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CLOSED—May 29, 30, 31 (Memorial Day weekend)
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YDL-Whittaker Road

5577 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 482-4110
10 am to 9 pm, Monday-Thursday
10 am to 6 pm, Friday and Saturday

YDL-Michigan Avenue

229 West Michigan Avenue
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 482-4110
10 am to 8 pm, Monday-Thursday
10 am to 6 pm, Friday and Saturday

YDL-Bookmobile

(734) 482-4110 x1359

YDL Online

Visit us at www.ypsilibrary.org
for an events schedule.

Friends of the Ypsilanti District Library

Friends Shop hours:
Monday, 4 to 8 pm
Tuesday, 6 to 8 pm
Wednesday, 10 am to 2 pm
Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm
Saturday, 11 to 5 pm

The Friends Shop needs volunteers.
For information, call Ellie: (734) 482-0546.

Membership in the Friends starts at an affordable \$10 per year. Additional donations are gratefully accepted. All proceeds support the library's programs and collections. Send a check payable to the Friends of YDL to 5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Call 879-1303 for more information.

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THE YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Summer 2004

Summer Reading Program is "All Wright!"

YDL's 2004 Summer Reading Program explores the life and art of legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright as the foundation for a fun-filled summer of activities.

Our programs for all ages are all about building—with blocks, geometric shapes, and materials like yarn and recycled products. We will create structures using our bodies, our words, our minds, and our limitless imaginations. We hope to see you at YDL as we build better readers in our community!

The summer reading program begins June 1 and ends August 20. In between, there will be lots of reading going on and a monumental number of programs to attend.

For infants through age 12, the reading program is called "All Wright! We're Building Better Readers!" Each participant has a goal of 900 minutes of reading over the summer.



For teens (ages 13 to 17), the program is called "Frank Lloyd Who?" The goal is to read 10 books, and there are incentives to sign up and awards for reaching the goal.

Adults (over age 17) will take part in the "Reading by Design" summer reading program. The goal is to read 10 books. All completed reading logs submitted by 5:30 p.m. on August 20 will be entered into a prize drawing.

Signup begins June 1 at any YDL location.

Re-creating a Community Gathering Place



The Ypsilanti District Library is fast approaching its goal to fund enhancements to the library-owned park next to YDL-Michigan Avenue. Two recent fundraisers helped to contribute \$6,700 for the project. With the donations from the Friends of YDL, individual contributions, a grant from Pfizer, Inc., funds committed by the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority, and money

budgeted by the YDL Board, the project is now very close to being fully funded. A July start date is scheduled with project completion anticipated this fall.

More help is needed, however. The community is invited to consider making a specific donation to honor an individual or an event. For example, individual flowering dogwoods may be funded at \$500 each or a game table may be selected for \$2,000. All donations of \$1,000 and over will be recognized on the library's donor wall. The library is also raising funds for the purchase of a life-sized bronze sculpture of Harriet Tubman created by sculptor Jane DeDecker. Donations may be made by contacting the library at (734) 879-1303.

Frank Lloyd Wright-Inspired Workshops

These Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired arts-and-crafts workshops feature aspects of the artist's theories and works. All sessions take place in the Whittaker Road Story Room and are appropriate for ages 7 and older. **Registration is required: call 482-4110, ext. 1340.**

Symmetry through Art:

Japanese Paper Dyeing

Wednesday, June 16, 11 am

Thursday, June 17, 1 pm

Learn a process similar to tie-dyeing using Japanese rice paper.

Yes, We Can, with a Cantilever!

Wednesday, July 7, 11 am

Thursday, July 8, 1 pm

Create this architectural "strong arm" based on Wright's Falling Water house. We'll each build a cantilever and check the weight limits of our structures.

Micro Minis

Wednesday, July 14, 11 am

Thursday, July 15, 1 pm

Based on Wright's belief in using available resources, we will fashion shoebox doll house rooms and furnishings from recycled materials.

Drawing in the Abstract

Wednesday, July 21, 11 am

The flowers Wright used to decorate the Hollyhock House were simplified to basic shapes. Led by local artist Stacey Palazzolo, we will create our own masterpieces in the abstract.

Kids at Work: De-Construction Zone

Wednesday, July 28, 11 am

Thursday, July 29, 1 pm

We will dig into some of our favorite picture book art and find the beauty in the details.



House Detectives

Wednesday, August 4, 11 am

Thursday, August 5, 1 pm

An in-depth look at your house! Using the resources of the library, we'll research the history of your home, determine its architectural style, and make a house portrait.

Contests for All Ages

Photo Scavenger Hunt and Display

(FAMILY)

You'll be provided with an overview of Frank Lloyd Wright's work. Next, you (or your family) will receive a disposable camera (up to July 1) to take photos of architectural interest, focusing on comparing and contrasting buildings to those designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and those in his style.

When you're finished, turn in your camera and a brief essay describing your photo quest. Cameras must be turned in by August 2 to allow for processing. Photos and essays will be displayed during the August 28 end-of-summer celebration at YDL-Whittaker Road.



Where's Frank?

(YOUNG ADULT)

YDL-Michigan Ave.

Teens can win a free book by finding the name and location of the Frank Lloyd Wright building

pictured each week in the YA area. Once you've found the answer, enter a drawing to win a book of your choice. A drawing is held each Monday at 3 pm and you need not be present to win. Prizes awarded for all correct entries.

Amateur Architect's Design Contest

Are you an aspiring architect age 17 or older? If so, pick up an entry form and submit a detailed architectural drawing of your dream building by July 30.



Limited to the first 50 entrants. Not open to architecture students. No computer-generated designs will be accepted.

All entries will be displayed in the meeting room at the Whittaker Road Library from August 2–21. Judges will award first, second and third prizes on Saturday, August 21 at 3 pm.

Weekly Programs

No need to register for these programs; just come at the time listed and have fun!

W YDL-WHITTAKER ROAD

M YDL-MICHIGAN AVENUE

W **Architects in Yarn – A Knitting Circle** (YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room
Mondays, 3:30 pm, June 14–August 16

M **The Knitting Club** (ALL AGES)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Tuesdays, 6 pm
Knitters of all ages and skill levels get together weekly to learn and share advice.



W **Chess** (YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT)

YDL-Whittaker Road, YA Area
Wednesdays, 6 pm, June 16–August 18
Build your skills as a chess player by playing weekly. Beginners welcome.

M **The 11 O'Clock Movie** (ALL AGES)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Thursdays, 11 am
Every week from June 17–August 12, we'll have a G or PG-rated movie for kids and their families, along with a light snack. Call 482-4110 x1390 or pick up a list of movies in our Youth Department.

M **The 1 O'Clock Movie** (YOUNG ADULTS)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Thursdays, 1 pm
Every week from June 17–August 12, we'll have a teen movie (rated PG-13) along with a light snack. Call 482-4110 x1390 or pick up a movie list at our YA/Youth Desk.

W **Legopalooza!** (YOUTH)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room
Fridays, 11 am to 2 pm, June 18–August 20
Create a Lego construction, tear it down to build some more. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

M **Build Your Dream City** (ALL AGES)

Daily, YDL-Michigan Ave.
What are the key components of your ideal city? Skyscrapers, parks, playgrounds? Drop in and build a model of your favorite buildings and spaces, then place them on our "floor plan."

M **Construction Zone: Miniature Scrap Box@the Library** (YOUTH)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Monday–Thursday, 10 am to noon, June 1–August 19
Turn recyclables into treasures! Use your imagination or start from our examples to create fun toys, musical instruments or countless other decorations out of recycled materials. Donations of egg crates, clean yogurt cups, clear plastic containers with lids, toilet paper and paper towel tubes and unwanted CDs accepted all summer.



Library Love Letters 2004

As part of National Library Week, YDL held a "love letters to the library" contest. Here are some excerpts:

"My whole family loves the library. . . . But, no one, and I mean no one loves the library the way I do. I have so many happy memories here. When I have a question, I know that I can find the answer here. Information is like air to me...."

"I have lived in over a dozen towns in over a half dozen states and visited

multiple libraries in each community and here in Ypsi I have found the most wonderful library yet. Friendly, helpful staff provides pleasant support. The collection is vast, well laid out and diverse. The architecture is spacious and inviting...."

"Dear Bookmobile, You are the best. Who else delivers my favorite things right to my front door? Your big blue color flashing by my front window sends me scurrying to find my library card and books to return. Thank you for your faithful service."

Storytimes

No need to register for storytimes; just come at the time listed and have fun!

W Baby Brigade Storytime

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room
Mondays, 10:30 am and Saturdays,
11:30 am, June 14–August 16
(except July 5)
Building better readers begins with babies.
Bring them to this lapsit storytime!

W Little Hollyhocks: Toddler Storytime

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room
Tuesdays, 10:30 am, June 15–August 17
Each Toddler Storytime is followed by
a rousing game of Shape Bingo!

W The Wright Kids: Preschool Storytime

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room
Wednesdays, 1:30 pm; Thursdays, 10:30 am;
Saturdays, 10:30 am, June 16–August 19
Each Preschool Storytime is followed by
activities and games.

W Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime

YDL-Whittaker Road, Saturdays, 1 pm,
June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7
Stories will be read in both Spanish
and English.



M Kids Club Storytime

YDL-Michigan Ave., Wednesdays, 11 am;
Fridays, June 4–August 13
Drop-in preschool storytime is followed
by a simple craft.

M Arabic/English Bilingual Storytime

YDL-Michigan Ave., Tuesdays, 11 am,
June 1–August 17
All are welcome to attend this drop-in
preschool storytime and crafts activity,
whether you are a native Arabic speaker
or would simply like to introduce your
children to a new language and culture.

Get Connected



JOIN THE FREE HANDS-ON introductory computer classes in the computer training lab at YDL-Whittaker Road. Registration is required: call (734) 482-4110 x1377 during library hours. To register for Senior Internet classes, call the Ypsilanti Township Senior Center at (734) 544-3838.

Courses include: Mousing the Net, Introduction to the Internet, PC Basics, Senior Surfers, E-Mail Basics, Searching the Web, MS Publisher, MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, Online Resources@YDL, Genealogy Resources Online, CyberTravel: Travel Information Online, Kids@YDL Internet Adventure.

Free Self-Paced Computer Tutorials:

Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing; Learn Windows 2000–Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced; Learn Microsoft Word XP; and Learn Microsoft Excel XP.

Book Groups

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for these Youth book discussion groups. Call 482-4110 x1390 to sign up.

M Book Club: Elementary Readers (GRADES 1-3)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Saturdays at noon,
June 19, July 17, August 14
Eat pizza! Read books! Make crafts!

M Boys Only Book Group (GRADES 5-7)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Mondays at 1 pm,
June 21, July 19, August 16
Our new book group for middle-school boys meets once a month. Join us after lunch to talk about books and beat the heat with some frozen treats.

M Girls Rule Book Group (GRADES 5-7)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Mondays at 1 pm,
June 28, July 26, August 23
Girls take center stage in this book group of must reads! Join us after lunch to talk about books and beat the heat with some frozen treats.

For information about adult reading groups at YDL, call adult services at (734) 482-4110 x 1377 or x1385.

Program Schedule

J U N E

W Young Adult Advisory Board

YDL-Whittaker Road, Conference Room 1C
Wednesdays, June 2, July 7, &
August 4, 7 pm.

The YAAB plans events and programs for teens at the library. Anyone in grades 7-12 is welcome to join. Call (734) 482-4110 x1390 or 1348 for more information.

M What It Feels Like to Be a Cheerleader (YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Saturday, June 5, 1 pm
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Call 482-4110
x1390. Ages 7 and up.

Using the book, *What It Feels Like to Be a Building* as a springboard, Ypsilanti High cheerleaders lead a clinic about building human pyramids and more. Maximum 20.



W MOTOR US-12 Uncovering Unique Auto Stories Project

YDL-Whittaker Road, Michigan/Ypsilanti
Room, Tuesday, June 8, 12 to 7 pm

The purpose of this "Share an Automotive History Photograph and Story Day" is to gather more information about transportation-related history and culture along US-12 from Detroit to the Irish Hills.

Anyone who has one or more historic photographs and/or stories to tell can attend this event to have them digitally preserved to share with their family, MotorCities-ANHA and local history groups.

M Teen Moms, Together at the Library (YOUNG ADULTS)

YDL-Michigan Ave. Registration encouraged: 482-4110 x1390. Tuesdays, June 8, July 6, August 3, 1 to 2 pm

Meet other teen moms, bring your kids for storytime and see what resources the Ypsilanti District Library has for you and your child. Remember, all library programs are free for you and your children, no matter where you live.

M Sustainable Housing (ADULT)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Tuesday, June 8, 6 pm
Adam Szuch from Recycle Ann Arbor's Environmental House Energy and Green Building Resources Center and a representative from the Washtenaw County Green Building Coalition present a program on environmentally friendly homes. Topics include designing a "green" home and sustainable remodeling strategies.

M Magic School Bus Science Club: Building Science Foundations (YOUTH)

YDL-Michigan Ave. Mondays, June 14, July 12, August 9, 1 pm. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Call 482-4110 x1390. Hop aboard the Magic School Bus to discover insects, dinosaurs, and bread making. We'll watch a movie and craft a science project to highlight the concepts discussed for the month.

W Building Our Knowledge about Reptiles with R.E.P.T.I.L.E. Inc. (ALL AGES)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room
Monday, June 21, 3 and 7 pm
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Call 482-4110
x1340. Leapin' Lizards! Look out for the reptiles lounging around the library. See live animals at this program!



W Absolutely Wright! (YOUNG ADULT)

YDL-Whittaker Road, YA area
Thursdays, June 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 6 pm
Each week, try some new and creative art and science projects: mazes, origami, drawing exercises, and more.

W Buildings and Photography (ADULT)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Community Meeting Room. Monday, June 28, 7 pm
Are you interested in photographers and their images? If so, join Peggy Kusnerz, Associate Editor of the *Journal of Photography*, at her presentation of landmark buildings taken by well-known photographers.

Program Schedule

J U L Y

🍷 “Elvis Is in the Building” Storytime

YDL-Whittaker Road,
Thursday, July 8, 7 pm

YDL celebrates another American master in our own salute to Ypsilanti’s Elvisfest weekend. Come dressed as Elvis.

🍷 Getting into the Shape of Frank Lloyd Wright (ALL AGES)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room
Monday, July 12, 6:30 pm

Juliana Yepes gives a hands-on introduction to the life and work of Frank Lloyd Wright by exploring shapes.



🍷 A Room of One’s Own (YOUNG ADULT)

YDL-Whittaker, Conference Room 1C
Wednesdays, July 14 and 21 from 2-3 pm
Design your dream space! Learn to use a combination of materials, furnishings, and objects to create an interior design style that is exactly your own. This two-part design series is led by YDL’s Marlena Shuler.

🍷 Review of Contemporary Residential Architecture (ADULT)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Community Meeting Room, Wednesday, July 14, 7 pm
Do you ever wonder about the styles of homes in your neighborhood? If you do, attend this illustrated lecture by Dan Whisler of David Milling & Associates, the architectural firm that designed YDL-Whittaker Road.

🍷 “The Wright Stuff” with Julie Fisher (YOUTH)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Community Meeting Room. Saturday, July 17, 11 am for kindergartners–2nd graders; Saturday, July 24, 11 am for 3rd–5th graders
What is the Wright stuff? Geometry! Explore the world of shapes, symmetry and angles with art, puzzles and origami. You’ll get hands-on activities to work on at the library and other materials to take home.



🍷 “The Library Discovery Show” with Juggler Joel Tacey (ALL AGES)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Community Meeting Room, Monday, July 19, 7 pm
BIG fun and BIG laughs are what Joel’s show is all about! With a mix of far-out trick juggling, souped-up crazy costumes, silly music, wacky stunts, and off-the-wall comedy, Joel lets his audience in on the fun. Interactive family comedy at its best!

🍷 COSI Workshop on Wheels: Roller Coasters (YOUTH)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Saturday, July 24, 1 pm
Ever want to build your own roller coaster? Children in grades 3–6 experiment with velocity, momentum, acceleration, mass and centrifugal force before building their own scream machines!



🍷 Michael Lee of Opus Mime (ALL AGES)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Community Meeting Room, Monday, July 26, 7 pm
“Building with Bodies” and “Stories Beyond Words” is a show and a workshop inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright.

🍷 Constructing and Decorating Scale Miniatures (FAMILY, AGES 7 AND UP)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Tuesday, July 27, 6 pm
Registration encouraged, 482-4110 x1385.
Local members from NAME (National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts) present a program on designing, building and decorating scale miniatures, including doll houses and other structures. Participants will work on a scale miniature of their own.

Program Schedule

AUGUST

W Ask the Architect! (YOUTH)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story room
Monday, August 2, 7 pm
What's a flying buttress? Are there any at the library? How many bricks are in our building? Why doesn't that arch fall down? Dan Whisler of David Milling & Associates is our guide on a kid's-eye tour of our Whittaker Road building, which he helped design.

W Bringing the Community Back In: Redesigning the Huron Riverfront (ADULT)

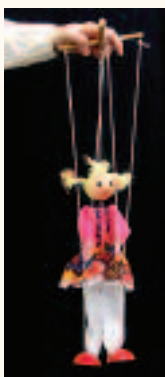
YDL-Whittaker Road, Community Meeting Room, Wednesday, August 4, 7 pm
Do you worry about the future of the Huron River? If so, come and listen to David Scobey, Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Michigan, discuss a park design that he and the "Arts of Citizenship" program are developing for the Huron River.

W Falling Water Yoga (YOUNG ADULT)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Community Meeting Room, Saturdays, August 7, 14, and 21, 10 to 11 am
Gain harmony, relaxation and well-being of body and mind through the art of yoga in this three-part yoga series led by Natasha Lee. All skill levels welcome.

W Pippin Puppets Presents "Pirates in the Pool!" (ALL AGES)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Community Meeting Room, Monday August 9, 7 pm
This puppet show adventure is all about IMAGINATION! The wading pool becomes the Simmerdown Sea! We find pirate treasure! Meet mermaids! Play with sea monsters! Fight preposterous Cap'n Shnook!



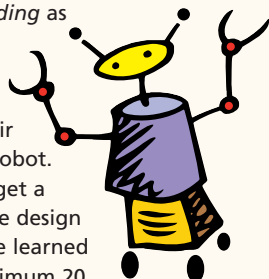
W Building a Puppet with Brian Steimel (YOUTH)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Community Meeting Room, Saturday, August 14, 12–3 pm
Drop in to make hand and rod puppets in a comfortable and fun setting. These puppets are suitable for parading with the infamous

bookmobile in the Heritage Festival Parade on Saturday, August 21 or for displaying at the Summer Reading Wrap-Up at YDL-Whittaker Road on August 28. Materials and instruction are provided.

M What It Feels Like to Be a Robot (YOUTH)

YDL-Michigan Ave., Saturday, August 14, 1 pm. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Ages 7 and up. Call 482-4110 x1390.
Using the book, *What It Feels Like to Be a Building* as a starting point, Lincoln Middle School students demonstrate their award-winning robot. Afterward, kids get a chance to put the design principles they've learned into action! Maximum 20.



W Constructing a Poem: Building a Haiku (YOUTH)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room
Tuesday, August 17, 6 pm
Using wit and wisdom as your tools and vocabulary as your materials, create theme-based haiku poetry. Participants' poems will be made into a book and distributed at the Summer Reading Wrap-up party at YDL-Whittaker Road. Brian Steimel leads this session.

M Quiet Places, Relaxing Spaces (ADULT)

YDL-Michigan Ave.
Tuesday, August 24, 6 pm
Can't get away from the stress in your life? Trish Harris of Organized By Design discusses how to create spaces in your home for meditation and relaxation. Many of the design ideas are based on the principles of Feng Shui.

M The Wright Angle Summer Reading Wrap-Up Celebration

YDL-Michigan Ave.
Saturday, August 28, 11 am
Wind up a successful summer reading experience with a celebration featuring stations of arts, crafts and activities.

W The Wright Angle Summer Reading Wrap-Up Celebration

YDL-Whittaker Road, Community Meeting Room, Saturday, August 28, 1 pm
Join us as we celebrate the life and works of Frank Lloyd Wright and the shapes that inspired him in our end-of-summer reading celebration. Square-dancing, 4-square, and hopscotch are just a few of the events we've planned for our successful summer readers.