FROM THE DIRECTOR

An Update from Kelly Richards, Director

TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY

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

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

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

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

Book Club in a Bag is now easier to use!

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

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

Digital Magazines Now Available

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

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

Spring Used Book Sales

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

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

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

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

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Jazz: The Great American Songbook

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

Tuesday, February 20
6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, February 21
7:30 pm
Muskogon Heights Branch

Thursday, February 22
7:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch

Black History Month with MADL!

Look for this icon identifying BHM events.

Celebrate

BHM events.

THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED SERVICES
LBPHS
Kids Zumbi

Mondays, January 8–April 30, 4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

So you think you can dance! You will be moving your feet to a fun afrobeat beat with a certified instructor, Lois Morris. Join us for a fun time dancing and staying fit.

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Tuesdays, January 9–May 29, 3:30–6:30 pm

Montague Branch

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

**After School Movie Day**

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After School Movie: Deep
Tuesday, April 24
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Watch a family friendly movie. Popcorn and juice provided. All ages welcome.

Afternoon Movie: Moana
Monday, April 30
3:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
Join us in the library for an afternoon movie.

Family Fun Night: Cinco de Mayo
Tuesday, May 1
6:00 pm
Montague Branch
Join us in the library for an afternoon movie.

Storytime

January 8–May 4

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

MONDAYS
Egelston Branch: 3:30–4:15 pm FAMILY
Muskegon Township Branch: 10:45–11:30 am FAMILY
TUESDAYS
Norton Shores Branch: 9:30–10:15 am TODDLER
Ravenna Branch: 9:45–10:30 am FAMILY
North Muskegon Branch: 10:30–11:15 am TODDLER
Holton Branch: 11:00–11:45 am FAMILY
WEDNESDAYS
Dalton Branch: 9:15–10:00 am FAMILY
Egelston Branch: 9:30–10:00 am TINY TOTS
Norton Shores Branch: 10:30–11:15 am FAMILY
North Muskegon Branch: 11:00–11:30 am FAMILY
THURSDAYS
Norton Shores Branch: 9:30–10:15 am TINY TOTS
Ravenna Branch: 10:30–11:15 am PRESCHOOL
Montague Branch: 11:00–11:45 am FAMILY
Muskegon Heights Branch: 11:15–11:45 am TINY TOTS
FRIDAYS
North Muskegon Branch: 9:30–10:15 am PRESCHOOL
North Muskegon Branch: 11:00–11:30 am TINY TOTS

Afternoon Movie: Finding Nemo
Tuesday, May 8
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Relax and enjoy a family friendly movie. Popcorn and juice provided. All ages welcome.

Plant a Pot
Saturday, May 12
2:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Plant a beautiful pot of spring flowers just in time for Mother’s Day. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

All the Dots
Saturday, May 12
1:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Make a mark, make a dot. We will use a variety of materials to explore pointillism (art from dots). We will have paints, so dress for a mess. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

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Monday, May 21
3:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
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Saturday, February 10
11:00 am
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Saturday, February 24
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Saturday, April 14
10:30 am
Montague Branch
Call 231-693-2675 to register.

Saturday, April 14
1:00 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Family Fun Night: Cinco de Mayo
Tuesday, May 1
6:00 pm
Holton Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

DIY Screen-Conductive Gloves
Tuesday, January 16
4:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Need to use a tablet or phone and keep your hands warm? We can help. Bring gloves to customize (not required) and we will provide the rest. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Guitar Pick Jewelry
Tuesday, January 16
4:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Make a guitar pick out of plastic using old gift cards, IDs, or other plastic cards. We’ll provide everything you need. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

T-Shirt Tote Bag
Friday, January 19
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Bring your favorite old t-shirt to the library and turn it into a tote bag. We will provide scissors, but participants must bring a shirt.

Teen Book Club
Friday, February 2
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Snacks and discussion of Stalking Jack the Ripper by Kerri Maniscalco. Random Fandom Trivia
Tuesday, February 20
4:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Teams will choose one from four different fandoms (Doctor Who, Harry Potter, Star Wars or Stranger Things) and face off in a trivia bowl. Do you have what it takes? Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Bookend Painting
Thursday, February 22
3:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Help give the Young Adult section of the library a makeover by creating book inspired works of art on library bookends. All supplies will be provided.

Custom Phone Case
Thursday, February 22 AND Friday, February 23
4:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Bring your phone case and how plain it looks? Bring your phone and your old phone case and make a new one. This is a two-day process so plan to attend both days. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

DIY Nail Polish Rock Paperweight
Friday, April 20
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Create a do-it-yourself paperweight made out of rocks and nail polish. We will provide the materials, you bring the creativity.

DIY Nail Polish Rock Paperweight
Friday, April 20
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Snacks and discussion of The Traitor’s Kiss by Erin Beaty.

Teen Book Club
Monday, March 5
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Snacks and discussion of Bterskler by Emmy Laybourne.

Teen Book Club
Friday, March 2
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Join us to create your own fuzzy ball coaster masterpiece. Materials provided.

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10:30 am
Montague Branch
Call 231-693-2675 to register.

Saturday, April 14
1:00 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Teen programs

Ages 11-18

Teen Book Club
Tuesday, March 20
4:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Test your cupcake decorating skills. We provide the supplies, you provide the talent. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Duct Tape Bags
Tuesday, March 20
4:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Design your own reusable bag with tape. We’ll have lots of colorful tape to choose from. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Harry Potter Escape Room
Thursday, April 5
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Teams of four will have 30 minutes to solve riddles and decipher clues together. Can you and your companions escape or will you be lost in Hogwarts forever? Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Teen Book Club
Friday, April 6
3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Snacks and discussion of Scion of the Fox by S.M. Berkoff.

A Keys Key Chain
Tuesday, April 17
4:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Make a key shaped keychain using modeling clay then bake it at home. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Haiku Slam
Tuesday, April 17
4:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Easy to learn but Strangely difficult to write/Haiku happens now. Learn a deceptively easy form of poetry— either to share or for fun, for poetry or for lyrics. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

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Exam Cram Coloring Jam
Tuesday, May 15
4:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Need a break? Come grab some markers or pencils and color with us.

Sharpie Mugs
Friday, May 18
3:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Decorate your own mug using oil-based Sharpies. We’ll have the mugs, the Sharpies, and some inspiring ideas to get you started. Then, take your mug home and bake it to make your design permanent. Call 231-744-6080 to register.
**Adult programs**

**Technology Tutoring**
Fridays, January 5–May 25
9:00 am–5:00 pm, or by appointment.

**Ravenna Branch**
Have questions on your phone, tablet, or computer? Drop by the library to get answers for your technology questions. Public computers can be reserved for tutoring use. All ages welcome. Call 231-744-6080 to schedule.

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

**Crochet Craft Club**
Wednesday, January 31
1:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
Join a group of experienced crocheting individuals, or learn the craft yourself from someone more experienced. Not into crocheting? Join an interactive role playing game where you and others are able to create your own story. Starter character sheets provided.

**Crochet Craft Club**
Monday, February 26
5:30 pm

**Ravenna Branch**
See * below.

**Paint a Plate**
Wednesday, March 7
6:00 pm

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

**Warm Your Body & Soul: An Author Tea**
Wednesday, January 17
2:00 pm

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

**Spine Label Poetry**
Monday, January 22–Friday, January 26
All day

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

**Technology Tutoring**
Mondays, January 22–April 14
10:30 am–7:00 pm or by appointment.

**Bearded Trout Bookmark**
Wednesday, February 13
1:00 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**
Make an adorable beaded bookmark. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

**Monday, May 7**
4:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Call 231-739-6075 to register.

**Tuesday, May 8**
6:00 pm
Glen Lake Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

**Monday, May 14**
6:00 pm
Dalton Branch
Call 231-828-4188 to register.

**Tuesday, May 22**
6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Wednesday, May 23**
5:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-739-6075 to register.

**Wednesday, May 30**
5:30 pm
Montague Branch
Call 231-893-2675 to register.

**Jamming in the Kitchen**
Jam and jelly season has arrived! Making jam and jelly involves kitchen chemistry, meaning exact measurement and prop ingredients are important. Discover everything you need to know to preserve that delicious fruit taste with, NSF Expansion Food & Safety Educator Jane Hart.

**Monday, May 7**
4:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Call 231-739-6075 to register.

**Tuesday, May 8**
6:00 pm
Dalton Branch
Call 231-828-4188 to register.

**Monday, May 14**
6:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

**Wednesday, May 23**
5:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-739-6075 to register.

**Live @ the Library**
presents Pleasee Schuler
Tuesday, April 10
6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Celebrate poetry month with WBLL radio announcer Pleasee Schuler. Enjoy his original poetry and some of his favorites from literature; then read a favorite of your own—or have Foley read it for you.

**Ladies Night**
Wednesday, April 4
6:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Ladies, stop in for a night of fun and relaxation while watching a movie and enjoying snacks.

**Patron Appreciation Day**
Tuesday, April 10
ALL MADL Branches–ALL Day
It’s National Library Week and time to celebrate our library users! Join us for treats, giveaways and crafts in all branches throughout the day. The party is all about you!
**Let's Talk About Books**

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

**Dalton Book Club**

The fourth Monday of the month

**Dalton Branch**

January 22: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

February 26: X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz & KeKla Magoon

March 26: The Book ofully by Kathy Peiss

April 23: The Dotted Effect by Mark Satchler

**Tuesday Morning Book Club**

The third Tuesday of the month

**Muskegon Township Branch**

Books to be selected by group participants.

January 16

February 20: X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz & KeKla Magoon

March 20

April 17

May 15

**Holton Book Club**

The third Tuesday of the month

**Holton Branch**

Books to be selected by group participants.

January 16

February 20: X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz & KeKla Magoon

March 20

April 17

May 15

**Tuesday Evening Book Club**

The third Tuesday of the month

**North Muskegon Branch**

January 16: Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter

February 21: X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz & KeKla Magoon

March 20: The First Fifteen Lives of AJ Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

April 17: Caleh’s Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

May 15: The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe

**Ravenna Reader’s Book Club**

The first Wednesday of the month

**Ravenna Branch**

January 3: Discussion on a poem of your choosing

February 7: X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz & KeKla Magoon

March 7: Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

April 4: Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert

May 2: Home Safe by Elizabeth Berg

**Wednesday Morning Book Club**

The first Wednesday of the month

**North Muskegon Branch**

January 3: The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson

February 7: X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz & KeKla Magoon

March 7: Title selected at previous Book Club

April 4: Title selected at previous Book Club

May 2: Title selected at previous Book Club

**Thursday Morning Book Discussion**

The first Thursday of the month

**Norton Shores Branch**

January 4: Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan

February 1: X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz & KeKla Magoon

March 1: When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanitri

April 5: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

May 3: The Man in the High Castle by Philip K. Dick
EGELSTON BRANCH – EAST MUSKEGON’S STAR LIBRARY

Nestled between the fire department and the township offices sits the Egelston Branch of the Muskegon Area District Library. First established in a small room in the basement of the township hall, the library was moved into the old township governmental offices in 1972. A children’s area was constructed in 1979 with the help of a federal grant. In 1982, online computer circulation services were connected with the Muskegon County Library and the branch thrived until it outgrew its small building location.

In 1990, Muskegon County Library, local businesses, supportive residents and the Egelston Township board all worked together on a fundraiser for a new library building. Then in 1992, a new Egelston Branch was built in its current location at 5428 E. Apple Avenue. The 5,000 square foot location has a spacious layout, a comfortable seating area for visitors to read, and a children’s area where kids can sit back and escape with a book.

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

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

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

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

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