

# MADL

MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

Spring is arriving at  
all MADL locations!  
Sign up for some of  
our plant programs at  
[MADL.org/garden](http://MADL.org/garden)



"It is spring again. The  
earth is like a child that  
knows poems by heart."

-Rainer Maria Rilke

APRIL & MAY  
2023

Click here to get a  
printable calendar  
of events at your  
library branch.



# SPRING BREAK

## MADL AT THE MOVIES

Join MADL at the Cinema Carousel Tuesday, April 4 for a great movie as we celebrate Spring Break. Pick up your tickets beginning Tuesday, March 28 at MADL Branches. You will need to show us your MADL library card to get a free ticket. (Sorry only MADL library cards accepted.) We'll provide the ticket, the pop, and the popcorn.

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What movie will we be watching?  
Look for clues on our Facebook page!  
[@MuskegonAreaDistrictLibrary](#)



# FUN!

## CANDY BAR BINGO

Feeling lucky? Try your hand at bingo. You could win a delicious candy bar. Ages 5–18.

 Register at [MADL.org/calendar](https://MADL.org/calendar)

### MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

Saturday, April 1 | 11:00 am

### LVPD

Monday, April 3 | 11:00 am

### MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BRANCH

Monday, April 3 | 3:00 pm

### HOLTON BRANCH

Wednesday, April 5 | 1:00 pm

### NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH

Wednesday, April 5 | 1:00 pm

### EGELSTON BRANCH

Wednesday, April 5 | 2:00 pm

### RAVENNA BRANCH

Wednesday, April 5 | 2:00 pm

### MONTAGUE BRANCH

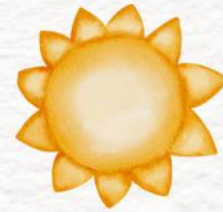
Thursday, April 6 | 11:00 am

### DALTON BRANCH

Thursday, April 6 | 2:00 pm

### NORTON SHORES BRANCH

Thursday, April 6 | 3:00 pm



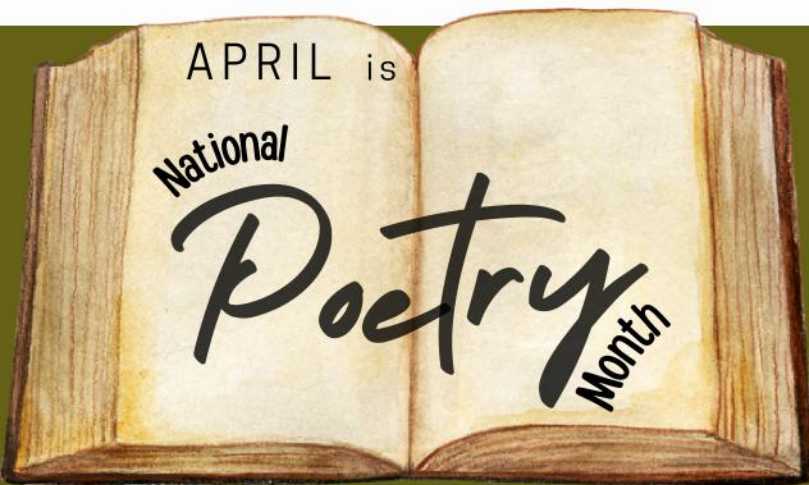
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ULTIMATE  
STAYCATION WITH  
THE LIBRARY THIS  
SPRING BREAK!



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# APRIL & MAY



## MAD(L) Verse: A Poetry Competition

April 1 - 30 | All MADL Branches

In celebration of National Poetry Month, MADL is having a poetry contest. Poets 3rd Grade and older, who live or attend school in Muskegon County, may enter one original poem this April. For entry details and prizes, please visit [MADL.org/Poetry](http://MADL.org/Poetry)

 Celebrate the winners of the Poetry Contest on **Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00 pm** at the **Norton Shores Branch!**

## DEI Corner

As our community and nation continue to diversify, we are committed to growing in our understanding of the important role our various identities and cultures have in creating an overall global culture that celebrates and respects differences. To this end, we continue to build our collection, programming, and professional development to better reflect the diverse community we serve. Monthly, we'll feature different groups within our community, particularly focusing on those stories and voices that have been told less often. We look forward to learning with you, as we dig deep into the rich and layered soil of the community we all call home!

## Experience the Poetry of Music

Find a variety of musical programs at the library, including live performances from great local bands as well as interactive kids programs.



Scan this

or visit  
[MADL.org/Music](http://MADL.org/Music)

# AT MADL

MAY is

Asian  
American  
and  
Pacific  
Islander  
Heritage  
Month

Celebrate the rich culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States with some great reading recommendations from MADL staff.



Watch the MADL.org/calendar for some upcoming AAPIHM programs!

## & Mental Health Awareness Month

### STRETCH & MORE

Tuesdays, March 7-May 30  
2:30 pm

**Holton Branch**

Thursdays, March 2- April 20  
10:00 am

**North Muskegon Branch**

Learn a combination of health tips, relaxation techniques, and a variety of stretching exercises. This class can be done sitting in a chair or standing. Provided by Agewell Services with funds from the Muskegon County Senior Millage. Call 231-354-2215 to register.

### EVENING YOGA

Second Wednesday of the Month  
5:30 pm

**Montague Branch**



Join Shawna Ramthun, a certified yoga instructor, as she leads you through mindful stretching, breathing, and meditation. Signed waivers required to participate. Bring your own yoga mat or towel.

### SLEEP EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE

Mondays, March 6- April 10  
2:00pm

**Norton Shores Branch**

Join Naomi Hyso from the MSU Extension office for a total of six 30-minute sessions covering a variety of topics.



### MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION

Third Monday of every Month  
9:30 am

**Norton Shores Branch**

De-stress in a yoga class designed for all levels and presented by Muskegon Yoga. Please bring a yoga mat.

# STORYTIME

## MONDAYS

**Egelston Branch:**

9:45–10:15 am Tiny Tots (0-36 mo.)

**Ravenna Branch:**

10:00–10:45 am Family

**Muskegon Heights Branch:**

11:30 am–12:00 pm Tiny Tots (0-36 mo.)

## WEDNESDAYS

**Holton Branch:**

11:15 am–12:00 pm Family

**Norton Shores Branch:**

11:30 am–12:15 pm Preschool

## 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 (2-3 yrs.)

**Montague Branch:**

11:15–11:45 am Family

## FRIDAYS

**North Muskegon Branch:**

9:30–10:15 am Toddler (2-3 yrs.)

**North Muskegon Branch:**

11:00 am–11:45 pm Preschool

## 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

This challenge is a simple and fun way to establish strong early literacy skills. Every time you read together with your child, make a note of it on your reading log. Every book counts whether it's the first time or the 99th time!

For every 100 books you read, you get a prize from your local MADL branch. Read 1,000 books before kindergarten and you get a backpack, so you're ready for school.

Get started today!

[MADL.ORG/1000BOOKS](http://MADL.ORG/1000BOOKS)

SCAN HERE TO  
LEARN MORE  
ABOUT  
STORYTIMES



OR VISIT  
[MADL.ORG/STORYAGES](http://MADL.ORG/STORYAGES)



# COME PLAY EVERYDAY!

## 1,2,3 PLAY WITH ME!

Parents/caregivers, sign up for this 5 week program that focuses on play. Come and meet others in the community and community resource professionals.

### Egelston Branch

Fridays (April 14 - May 12)

10:00 am - 11:15 am

Register at [MADL.org/calendar](https://MADL.org/calendar)

SCAN HERE TO SEE REGISTRATION PAGE



## BUILDING



### SNACKTIVITY

Wednesdays | 3:00 pm

### Montague Branch

Meet at the library for games, crafts, LEGO, and more every Wednesday. Snacks provided.

### OPEN LEGO BUILD

First Wednesday of the Month | 4:00 pm

### LVPD

Bring out your child's creativity and let their imagination soar with our Open LEGO Build. We will provide the LEGO.

### LEGO DAYS

First Wednesday of the Month | 4:00 pm

### Dalton Branch

Compete to build some awesome structures and win a prize. Challenge your friends and family. Ages 10 and under.

### PROJECT LEGO

Second Tuesday of the Month | 4:00 pm

### Muskegon Heights Branch

Join us and build with LEGO. Choose between building the theme for the night or free build whatever you imagine.



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**LIBROS BILINGÜES**  
EN LA BIBLIOTECA DEL DISTRITO DEL ÁREA DE MUSKEGON

COME CHECK OUT OUR

**BILINGUAL  
BOOKS** AT THE  
MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY



Whether your child is learning a second language or practicing their first language, MADL is here to help you and your child on their language journey with a wide selection of children's books in both **English** and **Spanish**.

 **SPANISH FOR KIDS**



**First Monday of the month (April 3 & May 1) | 5:30 pm**  
**Norton Shores Branch**

We all learn best when we're engaged and interested. Come for a mix of Spanish storytelling, songs, games, reading, and chatting.



# **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. **Register for a 15-minute timeslot.**

## **NORTON SHORES BRANCH**

April 17, May 22  
5:30 - 6:45 pm

## **NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH**

Second Wednesday of the Month  
3:00 - 4:00 pm

## **EGELSTON BRANCH**

April 18, March 23  
5:30 - 6:45 pm

## **LVPD**

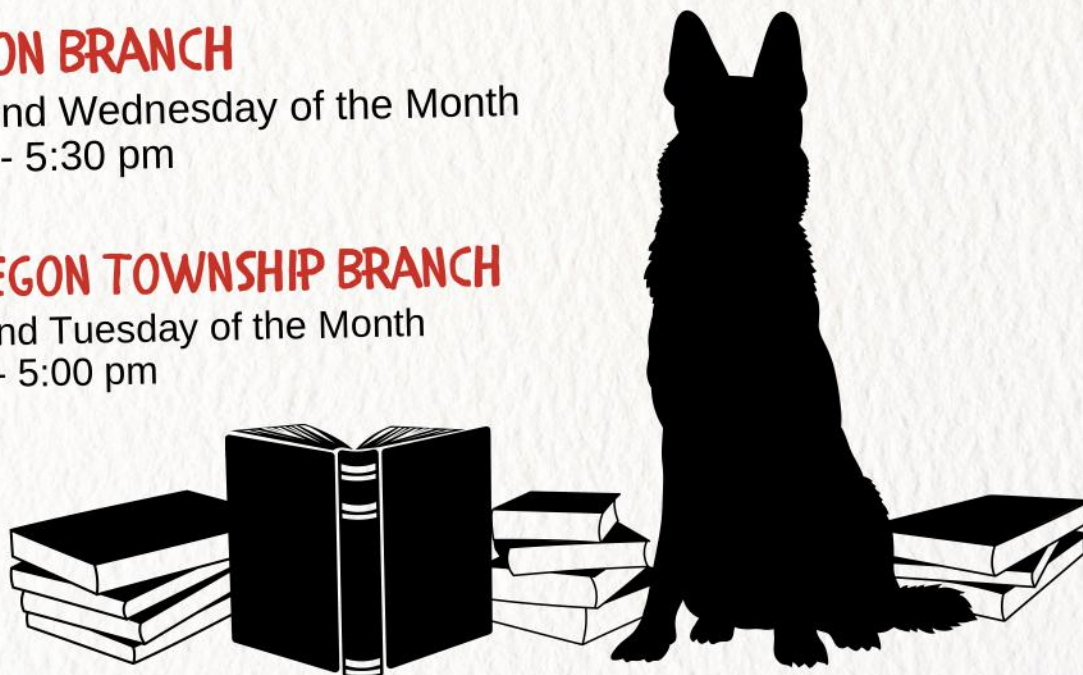
Second Wednesday of the Month  
5:30 - 6:45 pm

## **DALTON BRANCH**

Second Wednesday of the Month  
4:00 - 5:30 pm

## **MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH**

Second Tuesday of the Month  
4:00 - 5:00 pm



# JOIN THE CLUB!

BOOK

## Muskegon Township Book Club

Third Monday of the Month  
April 17, May 15

10:30 am  
Muskegon Township Branch

## On the Same Page: Virtual Book Club

Second Thursday of the Month  
April 13, May 11

11:00 am  
Call 231-737-6310 to get the code for online.

## BOOKS ON TAP



AT  
*Pigeon Hill*  
Cape

Second Tuesday of the Month  
April 11, May 9

6:00 pm  
Pigeon Hill (895 4th St)

## Tuesday Evening Book Club

Third Tuesday of the Month  
April 18, May 16

6:00 pm  
North Muskegon Branch

## Cook Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month

5:00 pm  
April 12, May 10  
Muskegon Township Branch

## Holton Book Club

Fourth Tuesday of the month  
April 25, May 23

6:00 pm  
Holton Branch

April 18:  
"The Truth According To Us" by Annie Barrows

May 16:  
"The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid

## Ravenna Reads Book Club

First Wednesday of the month  
April 5, May 3

6:00 pm  
Ravenna Branch

April 5: "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer

May 3: "Something in the Water" by Catherine Steadman

## Book Sale

Saturday, April 22  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
North Muskegon Branch

## Books & Bling Sale

Saturday, May 6  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Muskegon Heights Branch

## Book Sale

Friday, May 5  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday, May 6  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Norton Shores Branch



WHETHER YOU'RE JOINING A BOOK CLUB OR ANY OTHER CLUB, COMMUNITY CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND AT THE LIBRARY!

"IN PRINCIPLE AND REALITY,  
LIBRARIES ARE LIFE-ENHANCING  
PALACES OF WONDER."  
-GAIL HONEYMAN

**Dalton Book Club**  
Fourth Wednesday of the Month  
April 26, May 24  
6:00 pm  
Dalton Branch

**Thursday Morning Book Club**  
First Thursday of the month  
April 6, May 4  
10:30 am  
Norton Shores Branch

We have more than **BOOK** clubs!  
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April 6:  
"Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer  
May 4:  
"The Children's Blizzard" by Melanie Benjamin

April 6:  
"Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer  
May 4:  
"West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge

 **MOVIES**

Kanopy Movie Club

**Holton Branch**  
Second Tuesday of the month  
5:30 pm

**Montague Branch**  
Second Thursday of the month  
5:30 pm

**For Adults**

Movie Mondays

**Ravenna Branch**  
Mondays  
3:00 pm

Afternoon movies

**Muskegon Heights Branch**  
First Thursday of the Month  
5:00 pm

**For All Ages**

Family Movie Afternoon

**LVPD**  
Second Monday of the Month  
1:00 pm

April 10: "Hop"  
May 8: "Night at the Museum"

Find these programs and more at [MADL.org/calendar](http://MADL.org/calendar)

# SPRING HAS SPRUNG

## EASTER EGG DROP

Saturday, April 11 | 11:00 am  
North Muskegon Branch

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11 | 1:00 pm  
Holton Branch

## 5TH ANNUAL PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST

Saturday, April 8 | 11:00 am  
North Muskegon Branch

MADL has partnered with West Michigan Environmental Action Council for a Community Read of Braiding Sweetgrass. Grab your own Book Club in a Bag or join in at one of our Book Clubs. Find the book clubs and other great environmental programs at

[MADL.org/CommunityRead](http://MADL.org/CommunityRead)

## POLLINATOR LAWNS AND NATIVE GARDENS

Learn about pollinator lawns and native gardens with the Muskegon Conservation District.

Monday, April 10 | 6:00 pm  
Norton Shores Branch

Tuesday, April 11 | 6:00 pm  
North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, April 26 | 6:00 pm  
Muskegon Heights Branch

Find even more great programs at  
[MADL.org/calendar](http://MADL.org/calendar)



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

# STAR WARS

## HOLTON BRANCH

Wednesday, May 3  
5:30 pm

## MONTAGUE BRANCH

Thursday, May 4  
5:30 pm

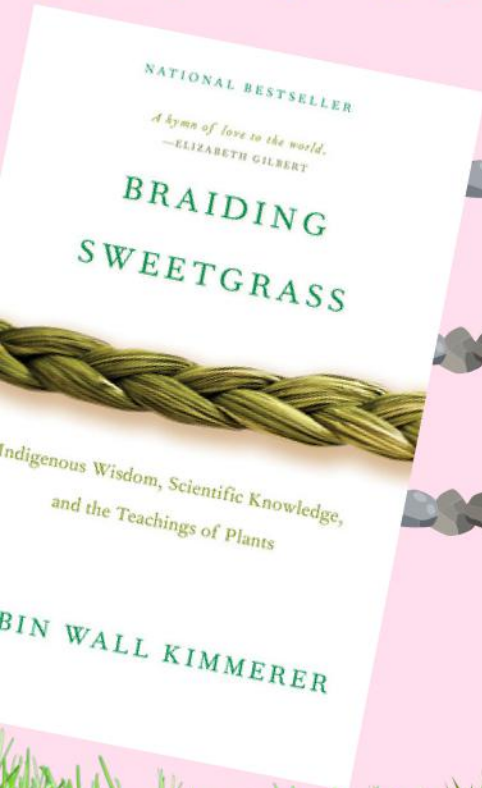
## NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH

Thursday, May 4  
6:00 pm



Do you walk the path of the Jedi? Or does the power of the dark side call to you? Join us for Star Wars stories, games, crafts, and snacks. Registration required at [MADL.org/calendar](http://MADL.org/calendar).

# AT THE LIBRARY



## **SPRING SUCCULENT**

Create a fun and unique succulent planter for yourself or a loved one.  
Find Dates and Times at [MADL.org/Succulent](https://MADL.org/Succulent) | **All Locations**



## **SUNFLOWER STARTING**

Saturday, April 29 | 11:00 am | **North Muskegon Branch**



## **SPRING FLOWER LANTERN**

Saturday, April 1 | 11:00 am | **Dalton Branch**



## **SUNFLOWER STARTING**

Thursday, April 27 | 6:00 pm | **North Muskegon Branch**

## **PRESSED FLOWER LANTERNS**

Thursday, May 11 | 6:00 pm | **Muskegon Heights Branch**

## **WHAT IS A BEE HOUSE?**

Thursday, May 18 | 6:00 pm | **Montague Branch**



What's new...

## #MADLforTeens

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS SESSIONS ✨

Every Tuesday (April 4-May 30) | 4:00 pm | **North Muskegon Branch**

### **RETRO VIDEO GAME DAY**

Tuesday, April 4 | 2:00 pm | **North Muskegon Branch**

### **GAME NIGHT**

Third Thursday of the Month | 4:00 pm | **Muskegon Heights Branch**

### REMINDER:


You can get all of this information AND MORE at [MADL.org/calendar](https://MADL.org/calendar)

### **3D DESIGN & PRINT**

Thursday, April 6 | 4:00 pm | **North Muskegon Branch**

# @MAD(L) CRAFTERS

MAD(L) Crafters is a craft club for ages 18 and up.  
Crafter extraordinaire Char Little provides the supplies and the expertise.

 Registration required at [MADL.org/calendar](http://MADL.org/calendar)



**Wooden Carrots**  
Monday, April 3 | 6:00 pm  
North Muskegon Branch  
Tuesday, April 11 | 5:30 pm  
Egelston Branch  
Wednesday, April 12 | 6:30 pm  
Norton Shores Branch

**Button Bouquet**  
Tuesday, May 16 | 5:30 pm  
Egelston Branch  
Wednesday, May 17 | 6:30 pm  
Norton Shores Branch

FIND THESE PROGRAMS AND **SO MANY MORE** AT [MADL.ORG/CALENDAR](http://MADL.ORG/CALENDAR)



## SNACKTIVITY

Wednesdays | 3:00 pm | Montague Branch



## UPCYCLE CRAFTS

Last Wednesday of the month | 5:00 pm | LVPD



## TREATS FOR TWEETS

Wednesday, April 19 | 3:30 pm | Holton Branch  
Thursday, April 20 | 3:30 pm | Montague Branch



## PLANT A POT

Saturday, May 13 | 11:00 am | North Muskegon Branch

DATE CHANGE  


## MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTERNOON

Saturday, May 13 | 3:00 pm | Norton Shores Branch

KIDS



## FAUX STAIN GLASS PROJECT

Tuesday, April 4 | 3:00 pm | Muskegon Township Branch



## JEWELRY MAKING

Wednesday, April 5 | 4:00 pm | North Muskegon Branch

TEENS  
AGES 11-18



## CRAFT CLUTCH

First and Third Wednesdays | 5:00 pm and  
Fridays | 1:00 | Muskegon Township Branch



## COFFEE, CREATIVITY, & CONVERSATION

Mondays | 6:00 pm | Montague Branch  
Fridays | 6:00 pm | Holton Branch

ADULTS

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# I SEE ME UNDER THE SEA: THE LITTLE MERMAID RED CARPET EVENT

Enjoy pre-movie activities before grabbing your free pop and popcorn and sitting down to watch *The Little Mermaid*. Watch MADL.org and our social media for information on how to get a ticket.

## TUESDAY, MAY 30 6:00 PM

CELEBRATION CINEMA CAROUSEL

## **Black Representation in Hollywood: Who gets to be a mermaid?**

Tuesday, May 9  
6:00 pm

Cinema Carousel

How important is representation in Hollywood when it comes to race and ethnicity, and what is the history behind the resistance?

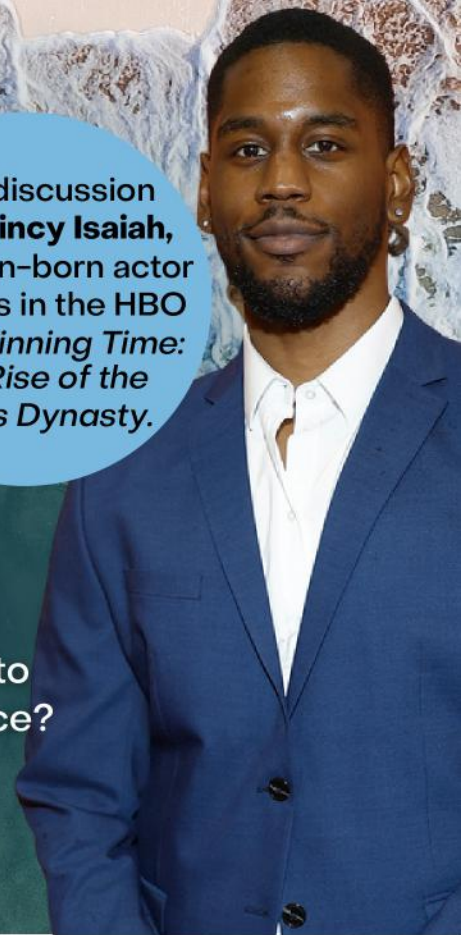


presented in partnership with Studio C

Moderated by **Kerri VanderHoff**, GVSU Film History and Theory faculty member.

Join a discussion with **Quincy Isaiah**, Muskegon-born actor who stars in the HBO Series *Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty*.

Hear from **Jazrielle Couran**, local film producer.



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# Hours & Locations

Find the hours, locations, phone numbers, and more for all of our branches (and vehicles) at [MADL.org/Hours](https://MADL.org/Hours)



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## Muskegon Area District Library 2023 Board of Trustees

MADL welcomes Randy Vanaelst and Andrea Root as new members of the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by their local city/township and generously volunteer their time and talents.

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## Find the Director!

We've hidden a tiny picture of the director somewhere in the MADL newsletter. Find him and you will be entered to win a MADL swag bag full of goodies. All entries for the April/May issue must be submitted by Wednesday, May 31. A winner will be announced Thursday, June 1. One entry per person. Enter at [MADL.org/FindRon](https://MADL.org/FindRon).

