



THE MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Serving 10 community branches in Muskegon County

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A community-wide library system providing services and programs to enrich our lives.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

An Update from Kelly Richards, Director

ENHANCED SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Many new and enhanced services are underway at the Muskegon Area District Library. These are exciting times of change and technological improvements. We are making these improvements at all 10 area branches to provide our patrons with new levels of service in 2017.

Libraries are really about transforming people through access to information. In the past, that meant access to books. But for the next generation of libraries, information means everything from internet connections, iPads and Maker Spaces—where the community is provided space and tools for learning. An emerging library “service” is its wi-fi connections, which can be used separately from the hours library buildings are open.

New technology advances in the works include:

- We have recently installed additional AWE Early Literacy Stations™ (ELS) so that every branch will be equipped with this early literacy computer program. These stations are designed specifically for young learners ages 2–8, and include over 4,000 learning activities. All branches will now have at least one ELS, and three branches will have the After School Edge machines for slightly older children.
- The new Hoopla database will allow public availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and comics, all available for mobile and online access at madl.org.
- We are improving wi-fi speed and coverage area by installing new wireless equipment.
- New adaptive computer technology at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- MADL will be replacing all public computers with new ones over a three year period, and increasing the number of public access computers. Half of the computers will be replaced by summer, 2017.



Muskegon Area District Library Receives \$92,328 from Anonymous Donor

The Muskegon Area District Library has received a generous donation to support improvements at the “Walker Memorial” Branch Library in North Muskegon. An anonymous donor has expressed tremendous library support with a \$92,328 donation. The gift is designated to be used for construction/expansion of a new library facility in North Muskegon.

“We are so thankful for this generous gift and the confidence it shows to support significant library programs and services for our community,” says Kelly Richards, Director of the Muskegon Area District Library. Since its opening in 1969, the North Muskegon Branch has been a popular and active community gathering place. “As we move further into the 21st century, the more our library will be called upon to meet the learning and information needs of the community.”

The North Muskegon “Walker Memorial” Branch is one of 10 branch local libraries operated by the Muskegon Area District Library. In 2015, there were 74,792 people who visited this branch. The building is owned and maintained by the City of North Muskegon. All library materials, services, programs and staff are provided by the Muskegon Area District Library.

The Muskegon Area District Library is always thankful for donations as they help support our mission to provide services to the public.

Library for the Blind Update

Muskegon’s only Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is in for a big change. The LBPH provides talking books and talking book playback equipment in digital format. Plans are underway to transform this service into an Adaptive Technology Lab serving patrons in Muskegon and Ottawa counties. Additional services will include a high demand circulating audio visual and book collection, and accessible space and equipment for the physically handicapped.

The new improvement plans for the Advisory Outreach Center include the relocation and expansion of the existing LBPH. It will relocate from its existing space to an adjoining space at the Administrative Office, 4845 Airline Road, adding adaptive equipment and furniture.

“I’m excited to see us move forward with enhanced services for our BPH patrons,” says Sheila Miller, LBPH Librarian. “I know our patrons will welcome and enjoy a more accessible and comfortable library environment.” The plans include new adaptive work stations, computer stations, seating and tables for study areas and upgrading the space for efficiency and enhanced functionality.

MADL is working with the Sidock Group, Inc. architectural and engineering firm in Muskegon on this project. Once an overall plan design is approved, construction will begin in the first quarter of 2017. Upon completion, there will be an open house for the public with demonstrations and tours.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped



Call 231.737.6310



Celebrate Black History Month with MADL!

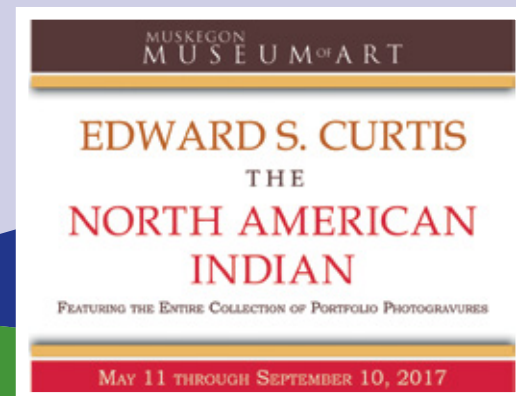
Look for this icon identifying BHM events.

COMMUNITY READ!

Join the Muskegon Museum of Art and Muskegon County libraries as we read the book *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Timothy Egan. The Community Read will kick off March 16 to allow time to read and discuss the book before Egan’s visit at the Frauenthal Theater on Wednesday, May 17. The Community Read supports the Edward Curtis art exhibit at the Muskegon Museum of Art from May 11 through September 10. This is the most comprehensive ethnographic and photographic historical record of Native Americans ever produced. Books will be available at the Hackley Public Library, all ten Muskegon Area District Library Branches and White Lake Community Library. You’re invited to join one of the book discussions listed at right:

- Tuesday, April 18; 10:30 am
Muskegon Township Branch
- Tuesday, April 18; 6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
- Monday, April 24; 5:30 pm
Dalton Township Branch

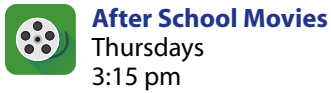
- Tuesday, May 2; 10:00 am
North Muskegon Branch
- Wednesday, May 3; 6:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
- Thursday, May 4; 10:30 am
Norton Shores Branch



“When I got my library card,
that’s when my life began.”

~Rita Mae Brown

CHILDRENS' programs



After School Movies

Thursdays
3:15 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Kids and teens are welcome to join us every Thursday at 3:15 pm while school is in session for a family-friendly movie. Popcorn will be provided while supplies last.

After School Drop-In Tutoring

January 4 – May 31

Wednesdays 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Saturdays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Need help with your reading and writing? Get free tutoring with an AmeriCorps Literacy Volunteer. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Make a Wintery Necklace

Monday, January 9

4:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Make a snowman necklace with beads and a snowman charm. Space is limited. Call 231-853-6975 to register.



Afternoon Movie Fun

Wednesday, January 11

4:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

In honor of Lewis Carroll's birthday we will follow Alice down the rabbit hole by watching *Alice in Wonderland* starring Johnny Depp.

Dudes and Donuts Day

Saturday, January 14

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Come share some time together as dads, grand-dads, sons, grandsons, mentors, uncles and nephews read together, play some games, and build with Legos, all while enjoying donuts and beverages.

I Can Craft

Wednesday, January 18

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Can't do crafts? Give crafts a chance when you make a decorative light switch cover. Teens and adults welcome. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Kids Writing Workshop

Saturday, January 21

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Join us for a travel-themed visionary writing workshop for children. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

New Art from Old Stuff

Wednesday, January 25

4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Welcome the new year by turning recycled books and CDs into wall art. Try one of several projects or make one of each. Ages 5 and up. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Game Day

Wednesday, January 25

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Bring your friends and family to play board games.



Kids Afternoon Movie

Thursday, January 26

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Watch *The Secret Life of Pets* and enjoy some popcorn.

Moms, Missies and Muffins Morning

Saturday, January 28

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Share a winter morning with muffins, beverages, fun, books, coloring and games with moms, daughters, grandmas, aunts, friends, nieces, and sisters.

Crowning Glory

Tuesday, February 7

4:30 – 5:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Learn about the importance of hats throughout history, from Sunday hats in black southern culture to their early beginnings in Egyptian history. Kids can try on various hats and create their own crowns. Call 231-739-6075 to register.



Afternoon Movie Fun

Wednesday, February 8

4:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Celebrate Wilhelm Grimm's birthday and discover the story of Rapunzel as we watch *Tangled*.

I Can Craft

Wednesday, February 8

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Make a special Valentine's Day inspired craft. Teens and adults welcome too. Call 231-739-6075 to register.



Kids Afternoon Movie

Thursday, February 9

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Watch *Ruby Bridges* and enjoy some popcorn.



Valentine's Day Party

Monday, February 13

6:00 pm

Egelston Branch

Celebrate Valentine's Day with stories, cookies and crafts. Ages 3 – 10. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Make It @ MADL: Paper Circuits

Saturday, February 18

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Learn how to make paper circuits with a simple and fun card project. Ages 6 and up. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Read to a Senior

Monday, February 20

5:30 – 6:45 pm

Ravenna Branch

Do you like spending time reading with grandma or grandpa? Share a book with a senior citizen as you practice your reading skills. Kids ages 5 and up will be scheduled for 20-minute time slots to read to a senior friend. Call 231-853-6975 to register.



Kids Afternoon Movie

Thursday, February 23

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Watch *Selma, Lord, Selma* and enjoy some popcorn.



Gathering of the Grands

Saturday, February 25

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Bring your grandma or grandpa to the library for a fun morning playing games, reading books, building Lego creations, and sharing snacks. Grandparents, if you don't have local grandkids, 'adopt' one or two and come join the fun.

Bubble Trouble

Tuesday, March 7

4:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Celebrate 'March is Reading Month' with the Michigan Reads Book, *Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum* by Lisa Wheeler. Call 231-739-6075 to register.



Afternoon Movie Fun

Wednesday, March 8

4:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Join March Madness and watch *Space Jam* as Michael Jordan helps the Looney Tunes play a basketball game against aliens.

Family Craft Saturday

Saturday, March 11

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Join the fun and make a craft with your family. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

St. Paddy's Day Fun

Friday, March 17

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day together—wear some green or orange and decorate cookies. We'll read some Irish tales and play some Irish games.

Animals Around the World

Saturday, March 18

2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Stop by for an exciting look at live animals from different countries and diverse ecosystems. This program is up-close, hands-on, safe, and fun. Call 231-780-8844 to register.



Kids Afternoon Movie

Thursday, March 23

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Watch a great movie and enjoy some popcorn.

Welcome to Hotel Valhalla

Wednesday, April 5

4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Fans of Magnus Chase, unite! Join us at Hotel Valhalla for trivia, games, and fun. Ages 8 and up. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Easter Family Day

Saturday, April 8

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Moms and Dads, bring the kids and enjoy some Easter activities with us. We will decorate cookies and make a craft.

Family Craft Saturday

Saturday, April 8

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Join the fun and make a craft with your family. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8

11:00 am

Egelston Branch

Listen to Easter stories, color some pages and go on an Easter Egg Hunt for goodies. For children 12 and under. Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Easter Egg Drop

Saturday, April 8

1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Thousands of candy-filled eggs will be dropped for the children of the community to collect. Age groups are 0-4, 5-7, 8-10, & up. Younger children will start first.



Afternoon Movie Fun

Wednesday, April 12

4:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Hop into the library to see E.B., the Easter Bunny's teenage son, as he heads to Hollywood determined to become a drummer in a rock 'n' roll band.



Kids Afternoon Movie

Thursday, April 27

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Watch a great movie and enjoy some popcorn..



Afternoon Movie Fun

Wednesday, May 10

4:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Watch *Little Women* and see the March sisters grow up in post-Civil War America with the help of their loving mother.

Game Day

Wednesday, May 10

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Bring your friends and family to play board games.

Family Craft Day

Saturday, May 13

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Make a Mother's Day gift for that special mother in your life. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Pirate Day

Saturday, May 20

11:00 am

Egelston Branch

Set sail with Captain Stacy as she takes you on an adventure filled with pirate stories, pirate crafts and hidden treasure. Ages 3-10. Call 231-788-6477 to register.



Kids Afternoon Movie

Thursday, May 25

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Watch a great movie and enjoy some popcorn.

Live-Action Videogames

Wednesday, May 31

4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Played the game? Time to live the game! Try our live-action versions of a new classic, Angry Birds, and an old classic, Pac-Man. Ages 5 and up. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Make Music @ MADL with KANA MUSIC

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

Saturday, January 21
11:00 am

Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Saturday, February 18
11:00 am

Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Saturday, March 18
11:00 am

Ravenna Branch
Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Saturday, April 22
11:00 am

North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Saturday, May 20
11:00 am

Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Bow Wow Readers



Bow Wow Readers is a read-aloud program that pairs kids with registered therapy dogs and handlers from the Muskegon Lakeshore Obedience Training Club, Dog Blessed or Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Share a book as you sit and read aloud to a furry friend and practice your reading skills with confidence. Registration is required as spots are limited. Kids ages 5 and up will be scheduled for 15-minute sessions.

Tuesdays, Jan 10, Feb 21, Mar 14,
Apr 11, May 9

4:00 – 5:00 pm
Dalton Branch
Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Tuesdays, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23
6:15 – 7:15 pm

Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Wednesdays, Feb 22, Mar 8, Apr 5
4:00 – 5:00 pm

Holton Branch
Call 231-821-0268 to register.

Tuesdays, Jan 10, Feb 14, Apr 11, May 9
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Montague Branch
Call 231-893-2675 to register.

Mondays, Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24,
May 22

4:00 – 5:00 pm
Montague Branch
Call 231-893-2675 to register.

Tuesday, April 4
4:30 – 5:30 pm

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

Tuesday, April 4
6:15 – 7:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch
Call 231-760-4329 to register.

Saturdays, Mar 4, Mar 18
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Monday, Apr 17; Wednesday, May 31
4:00 – 5:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Tuesdays, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16
6:15 – 7:15 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Tuesdays, Mar 7, May 2
6:15 – 7:00 pm

Ravenna Branch
Call 231-853-6975 to register.

LEGO CLUB



Join fellow LEGO fans and show us your skills. Build alone or with

friends to make a masterpiece to be displayed in the Library. We provide the LEGOs, YOU provide the creativity. No experience needed to join the fun.

Every Wednesday, January 4 – May 31
3:00 – 6:00 pm

Montague Branch

The second Wednesday of the month
Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Egelston Branch

The second Saturday of the month
Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13
10:00 – 4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

The third Monday of the month
Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Dalton Branch

The third Saturday of the month
Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20
10:00 – 11:00 am

Muskegon Township Branch

The fourth Wednesday of the month
Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 24
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Tuesday, April 4
11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Holton Branch



Spanish for Kids with Ms. Catalina

Certified Montessori teacher Catalina Leo Escudero offers free classes in Spanish to children ages 3–6. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate with their children. Registration is required.

Tuesdays, January 17 through March 7
4:45 – 5:30 pm

Montague Branch
Call 231-893-2675 to register.

Wednesdays,
January 18 through March 8
4:30 – 5:15 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

January 9 – May 26 Storytime



Baby Time

Aimed exclusively at infants ages 0 to 18 months and their caregivers. Baby Time introduces babies to music, rhythm, and rhyme—all important pre-lingual and pre-literacy skills.

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots is a special story time for children 0 to 36 months with a caregiver. Little ones will enjoy books, games, songs, and other age-appropriate story related activities.

Toddler Time

Created for 2- and young 3-year-old toddlers and their caregivers, Toddler Time includes books, fingerplays, music, crafts, movement, pre-reading games and more.

Preschool Storytime

Preschool Storytime is geared toward 3- to 5-year-old children and their families. This program will engage children in books, fingerplays, music, crafts, movement, pre-reading games & more.

MONDAYS

Egelston Branch:
9:30 – 10:15 am PRESCHOOL

Egelston Branch:
11:15 – 11:45 am TINY TOTS

Muskegon Township Branch:
1:00 – 1:45 pm PRESCHOOL

TUESDAYS

Ravenna Branch:
9:30 – 10:15 am PRESCHOOL

Norton Shores Branch:
10:30 – 11:15 am TODDLER

Holton Branch:
11:15 – 11:45 am TINY TOTS

WEDNESDAYS

Dalton Branch:
9:00 – 9:45 am PRESCHOOL

Norton Shores Branch:
10:30 – 11:15 am PRESCHOOL

North Muskegon Branch:
11:15 – 11:45 am TINY TOTS

Montague Branch:
1:00 – 1:45 pm PRESCHOOL

THURSDAYS

Muskegon Heights Branch:
11:15 – 11:45 am TINY TOTS

FRIDAYS

North Muskegon Branch:
9:30 – 10:15 am PRESCHOOL

FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS
Norton Shores Branch:
10:30 – 11:15 am BABY TIME



Money Smart Kids Read

Have fun becoming MONEY SMART with books, crafts and money experts from SB Community Federal Credit Union or Choice One Bank.

Monday, April 24
3:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Monday, April 24
4:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch
Call 231-760-4329 to register.

Monday, April 24
5:30 pm

Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Tuesday, April 25
3:30 pm

Ravenna Branch
Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Wednesday, April 26
4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Wednesday, April 26
4:30 pm

Holton Branch
Call 231-821-0268 to register.

Thursday, April 27
4:00 pm

Dalton Branch
Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Tuesday, May 2
4:30 pm

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

**MARCH IS
READING MONTH**
Be sure to stop by
the library and check
out some books
from our expansive
collection.

Teen programs

Bored? Games!

Tuesday, January 17
3:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Beat the winter blues with some tabletop/board gaming and snacks with friends.

Anime Club

Monday, January 23
3:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Do you like anime, manga, cosplay, and/or Japanese culture? Join us every fourth Monday of the month to watch anime shows, discuss manga, find information on nearby conventions, and more. Snacks provided.

Career Vision Board

Saturday, February 18
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Explore future career interests through the creation of a vision board. Adults welcome. Call 231-739-6075 to register.



Bling Your Sweatshirt

Tuesday, February 21
3:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Bring your own sweatshirt—we will provide fabric, glue, paint, and more to customize your threads.

Make it @ MADL: Makey Makey

Tuesday, March 21
3:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch



Ever used a Makey Makey? Find out what this cool tech tool can do as we experiment as a group. Space is limited.

Call 231-780-8844 to register.

MADL MiniCon: Cosplay Props

Tuesday, April 18
3:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Props for cosplay don't have to be expensive. Duct tape, cardboard, and other materials provided for teens to build props from their favorite fandom. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Leather Bracelets

Saturday, May 6
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Decorate your own leather bracelet in honor of the Muskegon Museum of Art's Native American Exhibit featuring photographer Edward Curtis. Adults welcome too. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Instant Comics & Manga

Tuesday, May 16
3:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

How quickly can you make a one-page comic? Let's find out—build a story and art from the ground up. Stick figures welcome!

Adult programs

Senior Time

Tuesdays, January 3 – May 30
1:00 – 2:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Spend an afternoon each week with other seniors. Play games of your choice, chat, and whatever the group steers us to do together.

One-on-One Computer Training

First and third Wednesdays and Fridays starting Wednesday, January 4 through May 31

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

One-on-one computer training for adults by appointment. Each training addresses specific needs of individual. Call 231-739-6075 to schedule your 15- to 30-minute session.

Create a Vision Board

Saturday, January 14
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

It's a new year and with it comes new goals and resolutions. This workshop will help you to create a vision board where you can put and see your goals. For ages 10 and up. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Coloring Creativity

Monday, January 16
5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Coloring is a creative and relaxing outlet—come enjoy coloring with other adults. Pages to color available and colored pencils, crayons, and markers to share.

Page to Screen Classics

Wednesday, January 18
1:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

East of Eden by John Steinbeck, 1955. Starring James Dean, Julie Harris, Raymond Massey. The masterpiece of Steinbeck's takes on the mystery of identity, the inexplicability of love, and the murderous consequences of love's absence. Includes popcorn and an informal discussion of the book and movie.

Concussion Talk

Wednesday, January 18
6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

This informational program is geared toward parents of student athletes or anyone else concerned about concussion risk. Learn what signs to look for and what steps to take if a head injury should occur.

Valentine Zendoodle Cards

Saturday, February 11
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ravenna Branch

Make a card to share with a Valentine. All supplies will be provided and zendoodling will be demonstrated. Space is limited. Teens welcome. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Basic Quilting—Part I

Saturday, February 11
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Attendees will learn how to plan and start a quilt and should bring their own material and thread. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Coloring Creativity

Monday, February 13
5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Coloring is not just for kids anymore. Join other adults in the coloring craze. Materials provided.

Live @ the Library

Tuesday, February 14
6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Michelle Vallier, violinist and North Muskegon resident, will present an inspiring recital of violin classics.



Page to Screen Classics

Wednesday, February 15
1:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote, 1960. Starring Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Patricia Neal. Holly Golightly is a country girl turned New York café society type who socializes with wealthy men. Copies of the book available at the Library while supplies last. Includes popcorn and an informal discussion of the book and movie.



Movie Night

Wednesday, February 15
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Imitation of Life, 1959. Starring Lana Turner and Juanita Moore. A struggling young actress with a six-year-old daughter sets up housekeeping with a homeless black widow and her light-skinned eight-year-old daughter who rejects her mother by trying to pass for white.



Holistic Skin Care Alternatives

Thursday, February 16
7:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Some skin care products contain toxic chemicals. Learn how to decipher what harmful ingredients are in your skin care regimen and how toxins can affect your health. Rachel, the founder of Never Better Naturals, will share her expertise and a basic natural skin care recipe. Call 231-828-4188 to register.



Movie Night

Filmmaker Dante James
Monday, February 20
6:30 pm

Norton Shores

Join Dante James, Emmy award-winning independent filmmaker, for a presentation of his critically acclaimed short film, *The Doll*, which tells the story of Tom Taylor, the black proprietor of the Wyandot Hotel Barbershop in the early 1900s. Taylor's humanity, dignity, and his responsibility to family and community are severely challenged when he realizes that he has an opportunity to avenge an injustice that was inflicted on his father decades earlier. A conversation with the filmmaker follows.



"Girls Night In" Movie Night

Wednesday, February 22
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Jungle Fever, 1991. Directed by Spike Lee. Starring Wesley Snipes and Samuel L. Jackson. Friends and family of a married black architect react in different ways to his affair with an Italian secretary.



Live @ the Library:

Reginald Robinson
Wednesday, February 22
6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Enjoy Chicago's award-winning ragtime pianist, recording artist and educator. Reginald has elevated the lost art of ragtime with his one-of-a-kind pianism.



MADL Thursday Night Music Club:

Reginald Robinson
Thursday, February 23
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Explore the lost art of ragtime with Chicago's award-winning ragtime pianist, recording artist and educator.



Basic Quilting—Part II

Saturday, February 25
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Attendees must bring the quilt project they started in Basic Quilting—Part I to receive further instructions and review. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Live @ the Library

Tuesday, March 7
6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Plain Jane Glory. Once known as FiddleFace, this married duo has taken their "best-of-Americana" on the road. With Laura on fiddle and vocals, and Michael on guitar, they will energize you with their renditions of bluegrass, folk, pop, and blues.

Create a canvas

Saturday, March 11
1:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Create your own personal masterpiece under the direction of Lacy owner of Create a frame Studio. This is a class for people of all skill levels. Creating your piece will take approximately two hours. A \$5 prepaid fee is required to register and must be paid at the North Muskegon branch. Class size limited to 18 registrants, ages 14+.



Parachord Bracelet with Hidden Fishing Kit

Saturday, March 11
12:30 pm

Dalton Branch

You'll be ready to fish at the drop of a hat with this parachord bracelet that contains fishing line, hooks, and sinkers. Teens 14 and up welcome with a parent. Call 231-828-4188 to register.



Coloring Creativity

Monday, March 13
5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

It's time to get out the crayons and markers and relax with friends. Materials provided.

Page to Screen Classics

Wednesday, March 15
1:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch

The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett, 1941. Directed by John Huston; starring Humphrey Bogart, Peter Lorre, Mary Astor. Private detective Sam Spade gets wrapped up in a web of deception, all surrounding a gold-encrusted life-sized statue of a falcon. Includes popcorn and an informal discussion of the book and movie.

Fix It Night

Wednesday, March 15
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Learn how to "fix" things, like sewing patches on clothes, darning socks, etc., from local volunteers. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club:

Uneven Ground
Thursday, March 16
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

One of the Muskegon area's most popular Celtic bands performs foot-stompin' jigs, reels, folk tunes and more just in time for St. Patrick's Day.



Identity Theft

Tuesday, March 21
3:00 pm

Egelston Branch

The Attorney General's Office will inform us about identity theft, how to protect your personal information online and off, and what to do if you become an identity theft victim.

Cooking Matters

Saturday, March 25
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Learn how to prepare delicious yet nutritious meals for you and your family. Taught by the Grand Rapids YMCA. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Organic Vegetable Gardening

Tuesday, April 4
6:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Thinking of planting a vegetable garden? Learn about organic gardening including soil improvement, composting, pollinator habitat, and how to minimize pest and disease problems. Presented by Stuart Scholl, retired educator and life-time organic farmer, and Connie Crancer, retired horticulturist. Call 231-828-4188 to register.



Live @ the Library

Tuesday, April 4
6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Dan Giacobassi. From Big Band through Celtic, Appalachian, Country, Rock, and even Classical, this master of flute and saxophone will team up with his buddies for a concert in an array of styles.

Coloring Creativity

Monday, April 10
5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Join other adults as we spend time with a good book—a coloring book. Materials provided.

History of Libraries

Monday, April 10
6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch

Join this presentation to learn about the origins of libraries; how they began, practices of the times, and more. Snacks and beverages provided.

Patron Appreciation Day

Tuesday, April 11
9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

We will celebrate with patrons during National Library Week. Join us for treats, gift card drawings and crafts in the library throughout the day. This party is all about you!



"Girls Night In" Movie Night

Wednesday, April 19
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

Autumn in New York. Starring Richard Gere and Winona Ryder. Romantic drama about an aging playboy who falls for a sweet, but terminally ill, young woman.

Author Wallace Ewing presents Footprints — Stories of Native Americans in West Central Michigan

Thursday, April 20
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Join Wallace Ewing, PhD, for a discussion of *Footprints*, his work of local history that tells the stories of individual Native Americans who once walked the Grand River Valley, Lake Michigan's wooded dunes and the land between. Included are chiefs, tribal members and a few of the whites who played critical roles in the early years of their settlement. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Book Sale

Saturday, April 22
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch

The "Friends of the Walker Memorial Branch" will host a spring book sale. There will be a wide variety of genres mostly donated by the local community.

Identity Theft

Wednesday, April 26
2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

An Attorney General's Office representative will visit during MoneySmart week. Did you know that identity theft in Michigan is greater than the national average for credit card, telephone, cell phone, and utility fraud? Learn about identity theft, how to protect your personal information online and off, and what to do if you become an identity theft victim.



MADL Thursday Night Music Club:

Wyatt & Shari Knapp
Thursday, April 27
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

Known for their sparkling vocals, lush harmonies, and tasteful blend, this personable husband-wife duo's music reaches into genres as rich and diverse as bluesy folk, "high lonesome" bluegrass, and timeless classics of the 1940's.



Identity Theft

Tuesday, May 9
10:00 am

North Muskegon Branch

The Attorney General's Office will inform us about identity theft, how to protect your personal information online and off, and what to do if you become an identity theft victim.

Shred Day at the Library

Saturday, May 13
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

The Library and Kent Record Management join together to provide a free shred day for your sensitive papers. Drop off up to 100 pounds of private documents to representatives in the Library's parking lot. Items will be securely transported to Kent Record Management facilities for shredding and recycling.

Coloring Creativity

Monday, May 15
5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch

Enjoy coloring while socializing with other adults. Materials provided.

Create.a.Canvas

Saturday, May 20
1:00 pm

Dalton Branch

Create your own personal masterpiece under the direction of Lacy owner of Create.a.frame Studio. This is a class for people of all skill levels. Creating your piece will take approximately two hours. A \$5 prepaid fee is required to register and must be paid at the Dalton branch. Class size limited to 18 registrants, ages 14+.



SPECIAL

Sunday Concert

MADL Music Club: Raion Taiko

Sunday, May 7
2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch

A special MADL Music Club Sunday performance! Raion Taiko presents the dramatic and exciting Japanese art of ensemble drumming, featuring instruments ranging in size from a snare drum to some as large as a car.

Computer Helpdesk LIVE

Get basic help from staff with eBook devices, email, digital photos and all things computer. Bring your own device. Registration required for a 30-minute time session.



Wednesday, January 11—1:00 – 2:00 pm
Wednesday, February 15—5:30 – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 14—11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Friday, April 21—10:30 – 11:30 am
Dalton Branch
Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Wednesday, January 11—2:30 – 3:30 pm
Wednesday, February 15—4:00 – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, March 14—10:00 – 11:00 am
Friday, April 21—12:00 – 1:00 pm
Holton Branch
Call 231-821-0268 to register

MAD(L) Crafters

The MAD(L) Crafters is a craft club for adults. Crafter extraordinaire Jamie Jewell provides the supplies and the expertise.

Braided Leather Bracelet

Show your loved one how your lives are intertwined by creating a braided leather bracelet for Valentine's Day.

Wednesday, February 8—6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Wednesday, February 15—6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

The Modern Spring Egg

Discover some easy painting techniques to turn your eggs into works of art for your spring decorating.



Wednesday, March 8—6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Tuesday, March 14—6:00 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Wednesday, March 15—6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Metallic Hairpin/Brooch

Freshen up your spring accessories with a truly original metallic stick hairpin or birds' nest brooch.

Tuesday, April 11—6:00 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Wednesday, April 12—6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Wednesday, April 19—6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Monogram Canvas Tote

Work with fabric paint to make a lovely and practical book tote or commuter bag.



Tuesday, May 9—6:00 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Wednesday, May 10—6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Wednesday, May 17—6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Fight Back Against Diabetes



Diabetes is a chronic disease that causes blood sugar levels to rise higher than normal. In Muskegon County, nearly four in 10 people are pre-diabetic, and only 10% know it. Diabetes has no cure, but pre-diabetes can be reversed. Muskegon YMCA staff will help you discover your diabetes risk with assessments, give healthy lifestyle tips and options for additional health assistance.

Monday, January 9—10:00 am
Norton Shores Branch

Tuesday, January 10—10:00 am
Muskegon Township Branch

Tuesday, January 10—1:00 pm
Dalton Branch

Tuesday, February 7—1:00 pm
Ravenna Branch

Monday, February 13—10:00 am
Montague Branch

Tuesday, February 21—6:00 pm
Egelston Branch

Thursday, March 2—10:00 am
North Muskegon Branch

Friday, March 10—11:00 am
Holton Branch

Tuesday, March 14—1:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch

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. No registration required.

Monday Evening Book Discussion
5:30 – 6:30 pm

Dalton Branch
January 23: *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain
February 20: *Imperfectionists* by Tom Rachman
March 27: *Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline
COMMUNITY READ! April 24: *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* by Timothy Egan

Tuesday Evening Book Club

The third Tuesday of each month
6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
January 17: *Home Safe* by Elizabeth Berg
February 21: *Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson
March 21: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
COMMUNITY READ! April 18: *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* by Timothy Egan

Wednesday Readers Book Club

The first Wednesday of each month
6:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
January 4: Poetry Sharing Month
February 1: *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver
March 1: *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson
Wednesday, April 5: *The 5000 Year Leap* by W. Cleon Skousen
COMMUNITY READ! May 3: *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* by Timothy Egan

Thursday Morning Book Discussion

The first Thursday of each month
10:30 am
Norton Shores Branch
January 5: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
February 2: *The Sellout* by Paul Beatty
March 2: *Version Control* by Dexter Palmer
April 6: *Browsings* by Michael Dirda
COMMUNITY READ! May 4: *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* by Timothy Egan

Saturday Urban Readers Book Club

A book club for fans of urban fiction. Titles to be chosen on a monthly basis.
1:00 – 3:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Titles to be determined as first sentence. January 28, February 25, March 11, April 8, May 13.



Hoopla On-line Now Available

Beginning January, 2017 thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and comics are now available for mobile and online access through a partnership with hoopla digital at www.madl.org.

Now, Muskegon Area District Library card-holders can explore, borrow, instantly stream and enjoy dynamic content on their smartphones, tablets and computers by using MADL's new Hoopla software. All titles are always available—you no longer need to place holds or wait.

MADL card-holders can download the free hoopla digital mobile app on their Android or IOS devices to begin enjoying thousands of titles—from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers—available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to their smartphones, tablets and computers.

"We strive to be an integral resource for our community," says Kelly Richards, Director. "We're helping to meet the needs of the mobile generation." The easy-to-use interface and elimination of late fees on these items enables us to satisfy all of our patrons needs in a modern way.

Thank You Sponsors



Muskegon Township Branch, East Muskegon's Hidden Jewel

After 69 years of bookmobile service to neighborhoods throughout Muskegon County the bookmobile was officially retired in 2009. The bookmobile's home base was at the Muskegon Township offices. Then in July of that year, the youngest branch of the Muskegon Area District Library, (MADL) was born: the Muskegon Township Branch.



Housed in the Orchard View Community Education building on Ada Avenue, the branch consists of one room in a former elementary school. All of MADL's services are available including access to computers, a book club and Story Time for children.

Pam Knight, who coordinates the branch, says that although the branch may appear small, she keeps the book collection up to date and full of materials she knows people want. According to Knight, "In the past seven years the biggest challenge has been letting people know we are here." With a growing customer base, a new successful adult book club has begun to meet monthly.

Located one block off of Apple Avenue, township residents appreciate that they have a community asset at the library. Last summer, the Muskegon Township Branch had tremendous attendance at its summer reading program with nearly 800 people.

According to Knight, "It helps that we have access to the school's gymnasium, a perfect place for kids to enjoy programs." The positive synergy with day care in the building, Head Start Preschool Program and Orchard View Community Education sharing announcements of children's programs has built up a following over time.

The Muskegon Area District Library has 10 community branches, and works closely with local municipalities to provide great programs and services. The Muskegon township branch has one of the largest populations with just over 18,000 residents.

The Orchard View Community Education program has been a valuable partner and we appreciate the successful collaboration we have with them.

Elephant & Piggie WOWed Muskegon!

Children, parents and teachers adored the Elephant & Piggie characters who visited Muskegon Area District Libraries in the fall. Over 2,500 admirers loved hearing hilarious stories at our 10 branches and at local grade schools. Children enjoyed making paper bag puppets and having their pictures taken. The Elephant & Piggie book series by Mo Willems features two friends—an elephant, Gerald, and a pig, Piggie—and addresses issues of friendship.



ADMINISTRATION AND LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

4845 Airline Road, Muskegon
231-737-6248
Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

DALTON BRANCH

3175 Fifth Street, Twin Lake
231-828-4188
Mon & Wed 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Tue, Thu & Fri 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

EGELSTON BRANCH

5428 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon
231-788-6477
Mon, Tue & Wed 9:30 am – 8:00 pm
Thu, Fri & Sat 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

HOLTON BRANCH

8776 Holton–Duck Lake Road, Holton
231-821-0268
Mon, Tue & Wed 10:30 am – 7:00 pm
Fri 10:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

MONTAGUE BRANCH

8778 Ferry Street, Montague
231-893-2675
Mon, Tue & Wed 9:30 am – 7:00 pm
Fri 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BRANCH

2808 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights
231-739-6075
Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Wed 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sat 10:00 – 3:00 pm

MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

1765 Ada Avenue, Muskegon
231-760-4329
Mon, Tue & Wed 10:30 am – 7:00 pm
Fri 10:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH

"Walker Memorial"
1522 Ruddiman Drive, North Muskegon
231-744-6080
Mon, Tue, & Wed 9:30 am – 8:00 pm
Thu, Fri & Sat 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

NORTON SHORES BRANCH

"Jacob O. Funkhouser"
705 Seminole Road, Norton Shores
231-780-8844
Mon, Tue & Wed 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Thu, Fri & Sat 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

RAVENNA BRANCH

12278 Stafford Street, Ravenna
231-853-6975
Mon, Tue & Wed 9:30 am – 7:00 pm
Fri 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Muskegon Area District Library Board of Directors

The Muskegon Area District Library holds regular meetings at 4:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at various branch locations. Visit madl.org to see the meeting schedule and Board members.

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Want to know what is going on at the Library?
Sign up for MADL's e-Newsletter at madl.org.



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