What’s Your E™

As library users we are able to take advantage of the many benefits that libraries have to offer, and we support and promote our libraries. A quick review of this newsletter highlights a few of the many ways libraries provide more essential services than ever before.

With so much happening in libraries, why do some people believe libraries are obsolete? The American Library Association (ALA) has identified two major hurdles libraries face in connection with public perception: the past perception hurdle and the lack of dominant activity hurdle.

The past perception hurdle: Many people view libraries based on their past perceptions— they view libraries as a good place to go to borrow books, but believe they are now largely outdated. Others believe that libraries are primarily about providing information, but think that any information you need can now be found online.

The lack of dominant activity hurdle: Libraries do many great things, but they do not have one dominant specific function. This can make it difficult to articulate both the advantages of a strong library system and how valuable the support of individuals and communities is to those systems.

The ALA has created two programs as options for addressing the “reality-perception” gap that exists today. They offer a framework that we can use to talk about what our libraries offer. The E’s of Libraries® - Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship, Empowerment and Engagement (and many others - make your own), offers a format to discuss important ways the library provides benefits to both individuals and communities. What’s your E™ helps library supporters focus on several specific functions that the library serves. Do you benefit from early childhood learning programs or use the library’s books and/or computers for home schooling or research? Do you access tax information or resources on starting a business? Do you use library resources to prepare your resume or volunteer at the library to gain experience? Do you make use of the variety of community events presented for our entertainment and edification?

When you think about it, there are many ways our libraries benefit us as individuals and communities. The Friends of the Norton Shores Library invite you to think about your “E”, and how you can use The E’s of Libraries® to enhance your library experience and address the library reality-perception gap wherever it exists.

More information can be found at: http://www.ala.org/united/advocacy/es-of-libraries

Janet Giberson, Acting Secretary
Friends of the Norton Shores Library

SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 15, 2020
For the Friends of the Norton Shores Library Annual Meeting. Invitations to follow.

The Bookmark
News, Programs and Events brought to you by the
Friends of the Norton Shores Library

WINTER 2020

The big semi-annual sale offers a wonderful selection of used books, both hardcover and paperback. Prices range from $.25 - $3.00. Current Friends members can shop at the pre-sale on Thursday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m.; memberships are taken at the door. The box sale begins at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 2.

THURSDAY: 2:00-4:30pm (Friends Only Pre-Sale)
FRIDAY: 9:00am-5:00pm
SATURDAY: 9:00am-3:30pm

Don’t Miss The BIG SPRING BOOK SALE APRIL 30-MAY 2

Norton Shores Branch Hours:
M • T • W: 9:00am-8:00pm
Th • F • S: 9:00am-5:00pm
Sundays: 1-5:00pm
(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Don’t Miss “Before the Blues” with the Rev Robert B. Jones! (Details Inside)
**Adult Programming at the Library**

**Essential Oils 101**  
Saturday, January 18 at 2:00 p.m.  
Discover essential oil basics, fun facts, why quality matters and how to safely use them to enhance your home, wellness, beauty, and balance. Brittany Sweezer of Clever Care Essentials will also teach you how to make a synergy blend to take home. **RR**

**The Winningest High School Football Team in Michigan**  
Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
Local historian Ron Pesch, co-author of *100 Years of Muskegon Big Red Football*, shares the storied history of Muskegon High School’s Big Reds football program along with the team’s modern-day accomplishments. **No registration required.**

**From Immigrant to Citizen:**  
Naturalization Records On Ancestry  
Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Discover how your ancestors became citizens of the United States, the kinds of records they generated when they did so, what information those records contain, and where you can search them on Ancestry and beyond. **RR**

**ART Speaks: Poet Elizabeth Kerlikowske and Artist Mary Hatch**  
Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.  
Join us for a lively conversation and poetry reading featuring artist Mary Hatch and poet Elizabeth Kerlikowske as they explore the artistic relationships between visual and verse. Copies of their book will be available for purchase. **No registration required.**

**Lakeshore Camera Club Spring Photography Show and Competition**  
Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
The Norton Shores Branch Library is pleased to host the Lakeshore Camera Club of Muskegon’s Spring Show and Competition. Discover local photographic talent, meet the photographers and vote for your favorite to win. There will be refreshments to enjoy, a photo booth, prints to purchase and more! **This event is free and open to the public.**

**WWII IN THEIR OWN WORDS:**  
**SURVIVING THE SINKING OF THE USS INDIANAPOLIS**  
2020 will be the 75th anniversary of the July 1945 sinking of the USS Indianapolis, which resulted in the US Navy’s greatest loss of life at sea from a single ship. WWII historian Larry Martin will present a filmed interview with USS Indianapolis survivor Dick Thelan, with Q & A afterwards. WWII memorabilia will be available to view as well. **No registration required.**

**Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 P.M.**
Whether you’re trying to write a letter, balance a bank account, or create an engaging flyer, Microsoft has a variety of programs that can help you accomplish your goals. Join us for an introduction in Microsoft Word where you’ll learn how to format your own letter; Microsoft Excel where you’ll learn how to organize information in a spreadsheet; and Microsoft Publisher where you will learn how to make some great promotional material.

**Microsoft Word**
Monday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m.

**Microsoft Excel**
Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m.

**Microsoft Publisher**
Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m.

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### Children’s Programs

**Baby Time**
(Infants ages 0-18 months)
1st & 3rd Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
Starting January 3
Aimed exclusively at infants and their caregivers, Baby Time introduces babies to music, rhythm, and rhyme – vital pre-lingual and pre-literacy skills.
No registration required.

**Storytimes**

- **Toddler Storytime**
  (Recommended for ages 2-3)
  Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Starting January 14
- **Preschool Storytime**
  (Recommended for ages 3-5)
  Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Starting January 15
Miss Gillian will share stories, music, and fun with our Storytime families.
No registration required.

**Pajama Night Storytime**
(Ages 0-5)
Last Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
January 27, February 24, March 30, April 27
Join Ms. Gillian for stories, dancing, crafts, songs, and fun.
Feel free to attend in your PJs.
No registration required.

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### MADL TECH Talks

A series of tech programs offered by MADL IT staff, designed to help beginners get started in using a variety of electronic devices and apps.

**Get to Know Your Device**
Receive a new Android or Apple device over the holidays? This basic introduction will help you get started with your phone or tablet. RR

- **Apple Devices**
  Tuesday, January 21 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Android Devices**
  Tuesday, January 21 at 5:00 p.m.

**Computer Basics**
Getting started with a computer can be intimidating, but don’t be afraid. We’re here to help. Discover the basics of using your computer in three classes where you’ll learn how to use the Keyboard and Mouse, how to navigate the Internet and Email, and how to Start Social Media. (Participants must have an email account and know their email address and password). RR

- **Keyboard & Mouse Basics**
  Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Internet & Email**
  Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Starting Social Media**
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I Survived!
Disasters & How to Be Prepared
(Ages 5 to 14) Wednesday, January 22 at 4:00 p.m.
Disasters come in all shapes and sizes – would you be prepared? Come test your skills based on disasters from the popular I Survived! book series and learn how to be ready when disaster strikes. No registration required.

Lego Club: REALLY Mini Golf
(Ages 5 to 14) Wednesday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m.
We need to build a course for marble-sized golf – come build a mini golf hole and play a round or two. No registration required.

Bow WOW Readers
(Ages 5 and up)
3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
March 17, April 21, May 19
Bow WOW Readers is a once-a-month read-aloud program that pairs kids ages 5 and up with trained therapy dogs and handlers from the Muskegon Lakeshore Obedience Training Club who love to hear a good story. These dogs are great listeners! RR

Happy Pi Day!
(Ages 6 to 14) Wednesday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m.
What do pie and pi have in common? Come play math games & enjoy pastry treats. RR

Artemis Fowl’s Mastermind Academy
(Ages 9 to 16)
Wednesday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m.
Do you have what it takes to be a mastermind? Train at Artemis Fowl’s Mastermind Academy and prepare for the movie coming out in May. No registration required.

Bike Rodeo
(Ages 5 to 18)
Wednesday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m.
It’s Bike Month – time to review some bike safety with experts and show off your wheels. No registration required.

Butterfly Celebration
(Ages 5 to 18)
Wednesday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m.
Butterflies are amazing pollinators but their numbers are dropping. Learn about local butterflies, native plants they love, and how to help save the butterflies. RR

Interactive Movie: The Wizard of Oz
Tuesday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m.
An interactive screening of the classic movie. You can take part in the action with props, sound effects, and a whole lot of fun or just sit back and enjoy the movie. No registration required.

Weird Snow Globes
Tuesday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m.
Make the perfect snowy scene with a twist, like purple snow or a zombie under a tree. Not interested in scenes? Just make a calming glitter jar. We have the supplies, but if you want a special jar or object bring your own – must be waterproof. RR

Anime & Manga Cafe
Tuesday, March 17 at 4:00 p.m.
First come, first choice of anime options – and first choice of snacks. Come see our newest manga and make suggestions. RR

Special Spring Break Time!
The Great Oreo Taste-Off
Tuesday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m.
What’s MADL’s favorite Oreo? Let’s find out. Try a variety of Oreos and cast your vote. RR

MadLibs Poetry Slam
Tuesday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m.
Poetry is great and all, but have you ever tried to make poetry with half the words missing? Help us fill in the gaps with something zanier. No registration required.

Hit the Trail Mix
Tuesday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m.
Getting ready for hiking and camping season? Stop in to mix a custom trail mix for your trip. No peanuts, but may not be allergen-free. RR

Guitar 101
Ages 13 and up!
2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM
MARCH 11 & 25, APRIL 8 & 22, MAY 13 & 27
Learn the basics of guitar with local musician Nathan Wolff who will be leading a group guitar class in the Community Room. Attendees must bring their own guitar to participate. Space is limited. RR
MAD(L) Crafters
MAKE IT @ MADL!

A makerspace is a learning environment rich with possibilities. Making is about getting hands-on and learning new skills. Join the MAD(L) CRAFTERS, a once-a-month Wednesday night craft club for adults where crafter extraordinaire Jamie Jewell provides the expertise and the Library provides the supplies to make something amazing.

RR Registration required by stopping at the Library, calling 231-780-8844 or emailing apurgiel@madl.org.

Book Page Heart Canvas
Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Recycled book pages make a perfect backdrop to dimensional paper hearts to become a booklover’s canvas. RR

Leather & Bead Bracelet
Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Learn the single sliding knot closure to make this lovely beaded bracelet on leather cording. RR

Boho Beaded Wall Hanging
Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Join the wood bead home décor trend by creating this unique wall hanging complete with faux greenery. RR

BYO T-Shirt Decorating
Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Design unique abstract patterns on your own light, solid color knit t-shirt or scarf by diffusing ink with alcohol. RR

Norton Shores Book Discussion Group

Do you like to read and talk about books? On the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 am, community book lovers meet at the Library to discuss the book selection for that month. Newcomers always welcome! Copies available at the Library while supplies last. No registration required.

January 9
The Library Book by Susan Orlean
A thrilling journey through the stacks that reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books. Note: Meets on 2nd Thursday this month.

February 6
The Good Lord Bird by James McBride
Fleeing his violent master at the side of abolitionist John Brown, Henry pretends to be a girl to hide his identity throughout the raid on Harpers Ferry in 1859.

March 5
All We Ever Wanted by Emily Giffin
Nina Browning is living the good life with a son bound for Princeton. Thomas Talone is a single dad whose daughter attends Nashville’s most prestigious private high school on a scholarship. Then one devastating photo changes everything.

April 2
What the Eyes Don’t See by Mona Hanna-Attisha
From the heroic pediatrician who rallied a community and brought the fight for justice to national attention comes a powerful firsthand account of the Flint water crisis. The Great Michigan Read is one title, one state, and thousands engaged in literary discussion.

May 7
The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern
Zachary is a graduate student in Vermont when he discovers a rare book hidden in the stacks. As he turns the pages he reads something strange: a story from his own childhood.

Great Michigan Read 2019-20

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APRIL AUTHOR EVENT WITH DR. MONA!

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COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY!
It’s National Library Week and our chance to celebrate our library users! Join us for treats, giveaways and crafts in all branches throughout the day. This party is all about you!
Join the Norton Shores Golden Agers in the Library’s Community Room for Fun & Fellowship!

**MONDAYS:**
12:30pm to 4:30pm – Bridge

**TUESDAYS:**
10:30am to 3:00pm – Bridge
12:30pm to 4:00pm – Cribbage
12:30pm to 4:00pm – Tripoli

**THURSDAYS:**
9:00am to Noon – Bingo
12:30pm to 4:00pm – Cribbage

**FRIDAYS:**
12:30pm to 4:30pm – Bridge

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**Visit the Library... (It’s more than just books!)**

Programs made possible by the Friends of the Norton Shores Library, the Almeda Boulton Memorial Fund and the William L. Vanderwerp Fund of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County and the Muskegon Area District Library. When required, registration for library programs will start one month before the actual program date.

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**Dues are due in January!**

**Membership Update**

We are always happy to increase our membership and would be delighted for you to become a Friend. Please fill out this coupon to join or to keep your membership active. Just drop it off at the Library service desk or mail it. **Annual dues are payable in January.** Your membership dues allow the Friends to sponsor additional youth and adult programming as well as provide items that make your Library a more comfortable and special place to be.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name:______________________________________________________
Address:____________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________
Phone: (_____) _____________________________________________
E-Mail:______________________________________________________

Submit this form and your tax-deductible membership dues and/or general contribution to Library staff or mail to:

NSL Friends Treasurer
705 Seminole Road
Norton Shores MI 49441

**Annual Membership Dues (Due in January)**

☐ Individual Member: $10  ☐ Senior Citizen (62+) or Student: $5  ☐ Family Membership: $25

**General Contribution Categories:**

☐ Book Lover: $50  ☐ Book Worm: $100
☐ Book Collector: $150  ☐ LEGACY MEMBERSHIP: $500 & up*

**I Would Like to Volunteer! (Check all that apply)**

☑ Book sale set up and take down  ☐ Working the book sale  ☐ Special Projects
☐ Refreshments  ☐ Programs  ☐ Working with the youth programs

**Date of Payment:** __________________________  **Type of Payment:**

☐ Cash  ☐ Check (# __________)

**Amount Enclosed: $__________**

Make check payable to: **Friends of Norton Shores Library**

* LEGACY DONORS, please make check payable to Muskegon Community Foundation with **“Friends of the Norton Shores Library”** in the memo area.

**New Member**  ☐ **Existing Member**

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• Select the Friends of the Norton Shores Library as the charitable organization. AmazonSmile will remember your selection.
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“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.”

- Sidney Sheldon

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