Read early. Read often. Week Begins May 12!

Children's Book Drive
MAY 1- MAY 31

Help spread the joy of reading to children from birth by donating new or gently used children's books at one of the following collection sites:

· Any Public School Office
· Any Muskegon Area District Library Branch
· Baker College
· Fellowship Reformed Church
· Fruitport District Library
· Hackley Library
· Muskegon Farmer's Market - May 12, 9:30 am-1 pm
· Muskegon Area ISD
· White Lake Community Library

Funds also accepted. Mail donations to
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MAISD, 630 Harvey Street, Muskegon MI 49442

SATURDAY-MAY 12

Read Early Mother's Day Celebration
9:30 am - 1:00 pm - Muskegon Farmer's Market
Receive a free book or donate books you've outgrown. See Dr. Seuss characters. Hear a story and more!

Free Family Fun Day sponsored by Arconic
10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Muskegon Museum of Art
10:00 am - Noon Artist Demo with David Huang
10:00 am & 1:00 pm Film: *How to Train Your Dragon*
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Make & Take: Explore metalworking techniques and properties with Play Dough®!

Ozobot Open House ***(Ages 4 and up)***
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Hackley Public Library
Drop by to check out a robot and practice coding. Get a library card or check out a book while you are there too!

Lego Club
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - North Muskegon Library

Dragon Storytime ***(Birth to 8 years)***
Noon - 1:00 pm - Greater Muskegon Woman's Club
Storytime, refreshment, and a free dragon book while supplies last. Stop by before or after you visit the Muskegon Museum of Art for Free Family Fun Day!

Embrace Books Free Bookstore
Noon - 5:00 pm - Front Porch Church
Stop by to browse thousands of books. Take home the ones you like for FREE! No catch, no strings attached! Books of all kinds for all ages.

Plant a Pot
12:00 pm - North Muskegon Library
Plant a beautiful pot of spring flowers just in time for Mother's Day. Call 231-744-6080 to register.

TUESDAY-MAY 15

Reeths-Puffer Play & Learn ***(Birth to 5 years)***
9:30–11:00 am - McMillan Early Childhood Center
Meets every Tuesday and Thursday through May.

Read and Play! ***(Birth to 8 years)***
10:15 am & 6:15 pm - White Lake Community Library
Enjoy stories, activity stations, and a therapy dog. No registration needed.

Alphabet Soup Story Walk ***(all ages)***
10:00 am - 6:00 pm - Fruitport District Library
Walk through Pomona Park and read as you go. Then stop by the Library to check out a book or get a library card.

Family Storytime ***(Birth to 5 years)***
11:00 am - Fruitport District Library

Bow Wow Readers
6:30 - 7:45 pm- Norton Shores Library
Call 231-780-8844 to register.

LEGO Builder's Drop-In
3:30 - 6:30 pm - Montague Library

WEDNESDAY-MAY 16

STEAM Play and Learn; The Secret of Bees! ***(Birth to 8 years)***
3:30 - 5:00 pm - Lakeshore Museum Center
Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday through June.

"Let's Do It Again!" Play & Learn ***(Birth to 8 years)***
4:30 - 6:00 pm - Orchard View Community Ed Center
Dinner provided. Meets weekly on Wednesdays.

THURSDAY-MAY 17

Play, Learn and Grow Together with Read Muskegon ***(Birth to 5 years)***
11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Christ Temple Apostolic Church
Call 747-7273 to sign up.
Meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday through June.

Fellowship Play & Learn ***(Birth to 5 years)***
10:00 - 11:30 am - Fellowship Church, Muskegon
Meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday.

White Lake Play & Learn ***(Birth to 5 years)***
9:30 - 11:00 am - White Lake Area Community Education
Meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday.

SPROUTS Special Pollinator Storytime ***(Birth to 8 years)***
3:30 - 4:30 pm - Michigan Heritage Park
Enjoy stories, crafts and a visit to the pollinator garden if weather allows.

Reeths-Puffer Play & Learn ***(Birth to 5 years)***
9:30 - 11:00 am - McMillan Early Childhood Center
Meets every Tuesday and Thursday through May.

FRIDAY-MAY 18

Love INC Play and Learn ***(Birth to 5 years)***
10:00 - 11:00 am - Celebration Church
Meets every Friday.

Baby Time ***(Birth to 18 Months)***
10:30 - 11:15 am - Norton Shores Library
Baby Time introduces babies to music, rhythm, and rhyme – all important pre-lingual and pre-literacy skills.

SATURDAY-MAY 19

Chapters of Muskegon
Noon - 3:00 pm - Lakeshore Museum Center
Hackley and Hume Historical Sites
Hosted by Hope Network's Michigan Education Corps and the Lakeshore Museum Center. This is a FREE and family-friendly event for the entire community of Muskegon and beyond. Enjoy literacy activities, free books, prizes, crafts and so much more!

Great Start Community Baby Shower
1:00 - 4:00 pm - Fellowship Church, Muskegon
Hosted by the Great Start Parent Coalition.
Win prizes, find resources, receive free books, play games, enjoy literacy activities and celebrate the family you're expecting. For new and expecting parents.

Spring into Lakeside
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Pocket Park on Lakeshore Drive by Ghezzi's
Bike helmet, free books, and Dr. Seuss characters!

Paws for Stories
2:00 - 3:15 pm - Hackley Public Library
Registration required. Call 231-722-8014 to register a child to read for 15 minutes with Prince, the therapy dog!

Enter To Win a BUNDLE of BOOKS!

Post a pic of you reading to a baby or toddler by noon on Friday, May 18th to

www.facebook.com/readearly

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Spread the word-May 12-19!

UPCOMING EVENTS

"LIBRARIES ROCK" Summer Reading Clubs

Read for prizes, attend fun family events & more!

Fruitport District Library: June 1st - August 18th
Hackley Public Library: June 12th - August 4th
White Lake Community Library:
June 14th Kickoff event through July 31st
Ten Muskegon Area District Library Branches:
June 18th - August 4th
For more information visit:
fruitportdistrictlibrary.org, hackleylibrary.org, whitelakelibrary.michlibrary.org, madl.org

Great Start Play and Learn Groups

Free weekly fun for families with children birth to 5 years. Visit parentville.org or call 231-767-7285 for a schedule of Play and Learn Groups throughout Muskegon County.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Children birth to 5 years in Muskegon County are all eligible to receive a free book in the mail every month. Register or sponsor a child by visiting unitedwaylakeshore.org/dpil or by calling 231-722-3134.

Great Start Parents

Wednesdays, May 30th & June 27th, 4:30- 6:00 pm
Orchard View Community Education Center
Dinner and family Storytime, followed by supervised kids activities and a parent meeting to share ideas and learn new ways to give your children a great start! Call Jenelle for more information - 231-726-0502.

Rotary Club Community Mixer

Thursday, May 31st, 5:00-8:00 pm - Mona Lake Park
Food, live music, fun, free books, bounce houses, community resources and more for all ages!

Community Family Fest

Saturday, June 2nd, 12:00-3:00 pm
MCC Lakeshore Fitness Center
Hosted by Muskegon Community College. Enjoy fun and educational activities for all ages: free books, bouncy houses, train rides, face painting, crafts, games, and more.

Maranda Park Party

Thursday, June 28th, 12:00-2:00 pm
Smith-Ryerson Park
Enjoy free books, fun activities, crafts, games, entertainment, and prizes!