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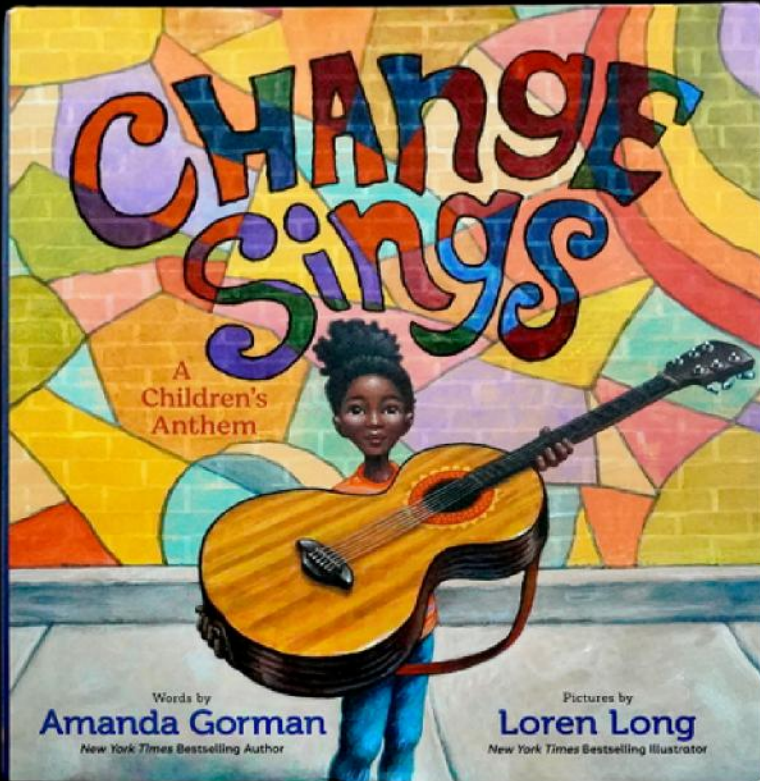
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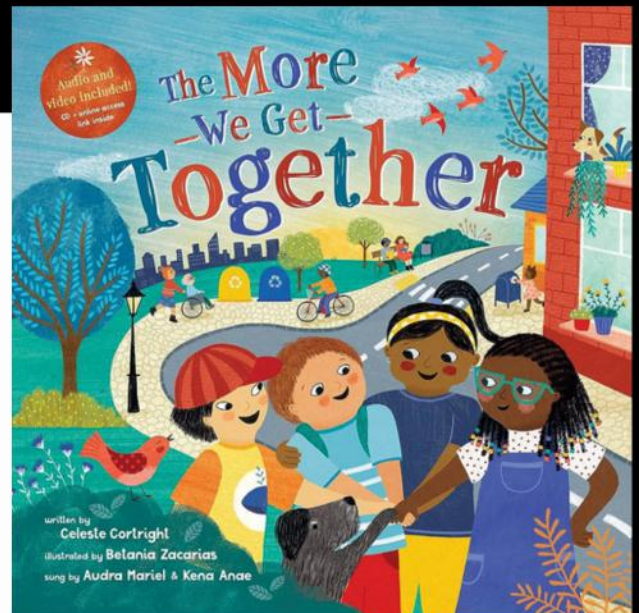
"I CAN HEAR CHANGE HUMMING IN ITS LOUDEST, PROUDEST SONG. I DON'T FEAR CHANGE COMING, AND SO I SING ALONG."

**-AMANDA GOORMAN,
CHANGE SINGS**



In this stirring, much-anticipated picture book by presidential inaugural poet and activist Amanda Gorman, anything is possible when our voices join together. As a young girl leads a cast of characters on a musical journey, they learn that they have the power to make changes—big or small—in the world, in their communities, and in most importantly, in themselves.

Set to the familiar tune of "The More We Get Together," this sing-a-long features a diverse group of children who work together to make their urban neighborhood cleaner, friendlier, and safer for everyone. Sing along as the community bicycles and recycles together, volunteers at an assisted living home, participates in a letter-writing campaign and finally gathers around a potluck meal.



EMBRACE ALL

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

Add your creativity to a community art piece that will be displayed around Muskegon this fall! All ages are invited to come to your local library branch and create a canvas tile that will be put together as one piece of community art, inspired by the Little Read Lakeshore book, *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman. **For all ages unless otherwise noted.**

MADL Norton Shores Branch For Kids Only

Wednesday, September 27 | 5:30 pm

MADL Library for the Visually & Physically Disabled

Monday, October 2 | 4:00 pm

MADL Dalton Branch

Wednesday, October 4 | 5:00 pm

MADL North Muskegon Branch

Thursday, October 5 | 3:30 pm

MADL Ravenna Branch

Wednesday, October 11 | 5:00 pm

MADL Muskegon Township Branch

Thursday, October 12 | 4:00 pm

MADL Muskegon Heights Branch

Monday, October 16 | 3:00 pm

Hackley Public Library

For Kids & Teens Only

Tuesday, October 17 | 3:30 pm

MADL Montague Branch

Thursday, October 19 | 3:30 pm

MADL Egelston Branch

Monday, October 23 | 5:30 pm

MADL Holton Branch

Wednesday, October 25 | 4:00 pm

CLICK THE LOCATION TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER

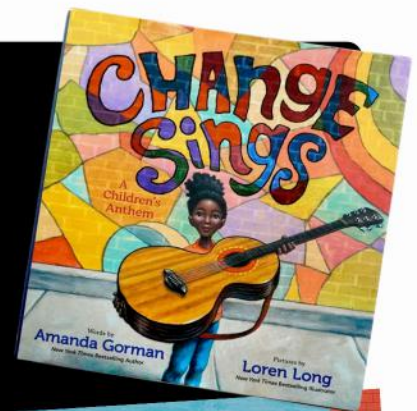


LITTLE & MINI READ BOOK GIVEAWAY!

Text or Call 231-299-0182 to inquire about receiving a FREE Little Read and Mini Read book with activities to enjoy at home.



**TEXT OR CALL ON WEEKDAYS
DURING OCTOBER
8AM - 4 PM**



STORY TRAIL

Read *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman as you walk through the park in October.

Bethlehem Park

Muskegon Heights

Smith Ryerson Park

Muskegon

White Lake Community Bike Trail

Near the White Lake Community Library

STORYTRAIL BLOCK PARTY!

Saturday, October 7 | 2-4 pm

Bethlehem Park (Intersection of W. Summit and Waalkes St., Muskegon Heights)

Celebrate changing the Story Walk to *Change Sings* with food, crafts, reading, and other activities.

1,2,3 PLAY WITH ME PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP

Children (**ages 1-4**) are invited to play and learn in a relaxed environment while adults connect with community resource professionals.

FREE copies of *The More We Get Together* will be available!

Wednesday, September 27
10:00 am
Hackley Public Library

Thursday, October 5
6:00 pm
White Lake Community Library

Friday, October 6
10:00 am
MADL Egelston Branch

PLAY LEARN GROW

The More We Get Together storytime, crafts, snacks and fun activities. FREE books to take home!

For ages 0-5.



Wednesdays, September 27 & October 25
4:30 pm
Orchard View Community Education Building
1765 Ada Street



Tuesdays & Wednesdays in October
9:30 am
McMillan Early Childhood Center
2885 Hyde Park Rd



Monday, October 9 | 11:00 am
Connection Point Church
2270 S Mill Iron Rd



Thursdays in October | 10:30 am
Nelson Elementary, 550 W Grand Ave



MUSICAL PLAY & LEARN

Saturdays, October 7-21 | 12:00 pm
Pathfinders, 2603 Leahy St
In the south wing of the Board of Education Building

PLAY & LEARN AT WHITE LAKE LIBRARY

Fridays, October 6-November 3 | 10:30 am
White Lake Community Library

Stories, art, music, and more for kids 2-5 & their caregivers.

LITTLE LEARNERS PLAY & LEARN

Thursday, November 16 | 10:00 am
Muskegon Museum of History and Science
430 W Clay Ave

Click on the dates you are interested in to learn more and register!



TALK, READ, SING IN EVERYDAY PLACES

Little Read/Mini Read book give away, craft, and fun activities at Goodwill Retail Stores. **For kids ages 0-11.**



Friday, October 6 | 4:00 pm
1934 E Sherman Blvd, Muskegon

Friday, November 3 | 4:00 pm
1501 E Apple Ave, Muskegon

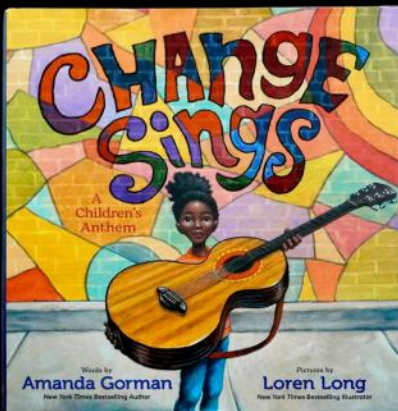
Friday, October 13 | 4:00 pm
13353 Underwood Dr, Whitehall

Friday, October 20 | 4:00 pm
950 W Norton Ave, Muskegon

Friday, October 27 | 4:00 pm
1169 White Hall Rd, Muskegon



Click on the dates to learn more!



SPECIAL CHANGE SINGS PRESCHOOL TIME

Join us for a special storytime at Hackley Public Library where we celebrate *Change Sings*. Free COPIES of the book will be available. **For ages 0-5.**

Friday, October 13 | 10:30 am
Hackley Public Library

WASH & LEARN: LAUNDRY & LITERACY TIME

Free family fun while you do your laundry. Food, crafts, music, storytime, FREE DRY TIME and free books to take home. **For ages 0-5.**

Fridays, October 13 & 27

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Suds of West MI, 2719 Sanford St., Muskegon



THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER

The More We Get Together storytime, crafts, snacks and fun activities. FREE books to take home. **For ages 0-5.**

Monday, October 16 | 10:00 am

**Lakeshore Museum Center
430 W. Clay Ave, Muskegon**



CHANGE SINGS FAMILY NIGHT

Bring the *Change Sings* picture book to life with crafts, activities, music, and movement for the whole family.

**Thursday, November 16 | 6:00 pm
White Lake Community Library**

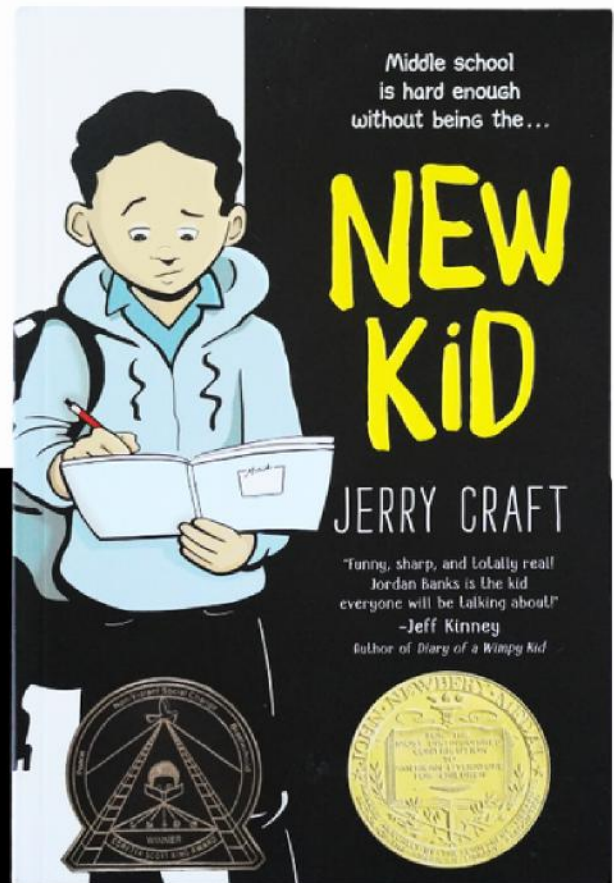


THE MIDDLE READ LAKESHORE

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life.

But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?



Winner of the Newbery Medal, Coretta Scott King Author Award, and Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature!

Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Gene Luen Yang, *New Kid* is a timely, honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real, from award-winning author-illustrator Jerry Craft.

“YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIKE EVERYONE, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A JERK ABOUT IT, EITHER.”
—JERRY CRAFT, *NEW KID*



MEET THE AUTHOR

JERRY CRAFT

Q+A & BOOK SIGNING, FREE FOOD & DRINKS, & MORE!

Embracing My Own Boldness

(In a World that Demands that I Be Humble)

How does a reluctant reader who was told that comics would rot his brain grow up to create the graphic that won the Newbery medal? Jerry Craft takes you on his journey.



For all ages.

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FOR MUSKEGON COUNTY'S**

**2023
IMPACT
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**COMMUNITY
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for Muskegon County**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 6:00 PM
FRAUENTHAL CENTER**

JERRY CRAFT(S) & PIZZA



For ages 12-18. Join us for **PIZZA** and crafts using pages from graphic novels while we discuss the Middle Read book, *New Kid* by Jerry Craft. You could even win a copy of the book. Click the dates to register.

Thursday, October 5 | 3:30 pm
MADL Montague Branch

Thursday, October 12 | 3:30 pm
MADL North Muskegon Branch

Monday, October 9 | 3:30 pm
Hackley Public Library

Friday, October 13 | 3:30 pm
MADL Norton Shores Branch

YOUR LIFE IN SPEECH BUBBLES

Learn about using art to depict your daily life and address issues within it like in the book *New Kid*. Participants will see historical examples of everyday art, learn how to draw cartoons, and how to incorporate tough subjects into an artistic medium. **For All Ages.**

Saturday, October 14 | 1:00 pm
Lakeshore Museum Center
430 W Clay Ave, Muskegon



**MUSKEGON MUSEUM
OF HISTORY & SCIENCE**
of the Lakeshore Museum Center

[Click here to register.](#)

AUTHOR TALK: GRAPHIC NOVELIST

REBECCA MIX



Thursday, October 26 | 4:00 pm

MADL North Muskegon Branch

Join New York Times Bestseller, Kirkus Star Recipient, and official Neopets Graphic Novelist Rebecca Mix as she speaks about being a young author and her award winning books.

For Adults & Teens.

[Click the title to register.](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEW KID BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Come join other middle school readers from Muskegon County as we come together to discuss the book *New Kid* by Jerry Craft. **For ages 10-14.**



Monday, October 23 | 5:00 pm
The Coffee Factory

Tuesday, October 24 | 5:00 pm
The Book Nook & Java Shop



IT'S A TWEEN THING

For ages 10-14. Join other local students to eat pizza and talk about the graphic novel, *New Kid* by Jerry Craft.

Saturday, November 4 | 12:00 pm
White Lake Community Library



MUSKEGON IN THE 1960'S

ORAL HISTORIES OF OUR COMMUNITY

Available beginning November 1

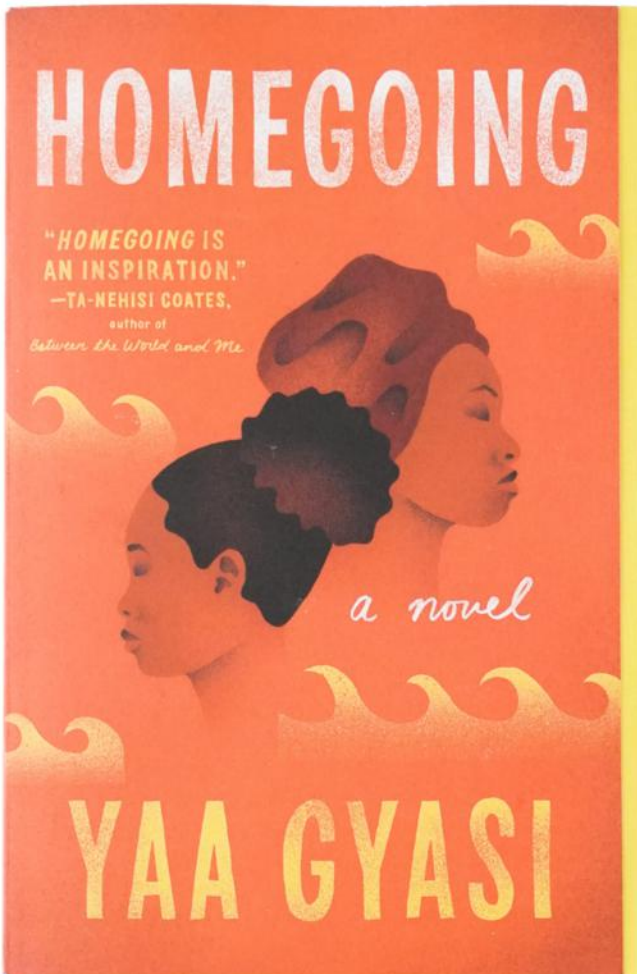


Watch these local oral history videos via YouTube to hear community members share their experiences in Muskegon in the 1960's. There will be some discussion sheets to watch the videos with. **For teens and adults.**





**“NO ONE FORGETS THAT
THEY WERE ONCE CAPTIVE,
EVEN IF THEY ARE NOW FREE.”
-YAA GYASI, *HOMECOMING***



Spanning three continents and eight generations, Yaa Gyasi’s critically acclaimed, debut novel *Homegoing* begins with two Ghanaian sisters in the 18th century who lead parallel, yet divergent lives: one stays in Ghana and becomes a wealthy slave trader’s wife; one is sold into slavery and sent to America. The novel follows the lives of their descendants—from Ghana’s beaches to the plantations of Mississippi, the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem—offering an essential examination of power and privilege, memory and legacy.

“No novel has better illustrated the way in which racism became institutionalized in this country.”

-Vogue

“It’s intelligent...and healing... destined to become a classic.” **-Zadie Smith**

“When people talk about all the things fiction can teach its readers, they’re talking about books like this”

-Marie Claire

MEET THE AUTHOR

YAA GYASI



Monday, November 13
7:00 pm
Hope College



Hop on a bus at MADL or drive yourself to take a trip down to Holland and see author Yaa Gyasi LIVE.

Born in Ghana and raised in Alabama, Gyasi will reflect on the personal experiences that inspired her to write her breathtaking debut novel *Homegoing* and explore the complexities and intersections of African immigrant and African-American identities in the United States today.

NEED A RIDE?

Take a bus from MADL Headquarters (4845 Airline Rd) to Hope College. **Space is limited**, so be sure to register by clicking on the bus. The bus will be leaving promptly at 6pm: **DON'T BE LATE! For ages 18+.**



HOMEGOING Discussion
& Author Livestream

Monday, November 13 | 5:30 pm
White Lake Community Library



WEST AFRICAN DRUM & DANCE

Thursday, October 19 | 7:00 pm | MADL Norton Shores Branch

Want to explore the culture of Yaa Gyasi's *Homegoing*?
Join us for this thrilling West African dance and drum
performance with Nathaniel Waller, Leah Ivory, and
Heather Mitchell. **For all ages.**
Click on the title to register.

WEST MICHIGAN JEWELS OF AFRICA

Tuesday, October 17 | 6:30 pm | Community United Methodist Church



The West Michigan Jewels of Africa, a Grand Rapids drum and dance corps, will open MADL's fall Live at the Library music season. You won't want to miss this group's colorful costumes, energetic dancing, and infectious drumming.
For all ages.



HOMEGOING



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Gather with fellow book lovers to engage in discussion about our NEA Big Read Pick, *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. **For adults.**

BOOKS ON TAP @ PIGEON HILL

Tuesday, September 12 | 6:00 pm | The Brewer's Lounge, 895 4th st,

TUESDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 19 | 6:00 pm | MADL North Muskegon Branch

RAVENNA READS BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 4 | 6:00 pm | MADL Ravenna Branch

ON THE SAME PAGE VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, October 12 | 11:00 am | [Click here to register](#)

HOLTON BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 24 | 6:00 pm | MADL Holton Branch

DALTON BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 25 | 6:00 pm | MADL Dalton Branch

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Thursday, November 2 | 10:30 am | MADL Norton Shores Branch



GOING HOME WITH *HOMEGOING*:

A PARTNERSHIP OF MADL & HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

For adults.



GENEALOGY USING DIGITAL RESOURCES

Chapter 1 The Muskegon County Genealogical Society will cover the basic principles of using digital resources as a starting point for your research then move to hands-on practice with Ancestry.com Library Edition (free to all) to build or grow your family tree. Computers will be supplied but participants are free to bring their own laptop or tablet. Part of our NEA Big Read Lakeshore program series.

Tuesday, October 3 | 6:00 pm | MADL North Muskegon Branch

FINDING BLACK ANCESTORS WITH ROZLYN KELLY

Chapter 2 Rozlyn Kelly gives an introduction into the world of African American genealogy and provides tips on how patrons can trace their own ancestry. Part of our NEA Big Read Lakeshore program series.

Wednesday, October 18 | 6:00 pm | MADL Muskegon Heights Branch

GENEALOGY IN THE LIBRARY

Chapter 3 Round out your genealogy experience and join us for a presentation on genealogy research using physical resources at the Hackley District Library. This presentation from the Muskegon County Genealogical Society will include a tour of Torrent House and a demonstration of how to use a microfilm machine. Attendees will also get a chance to get crafty and create a family tree they can take home!

Saturday, November 4 | 5:30 pm | Hackley Public Library

MADL CRAFTERS: BIG READ



Create two pieces of art: a cut paper illustration of this year's Big Read, *Homecoming* by Yaa Gyasi to take home, and a mini canvas that will be part of the community art project.

Click dates to register.

For ages 18+.

Tuesday, October 17
5:30 pm

MADL Egelston Branch

Monday, October 30
6:00 pm

MADL North Muskegon Branch

HISTORY, BLACK IDENTITY, & RETURN MIGRATION IN YAA GYASI'S *HOMEGOING*

Dr. Ernest Cole presents a fascinating look at the historical, cultural and literary experiences of African Americans and parallels to Yaa Gyasi's *Homegoing*.

For ages 18+.

Click the title to register.

Wednesday, October 25 | 6:00 pm
MADL Norton Shores Branch



THANK YOU TO ALL THE 2023 BIG READ PARTNERS



The Book Nook & Java Shop is proud to offer a discount on all three Big Read titles of 2023.



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