



This was the third year that the learning garden has been a part of YDL-Superior. Youth and adults alike have come to the library to help till, plant, and harvest the garden.

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DISTRICT LIBRARY

Happiness at YDL is...

- :) Over 800 people visiting the library plaza downtown for a petting zoo and pony rides at the annual "Country in the City" fall festival
- :) Knowing there's a brand new computer with new software available to help you apply for a job, keep in touch with friends and family, or just surf the web
- :) Dropping in to hear NPR personality Roy Blount Jr. at EMU's Pease Auditorium
- :) Seeing your kids play in the Youth Zone with a new iPad loaded with fun, educational early literacy apps
- :) Being one of the 5,604 residents who signed up for a YDL library card for the first time, bringing the percentage of the population with a card up to 79% (up 2.5% since 2012!)
- :) Learning to knit a sweater, plant a garden, or program micro-controllers from a "Do It Yourself" themed summer reading program
- :) Enjoying free concerts at the seventh annual Ypsi Song Fest, featuring Peter Case
- :) Listening to live jazz and learning its history at YDL's "The Fine Art of Jazz" exhibit
- :) Curling up in a quiet corner of the library with a good book



In Memoriam

In 2013, YDL lost a longtime staff member, Miriam (Mimi) Chapman. Mimi spent over 30 years at YDL and served as interim director in the early 1980s. She brought so much happiness to the patrons she served and the staff she worked with during her tenure at YDL. One of her major contributions was to document our local history in a special collection, and the Board of Trustees chose to name the Ypsilanti Heritage Room in her honor.

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*"The **public** library
public
is a center of
happiness
public **happiness**"*

—JOHN COTTON DANA

2013 Annual Report



YDL

Financials

REVENUE

Property Taxes	\$3,323,745	89%
Penal Fines	\$130,046	3%
Donations/Grants/Friends	\$72,526	2%
State Aid	\$41,409	1%
Interest & Other	\$160,724	4%
Total	\$3,728,450	100%

EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,573,592	69%
Library Materials	\$287,560	8%
Technology	\$245,806	7%
Utilities & Repairs	\$322,034	9%
Contractual Services	\$79,419	2%
Other	\$201,392	5%
Total	\$3,709,803	100%

LIBRARY USAGE

Library Cardholders	65,535 (79% of service population)
Reference Questions	175,746
Items in Collection	301,639
Circulation	848,424
Library Programs	2630
Program Attendance	44,543
Computer Sessions	277,320

YDL is happy to announce:

YDL HAS A NEW KIA SOUL! Hyundai-Kia of Ann Arbor and Ann Arbor Automotive donated a three-year lease on a brand new vehicle. The Kia will make it easy to transport books between our three locations, support our large print book deliveries to senior centers, and help staff get to conferences and professional development events. The donation is especially important for our homebound patrons who can't visit the library. Through YDL's Books on Wheels program, these patrons get a monthly delivery of library books and movies along with a personal visit from a librarian or volunteer that brightens their day!

All 88 patron computers were replaced with brand new PCs in December, and a total of 100 public computers, including the Whittaker Road computer lab, were upgraded to Office 2013 and Windows 7 software. Patrons have been very happy with the new, faster computers, and computer usage continues to rise!



Mark Torigian, Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc. hands YDL Director Jill Morey the keys to the new Kia Soul!

"Country in the City" fall festival brings pony rides, a petting zoo, country crafts and more to downtown Ypsilanti!



YDL's new iPads are a popular feature with kids and parents in all of our locations.

Praise from our patrons

"The staff, everyone is so helpful and knowledgeable. The quality of my life has been made so much better because of YDL. I have learned so much and enjoy coming to the library. It's like a second home."

"We've visited lots of libraries in lots of locations through the years. Whittaker Road is my all-time favorite and it's largely due to the amazing staff. It's so nice to always be welcomed with a genuine smile."

"Thank you for offering a lovely range of children's books that are full of diversity. Keep up the good work."

Patrons