An Update from Kelly Richards, Director

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Summertime at the Muskegon Area District Library is a robust season for our community. It is a time to read what you like, to learn new things and have fun with family and friends. We offer over 250 programs this summer. They include our core offerings—interesting, current and thought provoking READING BOOK CLUBS where you can engage group discussions about famous local and Michigan Notable Book authors. And, we have a wide variety of entertaining events.

In addition to our core offerings, there are so many more free educational and cultural activities. This year, our summer reading theme Libraries Rock, begins June 18 for seven weeks through August 4. Adults, teens and youth can sign up to read and earn incentives. Over 150 summer programs geared to children are part of our early literacy commitment. Storytimes and a wide variety of crafts and high-quality educational programs give children the chance to have fun and learn when school is not in session.

Summer slide refers to the slide backwards that many children make in reading and math skills over the summer months. Summer slide can happen to even the brightest kids—even a couple of weeks away from school can soften skills. Reading for as little as 20 minutes a day can increase reading skills over the summer. Stop by your library to pick up great books for kids of all ages and help keep our kids brains growing!

Live music is also offered, including everything from Cajun and country western to Caribbean steel drums, and children can learn hands-on about strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion with the West Michigan Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo at all of our branches in June.

Everyone is invited to join in on our diverse learning activities. You are sure to enjoy everything from hands-on crafts, technology tutoring, movies, the Camping & Cooking series offered by MSU Extension Food & Safety, and learning about turtles and beavers with DNR instructors from Hoffmaster State Park.

We have added another great new digital resource for your ebook and eAudiobook lending. The new platform, cloudLibrary™, provides an app that is extremely easy for all users, and allows for more titles for patrons.

The new cloudLibrary app can be found on our website mdal.org. You can download it at any time, and access will begin the same day. Once the app is added to the device, there is a simple, one-time sign in process of selecting the library, and entering the library account barcode and pin. Users can browse for books in less than a minute.

Patrons can check with their library staff if they need help, or visit www.yourcloudlibrary.com. In addition to the titles owned by the Muskegon Area District Library, patrons have access to collections of five other libraries across the state including Kent District Library. We hope you enjoy this new app and its features.

ANCENSTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Have you ever wondered where you came from? Or who your ancestors were? Now you can start your genealogical journey and build your family tree by using our new genealogy resource.

We are pleased to now offer patrons, Ancestry® Library Edition, powered by Ancestry.com which delivers billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more.

Ancestry Library Edition brings the world’s most popular consumer online genealogy resource to our library. It’s an unprecedented online collection of individuals from North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and more.

Answers await everyone—whether professional or hobbyist, expert or novice, genealogist or historian—inside the more than 7,000 available databases. Here, you can unlock the story of you with sources like censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, maps, and more.

And, with ongoing updates and new content always being added, you’ll keep coming back to discover more. Visit mdal.org to access this new popular resource.
**American Sign Language for Kids**

Saturday, July 7 – August 11

**Norton Shores Branch**
Join Miss Michaeila during this six week long “Hands On” basic Sign Language class, using fun vocabulary, alphabet, and numbers. This class is for children ages 3-6. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Call 231-744-8840 to register.

**Tech Camp**

**Hoffmaster State Park**

**Dino Dig**

Sunday, June 24, July 22, August 19

**Norton Shores Branch**
Turn CDs and old vinyl records into art. There will be paint and markers, so dress for a mess. Call 231-780-8840 to register.

**Book Fair**

**Smith-Ryerson Park**

**News Update**

**Michigan Mammals with Hoffmaster State Park**

Wednesday, August 1

11:30 am

**Montague Branch**
A Hoffmaster naturalist will be here with fur, skulls and other props to teach us about fur bearing animals in Michigan.

**Library Card Party**

**Hoffmaster State Park (Syers Road)** for a nature scavenger hunt. There will be flags, binoculars, and, of course, prizes! Free lunch will be served to everyone and under starting at 11:30 am, while supplies last.

**North Muskegon Branch**
Put on your favorite pajamas and enjoy a family friendly movie and treats at the library.

**Bow Wow Readers**
Tuesday, July 30

10:00 am

**Norton Shores Branch**
Join us for an epic Nerf Battle. We will start exactly on the hour, so be there early. Due to limited space, ages 6-14 only. Call 231-780-8840 to register.

**Leonard’s Pajama Party**

**Ravenna Branch**

Sunday, July 28

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**
Put your favorite pajamas and enjoy a family friendly movie and treats at the library.

**German Language Classes**

**Muskegon Heights Branch**

Saturday, August 4

1:00 pm

**Norton Shores Branch**
Practice your reading skills by reading to furry friend Maisy. Call 231-828-4188 to register for a 15-minute session.

**Library Fun with Live Music**

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CARIBBEAN STEEL DRUMS
Kick off summer reading as we celebrate the music of the Caribbean with the unique sounds of the steel drum,

Monday, June 18
10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, June 19
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, June 20
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1.00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

WEST MICHIGAN SYMPHONY INSTRUMENT PET ZOO
This is not an ordinary petting zoo. No animals allowed... only a variety of musical instruments, for you to try!

Monday, June 25
10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, June 26
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, June 27
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

IT’S MAGIC
Prepare to be amazed by the magic of Tom Plunkard.

Monday, July 9
10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, July 10
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, July 11
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

T-SHIRT PAINTING
Bring a clean white t-shirt (old or new) to your library and create your own design.

Monday, July 16
10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, July 17
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, July 18
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

PAGE ROCKER COMEDY SHOW
Strum, drum, rock and roll into reading as Joel Tacey brings books and music together.

Monday, July 23
10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, July 24
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, July 25
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

ANIMAL CHORUS
Animals make a lot of noise. The Outdoor Discovery Center of Holland will bring live Michigan animals and teach us why they sing.

Monday, July 30
10:30 am Dalton Branch
1:00 pm Holton Branch
3:00 pm Montague Branch

Tuesday, July 31
10:30 am Ravenna Branch
1:00 pm Egelston Branch
3:00 pm Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, August 1
10:30 am North Muskegon Branch
1:00 pm Muskegon Township Branch
3:00 pm Norton Shores Branch

FOOTBALL FANATIC
Monitors in action.

Saturday, August 4
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Additional programs include:
- LEGO Fun Day
- LEGO Builder’s Drop-In
- Montague Branch
- Animal Chorus
- Page Rocker Comedy Show
- LEGO Time
- Family Storytime
- T-Shirt Painting
- Teen Book Club
- Teen Club: Sharpie Tie-Dye
- Teen Club: First Book, Where to Find Them
- Teen Club: Rock Your Independence
- Teen Club: Fairy Garden Class
- Teen Club: Fairies and Friends
- Teen Club: Sarcasm

For more information or to register, please call your local branch or visit librariesrock.org.
Adult programs

MADL Thursday Night Music Club presents a special summer concert: Silverado
Thursday, July 26
7:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
Enjoy a free live concert featuring Muskegon's own county-western favorite, Silverado. Bring a chair and join us in the front yard for all your country music favorites.

Author Meet and Greet
Saturday, July 28
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Holton Branch
Meet and greet with local authors who will sign and have their books available for purchase. This event is part of Holton Community Days downtown celebration.

Make it @ MADL: Coffee Filter Wreath
Monday, July 30
6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Learn how to take this simple household item and turn it into a stunning wreath to hang on your door. Space is limited.
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Senior Cinema: Roman Holiday
Wednesday, August 1
4:30 pm

Muskegon Township Branch
Join us at the Library for a great movie. Age Well services will provide meals at $4 for anyone 60+ and $6 for anyone 59 and under.

#RavennaRocks Saturday, August 4
11:30 am

Ravenna Branch
Join the #RavennaRocks fun as you design and make your own rock to put around town. Supplies and snacks will be provided.

Teen programs

Teen Club: Karaoke
Friday, August 3
7:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch
“Have you noticed that I’m a star?” Sing along to a variety of music.
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

#RavennaRocks Saturday, August 4
11:30 am

Ravenna Branch
Join in the #RavennaRocks fun as you design and make your own rock to put around town. Supplies and snacks will be provided.

Teen Book Club
Friday, August 17
3:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Treats and discussion The Visconti House by Elizabeth Edgar.

Snack Time Faceoff
Tuesday, August 21
2:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
There is a world of graphic snack off looks out there and we’re going to try em. Call 231-780-8844 to register.

Custom Phone Holder
Thursday, August 23
1:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch
Do you ever get tired of holding your phone? Decorate and make your custom phone holder.

DIY Sharpie Mug
Friday, August 24
3:30 pm

Ravenna Branch
Make your own Sharpie coffee mug. Snacks and supplies provided. Space is limited. Call 231-653-6975 to register.

Yarn Clutch
Friday, August 24
3:00 pm

Mandala Stones
Monday, August 27
2:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Teens, join us at the library to make a colorful mandala stone. Mandala stones are a therapeutic art form representing the cosmos, and unity. All supplies provided. Space is limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Craft ‘N Chat
The third Wednesday of the month
June 20, July 18, August 15
5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch
Meet new friends and fellow crafters at our Craft ‘N Chat group. Bring whatever craft you are working on and come socialize while you craft. Light refreshments provided.

Mini Zentangle
Wednesday, June 20
5:30 pm

Dalton Branch
Flex your fingers and your creativity by designing a small original piece of artwork to place on your fridge. Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Folded Book Heart
Wednesday, June 20
5:30 pm

Ravenna Branch
Repurpose old books into home décor. Snacks and supplies provided. Call 231-853-6975 to register. Hosted during our June Craft ‘N Chat.

Mastering the Appalachian Trail
Monday, June 25
6:30 pm

Norton Shores Branch
In 2017, Michigan native Mark Lague hiked more than 2,200 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Join Mark as he shares the amazing details of the adventure of a lifetime, including the planning, training, equipment and logistics necessary for such a journey.

Make it @ MADL: Rock Garden Markers
Tuesday, June 26
6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Paint and decorate river stones for use in your garden to mark your fruits and vegetables. All supplies provided. Space is limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Computer Help
Monday, July 9
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch
Have a computer question about email, programs or software? Come in and we will give you one on one help. Space is limited. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Make it @ MADL: Wrapped Rock Necklace
Wednesday, August 8
6:00 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Make your own necklace using stainless steel wire and natural elements. We will provide stones and sea glass to make a unique nature inspired pendant or bring your own materials. Space is limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Books in Bloom Flower Show
Sponsored by the Muskegon County Garden Club
Thursday, August 9
12:30 – 5:00 pm

Daleton Branch
Enjoy spectacular displays of flowers, fruits, and vegetables and compare your favorites to the judges’ prizewinning choices. Floral design themes are based on book titles.

Computer Help
Monday, August 13
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch
Have a computer question about email, programs or software? Come in and we will give you one on one help. Space is limited. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Creating a Graphic Novel:
A series of workshops for young writers to learn the craft of writing and creating a graphic novel.

MADL: ROCK GARDENS

Necklace June 18 – August 4
ALL MADL BRANCHES
Adults ages 18 and up,
Sign up at any MADL Branch
Library to join the adult summer reading club.

Drop In Technology Tutoring
Fridays, June 1 – August 31
9:00 am – 5:00 pm, or by appointment

Ravenna Branch
Have questions on your phone, tablet, or computer? Drop by the library to get answers to your tech questions. Public computers can be reserved for tutoring. Call 231-853-6975 to schedule.

Monreal Muskegon Branch
Make this surprisingly easy wreath to adorn your front door using succulent plants and bobby pins. A prepaid $15 materials fee is due at registration. Space is limited. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Monday Musicals
Mondays, June 4 – August 27
1:00 – 3:30 pm

Ravenna Branch
Watch a musical on the big screen every Monday this summer. Popcorn and A/C provided.

Senior Cinema: Singing in the Rain
Wednesday, June 6
4:30 pm

Muskegon Township Branch
Join us at the Library for a great movie. Age Well services will provide meals at $4 for anyone 60+ and $6 for anyone 59 and under.

Yarn Clutch
The second and fourth Fridays of the month
June 8 – August 24
1:00 pm

Muskegon Township Branch
Bring your yarn and get creative, pick up tips and chat with other crafters while working on your next project.

Basic Computer Class
Monday, June 11
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch
Learn the basics of computer use with one on one help. Space is limited. Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Live at the Library presents David Greely
Tuesday, June 12
6:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Singer, songwriter, and violinist David Greely of Baton Rouge, Louisiana has traveled the world and will share his authentic Cajun melodies and lyrics.

Lair of the Library
The second and fourth Wednesdays of the month
June 13 – August 22
5:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch
“Welcome to the Lair” said the spider to the fly... “Ah! I mean Game Master to the Player; and enter at your own risk. Here is a place where imagination and stories are a little more real. Want to be a magician, a fantasy warlock or a superhero? Join an interactive role playing game where you and others are able to create your own story. Starter character sheets provided.

Create on Canvas
Thursday, July 21
1:00 pm

Ravenna Branch
Join Create.A.Frame Studios as they guide you through making this gorgeous Michigan themed painting. A prepaid $15 materials fee is limited. Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Create a Frame for a Cause
Wednesday, August 15
5:30 pm

Muskegon Heights Branch
Join Create.A.Frame Studios as they guide you through making this gorgeous Michigan themed painting. A prepaid $15 materials fee is limited. Call 231-853-6975 to register.
HANDS ONLY CPR
A free, non-certifiable CPR class teaching basic life-saving techniques, as well as how to operate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) taught by the American Red Cross.

Tuesday, June 5
11:00 am
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Tuesday, June 5
2:00 pm
Muskegon Heights Branch
Call 231-739-6075 to register.

Wednesday, June 6
11:00 am
Dalton Branch
Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Wednesday, June 6
2:00 pm
Holton Branch
Call 231-821-0268 to register.

Tuesday, June 12
2:00 pm
Montague Branch
Call 231-893-6275 to register.

Wednesday, June 13
11:00 am
Muskegon Township Branch
Call 231-760-4329 to register.

Wednesday, June 13
2:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8840 to register.

Wednesday, June 20
11:00 am
Ravenna Branch
Call 231-853-6975 to register.

Wednesday, June 20
2:00 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

CAMPING & COOKING
Have you ever considered food safety issues while you're hiking, camping, and enjoying the outdoors? Whether you're day-tripping or on a week-long camping trip, food safety matters. Learn what you need to know to eat safe in the outdoors with MSU Extension Food & Safety Educator Jake Hart.

Monday, June 11
1:00 pm
Dalton Branch
Call 231-828-4188 to register.

Wednesday, June 13
6:00 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8840 to register.

Thursday, June 14
1:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
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3:00 pm
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6:00 pm
Montague Branch
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SUMMER BOOK TALKS
Montague Branch
Hawk Meijer
Wednesday, June 20
7:00 pm
Co-Chairman and CEO, Meijer; Author of the 2018 Michigan Notable Book Arthur Vandenburg: The Man in the Middle of the American Century

Frank Boles
Wednesday, July 11
7:00 pm
Author of the 2018 Michigan Notable Book Sailing into History: Great Lakes Bulk Carriers of the 20th Century and the Crews They Held

Kenny Grimes
Wednesday, July 18
7:00 pm
Author of The Booker Fails Mystery Series Making a Mystery

Phil Stagg
Wednesday, July 25
7:00 pm
Author and Photographs, Waterfalls of Michigan

Cindy Hunter Morgan
Wednesday, August 8
7:00 pm
Author of the 2018 Michigan Notable Book Harbored

Joan H. Young
Wednesday, August 8
7:00 pm
First (and still the only) woman to hike the North Country Trail, author of North Country: Adventures on a National Scenic Trail

LET’S TALK ABOUT BOOKS! Community book lovers meet once a month at the Library to discuss the book selection books. Newcomers always welcome. No registration required.

Dalton Book Club
The fourth Monday of the month
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
June 25: The Great and Only Barnum by Candace Fleming
July 23: Where You Go I Go Bemzette by Maria Semple
August 27: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

Tuesday Evening Book Club
The third Tuesday of the month
10:30 am
Muskegon Township Branch
Books to be selected by group participants
June 19
July 17
August 21

Montague Township Branch
June 19: Starvation Lake by Bryan Gruley
July 17: The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein
August 21: Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

MADLI CRAFTERS
The MADLI Crafters is a craft club for adults. Crafter extraordinaire Jamie Jewell provides the supplies and the expertise.

Painted Glass Tumblers
Make a pair of hand painted glass tumblers that are perfect for summer sipping. Both color blocking and confetti painting methods will be used.

Tuesday, June 12
6:00 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Monday, June 18
6:00 pm
North Muskegon Branch
Call 231-744-6080 to register.

Wednesday, June 27
6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8840 to register.

Pinwheel Wreath
This cheery wreath is the perfect piece to DIY your summer décor. The paper pinwheel is easy to construct and you will love the look when you gather them together on a simple wreath form.

Tuesday, July 10
6:30 pm
Egelston Branch
Call 231-788-6477 to register.

Modern Wood Necklace
Plain beads are transformed when you paint your own custom colors and patterns. This necklace is a breeze to create and easy to slip on and off.

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

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

Wednesday, August 22
6:30 pm
Norton Shores Branch
Call 231-780-8840 to register.

BOOK SALES
Muskegon Township Branch
June 10, 10:30 am – 5:00 pm
June 2, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Montague Branch
July 5, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
July 6, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
July 7, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Dalton Branch
July 13, 10:00 – 5:00 pm
July 14, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Holton Branch
July 27, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
July 28, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

North Muskegon Branch
August 11, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Norton Shores Branch
October 5, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 6, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Thank You Sponsors

Did you know over 10,000 people come through the Norton Shores branch doors every month? This is the largest branch location in the Muskegon Area District Library system. The angular brick building, with floor-to-ceiling window walls that let beautiful nature and light in, is located on heavily wooded grounds. It is nearby one of the city’s busiest intersections at Seminole Road and Henny Street in the city of Norton Shores.

It opened its doors for business on May 13, 1974, five years after the city of Norton Shores launched plans for a public library as a result of a growing demand by residents. After several locations were considered, a three-acre site on Seminole Road was chosen for its proximity to Mona Shores High School. Landman-Andrews AIA Architects designed the 16,080 square foot facility, and plans included separate adult and children’s collection areas, meeting rooms and office space complete with periodical storage. The children’s area boasted a then state-of-the-art amphitheater space for storytimes. Total cost of the building project was $600,000, an amount covered by a city bond, a federal grant and private donations.

The new library was quickly embraced by the community, with 1,800 people attending the opening celebrations. The addition of a multi-purpose room to be used as both Norton Shores city council chambers and community space was completed by the city in 1979. In 2003 the city of Norton Shores added the name Jacob O. Funkhouser to the Library to honor the longtime Mona Shores high school teacher and Muskegon County commissioner, who taught geography, psychology and American government for 37 years.

This branch continues to be a popular community hub, providing a collection of over 70,000 items for patrons to borrow, including books, audio books, magazines, music CDs, DVDs, and assistance in accessing abundant digital services. The branch provides 15 public computers with Internet access, printing options and free Wi-Fi, so users have unlimited possibilities to access media and technology.

The Norton Shores Branch also offers a robust schedule of free programs for all ages. From storytimes for newborns through preschoolers, after-school events for kids and teens, along with seven weeks of summer reading, to adult craft programs, author visits, community exhibits, and consumer and health education classes. It is well-known for its unlimited possibilities to access media and technology.

Staff looks forward to providing the best in library services and programs for our community, serving as a primary anchor for the Muskegon Area District Library’s commitment to library service throughout Muskegon County. There is something for everyone at the Norton Shores branch—stop by and see us soon!

You Can Help

If you would like to support the Library with a monetary donation, you may do so through The Muskegon Area District Library Foundation Fund held at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. https://cffmc.org/give/give-now/ or contact Brenda Hall, Director of Finance for more information.