An Update from Kelly Richards, Director

It's good news for our juveniles in Muskegon County. Public libraries across the nation continually examine how to best serve the community and eliminate barriers to access. That is also the case here at the Muskegon Area District Library. Beginning in September, we will eliminate overdue fines on juvenile materials. This means children and teens will no longer have to pay fines.

It is a common belief that library fines serve as an economic barrier that impedes access to library materials and services for the financially disadvantaged in our communities, particularly minors. Now, young readers will no longer have to pay fines or be barred from checking out books from all branches at the Muskegon Area District Library due to late fees. This fines-free action coincides with back-to-school schedules and encourages reading for our youngest population, giving them better access to the library.

In the past, anyone with any account with more than $10 in fines couldn’t check out materials. Now young readers will only have to pay for lost or damaged materials. Overdue fines on juvenile materials make up less than .3% of MADL’s overall budget.

White Lake Library and Hackley Public Library are also making this change. This will make it easier for hundreds of library users across Muskegon County.

We hope this change will improve early literacy and encourage patrons to return to the library. It is one of our goals to increase the school readiness of children in the Muskegon area. Our commitment to other early literacy initiatives continues with our new Muskegon Storyville development.

More New Services For You!

This new service brings you on-line searchable news. NewsBank® provides web-based access to tens of millions of articles and video clips from local, state, regional, national and international news sources. It includes years of archives, enabling patrons to look into subjects from the past and track trends or development from their origins. NewsBank provides the full text of articles from The Muskegon Chronicle from 1997 to today and full-color page scans of The Chronicle from September 2018 to now.

Value Line® provides investment research and information along with analysis of 3,500 stocks, covering large, small and mid-cap companies, plus industry reports and other financial information. It is designed to specifically meet the highest needs of the professional investor.

The Muskegon Area District Library has launched an improved website to better serve your needs. Besides the new mobile responsive design, the new site gives you the same great information and resources, but is more user friendly, easier to navigate and more visually attractive.

Children’s Programs:
- Pirate Parties, STEM Robotics, Santa Visits .......................... 2
- Pete the Cat & Storytimes, Teen Finance .......................... 3

Adult Programs:
- Stretch & Move, Live Music, Resume Makeover .......................... 4
- Book Talks, Downton Abbey Tea Party, iSmile, Chronic Pain .......................... 5

Nearly 4,000 people attended our popular and entertaining Summer Reading programs. All reading goals set for our children, teens and adults were surpassed this year!
Bow Wow Readers is a once-a-month read-the-Muskegon Lakeshore Obedience Training Club or from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. The first Tuesday of the month to take home. Ages 3–12 with their parents. The Grinch

American Red Cross West Michigan Chapter.

to a chapter or two of our read aloud selection. Meet each week for a big kid storytime and listen to a family friendly movie every Wednesday this fall. Snacks provided. Families welcome

Ages 3–12 with their parents.

for games, crafts, and tons of fun at our annual Halloween Party. Wear your Halloween costume and you could win a prize. Snacks provided.


Call 231-780-8844 to register.

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Ages 4 and up. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

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10:00 am

The fourth Tuesday of the month

The Grinch


Ages 6–13. Call 231-739-6075 to register.


Ages 4–13. Call 231-739-6075 to register.
Meet beloved book character Pete the Cat at one of our regularly scheduled Storytime programs. Be sure to call us on our Muskegon Area District Library Facebook Page.

**Pete the Cat Live @ MADL**
Meet beloved book character Pete the Cat. Hear Pete the Cat stories read aloud, take a picture with him, and make a craft. Be sure to bring your camera and share your pictures with us on our Muskegon Area District Library Facebook Page.

**Pete the Cat Live @ Storytime**
Meet Pete the Cat at one of our regularly scheduled Storytime programs. Be sure to call us on our Muskegon Area District Library Facebook Page.
Aromatherapy Meditation for Seniors
The first Wednesday of the month
Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4
6:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Join us once a month as we learn how to use both aromatherapy and meditation for inner peace.

Craft Clutch
Friday, Sept. 27
1:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
Bring your own craft supplies and chat with other crafters while working on your project.

Stretch and Move
Stretch and Move consists of chair exercises that have been researched and designed by specialists to help you age gracefully. Exercises will include weights, seated Zumba, and more. The class is designed for older adults, particularly those who have balance issues, physical limitations or chronic conditions such as arthritis and osteoporosis. Call AgeWell Services at 231-733-8643 to register.

Montague Branch
Join us for some exercises, snacks, and chat. We'll have coloring pages or you can bring your own sketchpad. Ages 18 and up. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Descriptive Movie: The Green Book
Wednesday, Sept. 18
1:00 pm
Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled Branch
Sit back and relax as we watch The Green Book with additional audio content that describes what’s happening on screen. Light refreshments provided.

West Michigan Work: Resume Makeover
Thursday, Sept. 19
2:00 pm
Douglas Branch
Get prepared by creating or updating your resume. We’ll help you put your best foot forward. Call 231-828-4188 to register.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Legal Rehab
Thursday, Sept. 26
7:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Have you been curious about essential oils? Come sample, learn, and take charge of your health. In this class you will learn how to use essential oils, why quality matters and how they can benefit you and your family. Make an essential oil roller to take home. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

American Sign Language 2
Tuesday, Sept. 24–Nov. 12
5:30–7:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Build on your American Sign Language experience with an eight-week ASL2 class from Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. Call 231-853-6975 to sign up and obtain current class costs.

Euchre Night
The Fourth Tuesday of the month
Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Are you a hardcore euchre player? Have you only played once? Or do you want to learn what on earth 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+. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

City of the Dead Sneak Peak
Wednesday, Sept. 25
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
City of the Dead celebrates Muskegon’s history by bringing famous “residents” of Evergreen Cemetery to life at the actual cemetery—enjoy a preview at the library of this 10th annual family friendly event.

Movies at the Library
The last Monday of the month
Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Dec. 30
4:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
Come to the library and enjoy a movie. Call 231-760-4239 to register.

Family Game Night at the Library
The last Monday of the month
Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Dec. 30
5:00–7:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Would you like to try new or different board games? Join us as we partner with the Muskegon Area Gamers and The Gaming Annex. Selection will vary, but could include games such as Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, and Pandemic. Ages 7 and up.

Live at the Library: Jim Cooper Trio
Tuesday, Oct. 1
6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Enjoy a free concert with Master vibraphonist Jim Cooper leading a trio of exceptional jazz artists, including Robin Connelly on keyboard and Tom Fraser on drums.

Psyche’s Garden: Beginnings
Wednesday, Oct. 2–Nov. 6
10:30–11:45 am
North Muskegon Branch
This 6-week mini-course offers an introduction to the emergence of the first evidence of human communication. We will look at ways in which symbol-making has shaped and reflected the course of human development. These communications demonstrate ongoing universal themes that influence and connect individuals and cultures today. A fee of $5 for all six classes is due at the time of registration. Space limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

No-Sew Burlap Pumpkins
Wednesday, Oct. 9
5:00 pm
Montague Branch
Spruce up your fall table with these adorable no-sew burlap pumpkins. Space limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Legacy Planning Workshop
Wednesday, Oct. 9
6:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
End-of-life planning for families of all ages taught by local lawyer Adam Shedd. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Watercolor Workshop with Lori McEachrath-Elick
Wednesday, Oct. 16
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Muskegon artist, Lori McEachrath-Elick, will lead a class for adults in how to paint watercolors. Come ready to have fun and take home a fall-themed painting. A $10 materials fee is due at the time of registration. Space limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

West Michigan Work: Introduction to Interviewing
Thursday, Oct. 17
2:00 pm
Douglas Branch
Get prepared by sharpening your interview skills and more. Use your new skills and competition to create in the global economy. Call 231-828-4188 to register.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Box On
Thursday, Oct. 17
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
A dynamic family polka band shares beautiful Americana music. Light refreshments provided.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents 126th Army Band
Tuesday, Nov. 8
7:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
It’s International Games Week: the perfect time to find out what’s new in the tabletop game world! Need supplies for your gaming group? Griffin’s Rest will share a sampling of hot new board games, including a chance to play one of them.

Tabletop Game News
Wednesday, Nov. 9
6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Join certified yoga instructor Diana Springstead leading a trio of exceptional jazz artists.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Reformer
First Thursday of the month
10:30 am
North Muskegon Branch
Join certified yoga instructor Diana Springstead for this gentle form of yoga that is practiced while sitting on a chair. Chair yoga deepens flexibility and strengthens personal body awareness. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Jaybird’s Garden
Thursday, Nov. 15
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Enjoy light refreshments while you join certified yoga instructor Diana Springstead for this gentle form of yoga that is practiced while sitting on a chair. Chair yoga deepens flexibility and strengthens personal body awareness. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Live at the Library: Two Unstrung
Tuesday, Nov. 12
6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Hannah and Rebekah Krol on fiddle and guitar present an evening of toe tapping bluegrass and Americana music. Light refreshments provided.

Descriptive Movie: The Shack
Wednesday, Nov. 13
1:00 pm
Montague Branch
Join us for some relaxing music, snacks, and art. We’ll have coloring pages or you can bring your own sketchpad. Ages 18 and up. Call 231-739-6075 to register.
Small Business Saturday, Nov. 30
The Lakeshore Camera Club Photography Show and Competition
Saturday, Nov. 11
1:00–5:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Make a charming snow globe—pretty perched in any corner, mantle or bookshelf. Make a charming snow globe—pretty perched in any corner, mantle or bookshelf.

Montague Branch
6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Live at the Library: Mike Snell
Tuesday, Nov. 22
7:00 pm
The Leavers by Lisa Ko
This novel of a family that will shatter one of your favorite holiday cards and photos that is lightweight and easy to hang anywhere.

_**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.

Adult Book Discussion
The third Tuesday of the month
Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18
6:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch

Discover the Chronic Pain PATHway with UW Health during the Chronic Pain PATHway information session. The session educates participants about tools, and goal-setting to empower patients to take more active role in managing their chronic pain.

Wednesday, Sept. 4
11:00 am
North Muskegon Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

_**Floral Hoop Décor with Bow**_
This felt decoration makes a great seasonal pin, ornament or decorative for creating large décor bows to enjoy throughout the year.

Wednesday, Oct. 23
5:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

_**Seasonal Tree Greeting Card/Photo Display**_
Create a festive display option for all of your upcoming holiday cards and photos that is lightweight and easy to hang anywhere.

Monday, Nov. 4
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

_**Holly Sprigs**_
This felt decoration makes a great seasonal pin, ornament or decorative for creating large décor bows to enjoy throughout the year.

Tuesday, Dec. 17
6:30 pm
Egelston Branch

Call 231-853-6975 to register.

_**Downtown Abbey Tea Party**_
The new Downtown Abbey film will be shown with refreshments to celebrate MMAD, a charity benefit to celebrate MADL is having a tea party to celebrate MMAD. You'll meet the lady why had been called the "Lady of the manor" and civil suit clothing (optional) and join DA fans to watch the film. PM and tea and crafts.

Tuesday, Sept. 10
6:00 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

_**North Muskegon Branch**_
Monday, Sept. 16
6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

_**Holton Branch**_
Wednesday, Sept. 25
6:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Call 231-853-6975 to register.

_**Holton Book Club**_
The second Wednesday of the month
Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 9
6:00 pm
Dalton Branch

_**Dalton book Club**_
The fourth Monday of the month
Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 7
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch

_**Muskegon Township Branch**_

_**Holton Branch**_

_**Holton Book Club**_
The third Tuesday of the month
Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 13, Dec. 17
6:10 pm
Muskegon Township Branch

_**Wednesday, Oct. 30**_
Ravenna Branch

_**Wednesday, Nov. 13**_
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**Three New Early Literacy Villages**

It all started with an idea. How could the Muskegon Area District Library develop new early literacy learning? Richard Schneider, former Branch Operations Manager, was introduced to the idea of Storyville at Baltimore County Public Library, and the dream to bring the idea to Muskegon was born. So MADL staff and the Board set out to create areas where children ages 0-5 could learn through creative play.

Did you know 90% of a child’s brain development occurs within the first five years of life? In fact, a child’s brain is almost fully formed by the time they enter kindergarten. Exposure to early literacy skills during these formative years is critical. Funded by both private and corporate donors, Muskegon Storyville is designed to help prepare children for kindergarten by focusing on the five ‘Every Child Ready to Read’ practices of play, read, sing, talk, and write. Children entering kindergarten who have developed these early skills become better readers, have a larger vocabulary, and achieve greater academic success.

Muskegon Storyville Villages allow children and their parents or caregivers to let their imaginations run wild. Each village will be located within existing library space and each is designed to reflect elements of its community.

A replica of the Montague weathervane, a submarine, and weather-related activities will be at the Montague Branch. The “Neighborhood,” with a kitchen, porch, and garden will be at the Muskegon Heights Branch. And the Norton Shores branch will be home to the Hines Baby Garden and Othlock Bay with a sailboat, lighthouse, and camp store.

These fun educational spaces are designed for parents or caregivers to engage in active learning with their children. Each village offers a variety of activities that have been professionally designed to encourage early literacy skills. These are age-appropriate activities that introduce science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM). STEAM aims to spark an interest and lifelong love of the arts and sciences in children from an early age.

Parents are their children’s first teachers. How much a parent reads to, speaks to, and plays with a child has a greater impact than the parents’ education, occupation, or class. With plenty of books inside the villages, there will be numerous opportunities to read and talk about books. Each space has many opportunities for creative, purposeful, and imaginative play. Ideas for building early literacy skills outside the library will also be included. With each visit, visitors will have a different, enjoyable experience with a lasting impact.

This is an exciting and major undertaking for our library system. We are extremely thankful for our generous supporters who have made this possible. Muskegon Storyville construction begins in early fall of 2019, and the villages will open by mid-November. We hope to see you soon at our newest fun and friendly learning places.

**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/](https://cffmc.org/give/give-now/) or contact Brenda Hall, Director of Finance for more information.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- **MUSKEGON STORiEYVILLE EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY VILLAGEs**
  - **Montague**
  - **Muskegon Heights**
  - **Norton Shores**

**NORTON SHORES BRANCH**

- 705 Seminole Road, Norton Shores
- Mon, Tue, Wed, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm
- Thu, Fri, Sat, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH**

- “Walker Memorial”
- 1522 Ruddiman Drive, North Muskegon
- Mon, Tue, Wed, 9:30 am – 7:00 pm
- Fri, 10:30 am – 5:00 pm
- Sat, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BRANCH**

- 2808 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights
- Mon, Tue, Wed, 9:30 am – 7:00 pm
- Thu, 12:00 – 5:00 pm
- Fri, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
- Sat, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH**

- 1765 Ada Avenue, Muskegon
- Mon, Tue, Wed, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm
- Thu, Fri, Sat, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

**RAVENNA BRANCH**

- 12278 Stafford Street, Ravenna
- Mon, Tue, Wed, 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
- Thu, Fri, Sat, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Sun, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
- Labor Day – Memorial Day

**Muskegon Area District Library Board of Directors**

The Muskegon Area District Library holds regular meetings at 4:00 pm on the third Monday of each month. Visit madl.org to see the meeting schedule and Board members.

Kelly Richards, Director

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