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 access 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.

Thank You!
Muskogon 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

Muskogon’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 visual and book collection, and accessible space and equipment for the physically handicapped.

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*Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped*

*Serving 10 community branches in Muskegon County*

Celebrate Black History Month with MADL!

Look for this icon identifying BHM events.

JOIN THE MUSEUMS

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.

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CHILDREN’S 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  
Ravenna Branch  
January 9
4:00 pm

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  
Sunday, 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

Egletson Branch  

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
4:30 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
4:30 – 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

Egletson Branch  
Little 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 4 – 5, 6 – 8, 9 – 10, and 11 – 12. 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

Egletson 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
3:00 – 5:00 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 231-788-6474 to register.

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

—Rita Mae Brown
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
Register at 231-628-4188.

Thursday, April 27
4:00 pm
Dalton Branch
Call 231-628-4188 to register.

Tuesday, May 2
4:30 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Call 231-739-6075 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
Montague Branch
Call 231-893-2675 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.

Tuesdays, Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 22
4:00 – 5:00 pm
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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.

Saturday, 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.

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.

Montague Branch
The second Saturday of the month
Jan 19, 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 second Saturday of the month
Jan 19, 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

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

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 and 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
Norton Shores Branch: 10:30 – 11:15 am BABY TIME
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 Muskogon Branch Do you like anime, manga, cosplay, and/or Japanese culture? Join us every 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
Muskogon 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 Mini-Con: 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 for 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 Muskogon 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
Muskogon 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
Muskogon 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 1:00 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 Muskogon Branch This information-packed 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
Muskogon 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: Regina Bell Robinson Tuesday, February 14 6:30 pm
North Muskogon Branch Enjoy Chicago’s award-winning ragtime pianist, recording artist and educator. ReginaBell has elevated the art of ragtime with his one-of-a-kind, pianism.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club: Regina Bell 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 Tuesday, February 28 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
North Muskogon 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.

Movie Night—Page 1 Saturday, February 25 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Muskogon 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 21 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 Branch 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 propietor of the Wyandot Hotel Barbershop in the early 1900’s. 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 follow.

Fix It Night 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.

Girls Night In: Movie Night Wednesday, February 22 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Page to Screen Classics Wednesday, March 15 1:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch Create A Canvas Studio. This is a class designed for people of all skill levels. Creating your piece will take approximately two hours. A $5 prepay fee is required to register and must be paid at the North Muskogon branch. Class size limited to 18 registrants, ages 14+.

Architecture 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 parachute 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.

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MADL Thursday Night Music Club: Even Ground Thursday, March 16 7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch One of the 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, the origins of libraries; how they began, how they evolved, and the future of libraries. Presented by Patrick McTigue, retired educator and life-time librarian. Call 231-821-0268 to register.
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 adults.
Baby’s Night In “Movie Night” Wednesday, April 19 6:00 – 8:00 pm
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 documents. Presented by Kathy Jantzen of Kent Record Management. Call 231-788-6477 to register.
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. Cash size limited to 18 registrants, ages 14+.
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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.

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“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.

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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.

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