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#### **OUR MISSION**

The Muskegon Area District Library connects a diverse community to resources and services that educate, inform, enrich and entertain.

#### **OUR VISION**

The Muskegon Area District Library is recognized as a primary resource for literacy and learning; a gathering place for families, cultural and civic life; and a contributor to the community's economic development. We ensure public sharing of digital print materials, and innovative technologies.



### LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

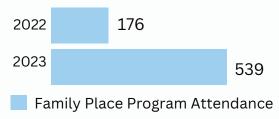
Children develop crucial early literacy skills through talking, reading, writing, playing, and singing with their caregivers, and MADL helps facilitates these opportunities through installations like Storyville, programs like play and learn, and partnerships with local literacy organizations such as Read Muskegon.

MADL is also proud to be a part of Family Place Libraries, a national network of libraries that transforms libraries into community centers for early literacy & learning, parent education and engagement, family support and community connectivity helping to ensure all children enter school ready and able to learn.



206%

Increase in Family Place program attendance from 2022 to 2023.

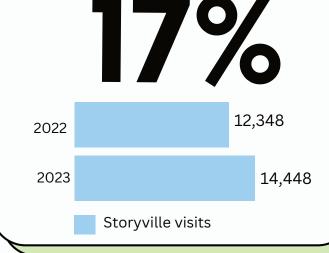


In 2023 MADL had

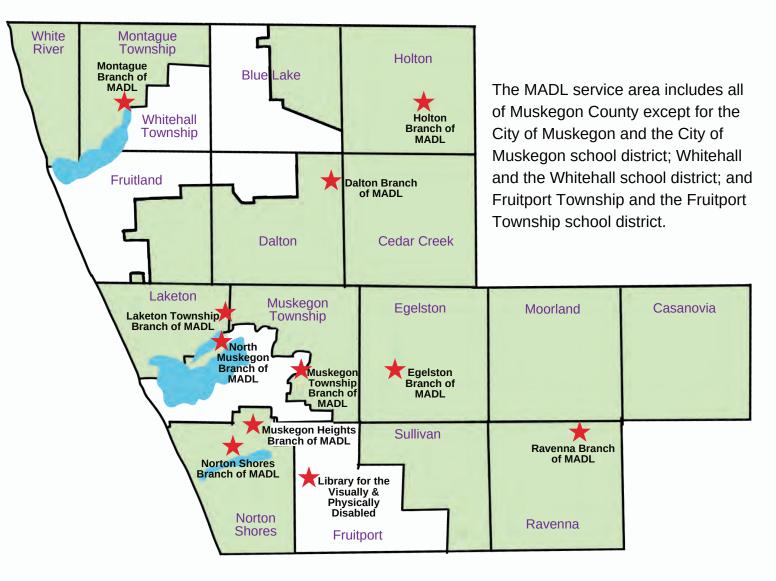
232 KIDS

register for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.





in photos: Play and Learn at Egelston Branch



# BRINGING THE LIBRARY TO MUSKEGON COUNTY

Our service areas that don't have a physical branch may recognize the MADL Bookmobile. This motorized library helps us bring library service all over the county.



In 2023 MADL offered

# 1,62 PROGRAMS

compared to 1,498 in 2022.

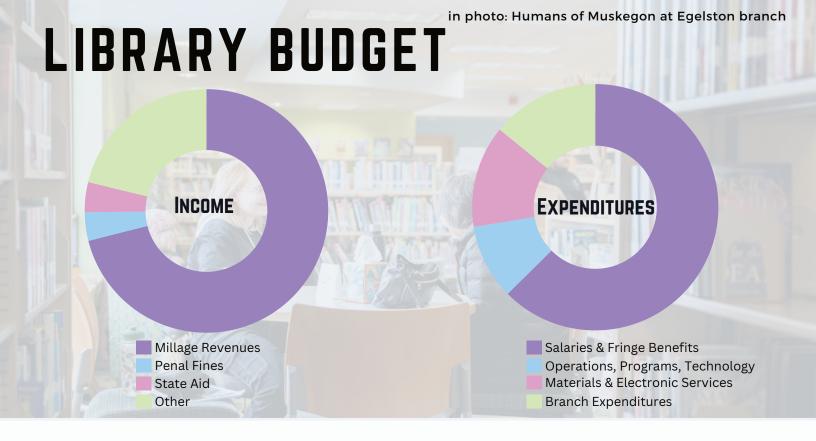
13%

Overall increase in library visits from 2022 to 2023.

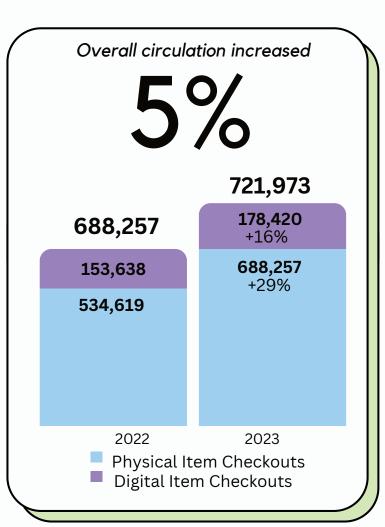
2022 **249,146** –22,331

2023 280,606 —26,598

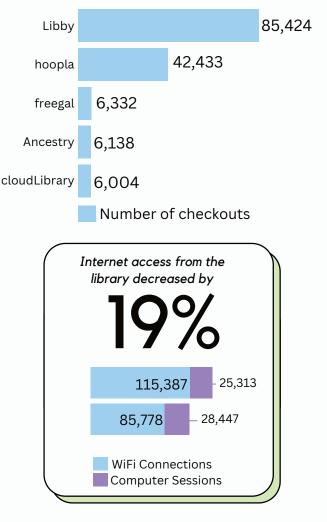
Visits Program Attendance



### LIBRARY SERVICES







# LIBRARY OF THINGS

In October, MADL released its Library of Things: a collection of tools, games, and equipment available for MADL card holders to check out.

MADL's Library of Things is meant to improve upon the sharing model of the library and support our communities in ever new and creative ways. From metal detectors to VHS converters, MADL is pleased to be able to offer this exciting new collection.

682,562
Checked out items

+1,662

+17,533

Phone calls

+47,710

Reference questions

+260,680

Visits

**=\$6,299,202.15** 

How much MADL patrons saved by using the library.







Library of Things is housed in three separate locations (from left to right): Norton Shores Branch; Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled; and North Muskegon Branch.

MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY MADL.org

Muskegon Area District
Library serves over 100,000
people in Muskegon County
with 11 branches, 1
Bookmobile, and 1 Outreach
Van. MADL brings resources,
services, and events into
communities to enrich lives.
MADL is a member of the
Lakeland Library
Cooperative.

For more information, visit MADL.org.



in photo: Paint and Sip at Muskegon Heights Branch

