

# WHERE'S THE e-Library?

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Then click on **Resources > Databases > Outside the Library Databases**

Type in your library card number and personal ID number (PIN).  
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All databases are available at YDL locations, and most can be accessed  
outside the library as well. Call our Reference Desk for more information:  
734.482.4110, ext. 1377 at Whittaker Road, ext. 1385 at Michigan Avenue,  
or 734.482.3747 at Superior Township.





# A LIFETIME of learning



IN THE SPAN OF a single lifetime, the information revolution has spun America's industrial economy into

a global marketplace where the raw material of most value is **knowledge**. Worldwide, workers are shaping and sharing information at dizzying speeds, driving the pace of innovation ever faster.

Succeeding in the knowledge economy requires technology skills that came into being only a decade ago. Just as literacy was key for turn-of-the-century immigrants, today, computer literacy is demanded of every global citizen. At the same time, the cost of formal education is beyond the reach of many Americans. *Where then, can we get the skills we need to compete?*

The answer dates back to 1868, when the Ypsilanti Ladies Library was founded, only 31 years after Michigan was granted statehood. Since then, the Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) has widened the circle of learning to encompass an e-library accessible wherever a computer can operate.

Today, YDL offers far more than just a portal to the worldwide web. It conducts classes on basic computer skills and specific software programs, teaches *Senior Surfer* classes, and provides online book clubs, book newsletters, and a video-on-demand service. In fact, a growing part of YDL's yearly budget for new materials (\$591,111 in 2007) is devoted to providing 24/7 access to the world's knowledge for patrons of every age.

**Where will the wonders of digital learning take us?** Anywhere we want to go.

# GROWING UP digital



IN 1994, 18 years after the founding of Apple Computer,

only 3 percent of U.S. public school classrooms had access to the Internet. Yet by fall 2002, 92 percent were web enabled.

Every baby born in 1985, coincidentally the year of Dell Computer's launch, became a charter member of America's first e-generation. High school seniors in 2002 were computer prodigies compared with those who graduated only eight years earlier.

From that moment on, computer savvy became the great equalizer, raising income potential, opening access to health care and job opportunities, and sidestepping racial and social disparities.

Today's toddlers have never known a world that wasn't digital, and they play on the Internet as naturally as they do on the school playground, much to the amazement of their elders.



The virtual playground at **[www.ypsilibrary.org](http://www.ypsilibrary.org)** is vast indeed. For preschoolers, there's *Tumblebooks*, animated picture books that promote early reading skills.

Elementary and middle school students can research topics in history, social studies, and science at sites like *Kids InfoBits*, *eLibrary Elementary*, *Cobblestone Online*, and *SIRS Discoverer Deluxe*, which contains full-text articles from more than 1,400 magazines, newspapers, and government documents.

For high school students, *InfoTrac Student* contains full-text magazines and newspapers since 1985, as far back as digital media exists. *Culturegrams* gives an overview of countries and customs around the world, and a free online language center teaches Arabic, English, French, Russian, or Spanish. *Opposing Viewpoints* offers multiple perspectives on contemporary issues, while *Teen Health & Wellness* enables teens to take responsibility for healthy living and disease prevention.

And as graduation and entry into the adult world nears, there's the *LearningExpress Library*, a collection of practice exams for college prep, civil service, and citizenship.



BACK TO

# your future



FOR SOME ADULTS, crossing the digital divide is as big a leap of faith as was Columbus sailing to the edge of a flat world, for precisely the same reason: fear of the unknown.

Then as now, the drive for discovery makes our journey into a boundless

future inevitable. Workers realize that access to technology is the *Santa Maria* of today, and fully 25 percent of the adults who attend YDL programs come for free computer instruction. In 2007, 1,145 adults attended one of 227 free *Get Connected* computer classes and still more used our self-tutoring software programs.

Naturally, we're well equipped to handle a crowd. In addition to our 12-station computer lab at Whittaker Road, YDL-Michigan Avenue went wireless in fall 2007, thanks to a gift of four wireless-ready laptops from our library Friends.

Pick a topic, any topic, and you'll find a database with tons more information than you ever knew existed on the subject.





**Job hunting?** Check out *Careers Internet* for career reports, a salary calculator, and a personal career aptitude test—followed by a resume-writing course from our staff.

**Do-it-yourself car mechanic?** Find the schematic you need at *ChiltonLibrary.com*.

**Playing the stock market?** Consult *Value Line*'s profiles of 1,700 stocks or *Morningstar Online*'s reports on more than 20,000 stocks and mutual funds.

**Love books?** Get reviews and recommendations on more than 135,000 fiction titles at *NoveList*, keep track of your wish list and books you've read, and even connect online with people who share your reading interests.

**Film buff?** *MyLibraryDV* has more than 1,000 downloadable feature films, TV movies, and TV miniseries from the 1930s–1990s. And if you'd rather hear a good story, our *e-Audiobook Collection* features more than 1,500 downloadable titles.

**Aspiring entrepreneur?** Consult the *Small Business Administration* site for tips on starting a business in Michigan.

If this sounds a little overwhelming, don't worry. Our reference librarians are experts in helping you get to your destination.



2007

# milestones



## **February 10, 2007: Ice Carving in the Park**

YDL's first-ever ice carving event took place on the Library Park Plaza downtown. More than 250 people were wowed throughout the day by JR's Ice Sculpture team as they transformed 600 pounds of ice into a tableau featuring Winnie-the-Pooh and friends.

## **February 24, 2007: YDL-Superior Opens**

YDL-Superior was a success from the start, and in June, more than 300 people celebrated its grand opening with a community ice cream social.



## **March 24, 2007: NPR's Ira Glass Speaks**

A sellout crowd of 1,116 packed Pease Auditorium to hear master storyteller Ira Glass, host of National Public Radio's "This American Life."

## **October 19-21, 2007: Ypsilanti Songwriting Festival Soars**

Our first songfest, hosted by acclaimed songwriter Freedy Johnson, drew more than 330 musicians and fans to a weekend of community events, some in Ypsilanti's Depot Town.



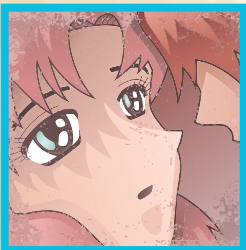




## ADULT PROGRAMS

IN 2007, 4,629 adults attended 570 programs ranging from the *What's Your Story?* authors forum at YDL-Michigan Avenue to art exhibits and *Take Note* concerts at YDL-Whittaker Road. Programs sampled art and music from around the globe, featuring West African music by Mady Kouyate, Native American dance from Reg Pettibone, and the fiery Latin dancing of Compañeros de Flamenco.

In addition, 506 adults enrolled in our summer reading program, *Around the World in 80 Days*, an increase of 320 percent over 2006.



## YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAMS

In 2007, 24,778 youth and teens were involved in 1,087 programs, including 680 in-library events, 43 group visits, and 364 school presentations.

Another 2,707 youth enrolled in summer reading, and 635 teens (an increase of 181 percent from 2006) read 795 books! Our focus on building our teen audience through new programs has clearly paid off, with high attendance in our new teen anime club, podcast academy, *Helpers and Heroes* career series, and *El día de los niños/El día de los libros*, an international Hispanic literacy day that drew 250 young people and their parents to YDL.

### Items in Circulation

**2007:** 739,424 **+353%** increase  
**2000:** 209,627

### Total Items in the Collection

**2007:** 306,456 **+206%** increase  
**2000:** 148,839

### Patrons/Percent of Population Served

**2007:** 61,724 / 77% **+262%** increase  
**2000:** 23,559 / 30%

### New Library Cards Issued

**2007:** 6,563

### Reference Questions Answered

**2007:** 139,760

# OUR FINANCIAL picture

## OPERATING FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2007

### Revenues

Property Taxes	\$3,581,354	85%
Interest & Other	\$291,227	7%
Penal Fines	\$154,503	4%
State Aid	\$63,098	2%
Grants/Donations/Friends	\$75,052	2%
State Revenue Sharing	\$39,920	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,205,154</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Expenses

Salaries	\$2,249,658	59%
Library Materials	\$591,111	16%
Automation/Capital Outlay	\$314,914	8%
Utilities/Repairs	\$273,803	7%
Other	\$234,255	6%
Contractual Services	\$130,946	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,794,687</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Audited statement of actual revenues and expenses for the  
fiscal year December 1, 2006–November 30, 2007.*



GO anywhere



**Your digital future awaits at [www.ypsilanti.org](http://www.ypsilanti.org).**

**Which websites can you trust?** Go to *Librarians' Internet Index*.

**Researching your roots?** Try *Ancestry Library Edition* or *HeritageQuest Online*, where you can search census records, read family and local history books, and scan millions of genealogy articles and records. Or try the *African American Experience*, which archives more than 300 titles on African American history and culture.

**Antique collector?** Watch past PBS episodes at *Antiques Roadshow Online*.

**Art lover?** Go to *CAMIO* to view 90,000 high-quality masterworks from the world's top museums.

**Lonely for news of home?** *Informa!* contains full-text Spanish language and bilingual publications, or read one of 150 full-text U.S. and international newspapers at *InfoTrac Custom Newspapers*.

**It's fun. It's free. It's all at your e-Library.**



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## **YDL LOCATIONS**

### **YDL-Whittaker Road**

5577 Whittaker Road

734.482.4110

### **YDL-Michigan Avenue**

229 West Michigan Avenue

734.482.4110

### **YDL-Superior**

8975 MacArthur Boulevard at Harris

734.482.3747

