

# MADL

MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

Spring  
Newsletter  
2024



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# SPRING BREAK Staycation

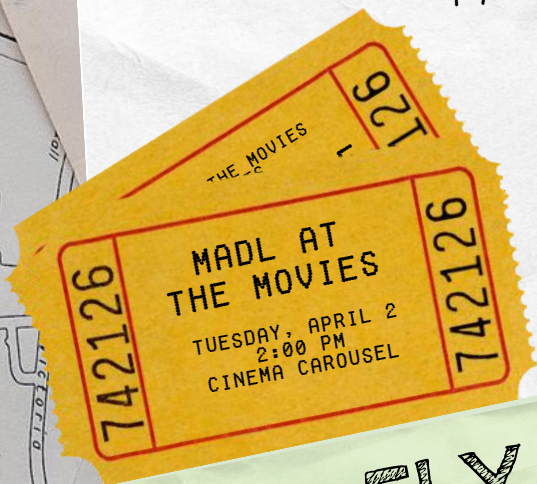


## MADL at the MOVIES

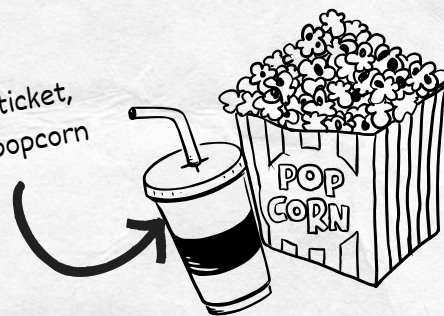
Join MADL at the Cinema Carousel Tuesday, April 2 at 2:00 pm to see Luca, a story about a young sea monster experiencing life on land.

Pick up your tickets beginning Tuesday, March 26 at **MADL Branches**. You will need to show us your MADL library card to get a **FREE** ticket.

Sorry only MADL library cards will be accepted.



We'll provide the ticket,  
the pop, and the popcorn



## FLY AWAY WITH SCIENCE!

Try a fun science project by making paper airplanes with Muskegon County 4-H. Does material, size, or fold matter when making paper airplanes? Let's find out together!  
**Registration required.**

Muskegon Heights Branch  
Monday, April 1 | 3:00 pm

Egelston Branch  
Thursday, April 4 | 11:00 am

Montague Branch  
Thursday, April 4 | 2:00 pm



## PARTY WITH BLUEY!

Wackadoo! Are you a fan of Bluey and the Heeler family? Join us for fun crafts, activities, and games featuring the dogs from down under! **Registration required.**

Holton Branch  
Wednesday, April 3 | 11:00 am

Norton Shores Branch  
Wednesday, April 3 | 5:30 pm

North Muskegon Branch  
Thursday, April 4 | 10:00 am

Dalton Branch  
Thursday, April 4 | 2:00 pm



# Keep the fun going year round.

# LEGOS!

Unleash your creativity with all kinds of amazing LEGO programs at the library.

Want to win tickets to Brick Fest Live??

Looking for tickets to **Brick Fest Live** in Grand Rapids? Kids and teens could win 4 passes by building at a MADL LEGO program. Enter at Ravenna (February 28), Muskegon Heights (March 6), Dalton (March 9), or Egelston (March 13). Be sure to join the fun for a chance to win.

## LEGO Club

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

## LEGO Club

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

## LEGO Night

Muskegon Heights Branch  
Wednesday, March 6  
5:00 pm

## LEGO Night

Egelston Branch  
Wednesday, March 13  
4:30 pm

## Snacktivity

Montague Branch  
Wednesdays | 3:00 pm

## LEGO Open Build

North Muskegon Branch  
Thursday, May 9  
4:00 pm

# EASTER

Whether you're searching for eggs or making them into works of art - come have an egg-cellent time at the Library!

## Easter Egg Hunt

Norton Shores Branch  
Monday, March 25 | 5:30 pm



## Easter in Holton

Holton Branch  
Saturday, March 30 | 11:00 am

# MOVIES

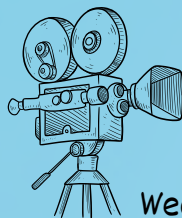
Meet at the library for a fun, family-friendly flick everyone will enjoy.

## Movie Mondays

Ravenna Branch  
Mondays | 3:00 pm

## Family Movie Afternoon

LVPD Branch  
Second Monday of the Month  
10:00 am & 1:00 pm



## Movie Night

Muskegon Heights Branch  
Wednesday, March 13 | 5:00 pm

## Bookworms

Holton Branch   Montague Branch  
Wednesday, March 6 | 12:00 pm Thursday, March 7 | 3:30 pm



## Blind Candy Taste Test

Muskegon Heights Branch  
Wednesday, May 1 | 5:00 pm

## Fairytale Bash

Norton Shores Branch  
Wednesday, April 10 | 5:30 pm



## Mini Bowling

Muskegon Heights Branch  
Wednesday, April 17 | 5:00 pm

## Real Life Angry Birds

Muskegon Heights Branch  
Wednesday, May 15 | 5:00 pm



# TOTAL ECLIPSE

Beginning March 25, all MADL Branches will have FREE solar eclipse glasses available. Be sure to get a pair so you can safely enjoy the eclipse. Branches will have at least 100 glasses and will be limiting them to 4 per family.



# March is READING MONTH

Did you know March is also **Women's Month**? Celebrate by hearing from these *incredible* female authors!

## Author Visit: ANGELINE BOULLEY

**Bestselling Young Adult Novelist**

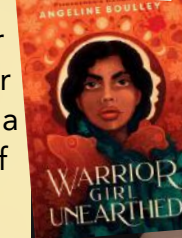
**Printz Medal & Morris Award Winner**

Don't miss out on your chance to hear from best-selling author Angeline Boulley, who will be visiting Muskegon as a stop on her tour for the Great Michigan Read. She will be speaking about her book, *Firekeeper's Daughter*, an electrifying thriller layered with a rich exploration of the modern Native experience, a reckoning of current and historical injustices, and a powerful celebration of community. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation.

Orchard View High School Auditorium

Wednesday, April 17 | 6:00 pm

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



## White Lake Music Society:

## BUTCHER BY NATASHA MILLER

Montague Branch

Tuesday, March 26 | 7:00 pm

Join author Natasha Miller for a poetry discussion of their book *Butcher*, a book about love and loss and about being unapologetic and transparent in grief.

## Black Lives are Beautiful with DR. CHARMEKA NEWTON

Muskegon Heights Branch | Friday, March 8 | 3:00 pm

Dr. Char Newton shares her co-authored workbook designed to help members of the Black community counter the impacts of racialized trauma while also cultivating self-esteem, building resilience, fostering community, and promoting Black empowerment. This workshop will help community members learn strategies to celebrate their Blackness.





# May is MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month this May, MADL is partnering with United Way to host a special guest, Christine D'Ercole. As a 15-time Masters National Cycling Champion and Peloton instructor for nearly a decade, Christine's classes offer more than just a physical workout—they serve as powerful moments of self-awareness and care. Through her authentic message and personal journey, Christine helps individuals tackle self-doubt and criticism, turning obstacles into opportunities. Regardless of your athletic background, Christine's story is a must-hear, offering valuable insights into mental well-being.

Attend this  
**FREE**  
event!

Friday, May 17  
6:00 pm  
Muskegon  
Museum of Art

Space is limited,  
**REGISTER AT**

[MADL.org/Mindfulness](https://MADL.org/Mindfulness)



“The most powerful thing anyone can say to us is what we say to ourselves  
-CHRISTINE D'ERCOLE

Christine will also be a special guest at United Way of the Lakeshore's **Ride United** Event. Learn more and get tickets for Ride United 2024 at [UnitedwayLakeshore.org/Ride-United](https://UnitedwayLakeshore.org/Ride-United)



# STORYTIME

## 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 Storytime

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 Storytime

11:00 am  
**North Muskegon Branch**  
 Family Storytime

Don't forget, we will not have Storytime during Spring Break (April 1-6)

## ABC's of Art

FOR AGES 3-5



Great for your artsy little reader. Families will learn, draw, read, dance, and have lots of fun in this art class. At each class families get a free book, snacks, and art supplies to continue the creative fun at home!

### Ravenna Branch

Fridays, April 12-May 10  
 10:00 am

# GROW A LITTLE READER

Dive into reading with your child in this class that focuses on exciting topics like: oceans, dinosaurs, animals, space, and much more! Kids will learn through playing, reading, dancing, and singing! At the end of each session families will bring home their own themed book & toy for continued fun!



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



**Ravenna Branch**  
 Fridays, March 1 - 22  
 10:00 am



**Montague Branch**  
 Thursdays, March 7 - 28  
 11:30 am



**Holton Branch**  
 Wednesdays, May 8-29  
 11:00 am

FOR AGES 3-5

## ABC's of Music



Play it loud! In this class families will enjoy singing, dancing, reading, and playing to the beat! Free books, snacks, and crafts for each family to unlock their inner musician.

### Holton Branch

Fridays, March 1-29  
 10:00 am

### Muskegon Heights Branch

Tuesdays, April 16-May 14  
 10:30 am

### Montague Branch

Mondays, May 6-June 10  
 10:00 am



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER  
 at [MADL.org/Calendar](http://MADL.org/Calendar)



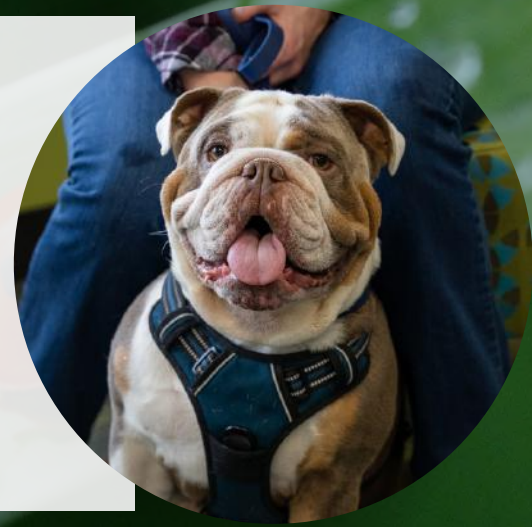
# BOW WOW READERS



Pair up 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 time slot at [MADL.org/BowWow](http://MADL.org/BowWow)**

Available at  
**Norton Shores Branch**  
**Muskegon Township Branch**  
**North Muskegon Branch**  
**Dalton Branch**  
**Egelston Branch**



PLAY & LEARN

FOR AGES 0-5

**Muskegon Township Branch**  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month  
4:30 pm

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

 **Register at [MADL.org/Calendar](http://MADL.org/Calendar)**

1, 2, 3, PLAY WITH ME

FOR AGES 0-5

**Egelston Branch**  
Fridays in April 12-May 10  
9:15 am & 11:00 am

Bring your children to play at 1, 2, 3, Play with Me at the Egelston Branch. Play together, make new friends, and talk one-on-one with different community resource professionals each week in this 5-week program. Topics covered are early literacy, speech and language, child development, nutrition, and music & movement. Parents and caregivers are asked to commit to all five weeks.

 **Register at [MADL.org/Calendar](http://MADL.org/Calendar)**

Playtime POWER HOUR

FOR AGES 0-5

**Norton Shores Branch**  
Mondays, March 4-25  
11:30 am

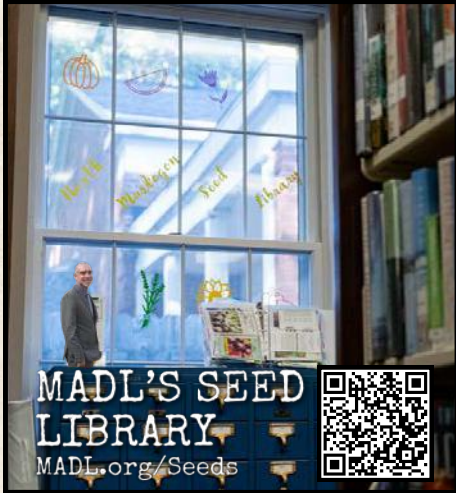
**Muskegon Heights Branch**  
Thursdays, May 2-23  
1:00 pm

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.

 **Register at [MADL.org/Calendar](http://MADL.org/Calendar)**



# LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE



## Neighborhood Wednesdays

Come visit with friends and neighbors!  
Dalton Branch  
Wednesdays in May | 6:00 pm

## Spring Cleaning 101

Holton Branch  
Wednesday, May 22 | 6:00 pm

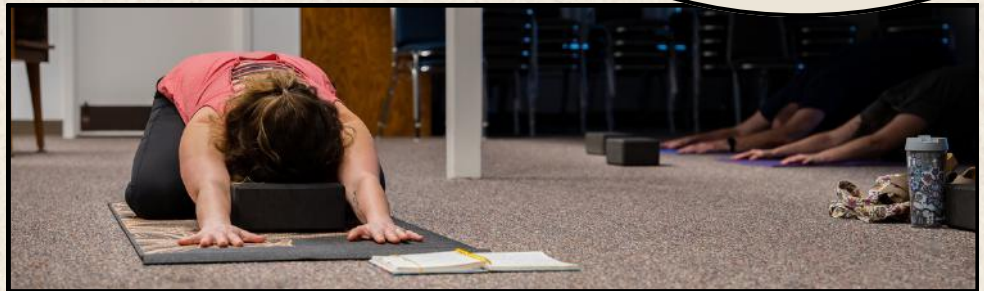
# IT HAPPENED IN MICHIGAN

**Scandal & Shine: Prohibition in West Michigan**   
Norton Shores Branch  
Monday, March 4 | 6:00 pm

**Emens Brick Kiln of Holton**  
Holton Branch  
Wednesday, March 13 | 6:00 pm

**Muskegon's Industrial Heritage**  
North Muskegon Branch  
Monday, March 25 | 6:00 pm

**NEVER MISS THE LATEST SCOOP!**  
[MADL.org/SignUp](https://MADL.org/SignUp)



# DON'T FORGET TO STRETCH

**Evening Yoga**  
Montague Branch  
Wednesdays, March 6, April 3,  
& May 8 | 5:30 pm

**Ages 60+** **Stretch & More**  
Ravenna Branch  
Wednesdays (March 6 - April 24)  
11:30 am

**Belly Dance for Fitness**  
Norton Shores Branch  
Mondays, March 11, 18, 25 |  
6:00 pm

**Ages 0-11** **Sing Song Yoga**  
Norton Shores Branch  
Wednesday, May 22  
5:30 pm





# LOVE THE LIBRARY, LOVE THE PLANET

ALL AGES

- 🌱 **PLANT SWAP & SHARE**  
Holton Branch | Tuesday, April 16 | 5:30 pm
- 🌱 **EARTH DAY NATURE HIKE**  
Clear Springs Nature Preserve  
Sunday, April 21 & Monday, April 22 | 12:00 pm

FOR ADULTS

- 🌱 **SO YOU WANT TO PLANT A GARDEN**  
Norton Shores Branch | Tuesday, March 5 | 6:00 pm
- 🌱 **GO GREEN WITH THE LIBRARY**  
Norton Shores Branch | Monday, April 15 | 6:00 pm
- 🌱 **COMPOSTING 101**  
Norton Shores Branch | Monday, May 13 | 6:00 pm
- COLLECTING & UTILIZING NATIVE SEEDS**  
Montague Branch | Thursday, May 16 | 6:00 pm
- 🌱 **ONE SEED, ONE STATE: DILL**  
North Muskegon Branch  
Saturday, May 18 | 11:00 am



FOR KIDS

- 🌱 **WE LOVE YOU PLANET EARTH!**  
Norton Shores Branch  
Monday, April 22 | 5:30 pm
- 🌱 **ONE SEED, ONE STATE: DILL**  
North Muskegon Branch  
Thursday, May 16 | 4:00 pm
- 🌱 **PLANT A POT**  
North Muskegon Branch  
Saturday, May 11 | 11:00 am



## SENIOR SCAMS: NOT EVERYONE IS YOUR FRIEND

NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH  
Tuesday, May 7 | 6:00 pm

HOLTON BRANCH  
Friday, May 10 | 2:00 pm

LIBRARY FOR THE VISUALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED  
Wednesday, May 15 | 5:30 pm

DALTON BRANCH  
Monday, May 20 | 4:00 pm

## 🌱 ANCESTRY 101

Holton Branch | Wednesday, March 27 | 6:00 pm



## 🌱 MADL TRIVIA

Muskegon Heights Branch  
Wednesday, April 24  
5:00 pm

## 🌱 MAKE WAY FOR MOCKTAILS!

Norton Shores Branch  
Wednesday, May 1  
6:00 pm



## 🌱 BLACK HAIR CARE WITH ANGEL NEUMAN

Muskegon Heights Branch  
Wednesday, April 10 | 6:00 pm



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# SPRING IS FOR MAKING *beautiful* THINGS


*All Ages*



 **Maker Space Night**  
Muskegon Township Branch  
Fourth Wednesday  
of the month | 5:00 pm

 **Egg Ornament  
Decorating Contest**  
Montague Branch  
March 1 - March 22 | Open Hours

 **Bugs and Bark with  
Corinne Roberts**  
Online  
Monday, March 11 | 7:00 pm


 **Pinecone Bird Feeders**  
Ravenna Branch  
Wednesday, May 8  
5:00 pm



*For Kids*

*Can't get enough crafts? Visit [MADL.org/Calendar](http://MADL.org/Calendar) for more!*



 **Fingerprint Heart Magnets**  
Holton Branch  
Wednesday, May 8 | 3:30 pm


Montague Branch  
Thursday, May 9 | 3:30 pm




## **Constellation Crafts**


Dalton Branch | Monday, April 15 | 3:00 pm


*Teen Crafts (and more) can be found on page 12*

 **Beginner Knit & Crochet**  
Norton Shores Branch  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 5:30 pm



 **Quilt Art**  
Dalton Branch  
Wednesday, April 3  
6:00 pm

 **ADULT 3D Design & Print**  
North Muskegon Branch  
Tuesday, May 14 | 5:00 pm


 **Barn Quilt Painting**  
Norton Shores Branch  
Monday, May 20 | 6:00 pm




# RECYCLE CRAFTS

For Teens & Adults



 **Die Cut Dictionary Art**  
LVPD Branch  
Wednesday, March 6  
5:30 pm




 **Puzzle Art Memory Magnet**  
LVPD Branch  
Wednesday, May 1  
5:30 pm

## MADL CRAFTERS


For Adults



 **Shamrock Branches**  
Egelston Branch  
Tuesday, March 12  
5:30 pm

Norton Shores  
Wednesday, March 20  
6:30 pm




 **Q-Tip Hydrangea**  
LVPD Branch  
Wednesday, April 3  
5:30 pm

Egelston Branch  
Tuesday, April 23  
5:30 pm

Norton Shores  
Wednesday, April 24  
6:30 pm



 **French May Day Flower Bouquet**  
North Muskegon  
Monday, May 6  
6:00 pm

Norton Shores  
Wednesday, May 29  
6:30 pm

For Adults

## CRAFT CLUBS

### MONTAGUE BRANCH CRAFT CLUB WITH DAWN

**PRESSED FLOWER LANTERNS**  
Monday, March 25 | 10:00 am

**BUTTON KEYCHAINS**  
Monday, April 22 | 10:00 am

**JOURNAL DECORATING**  
Monday, May 20 | 10:00 am

### NORTON SHORES BRANCH CRAFT CLUB

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

### MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH CRAFT CLUB

Fridays | 1:00 pm



# THE PRANGE



## GAME DAY

Dalton Branch

First Friday of the Month | 1:00 pm

## CARD MAKING CLASS

Ravenna Branch

Wednesdays, March 13 & April 10 | 5:00 pm



## TEEN TAPE PAINTING

Montague Branch

Thursday, March 21 | 3:30 pm

## SUPER SMASH BROS NIGHT

Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, March 27 | 5:00 pm

## BLACKOUT POETRY

Montague Branch

Monday, April 1 | Open Hours

## AFTER HOURS LIBRARY LOCK-IN

Montague Branch

Friday, April 12 | 5:00-9:00 pm

## CONSTELLATION CRAFTS

Dalton Branch

Monday, April 15 | 3:30 pm

## YARN WRAPPED WREATH

Montague Branch

Thursday, May 2 | 3:30 pm

## TEEN 3D DESIGN & PRINT


North Muskegon Branch

Wednesday, May 8 | 3:30 pm

## POPSICLE STICK TOWER CONTEST

Muskegon Heights Branch

Wednesday, May 8 | 5:00 pm

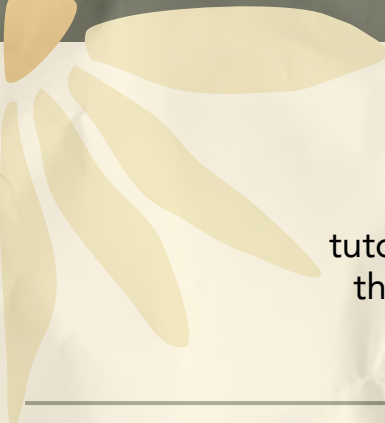
 RECYCLE CRAFTS See information on page 11





**creativebug**  
FOR LIBRARIES

CreativeBug offers online video arts and crafts workshops and techniques. Learn how to paint, knit, crochet, sew, screen print, and more. All free with your library card!



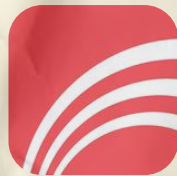
**brainfuse**  
*ignite your mind*

Brainfuse offers free one-on-one tutoring resource for kindergarteners through adults. Live tutors available everyday from 2pm-11pm EST.



**Looking for a Tutor?**

**freegalmusic+**



Freegal is a free music service that Patrons can use to download up to 5 tracks per week from 15 million songs. All music is free and yours to keep (no due dates).



Kanopy allows patrons to get 30 free tickets per month (films and series cost 1-5 tickets to watch) and unlimited access to children's materials.



**kanopy**

**libby**



MADL now offers access to the collections of 10 different library cooperatives. Connect today to start checking out digital materials from all of them!



**And that's not all!**

Scan here to find even MORE digital resources!

[MADL.org/AtHome](https://MADL.org/AtHome)



**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA?**  
*(It's super cool, seriously, you'll love it)*



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**@Muskegonadl**



# JOIN THE CLUB!

Looking for more info? Scan here!



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

## RAVENNA READS

Ravenna Branch  
6:00 pm  
First Wednesday of the Month

## THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

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



## BOOKS ON TAP

The Brewer's Lounge  
6:00 pm  
Second Tuesday of the Month

## ON THE SAME PAGE VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Online  
1:00 pm  
Second Friday of the Month

## MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BOOK CLUB

Muskegon Township Branch  
10:30 am  
Third Monday of the Month

## HOLTON BOOK CLUB

Holton Branch  
6:00 pm  
Fourth Tuesday of the Month

## DALTON BOOK CLUB

Dalton Branch  
6:00 pm  
Fourth Wednesday of the Month

## TUESDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

North Muskegon Branch  
6:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 21

# START A BOOK CLUB!

Interested in learning more? Scan here or visit [MADL.org/BCB](http://MADL.org/BCB)



MADL is pleased to offer our **Book Club In a Bag** program which allows you to check out a bag that contains everything you will need for your very own book club. Each bag contains 10 books, information about the book and the author, and discussion questions.

## D&D @ LVPD Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled

March 22,  
April 19,  
May 31  
4:00 pm

## BOOK SALES

### Norton Shores Branch

Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4

### Montague Branch

Saturday, March 9

### Dalton Branch

Friday, May 31 & Saturday, June 1



The Library is more than books.

**VA Meet & Greet**  
Muskegon Township Branch  
Wednesday, April 10 | 4:00 pm



FIND MORE PROGRAMS AT  
[MADL.ORG/CALENDAR](http://MADL.ORG/CALENDAR)

## PRESENTATIONS

**Weird Weapons of WWII**  
North Muskegon Branch  
Tuesday, March 12 | 6:00 pm

**Origins of Belly Dance**  
Norton Shores Branch  
Monday, April 22 | 6:00 pm

**Of Icebergs & Inquiries:  
Michiganders on the Titanic**  
Norton Shores Branch  
Monday, April 29 | 6:00 pm

## TECH HELP

**Tech Talks**  
Norton Shores Branch  
2nd Thursday of the  
Month | 3:00 pm



**Safety 101**  
Montague Branch  
Thursday, March 14 | 4:00 pm

## THURSDAY NIGHT

**MUSIC CLUB**  
Norton Shores Branch | 7:00 pm



**Uneven Ground**  
Thursday, March 14

**Edge Evans Hyde  
& Mike Hyde**  
Thursday, April 11



**Plain Jane Glory**  
Thursday, May 16



## GAMES

**Life Size Game Day**  
Muskegon Township Branch  
2nd Thursday of the Month | 4:00 pm

**Board Game Night**  
Muskegon Heights Branch  
Wednesday, March 20 | 5:00 pm

**Puzzle Swap**  
Norton Shores Branch  
Saturday, April 13 | 11:00 am



# Hours & Locations

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

**Bookmobile:** 231-737-6248, ext 111

**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:** 231-760-4329

**North Muskegon Branch:** 231-744-6080

**Norton Shores Branch:** 231-780-8844

**Ravenna Branch:** 231-853-6975

**Administration Offices:** 231-737-6248



## Muskegon Area District Library 2024 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 Spring issue must be submitted by Friday, May 31. A winner will be announced Thursday, June 6. One entry per person. Enter at [MADL.org/FindRon](http://MADL.org/FindRon).

