MISSION STATEMENT

AS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE, YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY'S MISSION IS TO ENRICH LIFE, STIMULATE INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY, FOSTER LITERACY, AND ENCOURAGE AN INFORMED CITIZENRY.



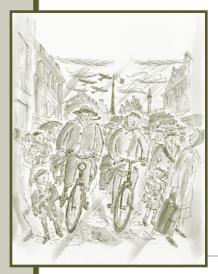
"AS USUAL, I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE MOMENTS OF THE PAST, LETTING MY MEMORY RUSH OVER THEM LIKE WATER RUSHING OVER THE STONES ON THE BOTTOM OF A STREAM. I WAS EVEN THINKING A LITTLE ABOUT THE FUTURE, THAT PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE DOING A DANCE WE CANNOT IMAGINE, A DANCE WHOSE NAME WE CAN ONLY GUESS." —BILLY COLLINS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

With the help of our generous supporters, the Ypsilanti District Library was able to accomplish the following in 2012:

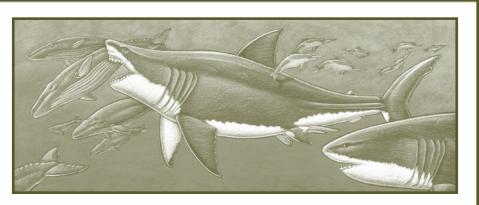
SPONSOR a visit by **Poet Laureate Billy Collins** during National Library Week which attracted 427 people. Mr. Collins also visited with 60 teens at Ypsilanti High School and discussed the writing process.

PROVIDE 2,752 **free events** for 42,373 people at our locations of YDL-Whittaker, YDL-Michigan, YDL-Superior, and via our bookmobile, The Navigator.



HOST The Wartime Escape: Margret and H.A. Rey's Journey from France, an art esxhibit about the harrowing travels of the authors of the Curious George books which was visited by over 6,400 people. Illustrator Allan Drummond was YDL's guest and a featured speaker at Estabrook Elementary School, visiting with more than 70 students. Photo credit: Escape from Paris, courtesy Allan Drummond and the Institute for Holocaust Education, Omaha, Nebraska.





BRING THE EXHIBIT *Sharkabet: A Sea of Sharks from A to Z* to our community. More than 28,000 people visited (and revisited and revisited....) this wildly entertaining and educational exhibit based on the work of scientist and artist Ray Troll. A Sea of Sharks from A to Z inspired the theme for YDL's summer reading program: Take a Bite Out of Summer! Pictured here is Megalodon.

YDL-MICHIGAN'S Teen Advisory Group and their teen librarian, **Jodi Johnson**, were honored for their innovative programming by *Michigan Nightlight* which is an online resource for people working to positively impact the lives of Michigan kids. Teens at YDL have submitted their original writing, developed in partnership with 826michigan, to an online publication, Teen Voices (www.ypsilibrary.org/content/teen-publications).



2012 YPSI SONG FEST: Sam Llanas headlined this annual event celebrating the art and craft of songwriting. Features included a home recording workshop, one-on-one mentoring for novice songwriters, a salute to the **songs of Motown**, and our After-Hours Garage Band performances.

LAUNCH three new self-check machines with an unlocking feature for checking out media.

ADD 4,984 eBooks to YDL's collection.

ASSIST IN CHECKING OUT 890,200 items from YDL's collection.

OPERATING FINANCIAL Highlights 2012

Total	\$3,923,866	100%
Other	\$208,773	5%
Utilities/Repairs	\$301,615	8%
Automation/Capital Outlay	\$308,086	8%
Contractual	\$88,809	2%
Library Materials	\$356,177	9%
EXPENDITURES Salaries/Benefits	\$2,660,406	68%
Total	\$3,678,118	100%
Grants/Donations/Friends	\$62,427	2%
Interest & Other	\$149,603	4%
State Aid	\$37,390	1%
Penal Fines	\$98,982	3%
Property Taxes	\$3,329,716	90%
REVENUE		

This budget is an audited statement of actual revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2011 and ending November 30, 2012.

YDL NUMBERS FOR 2012

• Circulation:	890,200
• Library Cardholders:	77% of residents
Collection:	282,853 items
Reference Questions:	187,501
 Program Attendance: 	42,373
 Total Programs Offered: 	2,692
• Number of Computer Sessions:	254,095