive a pedometer (while supplies last) and a record sheet. Prizes will be awarded Thursday, July 28.

Make It @ MADL: The MAD(L) Crafters

The MAD(L) Crafters is a new, once-a-month craft club for adults. Crafter extraordinaire Jamie Jewell provides the supplies and the expertise.

The MAD(L) Crafters Yarn Wreath

So simple, yet so lovely. Made from yarn and felt, you'll be proud to hang this on the wall or door. Supplies are provided, but if you have a color scheme in mind, bring two skeins of regular yarn. Call the Library to register.



Wednesday, June 1
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, June 15
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch

2016 Michigan Notable Author

Scott M. Peters

Tuesday, June 28

7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Scott M. Peters, award-winning Michigan author and Curator of Collections at the Michigan Historical Museum, will share his 2016 Michigan Notable Book winner *Making Waves: Michigan's Boat-Building Industry, 1865-2000*. Boaters and Michigan history fans won't miss his exploration of Michigan's rich heritage in the development of boat building. Copies will be available for purchase and book signing will follow. No registration required.

The MAD(L) Crafters Book Folding

Old books get new life as art pieces — all you'll have to do is fold. Call the Library to register.

Wednesday, July 6

6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, July 20

7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Writing Your Elected Officials

Tuesday, July 12

6:15 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Bring your mobile devices and a friend and get involved! Middle Class Empowerment Zone (MceZ) will discuss how to refine a local issue into a question by using the MceZ.org website and its easy letter writing format. You will have a letter composed and ready to send at the end. Call the Library to register.

Beginning Dog Training

For ages 10 and up

Tuesdays

July 12, 19, and 26

12:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Participants will need to register at the Library before the program and provide a copy of their dog's current vaccination record at time of registration. Dogs must be at least six months of age. Participation is limited so make sure to register early! You must be able to attend all three class times to register.

Honoring our Heroes

Wednesday, July 13

6:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Are you a veteran? Learn how planning for your final wishes can shield your family from unnecessary emotional burdens and how your veteran's benefits can save you a substantial amount on your funeral costs. Family Service Counselor Chad Davignon of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. will provide helpful information for veterans of all ages and their families. Refreshments provided. No registration required.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club Presents A Special Summer Concert: SILVERADO

Thursday, July 14

7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

It's summertime and the living is easy. Join your fellow music lovers for a free concert featuring Muskegon's own country-western favorite, Silverado. Weather permitting, the music will be outside at the Library, providing plenty of space to dance to your favorites in the summer breeze. No registration required.

Responding to Your Elected Officials

Tuesday, July 26

6:15 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Your elected official has responded to your question. Now what? This follow-up session with staff from the Middle Class Empowerment Zone organization will cover the next steps to take in getting back to your elected official. Call the Library to register.

Brown Bag Reading

August 1–31

Norton Shores Branch

All ages

Fight the end of summer reading program blues with Brown Bag Reading! You don't know what the book looks like, you don't know the title, and you don't know the author. The Library dares you to check it out! It might not end up being the book for you or it could be your favorite book of the summer. You could also win a surprise just for taking a chance!

Canine Good Citizen Testing

Tuesday, August 2

1:00-4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Have you ever wondered how well trained your dog really is? We are offering the Canine Good Citizen Testing for your dog. Please call Paula Smith at 616-430-0297 to register for a 20-minute time slot.

The MAD(L) Crafters

Recycle Your Denim

Bring a pair or two of your old jeans and make your choice of two practical projects with help from crafter extraordinaire Jamie Jewell. Call the Library to register.

Wednesday, August 3

6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, August 17

7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Get Read for Vegas This Fall!

Wednesday, August 10

7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Before your next visit to Vegas, pick up tips and tricks for making your trip the best ever from Lou Gifford, author of *Las Vegas – Your Way: The Downtown Edition!* Vegas veteran Gifford provides insider information on the entertainment options Las Vegas offers, including dining, attractions, hotels and casinos. Copies will be available for purchase and book signing will follow the presentation. No registration required.

Third Books in Bloom Flower Show: Poetry, Prose & Posies

Sponsored by the Muskegon County Garden Club

Wednesday, August 24

3:30 – 7:00 pm

and

Thursday, August 25

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

The Norton Shores Branch will host the Muskegon County Garden Club's annual Standard Flower Show. Enjoy spectacular displays of flowers, fruits and vegetables and compare your favorites to the judges' prize-winning choices.

USED BOOK SALES

Muskegon Township Branch

June 3, 10:30 am – 5:00 pm

June 4, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

June 18, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Montague Branch

July 4, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Holton Branch

July 29, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

July 30, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Egelston Branch

August 5, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

August 13, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

October 6, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

October 7, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm



SUMMER BOOK TALKS

Montague Branch Library

June 29, 6:00 pm

Barb Vander Molen, author of *Discovering Michigan County by County*

"Every County Has a Unique Story" Special kick-off event at the White Lake Community Library, 3900 White Lake Dr. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Montague Branch Library and Friends of White Lake Community Library

July 6, 10:00 am

Dan Yakes, author

The Medical History of Muskegon County

July 13, 10:00 am

Marsha Redd

Beyond Steinbeck: Literature from the Great Depression

July 20, 10:00 am

Barbara Bull, author and owner of *Cherry Point Market Cloud Cottage: a novel*

July 27, 10:00 am

Jean Miller and Susan Newhof

For the poet in each of us

August 3, 7:00 pm

A special Evening Book Talk

Susan Newhof, author

Applewood: The Charles Stewart Mott Estate: One Hundred Years of Stories, 1916–2016



Forever Friends – Thank You!

Every branch in the Muskegon Area District Library is a reflection of the community it serves. MADL would not be what it is today without its Friends groups. These local citizens love their branches and their support and commitment as volunteers, advocates, fund raisers and even Board members is greatly appreciated. Our libraries are all alive and well, thanks to Friends groups in Holton, Fruitport, Muskegon Heights, Montague, North Muskegon, Norton Shores and Ravenna.

Summer Reading Club Sponsors



Focus on Ravenna Branch Library

Libraries across the country are—transforming. Everywhere you see libraries making capital investments to meet the changes needed in the twenty-first century. These changes include the rapid evolution in technology, more community gathering spaces, study areas and media centers.

This places demands on old buildings that need more flexible space or even additional space to provide essential services. No branch better exemplifies that change at MADL than the Ravenna Branch. In 2012 a young girl went to Storytime and after it was finished she saw her grandfather. She told him she loved Storytime but it was “too crowded.” The grandfather was Greg Russell, a township trustee. Russell attended Storytime the next week with his granddaughter.

What he saw shocked him. The kids were crowded into a small space in the Library and many kids were sitting on each other’s laps. Immediately Russell left the building and went into the parking lot next to the Library and paced off the square footage to increase the size of the building. He then called a contractor friend in town and asked what it would cost to enclose the space. Thus began the process of doubling the size of the Library.

Working together, Ravenna Township and Muskegon Area District Library officials came up with a plan and the community got excited and rallied to support it with donations. As momentum built and the project moved forward, there was some unexpected “serendipity” that helped the project’s success. MADL suggested that the Township contact Baker College in Muskegon to see if their Interior Design Department could have students design the interior space. Baker College jumped on the opportunity and their students designed a modern layout for the branch. Then someone discovered that a local bookstore was closing and they had furnishings for sale. All of the interior matching furniture in the branch came from that sale, including the circulation desk.

The branch now holds an expanded children’s space for all size gatherings. It has a room with a fireplace for community gatherings or meetings, which includes a projector and screen for movies or presentations. It has more space for public computers and offers Wi-Fi. Local contractors did all of the work. According to Ravenna Township Treasurer Sonja Patterson, “We stayed on budget, in the black.” At a cost of about \$275,000, they now have a space that will serve the community for years to come. Before retiring, long time Ravenna Branch Manager Diane Landheer said watching this transformation was the highlight of her Library career. “After working for years in a tight, cramped building it was great to see the butterfly come out of the cocoon.”

Unfortunately Mr. Russell passed away before the project was completed, but his family was at the ribbon-cutting to honor him. A memorial plaque in his honor hangs on the wall at the Ravenna branch.

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3175 Fifth Street, Twin Lake
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Tue, Thu & Fri 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

EGELSTON BRANCH

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Sat 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Sat 10:00 – 3:00 pm

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Sat 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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