

## LATITUDES FALL 2005

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September 3–5 (Labor Day)  
November 11 (Veterans Day)  
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### YDL-Whittaker Road

5577 Whittaker Road  
(734) 482-4110  
10 am to 9 pm, Monday–Thursday  
10 am to 6 pm, Friday and Saturday  
1 to 5 pm, Sunday

### YDL-Michigan Avenue

229 West Michigan Avenue  
(734) 482-4110  
10 am to 9 pm, Monday–Thursday  
10 am to 6 pm, Friday and Saturday

### YDL-Bookmobile

(734) 482-4110 ext. 1359

### YDL Online

Visit us at [www.ypsilibrary.org](http://www.ypsilibrary.org)

### 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 am to 5 pm

The Friends Shop needs volunteers!  
For information, call Ellie at (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 (734) 879-1303 for more information.

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# Latitudes

THE YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## September is National Library Card Sign Up Month

**LIBRARY CARDS** are a wonderful tool to help students be successful in school. To encourage parents to sign their children up for library cards, YDL's *Celebration Books!* offers a unique reward. Each child who gets their first library card may fill out a form to have a new book designated as a Celebration Book—and the child can also be the first one to check out that book. Pick up a registration form at the Circulation or Youth desks.

### We're Digging In!

The Library Board has awarded a contract to Ypsilanti-based Phoenix Contractors to oversee the renovation of the park plaza next to YDL's downtown library. Demolition is under way, with project completion scheduled for November.

When it's finished, the park will feature brick and concrete pavers, new lighting, ornamental aluminum fences, and seating—including a special outdoor area for youth storytimes. Decorative glass tile on the fountain, signage and new landscaping will complete the transformation.

Funds are still being raised to add a life-sized bronze sculpture of Harriet Tubman by Colorado sculptor Jane DeDecker. For more information, call 482-4110 ext. 1300.



*Library Park as of August 2005*

### Lively Arts @ YDL

Catch these exhibits at YDL-Whittaker Road and meet the artists at an evening reception.



**October 17 through November 23**  
**Craig Linderman**  
Meet artist Craig Linderman at a reception on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 pm. His

work—which he describes as two-dimensional mixed media—blends painting, drawing, or printmaking. The works invite viewers to sort out what is real and what is not.

### **December 5 through January 16** **Urban Textures of Ypsilanti**

Visiting British photographer Matt Callow will be our guest at a reception on Wednesday, December 7 at 7 pm. He will discuss his current exhibit and his unique perspective on our community. The images in this exhibit were captured with pinhole cameras and enhanced with digital technology.

### Art Gallery Walk

The ArtMatters @ YDL exhibit continues through October 14 in the Community Meeting Room at YDL-Whittaker Road. If you haven't yet done so, take time to experience the eclectic assortment of local art, kids' art, and framed masterpieces.

Teachers are invited to schedule class visits for an interactive, educational field trip that will introduce students to famous artists and art styles. For more information, call 482-4110 ext.1340.

## Take Note @ YDL

Come to YDL-Whittaker Road Sundays at 2 pm in the Community Meeting Room for a free afternoon of music!

**October 23: Mr. B**  
 Legendary blues and boogie-woogie pianist Mark Braun will rock the house with his energetic audience-friendly repertoire.



**December 11: Latrinity Trio**  
 What better way to spend a winter afternoon than listening to the warm island sounds of Latrinity Trio? They will play reggae from their West Indies homeland on steel drums, keyboard, saxophone, and vocals. You'll almost feel as if you're on a beach in Trinidad as the music works its magic on you!

**M Chess Club and Family Game Night**  
 YDL-Michigan Avenue  
 Tuesdays 6–8:30 pm, September 13 through December 13  
 Tuesday is game night at YDL-Michigan Avenue! Join other chess enthusiasts of all skill levels for some friendly competition. Families are invited to play checkers, Scrabble, Uno, Sorry, Twister and other fun games.

**W Family Lego Night**  
 YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
 Wednesdays, 6–8 pm  
 September 14 through December 14  
 We have Legos! Bring your imagination and have fun creating your own designs.

**W Homework Help: Math**  
 YDL-Whittaker Road, Room 1C  
 Thursdays, 6–7 pm  
 September 15 through December 15  
 Calling middle schoolers grades 5-8! If you need help with your math homework, come to the library on Thursday nights and pair up with one of our homework helpers.

## Storytimes for All Ages

- M** = YDL-Michigan Avenue
- W** = YDL-Whittaker Road

**DROP IN STORYTIMES** will run  
 September 12 through December 10

**M Kids' Club Storytime**  
 YDL—Michigan Avenue  
 Mondays at 10:30 am  
 Drop-in toddler and preschool storytime followed by a simple craft.

**W Baby Brigade Storytime**  
 YDL—Whittaker Road, Story Room  
 Mondays at 10:30 am  
 Bring your babies (birth to 18 months) and introduce them to songs and books!

**W Toddler Storytime**  
 Tuesdays at 10:30 am  
 Stories, songs and rhymes for toddlers, ages 18 months to 3 years

**W Pre-School Storytime**  
 Wednesdays at 1:30 pm  
 Stories, songs, and simple crafts for preschoolers.

**W Jump Start Storytime**  
 Thursdays at 10:30 am  
 Stories reinforcing basic concepts to jump-start preschoolers on their road to learning.



**W Bilingual Family Storytime**  
 YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
 Saturdays at 10:30 am, September 17 through December 10  
 Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in Spanish or French and English. Everyone welcome!

**Spanish/English Storytimes**  
 9/17, 10/01, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 11/26, 12/10  
 Disfrute los cuentos, las canciones, y las rimas en español y en inglés. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

**French/English Storytimes**  
 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/03  
 Si vous aimez les histoires, les chansons ou les rimes en français et en anglais, vous êtes les bienvenus!

## Book Discussion Groups @ YDL-Whittaker Road

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** for book discussion groups. Call the contact numbers for each group listed below.

### **W** Monday Evening Book Group (ADULT)

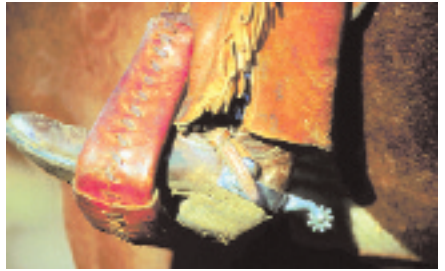
Meets the second Monday of the month at 7 pm, Conference Room 1C. Selected title: *The Good Omens* (9/12). Details: 482-4110 ext. 1306.

### **W** African American Authors Book Discussion Group (ADULT)

Meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, Community Meeting Room. Details: 482-4110 ext. 1306.

### **W** Mystery Lovers Book Group (ADULT)

Join other amateur sleuths once a month on Wednesdays at 2 pm in Conference Room 1C to discuss mystery novels. Books under the microscope: *Postmortem* (9/28), *Eight Million Ways to Die* (10/26), *High Country* (11/30), and *Hard Christmas* (12/28). Details: 482-4110 ext. 1356.



### **W** Boys Only Book Club (AGES 8-12)

Join other boys and their families on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Story Room. Pick up your books at the Youth Desk at least one week prior to the discussion. Details: 482-4110 ext. 1340.

### **W** Thursday Morning Book Group (ADULT)

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 am in Conference Room 1C. Titles: *Red Tent* (9/8), *Alias Grace* (10/6), *Water Carry Me* (11/3), and *All the Lost Girls: Confessions of a Southern Daughter* (12/1). Details: 482-4110 ext. 1356.

## Book Discussion Groups @ YDL-Michigan Avenue

### **M** Tuesday Night Book Club (ADULT)

First Tuesday of the month, 7 pm  
Selected titles: *The Language of Sycamores* (9/13), *Where the River Runs* (10/4), and *A Rip in Heaven: A Memoir of Murder and its Aftermath* (11/1). For details, call 482-4110 ext. 1314.

### **M** Kids Only Book Club (GRADES 3-5)

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, September 20, October 18, November 15  
Youth book discussion group will meet monthly for snacks and discussion about books. The first title to be read is *Holes*. For details, call 482-4110 ext. 1390.

### **M** Simple Living: Book and a Movie Series (ADULT)

Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 6:30 pm  
Each month the group will watch a movie and read a book on the same theme: fast food consumption (September), transportation (October), and simple holiday celebrations (November). The movies are *Super Size Me* (9/14), *Taken for a Ride* (10/12), and *The Secret History of the Credit Card* (11/9). Books to be discussed are: *Fast Food Nation* (9/28), *Divorce Your Car* (10/26), and *Celebrate Simply* (11/23). For details, call 482-4110 ext. 1386.



### **M** Girls Rule Book Group (GRADES 6-8)

Wednesdays at 7 pm, September 21, October 19, November 16  
Join us for lively discussions and tasty snacks! Girls in grades 6-8 get together monthly and select a title to read and discuss each month. Call 482-4110 ext. 1390 for information about the books we're reading.

### **M** What Do You Think? A Teen/Adult Book Discussion Group

Thursdays at 7 pm, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1  
Teens (12-17) and their parents and/or guardians read the selected book and then meet monthly for snacks and discussion. September's title: *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. For details, call 482-4110 ext. 1390.

All programs are drop-in, except where noted as "REGISTRATION REQUIRED."  
For drop-in programs, space is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

**W Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting**  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Room 1C  
Wednesdays, September 7, October 5,  
November 2, December 7, 7 pm  
Join TAG! You'll earn community service  
hours as you meet new people, plan teen  
programs, and create displays. Stop by a  
meeting for more information or call  
482-4110 ext. 1348.

**W Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party**  
(YOUTH)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Saturday, September 10, 1 pm  
Join us for the final celebration of this  
summer's art extravaganza.

**W September Project (ADULT)**

YDL-Whittaker  
Road, Meeting  
Room  
Sunday,  
September 11,  
1-4:30 pm

Join us for a  
screening of  
the classic Frank



Capra film *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*,  
followed by a moderated discussion  
on how the movie's themes of citizenship,  
democracy, and political power apply  
to America today. YDL is part of the  
worldwide September Project  
([www.theseptemberproject.org](http://www.theseptemberproject.org)).

**W Getting into the Groove for Kids**

(GRADES 3-5)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Monday, September 12, 7 pm

Collect study aids and learn study  
techniques for a successful school year.  
Registration required: call 482-4110  
ext. 1340.

**W Getting into the Groove (GRADES 6-8)**

YDL-Whittaker Road, YA area  
Monday, September 12, 7 pm

Get school off to a successful start at YDL!  
Explore the library's study aids and learn  
techniques to prepare for a successful  
school year. Registration required:  
482-4110 ext. 1348.

**W Family Friendly Ideas #1: Cowboys  
for Dinner? (ADULT)**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Tuesday, September 13, 7 pm

YDL program planner Marlena Shuler  
shows you how to plan fun, theme-based  
dinners and activities for your family.

**W Friends of YDL Weekend Book Sale**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
September 16, 17, 18

Come by for terrific bargains on used  
books during this gigantic three-day sale:  
Friday 11am-5 pm, Saturday 11am-3 pm,  
and Sunday 1-3 pm. On Sunday, fill a  
whole grocery bag with books for just \$2.



**M Parenting Series #1:**

**Using the Library (FAMILY)**

YDL-Michigan Avenue

Monday, September 19, 6:30 pm

Three-part parenting series designed for  
parents and children to attend together.  
Tonight's program introduces parents  
to the vast assortment of resources the  
library offers for them and their children.

**W Viruses, Spyware, Adware—Oh My!  
What You Should Know about Computer  
Security (ADULT)**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Monday, September 19, 7 pm

Most home computers have security  
problems that their owners are not aware  
of. Richard Truxall gives tips on how to  
identify problems and clean them up.

**W Author Reading: Heather Neff**

(ADULT)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Tuesday, September 20, 7 pm

Please join us in welcoming back local  
writer and Eastern Michigan University  
professor Heather Neff as she reads from  
*Haarlem*, her latest work of fiction. Neff  
will answer questions about the writing  
process and her work.

**W Financing a Small Business (ADULT)**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Wednesday, September 21, 7 pm

Learn about financing options for  
starting a small business with Jonell  
Jackson, Senior Business Counselor,  
Michigan Small Business and Technology  
Development Center.



**W Poker-Texas Hold 'Em Lessons (TEEN)**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Room 1C  
Thursdays, September 22, October 27,  
November 17, 6 pm

Teens: are you interested in learning to play poker? Already an expert? Whatever your skill level, don't miss the fun! In these monthly lessons, you'll get both pointers and practice. Registration required: 482-4110 ext. 1348. Join us for a tournament on December 10 at 2 pm.

**W Teachers' Night Out (ADULT)**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Thursday, September 22, 7 pm  
Calling all teachers! Sign up for a library card, learn about teacher resources and meet the Youth Department staff.

**W Let's Get Crafty (YOUTH)**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Saturday, September 24, October 15,  
November 19, 2 pm  
In this monthly craft program, kids make cool crafts from recycled materials.

**M Parenting Series #2:**

**Reading to Your Child (FAMILY)**  
YDL-Michigan Avenue  
Monday, September 26, 6:30 pm  
This three-part parenting series is designed for parents and children to attend together. Tonight's program emphasizes the importance of reading to a child and how to select books for stages of development.

**W Family Storytime: Potty Training**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Monday, September 26, 7 pm  
Bring the whole family for these special monthly storytimes. Tonight's stories will feature going to the potty.

**Getting Connected @ YDL**

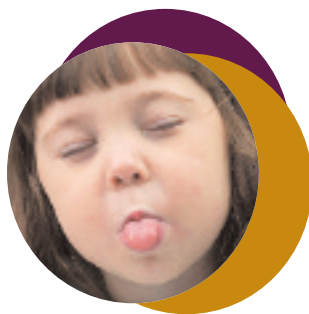
*Learn new computer skills in our free hands-on classes at YDL-Whittaker Road. Pre-registration is required: call 482-4110 ext. 1377. You can also try out our free self-paced tutorials to learn typing skills and Microsoft Office.*

**W College Workshop (TEEN)**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Saturday, October 1, 2 pm  
Juniors and seniors: getting ready to apply to college? Don't miss this seminar led by an admissions counselor from Eastern Michigan University. This workshop will cover the finer points of the application process, including how to select the best school for you, how to prepare your application and essay, and finding financial aid. Registration encouraged: 482-4110 ext. 1348.

**M Parenting Series #3:**

**Your Child Reading (FAMILY)**  
YDL-Michigan Avenue  
Monday, October 3, 6:30 pm  
Bring your children for a discussion on how to stimulate a love for books now that your child is reading independently.



**W Goofy Tricks and Pizza (YOUTH)**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Monday, October 3, 7 pm  
Can you touch your nose with your tongue? Demonstrate your unusual talents and enjoy a pizza slice! Registration encouraged: 482-4110 ext. 1340

**W Doing More with Less:**

**Low Vision and You (ADULT)**  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Tuesday, October 4, 7 pm  
Join us to learn about eye conditions associated with low vision and how to take steps toward independence. Representatives from the Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled demonstrate high- and low-tech items that make life easier for people with visual disabilities. You'll learn how to get free books and magazines on tape.

**W Depression Glass (ADULT)**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Wednesday, October 5, 7 pm  
Charlie Haas of the Michigan Depression Glass Society shows examples of Depression Glass and describes resources

to help identify some of the 900 patterns. Bring a piece of your own, and Haas will help you identify it. Visit the Michigan/ Ypsilanti Heritage Room to see an exhibit of Depression Glass starting October 3.

**W Hanging By a Thread: Understanding and Caring for Textile Treasures** (ADULT)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Thursday, October 6, 7 pm  
Do your family heirlooms need some TLC? Fran Faile, textile conservator at The Henry Ford, discusses how to care for your antique fabrics. A Q&A session follows.

**W Knit a Scarf** (AGES 9–15)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Saturday, October 8, 3 pm  
Come together with four expert knitters to learn how to knit a scarf. Registration required: 482-4110 ext. 1340. Limit 12.

**Family Friendly Ideas #2: Halloween Costumes Made Easy** (ADULT)

**W** YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Tuesday, October 11, 7 pm

**M** YDL-Michigan Avenue  
Thursday, October 13, 6:30 pm

If you don't want to pay for an expensive costume but don't know what else to do, join Marlena Shuler for easy and inexpensive costume ideas that you can do at home. Limited to 12 families. Registration required: 482-4110 ext. 1377 or 1385.

**W Creating Handcrafted Cards** (ADULT)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 pm  
Learn how to make lovely handcrafted cards your family will cherish for years. Registration required: 482-4110 ext. 1377

**W Helping All Students Read**  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Thursday, October 13, 7 pm  
Terry Dunivin, of Mindworks Learning, gives an overview of the reading problem in Michigan and across the country. Learn why many children struggle with reading and what you can do to help.

**W Ypsi's Believe It Or Not** (YOUTH)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Wednesday, October 19, 7 pm  
Local storyteller James Mann tells some spectacularly spooky tales.

**M Ypsilanti Chillers** (TEEN/ADULT)  
YDL-Michigan Avenue  
Thursday, October 20, 7 pm  
Local historian James Mann shares some "hair-raising" stories from Ypsilanti's past.

**W Engineering in the Real World** (TEEN/ADULT)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Thursday, October 20, 7 pm  
University of Michigan students in the National Society for Black Engineers discuss how engineering, math and science can be applied in the real world.

**W An Afternoon Tea Party for Grown-Ups** (ADULT)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Saturday, October 22, 3-4:30 pm  
Need a break from your busy life? Join us as we listen to soothing music and learn relaxation strategies while sipping afternoon tea. Please come dressed for teatime. If you want to book an entire table for a group, let us know when you sign up. Registration required: 482-4110 ext. 1377.



**W Family Storytime: Halloween** (FAMILY)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Monday, October 24, 7 pm  
Bring the whole family for this especially creepy storytime.

**M Halloween Storytime Downtown** (YOUTH)  
YDL-Michigan Avenue  
Friday, October 28, 4:30 pm  
Join us for silly Halloween stories before you go out trick-or-treating in downtown Ypsilanti. Wear your costumes!

**W Partners for Reading: Literacy Help at YDL** (ADULT)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Wednesday, November 2, 7 pm  
Can you imagine not being able to read? Adults need your help with reading, writing and English. Volunteering is easy, fun and has high impact. Training is provided. Come and learn more about adult literacy efforts in Washtenaw County.

**W Website Workshop** (TEEN)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Computer Lab  
Saturday, November 5, 2 pm  
Stake out your corner of the Internet! Learn the basic principles of building and supporting your own website, including

how to find a web hosting service and what program languages will be useful in building your site. Registration required: 482-4110 ext. 1348.

**Family Friendly Ideas #3:**

**Thanksgiving Decorations** (FAMILY)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Tuesday, November 8, 7 pm  
Marlena Shuler shows you how to make placemats and napkin rings to grace your Thanksgiving table in this make-and-take creative workshop. Registration required: 482-4110 ext. 1377. Limited to 10 families.

**Photos from the 1800s:**

**Their History and Care** (ADULT)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Wednesday, November 9, 7 pm  
Do you have old family photographs or would you like to collect these valuable reminders of life from over 100 years ago? Learn the history, identification, and dating techniques for antique photographs from Cynthia Read Miller, curator of photography at The Henry Ford. She'll give plenty of tips on the best ways to store and preserve family photos.

**Tae Kwon Do/Hap Ki Do**

**Demonstration** (YOUTH)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Thursday, November 10, 7 pm  
Come learn about the Korean martial arts, Tae Kwon Do and Hap Ki Do, with Master Jamie Johnson of the North American Tae Kwon Do Academy. A brief lecture on the history of the arts is followed by a demonstration by Johnson's students.

**Family Storytime: Pajama Time**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Monday, November 14, 7 pm  
Wear your PJs and we'll read bedtime stories to young and old alike.

**Using Books with Young Children**

(ADULT)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Tuesday, November 15, 7 pm  
Attention day care providers! Learn six important skills you can teach children in your care so they'll be ready to learn to read when they begin school.

**Sing-along with the Music Lady**

(FAMILY)  
YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Wednesday, November 16, 7 pm  
Join in a sing-along celebration for Children's Book Week with Bev Meyer, "The Music Lady."



**Gingerbread Houses** (YOUTH)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Saturday, December 3. Two sessions: 11 am or 2 pm. Registration: 482-4110 ext. 1340.

YDL-Michigan Avenue  
Saturday, December 10, 2 pm. Registration required: 482-4110 ext. 1390.  
Decorate a graham cracker house with candy and take it home! Ages 12–under.

**Wrap It Up!** (YOUTH)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Tuesday, December 6, 7 pm  
YDL-Michigan Avenue  
Thursday, December 8, 7 pm  
Listen to stories while you wrap gifts for your friends and family. Wrap provided.

**Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament** (TEEN)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room  
Saturday, December 10, 2 pm  
All teens are invited to enter this final showdown of poker skill! Play for prizes. Registration required: 482-4110 ext. 1348.

**Family Storytime: Holiday Lights**

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Monday, December 12, 7 pm  
Bring the whole family for this themed storytime based on traditions of Christmas, Hannukah and Kwanzaa.

**Holiday Movies** (FAMILY)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Meeting Room, 2 pm  
Enjoy these holiday classics with some tasty snacks! December 20, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*; December 21, *A Christmas Story*; December 22, *The Santa Clause*; December 28, *Ice Princess*.

**Discovering Your Senses** (YOUTH/TEEN)

YDL-Michigan Avenue  
Wednesday, December 21, 28, 1:30-4:30 pm  
Would you like to do something that's creative and fun over winter vacation? Join us for a feast of seasonal crafts, experiments, projects, and food to delight the senses.

**Thank You Notes** (YOUTH)

YDL-Whittaker Road, Story Room  
Thursday, December 29, 2 pm  
Say thank you for your holiday gifts. We'll provide the stationery and postage.