FROM THE DIRECTOR

An Update from Kelly Richards

Connecting with new partners and organizations is an ongoing effort to bring you new educational and entertaining programs. We are mindful of creating new opportunities to meet the goals in our strategic plan. Our branch libraries are well known as the community’s local gathering place.

We have had great attendance at some new popular programs, like the Attorney General’s Consumer Education Office offered Home Repair, In-Home Care and Online Safety. Other recent partnership programs include animal education with DNR Hoffmaster State Park and MSU Extension Office offerings on Camping & Cooking, and Jamming in the Kitchen.

We are excited about new offerings this fall—HealthWest will offer Stretch and Move; and the Michigan Foundation will offer Suicide Prevention Training; our local Arthritis will present Suicide Prevention Training; Book Clubs and MADL Crafters.

We provide an active and engaging environment for our attendees, and with our partners share a mutual interest in memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.

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Did you know that in 2018, the Muskegon Area District Library serves the area with ten community branches.

Our mission is to connect a diverse community to resources and services that educate, inform, enrich and entertain.

Summer ‘Rocked’ at MADL

Hundreds of children, family members, teens and adults enjoyed a full line-up of weekly summer programs. In addition to our ‘Libraries Rock’ Summer Reading program, many entertaining and educational programs were held during our busiest time of the year.

The Summer Reading program encourages children, youth and families to read, helps children maintain their reading skills and also helps foster a love of reading. Access to books and library programs during the summer results in more reading and improved reading skills for continued lifelong learning.

September 10–September 22 at all MADL branches

Got fines? To celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month and help the hungry in our community, MADL will collect Food for Fines. For each donated non-expired can, we will waive $1 up to $25 in MADL fines. Although fine forgiveness doesn’t apply to lost/damaged items or collection agency fees, it does apply to the $2 replacement library card fee. Gather up some canned goods and head to any MADL branch. Get ready to use your library card again. All canned goods collected will be given to our partner food banks: Love INC and The Salvation Army.

Did you know that in 1938, the need for library service was so great that the Muskegon County Library was formed under Michigan Public Act 183 of 1917 with the assistance of the State Library and the Muskegon County Board of Supervisors. In 2005, the Muskegon County Library became the Muskegon Area District Library and now serves the area with ten community branches.

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Did you know?

- Howard Hughes breaks the around-the-world flight record.
- Adolf Hitler seized control of the German Army and put Nazis in key posts.
- General Motors began mass production of diesel engines.
- The first jazz concert was held at Carnegie Hall.
- The March of Dimes was established to fight polio.
- The cost of a loaf of bread was 9¢ and the cost of a gallon of gas was 10¢.
- Superman makes his first appearance.
- Nescafé introduced its flagship brand in Switzerland.
- The popular comic superhero Superman makes his first appearance.
- New York Giants won the NFL championship.
- Superman makes his first appearance.
**Family Fun Night: Pirates**
Thursday, Sept. 20
6:00 pm

**Montague Branch**
Arrrr you ready for a great night of pirate fun? Games, crafts, dress-up, music, food and more. Learn about the Caribbean as you celebrate all things pirate.

**Mini Makers: Fairy Lanterns**
Tuesday, Sept. 25
3:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

**Storytime and Lunch and Learn**
Tuesday, Oct. 9
11:45 am (after Storytime)

**Holton Branch**
Go for the gold at our Library Olympics. Compete in our version of juggling, discus and shot put, try to make it through an obstacle course, make crafts and learn about how the Olympics started in Greece.

**Mini Makers: Pumpkin Spice Playdough**
Tuesday, Nov. 6
3:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Make playdough that smells like the holiday season. Ages 3–12.

**Holidays Around the World**
During open hours
Nov. 5–10
All MADL Branches during this week.

**Mini Makers:**
**Pinecone Owls**
Tuesday, Nov. 6
3:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Make a pine cone bird feeder to take home. Ages 3–12.

**Hotel Transylvania**
Tuesday, Nov. 6
4:30 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**
Halloween is just around the corner. Show off your costume as you watch Hotel Transylvania and enjoy some snacks.

**Egelston Branch**
Roll on over to our pumpkin painting night for spooktacular Halloween fun. Enjoy a snack and pumpkin painting.
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

**Mini Makers:**
**Pinecone Owls**
Tuesday, Nov. 13
4:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Make an adorable pinecone owl to take home. Ages 3–12.

**Thoughtful Rocks**
Wednesday, Nov. 28
4:30 pm

**Pumpkin Painting Night**
Wednesday, Oct. 30
6:00 pm

**Egelston Branch**
Roll on over to our pumpkin painting night for spooktacular Halloween fun. Enjoy a snack and pumpkin painting.
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

**Ravenna Branch**
Make an ornament for your Christmas tree. Ages 3–12.

**Christmas in Holton**
Wednesday, Dec. 5
6:00 pm

**Holton Branch**
Come see the library to meet Santa, do a craft and enjoy treats. Then join the community in a tree lighting and singing in the park across from the library.

**Mini Makers:**
**Pony Bead Ornaments**
Tuesday, Dec. 4
3:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Make a pony bead ornament for your Christmas tree. Ages 3–12.

**Let the Holidays Begin… with Santa**
Start your holiday season with stories, crafts and a visit with Santa.
Be sure to bring your camera for the great photo opportunity.
Saturday, Dec. 11
1:00 pm

**Egelston Branch**
Tuesday, Dec. 4
4:30 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:00 pm

**Holton Branch**
Saturday, Dec. 8
10:30 am

**North Muskegon Branch**
Tuesday, Dec. 11
10:00 am

**Norton Shores Branch**
Friday, Dec. 28
2:00–5:00 pm

**Holton Branch**
Friday, Dec. 28
2:00–5:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Wednesday, Dec. 12
10:00 am

**Egelston Branch**
Monday, Dec. 3
3:00 pm

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

**Family Fun Night:**
**Holidays Around the World**
Tuesday, Dec. 11
6:00 pm

**Holton Branch**
Thursday, Dec. 13
6:00 pm

**Montague Branch**
It's the holiday season and we’re celebrating with traditions from all over the world. Activities will include games, crafts, music, dancing, food and more.

**Gingerbread House Fun**
Tuesday, Dec. 11
6:00pm

**Egelston Branch**
Decorate your own gingerbread house (one per person). Show off your creative, colorful and unique designs can be. Fun for the whole family.
Call 788-6477 to register.

**Binary Code Jewelry**
Wednesday, Dec. 12
4:30 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**
Celebrate the hour of code by learning the basics of binary code with fun and easy jewelry projects. Make an initial pin or a bracelet— or both—with your name.

**Snow Globes**
Wednesday, Dec. 19
4:30 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**
Learn how to make your own wondrous winter scene in a snow globe.
Call 231-744-6808 to register.
Baby Time
Aimed exclusively at infants ages 0 to 18 months and their caregivers. Baby Time introduces babies to music, rhythm, and rhyme—all important pre-lingual and pre-literacy skills.

Tiny Tots
A special storyline 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. This program will engage children in books, fingerplays, music, crafts, movement, pre-reading games and more.

Preschool Storytime
Geared toward 3- to 5-year-old children and their families. This program will include books, fingerplays, music, crafts, movement, pre-reading games and more.

Family Time
Designed to reach children ages birth through elementary. Family Time contains elements of Preschool Storytime, Toddler Time, and Tiny Tots.

Pajama Time
Come in your pajamas to a Family Storytime with songs, crafts, books, dancing, and more.

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**Storytime**
**Ages: 11-18**

**Teen programs**

**Pirate Eye Patch**
Thursday, Sept. 13
4:30 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**
Get ready for "International Talk Like a Pirate Day" by decorating an eye patch to complete your pirate look. Call 231-739-6070 to register.

**Fantastic Books and Coffee Slime**
Where to Find Them
First Wednesday of the month
Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Join the ROUSs (Readers of Unusual Sarcasm) for a fun discussion of our teen book of the month. Refreshments provided.

**Teen Club: Service Project**
Kids Food Basket
Tuesday, Oct. 18
4:00 pm

**Morton Shores Branch**
Be part of the solution to end childhood hunger. Join us as we help Kids Food Basket with a service project. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Magazine Picture Frame**
Saturday, Sept. 22
2:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Create your own painted glass drinking tumbler. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

**Pre-Literacy Skills**
Join us as we show you how to layer rings to make a gorgeous chain mail necklace. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

**Teen Club: Fantastic Beasts Trivia**
Tuesday, Nov. 20
4:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**
Learn how do you know the Wizarding World of JK Rowling? Come test your trivia skills. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**DIY Ornaments**
Wednesday, Dec. 19
3:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Make some unique ornaments to give as gifts or to place on your own Christmas tree.

**Book Page Ornament**
Saturday, Dec. 15
6:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Learn how to make a beautiful holiday ornament using recycled books. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

**Teen Club: Stocking Stuffer Crafts**
Tuesday, Dec. 18
4:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Make one, two, or all three quick stocking-stuffer gifts. A hot chocolate bar will keep us warm and cozy. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

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**Through the Dwarves’ Eyes**
Meet Pout-Pout Fish stories read aloud. Take a picture with him, and make a craft. Bring your camera and share your picture on our Muskegon Area District Library Facebook page.

**Egelston Branch**
Monday, Oct. 22; 4:30 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**
Friday, Oct. 12
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Create your own painted glass drinking tumbler. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

**Henna Hangout**
Wednesday, Oct. 10
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Fun have learning about henna tattoos and experiment with creating henna designs on yourself and your friends.

**Fleece Blankets and T-Shirt Dog Toys**
Saturday, Oct. 12
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Help our local animal shelters by making fleece blankets and dog toys to be donated to a local animal rescue. Make a toy to take home to your dog too. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

**Teen Club: Uke Jam**
Tuesday, Oct. 16
4:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**
Ever wanted to try a ukulele? Join us for a jam session—bring your own or use one on loan from Meyer Music. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

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**Egelston Branch**
Monday, Oct. 22; 4:30 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**
Tuesday, Oct. 23; 3:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Wednesday, Oct. 24; 11:00 am

**Montague Branch**
Wednesday, Oct. 24; 11:00 am

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**Pout-Pout Fish**
Meet Deborah Diesen’s beloved book character Pout-Pout Fish stories read aloud. Take a picture with him, and make a craft. Bring your camera and share your picture on our Muskegon Area District Library Facebook page.

**Egelston Branch**
Monday, Oct. 1; 10:45 am

**Muskegon Township Branch**
Tuesday, Oct. 2; 11:00 am

**Holton Branch**
Wednesday, Oct. 3; 10:30 am

**Norton Shores Branch**
Wednesday, Oct. 3; 12:00 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**
Friday, Oct. 5; 10:30 am

**North Muskegon Branch**
Monday, Oct. 22; 9:30 am

**Egelston Branch**
Tuesday, Oct. 23; 9:45 am

**Ravenna Branch**
Wednesday, Oct. 24; 9:15 am

**Dalton Branch**
Wednesday, Oct. 24; 11:00 am

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**Teen Club: Escape Box**
Tuesday, Nov. 6
6:30 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**
Can you open the box before time runs out? Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Folded Book Hedgehog**
Wednesday, Nov. 14
3:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Turn an old book into your own adorable hedgehog. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

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**Clipboard Storytime**
Come in your pajamas to a Family Storytime with songs, crafts, books, dancing, and more.
Pokémon GO: Hunting Party
Friday, Sept. 14
5:30 pm

Muskogian Heights Branch
Come meet up with other local Pokémon GO players to exchange friend codes, organize a raiding team, discuss gym control, and share tips and tricks.

Craft N Chat
Third Wednesday of the month
Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Get to know new friends and fellow crafters at our Craft N Chat group. Bring whatever craft you’re working on and socialize while you craft.

Painted Wine Glasses
Wednesday, Sept. 19
5:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Create your own painted wine glass. Call 231-983-6975 to register.

Actor’s Colony at Bluffton
Wednesday, Sept. 19
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Get ready for Muskogian’s annual Buster Keaton Festival on the first weekend in October. Local historian Ron Pesch provides a visual tour of the Bluffton area where child star Buster Keaton spent his summers along Lake Michigan, staying at the Actor’s Colony.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Shout!
Thursday, Sept. 20
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Step back in time for a fantastic trip to the early years of the Fab Four by one of Michigan’s premier Beatles tribute bands.

MADL 101
Third Friday of the month
Sept. 2, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21
9:15 am
Norton Shores Branch
Do you have a yellow MADL library card? Drop in for an overview of the free services and resources MADL provides. The power of your library card is priceless. Ages 13 and up.

Fall & Winter Landscapes
Tuesday, Sept. 25
6:00 pm
Montague Branch
We will examine trees, shrubs and assorted perennials as sources of color and texture for your autumn gardens. Extending your garden interest in the fall and winter is as simple as planning for fruit from plants such as viburnum varieties, and selecting trees with dramatic foliage. Presented by Michigan Certified Nurseryman, Eric Nelson.

Make it @ MADL: Book Page Wreath
Tuesday, Sept. 25
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Use old books to make a beautiful book page wreath for your home! Class size limited to 20. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Intro to Google Photos
Tuesday, Sept. 25
6:30 pm OR
Wednesday, Sept. 26
9:00 am

Norton Shores Branch
If you take photos on your cell phone, you will love learning to use Google Photos. The free Google Photos app creates a backup copy of your photos from a phone or computer (Gmail account required), allowing you to free up space on your phone. Workshop is led by Google certified trainer Andy Mann. Bring a smart phone or tablet and if desired, a laptop or notebook. Ages 13 and up. (Choose one session.)

Live @ the Library: The B-Side Growlers
Tuesday, Oct. 2
6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
The B-Side Growlers present an enthralling mix of Americana with inspired traditional, toe-tappin’ fired, vintage acoustic blues, jazz and country.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents The Squirrel Hillbillies
Thursday, Oct. 4
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
From deep within the urban forest of Pittsburgh’s East End, this duo emerges to share their exotic eclecticism of acoustic roots music, spanning folk, country and blues.

Online Safety
Wednesday, Oct. 5
4:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Carol Hillman of the Michigan Attorney General’s Consumer Education staff will answer questions and help you prevent, identify, and report identity theft.

Sewing 101
Saturday, Oct. 6
10:00 am
Dalon Branch
Need to fix a hem, or attach some buttons? Come learn basic sewing skills from expert certified trainer Andy Mann. Bring a smart phone or computer (Gmail account required), allowing you to free up space on your phone. Workshop is led by Google certified trainer Andy Mann. Bring a smart phone or tablet and if desired, a laptop or notebook. Ages 13 and up. (Choose one session.)

Make it @ MADL: Diary of a Catcher
Monday, Oct. 22
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Take that dusty diary from grandma and transform it into a beautiful dream catcher to hang in your home. Class is limited to 20. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Step into Darkness with Author Kat Tedsen
Wednesday, Oct. 24
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
You have been invited to a Mardi Gras masquerade at a renowned Michigan mansion. An evening of hor’oeuvres and fun quickly turns mysterious when one guest ends up dead. Join others to solve this baffling mystery. Cost is $10 per person and includes refreshments and beverages. Participants must register at the library where they will be assigned a character. Ages 16 and up.

Michigan Libraries for Life Organ Donation Registry Drive
MADL is joining the Michigan Libraries for Life campaign to educate the public about organ and tissue donation, and give them an opportunity to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. MADL librarians will be available to answer questions and help you sign up on the Registry—just drop in at a location and time that works best for you.

Tuesday, Oct. 9
4:00—7:00 pm
Holton Branch

Wednesday, Oct. 10
4:00—7:00 pm
Montague Branch

Thursday, Oct. 11
1:00—4:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch

Saturday, Oct. 13
1:00—4:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch

Adulting 101: Finance
Saturday, Oct. 13
1:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Nervous about how to manage your money? Never wrote a check in your life? Our local experts will guide you through everything you need to know about managing your money and creating a spending plan. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

One Book, One Community
Tuesday, Oct. 16
7:00 pm
Montague Branch
Hear a panel discussion featuring local authors and experts as they share their favorite books with you. How do you make time to read? What are some tips and techniques you use to stay engaged with a good book? For more information, please call the Montague Branch at 231-893-2675.

Lace Wrapped Candles
Wednesday, Oct. 17
6:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Make beautiful lace wrapped candles. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Mardi Gras Murder Mystery
Mondays, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, 6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
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Movie Pop Quiz
Every week in December a different movie will be posted at all Branch Libraries and on our Facebook page. If you guess the movie correctly, your name will be entered in a drawing for a refillable Wescoc popcorn bucket filled with goodies. You can make up your guess and enter once per week. OPEN TO ALL AGES.
Suicide Prevention Skills Training: QPR
(Question, Persuade, Refer)
Take the time to become a certified gatekeeper! Using skills needed to save a life. One in five people will struggle with a mental illness in their lifetime. Representatives from HealthWest, Muskegon’s Behavioral Wellness Connection, will present this class. In less than 90 minutes you will learn the basics on how to assist someone who is talking about taking their own life.
Wednesday, Sept. 26, 5:30 pm
Ravenna Branch

First Tuesday of the month
Library offers a selection of books written by men and women about their lives as men and women who have been affected by Alzheimer’s disease. The focus of the group is to share experiences and discuss the impact of Alzheimer’s on caregivers. For more information, contact Huron Area Library at 231-744-6080.
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 6:30 pm
Ravenna Branch

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Dalton Branch Library—
By the Lakes

Located in Twin Lake, the Dalton branch is one of our northern branches located off M-120. It has a population of 1,720 residents, and covers an area just under three miles, with 320 acres of water, which provides many summer and winter sports activities. North Lake, West Lake, Twin Lake, Middle Lake and Fox Lake are all part of Dalton Township.

This branch opened in March 1959, as the eighth library in the system. Originally it was housed in a building on the school grounds that also held a lunchroom and third grade classrooms. It moved to its present location in April, 1964. Previously the area was served by the county library bookmobile. Its hours of operation have increased from 12 to 47 hours per week.

If you are a child attending Twin Lake Elementary, you know that the Dalton Township Branch of the Muskegon Area District Library is annexed to the school building. Reeths-Puffer School District students know that this is their local library, where they can find books, movies and a place for adventure.

Since 1969, Storytimes have been held once a week during the school year. Because of the close proximity to classrooms, classes plan regular ongoing trips to the library.

The area served by the library is largely within Dalton Township, with a section to the east in Cedar Creek Township. Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Gerber Scout and the Owasippe Scout Reservations, and the very popular Michigan’s Adventure are also located in Dalton Township.

In 2017, there were over 30,000 visits to this branch, and 3,139 people attended 116 programs. A wide array of programs are offered including crafts, educational, and entertaining options.

Library users know that their MADL library card provides them with more items than what can be seen on the shelves. Patrons can download many free items to their devices like audio and e-books, have fun with music, movies and television shows, and even learn a foreign language. High demand items at the Dalton Branch include juvenile and adult fiction books as well as magazines.

The Dalton Book Club holds monthly meetings where the group reads the same book and participates in lively discussions. Also, the Twin Lake Historical Society uses the building for their monthly meetings and to store their collection of local historical information.

The Dalton Branch strives to be a place to meet with others, to learn new things, to learn a foreign language. High demand items at the Dalton Branch include juvenile and adult fiction books as well as magazines.

You Can Help
If you would like to support the Library with a monetary donation, you may do so through The Muskegon Area District Library Foundation Fund held at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. https://cffmc.org/give/give-now/ or contact Brenda Hall, Director of Finance for more information.

To supports the Library, please visit https://cffmc.org/give/give-now/

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