Another beautiful, Michigan summer has come and gone. Personally, it marked my return to the Great Lakes State after five years away. It’s good to be home! In my first few days as Director of the Muskegon Area District Library, I drove across the county, visiting all of MADL’s branch locations. I continue to be astounded by how beautiful and diverse this region is. From the fields and farms of Ravenna to the beach front of Montague, the Library provides services and access to resources as diverse as the people who call Muskegon home.

It’s been a pleasure meeting members of this community—hearing their stories of Muskegon’s past as well as their visions of its future. This sense of place and community is special—it’s what brought me here. I look forward to serving this community and, together with MADL’s talented staff, to helping it grow, achieve, and remain an informed and extraordinary place to live and work.

This fall, MADL is excited to engage with the National Endowment of the Arts, (NEA) in a month-long community-wide reading initiative focused on coming together through reading the same book. We have partnered with NEA Big/ Little Read Lakeshore to build a future where reading matters and where we hope to bring us together through a shared literary experience.

My staff and I encourage you and your children, parents, grandparents, co-workers, and friends to read and discuss the selected books, and talk, together, about that experience; what about that experience felt similar; what was different? We want readers to listen to and learn from each other as we explore these books, but just as important, from ourselves and our personal experiences.

Literature is an incredibly powerful tool that helps us not only understand ourselves, why we feel, think, and do the things we do, but also understand our neighbors, those living next door or across the globe. Maybe there has never been a more important time to read, together, as a community.
MADL is excited to partner with Hope College and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Lakeshore Big Read/Little Read. We are planning a two-month, community-wide reading program focused on the experience of coming together around the reading of one book. Through partnerships with libraries, schools, non-profit organizations, and businesses, NEA Big/Little Read fosters a culture where reading matters, and MADL is excited to bring this regional partnership to Muskegon.

As part of the NEA Big Read Lakeshore, a book has been chosen for children, teens, and adults. This year’s adult selection is Madeline Miller’s *Circe*, a retelling of the Odyssey as told from the perspective of the witch, Circe. The Little Read choice, Matt de la Pena’s *Last Stop on Market Street*, won the 2016 Newberry Medal and follows a young boy on the city bus with his grandma as he learns what everyday heroes do in everyday situations. The Middle Read selection is *Superman*, also by Matt de la Pena.

During October and November, MADL will host various programs at all 10 branches that highlight these reads and includes a special Book Club in a Bag for book clubs. We will also hold six book discussions at various branches, and author visits! Together with local partners, we will bring fun and engaging activities and programs around the books to encourage everyone to participate. The NEA Read for the Lakeshore includes libraries in Ottawa, Allegan, and Muskegon counties. A full schedule of various programs is offered for adults, teens and kids centered around the READ theme. Details can be found at madl.org/BIG-READ.

**AUTHOR VISITS**

**Matt De La Pena**  
**Thursday, November 10, 7:00 pm**  
Frauenthal Center, Muskegon  
Courtesy of Community Foundation for Muskegon County

**Madeline Miller**  
**November 14, 7:00 pm**  
Holland (in person) or live stream at the Norton Shores, Montague, Holton, or North Muskegon branches
We have expanded our service area with another library branch. Located in the Reeths-Puffer Administration building, you can visit Laketon Township Branch on Wednesdays from 11 am–7 pm or Thursdays from 10 am–6 pm.

The Muskegon Area District Library has joined the world of podcasts! You can now find new episodes of MADL’s Official Podcast, Believe in Your Shelf, every other Monday. Youth Librarian, Jennifer Spangler, hosts episodes with topics that range from reading recommendations, to spots in the Muskegon area to visit, to travel tips from your favorite librarians. Don’t forget to subscribe wherever you listen to podcasts so you won’t miss an episode.

New branch opens in Laketon Township

New Outreach Van

We’re on the road bringing library services to more communities with program transport and home delivery services.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS
Families welcome!

Grow a Little Reader
Saturdays, September 3–24
11:00 am–12:00 pm
Holton Branch
Grow a Little Reader is a program geared towards families with children ages 0–3. Families get to learn different ways to be their child’s first teacher through playing, singing, dancing, and learning with dinosaur themed activities. To register call 231-747-7273.

Family Movie Afternoon
First Monday of the Month
September 6: Encanto
(Tuesday due to Labor Day)
October 3: Thor
November 7: Lego Justice League, Gotham City Breakout
December 5: Rise of the Guardians
1:00 pm
Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled Branch
Sit back and enjoy a movie at the LVPD. Light refreshments provided.

Sewing for Beginners
Tuesdays, September 6–December 13
(No classes during branch remodel)
3:00–4:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Do you want to learn how to sew? We will teach you how to hand sew, machine sew and how to begin using patterns to make projects that interest you. All ages welcome.

Snacktivity
Wednesdays, September 7–December 21
3:00–6:00 pm
Montague Branch
Meet at the library for games, crafts, Lego and more every Wednesday. Snacks will be provided at this fun activity. Drop in anytime!

Movie Time
Wednesdays, September 7–December 14
(No movies during branch remodel)
3:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Enjoy a family friendly movie, popcorn, and drinks.

Bow Wow Readers
Bow Wow Readers is a once-a-month read-aloud program that pairs readers with a trained therapy dog and handler from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs International for reading or some quality time. Ages 6 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Egelston Branch
Tuesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 22, Dec. 20
5:30 pm
Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled Branch
Second Wednesday of the Month
Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14
5:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Mondays,
5:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
To celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month, we will learn about some famous artists and create some art of our own. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Family Fun Night: Retro Night
Monday, September 12
6:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Stroll back to the 1950s for the library’s Sock Hop. Don't be a square, Daddy-O. Come groove on this new record set and hang with other hepcats for a crazy evening of fun, ’50s music, and games. 1950s attire is highly encouraged but not required. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Fingerprint Art: Pirates
Monday, September 19
4:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Do you want to make a pirate masterpiece? So do we…with fingerprints! Ages 5–18.

Mardin Carroll
Collage Crafts
Fourth Wednesday of the month
September 28, October 26,
November 23
5:00 pm
Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled Branch
Make a collage project with Sax. Materials will be provided. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Dinosaur Escape Box
Tuesdays in October
Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25
4:00 pm and 5:00 pm
Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled Branch
Paleontologist Doug Tinct has been kidnapped and an evil organization is coming to steal his research. Can you search his office for clues and find his discovery before they arrive? Try our Dinosaur Escape Box to find out! Ages 7 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

1, 2, 3, Play with Me
Fridays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4
10:00 am–11:45 am
Egelston Branch
This is a five-week workshop program for toddlers and their parents/caregivers. It’s a fun, informal, play-based program that provides a rich environment of toys, books and art activities. Families have the opportunity to spend time together, make new friends, and talk one-on-one with different community resource professionals each week. The professionals will be available to answer questions, provide insight, and build awareness of services available in the community (at no cost). Weekly workshop topics include Early Literacy, Speech and Language, Child Development, Nutrition, and Music & Movement. Families are asked to commit to all five weeks. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Catch the Bus with MADL:
Join us for a short ride around the community on a MATS bus. Librarians will read Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena (Little Read Lakeshore) before we board the bus. Come back to the library to do a fun activity afterwards. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.
Friday, October 14
11:00 am
Dalton Branch
Tuesday, October 18
11:00 am
Montague Branch
Wednesday, October 19
4:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Friday, October 21
11:00 am
North Muskegon Branch

Fingerprint Art: Spooky
Monday, October 17
4:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Let’s make some spooky art with fingerprints! Ages 5-18.

Pumpkin Painting
Monday, October 17
5:30 pm
Egelston Branch
Make a truly spooky pumpkin. How spooky? So spooky it lets off an eerie glow! Ages 4 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Gem Spider Craft
Saturday, October 22
11:00 am
North Muskegon Branch
Create beautiful, creepy, crawly creatures just in time to add to your Halloween decorations. Registration required on madl.org calendar.

Family Fun Night: Halloween Party
Saturday, October 29
11:00 am–12:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Join us for some spooky, silly fun with crafts, games, pumpkin carving or painting, apple cider, and donuts. Costumes encouraged. Registration required on madl.org calendar.

Movie Night: Lego DC Gotham City Breakout
Batman goes on vacation and chaos erupts in Gotham. Some snacks provided. Ages 3 and up. Parents must remain with their children for the entirety of the movie.
Holton Branch
Wednesday, October 5
2:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Tuesday, October 11
4:00 pm
Montague Branch
Thursday, October 20
2:00 pm
LVPD
Monday, November 7
1:00 pm

Need help registering on the madl.org calendar? Visit or call your local branch and we will help!
**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

*Families welcome!*

**Spikey Dinosaur Succulent Planter**  
Wednesday, November 16  
6:00 pm  
**Ravenna Branch**  
Create a fun and unique planter for yourself or gift it to a loved one this holiday season. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Dinosaur Tea Party**  
Saturday, November 19  
11:00 am  
**Egelston Branch**  
Come for a rawr-in good time! Ages 2 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Fingerprint Art: Fall Leaves**  
Monday, November 21  
4:00 pm  
**Muskegon Heights Branch**  
Join us to make a fall leaf thankful card using your fingerprints. Ages 5–18.

**Dino-vember**  
Monday, November 28  
6:00 pm  
**Norton Shores Branch**  
November is Dino-vember. Each November, the dinosaurs come out to play, make messes, and have a good time. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Family Fun Night: Gingerbread Houses**  
Monday, December 5  
6:00 pm  
**North Muskegon Branch**  
Build and decorate your own ‘gingerbread’ house with graham crackers, frosting, and candy. We provide the supplies, you supply the creativity. Dress for a mess. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Christmas in Holton**  
Wednesday, December 7  
6:00 pm  
**Holton Branch**  
Start the holidays off right with a visit to downtown Holton for this fun, family event. Come to the library to meet Santa, do a craft and enjoy treats. Also, join the community in a tree lighting and singing in the park across from the library.

**Holiday Gem Bracelet**  
Saturday, December 10  
11:00 am  
**North Muskegon Branch**  
Create a beautiful gem bracelet using colorful beads and bendable wire. This is perfect for yourself or as a gift for someone you love. Ages 8 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Storytime**

**Tiny Tots**  
A special storytime 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 3-year-old toddlers and their caregivers, Toddler Time includes books, fingerplays, music, crafts, movement, pre-reading games, and more.

**Preschool Storytime**  
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.

**Family Time**  
Designed to reach children ages birth through elementary, Family Time includes elements of Preschool Storytime, Toddler Time, and Tiny Tots.

**Sensory Storytime**  
An interactive, inclusive storytime geared towards children with special needs, such as autism spectrum disorders, sensory processing challenges, or short attention spans. Certified behavioral specialists from the Healthcare Autism Program will assist. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Watch for special Oral Health Storytimes at your branch in partnership with Muskegon Oral Health Coalition in October.**

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**September 12–December 10**

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**Mondays**  
**Egelston Branch:** 9:45–10:15 am Tiny Tots  
**Ravenna Branch:** 10:00–10:45 am Family  
**Muskegon Heights Branch:** 11:30 am–12:00 pm Tiny Tots

**Tuesdays**  
**Dalton Branch:** 9:15–10:00 am Family  
**Muskegon Township Branch:** 10:00–10:45 am Family  
**Norton Shores Branch:** 10:30–11:15 am Toddler  
**Montague Branch:** 11:00–11:45 am Family

**Wednesdays**  
**Holton Branch:** 11:15 am–12:00 pm Family  
**Norton Shores Branch:** 11:30 am–12:15 pm Preschool

**Fridays**  
**North Muskegon Branch:** 9:30–10:15 am Toddler  
**North Muskegon Branch:** 11:00 am–11:45 pm Preschool

**Sensory Storytime**  
**Norton Shores Branch:** 9:30 am  
First Wednesday of the Month  
September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7
**Family Fun Night: Gingerbread Houses**
Monday, December 12
6:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Build and decorate your own ‘gingerbread’ house with graham crackers, frosting, and candy. We provide the supplies, you supply the creativity. Dress for a mess. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Fingerprint Art: Winter Scene**
Monday, December 19
4:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Make a winter (or holiday) scene with fingerprints. Ages 5–18.

**Myth Crushers: The Science of Super Powers**
Talk about what superpowers could be real, plausible, or busted. Kids will be able to use science to test theories on how these powers work. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Norton Shores Branch**
Monday, October 3
6:00 pm
Egelston Branch
Tuesday, October 4
6:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Thursday, October 6
4:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Wednesday, October 12
4:00 pm
Montague Branch
Thursday, October 13
4:30 pm
Holton Branch
Tuesday, October 18
6:00 pm
LVPD
Wednesday, October 19
6:00 pm
Dalton Branch
Monday, October 24
6:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
Wednesday, October 26
6:00 pm

**Reindeer Visit**
Wednesday, December 21
3:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Bring the whole family to see live reindeer outside, make reindeer crafts, and visit Santa inside the library. Santa will arrive at 4:00 pm. Fun for all ages.

**Lego Day Winter Break Lego Challenge**
Take the Lego Challenge—building competitions, create new Lego Mini designs, and more! All ages welcome.

**Holton Branch**
Wednesday, December 28
1:00–4:00 pm
Montague Branch
Wednesday, December 28
3:00–6:00 pm

**Happy Noon Year**
Thursday, December 29
11:30 am
Norton Shores Branch
We’re giving kids an exciting way to ring in the new year with a countdown, noisemakers, crafts, and fun—at an hour that won’t keep them up way past their bedtimes. Come join the fun. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Santa Claus**
Santa is in town! Join us for a story, crafts, and a visit with Santa. Be sure to bring your cameras for this great photo opportunity.

**Ravenna Branch**
Saturday, December 3
11:00 am
Dalton Branch
Monday, December 5
5:00 pm
Holton Branch
Wednesday, December 7
6:00 pm
LVPD
Wednesday, December 14
5:00 pm
Montague Branch
Thursday, December 15
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Saturday, December 17
11:00 am
Norton Shores Branch
Wednesday, December 21
4:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
Thursday, December 22
6:00 pm
**TEEN PROGRAMS**

_Ages 11–18_

**Video Game Hang Out**

Thursdays, September 1–December 15
(No programs during branch remodel)
3:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Play the Nintendo Switch on the big screen and enjoy snacks and drinks.

**Lego Days**

First Wednesday of the month
September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7
4:00–6:00 pm

**Dalton Branch**

Build some awesome structures and challenge your friends and family. Ages 10 and under. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Cosplay Corner**

Second Wednesday of the month
September 14, November 9, December 14
(No program during branch remodel)
4:00-6:00 pm

**Ravenna Branch**

Learn how to modify patterns and use them to sew cosplay costumes of your choice.

**Crayola Calligraphy**

Wednesday, September 14
4:00 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**

Join Heather Love as she teaches calligraphy basics to help you turn your handwriting into art using everyday art supplies. Materials will be provided, and you get to take them home to keep practicing. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Fingerprint Art**

Third Monday of the month
September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19
4:00 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Do you want to make an artistic masterpiece? So do we…just with fingerprints! Join us for this series of fingerprint art with a different focus each month.

**Wreck It: Franken-Toy**

Wednesday, October 19
4:00 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**

Be prepared to release your inner Dr. Frankenstein as you take apart old toys and put them back together in new, interesting ways. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Drawing Superheroes with Corinne Roberts**

Use basic shapes and simple line techniques to create superheroes. No prior drawing experience is needed. All you need is paper, a pencil, and an eraser. Registration required on the madl.org/calendar.

**DIY Glass Magnets**

Saturday, December 10
11:00 am

**Dalton Branch**

DIY stocking stuffer. Easy and personalized gift for everyone on your list, including yourself. Materials provided. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Warm Drink Koozie Craft**

Wednesday, December 14
4:00 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**

Using fabric, hot glue, buttons, and a little creativity you can create your own warm drink koozie. Come ready to craft and test your creation with some hot chocolate and marshmallows. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**YA Book Club**

Third Thursday of the month
September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15
3:30 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

What’s better than reading some really super freakin’ amazing books? Talking about these books with some really super freakin’ amazing fellow book nerds. Come together to discuss some of the most interesting YA books being published. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Sequin Christmas Tree**

Monday, December 5
5:30 pm

**Egelston Branch**

Make a shiny Christmas tree sure to dazzle everyone! Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

**Project Lego**

Second Tuesday of the month
September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13
4:00 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Watch a family friendly movie every second Thursday of the month. Snacks provided.

**Afternoon Movie**

Second Thursday of the month
September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8
5:00 pm

**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Join us as we build with Lego. Choose between building the theme for the night, or free build anything you imagine.

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Saturday, December 10
11:00 am

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**Calling all Writers: NaNoWriMo**

Thursdays in November (except November 24)
4:00 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Muskegon Prescribes Food for Health
Tuesdays, August 30–November 15
1:00–3:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Learn to eat healthier at this 12-week cooking and nutrition program offered in partnership with Community enCompass and the YMCA. Learn nutrition facts and cooking skills in this hands-on class, as well as participate in light physical exercise like yoga and meditation. To register, email britany@communityencompass.org or call the library at 231.739.6075. Class size is limited to 10 participants.

Craft Clutch
Fridays, September 2–December 30
1:00–3:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
Bring your own craft and supplies and chat with other crafters while working on your next project. Any table top craft is welcome. Curious are welcome.

Evening Craft Clutch
First and third Wednesday of the Month
September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16, December 7 & 21
5:00–7:00 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
For those who work or just can’t make our Friday afternoon Craft Clutch. Bring your own craft and supplies and chat with other crafters while working on your next project. Any table top craft is welcome. Curious are welcome.

Greek Culture and Cuisine
Wednesday, September 7
6:00 pm
Egleston Branch
The Muskegon Community College Center for Experiential Learning, along with MCC Professor George Maniates, will discuss the life and times of the “Homeric Greeks.” The presentation will center on the conflict, myths, politics, and the religious lives of the people found in the Iliad and the Odyssey. Gina Demos and Kristi Karis of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church will discuss the “ambrosia” of Greek culture. They will highlight the beautiful sweet delicacies of Greek cultural traditions from the past to the present. Tasty samples will be available.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Selkie
Thursday, September 8
7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Selkie was born out of three multi-instrumentalists’ love for the Celtic tradition and each other. Whether playing high intensity jigs and reels or poignant airs and songs, they perform with a soul and fluidity that draws you in.

Mindfulness and Meditation Mondays
Mondays, September 12, October 3, November 7, and December 5
9:30 am
Norton Shores Branch
Come join our friends from Muskegon Yoga at these free classes that encourage time to practice quieting and stilling the body and mind, giving you the opportunity to rest and restore. This class is appropriate for all levels and designed to help you begin or maintain your own personal home meditation practice. Please bring a yoga mat. Space is limited to 25 participants. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Craft Clutch
Mondays, September 12–December 19 (no meeting on October 10)
2:00 pm
Holton Branch
Bring your own craft supplies and chat with other crafters while working on your next project. All crafts, skill levels, and newcomers welcome.

Trivia Night
Second Tuesday of the month
September 13, October 11, December 13
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Are you a Wise Guy? A Smarty Pants? Go head-to-head against others and prove it. Come out, test your knowledge and exercise your mind! Open to anyone 16+. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Plant an Indoor Succulent Arrangement
Wednesday, September 14
6:00 pm
Ravenna Branch
Arrange your own personal succulent planter while learning a few tips and tricks to help your plants thrive and stay alive. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Knitting with Tina—Simple Shawl
Thursday, September 15
5:00 pm
Montague Branch
Join Tina Ramthun for a beginner knitting course and learn to make a simple shawl. Some supplies will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own needles and yarn. Suggested Yarns and Needle Sizes: Fingering weight (1 skein, US sz5 or sz6), Aran weight (2 skeins, US sz8 or sz9), Worsted weight (2 skeins, US sz8). Ages 15 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.
ADULT PROGRAMS
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Storytime for Grown Ups
Third Tuesday of the month
September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20
6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Grown-ups need storytime too! Join Karen once a month for readings of short stories that are probably guaranteed to make you laugh, or cry, or feel some kind of emotion. We’ll even throw in some hot chocolate. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Pysche’s Garden: Myth and Mystery
Thursdays, September 22–November 17
1:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Join Dr. Trish Kochka in exploring the flowering of myths and stories in human imagination throughout time. Learn what they can teach us about ourselves and our world. Discussion topics include the roles of myth in human development; how environment, time, and culture shape myths; and themes, commonalities, and variations of myths from diverse places. Many marvelous tales will be told and explored. This is a 9-week course, with attendance requested for all 90-minute sessions. Space is limited. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

3D Design and Print
Tuesday, September 27
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Learn the basics of 3D design using TinkerCAD and design your own key chain charm. 3D projects will be printed and available for pickup later in the week. Ages 18 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Adult Canvas
Tuesday, October 4
6:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Join Char as she walks you through how to paint this delightful pumpkin canvas just in time for fall.

Stretch ’N More
Learn a combination of health tips (arthritis and other), relaxation techniques and a majority of stretching exercises. Work at your own pace to increase flexibility and reduce levels of pain and stiffness. This class can be done sitting in a chair or standing. Provided by Agewell Services with funds from the Muskegon County Senior Millage. *Endorsed by the Arthritis Foundation. Call 231-354-2215 to register.

Holton Branch
Tuesdays, October 4–November 22
2:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Thursdays, October 6, 13, & 20
10:00 am
Cruisin’ with MADL: Book and Cheese Tasting
To kick off our series of Big Read events, we invite you to join us aboard the Aquastar as we cruise Muskegon Lake, sample amazing cheese from the Cheese Lady, as MADL librarians give you awesome book recommendations themed around Circe. This event is free, but space is limited. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

AQUASTAR
Wednesday, October 5
5:30 pm boarding. Cruise departs promptly at 6:00pm
560 Mart Street, Downtown Muskegon

The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald
Wednesday, October 12
5:30 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
Hear the story of the Edmund Fitzgerald, a Great Lakes freighter that sank during a storm on Lake Superior, and the crew of 29 men who were lost when the freighter seemingly disappeared on November 10, 1975.

Saturday, September 24
10:00 am–2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch Library
Part II: Engage LIVE with Our Humans
The public is invited to engage live with Muskegon County residents from all walks of life who will share their personal stories of how they have faced stereotypes and prejudice. This is the second part of this unique engaging project, and you can watch the first part—an oral history recording, about each of their special journeys on our website, madl.org/HumansofMuskegon

At this live event, you can “check out” these individuals who will serve as Open Books. Engage with their stories in 20-minute one-on-one and small group conversations. Ask questions. Listen. Walk in someone else’s shoes. Unjudge. Develop a deeper understanding of the world around you. Open yourself to the Open Books. Register for this event at madl.org/calendar. Walk-ins welcome.

Live @ the Library: Boogie Woogie Kid
Tuesday, October 4
6:30 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Join us for the Boogie Woogie Kid, pianist Matthew Ball, for a family friendly music event of toe-tappin’ American Songbook favorites from New Orleans and the Swing Dance Era.

Circus: Myth and Mystery
Thursdays, September 22–November 17
1:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Join Dr. Trish Kochka in exploring the flowering of myths and stories in human imagination throughout time. Learn what they can teach us about ourselves and our world. Discussion topics include the roles of myth in human development; how environment, time, and culture shape myths; and themes, commonalities, and variations of myths from diverse places. Many marvelous tales will be told and explored. This is a 9-week course, with attendance requested for all 90-minute sessions. Space is limited. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

3D Design and Print
Tuesday, September 27
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Learn the basics of 3D design using TinkerCAD and design your own key chain charm. 3D projects will be printed and available for pickup later in the week. Ages 18 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Adult Canvas
Tuesday, October 4
6:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Join Char as she walks you through how to paint this delightful pumpkin canvas just in time for fall.

Adult Stretch ‘N More
Learn a combination of health tips (arthritis and other), relaxation techniques and a majority of stretching exercises. Work at your own pace to increase flexibility and reduce levels of pain and stiffness. This class can be done sitting in a chair or standing. Provided by Agewell Services with funds from the Muskegon County Senior Millage. +Endorsed by the Arthritis Foundation. Call 231-354-2215 to register.

Holton Branch
Tuesdays, October 4–November 22
2:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Thursdays, October 6, 13, & 20
10:00 am
Cruisin’ with MADL: Book and Cheese Tasting
To kick off our series of Big Read events, we invite you to join us aboard the Aquastar as we cruise Muskegon Lake, sample amazing cheese from the Cheese Lady, as MADL librarians give you awesome book recommendations themed around Circe. This event is free, but space is limited. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

AQUASTAR
Wednesday, October 5
5:30 pm boarding. Cruise departs promptly at 6:00pm
560 Mart Street, Downtown Muskegon

The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald
Wednesday, October 12
5:30 pm
Muskegon Township Branch
Hear the story of the Edmund Fitzgerald, a Great Lakes freighter that sank during a storm on Lake Superior, and the crew of 29 men who were lost when the freighter seemingly disappeared on November 10, 1975.
MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents Asamu Johnson & the Associates of the Blues
Thursday, October 13 7:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Unique and based in West Michigan, the Asamu Johnson Blues Band has performed across the nation at various festivals, night clubs, and other venues. Join us for some first-class blues that once opened for blues legend Koko Taylor.

Greek Culture and Cuisine
Wednesday, October 19 6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
The Muskegon Community College Center for Experiential Learning, along with MCC Professor George Maniates, will discuss the life and times of the "Homeric Greeks." The presentation will center on the conflict, the myths, politics, and the religious lives of the people found in the Iliad and the Odyssey. Gina Demos and Kristi Karis of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church will discuss the "ambrosia" of Greek culture. They will highlight the beautiful sweet delicacies of Greek cultural traditions from the past to the present. Tasty samples will be available.

Knitting with Tina—Jernbanebyen Legwarmers
Thursday, October 20 5:00 pm
Montague Branch
In this informal and fun class you will learn to make a cute pair of legwarmers. Some supplies will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own needles and yarn. Suggested Yarn and Needle Size: Sport weight (400 yards, US sz 2.5-sz 3 small circular or dpns). Ages 15 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Watercolors with Lori Eslick
Thursday, October 20 6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Join Lori Eslick, nationally renowned children’s book illustrator and City of North Muskegon resident, for a Halloween themed watercolor painting session. $10 supply fee for each participant. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

1986: A Sinister Murder Mystery
Friday, October 21 6:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
You have been invited to Flamebury Falls, home of the historic Craven Gray Manor estate. Wicked things have happened at the manor over the years, and some say the property is cursed. Ridley Barnabot recently inherited the family fortunate and wishes for the manor to become a hot-spot and travel destination. Ridley has sent out exclusive invitations for a VIP bash. What will happen on this night when the who's who of the town will be gathered? Perhaps a death? Dress in your 1980's best and join with other participants to solve a baffling mystery. Cost is $10 per person and includes food/beverages. Ages 16 and up. Participants can register at the library where they will be assigned a character and provided more information.

Drawing Superheroes with Corinne Roberts
Thursday, October 20 7:00 pm
ZOOM
Corinne Roberts is back with a Zoom class using basic shapes and simple line techniques to create superheroes. No prior drawing experience is needed. All you need is paper, a pencil, and an eraser. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program. All ages welcome.

Greek Life and Culture with Dr. Stephen Maiullo
Dr. Stephen Maiullo will discuss Circe, explore what the book is about, how it is connected to other Greek classics, and how it compares to Greek culture and society. Ages 18 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Greek Culture and Cuisine
Wednesday, October 26 6:00 pm
Montague Branch
The Muskegon Community College Center for Experiential Learning, along with MCC Professor George Maniates, will discuss the life and times of the “Homeric Greeks.” The presentation will center on the conflict, the myths, politics, and the religious lives of the people found in the Iliad and the Odyssey. Gina Demos and Kristi Karis of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church will discuss the “ambrosia” of Greek culture. They will highlight the beautiful sweet delicacies of Greek cultural traditions from the past to the present. Tasty samples will be available.

LVPD
Monday, October 3 1:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Thursday, October 27 6:00 pm
Montague Branch
Join us for a Thor movie. Popcorn provided.
ADULT PROGRAMS
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Live @ the Library: Oat Bran Boys
North Muskegon Branch
Join us for an evening with the Oat Bran Boys, consisting of brothers John King on guitar, Rich King on bass, and longtime band member Dan Seabolt on fiddle. The trio has been wowing audiences with their lively acoustic variety of bluegrass, country, swing, folk, Irish, Cajun, and more.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents the B-Side Growlers
Norton Shores Branch
Enjoy B-Side Growlers for tradition inspired, toe-tapp’infired, vintage acoustic blues, jazz and country.

Author Visit: The Transformative Nature of Literature: From Reluctant Reader to Author
Frauenthal Center, 425 W. Western Ave.
Awarding author, Matt de la Peña, will share his personal journey from reluctant reader to writer, focusing on the barriers many working class boys and young men encounter in the acquisition of literacy. Registration will be required for this event. Presented by Muskegon Area District Library, Lakeshore Big Read, and the Community Foundation of Muskegon County.

Madeline Miller Author Talk Live Stream
Holton, Montague, North Muskegon, and Norton Shores Branches
Hear Circe author Madeline Miller via live stream as she presents at Hope College in Holland.

Knitting with Tina—Very Warm Headband in Four Gauges
Montague Branch
Learn how to make a warm headband. Some supplies will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own needles and yarn. Suggested Yarn and Needle Size: DK weight (85 yards, US sz6), Worsted weight (80 yards, US sz8), Chunky weight (65 yards, US sz10), Super Chunky weight (45 yards, US sz15). Ages 15 and up. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Christmas Designs by Taylor
Holton Branch
Join Taylor from Fairview Floral as she demonstrates how to make holiday decorations for your home.

DIY Glass Magnets
Dalton Branch
DIY stocking stuffer. Easy and personalized gift for everyone on your list, including yourself. Materials provided. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Holiday DIY Cards and Truffles Extravaganza
Ravenna Branch
Create handmade holiday cards and delicious Oreo truffles to share with loved ones this holiday season.

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents the A Cappella Bellas
Norton Shores Branch
Join us as we welcome the A Cappella Bella chorus. The Bellas are dedicated to singing A Cappella music, barbershop style. They have a strong love of harmony, a genuine affection for many eras of music, and sing with a spirit of fun and friendship.

DIY Glass Magnets
Saturday, December 10
11:00 am
Dalton Branch
DIY stocking stuffer. Easy and personalized gift for everyone on your list, including yourself. Materials provided. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

Live @ the Library: Carl Webb Trio
North Muskegon Branch
Join us for the Carl Webb Trio and their blend of blues, country and rock n’ roll.
MAD(L) CRAFTERS
The MAD(L) Crafters is a craft club for ages 18 and up. Crafter extraordinaire Char Little provides the supplies and the expertise. Space is limited. Registration required at madl.org/calendar.

COTTONY STEMS WITH VASE
Make this chic stem arrangement that will fit in with any home décor.

Egelston Branch
Tuesday, September 20
5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Wednesday, September 21
6:30 pm

2X4 CANDY CORN
Welcome the Fall season with this adorable candy corn that won't add to your waistline.

Egelston Branch
Tuesday, October 11
5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Monday, October 17
6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Wednesday, October 19
6:30 pm

WOODEN RUDOLPH
Welcome the Holiday season with the leader of Santa's sleigh. We'll transform an ordinary block of wood into an adorable Rudolph.

Egelston Branch
Tuesday, November 15
5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Monday, November 28
6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Wednesday, November 30
6:30 pm

POCKET WALL HANGING
Upcycle an ordinary tin can into a beautiful piece of wall décor using the art of decoupage.

Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled Branch
Wednesday, December 7
5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Monday, December 12
6:00 pm

Egelston Branch
Tuesday, December 13
5:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Wednesday, December 14
6:30 pm

Talking Book Basics
Having issues reading books? Are physical limits keeping you from your love of reading? If you or a loved one are facing this problem, you could qualify for a free federally funded program that will mail braille books, audiobooks, and/or a player to your home. Come to our sessions to learn more about the program and how it can keep you reading regardless of limitations.

Holton Branch
Tuesday, September 6
3:00 pm

Dalton Branch
Monday, September 12
4:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Wednesday, September 14
2:00 pm

Montague Branch
Thursday, October 6
4:00 pm

Egelston Branch
Wednesday, October 19
2:00 pm

LVPD
Wednesday, November 16
5:00 pm

NEA Big Read Circe Book Discussions

Muskegon Township Branch
Monday, September 19
10:30 am

Holton Branch
Tuesday, October 25
6:00 pm

Dalton Branch
Wednesday, October 26
6:00 pm

Ravenna Branch
Wednesday, November 2
6:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Thursday, November 3
10:30 am
**Let’s Talk about Books**
Community book lovers meet once a month at the Library to discuss the book selection of the month. Visit your Library for copies of the featured books. Newcomers always welcome. No registration required.

**Muskegon Township Book Club**
Third Monday of the month
10:30 am
**Muskegon Township Branch**
September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19

**Tuesday Evening Book Club**
Third Tuesday of the month
6:30 pm
**North Muskegon Branch**
September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20

**Holton Book Club**
Fourth Tuesday of the month
6:00 pm
**Holton Branch**
September 27, October 25, November 22, December 27

**Ravenna Reads Book Club**
First Wednesday of the month
6:00 pm
**Ravenna Branch**
September 7: *Circe* by Madeline Miller
October: No Book Club due to remodel
November 2: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
December 7: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

**Dalton Book Club**
Fourth Wednesday of the month
6:00 pm
**Dalton Branch**
September 28: *The Darkest Evening* by Ann Cleeves
October 26: *Circe* by Madeline Miller
November 23: *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn
December 28: *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware

**Thursday Morning Book Club**
First Thursday of the month
10:30 am
**Norton Shores Branch**
September 1: *We Are Not Like Them* by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza
October 6: *Infinite Country* by Patricia Engel
November 3: *Circe* by Madeline Miller
December 1: *Falling* by T.J. Newman

**Holton Book Club**
Fourth Tuesday of the month
6:00–7:00 pm
**Holton Branch**
September 27, October 25, November 22, December 27

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**Senior Navigation Services**
Are you over age 60? If you need help finding a primary care physician, applying for benefits (veterans, food stamps, Medicaid), paying for medications, obtaining durable medical equipment, financial assistance for hospital bill payment, utility assistance and food or housing, the Senior Navigator from the Health Project HUB can help with answering questions and linking you to services. No registration required—just drop in.

**Dalton Branch**
Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month
1:00–3:00 pm

**Egelston Branch**
Second Thursday of the month
1:00–3:00 pm

**Holton**
Second Friday of the month
1:00–3:00 pm

**LVPD**
Second Friday of the month
10:00–12:00 pm

**Montague Branch**
Second Tuesday of the month
1:00–3:00 pm

**Muskegon Township Branch**
First and third Friday of the month
10:00 am–12:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**
Third Wednesday of the month
1:00–3:00 pm

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**Used Book Sales**
**Ravenna Branch**
Tuesday, September 6–Friday, September 16
During open hours

**Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled Branch**
Thursday, Oct. 27, 9:00 am–4:00 pm
Friday, Oct. 28, 9:00 am–4:00 pm
Saturday, Oct. 29, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

**North Muskegon Branch**
Saturday, November 19
9:30 am–3:30 pm
Tech Talks: Ancestry 101

Wednesday, September 14
4:00 pm

Dalton Branch
Create your online research frameworks and dive into search results, you’ll likely find yourself combining these tips in creative ways—and bringing up those treasures you just knew were there. Registration required at madl.org/calendar, or by calling 231-828-4188.

Suicide Prevention Training
Question. Persuade. Refer. Three simple steps can help save a life. Spectrum Health is offering a free training to community members. Our free one-hour training will show participants how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, offer hope, get help, and save a life. Anyone can help prevent suicide. Friends, neighbors, colleagues and many others. To register, call 231-924-3073 or email communityhealth@spectrumhealth.org

Holton Branch
Wednesday, September 21
6:00–7:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Wednesday, November 2
6:00 pm–7:30 pm

Have tech questions? Bring them to the library!

Open Hours

Dalton Branch
Third Wednesday of the month
4:00 pm

Egelston Branch
Third Monday of the month
2:00 pm

Holton Branch
Second Tuesday of the month
2:00 pm

Montague Branch
First Wednesday of the month
11:00 am

Montague Branch
Third Thursday of the month
2:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch
Fourth Tuesday of the month
3:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch
Second Wednesday of the month
2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Second Thursday of the month
11:00 am

Norton Shores Branch
Third Tuesday of the month
4:00 pm

Ravenna Branch
Friday, September 9
Friday, November 18
Friday, December 9
2:00 pm
You Can Help

Strong libraries help build strong communities. Your investment in our library is an investment in the lifelong learning of our residents and of future generations. If you would like to donate on-line to our Foundation, please visit madl.org, or contact the Director of Finance for more information.

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