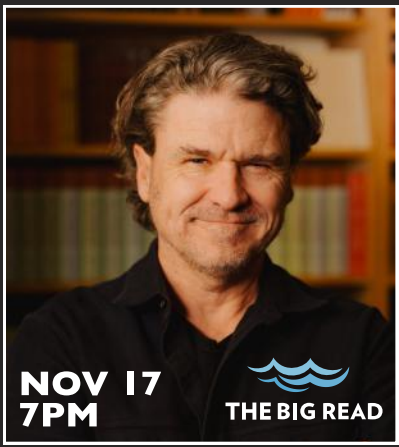


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MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY



DAVE EGGERS AUTHOR TALK



NOV 17
7PM

THE BIG READ



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WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR: BETTY ADAMS



Betty comes to MADL from Dearborn with multiple years of Director experience. She first made her way to working in libraries when her contract as a teacher in South Korea was ending. She found a posting for a Library Aide at her original home library in Garden City, and according to Betty, “It was the first time I processed that not only are library staff paid, but it could be a possible career route.” She applied, interviewed from South Korea, and her new career path into the wonderful world of libraries began when she returned to the USA.

As she settles in here at MADL, you may see her in the wild or at a Branch - be sure to stop and say hello! In the meantime, Betty answered some of our burning library and book related questions, and you can check out her answers here.

You will also get a chance to say hello to Betty at the Meet and Greet at **Norton Shores Branch** from **4:30-6:30pm** on **Thursday, September 3**.

MEET & GREET

Meet the new MADL Director! Stop in to say hi and enjoy some snacks. **It's FREE!**

THU, SEP 3 | 4:30pm Norton Shores Branch

Staff: What's your favorite Library? Why?

Betty: My favorite library doesn't exist anymore as it was, but it was my original home library in Garden City, Michigan. It is where I found my own freedom to read and passion for reading.

Staff: What's your favorite read of 2026 (so far)?

Betty: *Revenge of the Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell. Social engineering being a newer term now being used more generally this read became a helpful place to start in knowing what it is, how it is used, and what to expect from the field in the near future.

Staff: Do you prefer physical books, ebooks, or audiobooks? Any specific reason?

Betty: Physical books. Device reading or listening makes me prone to check alternate apps, ultimately distracting me.

Staff: What most excites you about your move to West Michigan?

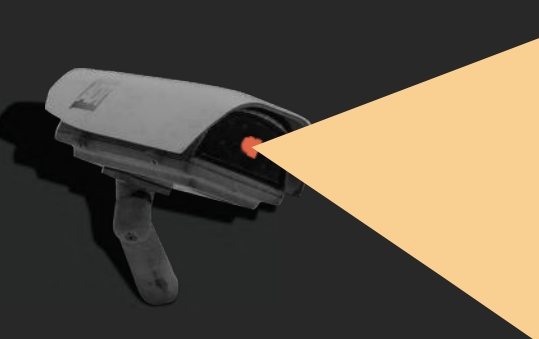
Betty: The variety of the area with family activities, destination spots, lovely libraries sprinkled everywhere, and beautiful lake-lined sunsets!

Staff: What's the book that really got you into reading?

Betty: The *Goosebumps* series was the catalyst for my reading. *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* and similar genre reads kept me going back for more armloads of books from the library each week. Now, I primarily read nonfiction and am working fiction back into my reading rotation. (Got any recommendations? I'm all ears! 😊)

Staff: Do you like the smell of old books or the crack of a new book spine better?

Betty: Old books are the best books! The smell, the care, the quality, I am drawn to old books like a moth to a streetlight.



AUTHOR TALK with DAVE EGGERS



Dave Eggers, author of all three of Muskegon's 2026 Big Read titles is coming to Muskegon!

MCC faculty, Sean Colcleasure, will lead a discussion with Eggers followed by a Q&A and Book Signing.

Doors open at 6pm with an exhibit in the Frauenthal Lobby featuring student projects inspired by Dave Eggers's books

This free program is open to all ages and **sign up begins September 15.**

TUE, NOV 17 | 7pm

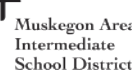
Frauenthal Theater (425 Western Ave)



Sign up begins SEPTEMBER 15.
It's FREE!

MADL.ORG/BigRead

Dave's visit was made possible through the collaborative work and support of the following community organizations



WHAT IS THE BIG READ?

The Big Read is a community-wide reading program that happens every year in October & November. The goal is to bring people of all ages together through reading three different titles - a Big Read title for adults, a Middle Read title for teens, and a Little Read title for kids. This year, the books for all three groups follow the theme, *America's Story: Our Choices Matter*. The three titles are also all written by Dave Eggers!

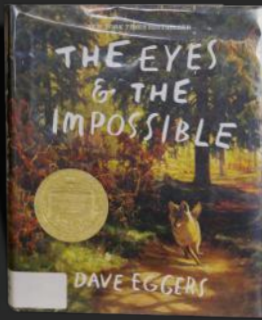
THE BIG READ



The Circle is about a powerful tech company that promises connection and transparency—but quietly erases privacy and choice. This novel asks what how much democracy are you willing to sacrifice for convenience?

Check out our **Big Read** inspired programs on page 5.

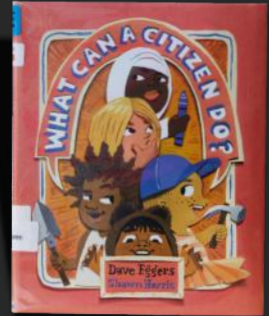
THE MIDDLE READ



The Eyes & the Impossible is a Newbery Award-winning adventure following Johannes, a fearless dog who patrols a city park. The story explores freedom, responsibility, and finding your place.

Check out our **Middle Read** inspired programs on page 6.

the LITTLE READ



What Can A Citizen Do? is an engaging introduction to civic life that shows kids how small actions can make a big difference in a democracy.

Check out our **Little Read** inspired programs on page 7.

FIND MORE BIG READ EVENTS

See all of our FREE events from MADL and our many community partners at



MADL.ORG/BR

THE WHOLE FAMILY WILL ENJOY THESE BIG READ PROGRAMS

STORYTRAIL CELEBRATION

Celebrate with food, a foam party, and lots of community organizations! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

SAT, SEP 12 | 11am Egelston Branch

STORYTRAIL BLOCK PARTY

Enjoy the Storytrail, scavenger hunt, food, crafts, and activities. **Sign up- It's FREE!**

TUE, SEP 29 | 5pm  Bethlehem Park

BOARD GAME & PUZZLE SWAP

Drop off games and puzzles ahead of time. Items will be swapped based on cost. **It's FREE!**

MON, SEP 21 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

WED, OCT 7 | 4pm Dalton Branch

WED, OCT 21 | 6pm North Muskegon Branch



THE BIG READ

ACOUSTIC LIBRARY JAM SESSION

Join fellow local musicians for an informal, acoustic jam session. **It's FREE!**

SAT, OCT 17 | 11am Montague Branch

NAVIGATING THE AI GENERATION

Learn practical ways to help younger generations navigate this technology. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

MON, OCT 19 | 6pm North Muskegon Branch

THU, NOV 5 | 5pm Montague Branch

WATERCOLOR PAINT & SWAP

Create watercolor post cards then swap with fellow attendees. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

WED, OCT 7 | 1pm LVPD Branch

WED, OCT 14 | 6pm Norton Shores Branch

TUE, OCT 20 | 1pm Ravenna Branch

YOGA + GUIDED FOREST BATHING

A yoga class among the trees of Muskegon State Park. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

THU, OCT 8 | 6pm Muskegon State Park

AI SHAKESPEARE

Explore the uses and limitations of AI as you create a Shakespeare play. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

WED, OCT 14 | 5:30pm Egelston Branch

WED, NOV 4 | 4pm Dalton Branch

TO BE DESTROYED SCREENING

Celebrate Banned Books Week with a short film about Dave Eggers as he explores the banning of his own books. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

THU, OCT 22 | 6pm

Muskegon Museum of Art

OFFLINE IN ANDERSON WOODS

Take a quiet, phone-free hike and art journaling session. Sketching kits provided. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

SAT, OCT 24 | 10am Anderson Woods Nature Preserve

SOUND JOURNEY + MEDITATION

Pause for self-reflection in a relaxed setting. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

MON, OCT 26 | 6pm Norton Shores Branch

FORAGING & WILD TENDING

Learn how to identify, harvest, and prepare wild foods for every month. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

TUE, OCT 27 | 11am Holton Branch

DISINFORMATION CRIME SCENE

Solve a murder amongst real evidence and rampant disinformation. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

SAT, NOV 7 | 1pm Norton Shores Branch

MON, NOV 16 | 5:30pm Egelston Branch

THE SOCIAL NETWORK ACCORDING TO DAVE EGGERS

Hear from MCC faculty as they discuss Dave Egger's novel, "The Circle." **Sign up - it's FREE!**

MON, NOV 9 | 6pm Norton Shores Branch

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM AI SCAMS

Learn to avoid scams that use AI to clone voices, fake videos, and write messages. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

MON, NOV 9 | 6pm North Muskegon Branch

SLAY FOR THE CAMERAS MURDER MYSTERY

The rules? Unclear. The challenges? Cutthroat. The stakes? Astronomical. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

FRI, NOV 13 | 6pm Norton Shores Branch

STEAMPUNK MIXED-MEDIA CANVAS

Transform a blank canvas into a steampunk masterpiece. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

MON, NOV 16 | 2pm Muskegon Heights Branch

MON, NOV 16 | 4pm Holton Branch

WED, NOV 25 | 4pm Muskegon Township Branch

THE MIDDLE READ SHORT STORY CONTEST

All Muskegon County middle and high school students are invited to participate in our first short story contest inspired by the 2026 Big Read Books.

Winners will be invited to an exclusive writing workshop with author Dave Eggers in addition to a cash prize:

Middle School: 1st Place: \$200
2nd Place: \$100
3rd Place: \$50
Two Honorable Mentions: \$25

High School: 1st Place: \$300
2nd Place: \$200
3rd Place: \$100
Two Honorable Mentions: \$50

Submissions will be accepted **Sep 21 - Oct 21**.
Learn more and submit your story at
MADL.org/ShortStory

CREATIVE WRITING

A creative writing workshop tailored specifically for middle and high school students. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

FRI, OCT 2 & 16 | 3:30pm Egelston Branch

TUE, OCT 6 | 3pm Dalton Branch

MON, OCT 26 | 3:45pm Muskegon Heights Branch

CAMERA OBSCURA

Learn camera basics and create your own camera obscura. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

THU, OCT 8 | 3pm North Muskegon Branch

WED, OCT 21 | 4pm Montague Branch

EYE CANVAS ART

Create a 4"x6" postcard. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

MON, NOV 9 | 3pm Holton Branch

THU, NOV 12 | 4pm Muskegon Township Branch

THU, NOV 19 | 4pm Montague Branch



THE PARK MINI GOLF

Explore the location of the story "The Eyes & the Impossible" through a game of mini-golf. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

MON, OCT 5 | 3pm Holton Branch

TUE, OCT 13 | 2pm Norton Shores Branch

WED, OCT 14 | 2pm North Muskegon Branch

WED, OCT 28 | 3pm Ravenna Branch

WED, OCT 29 | All Day Muskegon Township Branch



SHOW SHELTER LOVE

Help animals in the local shelters by making an enrichment toy or blankets. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

THU, OCT 15 | 4pm Muskegon Township Branch

TUE, NOV 10 | 3pm Dalton Branch

5pm Egelston Branch

THU, NOV 12 | 3:30pm North Muskegon Branch

MON, NOV 16 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

MON, NOV 30 | All Day Muskegon Heights Branch

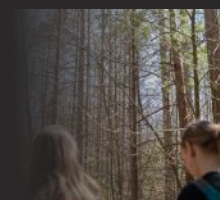


INSIDE THE STATE PARK

Get an inside look at the day-to-day operations of a state park. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

SAT, OCT 17 | 2pm PJ Hoffmaster State Park

SAT, NOV 7 | 2pm PJ Hoffmaster State Park



YOUR
CHOICES
MATTER!

the LITTLE READ

BE A CITIZEN BEAR

You can earn badges when you attend these events inspired by "What Can A Citizen Do?" by Dave Eggers!



CITIZEN BEARS UNITE

Play games and practice team work to earn your **Bestie Badge!** Sign up - it's **FREE!**

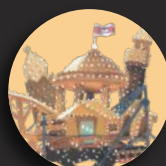
THU, OCT 1 | 4pm Norton Shores Branch
TUE, OCT 6 | 3:30pm North Muskegon Branch
WED, OCT 7 | 3:30pm Muskegon Heights Branch
TUE, OCT 13 | 3pm Ravenna Branch
WED, NOV 4 | 4pm Montague Branch



GOOD NEIGHBOR GRID

Play Bingo (with a twist) to earn your **Bingo Badge!** Sign up - it's **FREE!**

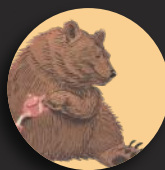
SAT, OCT 3 | 2pm Norton Shores Branch
MON, NOV 9 | 3pm Dalton Branch
FRI, NOV 13 | 3:30pm Egelston Branch



GOOD CHOICES CUT & PASTE

Sort everyday actions into "Good Citizen" or "Needs More Practice" to earn your **Bright Badge!** Sign up - it's **FREE!**

WED, OCT 7 | 3:30pm Muskegon Township Branch
THU, OCT 8 | 4pm Egelston Branch
WED, NOV 4 | 3:30pm Muskegon Heights Branch



WHAT CAN A CITIZEN DO? STORYTIME

Citizen Bear Badge

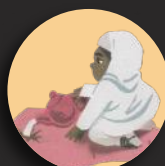
MON, OCT 5 | 9:30am Egelston Branch
11am Ravenna Branch
TUE, OCT 6 | 9:30am Dalton Branch
WED, OCT 7 | 11am Holton Branch
6pm Norton Shores Branch
THU, OCT 8 | 11am Montague Branch
FRI, OCT 9 | 11am North Muskegon Branch



BACKYARD BUNGALOWS

Build a birdhouse or a bug hotel to earn your **Builder Badge!** Sign up - it's **FREE!**

MON, OCT 5 | 3:30pm North Muskegon Branch
THU, OCT 8 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch
WED, NOV 18 | 4pm Muskegon Township Branch
MON, NOV 23 | 3pm Holton Branch



GROW INTO A GOOD CITIZEN

Plant herb seeds to earn your **Budding Badge!** Sign up - it's **FREE!**

MON, OCT 19 | 3pm Dalton Branch
TUE, OCT 20 | 3pm Holton Branch
THU, OCT 22 | 4pm Montague Branch
TUE, NOV 3 | 3pm Ravenna Branch
3:30pm North Muskegon Branch
SAT, NOV 7 | 3pm Norton Shores Branch



YOU HOLD ME UP STORYTIME

TUE, NOV 17 | 11:30am Norton Shores Branch
WED, NOV 18 | 11am Holton Branch
THU, NOV 19 | 11am Montague Branch
FRI, NOV 20 | 11am North Muskegon Branch
MON, NOV 23 | 9:30am Egelston Branch

WEEKLY & BIWEEKLY

Join us every (or every other) week at a MADL branch!



FOR LITTLES

Join us for **FREE** fun for ages 0-5!

Storytimes run SEP 8 - DEC 4

FAMILY STORYTIME

MONDAYS | 9:30am Egelston Branch
11am Ravenna Branch
TUESDAYS | 9:30am Dalton Branch
WEDNESDAYS | 11am Holton Branch
6pm Norton Shores Branch
FRIDAYS | 11am North Muskegon Branch

TODDLER STORYTIME

TUESDAYS | 11:30am Norton Shores Branch
THURSDAYS | 11am Montague Branch

BABY STORYTIME

WED | 11:30am Norton Shores Branch

PLAY & LEARN

This program promotes school readiness through play. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

1ST & 3RD MON | 11am

Muskegon Township Branch

MOVIE MONDAY

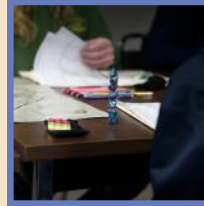
Watch a different family movie every week. **It's FREE!**

MONDAYS | 3pm Ravenna Branch

CRAFT CLUB

Meet to work on craft projects together. **It's FREE!**

FRIDAYS | 12pm Muskegon Township Branch



D&D

All experience levels welcome!
Please commit to the full 6 sessions.

Sign up - it's FREE!

1ST & 3RD WED | 4pm

Norton Shores Branch

ADULTS - check out the **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS** program on page 9.

MAGIC THE GATHERING

All experience levels welcome! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

2ND & 4TH WED | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

O.V. ADULT EDUCATION

Achieve your academic and career goals. **It's FREE!**

MONDAYS | 4pm Norton Shores Branch

TUESDAYS | 11am Muskegon Heights Branch

TUESDAYS | 4pm Norton Shores Branch

THURSDAYS | 11am Muskegon Heights Branch

YARN CRAFTERS ANONYMOUS

All skill levels are welcome. **It's FREE!**

1ST & 3RD TUE | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

CREATIVE MOMENTUM WRITER'S HUB

Creative writers can mingle, share work, spark inspiration, and more! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

1ST & 3RD TUE | 5:30pm Egelston Branch

TAI CHI

Prevent arthritis and improve balance.

Sign up - it's FREE!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | 9:30am

Norton Shores Branch

STRETCH & MORE

Work at your own pace to increase flexibility and reduce pain and stiffness. Ages 60+. **There's a \$1 fee.**

MONDAYS | 10:30am Norton Shores Branch

THURSDAYS | 11am Norton Shores Branch

SENIOR CRAFT CLUB

Meet to work on craft projects together with your friends and neighbors. **It's FREE!**

FRIDAYS | 2pm Muskegon Township Branch

MONTHLY

These programs will happen once a month at a MADL branch - we can't wait to see you there!

MONTHLY MOVIE

Enjoy a movie with subtitles and popcorn.
Morning movie will have descriptive audio if available. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

10am & 1pm LVPD Branch

SEP 14 Snow White

OCT 13 Freakier Friday

NOV 9 Zootopia 2



SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNAMENT

Sign up - it's FREE!

3RD MON | 3:30pm North Muskegon Branch

3D DESIGN & PRINT

Learn the basics of 3D printing.

Sign up - it's FREE!

SEP 22, OCT 20, NOV 23 | 3:30pm

North Muskegon Branch

SEP 22, OCT 20, NOV 23 | 6pm

North Muskegon Branch



PLAYTIME POWER HOUR

A fun, informal, play-based program that focuses on talking, singing, reading, and writing.

Sign up - it's FREE!

2ND THU | 1:30pm Muskegon Heights Branch

TEAM TRIVIA

Sign up - it's FREE!

SEP 14 | 6pm Norton Shores Branch - Literature Trivia

OCT 5 | 6pm Norton Shores Branch - Michigan Trivia

NOV 2 | 6pm LVPD Branch - British Trivia

PROTECTING YOUR DIGITAL IDENTITY

Learn how to protect yourself online. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

1ST FRI | 11am Holton Branch

MEMORY CAFE

Music, art, gentle movement, and community for those affected by memory changes and their caregivers. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

3RD MON | 10:30am North Muskegon Branch



CRAFT CLUB

Join our group and work on projects together. **It's FREE!**

2ND SAT | 11am Ravenna Branch



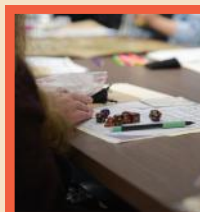
WATERCOLOR FREE PAINT

Let your imagination run wild with your designs.

Sign up - it's FREE!

LAST TUE | 3pm

Muskegon Township Branch



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

All experience levels are welcome.

Bring your own character or get one at the session. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

4TH SAT | 1pm

Norton Shores Branch

TEENS - check out the **D&D** program on page 8.

SEPTEMBER

NATURE HIKE & BRACELETS

Wander the Holton area and be inspired to create a bracelet based on the cool things you see outside.

Sign up - it's FREE!

WED, SEP 2 | 4pm Holton Branch



FALL FLOWER CRITTERS

Design your own floral arrangement in an adorable animal-shaped pot to brighten up your day. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

THU, SEP 3 | 4pm

Muskegon Township Branch

GRAND SLAM SOCIAL

Get ready for the US Open Finals with an afternoon of Tennis-themed crafts. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

SAT, SEP 12 | 1pm  Mona Shores High School

BABY FOOD TASTE TEST

Sign up - it's FREE!

TUE, SEP 15 | 3:30pm North Muskegon Branch

STORYTRAIL RIBBON CUTTING

Celebrate the unveiling of the Roosevelt Park StoryTrail.

Sign up - it's FREE!

THU, SEP 17 | 4pm  Linear Park

SAVE IT! BUILD IT! BANK IT!

Learn how to manage money in a fun, hands-on way.

Sign up - it's FREE!

THU, SEP 10 | 3pm Dalton Branch



SNAIL SEED MOSAICS

Combine tactile exploration with crafts and make a seed mosaic. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

WED, SEP 16 | 3pm Ravenna Branch

STICK-Y BEE CRAFT

Make a bee craft using jumbo popsicle sticks to celebrate National Honey Month! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

TUE, SEP 22 | 4:30pm Egelston Branch

SPOOKY SCIENCE

Create potions, sound effects, crafts, and explore science for halloween! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

FRI, SEP 25 | 3:30pm Montague Branch

WED, SEP 30 | 3:30pm Egelston Branch

FALL FOR THE FINE ARTS

Learn about famous artists and make your own art! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

MON, SEP 28 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

LEGO DAY

Let your imagination run wild with your designs.

Sign up - it's FREE!

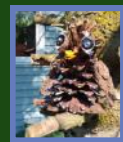
FRI, SEP 18 | 3pm Dalton Branch



MOSAIC OWL CRAFT

Use everyday materials to create a cool nocturnal friend to take home. **It's FREE!**

WED, SEP 30 | 3pm Dalton Branch



PINE CONE OWLS

Make expressive owls from pine cones

Sign up - it's FREE!

SAT, SEP 12 | 10:30am Holton Branch



BLING A DUCK

Using crystal gems, paint, stickers, and glitter glue to create a one of a kind rubber duck! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

THU, SEP 17 | 3:30pm Montague Branch

THU, SEP 24 | 3:30pm Egelston Branch



DIAMOND ART

Freestyle apply gems onto a surface to create your own unique designs completely from scratch. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

TUE, SEP 9 | 3pm Dalton Branch

TENNIS TACTICS

Come to the library for our US Open week!
Sign up - it's FREE!
THU, SEP 10 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch



LAVA LAMP JARS
Science can make some really cool décor! **Sign up - it's FREE!**
THU, SEP 17 | 4pm
Muskegon Township Branch



RECYCLED WIND CHIME
Make a Japanese style wind chime. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
TUE, SEP 22 | 3:30pm Ravenna Branch

MEDICARE 101 SEMINAR

We'll talk about how to navigate the complexities of Medicare with clarity, compassion, and confidence. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
TUE, SEP 8 | 11am North Muskegon Branch

THE HOLOCAUST AND THE FINAL SOLUTION

Learn the experience of Jewish prisoners gain a deeper understanding of the atrocities of the Holocaust. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
WED, SEP 9 | 6pm Norton Shores Branch



WATERCOLORS WITH KRIS
Sign up - it's FREE!
THU, SEP 10 | 4pm
Muskegon Township Branch



MUSTARD'S RETREAT
Hear them live! **It's FREE!**
THU, SEP 10 | 7pm
Norton Shores Branch

FALL PLANT SWAP

It's FREE!
WED, SEP 16 | 5pm Holton Branch

LEARN TO CROCHET

Learn the basics. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
WED SEP 16, 23, 30 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

TWIN LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meet with members of the Society. **It's FREE!**
WED, SEP 16 | 5:30pm Dalton Branch



RECYCLE CRAFTS: FALL NAPKIN LUMINARY
Make a festival fall luminary with just a mason jar and napkins. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
THU, SEP 17 | 5:30pm
Norton Shores Branch

STATE MEDICARE INSURANCE PROGRAM BINGO

An interactive game of State Medicare Insurance Program (SHIP) Medicare Bingo, **Sign up - it's FREE!**
TUE, SEP 22 | 11am North Muskegon Branch

MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

It's FREE!
THU, SEP 24 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

KINUSAIGA

Quilt without a needle and thread. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
MON, SEP 28 | 10am Montague Branch

CONSUMER'S ENERGY WORKSHOP

Learn how you can lower your energy bill and save some money, just like how you save money when you use your library card. **It's FREE!**
WED, SEP 30 | 1pm Ravenna Branch



SWEATER PUMPKINS
Not a sweater for your pumpkin, but a pumpkin made out of up-cycled sweaters! **Sign up - it's FREE!**
WED, SEP 30 | 3pm Holton Branch



OCTOBER



BOOK SALE

OCT 1 - 3

Norton Shores Branch

POPSICLE PEOPLE & HOMES

Design your own Popsicle People, and make a home for them out of recycled materials. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

THU, OCT 8 | 4pm Muskegon Township Branch



FALL HIKE

A guided tour of Clear Springs Nature Preserve. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

SAT, OCT 10 | 2pm

Clear Springs Nature Preserve

PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY

Decorate pumpkins and enjoy Halloween snacks! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

WED, OCT 28 | 4pm Muskegon Heights Branch

123 PLAY WITH ME

Play together, make new friends, and talk with different community resource professionals each week in this 5-week program. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

FRIDAYS | 10:30am Egelston Branch

PUMPKIN PAINTING

Sign up - it's FREE!

THU, OCT 1 | 4pm Muskegon Township Branch



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Crafts, games, apple cider, and donuts. Costumes encouraged. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

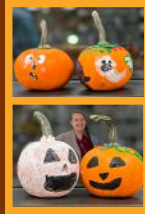
SAT, OCT 24 | 11am North Muskegon Branch



WISE OL' OWL BEAN MOSAIC

Sign up - it's FREE!

TUE, OCT 27 | 4:30pm Egelston Branch



FAMILY PUMPKIN PAINTING

We've got the paint & pumpkins, you've got the skills! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

MON, OCT 19 | 5:30pm

Norton Shores Branch

HALLOWEEN PRE-GAME

Make snacks, play games, do crafts, and watch a movie. **It's FREE!**

TUE, OCT 27 | 3pm Ravenna Branch



CREATE A CLAY CAR

Use clay and cardboard to create an unique vehicle. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

FRI, OCT 2 | 1pm Dalton Branch

LIQUID LUNCH TASTE TEST

Did you know that pizza put in a blender still tastes like pizza? **Sign up - it's FREE!**

TUE, OCT 13 | 3:30pm North Muskegon Branch

LEGO DAY

Sign up - it's FREE!

FRI, OCT 16 | 3pm Dalton Branch



WHIMSICAL OWL CANVAS PAINTING

Beginner friendly! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

TUE, OCT 13 | 12pm Dalton Branch

COZY FALL CROCHET

Sign up - it's FREE!

MON, OCT 5 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

POLISH INSPIRED FLOWER CROWNS

Make flower crowns to celebrate Polish-heritage month.

Sign up - it's FREE!

TUE, OCT 13 | 4:30pm Egelston Branch





STORY MAP CRAFT
Paint a story map to relax or use as a writing tool. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
WED, OCT 14 | 4pm Holton Branch

PAINT A PUMPKIN PICTURE
Paint a festive pumpkin picture. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
WED, OCT 21 | 2:30pm Holton Branch
MON, OCT 26 | 10am Montague Branch



MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
It's FREE!
SAT, OCT 3 | 1pm LVPD Branch



SCRAPPY GHOST GARLAND
Prior sewing experience will help but is not necessary to complete this craft. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
TUE, OCT 6 | 1pm Ravenna Branch

LIVE AT THE LIBRARY: TONY JARVIS
Enjoy live music at the library! **It's FREE!**
TUE, OCT 6 | 6:30pm North Muskegon Branch

CREATE A CASSEROLE
Learn to make a casserole from whatever you have handy. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
WED, OCT 7 | 2pm Holton Branch

NEEDLES, HOOKS, & HEALING
Help us craft yarn prosthetics for breast cancer survivors. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
WED, OCT 7 & 21 | 4:30pm Egelston Branch



ACOUSTIC SHENANIGANS
Enjoy live music at the library! **It's FREE!**
THU, OCT 8 | 7pm Norton Shores Branch



FESTIVE FALL BEGINNER AMIGURUMI
Learn how to make a no-sew amigurumi ghost and a simple pumpkin coaster. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
THU, OCT 15 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch



PERLER BEAD COOKIE COASTERS
Make some iconic Fall cookie slices out of perler beads. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
WED, OCT 21 | 3:30pm Ravenna Branch

TWIN LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
It's FREE!
WED, OCT 21 | 5:30pm Dalton Branch

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Share how to better develop our City for the future. Snacks served. **It's FREE!**
THU, OCT 22 | 4:30pm Muskegon Heights Branch



CHENILLE STEM LILLIES
Learn the art of sculpting lilies using chenille stems. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
THU, OCT 22 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

HOMEBUYERS EDUCATION CLASS
It is \$20 for the first person, and \$5 for everyone else in the same household.
SAT, OCT 24 | 9am - 4pm Muskegon Heights Branch

HALLOWEEN MUSIC BINGO
A fun, interactive game that combines the classic game of bingo with music. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
WED, OCT 28 | 1pm LVPD Branch



LEARN TO CROCHET
Learn the basics with Karen. **Sign up - it's FREE!**
WED, OCT 28 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch



NOVEMBER



SAND ART BOTTLES

Layer colored sand in unique bottles.

Sign up - it's FREE!

THU, NOV 5 | 4pm

Muskegon Township Branch

BOOK SALE

SAT, NOV 2 | North Muskegon Branch

GOBBLE-UP TURKEY CHALLENGE

Compete in your age group to win prizes and gobble some goodies! **Sign up - it's FREE!**

TUE, NOV 24 | 4pm Muskegon Heights Branch

BRITISH BONFIRE NIGHT CELEBRATION

MON, NOV 2 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch



DIY LIP BALMS

Mix natural ingredients to create a lip balm just for you. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

MON, NOV 23 | 5:30pm

Norton Shores Branch

VEGGIE VIBES TASTE TEST

Try some vegan vs. non-vegan food. Can you tell the difference? **Sign up - it's FREE!**

TUE, NOV 10 | 3:30pm North Muskegon Branch



STORY MAP CRAFT

Paint a story map to relax or use as a writing tool. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

WED, NOV 4 | 4pm Holton Branch

EDIBLE PLAY DOUGH

Who hasn't wanted to try eating play dough just once? **Sign up - it's FREE!**

WED, NOV 4 | 3pm Ravenna Branch

NEEDLES, HOOKS, & HEALING

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WED, NOV 4 & 18 | 4:30pm Egelston Branch

LEARN TO CROCHET

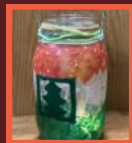
Learn the basics. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

WED, NOV 4 & 18 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

LIFE AFTER THE HOLOCAUST

Zekelman Holocaust Center will highlight survivor experiences after liberation. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

THU, NOV 5 | 6pm Norton Shores Branch



WINTER MOSAIC JAR

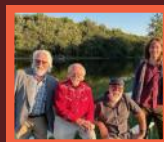
Create a mosaic mason jar light using tissue paper. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

FRI, NOV 6 | 2pm Dalton Branch

LIVE AT THE LIBRARY: ACOUSTIC OASIS

Enjoy live music at the library! **It's FREE!**

TUE, NOV 10 | 6:30pm North Muskegon Branch



BLUE WATER RAMBLERS

Enjoy live music at the library! **It's FREE!**

THU, NOV 12 | 7pm

Norton Shores Branch

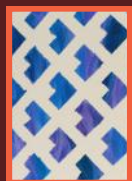


UPCYCLED MAGAZINE WREATH

Sign up - it's FREE!

THU, NOV 19 | 3pm

Muskegon Township Branch



RECYCLE CRAFTS: GEOMETRIC TAPE CANVAS

Use tape and paint to create a masterpiece.

Sign up - it's FREE!

THU, NOV 19 | 5:30pm Norton Shores Branch

SIMMERING POTPOURRI

Make a simmering potpourri mix. **Sign up - it's FREE!**

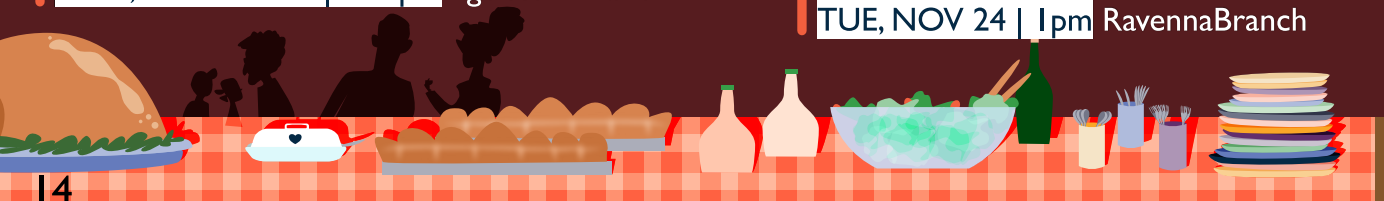
MON, NOV 23 | 10am Montague Branch

DIY COOKIE DUPES

Learn to make dupes of your favorite cookies.

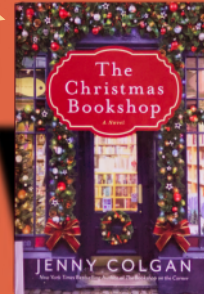
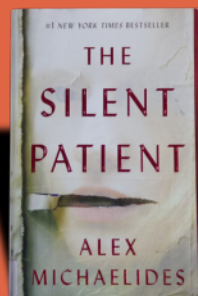
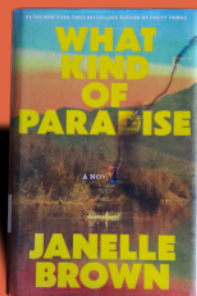
Sign up - it's FREE!

TUE, NOV 24 | 1pm Ravenna Branch



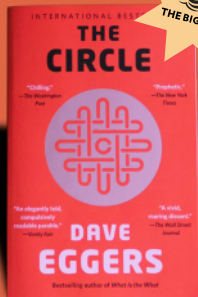
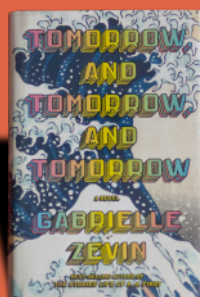
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BOOK CLUBS



1ST WED | 5pm Ravenna Branch

4TH WED | 5pm Holton Branch



SEP 15, OCT 20, NOV 18 | 6pm
North Muskegon Branch

WED, SEP 23, OCT 28, NOV 18 | 5pm
Dalton Branch

1ST THU | 10:30am Norton Shores Branch

SEP: *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim Defede

OCT: *Contrapposto* by Dave Eggers

NOV: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

BOOKS ON TAP

2ND TUE | 6pm  Pigeon Hill Brewing Co.

SEP: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

OCT: *Witchcraft for Wayward Girls*

by Grady Hendrix

NOV: *The Circle* by Dave Eggers

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Meet every month, share what you're reading, and then read silently with fellow book worms. There's no assigned reading...it's BYOBook.

3RD FRI | 3pm  Legal Grounds

BOOK CLUB IN A BAG



MADL's Book Club in a Bag program allows you to check out a bag that contains everything you will need for your very own book club - 10 books, information about the book, and discussion questions.

Bags may be checked out for up to 6 weeks at a time. Reserve one on our online catalog or by calling your local branch.



FIND OUR NEW DIRECTOR!



We've hidden a tiny picture of our NEW director, Betty, somewhere in the MADL newsletter (besides page 2). Find her and you will be entered to win a MADL swag bag full of goodies!

All entries must be submitted by Saturday, November 28, 2026. A winner will be announced Friday, December 4. One entry per person. Enter at MADL.org/Found



MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

HOURS & LOCATIONS

Administration

231-737-6248 M-F: 8am-5pm
4845 Airline Rd. Ste 5
Muskegon 49444

Bookmobile

MADL.org/Bookmobile

Dalton Branch

231-828-4188 M,T,TH, F: 9am-5pm
3175 5th St W: 9am-6pm
Twin Lake, 49457

Egelston Branch

231-788-6477 M,T: 9am-7pm
5428 E Apple Ave W: 9am-6pm
Muskegon, 49442 TH, F, S: 9am-5pm
SU: 1-5pm

Holton Branch

231-821-0268 M,T, F: 9am-5pm
8776 Holton-Duck Lake W: 9am-6pm
Holton, 49425 S: 10-2pm

Laketon Township Branch

231-685-0106 M,T: 3-6pm
991 W. Giles Rd W,TH: 9am-5pm
Muskegon, 49445

LVPD Branch

231-737-6310 M-F: 9am-5pm
4845 Airline Rd.
Muskegon, 49444

Montague Branch

231-893-2675 M,T, F: 9am-5pm
8778 Ferry St #2 W,TH: 9am-6pm
Montague, 49437 S: 10am-2pm

Muskegon Heights Branch

231-739-6075 M,T, F: 9am-5pm
2808 Sanford St W,TH: 9am-6pm
Muskegon Heights, S: 9am-2pm
49444

Muskegon Township Branch

231-760-4329 M,T, F: 9am-5pm
1910 East Apple Ave W,TH: 9am-6pm
Suite D
Muskegon, 49442

North Muskegon Branch

231-744-6080 M,T,W: 9am-7pm
1522 Ruddiman Dr TH, F, S: 9am-5pm
N Muskegon, 49445 SU: 1-5pm

Norton Shores Branch

231-780-8844 M,T,W,TH: 9am-7pm
705 Seminole Rd F, S: 9am-5pm
Norton Shores, 49441 SU: 1-5pm

Ravenna Branch

231-853-6975 M,T, F: 9am-5pm
12278 Stafford St W,TH: 9am-6pm
Ravenna, 49451 S: 10am-2pm



Earn prizes as you read your way to 1000 books - including a backpack for kindergarten when you finish!



Sign up at
MADL.org/1000books

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