

MADL

MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

December 2023-
February 2024
Newsletter

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<http://MADL.org>

MADL in 2023

Watch MADL social media in January to catch "MADL Shelved" - a summary of stats from 2023 including popular book titles, library visits, and more!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

This past year marks my first as MADL's Director. The two things that stand out most to me are how fast the year went by and how incredibly proud I am of the work everyone at the Muskegon Area District Library has done to make this library succeed. Looking at the numbers, the library continues to increase its reach in Muskegon County. Both circulation and program attendance have increased largely because our collections and events are developed specifically for our diverse and growing communities.

But numbers do not always tell the whole story. What isn't immediately obvious about the statistics or what isn't necessarily implied by the awards MADL received this past year is the relationships that staff cultivate with members of the communities they serve. At MADL, service is a virtue we take very seriously. This past year, I have spent time at all of MADL's eleven locations and continue to be impressed by the connections users have with their library (both the physical space and the people). After all, good libraries are always more than collections of things. They are vibrant community spaces where people gather to discuss, play, and collaborate. The spectrum of reasons users visit libraries is wide but everyone is welcome and everyone can benefit through the services and resources available.

I may be biased, but to me, the best part of the library experience is the people who make it possible by coming to work everyday and who work to make a difference everyday. From the staff working in our smallest location (Laketon Township Branch) to our largest location (Norton Shores Branch), to the managers and administrators working largely behind the scenes as well as our dedicated and committed board of directors, everyone plays a significant role in making MADL a great place to be.

BRANCH HIGHLIGHT:

The Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled is a public library for everyone and a special library for people with disabilities, all rolled into one! The fact that we have something for everyone is important to me as the Lead Librarian of the branch. We work hard to help all who walk in our doors.

-LEAD LIBRARIAN: SAX MAHONEY



AWARDS



From left to right Director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, Jason Broughton; MADL director, Ron Suszek; LVPD Lead Librarian, Sax Mahoney; and Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden pose in Washington D.C.

In 2023, MADL received several accolades for its service, resources, and staff. The Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled (LVPD) of MADL was nationally recognized by the Library of Congress with the 2023 Subregional/Advisory and Outreach Center of the Year.



MADL director, Ron Suszek, with the Employer Recognition letter.

MADL was also recognized locally by the Workforce Subcommittee of the Muskegon County Intellectual and Developmental Disability System of Care Consortium with the Employer Recognition Award. This recognition is a testament to MADL's extraordinary collaborative partnerships as well as the job and volunteer opportunities we have provided to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

LIBRARY FOR THE VISUALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED

LOCATED AT 4845 AIRLINE RD

PHONE 231-737-6310

HOURS	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	9-5	9-5	11-7	9-5	9-5

MADL's LVPD serves more than 940 blind, physically disabled, and print disabled readers in Muskegon and Ottawa counties. In addition to circulating books and other materials in audio and braille, the library has an array of accessible technology on site for its patrons to use, and several unique outreach programs. Find more information at MADL.org/LVPD



STORYTIME

January 16 - May 3



Mondays

9:30 am
Egelston Branch
Family Storytime

10:00 am
Ravenna Branch
Family Storytime

10:30 am
Muskegon Heights Branch
Family Storytime

Tuesdays

9:30 am
Dalton Branch
Family Storytime

10:30 am
Norton Shores Branch
Toddler time

11:15 am
Montague Branch
Family Storytime

Wednesdays

11:15 am
Holton Branch
Family Storytime

11:30 am
Norton Shores Branch
Family Storytime

Fridays

9:30 am
North Muskegon Branch
Toddler time

11:00 am
North Muskegon Branch
Family Storytime

HOT CHOCOLATE STORYTIME

Norton Shores Branch
Wednesday, January 31 | 5:30 pm

PLAY & LEARN

Give your child(ren) a great start at this Great Start Play and Learn. These literacy-based events promote kindergarten readiness through developmentally appropriate educational play.

Light dinner provided. For ages 0-5.



Register at
MADL.org/0-5

Muskegon
Township Branch

1st and 3rd Wednesdays
of the Month
beginning January 17
4:30-6:00 pm

LEAP (FROG) INTO LEAP YEAR

Participate in some fun froggy activities, crafts, and jumping games to get your body moving and celebrate the extra day we have this February! Great for kids of all ages.

Find dates & register at MADL.org/LeapFrog



 Register at
MADL.org/0-5

Ravenna Branch
Fridays, February 2-23
10:00 am

PLAYTIME POWER HOUR



Join us for a fun, informal, play-based program that allows your child(ren) to explore different play stations around the library. We will focus on playing, talking, singing, reading, and writing which are components that help children get ready to read. **For ages 0-5.**



TOO MANY TAMALES!

Join Navarro's & Read Muskegon for ornament making, delicious tamales, and live readings of the book *Too Many Tamales!* Great for the whole family!

Muskegon Heights Branch
Monday, December 4 | 3:30-5:00 pm



FOOTLIGHT MINI CAMP

Take to the stage this January! Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade can attend and learn about acting, singing and dancing. Presented by Muskegon Civic Theatre.



 Register online at MADL.org/Stage

Muskegon Heights Branch
Saturday, January 20 | 10:30 am

Egelston Branch
Saturday, January 27 | 10:30 am

Norton Shores Branch
Saturday, January 20 | 1:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch
Saturday, January 27 | 1:30 pm



Here Comes Santa Claus...

Don't forget your camera for this Free Event!

RAVENNA BRANCH

Saturday, December 2 | 11:00 am

HOLTON BRANCH

Wednesday, December 6 | 6:00 pm

LIBRARY FOR THE VISUALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED

Thursday, December 7 | 1:00 pm

DALTON BRANCH

Thursday, December 7 | 5:00 pm

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BRANCH

Saturday, December 9 | 11:00 am

MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

Sunday, December 10 | 2:00 pm

EGELSTON BRANCH

Monday, December 11 | 5:30 pm

MONTAGUE BRANCH

Thursday, December 14 | 5:30 pm

NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH

Saturday, December 16 | 11:30 am

NORTON SHORES BRANCH

Thursday, December 21 | 4:00 pm



Looking for more winter fun? Visit MADL.org/Calendar

DECEMBER AT MADL

We like to learn about all of the different celebrations that take place in December and we'd love for you to join us!



CHRISTMAS IN HOLTON

Holton Branch
Wednesday, December 6 | 6:00 pm

Teens Only

HANNUKAH CANDY DREIDELS

North Muskegon Branch
Friday, December 8 | 3:45 pm



FILIPINO PAROL CRAFT

North Muskegon Branch
Wednesday, December 13 | 6:00 pm



SANTA & REINDDER

Norton Shores Branch
Thursday, December 21 | 4:00 pm

GINGERBREAD HOUSES



Norton Shores Branch
Wednesday, December 13 | 5:30 pm

HAPPY NOON YEAR!

Norton Shores Branch
Thursday, December 28 | 11:30 am



FIND MORE WINTER CRAFTS ON PAGE 8

DON'T MISS THE



NAME THE MOVIE, ENTER TO WIN A PRIZE!

BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, LOOK FOR DETAILS IN BRANCHES OR ON OUR FACEBOOK @MUSKEGONAREADISTRICTLIBRARY

COOL CRAFTS AT THE LIBRARY

TO KEEP YOU CREATIVE & COZY!

ALL AGES

 Doily Ornaments

Muskegon Township Branch
Thursday, December 7 | 5:00 pm

 Ornament Painting

Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, December 13 | 4:00 pm

 DIY Snow Globe

See dates and locations
for kids, teens & adults at
[MADL.org/Snow](https://www.madl.org/Snow)



 DIY Holiday Ornaments

Ravenna Branch

Wednesday, December 13 | 5:00 pm

For
ages 5+

For
ages 5+

 Flashback 90's Lizard Keychain

Ravenna Branch

Wednesday, January 17 | 5:00 pm

 Drawing with
Corinne Roberts



ZOOM (online)

Fantasy Illustrations

Monday, January 8 | 7:00 pm

Animal Character Design

Monday, February 12 | 7:00 pm

This is just the tip of the iceberg!

Find more crafts at [MADL.org/Crafts](https://www.madl.org/Crafts)

You can also sign up to get our monthly newsletter at
[MADL.org/SignUp](https://www.madl.org/SignUp)

Looking for Teen crafts? See page 13

 Hot Chocolate & Winter Crafts
Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, January 10 | 5:00 pm

KIDS


 Crafty Kids: Lava Lamp
Montague Branch
Thursday, January 18 | 3:30 pm



 DIY Bird Feeders

North Muskegon Branch

Thursday, February 1 | 3:30 pm

 Chinese Paper Lanterns
North Muskegon Branch
Friday, February 9 | 3:30 pm

 Valentine's Card Making
Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, February 14 | 5:00 pm



MADL CRAFTERS

MADL Crafters is a craft club for ages 18+. We provide the supplies and you create a masterpiece!

Find dates and locations at
MADL.org/Crafters

December:

Decoupage Boxes

January:

Beaded Snowman

February:

Honeycomb Hearts

ADULTS


Can't get enough of MADL Crafters? Try [Recycle Crafts!](#)



 Beginner Knit & Crochet
Norton Shores Branch


First and Third Tuesday of the Month
5:30 pm



 Beaded Bracelet
Montague Branch
Monday, January 29
10:00 am

 Beginner Quilting
Holton Branch

Wednesday, February 21
6:00 pm

 Recycle Crafts
Library for the Visually
& Physically Disabled

Book Page Roses
Wednesday, January 3
5:30 pm

Puzzle Piece
Valentine's Wreath
Wednesday, February 7
5:30 pm




 Knitting with Tina
Montague Branch

Spa Cloth
Thursday, January 18
5:00 pm



Heart Coaster
Thursday, February 15
5:00 pm

 Foundry in a Box
Montague Branch
Thursday, February 8
3:30 pm

JOIN THE CLUB!



MADL.org/Club

Looking for more clubs?
Find Craft Clubs,
Music Clubs, Lego
Clubs, and more!

RAVENNA READS

Ravenna Branch
6:00 pm
First Wednesday
of the Month

MORNING BOOK CLUB

Norton Shores Branch
10:30 am
First Thursday
of the Month

BOOKS ON TAP

The Brewer's Lounge
(895 4th st)
6:00 pm
Second Tuesday
of the Month

COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB

Muskegon Township Branch
5:00 pm
Second Wednesday
of the Month

ON THE SAME PAGE VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

11:00 am
Second Thursday of
the Month
Register at
MADL.org/calendar

MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BOOK CLUB

Muskegon Township Branch
10:30 am
Third Monday of the Month
(Date change: January 22)

TUESDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

North Muskegon Branch
6:00 pm
Third Thursday
of the Month

DALTON BOOK CLUB

Dalton Branch
6:00 pm
Fourth Wednesday of the Month
(Date change: December 20)

BOOKS & BLING SALE

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

CRAFT CLUBS

MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH CRAFT CLUB

First and Third Wednesday
of the Month | 5:00 pm
Fridays | 1:00 pm

NORTON SHORES BRANCH CRAFT CLUB

Second and Fourth Tuesday
of the Month | 5:30 pm

Thursday Night Music Club
Norton Shores Branch

Voices of Freedom
Thursday, December 7 | 7:00 pm
David Rucks
Thursday, February 8 | 7:00 pm

JANUARY BRAILLE BLAST!

January is Braille Literacy Month. Take this opportunity to learn about the inventor of Braille, Louis Braille and celebrate Braille Literacy.

For kids ages 5-12. Learn to see with your fingers! Explore how braille works and how to write your name in braille.

HOLTON BRANCH

Wednesday, January 17
2:00 pm

LIBRARY FOR THE VISUALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED

Monday, January 22
11:00 am

NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH

Thursday, January 18
3:30 pm

MONTAGUE BRANCH

Thursday, January 25
3:30 pm

PAINT & SIP

Register at MADL.org/BHM

Explore your creativity while instructed on how to recreate a piece of art inspired by famous Black artists, Alma Thomas and Clementine Hunter.

FOR ADULTS

LIBRARY FOR THE VISUALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED
Wednesday, January 24 | 5:30 pm

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BRANCH
Wednesday, February 7 | 5:00 pm

NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH
Wednesday, February 21 | 6:00 pm

FOR KIDS

MONTAGUE BRANCH
Thursday, February 8 | 5:30 pm

EGELSTON BRANCH
Tuesday, February 13 | 5:30 pm

NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH
Thursday, February 15 | 3:30 pm

NORTON SHORES BRANCH
Wednesday, February 21 | 5:30 pm

FEBRUARY

February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate and honor the achievements and history of Black Americans, past and present.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

HUMANS OF MUSKEGON

MADL.ORG/HUMANS

Unjudge Someone

Join us for conversations with a difference. Delve into the experiences of our Human Books who want to answer your questions about their experiences, the challenges they've faced, and the profound lessons they've learned along the way.

EGELSTON BRANCH

Saturday, February 17 | 10:00am-1:00 pm



Welcome to the TEEN PAGE

Did you know you can check out videogames at the library?



Dungeons & Dragons

North Muskegon Branch
Tuesdays | 4:00 pm



GAMING

Game Day

Dalton Branch
First Friday of the Month | 1:00 pm

Jackbox Games Night

Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, January 31 | 5:00 pm

Teen Hangout

North Muskegon Branch
Wednesdays in February | 3:30 pm

SELF CARE

The library is a place of relaxation, snacks, and everything self care!

Peppermint Scrub

Montague Branch
Thursday, December 7 | 5:30 pm



DIY Natural Oil Lamp

Muskegon Township Branch
Thursday, January 18 | 5:00 pm



Cocoa in a Jar

Montague Branch
Wednesday, December 20 | 2:00 pm

Lavender & Lemon Soak

Montague Branch
Thursday, January 25 | 5:30 pm



Holton Branch

Wednesdays, January 24 | 3:30 pm

KitKat Tasting

North Muskegon Branch
Tuesday, January 30 | 3:30 pm

Hot Chocolate & Winter Crafts

Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, January 10 | 5:00 pm



SAFETY 101

Montague Branch
Thursday, February 1 | 5:30 pm

DIY Bath Bombs

North Muskegon Branch
Wednesday, February 14 | 3:30 pm



Our Socials:
FACEBOOK
@MuskegonAreaDistrictLibrary

TIK TOK
@MuskegonADL
INSTAGRAM
@MuskegonADL

TEENS ONLY

CRAFTS

Get creative at the library!

🔗 RECYCLE CRAFTS

Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled
Learn how to create Book Page Roses and Puzzle
Piece Valentine's Wreathes on page 9

🔗 Learn to Draw with Corinne Roberts

ZOOM (online)
Channel your inner artist with Fantasy
Illustration and Animal Character
Design on page 8



🔗 DIY Snow Globe

North Muskegon Branch
Tuesday, December 5 | 3:30 pm

🔗 3D Design and Print

North Muskegon Branch
Thursday, January 11 | 3:30 pm

🔗 Beginner Crochet

Montague Branch
Second and Fourth
Saturdays of the Month
beginning January 13
10:30 am

🔗 DIY Bird Feeders

North Muskegon Branch
Thursday, February 1
3:30 pm



SCAN HERE OR VISIT MADL.ORG/TEEN TO FIND MORE

Your Library Your Space

🔗 = REGISTRATION REQUIRED
AT MADL.ORG/CALENDAR

🔗 Valentine's Crafternoon

Holton Branch
Wednesday, February 7
3:30 pm

🔗 Foundry in a Box

Montague Branch
Thursday, February 8
3:30 pm

Learn how to
pour and file
metal into unique
shapes and create
your own metal
casting!

🔗 Valentine's Card

Making

Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, February 14 | 5:00 pm

🔗 Paper Plate Dream Catcher

Muskegon Township Branch
Thursday, February 15 | 4:00 pm



THE LIBRARY: WHERE COZY MEETS FUN

ALL AGES

SNACKTIVITY

Montague Branch
Wednesdays | 3:00 pm

For Kids
& Teens!

GAME DAY

Dalton Branch
First Friday of the Month
1:00 pm

MAKERSPACE NIGHT

Muskegon Township Branch
Fourth Wednesday of the Month
5:00 pm

LIBRARY NIGHT @CHICK-FIL-A

For Kids
& Teens!

Chick-Fil-A
Tuesday, January 9 | 5:00 pm

LAKE MICHIGAN SHIPWRECKS:

LOCATING AND BUOYING

North Muskegon Branch
Wednesday, January 24 | 6:00 pm

A VERY SCOTTISH TEA PARTY

Norton Shores Branch
Thursday, January 25 | 3:30 pm

WHITE LAKE MUSIC SOCIETY

HISTORY OF CHOCOLATE IN LIFE & ART

Book Nook & Java Shop
Tuesday, January 30 | 7:00 pm

EVENING OF EASY SHAKESPEARE

Montague Branch
Tuesday, February 27 | 7:00 pm

Take part in great lectures about fascinating topics (and eat some delicious, themed snacks)!

GRAB YOUR POPCORN

MOVIE MONDAYS

Ravenna Branch
Mondays | 3:00 pm

FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON

Library for the Visually
& Physically Disabled
Second Monday of the
Month | 1:00 pm

MOVIE NIGHT

Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, January 24 | 5:00 pm
Wednesday, February 21 | 5:00 pm



LIVE AT THE LIBRARY:

CENTRAL PARK PLAYERS

@Community United Methodist Church
Tuesday, February, 13 | 6:30 pm

VALENTINE'S STEM PARTY

Ravenna Branch
Wednesday, February 14 | 5:00 pm

LEGO DAY

Dalton Branch
Second Saturday of the
Month | 11:00 am

LEGO CLUB

Ravenna Branch
Last Wednesday of the
Month | 3:00 pm

KIDS

CURSIVE WRITING

Norton Shores Branch
Wednesdays, January 10 & 24,
February 14 & 28 | 5:30 pm

ADULTS

🌀 WWII THROUGH THE EYES OF SGT RINSEMA
North Muskegon Branch
Thursday, December 7 | 6:00 pm

🌀 BIRTHING JUSTICE:
SCREENING & DISCUSSION
Muskegon Heights Branch
Thursday, January 11 | 4:00 pm

🌀 GREAT LAKES, GRAND ADVENTURES
Norton Shores Branch
Monday, February 5 | 6:00 pm

LET'S TALK TECH

TECH TALKS
Norton Shores Branch
Second Thursday of the Month | 3:00 pm

🌀 EMAIL HELP
Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, January 17 | 1:00 pm

🌀 3D DESIGN AND PRINT
North Muskegon Branch
Monday, January 22 | 6:00 pm

🌀 MICROSOFT WORD
Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, February 28 1:00 pm

SELF CARE

🌀 PEPPERMINT SCRUB
Montague Branch
Thursday, December 7 | 5:30 pm

🌀 EVENING YOGA
Montague Branch
Wednesday, January 10 & February 7
5:30 pm

🌀 KITKAT TASTING
North Muskegon Branch
Tuesday, January 30 | 6:00 pm

🌀 Jackbox Games Night
Muskegon Heights Branch
Wednesday, January 31 | 5:00 pm

🌀 SAFETY 101
Montague Branch
Thursday, February 1 | 5:30 pm

Hear Jim Dreyer, the only person who has swam the width of Lake Michigan, and Daniel Bonner, who set out to paddle across Lake Michigan, as they share their experiences.

APPLIED AI
Learn about AI and how you can use it safely and effectively.

🌀 KIDS & CHAT GPT
North Muskegon Branch
Monday, December 4 | 6:30 pm

🌀 AI IMAGES
North Muskegon Branch
Tuesday, January 9 | 6:30 pm

🌀 SAVE TIME WITH AI
North Muskegon Branch
Tuesday, February 13 | 6:30 pm

🌀 DIY NATURAL OIL LAMP
Muskegon Township Branch
Thursday, January 18 | 5:00 pm

🌀 SOUND BATH MEDITATION
Norton Shores Branch
Monday, January 22 | 6:00 pm

🌀 LAVENDER & LEMON SOAK
Montague Branch
Thursday, January 25 | 5:30 pm

Hours & Locations

Find the hours, locations, phone numbers, and more for all of our branches (and vehicles) at MADL.org/Hours or give us a call.

Bookmobile: 231-737-6248, ext 800

Dalton Branch: 231-828-4188

Egelston Branch: 231-788-6477

Holton Branch: 231-821-0268

Laketon Township Branch: 231-685-0106

LVPD Branch: 231-737-6310

LVPD Toll Free: 1-877-569-4801

Montague Branch: 231-893-2675

Muskegon Heights Branch: 231-739-6075

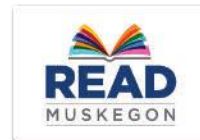
Muskegon Township Branch: 231-760-3429

North Muskegon Branch: 231-744-6080

Norton Shores Branch: 231-780-8844

Ravenna Branch: 231-853-6975

Administration Offices: 231-737-6248



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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 Winter issue must be submitted by Friday, February 23. A winner will be announced Thursday, February 29. One entry per person. Enter at MADL.org/FindRon.

