YOUR LIBRARY ON THE BALLOT

On the November 6 election ballot, the Library will request .7 mills of operating funds. Approval of this millage means the Library district can prevent cuts to services, offer a bigger selection of materials, upgrade outdated computers and technology, and pay for needed building maintenance and improvements. If the millage is approved, YDL will also use money from its fund balance (savings) to construct a new Library building that can meet the needs of Superior Township and Willow Run.

Without the millage, the Library district will need to cut back on hours of operation, Bookmobile service, books and other materials, computer upgrades and technology, programming, building maintenance, and staffing levels. Building a facility in Superior Township will be postponed indefinitely.

You can find more information about the Library’s request inside beginning on page 7, at each Library location, and on our website.
— Lisa Hoenig, Director

TEDxYDL

Hear the biggest ideas and best stories coming out of the Ypsilanti area at the third annual TEDxYDL on September 27. This year’s theme is “Mobility,” which our speakers will tackle from a wide range of angles, from researching automated vehicles to traveling the world to living with a disability.

The internationally-known TED talk series has a long history of highlighting “Ideas Worth Spreading” across the globe, with speakers giving short, impactful talks in diverse disciplines, including technology, education, and design. TED has inspired thousands of locally-organized “TEDx” events where local communities gather to share big ideas. This year’s TEDxYDL will be co-hosted by the Ypsilanti District Library, the Riverside Arts Center, and Engage @EMU.

YDL is proud to hold this event for its third year in a row. Last year more than 70 people applied, and 9 speakers shared their thoughts and experiences under the theme “Interdependence.” Topics ranged from hidden homelessness on college campuses, to global trade relationships, to the intersection of art and science.

THURSDAY, September 27
TEDxYDL
7–9pm | Riverside Arts Center
The event will be followed by a reception where you’ll have a chance to meet the speakers. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Tickets will be available in early September for advance seating. For ticket information, speaker bios, and event details visit www.TEDxYDL.com.
THE GREAT AMERICAN READ

ive into the world of fiction and vote for America’s favorite novel with the Great American Read. This eight-part PBS series showcases America’s top 100 novels, as decided in a national survey. Hosted by Meredith Viera, the series explores the authors’ inspiration for writing their works, the effect the novels have had on readers, and how our favorite narratives reflect us as a nation.

The Ypsilanti District Library is one of 50 libraries in the US selected to promote the read with a grant from PBS and the American Library Association! We challenged our patrons to read books from the list as a Summer Challenge, and there’s more in store for the fall, including a community-wide youth read of Jason Reynolds’ Ghost (right).

You can vote online for your favorite book once a day through October 18. There will be opportunities to make a button showing off your favorite book at YDL’s 150th Birthday Party, the Book Club Rally, and more. The winning book will be revealed on October 23, when you’re invited to join us at YDL-Whittaker for a viewing party.

Tune in to PBS Tuesdays at 8pm starting September 11 to watch The Great American Read. Visit www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read to see a full list of the books, take a quiz to see how many you’ve read, join a virtual book club, and, of course, vote for your favorites. Don’t miss this chance to be part of a nationwide celebration of great books!

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Celebrate Your Freedom to Read

The week of September 23–29 is Banned Books Week—focusing national attention on censorship in literature and celebrating freedom of expression through literary voices.

Every year across the US, books are challenged and banned in schools, public libraries, and bookstores for topics of controversy, including sexuality, ethnic diversity, religion, politics, and violence. American classics such as Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird, Dav Pilkey’s Captain Underpants, and, ironically, Ray Bradbury’s Fahrenheit 451, annually top the banned books list.

YDL is proud to showcase challenged pieces of literature this week, with a surprising display of titles that have been challenged through the decades. Libraries are at the forefront of defending our freedom to read, standing up to censorship, and protecting our right to access materials that offer a diverse array of authors, opinions, topics, and perspectives. Visit YDL-Whittaker the week of September 23 and learn about these challenges, both old and new. Enter the Banned Books Week raffle to win a gift basket of challenged titles and library swag. For as Joseph Brodsky said, “There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them.”

TOP 10 CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2017

According the Banned Books Week Coalition, these were the top books across the country this year to be challenged, banned, or requested to be removed because of their content.

1. Thirteen Reasons Why written by Jay Asher
2. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian written by Sherman Alexie
3. Drama written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier
4. The Kite Runner written by Khaled Hosseini
5. George written by Alex Gino
6. Sex Is a Funny Word written by Cory Silverberg and illustrated by Fiona Smyth
7. To Kill a Mockingbird written by Harper Lee
8. The Hate U Give written by Angie Thomas
9. And Tango Makes Three written by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson and illustrated by Henry Cole
10. I Am Jazz written by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings and illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas

YPSI FAMILY READ:

GHOST

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through Washtenaw Reads, adults have loved reading and sharing a book together with the “One Community, One Book” model. Starting this season, we’re bringing kids and families in on the fun with the Ypsi Family Read! We’ll choose a new book each season, offer plenty of copies and family discussion prompts, and host a fun community event where kids can engage with the book’s theme.

This season’s book is Ghost by Jason Reynolds, a National Book Award finalist and a title on PBS’ The Great American Read list. It’s the first in a short series about runners on a middle school track team coached by a former Olympic medalist. Castle “Ghost” Crenshaw is an 11-year old with incredible natural talent, but will he choose to run from his past or toward his dreams?

You can pick up a copy of the book at any YDL location beginning September 11. Read it alone or as a family, and use our discussion prompts to talk about the characters and choices they make. After you’ve read it, join us on October 13 for a community celebration of the book at Frog Island Park, complete with track and field events and a read-aloud with Black Men Read.

We hope this not only encourages more kids to read, but draws family members into the conversation with a book you can share. Many families read aloud to their little ones, but they gradually stop as their children learn to read. Reading together is a fun way to spend time as a family, and it gives you the chance to talk about similarities and differences in the characters’ lives and worldviews and to build empathy with others. Enjoy reading Ghost, and let us know what you think!

SATURDAY, October 13

GHOST TRACK MEET

2–4pm | Frog Island Park, 699 Rice Street
Put on your running shoes and join us for sprints, track and field events, and a community read! Co-presented by Ypsilanti Running Company and Black Men Read.
LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

September is Library Card Sign Up Month, and we’re pulling out all the stops to invite everyone in our community to get a library card! Starting September 1, we’re challenging 150 people to get a new Ypsilanti library card. The first 150 people will get a special prize along with their first library card!

Signing up for a library card is free and only takes a few minutes. Just come to any library location and present your ID with documentation showing that you live or work in the library’s service area. Kids of any age can get their own cards! They just need a parent or guardian to be present to sign for them.

150TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

It’s not every day you get invited to a 150th birthday party. YDL invites you to celebrate our momentous milestone with a party at all three library locations. Each location will have music, entertainment, and kids’ activities like face painting, magic, or balloon animals, and of course…cake!

We’ll also take you back to the library’s founding in 1868 with presentations about the library’s history and what life was like 150 years ago.

YDL-Michigan will offer a walking tour of 150 years of library locations, while YDL-Whittaker will feature costumed folks telling the stories of the women whose work shaped the library and the city. Each location will also get a special visit from Mother Goose, who will share fun and interactive takes on nursery rhymes that were popular in the 1860s and, much like the library, have truly stood the test of time.

LIBRARY ICE CREAM!

Anne of Green Tea? Wonderland Waffle? Fifty Shades of Chocolate? You’ll have to visit the ice cream alchemists at Go! Ice Cream to find out what library-themed mystery flavor they concocted to celebrate Library Card Sign Up Month and YDL’s 150th birthday. A portion of the proceeds from each cone or cup served will be donated to the library. The special library ice cream will be available from September 8 until it runs out.

LIBRARY ANNIVERSARY ICE CREAM

Open Noon–9pm daily | Go! Ice Cream, 10 N. Washington Street

150TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

We were proud to celebrate YDL’s 150th Anniversary with a Gala event on June 8, 2018 at the historic Ypsilanti Freighthouse (which is 10 years younger than the library)! More than 130 people joined us for the event, which featured keynote speaker La’Ron Williams and raised nearly $25,000 to support library services. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell surprised YDL with a congressional recognition of our 150 years of service to the community, which was presented by Superior Township Treasurer Brenda McKinney.

YDL would like to say a special “thank you” to all attendees, as well as the “Story” sponsors who made the event a success. Thank you for supporting your library!

Key sponsors

150 LIBRARY CARD CHALLENGE SPONSORS

In honor of the library’s 150th birthday, these very special sponsors have donated $150 or more to the library to support library services and challenge more people to get library cards!

Madeline Balogh
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Caroline Charlesworth
Larry Connaghan
Thomas and Bridgit Cook
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**REGISTER TO VOTE**

**To vote on November 6, you must register to vote on or before October 9, 2018.**

You can register to vote at any Secretary of State Office, your local City or Township Clerk’s office, the County Clerk’s office, and many other public agencies. Many organizations will also host voter registration drives where you can register by completing a simple form.

Voter registration by mail is another option in Michigan. Just download the form from the Secretary of State at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) and enclose a photocopy of your Driver’s License, ID, or other official document with your name and address such as a paycheck stub or utility bill. Our librarians are happy to help if you need assistance.

**Check if you are registered, see your full ballot, and find your polling place at:**
[www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote)

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**5 THINGS TO KNOW ON ELECTION DAY**

**Polls are open from 7am–8pm on Tuesday November 6. Make a plan to vote!**

1. **Go to the Right Place** Poll locations can change. Be sure to locate your polling place before you go to vote. Check [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) to look up where you are registered.

2. **Bring ID** You’ll be asked to show your ID at your polling place. If you don’t have an ID, you can still vote! You just need to sign an affidavit to confirm your identity.

3. **Get a Ballot** Don’t panic if you registered to vote but your name is not on the list. Get help from a poll worker to make sure your vote is counted. You should be given a provisional ballot or directions to another polling place if you’re registered elsewhere.

4. **Vote the Whole Ballot** November election ballots can be long. Always flip your ballot over—many important local issues may be on the back.

5. **Stay and Vote** You probably won’t have to wait too long to vote, but even if the line is long, don’t leave without voting. If you can, arrive at the polls when the wait times are shortest—usually between 10–11:30am and 1:30–3:30pm. If you are waiting in line when the polls close at 8pm, you are legally allowed to vote.

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**WHO CAN VOTE IN MICHIGAN?**

To qualify for voter registration in Michigan, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be a resident of Michigan, and of the city/township you’re registering in.
- Be at least 18 years old by the next election date.
- NOT currently imprisoned for a felony offense.*

* Your voting rights are restored once you are no longer incarcerated. You will need to re-register to vote.
PUBLIC FORUMS

The Ypsilanti District Library is partnering with the League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area and Riverside Arts Center to help you make an informed decision with clear, nonpartisan information about the candidates and issues on your ballot. Submit your questions for candidates! Members of the public are invited to suggest questions for the three candidate forums. Questions may be emailed to shoshanna@ypsilibrary.org, submitted online at www.ypsilibrary.org/civics, or submitted to boxes at each YDL location by September 29.

Tuesday, October 9
CANDIDATE FORUM: YPSILANTI MAYOR
6pm | Riverside Arts Center
Four candidates are running to be the next Mayor of Ypsilanti: Councilmember Beth Stahler, former Councilmember Anne Brown (write-in), Adrienne Hirschfelder, and Micckela Tate. The candidates will respond to questions submitted from the community as well as audience questions.

Wednesday, October 10
CANDIDATE FORUM: YPSILANTI WARD 3 CITY COUNCIL
6pm | Riverside Arts Center
Want 3 is the only contested Ypsilanti City Council race this November (as of this printing.) This forum will include Anthony Morgan and Desires Simmons.

Thursday, October 11
WHAT’S ON YOUR BALLOT? 2018 STATE PROPOSALS
October 11 — 7pm | YDL-Whittaker
October 15 — 6pm | Riverside Arts Center
Changing how congressional and state districts are drawn, legalizing marijuana, and altering pay rates for state contractors are a few of the issues you’ll see on your Michigan ballot. A representative from the League of Women Voters of Michigan will explain each state ballot issue and what your “yes” or “no” vote would mean.

Thursday, October 18
CANDIDATE FORUM: YCS SCHOOL BOARD
6pm | Riverside Arts Center
Three seats are open on the seven-member board of the Ypsilanti Community Schools. The candidates to fill those seats are Ellen Champagne, Gillian Ream Gainsley, DaQuann Harrison, Dr. Celeate Hawkins, Robert E. Oliver, and Tyler Weston.

BE AN INFORMED VOTER WITH THESE 3 GREAT WEBSITES

Vote 411
When you enter your address, you’ll find a customized list showing all the candidates and issues on your ballot. You can compare candidates’ answers to a questionnaire side by side, make your choices, and print a handy guide to bring to the polls! Vote 411 maintained by the non-partisan League of Women Voters.
www.vote411.com

YDL’s Civic Engagement Page
Find local civic information and news curated by your Ypsi librarians. This page features voter information like how to register and where to vote, videos of local candidate and issue forums, and links to nonpartisan resources to do your own research on ballot issues.
www.ypsilibrary.org/civics

Ypsi Live
This volunteer-led project has livestream videos of public meetings, including Ypsilanti City Council and the Ypsilanti Community Schools board meetings. Ypsi Live uses Facebook Live, but you can view it even if you don’t have a Facebook account.
www.facebook.com/ypsi.live

LIBRARY VOTER INFORMATION

Millage Information
The Ypsilanti District Library will request 0.7 mills of operating funds on the November 6 ballot. Details about this millage request are on pages 7–8. If you have questions, please contact Director Lisa Hoenig at 734-879-1300 or lisa@ypsilibrary.org.

Library Millage Information Meetings
2pm | Tuesday, October 2 | YDL-Superior
7pm | Wednesday, October 3 | YDL-Michigan
2pm | Saturday, October 6 | YDL-Whittaker

Ballot Language
YPISILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE
Shall the Ypsilanti District Library, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .70 mill (.70 on each $1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within the Ypsilanti District Library district for a period of twelve (12) years, 2018 to 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect in the first year of levy (2018) if the millage is approved and levied by the District Library is approximately $1,340,000. A portion of the millage collected may be subject to capture by the City of Ypsilanti Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Library Board Election
Five candidates have filed to run in November 2018 for four seats on the Ypsilanti District Library’s Board of Trustees: Patricia Horne McGee (incumbent), Kristy Cooper, Gordon Kangas, Bethany Kennedy, and Theresa Maddix.

Who Can Vote?
To vote on the library millage or elect library board members, you must live within the Ypsilanti Library district. The district includes the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and the portion of Superior Township that is outside the Ann Arbor Public Schools district. Visit ypsilibrary.org/district for a map.
LEARN ABOUT THE LIBRARY MILLAGE REQUEST

On the November 6, 2018 ballot, the Ypsilanti District Library will request 0.7 mills of operating funds for 12 years.

Why is the Library requesting this millage?

About 90% of the Library’s revenue comes from local tax dollars. Over the past decade, revenue for the Library district declined by 11% because falling property values decreased the amount of tax revenue the Library received. During this time, the costs for collection materials, services, health care insurance for staff, and other expenses increased.

The Library has been using money from its fund balance (savings) to offset declining revenue and maintain Library operations. This is not sustainable.

Without additional operating funds, reductions in hours, materials, services, programs, and staff will be necessary across the Library district.

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**Library Revenue 2017**

![Library Revenue Chart]

- State Assistance
- Interest & Other
- Grants, Donations, Friends of YDL

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**Impact on Library Services If the Millage is approved**

Approval of the 0.7 mills will enable YDL to:

- EXPAND OUR COLLECTION
  - Enhance popular collections like eBooks, Audiobooks, and streaming media

- MAINTAIN SERVICES
  - Continue to provide the level of service residents of the Library district expect, including weekday and Sunday hours

- UPDATE TECHNOLOGY
  - Replace outdated computers and equipment to provide up-to-date systems that users want
  - Improve WiFi access
  - Modernize the Library catalog for a more user-friendly experience

- MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE BUILDINGS
  - Provide stable funding for building operations and maintenance
  - Undertake needed repairs and improvements to our aging facilities
  - Reorganize underutilized spaces, including more study areas at YDL-Whittaker and improved space for children’s programming at YDL-Michigan

- BUILD AND OPERATE A NEW LOCATION ON HARRIS ROAD
  - Use $2.1 million from the Library’s fund balance to construct an adequate Library facility near the intersection of Harris Road and MacArthur Boulevard in Superior Township, fulfilling a commitment to Township residents
  - Operate the new location, increasing access to the Library and placing nearly everyone in the Library district within a 10-minute drive of a full-service Library location

- STABILIZE FINANCES FOR THE FUTURE
  - Replenish the Library district’s fund balance to help ensure ongoing financial stability

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**Impact on Library Services If the Millage is not approved**

The quality of library service and facilities will erode without additional funding. If the 0.7 mills is not approved, District-wide cuts will be necessary. Patrons should expect:

- REDUCED MATERIALS
  - Fewer new books, audiobooks, eBooks and DVDs
  - Fewer hoopla (streaming movie, music, books and audiobook) checkouts per month

- REDUCED SERVICES
  - Phase out Bookmobile stops and outreach services
  - Eliminate Sunday hours
  - Reduced weekday hours at Whittaker and Michigan Avenue locations possible
  - Fewer programs for children, teens, and adults
  - Eliminate Lunch & Listen, a staff-intensive service which provides free lunches and learning experiences to youth

- OUTDATED OR UNDERPERFORMING TECHNOLOGY
  - Delayed and limited upgrades to computers, software, and servers
  - Fewer computer classes offered because of outdated technology
  - No upgrades to the Library catalog for a better browsing and user experience
  - No improvements to WiFi

- DELAYED SCHEDULE OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE
  - Only the most basic and necessary repairs or replacement of aging infrastructure and furnishings will be done, which could increase costs over time and make the Library a less welcoming environment

- INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF A NEW HARRIS ROAD LOCATION IN SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP
  - Funds to operate a new Harris Road location won’t be available unless the 0.7 mills is approved. Fund balance (savings) monies could not be responsibly used for the purpose of construction

- REDUCED ABILITY TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN TALENTED, COMMITTED, AND CARING STAFF

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### What is the cost?

The millage will cost 70¢ per $1,000 of a property’s taxable value. For example:

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### Why is the Library asking for the millage now?

Despite cutting costs over the last 10 years, the Library district has still needed to use its fund balance (savings) to operate. The effort to cut costs without cutting service cannot be sustained any further.

### What cuts has YDL made as revenue declined?

During the 2008 recession, the need for the Library’s services—including job search access and low-cost entertainment—rose, even as revenue fell sharply. YDL made every effort to maintain high levels of public service during this time, while also making cuts to constrain costs.

### COST-SAVING MEASURES OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS HAVE INCLUDED:

- Reductions to staffing, with some positions eliminated or reduced to part-time
- A wage freeze and years with no staff raises
- Changes to employee benefits to reduce costs
- Eliminating most conference attendance and travel
- Lowering the cost of printing the Library newsletter
- Stretching the lifespan of furnishings and equipment in Library buildings by delaying updates, repairs, or replacements
- Reducing spending on technology, collection materials, and supplies
- Applying for more grants and increasing fundraising activities to help maintain services

### This millage is offset by a Library building bond, which expires in 2018.

Voters in Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township approved a building bond in 1998 that expires in 2018. The expiring millage was levied at an average rate of 0.8154 annually. If the request for 0.7 mills is approved, the cost to property owners in Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township will be less than the expiring bond levy. Property owners in Superior Township were not part of this building debt levy.

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The 7,500 square foot building will be a full-service library, with hours and staffing similar to the Michigan Avenue location.

The new facility will be built on two and a half acres of a 12-acre lot, purchased by Superior Township. If the millage is approved in November 2018, construction on the Library facility will begin during 2019 with completion sometime in 2020. The building will be scalable so that it can be expanded at a future date, if needed.

The building will cost approximately $2.1 million. Building costs would be paid by a portion of the Library’s fund balance (savings) so a building bond would not be necessary. However, the Library district cannot afford to operate the new building without additional funding.

### How does it compare to the current location?

In 2007, the Library district opened what was intended to be a temporary location in a Superior Township fire station. This one-room space is less than 1,000 square feet. This space was intended to be used for one year, but as a result of the recession, the Library has operated there for 11 years. The size of the space limits the materials, resources, and services the Library can provide.

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- A youth area with flexible space that can be adapted to a range of learning activities and programs for different ages
- A dedicated teen/tween area
- Two group study rooms
- Comfortable seating for reading and studying
- A community meeting room for Library programs and meetings of community groups
- 20 computer workstations (compared to seven at the current library)
- Triple the current number of books, magazines, and DVDs
- More parking spaces
- An outdoor reading area and programming space, budget permitting
- A drive-up book return available 24 hours seven days a week, budget permitting
YOUR LIBRARY? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Smartphone users can now download the new YDL app from the iTunes or Google Play store. Manage your library account, download a movie, reserve a study room, or conduct research right from your phone. Users can link family accounts, browse upcoming events, and find a convenient list of library locations and hours. Just search for “Ypsilanti District Library” or “YDL” in the app store.

WHAT'S NEW WITH DIGITAL RESOURCES

In October, Michigan residents can expect to see exciting changes to the online resources and databases offered through the Michigan Electronic Library (MeL). These services are accessible to anyone in Michigan, with or without a library card.

NEW ADDITIONS INCLUDE:

→ **NovelList**: Kids have long loved Novelist K–8, which helps young readers select their next book by matching their reading levels and interests, but what about grown ups? We are pleased to announce that an all-ages version of Novelist will be making a comeback. The tool guides bibliophiles to their next great read, whether you like cozies, thrillers, dystopian settings, or mysteries of the southwest. Like Tony Hillerman? Try Nevada Barr. Like reading? You’ll love Novelist.

→ **Ebsco K–12**: Writing a report or working on a school project? We’ve got you covered. This research giant’s K–12 suite includes the Biography Reference Center, the History Reference Center, and the Literary Reference Center. Research has never been easier or more accessible for all ages.

In addition to the new MeL databases, YDL offers many popular online subscription services for free with your Ypsilanti library card!

HERE ARE SOME TO TRY:

→ **Consumer Reports**: Compare cars, microwaves, dryers, or stereos before you buy with meticulously researched product reviews.

→ **Mango Languages**: Want to learn a new language? Practical tutorials, vocabulary quizzes, and video lessons will have you speaking anything from Spanish to Swahili.

→ **Tutor.com**: Back to School season doesn’t have to be stressful. Get online tutoring and homework help from live tutors at tutor.com/ypsi

For a complete list of library databases, visit www.ypsilibrary.org/research

HOW TO BOOK A MEETING ROOM

Whether you’re looking for a quiet place to take a phone call or want a central location for an important meeting, library meeting rooms are available!

Booking rooms online is easy.

1. Visit www.ypsilibrary.org/rooms
2. Click “request a room” to reserve a room without an account, or create a free account to manage your room reservations.
3. Choose the date and building you want, and click + to select your preferred room.
4. Add any service you need, like a whiteboard or TV cart.
5. Enter a name for your meeting. This name will be listed on the room reservation listing when you arrive!

Rooms can be reserved from 1–60 days in advance. We don’t accept same-day reservations, so if you arrive at the library and see that the room has not been reserved, you’re welcome to use it until the next reservation. We ask that patrons not use rooms for more than 4 hours a day, so that everyone can have a chance to use them.

The Community Meeting Room at YDL-Whittaker is a large space designed for community events that are free and open to the public. This room may be requested online, but requests will need to be approved and a charge of $50 paid to use the room. The 4-hour limit does not apply to the Community Room.

AVAILABLE ROOMS

**YDL-Michigan**
229 W. Michigan Ave
Room 1: 10 seats
Room 2: 18 seats

**YDL-Whittaker**
5577 Whittaker Road
2 Tutor rooms: 2 seats each
2 Study rooms: 4–6 seats each
1 Meeting room: 8 seats
Community Room: up to 80 people
Event Schedule | Fall 2018

**ADULT**

**SEPTEMBER**

**FRIDAY, September 7**
**FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT: FUNK OPUSS**
6–8pm | YDL-Michigan

tap your feet to the rhythm of funk. Hosted by Friends of YDL.

**MONDAY, September 10**
**SLEEP DEPRIVATION WORKSHOP**
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

At the Sleep Deprivation Workshop, you'll learn how to experience sleep deprivation to understand the impact of sleep on our daily lives.

**TUESDAY, September 11**
**WORKSHOP**
7:30pm | YDL-Michigan

In this workshop, participants will learn about the science of sleep and how to improve their sleep habits.

**THURSDAY, September 13**
**ENTREPRENEUR FIELD TRIP**
6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join us for an entrepreneur field trip to tour local businesses and learn about their success stories.

**THURSDAY, October 8**
**YPSILANTI STREET TOWN MURDER MYSTERY**
7:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

A murder mystery set in Ypsilanti, featuring local actors and engaging plot twists.

**YPSILANTI STREET TOWN MURDER MYSTERY**
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Genealogist Katherine Wilson helps us research and understand the effects of the 1918 influenza pandemic.

**MILLAGE INFORMATION MEETING**
2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Get your questions answered about the YDL millage.

**WEDNESDAY, October 10**
**CANDIDATE FORUM: YPSILANTI MAYOR**
6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn about the candidates running for mayor in Ypsilanti.

**SATURDAY, October 20**
**CANDIDATE FORUM: WARD 3 CITY COUNCIL**
6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Meet the candidates running for Ward 3 City Council in Ypsilanti.

**WEDNESDAY, October 24**
**CULTURAL CRITICISM & TRANSFORMATION**
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

This monthly film is full of complex ideas. Hosted by Friends of YDL.

**TUESDAY, October 23**
**THE GREAT AMERICAN READ FINALE 2018**
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Watch the livestream of The Great American Read finale! We'll raffle off a book and find out which book is the winner. Programmed by Friends of YDL.

**WEDNESDAY, October 24**
**LNGC: TAI CHI FOR BALANCE**
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join us for a t'ai chi class to improve balance and mobility.

**DECEMBER**

**SATURDAY, December 8**
**DIY TEA TOWELS**
6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Create your own tea towels using local fabrics and enjoy a festive evening!

**SUNDAY, December 9**
**HOLIDAY TREATS AND RECIPE EXCHANGE**
11am–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Make holiday treats and exchange recipes with friends.

**SUNDAY, December 9**
**FORM YOUR LLC OR DBA**
2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Ready to launch your business? Get started with a business attorney, an SBCIC consultant, and a tax advisor. Come prepared with one or more names for your business. Research existing names at mi.gov/corpentitysearch. Sponsored by WCC Entrepreneurship Center. Register at ypsilibrary.org/formLLC.
DIABETES PATH (Ages 55+ and Grades 3–5) 
3:00 | Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11 | YDL-Whittaker
Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) is a 6-week workshop designed to provide the skills and tools needed for people living with diabetes to improve their health. In partnership with Area Agency on Aging 1-8. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377.

WEDNESDAYS

BEGINNING INSIGHT MEDITATION (Ages 55+) 
6:30pm | Oct. 3–Nov. 14 | YDL-Michigan
Explore how mindfulness may enrich your daily life in this 6-week workshop. The class is designed for those with no previous meditation experience, but all are welcome. Taught by Still Mountain Buddhist Meditation. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377 or ypsilibrary.org/events

THURSDAYS

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP (10:30am) 
Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6 | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for lively book discussions.

GARDEN CHATS (3pm) 
Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and Dec. 20 | YDL-Whittaker
An informal get-together with fellow garden enthusiasts.

YARN, HOOKS, AND NEEDLES (6pm) 
Sept. 6–Dec. 7 | YDL-Whittaker
Bring your supplies and handicap project to knit, crochet, and socialize! Knitting and crochet instruction is available.

FRIDAYS

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) (Ages 12–18) 
4:30pm | Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, and Nov. 2 | YDL-Michigan
Tell us how the library can meet teen needs! Plan programs, recommend materials, volunteer in the community, eat snacks, and meet friends.

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SATURDAYS

GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS (5pm) 
Learn to play guitar in a collaborative atmosphere. All levels of experience (including beginners) welcome. Free donuts!

AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY (10:30am) 
Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17 | YDL-Michigan
Discovering your African American family history is a challenge with great rewards! Join fellow genealogists and learn a different resource or technique each month.

CAN DO PAPER CRAFTING CLUB (1pm) 
Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 22 | YDL-Whittaker
Share techniques, learn new skills, and show off your work with other paper crafters. Bring your own supplies and a snack or drink to share.

TYDL WAVE: ANIME CLUB (1pm) 
Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and watch anime with other fans, stay for a discussion. This fall is our 15th anniversary!
KIDS & PARENTS

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY, September 22
ANIMAL COMMUNICATION
11am | YDL-Whittaker
Meet an adoptable dog from the Humane Society of Huron Valley and learn how it expresses feelings through body language.

THURSDAY, October 3
ART EXPLORATIONS: LANDSCAPE
(Ages 7 - 14)
5pm | YDL-Whittaker
Get creative and try new art supplies and processes. We'll make a Heather Gaitie inspired landscape with Copic markers.

SATURDAY, October 6
YPSI FAMILY READ FIELD DAY
2-4pm | Ypsilanti Island Park, 699 Rive Street
Celebrate the first Ypsi Family Read! This season’s book is Ghost by Jason Reynolds, which is on The Great American Read list. Read it, then join us for a read aloud and family field day at the park with sprinkles and relay races just like in the book. Co-hosted by Ypsi Running Co., Blackstone Book Store, and Black Men Read. Full article on page 3.

SATURDAY, October 6
LOCKET CAMERA
2pm | YDL-Superior
Make a spooky or silly sock monster just in time for Halloween! Supplies limited to the first 20 participants.

FRIDAY, October 26
LEGO TABLETOP CODING
(Ages 7 - 15)
2pm | YDL-Superior
Use coding concepts to send LEGO figures on a race for treasure through a homemade maze! It’s an engaging low tech game with high tech ideas.

OCTOBER

SATURDAY, September 29
STOP-MOTION ANIMATION
(Ages 6 - 16)
1pm | YDL-Whittaker
Make your own flip book animation and film a group stop-motion animation clip.

THURSDAY, October 3
HARVEST PARTY
5:30pm - 7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Celebrate the harvest by enjoying foods made from our Learning Garden! We'll make fresh salsa and try chocolate-covered peanuts.

SATURDAY, October 5
LEGO TABLETOP CODING
(Ages 7 - 15)
2pm | YDL-Superior
Use coding concepts to send LEGO figures on a race for treasure through a homemade maze! It’s an engaging low tech game with high tech ideas.

STORIES & FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

MONDAYS

KINDERCONCERT
(Ages 6 and under with adults)
10am & 11am | Oct. 1 | YDL-Whittaker
Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra musicians and Gail Stein present live music, stories, and movement for little ones, featuring Joy Rowland on the string bass.

BABY STORYTIME
(Ages 0 – 5)
10:30am | Sept. 10 – Dec. 10 | YDL-Michigan
Inspire your future reader through songs, stories, movement, rhythm, and rhymes. Stay afterward for the baby movement for little ones, featuring Joy Rowland on the string bass. Introduce your child to the wonders of reading and language. Children and their favorite grown-ups are invited to share stories, songs, rhymes, and fun learning activities.

TODDLER STORYTIME
(Ages 0 – 5)
10:30am | Sept. 10 – Dec. 10 | YDL-Whittaker
A repeat of Monday's Toddler Storytime.

TUESDAYS

TODDLER STORYTIME
(Ages 2 – 6 with adult)
10am | Sept. 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, and 26 | YDL-Whittaker
A repeat of Monday's Toddler Storytime.

WEDNESDAYS

TERRIFIC THREES STORYTIME
(Ages 3)
10:30am | Sept. 12 – Dec. 12 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet in the puppet theater for stories, books, rhymes, games, crafts, and the parachute.

JUMPSTART STORYTIME
(Ages 4 - 5)
10:30am | Sept. 13 | YDL-Whittaker
Kids build kindergarten readiness skills on their own, then join parents and younger siblings for active learning.

STARRY NIGHT STORYTIME (Family)
6:30pm | Sept. 13 – Dec. 13 | YDL-Whittaker
Share stories and songs with your family in a cozy setting at a convenient time.

TINKERLAB: SCIENCE
(Ages 2 - 6 with adult)
11am | Sept. 27 and Oct. 26 | YDL-Whittaker
Explore stations that allow your child to learn basic science, engineering, and math concepts.

TINKERLAB: ART
(Ages 2 - 6 with adult)
11am | Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14 | YDL-Whittaker
Encourage your child’s creativity through process art, which is all about experimentation and the joy of creation! It may get messy—smocks are provided.

SATURDAYS

TODDLER STORYTIME
(Ages 0 – 5)
10:30am | Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet in the puppet theater for stories, books, rhymes, games, crafts, and the parachute.

WINTER STORYTELLING
(Family)
2:30pm | Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 | YDL-Michigan
Children and their favorite grown-ups are invited to share stories, songs, rhymes, and fun learning activities.

FOURTH SATURDAYS

RAINBOW STORYTIME
(Ages 4 and under)
2:30 | Sept. 29, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet in the puppet theater for stories, books, rhymes, games, crafts, and the parachute.

WINTER BREAK

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26 – FRIDAY, Jan. 4
WINTER BREAK BOREDOM BUSTERS
2-4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Winter Break is in session! Get away from the TV, create and learn.
Wednesday, December 26 Pine cone fun Thursday, December 27 Skiing crafts Friday, December 28 Peterr beads Wednesday, January 2 Button crafts Thursday, January 3 Paper Circuits Friday, January 4 Arctic Friends

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26 – SATURDAY, Jan. 5
WINTER BREAK BOREDOM BUSTERS
2-4pm | YDL-Whittaker
While school’s out, keep busy at the library!
Wednesday, December 26 Winter Tree Painting Thursday, December 27 Funny Face Flip Book Saturday, December 29 Make a Book Bag Wednesday, January 3 Spring Rolls Thursday, January 3 Snowman Slime Saturday, January 5 Pop Top Bracelets

WASHINGTON BREAK

FRIDAY, Dec. 21 – FRIDAY, Jan. 4
WINTER BREAK MAKER DAYS
1pm | YDL-Whittaker
Get ready for winter by building a snow globe with your family. Supplies provided.

SATURDAY, December 29
SNOW GLOBES
(Ages 4+ with parent, or 8+ without parent)
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Get ready for winter by building a snow globe with your family. Supplies provided.

FRIDAY, December 30
VIBROBOTS
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Get ready for winter by building a snow globe with your family. Supplies provided.

FRIDAY, December 30
STOP-MOTION ANIMATION
(Ages 7 – 14)
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Celebrate the harvest by enjoying foods made from our Learning Garden! We’ll make fresh salsa and try chocolate-covered peanuts.

FRIDAY, December 30
HALLOWEEN DOWNTOWN STORYTIME
10am & 11am | Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear a music-themed story, then dance your way to storytime! Active family play and use of music helps kids hear the natural rhythms in language.

FOURTH SATURDAYS

YOGA STORYTIME
(Family)
2:30 | Sept. 29, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet in the puppet theater for stories, books, rhymes, games, crafts, and the parachute.

TODDLER STORYTIME
(Ages 2 – 6 with adult)
11am | Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14 | YDL-Whittaker
Encourage your child’s creativity through process art, which is all about experimentation and the joy of creation! It may get messy—smocks are provided.

SUPERIOR PLAYGROUP & STORYTIME
(Ages 0 - 5)
11am | Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for play and stories with a new imagination play set-up each month to get the little ones excited about learning! Every child will receive a free board book.

SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL (Ages 0 – 5)
2:30pm | Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 | YDL-Whittaker
Move and groove with us in this fun, music-filled storytime! Active family play and use of music helps kids hear the natural rhythms in language.

FOURTH SATURDAYS

RAINBOW STORYTIME
(Ages 4 and under)
2:30 | Sept. 29, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 | YDL-Whittaker
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FIFTH SATURDAYS

COSTUME PARADE AND STORYTIME
10:30am | Oct. 27 | YDL-Whittaker
Come to the library for stories followed by a costume parade through the library.

Ypsilanti District Library | The Loop
Changes at Beezy’s Café

If you haven’t visited Beezy’s Café at YDL-Whittaker lately, it’s time to stop in! Sandwiches are now made to order, so you can get the fresh flavors you expect from Beezy’s and add extras like tomatoes, avocado, and bacon to customize your sandwich. The menu still includes salads, fruit, baked goods, kids’ snacks, and two house-made soups made fresh daily. Beverage selections have expanded to fresh brewed iced tea, cold brew coffee, lemonade and limeade, as well as chocolate and whole milk from Calder Dairy.

By popular request, Breakfast Burritos have also been added to the menu. These hearty wraps are served hot and feature eggs, cheese, and your choice of chorizo or avocado. With a new menu and different hours, the library café brings the best of the downtown café to you in a convenient location.

New Beezy’s Hours

Monday–Thursday ................................ 10am–6pm
Friday & Saturday ................................ 10am–5:30pm
Sunday ................................................. Closed

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. Friends of YDL memberships start at just $10 and give you early admission to book sales and the satisfaction of supporting your library! To learn more, ask at any library desk or call 734-482-4110 x1368.

Special Holiday Sale

Saturday, Nov. 17 | 11am–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Start your holiday shopping with fantastic finds for the whole family at unbeatable prices! This special one-day sale features new and like-new books, coffee table books, board games, and other items that make great gifts.

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.

Holiday Observations

Fall 2018

Sunday, September 2–Monday, September 3, Labor Day (Closed)
Monday, November 12, Veterans Day observed (Closed)
Wednesday, November 21, Thanksgiving Day Eve (Early closing at 5pm)
Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day (Closed)
Sunday, December 23–Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Holiday (Closed)
Sunday, December 30–Tuesday, January 1, New Year’s Holiday (Closed)

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!

Upcoming Sales

September 20–23 | YDL-Whittaker
January 17–20 | YDL-Whittaker

Thursday ........................................... 6pm–8pm
Members only preview night.
Memberships available at the door.

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

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Tuesday .............................................. 6pm–8pm
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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 ypsilib.org/board for updated meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes.

Call (734) 482-4110 x1371 for details.

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