An Update from Kelly Richards, Director

We have embarked on an important and timely strategic planning process. Our community was invited to participate in this process by giving us their input in a survey and by attending in a day-long retreat. We have heard from many interested and supportive community members. Thank you to our citizens who participated by helping to guide our future direction. We look forward to sharing the new mission and vision with our community in the very near future. We are committed to providing high quality services for our community now and into the future.

New Foundation Created

The Muskegon Area District Library has now established a Foundation Fund with the Muskegon County Community Foundation. The Foundation Fund will support the programs and operations of the Library. An Advisory Committee has been established to oversee the funds and includes members of the Board of Trustees and the community.

The Muskegon Area District Library Foundation exists solely to help the Muskegon Area District Library fund diverse programs, resources and services beyond those supported by public funding. Donations will further enrich and enhance our library system throughout Muskegon County.

Strong libraries build strong communities. Your investment in your local library is an investment in the continued education of our neighbors, the curiosity and creativity of future generations and the health and advancement of your community.

You can make a difference in your community by making a donation today! All gifts are tax deductible. To learn more contact Brenda Hall, Director of Finance, 231-737-6248.

Did You Know?

You can purchase earbuds or thumb drives at any of our ten local branches. Stop by the circulation desk anytime to buy one or both, or as many as you want. We offer convenience and reasonable prices—$1.00 for the earbuds and $5.00 for a thumb drive.

New Library Sign in Montague

A new library sign has been installed on Water Street in Montague. The MDOT directional sign was installed in April and clearly shows motorists where to find the Montague branch library, located one block away at 8778 Ferry Street.

New Reader Roundup

New Reader Roundup is a long-standing popular program held each March. First grade classrooms throughout our service area are invited to their local branches to celebrate reading and to see staff bring the Amelia Bedelia and There's an Ant in Anthony books to life. This year, 64 classrooms from 20 different elementary schools learned more about library programs and services. Shown above, “Amelia Bedelia,” aka Michele Wittkopp, Youth Services Coordinator and “Mrs. Rogers,” aka Allison Keessen, Storytime Program Leader, entertain local students.
Let’s Build a Garden
Starting June 1
Muskegon Heights Branch
Help us build and maintain our garden throughout the summer with help from members of the Coalition for Community Development and other volunteers. Come dressed for gardening. Materials provided. Call 231-739-6075 for times and to register.

Father’s Day Craft
Wednesday, June 7 6:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Make a gift for your special dad. Materials provided. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Kickoff Carnival
Thursday, June 8 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Start your summer reading at Walker Park—the area between the North Muskegon Branch Library and city hall. There will be a bounce house, trackless train, carnival games, and more.

Bow Wow Readers
Thursdays, June 8, July 13, August 24 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Dalan Branch
Practice your reading skills as you read aloud to Maisy, registered therapy dog. Ages 5 – 12. Call 231-828-4188 to register for a 15-minute session.

Cookies and Canvas
Saturday, June 10 10:00 am
Ravenna Branch
Bring the kids to create a masterpiece while snacking on cookies and juice. A prepaid materials fee of $5 is required to sign up at the Ravenna Branch Library, 12278 Stafford Street. Space limited to 25. Kids ages 6 –14.

Geodes
Tuesday, June 13 10:30 am
North Muskegon Branch
Learn about geodes with an interactive presentation by scientist Steve Tchouzinski. Children will have the opportunity to take home pieces of geodes that will be cracked open on site.

Afternoon Movie
Wednesday, June 14 3:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
The Secret Life of Pets: Max, a terrier, has his favorite-pet status turned upside-down when his owner takes in a stray named Duke. Popcorn and juice provided.

Maranda Park Party
Thursday, June 29 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Smith-Ryerson Park
650 Wood St, Muskegon
Join MALO, as well as welcomes Maranda from WOTV 4 to Muskegon. Every Park Party includes free activities, games, entertainment and, of course, prizes. Free lunch will be served to everyone 18 and under starting at 11:30 a.m., while supplies last.

Three Upcycled Tees
Monday, July 3 10:00 am
Norton Shores Branch
Bring three adult-sized t-shirts and discover three ways to upcycle them into something new. Registration required for enough supplies. Ages 6 and up. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

A We Computer Time
Mondays–Thursdays, July 10–August 3 10:30 am – 3:30 pm
Service Project: Kids Food Basket
North Muskegon Branch
Bring your items to sell along with a table and chair to set up your booth at 9:45 am. Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to participate. Kids sellers only. Must pre-register before the event. Ages 8 – 17. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Go Fly a Kite!
Saturday, July 8 10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Make a kite for yourself or to take home for a special dad. Other materials provided. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Muskegon Heights Branch
The Good Dinosaur: Arlo the Apatosaurus is lost in the wilderness. Will his new friend, a human boy, help him find the way home? Popcorn provided.

Mug Painting
Saturday, July 8 10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Celebrate Summer Reading at the Muskegon Heights Branch. Have a hot dog, chips and a soda and learn about summer reading activities.

Outside In: After Riley moves to San Francisco, her emotions—joy, fear, anger, disgust and sadness—conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school. Popcorn provided.

Afternoon Movie
Wednesday, July 19 3:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Inside Out: After Riley moves to San Francisco, her emotions—joy, fear, anger, disgust and sadness—conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school. Popcorn provided.

STeM Fridays: Panograph Drawing Machine
Friday, July 22 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Learn how to make a Panograph Drawing Machine and create some drawings. Materials provided. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Go Fly a Kite!
Monday, July 24 10:00 am
Norton Shores Branch
Build a kite from recycled materials. Kids are welcome to bring their own plastic shopping bags, but we will have a variety on hand—all leftovers will be recycled. Registration required. Call 231-780-8844 to register.
**Into the Wild Scavenger Hunt and Storytime**

**Tuesday, July 25**

11:15 am  
**Holton Township Park**

Join us in beautiful Holton Township Park for a nature scavenger hunt and storytime. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and your lunch to enjoy afterwards. All ages welcome.

**Sidewalk Art**

**Wednesday, July 26**

4:00 pm  
**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Create sidewalk chalk art—wet or dry. Library patrons will vote to determine the best creation. The winning art will be posted on the Muskegon Heights Branch Facebook page and win a prize. Materials provided. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

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**Star Wars Day**

**Tuesday, August 15**

12:00 pm  
**Ravenna Branch**

Bring the family for a celebration of all things Star Wars. We'll have activities, crafts, snacks, and a costume contest. Then, stick around to watch Rogue One: A Star Wars Story.

**Afternoon Movie**

**Wednesday, August 16**

3:30 pm  
**Ravenna Branch**

Sing: A koala stages a singing competition for the world’s animals in order to save his elegant theater and bring it back to its former glory. Popcorn and juice provided.

**Sun & Stars with Dynamic West**

**Monday, August 21**

10:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 am  
**Norton Shores Branch**

Join us for a star show with Dynamic West and their Starlab planetarium! Learn about the solar eclipse and how to safely view it. Registration required. Call 231-780-8844 to register for one of three shows.

**Back to School Bash**

**Saturday, August 26**

10:00 am  
**Norton Shores Branch**

Join us as the Ravenna Branch and Friends of the Library celebrate the beginning of the 2017–2018 school year with a Back-to-School Bash. We will have crafts, games, and snacks. The Ravenna Friends of the Library will be hosting back-to-school giveaways so be sure you don't miss out.

**HABITATS ARE HOMES**

**The Outdoor Discovery Center of Holland will bring Live Michigan wildlife to your library.**

**Monday, July 24**

10:30 am Dalton Branch

1:00 pm Holton Branch

3:00 pm Montague Branch

**Tuesday, July 25**

10:30 am Ravenna Branch

1:00 pm Egelston Branch

3:30 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

**Wednesday, July 26**

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch

1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch

3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

**ANIMALS OF THE RAINFOREST**

**Live animals will be introduced throughout the show as we discover the rainforest. Participants will learn a little about each department’s work and their vehicles before going out to see and touch the trucks.**

**Afternoon Movie**

**Thursday, August 3**

3:00 pm  
**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Minions: Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlet Overkill, a super villain who hatches a plot to take over the world. Popcorn provided.

**STEM Fridays: Roller Coasters**

**Friday, August 4**

10:30 am – 12 noon  
**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Build a simple roller coaster using pipe insulation, marbles, toothpicks, and other materials. Provided. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

**Brown Bag Reading**

**August 7 – August 31**

**Norton Shores Branch**

Fight the end of summer reading club 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. We dare you to check it out! It might not end up being the book for you or it could be your favorite title of the summer. You could also win a surprise just for taking a chance.

**ARRACADABRA MAGIC**

**Don't miss the amazing magic of local magician, Eric Yager, as he performs magic tricks and illusions.**

**Monday, June 26**

10:30 am Dalton Branch

1:00 pm Holton Branch

3:00 pm Montague Branch

**Tuesday, June 27**

10:30 am Ravenna Branch

1:00 pm Egelston Branch

3:30 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

**Wednesday, June 28**

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch

1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch

3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

**BUILDING BONANZA**

**Let’s build with cardboard, straws, circuits and more.**

**Monday, July 10**

10:30 am Dalton Branch

1:00 pm Holton Branch

3:00 pm Montague Branch

**Tuesday, July 11**

10:30 am Ravenna Branch

1:00 pm Egelston Branch

3:30 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

**Wednesday, July 12**

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch

1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch

3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

**T-SHIRT PAINTING**

**Bring a clear white t-shirt (old or new) to your Library and create your own design.**

**Monday, July 24**

10:30 am Dalton Branch

1:00 pm Holton Branch

3:00 pm Montague Branch

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10:30 am Ravenna Branch

1:00 pm Egelston Branch

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10:30 am North Muskegon Branch

1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch

3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

**BUILD A BETTER PUPPET SHOW**

**Join Kevin Kammeraad and the interactive, all ages puppet event where you help create the stories and songs.**

**Monday, July 17**

10:30 am Dalton Branch

1:00 pm Holton Branch

3:00 pm Montague Branch

**Tuesday, July 18**

10:30 am Ravenna Branch

1:00 pm Egelston Branch

3:30 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

**Wednesday, July 19**

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch

1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch

3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

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10:30 am Ravenna Branch

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**Wednesday, June 28**

10:30 am North Muskegon Branch

1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch

3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

**Pajama Night**

**Monday, June 26 – July 31**

6:30 pm  
**Norton Shores Branch**

Families can dance, share books, make crafts, and have fun with Miss Gillian.

**Pajama Storytime**

**Second Monday of the month June 12 through August 14**

6:00 pm  
**North Muskegon Branch**

Wear your favorite pajamas to hear bedtime favorites, make a craft, and enjoy snacks.

**Family Storytime**

**Every Tuesday from June 6 – July 18**

11:15 am  
**Holton Branch**

Join us for a storytime where the whole family can get together and enjoy books, music, movement and a craft! Fun for all ages.

**Family Storytime**

**Every Tuesday from June 7 – July 26**

11:00 am  
**Montague Branch**

Join us for a storytime where the whole family can get together and enjoy books, music, movement and a craft! Fun for all ages.

**Baby Time**

**First and third Fridays, June 2 – July 21**

6:30 pm  
**Norton Shores Branch**

Baby Time is intended for infants ages 0 – 18 months and their caregivers. Families can sing, share rhymes, learn pre-lingual and language skills, and have fun with Miss Gillian.

**Summer Storytime**

**Fridays, June 16 – July 28**

(No storytime July 7)

2:30 pm  
**North Muskegon Branch**

Join us for stories, rhymes, songs, and snacks. Summer Storytime is for children 6 and under.

**LEGO TIME**

**Join fellow LEGO fans and build alone or with friends to make a masterpiece for display in the library. We provide the LEGOS, you provide the creativity. No experience needed to join the fun.**

**LEGO Builder’s Drop-In**

**Every Tuesday from June 6 – August 29**

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Montague Branch**

**LEGOL Club**

**Saturday, June 24 – August 26**

11:00 – 1:30 pm  
**Dalton Branch**

**LEGOL Club**

**Wednesday, June 28**

10:30 am  
**Ravenna Branch**
Teen programs

Teen Book Club
Thursday, July 13
2:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
We are the Ants by Shaun David Hutchinson. What will happen when a teenage boy is given the power to change the fate of the world with literally—one push of a button? Read the book to find out. Snacks provided.

Underwater Technology—ROV
Saturday, July 15
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
In this STEM program presented by Vietnam veteran Gary K. Reynolds, build a working remote operated vehicle (ROV) and test it in a huge water tank. Registration required—space limited to 25 teens.
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Monday Movie
Monday, July 17
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Bring your friends for an evening at the library to watch a recent cinematic hit. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Flying Things?
Thursday, July 20
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Dalton Branch
Put on your thinking cap and build an unusual object that has the amazing ability to fly, led by Mr. Jonathan. All materials will be provided. Participants who preregister will have their names placed in a prize drawing.

Call 231-826-4188 to register.

Guerrilla Gardening: DIY Seed Bombs
Friday, July 21
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Make seed bombs to beautify your yard or neglected space with native wildflowers. Registration required.
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Teen Writing Group
Tuesday, July 25
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Bring samples of your writing projects to share. Writing prompts will also be provided for some added practice and fun. Fanfiction writings welcome too. Snacks provided.

Building Buttons
Friday, July 28
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Design and build some stylish buttons to wear and share. Just bring your ideas and skills—we will supply the rest. Registration required.
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Make It @ MADL: Safety Pin Bracelets
Monday, July 31
5:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Join us to create your own custom bracelet using safety pins and beads. It is simple, easy and fun.
Space limited to 25.
Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Make It @ MADL: Duck Tape Key Chains
Teen—Learn how to make Duck Tape keychains; you can make more than one. Materials provided. Please register at your library.
Thursday, June 29
1:30 pm– Dalton Branch
3:00 pm North Muskegon Branch
Friday, June 30
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:30 pm Montague Branch
Thursday, July 13
1:30 pm Muskegon Heights Branch
Friday, July 14
2:00 pm Norton Shores Branch
Friday, July 21
11:00 am Muskegon Township Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch
3:00 pm Ravenna Branch

Make It @ MADL: Galaxy in a Jar
Monday, August 8
5:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Create your own galaxy using cotton, water, glitter and a mason jar for a stunning effect.
Call 231-853-6975 register.

Make It @ MADL: Guitar Pick Jewelry
Teen—In this STEM program presented by Reynolds, build a bracelet using safety pins and beads.
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Tech Tear Apart
Friday, April 8
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Tear apart some technology and look inside. We will provide a computer tower and similar tech with power sources removed and screwdrivers for teens to take it apart. Teens are welcome to bring tools and work gloves.

Brown Bag Reading
August 7 – August 31
Norton Shores Branch
Hey teens, can’t find a good book to read? Try 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. We dare you to check it out. You could also win a surprise just for taking a chance.

Wacky Career Ideas
Monday, August 7
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
No idea what you want to do with your life? You’re not alone. If your career options seem limited or even nonexistent then join us for an evening of outside-the-box career choices. Snacks provided.

Teen Book Club
Thursday, August 10
2:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
The Great Gatsby Book by Neil Gaiman. This award winning novel features a young boy who was raised by ghosts in a cemetery. Snacks provided.

Make It @ MADL: Garden Night
August 17, 2023
7:00 pm
Dalton Branch
Learn how to make your own garden night using a garden glove, a star-gazing app, and a mason jar for a stunning effect.
Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Senior Cinema
Monday, May 8
1:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Join us as we screen classic masterpieces as part of our summer Classic Cinema Series for Seniors. This week we will be watching Singin’ in the Rain starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds as actors caught in the bumpy transition to making movies. Refreshments provided.

Make It @ MADL: Summer Tulle Wreath
Monday, June 12
3:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Get in the mood for summery by making your own very own watermelon wreath. Space is limited to 20.
Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Senior Cinema
Monday, June 19
1:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Robin Hood starring Audrey Hepburn as a bored and sheltered princess who escapes her guardians and falls in love with an American newspaperman in Rome. Refreshments provided.

Let Your Art Out
Wednesday, June 21 – Aug 16 (No program July 5)
4:00 pm
Dalton Branch
Color, paint, draw and create with other library friends. All ages welcome.

Build a Better You: Tips on Healthy Living for your Brain and Body with the Alzheimer’s Association
Wednesday, June 28
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Join Sarah Hicks, Program Coordinator with the Michigan Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, as she shares the latest research on optimizing your physical and mental health as you age. It’s never too early to start.
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Honeybee Seminar
Tuesday, July 10
1:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Don Snoeyink from Thornapple Woodlands, LLC will be giving a short seminar on honeybees followed by a chance to see live bees interacting in a Plexiglas case, taste honey samples, roll your own beeswax candle, and have your bee related questions answered.
**Library Murder Mystery**

_Friday, July 28_ 6:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Get transported back the jazz age with the Ravenna Friends of the Library as you and your fellow sleuths follow the clues to figure out whodunit. Cost $5 with character information supplied upon receipt of payment. Call 231-853-6975 to register and for more information.

**Author Meet and Greet**

_Saturday, July 29_ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Holton Branch**

Meet and greet with local authors who will sign books and have their works available to purchase. This event is part of Holton Community Days downtown celebration.

**Biennial Photography Show and Competition**

_Sponsored by the Lakeshore Camera Club of Muskegon_ Saturday, July 29 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

The Norton Shores Branch Library will host the Lakeshore Camera Club of Muskegon’s Bi-Annual Show and Competition. Discover local photographic talent, meet the photographers and vote for your favorite to win. There will be refreshments and prints to purchase.

**One-on-One Computer Training**

_Saturday, August 2_ 1:00 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Computer training scheduled in 15-minute intervals. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

**Brown Bag Reading**

_August 7 – August 31_

**Ravenna Branch**

Fight the end of summer reading club 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. We dare you to check it out. It might not end up being the book for you or it could be your favorite title of the summer. You could also win a surprise just for taking a chance.

**Senior Cinema**

_Monday, July 24_ 1:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

_Meet Me in St. Louis_ starring Judy Garland in a musical about a family in St. Louis at the time of the 1903 World’s Fair. Refreshments provided.

**Stress-Free Coloring**

_Tuesday, August 8_ 6:30 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**

Enjoy an hour of soft music, coffee, and coloring. Coloring pages and utensils are provided. Call 231-744-6808 to register.

**DIY Bath Bombs & Sugar Scrubs**

_Thursday, August 31_ 3:00 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Learn how to make your own bath bomb “fizzies” and a simple sugar scrub for saving your skin and your budget.

**Weekly Readers Book Club**

_Friday, August 4_ 6:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

_“The Luminaries” by Vanesa Diffenbargh_ and _“The Charm Bracelet: A Novel by Yvien Shipman_ are the featured books. Newcomers always welcome.

**DROP-IN BOOK CLUB**

_Friday, August 11_ 6:00 pm

**Montague Branch**

**“The Charm Bracelet: A Novel” by Yvien Shipman_ and _“The Luminaries” by Vanesa Diffenbargh_ are the featured books. Newcomers always welcome.

**Book Club**

_Friday, August 18_ 6:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

_“The Charm Bracelet: A Novel” by Yvien Shipman_ and _“The Luminaries” by Vanesa Diffenbargh_ are the featured books. Newcomers always welcome.

**Meet Me in St. Louis**

_Monday, August 21_ 6:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

_“Meet Me in St. Louis” featuring Judy Garland_ in a musical about a family in St. Louis at the time of the 1903 World’s Fair. Refreshments provided.

**DIY Sugar Scrubs**

_Saturday, August 26_ 4:00 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**

Learn how to make your own simple sugar scrub for outdoor or indoor spaces.

**Brown Bag Reading**

_August 15_ 6:00 pm

**Egeland Branch**

_“The Charm Bracelet: A Novel” by Yvien Shipman_ is the featured book. Newcomers always welcome.
North Muskegon “Walker Memorial” Branch Library — The Heart of the Community

One of the first things you’re likely to notice about the North Muskegon Branch is that it is also known fondly as the Walker Memorial Branch. This name comes from the benevolent L.C. Walker family of North Muskegon, which has donated generously to the community for decades. The library building as we know it would not exist without the financial support of the Walker family.

In 1961 a library was started in an unheated room in the high school. It became very popular, and like today’s library, it needed more space. In 1967 Mayor William Andree appointed a committee to look into the library’s needs. A building site was made available by the L.C. Walker estate, and in December 1968, library committee chair James Hooper and Mayor Andree broke ground for construction of a colonial style building designed by Harry Magnuson. Opened in October 1969, the North Muskegon Branch library sits in a beautiful location just across the street from Muskegon Lake, right beside Walker Park, and just in front of North Muskegon Public Schools.

On the average day hundreds of people enter the library for a variety of reasons. The library offers seven public computers and free wi-fi available 24/7 which draws in patrons for a variety of reasons. Some need to check their emails, apply for jobs, do school work or prepare for college exams. A Makerbot 3-D printer is a technological attraction for many of the after school kids who gather around to print keychains, figures, and other knickknacks.

Patrons who visit regularly show their appreciation and support in many of ways. Michelle Okerlund, Library Assistant who has worked at the library for 11 years said, “We have one family who recently donated a train table for the children’s section. Another anonymous patron paid for two new chairs and we have heard a lot of compliments about them.” Children who attend story times and who come in after school often give the staff pictures and notes they made about the library and about how they love to read. Jackie Baisden, Lead Librarian, is particularly fond of the Friends of Walker Library group. “They’re a force of nature,” she says warmly, “they organize and host a lot of programs.” These programs include the annual Easter Egg Drop which attracts hundreds of people, three yearly book sales, craft nights, the Live @ the Library concert series, and many more.

In 1986 circulation was 55,658. Thirty years later in 2016 it was almost 30,000 higher at 84,395. This branch is the second busiest library within the Muskegon Area District Library system. Unfortunately, space is tight for providing modern library services. As a result, the City of North Muskegon has appointed a library building committee to develop a plan to meet the future needs of the library.

“The library isn’t just a warehouse for books,” says Baisden, “the library is a center of activity in this community and we are all very proud of that.” In 2016 over 78,000 people visited the North Muskegon branch library — the heart of the community.

Two Great New Services Offered!
Available 24/7 at madl.org

Patrons now have access to over 100 digital magazines that they can download to their devices or read within a web-browser. Just click on the banner shown on the www.madl.org front page or the MADL Facebook page.

Patrons will access the Lakeland Library Cooperative Magazine Collection, where they will set up an account to begin downloading magazines. There is a free mobile app for Android, Apple, and Kindle Fire devices that can be used once the account has been set up.

Want to Learn a New Language? We’re pleased to bring you a new language service, Pronunciator has 80 languages and 51 ESL courses to choose from. This fun way to learn languages is with self-directed lessons, live teachers, movies, music and more. Just click on the banner shown above on the www.madl.org front page or the MADL Facebook page to sign in and start the fun.