Summer is on the way and with it comes our biggest and busiest season for programs and outreach in our community. As the largest library system in Muskegon County, nearly 380,000 people visited us in 2018, as shown in the At a Glance chart. Take a look and see how often people visit the library.

During the summer months, we ramp up our literacy efforts through a wide-range of programs geared to keep individuals, families and friends entertained and to provide an abundance of learning opportunities.

Are you planning to travel this summer? Going to the beach or planning to camp? Pick up one of our new Wi-Fi Hotspots. We continue to complement our traditional print services, and offer so much more than books. Our 24/7 on-line library has services like Hoopla movies, music, electronic books and even comic books for your enjoyment. We also have Freegal that allows you to download music that you can keep. And with Overdrive, you can choose from thousands of digital books to read on your phone or PC. No matter the weather, remember MADL has an online library that you can access anywhere and anytime from your phone or PC.

Our Summer Reading Programs, planned for all ages, are going to be great this year—full of activities at the library especially for our youth. As you look through this newsletter and plan for the events you like, please invite young family members and friends. We look forward to seeing you at one of our 10 area branches soon.

**New Services For Our Community**

**Wi-Fi Hotspots**

We continue to embrace new technology to improve digital access for our patrons. One of our newest services is Wi-Fi Hotspots available for check out. This portable device can be used to create a wireless network and connect Wi-Fi enabled devices to the internet. Stop by your local branch and check it out. They are FREE and available to anyone 18 years or older.

**Video Games**

Video games are now available for patrons and include various genres like action-adventure, racing, role-playing games and more. Video games are available for PS4, Switch, and Xbox One. Games provide stories and information as they entertain and educate and provide another media source for patrons to enjoy.
Tell someone how much you love North Muskegon Branch.

Zathura some popcorn. Bring the family for a space themed movie and Muskegon Heights Branch afternoons this summer. Popcorn and juice.

Ravenna Branch Wear your favorite pajamas and enjoy a family movie and treats at the library. All ages welcome.

Family Film Fun

Wednesdays, June 5–August 28 1:30–3:00 pm

Ravenna Branch Watch a family friendly movie every Wednesday afternoon this summer. Popcorn and juice provided. All ages welcome.

Family Movie Night

The first Wednesday of the month

Muskegon Heights Branch Bring the family for a space themed movie and some popcorn.

June 5: Treasure Planet

July 3: Zathura

August 7: Space Jam

Lego Club

Put on your thinking hat and build a masterpiece out of Legos. Build alone or with friends. Ready, Set-Build!

The second Saturday of the month

June 8, July 15, August 10 10:00–11:30 am

Dalton Branch

The third Saturday of the month

June 15, July 20, Aug. 17 10:00–4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Rainova Photo Scavenger Hunt

June 10–August 15 Ongoing program

Rainova Branch Follow the directions on the Photo Scavenger Hunt sheet. When it’s complete, return it to the library along with a photo collage. Collages will be displayed in the library and entered in a prize drawing by age group: children, teens, and adults.

Bow Wow Readers

The second Tuesday of the month

June 11, 4:00 pm

July 9, 10:00 am

August 13, 10:00 am

Dalton Branch

Kids ages 5 and up will read with a therapy dog and handler from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Our dog is a great listener that would like to hear your best stories.

Call 231-828-4188 to register for a time slot.

Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival

Thursday, June 13 3:30–5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of the Summer Reading Program with our free all ages carnival! Enjoy a trackless train, bounce house, miniature golf course, carnival games and prizes.

Father’s Day Plaque

Saturday, June 15 10:30 am

North Muskegon Branch

Tell someone how much you love him by creating a special plaque.

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Summer Reading Sign-up Day

Monday, June 16 9:00 am–8:00 pm

North Norton Branch

Sign up for Summer Reading any time today. Older kids and teens can be a button to keep and wear.

Soda Straw Rockets

Monday, June 24 4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch Like rockets? Learn how to build a straw rocket and compete to see whose rocket goes the farthest. Ages 6–13.

Fairy Garden

Tuesday, June 18 10:30 am

North Muskegon Branch

Make a little garden that a fairy or dinosaur would love to live in. Supplies provided. Space limited.

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Snacktivity

Wednesday, June 19–August 14 3:30–6:00 pm

Montague Branch

Meet at the library for games, crafts, Legos and more every Wednesday. Snacks provided.

Maranda Park Party

Thursday, June 20 12:00–2:00 pm

Smith Ryerson Park

650 Wood St, Muskegon

Come see us as we join Maranda from WFTV 4. Maranda Park Parties include free activities, games, entertainment and of, course, prizes! Free lunch served to anyone 18 and under starting at 11:30 am, while supplies last.

Mini Makers

Thursdays, June 20–August 15 1:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Join a weekly project time and make a simple craft to take home. Ages 3–12 with their parents.

Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Universe Glow Jars

Saturday, June 22 8:00–9:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Light up your room by transforming an ordinary glass jar into a glowing mini-universe full of color.

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Space Magic Show with Mr. Jim

Monday, June 24 10:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

Enjoy a magic show with magician Jim Merrils. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Let Your Art Out

Wednesday, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 14 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Drop in for an art program for ages 5–16. Each week will feature a different project. Materials provided.

Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Terrific Turtles

Learn about turtles at this live animal program from our friends at JiF Hoffmaster State Park.

Wednesday, June 26 11:00 am

Montague Branch

Call 231-619-2675 to register.

Monday, July 1 10:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Spanish for Kids

Wednesday, July 7–July 31 4:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Certified teacher PilarVandervest will teach Spanish to children ages 3–6. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. Join us for a summer version of our popular class.

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Wacky Science with Doug Scheer

Monday, August 5 10:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

It’s high-energy, hands-on science with a wacky twist! Come dressed as a superhero and take part in our costume contest.

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Cosmic Space Dough

Monday, July 15 4:30 pm

Montague Branch

Design a stepping stone for your garden using your hand, footprint, or just sparkling stones. Space limited.

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Maranda Park Party

Monday, August 12 1:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Make a galaxy in a jar play dough. Ages 6–12.

Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Super Hero Day

Saturday, July 20 10:00 am

Rainova Branch

Cosplay Crusaders will be joining us with several of your favorite heroes. Come dressed as a super hero and take part in our costume contest. Enjoy a short storytime, super hero crafts, and snacks while the Cosplay Crusaders judge our costumes.

Call 231-653-6975 to register.

Snowman Collage

Saturday, July 20 1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Make out of this world play dough. Ages 6–12.

Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Zumba for Kids

Monday, July 22 10:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

Join expert fitness instructor Quintina for a session of Zumba dance exercise just for kids and teens.

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Toys in a Box 3D Print Lab

Thursday, July 25 9:00 am

Norton Shores Branch

Join us for a 3D print lab. Creating keychains or other small items are a cinch with a 3D printer.

Ages 6–10.

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Summer Canvas

Wednesday, July 24 10:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

Learn about art and create an awesome painting with Ms. Gayle. A prep material fee of $5 per person is due at the time of registration. Space limited.

Call 231-744-6080 to register.

White Lake Chamber Music Festival

Saturday, July 7 11:00 am–3:00 pm

White Lake Branch

Celebrate the beginning of the school year Harry Potter style as we transform the library into Hogwarts! Get sorted into your house, attend classes, hunt for horcruxes, test your Harry Potter knowledge for prizes, and enjoy delicious snacks at our start-of-term feast. No witch, wizard or muggle will want to miss this!
ANIMALS, ANIMALS, ANIMALS
Kick off summer reading with live, seldom seen, exotic animals of Animal Magic- Ages 5+
Monday, June 17
10:30 am Montague Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Dalton Branch
TUESDAY, June 18
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egeland Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesdays, June 19
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch
MACIEI THE MAGICIAN
Gen ready for a high-energy show filled with unbelievable Magic.
Monday, June 24
10:30 am Montague Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Dalton Branch
Tuesday, June 25
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egeland Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, June 26
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch
July 1–July 6: Stop in the library and make a unique sun art print.
T-SHIRT PAINTING
Bring in a clean white t-shirt (old or new) to your library and make your own creative design.
Monday, July 8
10:30 am Montague Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Dalton Branch
Tuesday, July 9
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egeland Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, July 10
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch
FLY ME TO THE MOON
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing with the Air Zoo, investigate how gravity keeps the Moon in orbit, experience the creation of Moon craters and learn about space missions.
Monday, July 15
10:30 am Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Dalton Branch
Tuesday, July 16
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egeland Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesdays, July 17
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch
SPACE CAMP
Are you ready to be an astronaut? Join us on Space Camp and get ready for liftoff.
Monday, July 22
10:30 am Montague Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Dalton Branch
Tuesday, July 23
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egeland Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, July 24
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch
ANIMAL X-FILES
The Outdoor Discovery Center of Holland will host live bug animals as they investigate不舒服 and mind-bending wildlife of Michigan.
Monday, July 29
10:30 am Mt. Pleasant Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Dalton Branch
Tuesday, July 30
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egeland Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, July 31
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch
HARDCOVERS AND HENNA
The first 6 & third Mondays of the month June 3 and 17, July 1 and 15, August 5 and 19 5:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Have fun creating henna designs on yourself and your friends while we talk about our current reads.
MAKER MADNESS
Saturdays, June 8 & August 9 9:30 am–12:30 pm
Ravenna Branch
Join us for a fun maker-maker space program. Staff will teach 10-18 year olds how to use the maker space equipment and provide challenges for teens.
Ravenna Photo Scavenger Hunt
June 10–August 15
Ongoing program
Ravenna Branch
Follow the directions on the Photo Scavenger Hunt sheet. When it’s complete, return it to the library along with a photo collage. Collages will be displayed in the branch and entered in a prize drawing by age group: children, teens, and adults.
Galaxy in a Jar
Monday, June 10
4:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Create your own galaxy using cotton, glitter, paint, water and a Mason jar for a stunning effect. Call 231-744-6680 to register.
Sign-Up Day
Monday, June 17
9:00 am–8:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Sign up for Summer Reading any time today. Older kids and teens can make a button to keep and wear.
Paint a Galaxy
Thursday, June 20
4:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Create a night sky scene filled with stars. Call 231-739-6075 to register.
Retro Video Game Day
Fridays, June 21, July 19, August 2
10:00–4:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Test your skills, meet new friends, and compete against fellow gamers on older video game systems. We’ll have Atari, Nintendo, Sega, and more. Enjoy some snacks and play our retro board games while you wait your turn.
DIY Henna Tattoos
Saturday, June 22
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Design and draw your own henna tattoo. Teens will need a signed permission slip to participate. Don’t want a tattoo but want to hang out? Color a mandala instead. Call 231-780-8844 to register.
Game Night at the Library
The last Monday of the month June 24, July 29, August 26
5:00–7:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Want to try new or different board games? Join us as we partner with the Muskegon Area Gamers and The Gaming Annex for a gaming night. Game selection will vary, but could include games such as Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, and Pandemic: Z+.
Galaxy & Alien Slime
Saturday, June 29
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Glitter and goo—spend some time and make some slime with our Teen Club. Call 231-780-8844 to register.
Video Game Tournament
Friday, July 5
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Let’s find out who the real Mario Kart champ is. Call 231-780-8844 to register.
Solar System Necklace
Thursday, July 11
3:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Transform wood beads into a solar system themed necklace. Call 231-744-6680 to register.
Underwater ROV with Gary Reynolds
Saturday, July 13
2:00 pm
North Norton Branch
Join Vietnam veteran Gary K. Reynolds to build a working remote operated vehicle (ROV) then test it in a huge water tank. Space limited. Call 231-780-8844 to register.
Planet Cake Pops
Thursday, July 18
4:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Design an edible planet out of cake. Call 231-739-6075 to register.
Starry Starry Skies
Saturday, July 20
2:00 pm
North Norton Branch
Use paint and skill to make a night sky bandana. Call 231-780-8844 to register.
3D Print Lab
Thursday, July 25
11:00 am
North Norton Branch
Join us at 10:30 pm. Keychains or other small items are a cinch with a 3D printer. Ages 11–18. Call 231-780-8844 to register.
LED Origami
Friday, August 2
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Make a tiny light-up paper box. Call 231-780-8844 to register.
Space Leggings
Friday, August 9
3:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Jazz up a pair of plain leggings to make them themed using acrylic paint, brushes, and sponges. Call 231-744-6680 to register.
Galaxy Slime
Thursday, August 15
4:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Make slime that looks like a faraway galaxy filled with stars. Call 231-739-6075 to register.
Make It @ MADL: Out of This World Book Bag
Make a stargazer book bag using duct tape. Materials provided. Register at your branch library.
Saturday, June 27
1:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
4:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Thursday, July 11
1:00 pm
Egeland Branch
Thursday, July 25
12:30 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Friday, July 26
3:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Tuesday, July 30
12:30 pm
Holton Branch
3:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
Thursday, August 1
3:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
**Craft N Chat: Wine Glass Charms**

Wednesday, June 12 5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Get to know new friends and fellow craftsmen at our Craft N Chat group. Have fun making a set of summer wine glass charms. Supplies provided. Space limited. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

**Scrabble Matinee**

The second Thursday of the month June 13, July 11, August 8 1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Test your vocabulary at a Scrabble afternoon for all ages. Multiple game sets available, including a brailleable Scrabble set. Light refreshments provided.

**Technology Tutoring**

Wednesdays, June 19–August 28 10:30 am–5:00 pm, or by appointment

Muskegon Township Branch

Got a phone, tablet, or computer? Drop by the library to get answers for your technology questions. Public computers can be reserved for tutoring use as well. Call 231-760-4329 to schedule.

**Hot Mess Canvas**

Wednesday, June 19 5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Relax as you learn how to create a one-of-a-kind piece of art. Using vinyl and paint, you will create a painting that is uniquely you. A $5 materials fee is due at registration. Call 231-760-4800 to register.

**Mocktail and Coloring**

May 27, June 27, July 25, August 29 1:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Learn how to make this adorable doily tea lights. Supplies provided. Space limited. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

**Galaxy Wine Glass**

Tuesday, June 25 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Add a clove of heavenly colors and the night sky to your life by creating a galaxy themed wine glass. Space limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

**Make it @ MADL: Constellation Cuff**

Wednesday, July 24 6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Learn how to make this beautiful cuff showing your zodiac constellation using a bangle and braiding silk cord. Space limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

**Doodle & Dine**

Friday, July 19 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Are you a doodler? Bring your sketch book and doodle with us. The kitchen will be open to provide refreshments. Call 231-737-6805 to register.

**Adult Coloring Day**

June 27, July 25, & August 29 1:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Join us as we partner with the Muskegon Area Blood Center to promote blood drives. We will have coloring pages for the whole family. Space limited. Call 231-871-5122 to register.

**North Muskegon Branch**

Open house using live succulent plants and bobby pins. Make a surprisingly easy wreath to adorn your front door. Group. Have fun and make a wreath to take home. Supplies provided. Space limited. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

**Eating Local**

Tuesday, July 23 7:30 pm

North Norton Shores Branch

Certified health coach Lori Lundell of North Muskegon's Lundell Farms shares her love of living the natural life, eating local and organic and how a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) may help improve your life. Call 231-737-8844 to register.

**Scrabble Matinee**

The third Thursday of the month June 20, July 18, August 15

Norton Shores Branch

Just getting started in family history? Come to a workshop on a branch of the family tree? Stop by the drop-in genealogy help desk, where librarian Alison Purgel will answer questions on online and online resources for doing genealogy research, as well as offering advice on particular "brick walls."

**RootTalk**

The third Thursday of the month June 20, July 18, August 15 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join us for this workshop to learn the basics of family history research, as well as offering advice on particular "brick walls."

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Ravenna Branch

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**Make it @ MADL: Scramble Matinee**

The fourth Wednesday of the month June 26, July 24, August 28 5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Join us at the library for an informal crafters group. Bring in your project and work on it with fellow yarn enthusiasts. Snacks provided. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

**MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents a special summer concert: Silverado**

Thursday, July 18 7:00 pm

North Norton Shores Branch

Bring a friend or the whole family for a free live concert featuring Muskegon’s own country-western favorite, Silverado. Bring a chair and sit in the front yard for all your country music favorites. Refreshments provided.

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**Author Meet and Greet**

Saturday, July 27 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Holton Branch

Meet and greet local authors who will sign books during the Holton Community Days downtown celebration. Books available for purchase.

**Midsummer Night’s Tea**

Wednesday, July 31 5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Join us for tea, cake, cookies, and good company for a casual night out social hour.

**Essential Oils 101**

Tuesday, July 31 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Learn about and try samples of natural options for everyday beauty, household products, supplements, and oils for the whole family. Presented by Joni Ranum. Call 231-828-4188 to register.

**Indoor Plant Parenting**

Monday, August 5 7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Alexena Fry of Grand Rapids plant shop Peace & Tol provides expert advice in the selection, care and handling of indoor houseplants, whether you’re a seasoned green thumb or a first time plant parent. Call 231-790-8844 to register.

**Crochet 101**

Friday, August 9 3:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Learn the basics of crochet. Supplies provided. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

**Craft N Chat: Folded Book**

Birdcage

Wednesday, August 14 3:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Visit with friends while making an old book into a birdcage. Supplies provided. Space limited. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

**JAWS Basics**

Tuesday, August 20 1:00–4:00 pm

Visually & Physically Disabled Branch

Join us for a series of Book & August 7

Montague Branch

Join us for a series of Book Talks that begin with an Author Reception at 6:30 pm in the library.

**Summer Book Talks**

June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 14, August 1 & August 7

Montague Branch

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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.

Dalton Book Club
The fourth Monday of the month
6:00 pm
Dalton Branch
June 24: Out of My Mind
by Sharon Draper
July 22: The Woman Who Smashed Codes by Jason Fagone
August 26: Every Breath by Nichole Sparks

Tuesdays Evening Book Club
The third Tuesday of the month
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
June 18: First Lady Sleeps
by John Mullally
July 16: Small Great Things
by Jodi Picoult
August 20: End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe

#RavennaReads
The first Wednesday of the month
6:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
June 5, July 3, August 7

Book Potluck
The third Wednesday of the month
6:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
June 19, July 17, August 21

UnBook Club
The first Wednesday of the month
10:00 am
North Muskegon Branch
June 5, July 3, August 7

Book Discussion Group
The first Thursday of the month
10:30 am
Norton Shores Branch
June 6: Crazy Rich Asians
by Kevin Kwan
July 11 (date change): A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
August 1: The Great Alone
by Kristin Hannah

Scalloped Paper Wreath
Welcome summer with a fresh wreath featuring paper cones with scalloped edges and wood accents.
Tuesday, June 4
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Macramé Feather Earrings
Create a delicate pair of trendy macramé feather earrings by mastering a single tiny knot.
Wednesday, July 17
6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Hand Painted Floral Tote
No artistic talent needed to design this lovely ‘painted’ floral tote just by using a few surprising craft items.
Tuesday, August 20
6:00 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

USED BOOK SALES
Muskegon Township Branch
Friday, June 7: 10:30 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, June 8: 8:00 am–12:00 pm

Dalton Branch
Friday, June 28: 10:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, June 29: 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Montague Branch
Thursday, July 11: 6:00–8:00 pm
Friday, July 12: 10:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, July 13: 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Holton Branch
Friday, July 26: 9:00 am–7:00 pm
Saturday, July 27: 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Egelston Branch
Friday, August 9: 10:00 am–4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Saturday, August 10: 10:00 am–4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Friday, October 4: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday, October 5: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

MAD(L) CRAFTERS
The MAD(L) Crafters is a craft club for ages 18 and up. Crafter extraordinaire Jamie Jewell provides art supplies and expertise.

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Welcome summer with a fresh wreath featuring paper cones with scalloped edges and wood accents.
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Astronomy 101: Enjoy the Night Sky
Astronomy enthusiast Dr. Michael Galvin will teach us how to view the night sky with little or no equipment.
Tuesday, July 16
6:00 pm
Holton Branch

Tuesday, July 23
5:30 pm
Ravenna Branch

Thursday, July 25
6:00 pm
Montague Branch

Tuesday, July 30
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Egelston Branch

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Montague Branch

Tuesday, July 30
6:00 pm
Egelston Branch

Monday, August 12
6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, August 14
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Montague Branch Library
Serving Muskegon's northern community

From small beginnings of a “reading station” in 1939 to the current location in downtown Montague, the Montague Branch Library has come a long way. Although the library moved several times to different locations, including the Ripley Building and the Ohrenberger Building, library service has always been provided to the community. After outgrowing the first few locations, the realization of the dream of a new library was made possible in part by a sum of money left by the late Thure Anderson, as well as the Friends of the Montague Library. The Montague Branch is located on the corner of Ferry and Spring Street in downtown Montague and shares the building with Montague City Hall and the Police Department. Across the street is the local US Postal Service.

Instrumental in the continual library services since 1939, the Friends of the Montague Library officially formed in 1943 and have been avid supporters ever since. The Friends, a 501C non-profit organization, continue to provide significant support to the Library, including holding Book Sales and other fundraisers that help provide programs for the community. The Library houses a permanent book sale room which is always updated so the public can browse the many varied books.

Something that makes the Montague Branch unique is the collection of art work that is displayed throughout the library. Several paintings depict local scenes and were created by local artists. Some have been donated to the library, while others are on loan. This special collection attracts visitors from around the country. Another unique feature of the library's collection is the Michigan Section. Topics range from local cookbooks, Michigan history and Montague High School yearbooks. These items are separated from the rest of the collection and provide patrons with a look into the local area.

Over the past several years the programs have increased in number, including over 100 programs in 2018. In addition to weekly Storytimes and yearly Summer Reading programs for all ages, the library now offers more programs for families. Family Fun Nights take place once a month and typically include crafts, games, music, snacks and cultural components. Themes for these programs have included Dog Man, Superheroes and Harry Potter. The library also has weekly Lego programs. More program offerings for adults has increased the number of people visiting the library. In 2018, nearly 22,000 people visited the library and over 3,700 attended its programs.

One of the Muskegon Area District’s new initiatives is the Muskegon Storyville Villages at three of its branch locations. One of the Villages will be installed at the Montague Branch. Storyville is an interactive, early literacy, child-size area within the library that consists of themed areas of play, learning and books. The Storyville village theme will include a weather zone, beach zone, and a submarine. Construction is expected to begin in late 2019. This will be a wonderful Montague addition for the community and visitors alike.