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150 YEARS: LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

In 1868 a group of enterprising women established what we now call the Ypsilanti District Library. Located in a room in the Arcade Block on Huron Street, it originally had 160 registered borrowers, a collection of 175 books, and a budget of \$260.

150 years later, much has changed! What can you do in today's library? Experience a museum-quality exhibit. Discuss racial justice issues. Learn to navigate your smartphone. Research your family tree. Watch your child program a robot. Enjoy live music. Take a practice exam online. The possibilities are endless!

To celebrate our 150th anniversary, resolve to explore all the library has to offer in 2018. With over 350,000 items to choose from, including streaming audio and video, digital magazines, graphic novels, and the latest best sellers, 45,000 cardholders can't be wrong.

Visit today to understand why public libraries remain so vibrant and vital. YDL is the information hub of our community, 150 years young!

Lisa Hoenig, Director

WASHTENAW READS

Each year, county libraries team up to promote reading and civic dialogue through the shared experience of reading a common book.

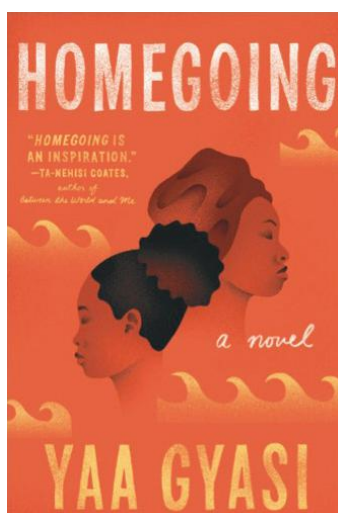
This year's selection is *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. It begins in eighteenth century Ghana, where two half sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the same castle, and sold into slavery.

Homegoing follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. This extraordinary novel illuminates slavery's troubled legacy both for those who were taken and those who stayed—and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation.

Pick up a copy of the book at any YDL



location or use Overdrive to borrow the eBook or audiobook. YDL will host a book discussion on February 1 as part of the Thursday Morning Book Group, and you can find more related events at www.washtenawreads.org.



AUTHOR VISIT: YAA GYASI

TUESDAY, Feb 6

7pm | Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

This talk is honored as the 2018 Institute for the Humanities Jill S. Harris Memorial Lecture.

Thinking MONEY

A Financial Expedition

Get smart about finances at YDL-Michigan

Money affects everyone, but it's not always easy to find the information we need to make smart decisions about our financial futures. Teens, tweens, and the adults in their lives can explore and learn about money with Thinking Money, a new traveling exhibition at the Michigan Avenue library. YDL is one of 50 libraries nationwide selected to host the exhibit.

Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun activities, Thinking Money explores themes such as wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy/sunny day, imagining your future self, and avoiding financial fraud. It's a

self-guided exhibit, so stop in anytime the library is open to learn and explore.

YDL will also host programs related to money at management. Check these out on pages 4-5 or at ypsilibrary.org/events.

THINKING MONEY EXHIBIT

December 18 — January 23
YDL-Michigan,
229 W. Michigan Avenue



Thinking Money was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible.



HOUSE & HOME

Americans spend much of our time and money living in, working on, and enjoying our homes. House & Home, a new traveling exhibition at YDL-Whittaker, explores what it means to be at home. The exhibition is an immersive experience, with galleries that come alive with objects, photographs, and sound.

This is more than just a story of architecture. Exhibition galleries feature objects used to furnish homes, from an Easy Bake Oven to a yarn swift; iconic house designs by Thomas Jefferson, Frank Gehry, and Frank Lloyd Wright; life-size wall sections demonstrating different construction techniques; displays on how Americans have financed homes through the years, and original films looking back at the social and cultural history of home life.

Stop in to view the exhibit, and look out for great programs offering a variety of perspectives on the places we call home.

DIY HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

May 18

Are you a Do-It-Yourselfer? It's time to brag! Upload before-and-after photos of your latest home project, from changing a kitchen backsplash to upcycling a piece of furniture. Submit entries by May 18, then browse projects and vote on entries on YDL's Facebook page. Winner gets a \$100 Lowe's gift card.

Details at ypsilibrary.org/DIYcontest

HOUSE & HOME

April 16 — May 28
YDL-Whittaker | 5577 Whittaker Road



This exhibition has been made possible through NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. House & Home was organized by the National Building Museum, Washington, D.C. It has been adapted and is being toured by Mid-America Arts Alliance.



ALSO IN THE GALLERY

January
LNGO PAINTERS
YDL-Whittaker
 Participants in the Learning Never Gets Old acrylic painting workshop display their work.

February
PHOTOGRAPHY BY GWENDOLYN ROTH
YDL-Whittaker
 Gwendolyn Roth is passionate about the unfound joy and beauty in the world around us. Her digital photos emphasize nature, fine art, and healing art.

March
SALINE PAINTERS GUILD
YDL-Whittaker
 The Saline Painters Guild is a group of painters using watercolor, oil and acrylic media. You'll find a wide variety of paintings and subjects by different artists.

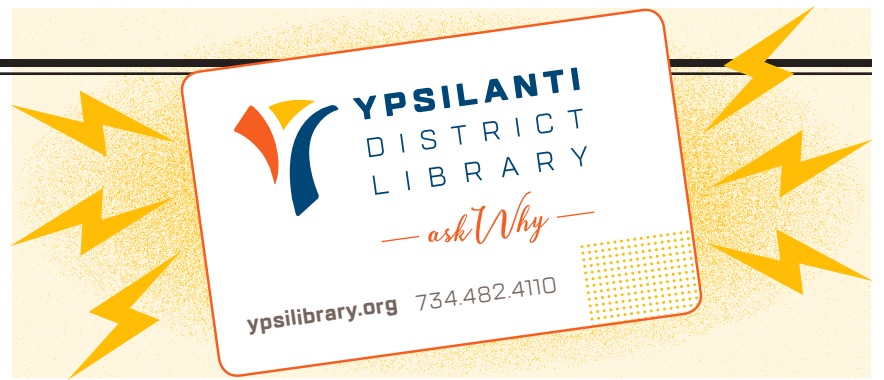


April
PYSANKY EGGS
YDL-Michigan
 See intricately designed Pysanky eggs made with a traditional wax-resist technique. This ancient Slavic art form was outlawed in the Soviet Union and nearly forgotten and is only recently being revived.

May
SILVER CLUB
YDL-Michigan
 See artwork by members of the University of Michigan's Silver Club, which provides meaningful and engaging activities for people with memory loss.

UPGRADING YOUR LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

You asked, we answered! Look out for exciting tech upgrades coming this spring.



New YDL Website

New year, new logo, new look for our website! Our new website will make it easy to find digital content and see what's new at the library. You'll also be able to browse curated lists of events, books, news, and services depending on your interests—whether you're exploring local history, looking for a job, or finding activities for your kids.

Wireless Printing

You'll soon be able to use the library's printers from any device! New EnvisionWare software will manage public computer sessions and printing. Self-serve kiosks will make it easy to add money to your printing account and print from anywhere.

Mobile App

The new BLUEcloud Mobile app will make it easy to browse the library's entire collection, place holds, and renew materials from your iPhone or Android phone. Keep an eye out for a big announcement when it's introduced at YDL!

INSIDE THE RACIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION SERIES

What began as a short-term partnership between YDL and the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice is now in its third year. YDL asked facilitator and moderator La'Ron Williams about the intention and impact of the racial justice discussions.

YDL: *What motivated the start of this series?*

La'Ron Williams: In a nutshell, the racial climate about two years ago was one in which there were heightened tensions around race. We were far enough into the Obama presidency, that it was easy to see a growing race-based backlash against him, one that is now clearly evident for having produced the Trump presidency. I wanted to do a film series that would let people, from a broad range of social standings, to safely and thoroughly engage, not just in a discussion about race, but also in an education about race and racism. The intent was to provide a setting in which people could gain information that would allow them to elevate discussions about race to more than a subjective, and purely emotional, level. Right now, our society does little to discourage us from dealing with racial issues in any way other than emotionally—but it's entirely possible to become much more sophisticated in both our understanding about race as well as our responsibility for the shape of our society. My belief and my hope is that with more facts and understanding, we'll be able to create a better nation.

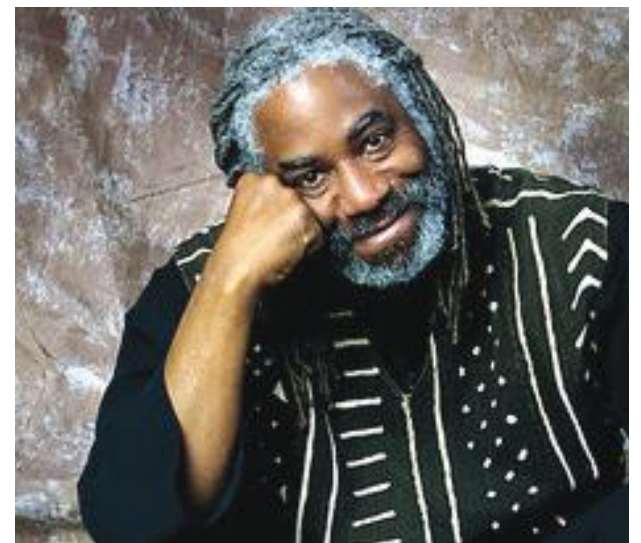
YDL: *The program has been well received and well attended for almost 3 years now—what do you think contributes to this success?*

LW: The nature of the program is to provide a safe space for people to talk about what can be very difficult issues. Places like that aren't common. I can't think of any place where people are invited on a regular basis to talk about race and racial issues.

A second thing is that the series is deliberately designed to be inclusive. The advertisement, the word of mouth, the experience in the setting – all help to let people know that they can be here no matter what their views.

It also helps that, even though all ideas are welcome, the discussion is grounded in a film we watch together. So we all have a focus and common base of information from which to work. I've chosen films that are intended to be educational rather than merely expository or descriptive. They are intended to be learning experiences. People know when they come in that the discussion springs from the film and their comments should be rooted in what they have seen.

Finally, I try really hard to transcend the traditional "Black-White racial paradigm" when talking about race. It isn't always easy to find



material that allows me to broaden the discussion, but it is, I believe, important to include the true life experiences of all the groups that are represented in this country.

YDL: *Have you ever been surprised by someone's reaction or takeaway from the discussion?*

LW: To be honest, nothing surprises me where race is concerned. One of the difficulties in trying to facilitate our discussions is that participants can be "all over the map" with their knowledge, their personal experiences, their emotional experiences with racism. There's no such thing as a "school-of-the-way-racism-works" where we can go to preschool, kindergarten, you know, and all the way through to a PhD status in racial awareness. There's nowhere where you can learn in a structured way. You'd think that there would be, since racism plays such an important role in shaping our lives—but as far as I know, nothing like that exists. So I expect people to say all sorts of things ... And they do. Nothing surprises me.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: FEEL THE BEAT

The 2018 National Library Week theme "Libraries Lead" celebrates the many ways that libraries stand out as innovators and anchors. Around the world, libraries lead the charge on issues like intellectual freedom, and they encourage their communities to come together to talk, learn, and play together.

YDL will celebrate National Library Week with two very different but equally spectacular events.

On April 12, we'll bring renowned percussionist Tom Sharpe of Mannheim Steamroller to Ypsilanti, where he'll create a world-class cinematic and musical experience on stage at WCC's Towsley Auditorium (see page 4). On April 14, Lori Fithian presents "Drumcommunity," which brings community members of all ages together to collaboratively create music inside our own library (see page 6).

Whether we're bringing the world to Ypsilanti

or enhancing the talent that's already here, your library is proud to lead this community for the next 150 years and beyond.



ADULT

JANUARY

SUNDAY, Jan 7

LNGO ACRYLIC PAINTING EXHIBIT RECEPTION

2:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Meet the artists and view paintings from our painting series with local artist Debra Golden.

THURSDAY, Jan 11

WE HAVE THE POWER: LOCAL INVESTING

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

You can get a return on your investment while also supporting a healthy, resilient local economy! Angela Barbash of Revalue explains community impact investing.



SUNDAY, Jan 14 & SUNDAY, Feb 18

RACIAL JUSTICE FILM & DISCUSSION (Adults only)

2-5pm | YDL-Whittaker

Tim Wise's film *The Great White Hoax* explores how political leaders of both parties stoke white anxiety and scapegoat people of color to shore up political support. After the screening, join a moderated discussion led by La'Ron Williams. The discussion will continue on February 18.

MONDAY, Jan 15

MLK DAY PAINTING (Adults only)

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Paint a picture of Dr. King and President Obama! The design will be pre-drawn on canvas and you can follow along with the instructor or create your own coloring. All materials provided. Register: 734-482-4110 x1325

MONDAY, Jan 22

HOOR EXCHANGE YPSILANTI

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Did you know that Ypsilanti has a local currency? Learn how to participate from Heather Wysor and Jeff Yoder.

FEBRUARY

THURSDAY, Feb 1

YPSILANTI'S BLACK CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCE

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Nearly 70 African American men from Ypsilanti served in the Civil War. Local historian Matt Siegfried will discuss the battles they fought, the racism they faced in the military, and their lives after the war.



SUNDAY, Feb 4

BEGIN RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY TREE

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to gather and organize information, locate public records, and find online resources. Co-sponsored by Ypsilanti Historical Society & Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.

TUESDAY, Feb 6

HOMEGOING: A CONVERSATION WITH YAA GYASI

7pm | Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor

Hear from author Yaa Gyasi! Details on page 1.

THURSDAY, Feb 8

WHAT TO DO WHEN STOPPED BY THE POLICE

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Attorney Robyn McCoy will discuss your legal rights and responsibilities when stopped by law enforcement and offer resources. Sponsored by the Public Action Committee for Justice (PACJ)



TUESDAY, Feb 20

LNGO TECH TIME: USING BLUETOOTH

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Connect your mobile device with Bluetooth speakers, headphones, and other tools.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1316

TUESDAY, Feb 27

LNGO TECH TIME: USING GPS

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Use your phone to access live maps and get directions by car, foot, bike, or bus.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1316

MARCH

WEDNESDAY, March 7

POLICE IN THE COMMUNITY: IMMIGRATION

6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Sheriff Jerry Clayton will discuss police interactions with immigrant communities from both legal and philosophical perspectives.

THURSDAY, March 8

WOMYN SURVIVING & THRIVING

(Ages 13+)

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Local writers Vanessa Marr, Dawn Richberg, and Charlotte Young BOWENS share original poetry and prose featuring uncensored themes such as body image, gender and racial violence, invisibility, and liberation. Discussion to follow.



SATURDAY, March 10

CRAFTING FREESTYLE

3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Get inspired and (re)discover the joy of crafting! We'll have materials and tools available and a few project ideas, the rest is up to you.

SUNDAY, March 11

JANET KAUFFMAN: ECO-DEMENTIA

(Adults)

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Writer, poet, environmental activist, and retired EMU writing teacher Janet Kauffman will share reflections on her newest mixed-media book.

SUNDAY, March 18

FEED YOUR CATERpillARS: BUTTERFLY 101

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Attract butterflies to your yard by learning which plants, herbs, bushes, and trees caterpillars love. Get a free caterpillar-friendly plant and enter a drawing for a book!



WEDNESDAY, March 7

PYSANKY EGGS

6pm | YDL-Michigan

Decorate an egg using the ancient wax-resist techniques used to make intricate Pysanky eggs. Register: 734-482-4110 x1385

WEDNESDAY, March 28

POLICE IN THE COMMUNITY: SUBJECT CONTROL

6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Sheriff Jerry Clayton will discuss the WCSO's approach to the use of force, a best practices- and philosophy-driven policy that balances citizen, officer, and public safety considerations.

THURSDAY, March 29

WOMEN CLAIMING PUBLIC SPACE

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

EMU's Elizabeth Currans will discuss her book, *Marching Dykes, Liberated Sluts, and Concerned Mothers: Women Activists Transform Public Space*, in relation to recent events.

APRIL

THURSDAY, April 5

7 SURPRISING WAYS TO SAVE MONEY ONLINE

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Rick Broida, author of the popular CNET blog, *The Cheapskate*, will share the secrets of saving money on just about everything you buy online, and raffle prizes at the end of the program.

FRIDAY, April 6

ANN ARBOR GUITAR TRIO

6pm | YDL-Michigan

This First Friday, enjoy the improvisation and creative harmonies of the Ann Arbor Guitar Trio. YDL's own Guitar Club will open.

SUNDAY, April 8

GENEALOGY: HIT THE CHECKLIST

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Hit a wall in your family research? Comparing your work to the comprehensive research checklist will help focus your next steps. Co-sponsored by Ypsilanti Historical Society & Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.

MONDAY, April 9

POP TRIVIA

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Challenge yourself and your friends to a night of trivia on pop culture topics. Sign up with a team or we can assign you to one. Winners take home the legendary Pop Trivia trophy! Register: 734-482-4110 x1377

THURSDAY, April 12

TOM SHARPE IN CONCERT

7pm | WCC Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Morris Lawrence Building

Originally from Detroit, percussionist, pianist, and composer Tom Sharpe is best known as the drummer for the Grammy award winning group Mannheim Steamroller. His performance will blend orchestral sound with world music instrumentation and cinematic imagery.

MONDAY, April 16

MOTOR CITY GHOST HUNTERS

7pm | YDL-Michigan

Hear about paranormal activity in haunted buildings and houses in the Ypsilanti area.

TUESDAY, April 17

DOWNSIZING YOUR HOME (Ages 55+)

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Get tips to downsize your home and decide what to keep, what to sell, and what to toss.

WEDNESDAY, April 18

VERIDIAN: CREATING A LIVING FUTURE

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

A housing development on Platt Rd in Ann Arbor using a bold new framework for re-thinking the way humanity designs its systems, products, buildings, and communities. Hear from Matt Grocoff of the Thrive Collaborative.

THURSDAY, April 19

DIY HOME MAINTENANCE

6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Steve Bredernitz of Bredernitz Professional Services will demystify home maintenance, discussing seasonal checklists, safety issues, and basic plumbing and electrical fixes.

TUESDAY, April 24

HISTORICAL SEGREGATED HOUSING IN YPSI

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Architectural historian Lee Azus will discuss how racial covenants, Federal housing policies, and the local real estate industry contributed to housing segregation.



WEDNESDAY, April 25

YPSILANTI RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Explore Ypsilanti's rich Midwestern architectural history, from log cabins to modern residences. Knowing popular styles in our area can reveal when a house was built.

THURSDAY, April 26

FIRST TIME HOME BUYER'S SEMINAR

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Get an overview of the home buying process with Andra Anteau of Howard Hanna. From choosing a realtor to getting financing, she'll explain how to close on your dream home.

SATURDAY, April 28

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

(New Parents and Parents-to-be)

3:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Get support to welcome home your sweet baby! Learn about organizations and agencies that offer services for babies and parents and enjoy fun giveaways, door prizes, and refreshments. Donations of new baby supplies for this event are welcome. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390

DOCUMENT SHREDDING DAY

10am-1pm | YDL-Whittaker

Free shredding! Bring up to three copy-paper boxes or grocery bags of documents per person. Binders and large binder clips must be removed; staples, paper clips, and rubber bands are OK. Donations will be accepted to the Friends of the Ypsilanti District Library to help offset the cost. The event will end at 1pm or when the truck is full. Limited to residents of the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township.

MAY

THURSDAY, May 3

BEAUTY AT HOME

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Learn how to make homemade soaps and lotion bars using natural ingredients. Register: 734-482-4110 x1385



FRIDAY, May 4

SILVER CLUB ART EXHIBIT OPENING

5:30pm | YDL-Michigan

First Friday art opening for The University of Michigan's Silver Club, which provides meaningful and engaging activities for people with memory loss. Music by Jesse Morgan.

THURSDAY, May 10

FINANCING YOUR HOME

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Learn the ins and outs of financing a home. Presented by Clayton Kendrick of Academy Mortgage Corporation.

ADULT MEETUPS

TUESDAYS

SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR

2pm | every week | YDL-Michigan
Socialize with friends and community members over crosswords, coloring pages, sudoku, and more. Coffee and tea provided.



KNITTING PLUS

6pm | every week | YDL-Michigan
Bring your supplies and work on any handcraft. As a special feature, enjoy “oldie but goodie” films on the first Tuesday of every month.

LNCO TECH TIME: IPHONE BOOT CAMP (55+)

6:30pm | Weekly, Mar 6-Apr 10 | YDL-Whittaker
Get the most out of your iPhone with help from our tech-savvy staff! Please register separately for each session you wish to attend.
March 6: Basic navigation
March 13: Contacts & texting
March 20: Introduction to email
March 27: Taking, editing, and sharing photos
April 3: Web Browsing & WiFi
April 10: The Wide World of Apps
Register: 734-482-4110 x1316



FILM CLUB

7pm | Second and Fourth Tuesdays | YDL-Whittaker
Watch and discuss movies with veteran film critic Perry Seibert. Film screened on second Tuesday; discussion on fourth Tuesday.

AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK GROUP

7pm | Jan 30 • Feb 27 • Mar 27 • Apr 24 • May 29 | YDL-Whittaker
Discuss books by African American authors.



VISUAL BOOK CLUB

7:30pm | Jan 16 • Feb 20 • Mar 20 • Apr 17 • May 15 | Ypsi Alehouse, 124 Pearl Street
Explore visually interesting books over a beverage. Pick up books at YDL-Michigan.

WEDNESDAYS

AARP INCOME TAX PREPARATION

9:30am-4pm | Feb 14 • Feb 28 • Mar 14 | YDL-Michigan
Get free tax preparation! This service is for people with low to moderate incomes, with special attention to those 60 and older. Must bring your Social Security card.
Walk-ins: 9:30am-12:30pm (except Feb. 1)
Appointments: 12:30-3:30pm
Call 734-482-4110 x1385 for an appointment.

CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT

(Ages 55+)
10am | Feb 21–Mar 28 | YDL-Whittaker
Learn techniques and skills for managing chronic pain in this six-week workshop. Caregivers are also encouraged to participate. Facilitated by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.
Register: 734-482-4110 x1377

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP

2pm | Jan 31 • Feb 28 • Mar 28 • Apr 25 • May 30 | YDL-Whittaker
A stimulating discussion of a mystery title!

THURSDAYS

AARP INCOME TAX PREPARATION

9:30am-4pm | Feb 1–Apr 12 | YDL-Michigan
Get free tax preparation! This service is for people with low to moderate incomes, with special attention to those 60 and older. Must bring your Social Security card.
Walk-ins: 9:30am-12:30pm (except Feb. 1)
Appointments: 12:30-3:30pm
Call 734-482-4110 x1385 for an appointment.

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

10:30am | Jan 4 • Feb 1 • Mar 1 • Apr 5 • May 3 | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for an engaging discussion of the book of the month—pick up at the circulation desk.

GARDEN CHAT

3pm | Jan 18 • Feb 15 • Mar 15 • Apr 19 • May 17 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet other enthusiastic gardeners for mutual support and information sharing.

YARN, HOOKS AND NEEDLES

6pm | every week | YDL-Whittaker
Bring your supplies and work on any handcraft. Knitting and crochet instruction available. No May meetings.

AFRICAN AMERICAN GEMS BOOK CLUB

6:30pm | Jan 18 • Feb 15 • Mar 15 • Apr 19 • May 17 | YDL-Michigan
Discuss non-fiction books about the African American experience.

WRITERS WORKSHOP

7pm | First and Third Thursdays | YDL-Whittaker
Focus on plot, character, dialogue, settings, narrative arcs, and tone in this new writing workshop mentored by Prof. Heather Neff.
Register: 734-482-4110 x1377

FRIDAYS

LNCO WALKING GROUP (Ages 55+)

10:30am | Apr 6 and 20, May 4 and 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Exercise and socialize on a 30-minute walk along a path near the library!

YPSILANTI OPEN MEDITATION

11am | every week | YDL-Michigan
Meet for weekly drop-in guided meditation.

CREATIVE AGING: LITERATURE ALIVE

(Ages 55+)
1pm | March 2–Apr 13 | YDL-Whittaker
Get on stage! Adapt literature and short stories and learn to perform in this six-week workshop taught by EMU Professor Anita Rich. No prior experience necessary. Final performance at Riverside Arts Center at 2pm, Sunday, April 15. No meeting March 30. Co-Sponsored by Riverside Arts Center.
Register: 734-482-4110 x1316

SATURDAYS

GUITAR CLUB (Adults only)

10am | every other Saturday, Jan 13–May 19 | YDL-Michigan
Guitar players of all skill levels collaborate, share songs, and learn to play together. Acoustic, electric—all are welcome.



AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

10:30am | Jan 20 • Feb 17 • Mar 17 • Apr 21 • May 19 | YDL-Michigan
Share the challenges and rewards of finding your African American family history. Learn about a different resource or technique in each session.



TEEN

JANUARY

THURSDAY, Jan 18

YOUTH BIZ: GET A RUNNING START

(Ages 9–18)
4:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Ever thought about starting a business? Meet successful young entrepreneurs, get a start on your own ideas, and walk away with great tips! Presented by Debra Power of Running Start.

SATURDAY, Jan 27

SCHOLARSHIP OPEN HOUSE

(Ages 16–19)
12pm | YDL-Michigan
Get help paying for college! Meet representatives from local foundations and learn about applying for scholarships and financial assistance.

SUNDAY, Jan 28

SPA DAY (Ages 12–18)

2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Take a break after the busy holiday season and make lip gloss, sugar scrubs, hair chalk, masks, and more. Hosted by the Teen Advisory Group.

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY, Feb 17

MAKE MACARONS (Ages 12–18)

2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn to make the classic meringue confections and take home a variety of colors and flavors!



MARCH

MONDAY, Mar 26 – FRIDAY, Mar 30

COMPUGIRLS ELECTRONICS BOOT CAMP (Girls 13–16)

12-4pm | YDL-Michigan
Be part of the next generation of tech innovators! Discover basic circuitry and design expressive art works with paper, squishy, and textile circuits. And, yes, there will be food.
Register: 734-482-4110 x1314

TEEN MEETUPS

TUESDAYS

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 12–18)

4:30pm | Second and Fourth Tuesdays | YDL-Whittaker
Plan programs, write grants, develop leadership skills, meet friends, help your community, and build your resume. Apply online at ypsilibrary.org/tag.

WEDNESDAYS

SNACK AND CHAT FOR GIRLS

(Ages 9–18)
6:30pm | Feb 21 • Feb 28 • Mar 7 | YDL-Michigan
Come for a snack and informal chat with topics like self-confidence, accepting responsibility, setting goals, and decision making.

SATURDAYS

OPEN STUDIO: ART (Ages 12–18)

12pm | Jan 27 • Feb 24 • Mar 24 • Apr 28 • May 26 | YDL-Whittaker
Use our Creative Toolkits to make anything you like! Supplies include Copic markers, digital art tablets, watercolors, drawing pencils, and more.

ANIME CLUB

1pm | Jan 27 • Feb 24 • Mar 24 • Apr 28 • May 26 | YDL-Whittaker

Led by local anime expert Jeff Hackett and longtime club attendees Madison and Bri. Watch and discuss favorites, eat snacks, meet other anime aficionados!

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 12–18)

3:30pm | Jan 6 • Feb 3 • Mar 3 • Apr 7 • May 5 | YDL-Michigan

Share your ideas about how the library can meet teen needs! Plan programs, recommend materials, volunteer, eat pizza, and meet friends.

SUNDAYS

STUDY SESSIONS (Grades 9–12)

2pm | Weekly, February–May | YDL-Whittaker
Study, snack, and socialize in a quiet, supportive environment. Peer to peer tutoring available for high school students.



FIND OUR ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR AT YPSILIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS

YOUTH & FAMILY

JANUARY

SATURDAY, Jan 13

DOLLARS & CENTS (Ages 5–14)

2pm | YDL-Superior

Money doesn't grow on trees! Learn about saving and spending through stories and activities, and decorate a piggy bank to take home. Limited to first 24 people.

HIGH SCHOOL 101 (parents of 8th graders, with their student if desired)

11am | YDL-Michigan

Washtenaw County students can choose from over 40 high school options. 30-year educator Dr. Karl Sikkenga helps take the mystery out of deciding where to go. Discuss the character of each school, how they differ, and how to apply.

MONDAY, Jan 15

KINDERCONCERT (Ages 2–6)

10am & 11am | YDL-Whittaker

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra musicians and Gari Stein perform live music, stories, and movement for little ones. Featuring Jacqueline Hanson playing the Victorious Viola.

MARTIN LUTHER KING STORYTELLING

(All Ages)

2pm | YDL-Michigan

Bring your funny bone and your thinking caps as Master Storyteller Ivory D. Williams presents fun and interactive stories highlighting the principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



SONGS OF CIVIL RIGHTS (All Ages)

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Ypsilanti musician Sean Dobbins will engage the entire family in a high-energy performance of the songs of the Civil Rights Movement.

TUESDAY, Jan 16

HIGH SCHOOL 101

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Repeat of January 13 program.

SATURDAY, Jan 20

GAME OF LIFE

3pm | YDL-Michigan

Play a life-sized version of the Game of Life and explore money management with your family!

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY, Feb 10

ELMO'S BIRTHDAY PARTY (3–8)

3:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join Elmo to celebrate his birthday with stories, crafts, and a snack.



CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Frances Kai-Hwa Wang helps us celebrate the New Year! Learn about the terrible Nian monster that comes on New Year's Eve, the animals of the Chinese zodiac, and the luckiest way to decorate your home for the New Year, and see the Chinese Yo-Yo Troupe from the Ann Arbor Chinese Center of Michigan perform.

WEDNESDAY, Feb 14

LIBRARY LAB: CANDY HEARTS CHALLENGE (Ages 7–14)

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

How high you can stack candy hearts? Can you make them float? Try sweet experiments.

SATURDAY, Feb 17

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN (All Ages)

12pm | YDL-Whittaker

The African American Authors Book Group invites everyone to read or listen to selections from African American authors. Bring a favorite poem or passage, or read one of ours!

SATURDAY, Feb 24

FUNKY FAIRIES AND GROOVY GOBLINS

(Ages 3–8)

3pm | YDL-Michigan

Taj Bell will read her book "Little Night Fairy." Come play fairy music, make fairy wings or goblin masks and eat fairy or goblin cupcakes. Books will be available for purchase.

LIBRARY LAB: ELECTRONICS

(Ages 7–14)

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Explore electricity with Brain Monkeys. Use Snap Circuits kits to turn on lights, spin motors, and sometimes even make things fly!

MARCH

SATURDAY, Mar 3

HOLI COLOR FESTIVAL

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate Holi, the Indian festival of color and goodness. Watch traditional drumming, try specialty foods, make colorful crafts, and finish with a parade through the library!

WEDNESDAY, Mar 14

LIBRARY LAB: HARRY POTTER POTIONS (Ages 7–14)

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Bewitch the mind and ensnare the senses by brewing Harry Potter-inspired potions.

SATURDAY, Mar 17

STEM FEST

2–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Only for the curious! Visit with University of Michigan and local scientists and learn about their cutting-edge research with hands-on STEM activities. Co-Sponsored by the UM Museum of Natural History.

SPRING BREAK

MONDAY, Mar 26 — **SATURDAY, Mar 31**

STEAM BREAK (Ages 8–18)

4:30pm | YDL-Superior

Try a different STEAM activity every day.

Monday (Science): Color Science

Tuesday (Technology): Drone Zone

Wednesday (Engineering): Egg Drop Challenge

Thursday (Art): Paper Craft

Saturday (Math): Edible Math

MONDAY, Mar 26 — **FRIDAY, Mar 30**

SPRING BREAK FUN (Ages 4–14)

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Monday: Make gelatin prints

Tuesday: Watch Pixar's Coco

Wednesday: Sing Disney karaoke

Thursday: Write a Roblox story

Friday: Design a sign with the Maker Cart

SPRING BREAK FUN

2pm | YDL-Michigan

Drop in for fun activities to keep you busy.

TUESDAY, Mar 27

WRIBLOX (Ages 8–18)

2pm | YDL-Superior

Use creative writing to expand and explore worlds in the Roblox universe.

APRIL

THURSDAY, April 5

BOOK DAY CELEBRATION

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Celebrate Booker T. Washington and his impact on African American history with a short film followed by discussion and an activity. Part of the community Book Day celebration.



SATURDAY, April 7

DOTS AND DASHES: TELEGRAPH HISTORY

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Create a Morse code message using telepathy sounders and keys, and celebrate the birthday of Samuel Morse with Al Skornica of the Morse Telegraph club.

LEARN ABOUT COIN COLLECTING

(Ages 6–10)

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

How much are your old coins worth? Learn how collectors organize and identify valuable coins and get a free book. Part of Money Smart Week. Sponsored by Olde Towne Coin & Gold.

WEDNESDAY, April 11

LIBRARY LAB: SLIME AND SIMILAR

(7–14)

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Mix up slime, foam, and dough, and take your creations home!

SATURDAY, April 14

DRUMMUNITY

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Bring the family and make music together! Lori Fithian creates a positive, non-competitive experience for all ages using hand drums, percussion, and basic drum circle games.

SATURDAY, April 21

LIBRARY LAB: SUB-IRRIGATED PLANTERS (8–13)

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Sub-irrigation uses capillary action to water plants from below the soil line. We will use 2 liter soda bottles to make our very own Sub-Irrigated Planter to take home for Earth Day.

SATURDAY, April 28

HOUSES AROUND THE WORLD

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Compare and contrast architectural styles from around the world. Practice drawing blueprints and work together to design and construct a model home.

MAY

SATURDAY, May 12

GIANT BOX HOUSE BUILD

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Work together to build a structure big enough to play in using tissue boxes and tape. Supplies are provided, but feel free to bring more empty tissue boxes!

MONDAY, May 14

KINDERCONCERT (Ages 2–6)

10am and 11am | YDL-Whittaker

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra musicians and Gari Stein perform live music, stories, and movement for little ones. Featuring Elliott Ross on the Clever Clarinet.

YOUTH & FAMILY ONGOING

MONDAYS

DROP-IN TUTORING (K–8th grade)

4pm | every week, Feb–May | YDL-Superior

Get one-on-one homework help in any subject.

READ TO KANDY THE LIBRARY DOG

(Grades 1–3)

6–8pm | Second and Fourth Mondays | YDL-Whittaker

Reading to a Therapaws dog helps kids become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot. Register: 734-482-4110 x1340

LEARN TO PLAY CHESS (Ages 8–18)

6:30pm | every week | YDL-Michigan

Chess-based games will be used to learn the rules and strategic thinking. Taught by Phil Volk, member of the U.S. Chess Federation.

SUPER READERS: DYNAMIC DUOS

(Grades 5–6)

7pm | Jan 29 • Feb 26 • Mar 19 • Apr 16 | YDL-Whittaker

Read an award-winning book, snack, and chat.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1340

TUESDAYS

TAB: TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD

(Ages 10–13)

6pm | Jan 16 • Feb 20 • Mar 20 • Apr 17 • May 15 | YDL-Michigan

Join us for food, fun, and conversation with your peers and help plan library activities.

DROP-IN WRITING WITH 826MICHIGAN (8–12+)

4pm | Weekly, Feb 13–Mar 20 | YDL-Michigan

Use your creativity and experiment with all kinds of writing. Try a new topic each week!

LEGO BUILD

6pm | Feb 6 • Mar 6 • Apr 3 • May 1 | YDL-Whittaker

Drop in a build with our Legos and Duplos!

SUPER READERS: ALPHA SQUADRON

(Ages 4–5)

6:30pm | Jan 16 • Feb 20 • Mar 20 • Apr 17 | YDL-Whittaker

Literacy fun for emergent readers.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1340

WEDNESDAYS

SUPER READERS: BETA PATROL

(Grades 1–3)

6:30pm | Jan 17 • Feb 21 • Mar 21 • Apr 18 | YDL-Whittaker

Read a great book aloud with other kids,

followed by activities and crafts.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1340

TWEEN READING CIRCLE (Grades 5–8)

5pm | March 7–April 25 | YDL-Superior

Read Svetlana Chmakova's graphic novel *Awkward* as a group and incorporate discussions, games, and art! Get a free copy of the book. Please attend all seven sessions.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1391

THURSDAYS

READ TO OTIS THE LIBRARY DOG

(Grades 1–3)

6–7:30pm | Second and Fourth Thursdays | YDL-Michigan

Reading to a Therapaws dog helps kids become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1390

ART EXPLORATIONS (Ages 7–13)

6:30pm | Feb 1 • Mar 1 • Apr 5 • May 3 | YDL-Whittaker

Get creative with new materials each month:

try pastels, printmaking, mosaics, paint, and collage!

TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6–8)

7pm | Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3 | YDL-Michigan

Read and discuss books chosen by you.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1390

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)

7pm | Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17 | YDL-Michigan

Discuss a shared book and enjoy a snack!

Register: 734-482-4110 x1390

SUPER READERS: GAMMA FORCE

(Grades 3–4)

7pm | Jan 18 • Feb 22 • Mar 22 • Apr 19 | YDL-Whittaker

Voracious or reluctant reader, we want you!

Discuss a book, snack, and do a fun activity.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1340

STORIES & FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

MONDAYS

DOWNTOWN STORYTIME (Ages 5 and under)
10:30am | January 15–April 16 | YDL-Michigan
 Introduce your child to the wonders of reading with stories, songs and a craft.

BABY STORYTIME (Up to 18 months)
10:30am | January 22–April 16 | YDL-Whittaker
 Help your baby learn to love books and develop motor, sensory, and social skills as we explore with stories, music, rhythm, and play!



MOVE WITH ME (Up to 18 months)
11am | Feb 5 • Mar 5 • Apr 2 | YDL-Whittaker
 After Baby Storytime, explore different kinds of music and dance with baby! Bring a baby carrier if you have one, or just come as you are.

TODDLER STORYTIME (18 months–3 years)
11:30am | January 22–April 16 | YDL-Whittaker
 Your tot will learn to recognize shapes, colors, and numbers and build pre-literacy skills with books, songs, movement, and occasional crafts, sensory, or digital learning activities.

TUESDAYS

BABY PLAYTIME (Ages 2 and under)
10am | January 16–April 17 | YDL-Michigan
 This is a time for babies and their grown-ups to gather and play! The library will provide the space and a variety of books and toys.



TODDLER STORYTIME (18 months–3 years)
10:30am | January 16–April 17 | YDL-Whittaker
 A repeat of Monday's Toddler Storytime.

SQUATS WITH TOTS
11am | every week, Jan–Apr | YDL-Michigan
 Bring your baby or toddler and work out with stretching and body weight exercise. Bring water and a blanket or towel.

WEDNESDAYS

TERRIFIC THREES STORYTIME (3 year olds)
10:30am | January 17–April 18 | YDL-Whittaker
 Meet at the puppet theater for stories, books, rhymes, games, songs, crafts and the parachute.

THURSDAYS

JUMPSTART STORYTIME (Ages 4–5)
10:30am | January 18–April 19 | YDL-Whittaker
 Develop soft skills and reading readiness for kindergarten. Big kids meet in the story room, then join siblings and caregivers for stories, parachute, music, art, and more!

STARRY NIGHT STORYTIME
6:30pm | January 18–April 19 | YDL-Whittaker
 Jump in your jammies and get ready for bedtime with sleepy time stories and songs.

FRIDAYS

TINKERLAB: ART & SCIENCE (Ages 2–6)
11am | Second and Fourth Fridays | YDL-Whittaker
 Tinkering allows children to learn through hands-on experiences! Try fun and messy art activities on the second Friday and experiment with science fun on the fourth Friday.



LITTLE ONES GO TIME (Ages 1–6)
11am | Jan 19 • Feb 16 • Mar 16 • Apr 20 | YDL-Whittaker
 Drop in for open play during the cold weather months. Your child can run, slide, crawl, and tumble on our mats. We'll do a guided activity once during the hour.

SATURDAYS

WORLD LANGUAGE STORYTIME (Family)
10:30am | Feb 3 • Mar 3 • Apr 7 | YDL-Whittaker
 Listen to stories in a different language each month! A native speaker will read a story, followed by English translation.

STEM STORYTIME (Ages 7 and under)
10:30am | Feb 10 • Mar 10 • Apr 14 | YDL-Whittaker
 Develop a love of science, technology, engineering and math. Parents and kids will play, discover, and experiment together!

SATURDAY MORNING FEVER (Family)
10:30am | Jan 20 • Feb 17 • Mar 17 • Apr 21 | YDL-Whittaker
 Hear a music-themed story, then dance your sillies out with shakers and scarves.



YOGA STORYTIME
10:30am | Jan 27 • Feb 24 • Mar 24 | YDL-Whittaker
 Hear great stories and learn simple animated yoga poses to go with them. Children will build strength, coordination, and body awareness as they bark in downward dog, hiss in cobra pose, and flutter wings in butterfly.

SUPERIOR PLAYGROUP AND STORYTIME (Ages 5 and under)
11am | Jan 20 • Feb 17 • Mar 17 • Apr 21 | YDL-Superior
 Each month will feature a new play set-up with different games and stories to get little ones excited about learning. Get a free board book!

ENCOURAGING EARLY LITERACY

Encourage young kids to build literacy skills—at the library or anywhere you go!

TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten

Make any time learning time! Parents and caregivers of kids 5 and under can sign up for text messages that suggest easy, fun ways to “Talk, Sing, Read, Write, and Play” your way to school success! Text TALK to 77453 or visit www.texttolearn.com.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Can you and your tot rack up 1000 books? (Yes, reading your child the same book over and over counts—it’s a great way to build reading skills!) Track your progress online to earn stickers and get your name on the Wall of Fame. Sign up at any library location.



Indoor Play Areas

Too cold for the park? The library is the place to play! The ever-changing interactive play areas at each library will spark your child’s imagination with toys and props that reflect real-life situations like grocery shopping, cooking, or going to school. Parents are encouraged to play pretend with their children—playing with new toys will give you a lot to talk about.

WORLD LANGUAGES FOR KIDS

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You can find books in more than a dozen languages at YDL, and in 2017 we expanded our multilingual offerings for kids and teens. The youth and young adult collections include picture books, early readers, and young adult literature and are a resource for native speakers and language learners alike. As they add new books, youth librarians are focusing on the languages spoken most at homes in our area: Arabic, Spanish, and Russian.

Parents looking to help their children learn about languages and cultures can also explore World Language Storytime. Offered on the first Saturday of every month, each session features a different language. A native speaker reads a book as a librarian interprets the story in English. Parents and children also learn songs and basic vocabulary, and create a craft project that reflects the culture.

If you would like to read a story in your native language, share your home culture with other families, or suggest materials for the collection, please contact Jodi Krahnke at 734-482-4110 x1340 or jodi@ypsilibrary.org.



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Become a Friend

The Friends of the Library is a volunteer group that supports the Ypsilanti District Library through book sales and membership. Become a member by contributing \$10 or more. Ask for information at the library desk or call (734) 482-4110 x1368.

Joining the Friends of YDL supports great library programs like Coney Day, Kinderconcerts, the Take Note Concert Series, and the Summer Challenge.



PUTTING LOCAL HISTORY ONLINE

Hundreds of records of Ypsilanti births, deaths, and marriages are now searchable online! Vital records from the *Ypsilanti Commercial* newspaper, published from 1865–1898, are searchable by name or date. Find it online at:

history.ypsilibrary.org/genealogy

Friends Book Sale

Here's your chance to expand your personal library with the best used book sale in town! Stock up on books, DVDs, and CDs. Fill a bag on Sunday for only \$4!

Next Sales
January 18–21 | YDL-Whittaker
June 7–10 | YDL-Whittaker

Thursday 6pm–8pm
Members only preview night

Friday 11am–5pm
Saturday 11am–3pm
Sunday 1pm–4pm

Friends Shop

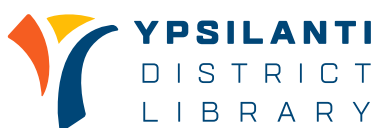
The Friends Shop inside YDL-Whittaker offers a wonderful selection of gently-used books at great prices. The shop is open seven days a week.

Monday 2pm–8pm
Tuesday 6pm–8pm
Wednesday 10am–2pm
Thursday 10am–4pm
Friday 10am–2pm
Saturday 11am–5pm
Sunday 2pm–4pm

Friends Cart

The Friends also offer books for sale from a cart at YDL-Michigan. Ask at the front desk if you're interested in buying a book.

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LOCATIONS & HOURS

YDL-WHITTAKER

5577 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 482-4110 x1350

HOURS
Monday–Thursday 9am–9pm
Friday/Saturday 10am–6pm
Sunday 1pm–5pm

YDL-MICHIGAN

229 West Michigan Avenue
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 482-4110 x1325

HOURS
Monday–Thursday 9am–9pm
Friday/Saturday 10am–6pm
Sunday Closed

YDL-SUPERIOR

8795 MacArthur Blvd
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
(734) 482-4110 x1391

HOURS
Monday 12pm–8pm
Tuesday 10am–6pm
Wednesday/Thursday... 4pm–8pm
Friday Closed
Saturday 10am–6pm
Sunday Closed

YDL-BOOKMOBILE

Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 482-4110 x1359

HOURS
Monday–Thursday 4pm–8pm

Board meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the board room at YDL-Whittaker. They are open to the public. Visit ypsilibrary.org/board for updated meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes.

Call (734) 482-4110 x1371 for details.

Holiday Observations Winter-Spring 2018

- Monday, January 1 New Years Day (Closed)
- Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Open with special programs)
- Monday, February 19 President's Day (Closed)
- Sunday, April 1 Easter (Closed)
- Sunday, May 27 Memorial Day Sunday (Closed)
- Monday, May 28 Memorial Day (Closed)
- Friday, June 1 Annual Staff Inservice (Closed)

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