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.
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 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.

HOUSE & 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

Activities

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.
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—and 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 be rooted in what they have seen.

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 “Drummunity,” 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.
Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.

Learn how to gather and organize information, 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

YOU 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 Barabash of Revalue explains community impact investing.

SUNDAY, Jan 14 & SUNDAY, Feb 11

RACIAL JUSTICE FILM & DISCUSSION (Adults only)

2-4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Tim Wise’s film The Great White Hope explores how political leaders of both parties stoke white anxiety and scapegoat people of color to shore up popular support. After the screening, join a moderated discussion led by LaRon 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

HOUR EXCHANGE YPSILANTI

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

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

FEBRUARY

THURSDAY, Feb 8

YPSILANTI’S BLACK CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCE

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Nearly 70 African American men from Ypsilanti served in the Civil War. Local historian Matt Yoder will discuss the African American men who served in the Civil War. Nearly 70 African American men from Ypsilanti served in the Civil War. Local historian Matt Yoder will discuss the African American men who served in the Civil War. Nearly 70 African American men from Ypsilanti served in the Civil War. Local historian Matt Yoder will discuss the African American men who served in the Civil War. Nearly 70 African American men from Ypsilanti served in the Civil War. Local historian Matt Yoder will discuss the African American men who served in the Civil War.

DOING BUSINESS IN A GLOBAL WORLD

3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn the ins and outs of financing a home. From choosing a realtor to getting financing, she’ll explain how to close on your dream home.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1316

SUNDAY, Feb 11

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.

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 (PAC)

TUESDAY, Feb 20

MLNO TECH TEM: USING BLUETOOTH

6pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

Register: 734-482-4110 x1316

TUESDAY, Feb 27

MLNO 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

WEDNESDAY, March 6

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

SURVIVING & THRIVING (Ages 13+)

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Local writer Vanessa Man, Dawn Reinsonberg, and Charlotte Young Bowens share original poetry and prose featuring uncentered themes such as body image, gender and racial violence, invisibility, and liberation. Discussion to follow.

SATURDAY, March 24

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 25

JANET KAUFFMAN: ECO-DEMENTIA (Adults)

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

SUNDAY, March 25

FEED YOUR CATERPILLARS: BUTTERFLY 101

2pm | YDL-Whittaker


THURSDAY, April 5

7 SURPRISING WAYS TO SAVE MONEY ONLINE

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Rick Broda, 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.

LNGO TECH TIME: USING BLUETOOTH

6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Register: 734-482-4110 x1377

THURSDAY, April 12

POP TRIVIA

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

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!

SUNDAY, April 29

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

6:30pm | 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 games, door prizes, and refreshments. Donations of new baby supplies for this event are welcome.

Register: 734-482-4110 x1390

DOCUMENT SHREDING DAY

10am-4pm | 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 at 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.

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

APRIL

THURSDAY, April 12

DIY HOME MAINTENANCE

6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Steve Benzenich of Redermitz Professional Services will demystify home maintenance, discuss seasonal checklists, safety issues, and basic plumbing and electrical fixes.

THURSDAY, April 19

HISTORICAL SEGREGATED HOUSING IN YPSI

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

WEDNESDAY, March 28

WOMEN CLAIMING PUBLIC SPACE

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

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

APRIL

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ANN ARBOR GUITAR TRIO

6pm | YDL-Whittaker

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MAY

THURSDAY, May 3

FINANCING YOUR HOME

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

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

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**ADULT MEETUPS**

**TUESDAYS**

**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.

**SPAY DAY (Ages 12–18)** 2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Take a break after the busy holiday season and make lip gloss, sugar scrub, hair chalk, masks, and more. Hosted by the Teen Advisory Group.

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**WEDNESDAYS**

**MYSERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP** 2pm | Jan 31 • Feb 28 • March 28 • Apr 25 • May 30 | YDL-Whittaker
A stimulating discussion of a mystery title!

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**FRIDAYS**

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

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**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 yplibrary.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.

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**SATURDAYS**

**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.

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**SUNDAYS**

**STUDY SESSIONS (Grades 9–12)** 2pm | Weekly, February–May | YDL-Michigan
Study, snack, and socialize in a quiet, supportive environment. Peer to peer tutoring available for high school students.

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**FIND OUR ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR AT YPSILANTI.ORG EVENTS**

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**ADULT MEETUPS**

**TUESDAYS**

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

**YNGO TECH TIME: IPHONE BOOT CAMP** 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.

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**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.

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**THURSDAYS**

**CREATIVE AGING: LITERATURE ALIVE** (Ages 55+) 1pm | March 2–April 12 | 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

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**FRIDAYS**

**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.

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**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.

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**YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY | THE LOOP**
**January**

**High School 101** (parents of 8th graders, with their student if desired) 10am & 11am | YDL-Whittaker

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

**Martin Luther King Storytelling**

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

**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 our own.

**Sons of Civil Rights (All Ages)**

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Ypsilanti musician Sean Dobbins will engage 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 our own. invite everyone to read or listen to selections from African American authors. Bring a favorite poem or passage, or read one of our own.

**Library Lab: Candy Hearts Challenge**

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

**Funky Fairies and Groovy Goblins**

3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Taj Bell will read her book “Little Night Fairy.” Come play fairy magic, make fairy wings or goblin masks and eat fairy or goblin cookies. Books will be available for purchase.

**Library Lab: Electronics**

3pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

**Holi Color Festival**

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

**Book Day Celebration**

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Celebrate Bokker 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.

**April**

**Drummin’**

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

**Library Lab: Sub-Irrigated Planters**

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 Planters to take home for Earth Day.

**Houses Around the World**

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

**April**

**May**

**Saturdays**

**KinderConcert** (Ages 2–6)

10am and 11am | YDL-Michigan

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

**Sunday**

**April**

**Days and Dashes: Telegraph History**

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Create a Morse code message using telepapety sounders and keys, and celebrate the birthday of Samuel Morse with Al Smikeos 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 the Ann Arbor Smart Week. Sponsored by Old Towne Coin & Gold.

**Library Lab: Slime and Similar**

(7–14)

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

**April**

**May**

**KinderConcert** (All Ages)

8:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Dr. Karl Sikkenga helps take the mystery out of over 40 high school options. 30-year educator Washtenaw County students can choose from any subject and spend through stories and activities, and deciding where to go. Discuss the character of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**MARCH**

**SATURDAY, Mar 3**

**Holi Festival**

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

**Sunday, Mar 4**

**TWEEN READING CIRCLE**

(Ages 6–8)

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Read and discuss books chosen by you.

**Sunday, Mar 4**

**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.

**Super Readers: Dynamic Duos**

Grades 5–6

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

Read a great book aloud with other kids, followed by activities and crafts.

**Super Readers: Beta Patrol**

Grades 1–3

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

Read a book aloud with other kids, followed by activities and crafts.

**Super Readers: Alpha Squadron**

Grades 4–5

6:30pm | Jan 16 & Feb 20 & Mar 17 & Apr 14 | YDL-Whittaker

Read a book aloud with other kids, followed by activities and crafts.

**Super Readers: Gamma Force**

Grades 3–4

6:30pm | Jan 25 & Feb 22 & Mar 22 & Apr 19 | YDL-Whittaker

Read a book aloud with other kids, followed by activities and crafts.

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**Super Readers: Beta Patrol**

Grades 1–3

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

Read a book aloud with other kids, followed by activities and crafts.

**Super Readers: Alpha Squadron**

Grades 4–5

6:30pm | Jan 16 & Feb 20 & Mar 17 & Apr 14 | YDL-Whittaker

Read a book aloud with other kids, followed by activities and crafts.
STORIES & FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

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 23–April 18 | 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!

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.

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 19 | 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.

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

TERRIFIC THREES STORYTIME (3 years old)
10:30am | January 27–April 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet at the puppet theater for stories, books, rhymes, games, songs, crafts and the parachute.

JUMPSTART STORYTIME (Ages 4–5)
10:30am | January 18–April 19 | YDL-Whittaker
Develop soft skills and 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 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Jump in your jammies and get ready for bedtime with sleepy time stories and songs.

TODDLER STORYTIME (18 months–3 years)
10:30am | January 16–April 17 | YDL-Whittaker
(Up to 18 months)

MOVE WITH ME
10:30am | January 23–April 18 | YDL-Whittaker

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.

JUMPSTART STORYTIME (Ages 4–5)
10:30am | January 18–April 19 | YDL-Whittaker

WORLD LANGUAGE STORYTIME
(Ages 5 and under)
11am | Jan 20 • Feb 17 • Mar 17 • Apr 21 | YDL-Whittaker
A native speaker will read a story, followed by English translation.

SUPERIOR PLAYGROUP AND STORYTIME (Ages 5 and under)
11am | Jan 26 • Feb 23 • Mar 23 • Apr 27 | 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!

THURSDAYS

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!

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.

EVENTS

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

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.
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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!

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.

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.