



The new facility on Harris Road near the MacArthur Boulevard and Willow Run neighborhoods would put most people in the district within a 10-minute drive of a full-service library location. Architectural rendering by Daniels and Zermack Architects.

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of this millage means the Library district can prevent cuts to services, offer a bigger selection of materials, upgrade outdated computers and technology, and pay for needed building maintenance and improvements.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

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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



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THE GREAT AMERICAN READ

Dive 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!



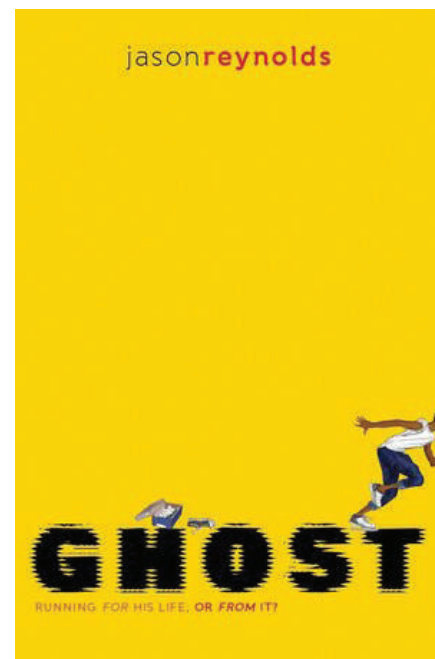
YPSI FAMILY READ: GHOST

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.

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

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.

SATURDAY, September 8
150TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
 2-4pm | All YDL Locations
 Celebrate 150 years of library service to the community with music, kids activities, history, and cake!



YDL-Michigan on Armistice Day in 1918, three years after it was built

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.

SATURDAY, 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



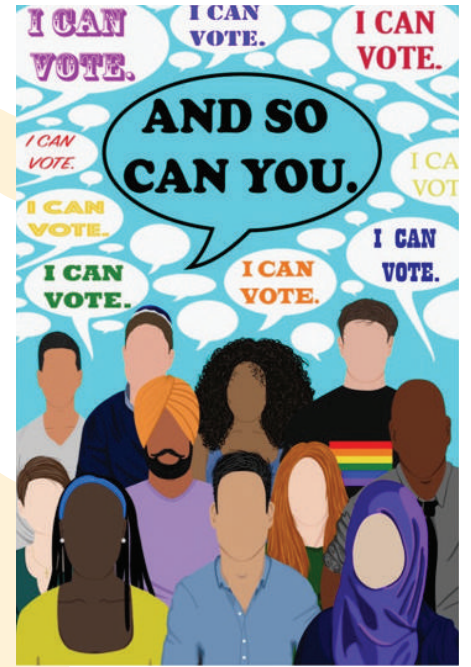
150 LIBRARY CARD CHALLENGE SPONSORS

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!

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YOUR ELECTION GUIDE

to the 2018 Michigan General Election in Washtenaw County



Posters by Ypsilanti Community High School students in the 2018 League of Women Voters voting poster contest. Posters will be on display at YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan in October.

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 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

5 THINGS TO KNOW ON ELECTION DAY

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

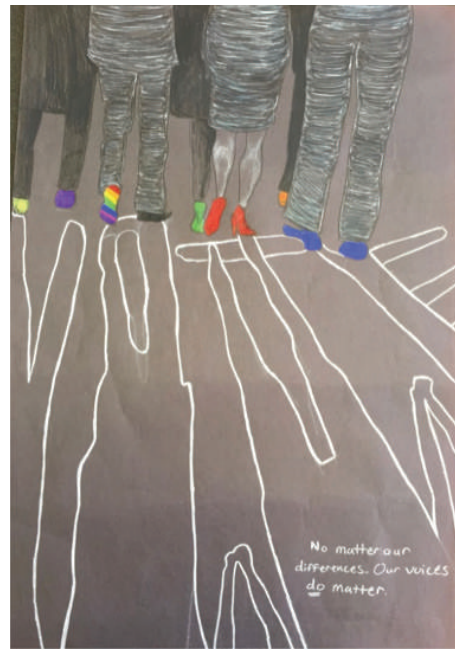
- Go to the Right Place** Poll locations can change. Be sure to locate your polling place before you go to vote. Check www.michigan.gov/vote to look up where you are registered.
- Bring ID** You'll be asked to show your ID at your polling place. If you don't have an ID, you can still vote! You just need to sign an affidavit to confirm your identity.
- 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.
- Vote the Whole Ballot** November election ballots can be long. Always flip your ballot over—many important local issues may be on the back.
- 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.

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 Bashert, former Councilmember Anne Brown (write-in), Adrienne Hirschfelder, and Miceila 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

Ward 3 is the only contested Ypsilanti City Council race this November (as of this printing.) This forum will include Anthony Morgan and Desirae Simmons.

THURSDAY, Oct. 11 & TUESDAY, Oct. 15

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 17

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. Celeste 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

YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY 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.

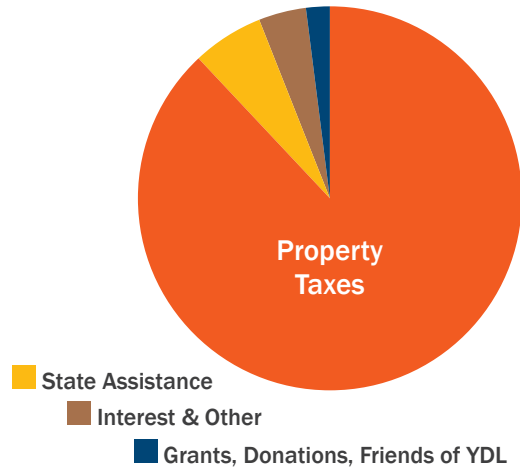
LEARN ABOUT THE LIBRARY MILLAGE REQUEST

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.

Library Revenue 2017



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.

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

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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LIBRARY MILLAGE: THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

What is the cost?

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

Home Market Value	Est. Taxable Value (Approx. 50% of market value)	Cost of 0.7 mills
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$35/year or \$0.67/week
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$52.50/year or \$1.01/week
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$70/year or \$1.35/week

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.

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



With a new facility on Harris Road, most people in the YDL district will be within a 10 minute drive of a full-service library location

THE PROPOSED NEW LIBRARY LOCATION

The Library Board is committed to improving service to Superior Township and providing a third full-service YDL location on Harris Road near the MacArthur Boulevard and Willow Run neighborhoods.

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?

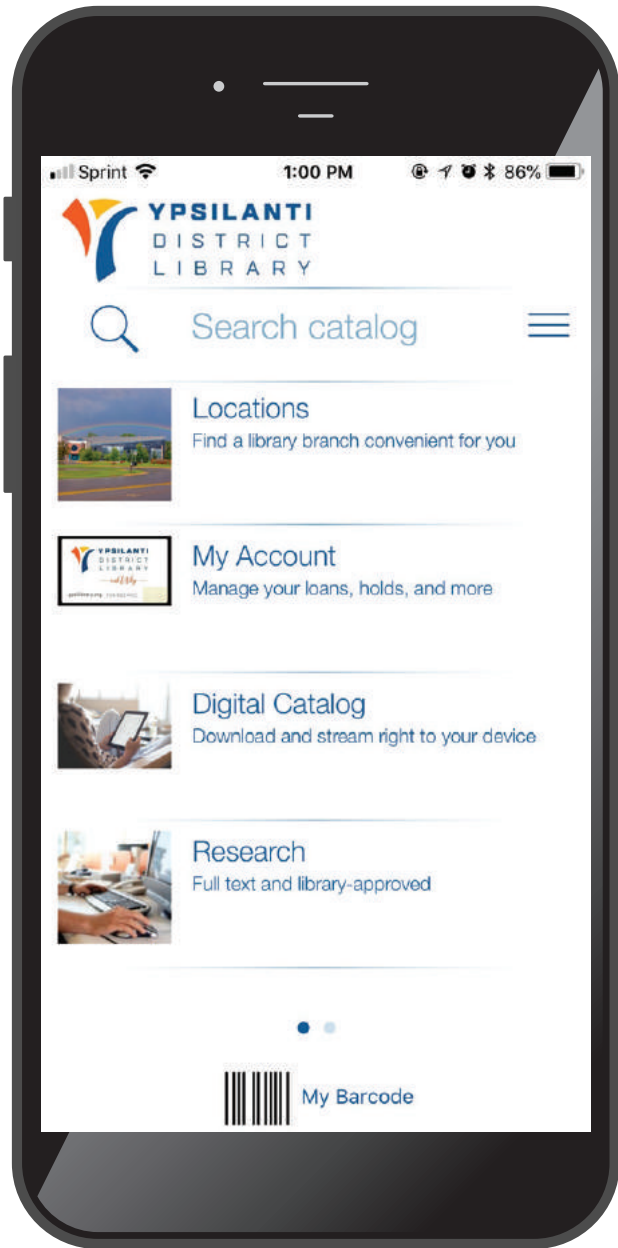
In 2007, the Library district opened what was intended to be a temporary location in a Superior Township fire station. This one-room space is less than 1,000 square feet. This space was intended to be used for one year, but as a result of the recession, the Library has operated there for 11 years. The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

THE FACILITY WILL OFFER

- 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:

→ **NoveList:** 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

ADULT

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY, September 7

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT: FUNK OPUS 6–8pm | YDL-Michigan

Ypsi's own Funk Opus will keep you dancing with R&B, Soul, and Motown. Concert will move indoors if it rains. Sponsored by Friends of YDL.

MONDAY, September 10

SUICIDE AWARENESS 7pm | YDL-Whittaker

On World Suicide Awareness Day, learn about this growing concern in Washtenaw County, how area agencies are responding, and what you can do to help someone in crisis. Presented by Tony Weatherly of Washtenaw Alive and the R U OK? Michigan Crisis Support Campaign.

WEDNESDAY, September 19

THINGS TO DO IN METRO DETROIT 6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Discover incredible destinations and special events in your own backyard with Michael O'Callaghan of the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau.

THURSDAY, Sept. 20 – SUNDAY, Sept. 23

FRIENDS OF YDL BOOK SALE

Thurs. 6–8pm; Fri. 11am–5pm; Sat. 11am–3pm; Sun. 1–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Find hidden literary treasures and stock up on paperbacks for only 25¢. All proceeds from this used book sale benefit the Library.

THURSDAY, September 27

TEDxYDL 7pm | Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St.

Hear the biggest ideas and best stories from the Ypsilanti area, shared in short, impactful 8-minute talks. Reception to follow. Tickets are free; registration will open in early September. Co-hosted by Riverside Arts Center and Engage@EMU. Details at www.TEDxYDL.com

SUNDAY, Sept. 30

THE 1918 INFLUENZA PANDEMIC 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Genealogist Katherine Willson helps us research and understand the effects the 1918 global influenza pandemic, or "Spanish Flu," had on our ancestors. Sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.

OCTOBER

TUESDAY, October 2

YPSILANTI'S DEPOT TOWN MURDER MYSTERY (Adults and Teens) 6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Greg Fournier discusses his new book about the murder of Richard Streicher Jr., a crime dating to the Great Depression that has never been solved. Book signing to follow. Cosponsored by Ypsilanti Historical Society.

MILLAGE INFORMATION MEETING 2pm | YDL-Superior

Get your questions answered about the YDL millage. (see pages 6–7)

WEDNESDAY, October 3

BOOK GROUP RALLY 7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Calling all book group members! Join us to share recommendations, meet other local book clubs, find out how the library can support your reading group, and enter drawings to win books.

MILLAGE INFORMATION MEETING 7pm | YDL-Michigan

Get your questions answered about the YDL millage. (see pages 6–7)

THURSDAY, October 4

ENTREPRENEUR FIELD TRIP 6pm | WCC Plant Operations Building

Find out about local resources to help make your small business dreams come true! Hosted by the WCC Entrepreneurship Center. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377 or ypsilibrary.org/events



FRIDAY, October 5

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT: 18 STRINGS 6–8pm | YDL-Michigan

18 Strings will play toe-tapping country music, with an opening act from YDL-Michigan's Guitar Club. Concert will move indoors if it rains. Sponsored by Friends of YDL.

SATURDAY, October 6

MILLAGE INFORMATION MEETING 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Get your questions answered about the YDL millage. (see pages 6–7)

SUNDAY, October 7

CULTURAL CRITICISM & TRANSFORMATION 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

La'Ron Williams facilitates a film screening and discussion in this Anti-Racism series co-sponsored with ICPJ. This month's film is *bell hooks: Cultural Criticism & Transformation*.

TUESDAY, October 9

CANDIDATE FORUM: YPSILANTI MAYOR 6pm | Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron

Event details on page 5.

DIY DOUGHNUT PUMPKINS 6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Craft miniature pumpkin gourds into tasty-looking treats.

WEDNESDAY, October 10

CANDIDATE FORUM: WARD 3 CITY COUNCIL 6pm | Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron

Event details on page 5.

MONDAY, October 11

WHAT'S ON YOUR BALLOT? 7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn about the state ballot proposals.

SUNDAY, October 14

SUMKALI INDIAN MUSIC 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Sumkali mixes Northern and Southern Indian classical and folk music with jazz, flamenco, and funk influences. Sponsored by Friends of YDL.

MONDAY, October 15

WHAT'S ON YOUR BALLOT? 6pm | Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron

Learn about the state ballot proposals.

TUESDAY, October 16

INTRO TO QUICK BOOKS 7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn QuickBooks basics with CPA Kim Laughton. Registration opens Sept. 6, limited space available. Co-sponsored by the WCC Entrepreneurship Center. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377

MONDAY, October 17

CANDIDATE FORUM: YCS SCHOOL BOARD 6pm | Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron

Event details on page 5.

THURSDAY, October 18

THE POISONED CITY: FLINT'S WATER CRISIS 6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

In the first full account of the American tragedy that unfolded here in Michigan, Author Anna Clark recounts the gripping story of Flint's poisoned water through the people who caused it, suffered from it, and exposed it.

TUESDAY, October 23

THE GREAT AMERICAN READ FINALE 8pm | YDL-Whittaker

Watch the livestream of the Great American Read finale! We'll raffle off a book and find out together which book is the winner. Programming for The Great American Read is offered as part of a grant from the American Library Association and PBS.

WEDNESDAY, October 24

LNGO: TAI CHI FOR HEALTH AND BALANCE (Ages 55+) 3pm | YDL-Whittaker

This low impact exercise class is targeted at improving flexibility, mobility, and balance.



UNDERSTANDING DATA AND CLOUD BACKUP 7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Mateen Jaffer from Jafferson Computers will explain cloud computing and backing up files to the cloud.

FRIDAY, October 26

YPSI GLOW (All Ages) 7pm | North Washington Street

After Halloween Downtown, stroll down to North Washington Street to enjoy the radiance of YpsiGLOW. Music, dancing, glowing costumes, activities, and glowing luminaries will light up your evening! Hosted by Wonderfool Productions.

NOVEMBER

SATURDAY, November 3

WRITERS WORKSHOP BOOK LAUNCH 6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Members of the YDL Writers Workshop launch their second creative writing anthology, *Taking Flight*, which features poetry, fiction, and memoir. Copies of the book available for purchase.

SUNDAY, November 4

CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION: BLACK PANTHER 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Continue the Anti-Racism conversation and discuss the cultural influence of "Black Panther." Facilitated by La'Ron Williams, co-sponsored by ICPJ.

SATURDAY, November 10

WOOD BURNED ORNAMENTS 10am | YDL-Michigan

Create a burned wood or cork holiday ornament or coaster. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390 or ypsilibrary.org/events

SATURDAY, November 17

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE 11am–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Kickstart your holiday gift shopping with a selection of new and like-new books and games at incredible prices. Hosted by Friends of YDL. All proceeds benefit the library.

SUNDAY, November 18

THE RAISIN PICKERS 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

This string band plays a deft mix of rustic Appalachian music, old time swing, bluegrass, and Louisiana bayou sounds. Sponsored by Friends of YDL.

MONDAY, November 19

BOOK PAGE FLOWERS 6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Give falling-apart books new life by making their pages into beautiful roses and other flowers.

WEDNESDAY, November 28

ADULT CRAFTER'S GUILD: GIFTS IN JARS 7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Assemble sweet and savory mixes in jars and create personalized tags for the perfect gift. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377

DECEMBER

SATURDAY, December 1

DIY TEA TOWELS (Ages 55+) 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

These classic and charming tea towels make a wonderful, one of a kind holiday gift! Register: 734-482-4110 x1359.

SUNDAY, December 2

PAUL KELLER ENSEMBLE HOLIDAY CONCERT (All Ages) 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

This ever-popular holiday concert will have you tapping your toes with holiday cheer! Sponsored by Friends of YDL.

SATURDAY, December 8

HOLIDAY TREATS AND RECIPE EXCHANGE 11am | YDL-Michigan

Make chocolate-covered pretzel rods and other holiday goodies while exchanging recipes. Bring a recipe for your favorite holiday treat.



SUNDAY, December 9

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Create a fresh evergreen and candle centerpiece with Carol Brodbeck of Expressively Yours. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377 or ypsilibrary.org/events.

THURSDAY, December 13

FORM YOUR LLC OR DBA 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Ready to launch your business? Get started with a business attorney, an SBDC 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

TEEN

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 30

COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Polish your college entrance essays with help from UM's Sweetland Center for Writing. Get an overview and tips followed by one-on-one feedback.

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 23

COSPLAY CONSTRUCTION 5:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Use library materials to make costume accessories. Work on a project we have designed or make something original!

Tuesday, October 30

TEEN HALLOWEEN PARTY 4pm | YDL-Michigan

Come celebrate Halloween with some spooky crafts, snacks, and games!

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 10

TEEN COOKING 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Practice #adulting and cook something tasty with friends.

WOOD BURNED ORNAMENTS 3:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Create a burned wood or cork holiday ornament or coaster. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390 or ypsilibrary.org/events

DECEMBER

Friday, November 30

BIG SCREEN GAMING 4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Meet up for gaming and snacks, hosted by the Teen Advisory Group.

Saturday, December 1

TEEN PAJAMA PARTY 3pm | YDL-Michigan

Celebrate the holidays by watching your favorite movies, eating yummy breakfast foods, and hanging with your friends!

ADULT MEETUPS

TUESDAYS

KNITTING PLUS

6pm | Sept. 4–Dec. 18 | YDL-Michigan
Open to all, any handcraft welcome. Please bring your own supplies. We watch “oldie but goodie” films on the first Tuesday of the month!

FILM CLUB

7pm | Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11 | YDL-Whittaker
Watch and discuss films in this informal group led by film critic Perry Siebert. Films screened at the first meeting of month; discussion at second.

AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK GROUP

7pm | Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27 | YDL-Whittaker
Engage in lively discussions of books by African American authors.

VISUAL BOOK CLUB

7:30pm | Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18 | Ypsi Alehouse, 124 Pearl Street
Read and discuss visually interesting books. Pick up the monthly selection at YDL-Michigan.

BEADED JEWELRY MAKING (Ages 55+)

6pm | Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27 | YDL-Michigan
Create basic beaded earrings, a bracelet, and a necklace using wire work and stringing techniques in this 3-part class. Register: 734-482-4110 x1385.

WEDNESDAYS

DIABETES PATH

10am | Sept. 26–Oct. 31 | 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-B. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377.



LNCO TECH TIME: IPHONE BOOT CAMP

2–4pm | Oct. 31, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 | YDL-Michigan
Get the most out of your iPhone with help from our tech-savvy staff! We'll tackle a different topic each week. Please register separately for each session you wish to attend. Register: 734-482-4110 x1385 or ypsilibrary.org/events

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP

2pm | Sept. 26, Oct. 31, and Nov. 28 | YDL-Whittaker
Calling all mystery lovers! Join us to read and discuss exciting mysteries.

BEGINNING INSIGHT MEDITATION

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. 27 | YDL-Whittaker
Bring your supplies and handcraft project to knit, crochet, and socialize! Knitting and crochet instruction is available.

FRIDAY

LNCO WALKING GROUP (Ages 55+)

10:30am | Sept. 7, Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, and Nov. 16 | YDL-Whittaker
Exercise and socialize on a 30-minute walk along a path near the library.

YPSILANTI OPEN MEDITATION

11am | Sept. 7–Dec. 28 | YDL-Michigan
Drop in for weekly guided meditation.

SATURDAYS

CREATIVE AGING: IMPROVISATION

(Ages 55+)
1pm | Sept. 28–Nov. 16 | YDL-Whittaker
Develop your voice, body, and imagination through games and creative situations in this 8-week workshop taught by EMU Theatre professors Dr. Christine Tanner and Dr. Anita Rich. Register: 734-482-4110 x1316 or ypsilibrary.org/events.

GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS

10am | Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, and Dec. 15 | YDL-Michigan
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-Michigan
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.



TEEN MEETUPS

MONDAYS

TEEN COOKING CLASSES (Ages 14–18)

3pm | Nov. 5–Dec. 17 | YDL-Michigan
Learn how to cook fun and healthy recipes from a skilled culinary professional! No meeting Nov. 12. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390 or ypsilibrary.org/events

TUESDAYS

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) (Ages 14–18)

4:30pm | Sept. 4 • Oct. 2 • Nov. 6 • Dec. 4 | YDL-Michigan
Tell us how the library can meet teen needs! Plan programs, recommend materials, volunteer in the community, eat snacks, and meet friends.

TABLETOP GAMES (Ages 12–18)

4:30pm | Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in for indie board games like Sushi Go!, Exploding Kittens, and Werewolf, or bring your own! Led by TAG.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) (Ages 12–18)

4:30pm | Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, and Dec. 11 | YDL-Whittaker
Plan programs, write grants, develop leadership skills, meet friends, help your community, and build your resume. Apply online at ypsilibrary.org/tag.

FRIDAYS

YPSI GLOW WORKSHOP

4pm | Oct. 5, Oct. 12, and Oct. 19 | YDL-Michigan
Help us design and create the library's next Ypsi Glow showstopping masterpiece to be unveiled at the 2018 Ypsi Glow event!

SATURDAYS

OPEN STUDIO: ART

12pm | Sept. 22, Oct. 27, and Nov. 24 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in, listen to music, and try out our creative kits—copic markers, drawing pencils, watercolors, digital art tablets, and more. Led by TAG.

TYDL WAVE: ANIME CLUB

1pm | Sept. 22, Oct. 27, and Nov. 24 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and watch anime with other fans, stay for a discussion. This fall is our 15th anniversary!

KIDS & PARENTS MEETUPS

MONDAYS

GREAT GARDENERS (Ages 6+)

4pm | Sept. 10–Oct. 15 | YDL-Michigan
Grow and care for our community garden in Library Plaza, and harvest and eat the delicious results!



MINECRAFT MONDAYS (Ages 7–14)

4pm | Oct. 1–Nov. 5 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and play in our new adventure world!

MINECRAFT MODDING (Ages 7–14)

4pm | Nov. 19–Dec. 10 | YDL-Whittaker
Learn basic coding using Minecraft from the experts at Gamer Society. Unlock badges as you complete achievements.

TWEEN READING CIRCLE (Ages 9–14)

5:30pm | Oct. 8–Dec. 17 | YDL-Superior
Read a book together over 10 weeks and try activities related to the story. This year's book is the Newbery Medal-winning novel “When You Reach Me,” by Rebecca Stead. No meeting Nov. 12.

PRIME TIME FAMILY READING (Ages 3–11 and with adult)

6pm | Sept. 17–Oct. 22 | YDL-Michigan
Read together as a family and get to know the library! Parents and older kids will enjoy storytelling and discussions while younger kids read and play with a trained early childhood educator. Dinner, transportation, and door prizes are provided each week. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.

CHESS CLUB (Ages 8+)

4pm | YDL-Michigan
Learn and play chess, from basic rules to strategic thinking. Led by Phil Volk, a member of the US Chess Federation.

TUESDAYS

SUPERREADERS: ALPHA SQUADRON

(Ages 4–6)
6:30pm | Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11 | YDL-Whittaker
Kids who are just at the cusp of learning to read independently will love this fun and engaging group. Register: 734-482-4110 x1340.

WEDNESDAYS

LIBRARY LAB (Ages 7–14)

5pm | Sept. 26, Oct. 24, and Nov. 28 | YDL-Whittaker
Hands-on STEM with a different project each session. Make squish-and-sniff Play-Doh, temporary tattoos, and more.

THURSDAYS

READ TO THE LIBRARY DOG (Grades 1–3)

6pm | Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13 | YDL-Michigan
Reading to a Therapaws dog helps kids become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)

6:30pm | Sept. 20, Oct. 18, and Nov. 15 | YDL-Michigan
Discuss a shared book and enjoy a snack. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB (Grades 5–8)

6:30pm | Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6 | YDL-Michigan
We'll discuss a different graphic novel each month. Pick up a copy in advance to read before we meet! Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.

SATURDAYS

BUILD! (Ages 5–14 with adult)

2pm | Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1 | YDL-Whittaker
Create with different supplies from our Maker Cart each session such as woodworking tools, Goobi builders, Keva planks, and Makedo cardboard connectors.

GARDEN TO TABLE (Ages 5–14)

2pm | Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet local farmers and learn about food with tasty seasonal activities! We'll learn about pumpkins, salsa, and making nutritious snacks.

HOMEWORK HELP

HOMEWORK HELP (Ages 5–14)

4–5:30pm | Mondays, Sept. 24–Dec. 20 | YDL-Superior
4–8pm | Weekdays TBD | YDL-Whittaker
Kids in grades k–8 can drop in for free one-on-one help with homework in any subject.

TUTORING WITH 826MICHIGAN (Ages 8–18)

4pm | Wednesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 3–Dec. 6 | YDL-Michigan
Get homework help and set aside dedicated time for reading and writing. Register: 734-482-4110, x1390 or ypsilibrary.org/events.

KIDS & PARENTS

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY, September 22

ANIMAL COMMUNICATION

11am | YDL-Superior
Meet an adoptable dog from the Humane Society of Huron Valley and learn how it expresses feelings through body language.



SATURDAY, September 29

STOP-MOTION ANIMATION (Ages 6-16)

1pm | YDL-Superior
Make your own flip book animation and film a group stop-motion animation clip.

OCTOBER

THURSDAY, October 4

HARVEST PARTY

5:30pm | YDL-Superior
Celebrate the harvest by enjoying foods made from our Learning Garden! We'll make fresh salsa and try chocolate-covered peanuts.

SATURDAY, October 6

LEGO TABLETOP CODING (Ages 7-15)

2pm | YDL-Superior
Use coding concepts to send Lego figurines on a race for treasure through a homemade maze! It's an engaging low-tech game with high-tech ideas.

THURSDAY, October 11

ART EXPLORATIONS: LANDSCAPE

(Ages 7-14)
5pm | YDL-Whittaker
Get creative and try new art supplies and processes. We'll make a Heather Galler-inspired landscape with Copic markers.

SATURDAY, October 13

YPSI FAMILY READ FIELD DAY

2-4pm | Frog Island Park, 699 Rice 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 sprints 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 20

SOCK MONSTERS

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

COSTUMING PRE-PARTY

4pm | YDL-Michigan
Get your glow on with neon face paints, UV tape, glow sticks, and other quick transformations. Followed by Halloween Downtown at 5:30pm and YpsiGlow at 7pm.

FRIDAY, October 26

HALLOWEEN DOWNTOWN (All Ages)

5:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Celebrate Halloween with the kids. Get candy and give-aways, visit the Boo!Mobile, and enjoy kid-friendly fun. Sponsored by the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti and Ypsi Real. Followed by Ypsi Glow on North Washington Street (see adult event listing.)

NOVEMBER

SATURDAY, November 3

BAT BIOLOGY

2pm | YDL-Superior
Meet live bats from around the world and learn how they survive and the roles they play in nature. Presented by Leslie Science and Nature Center.

SATURDAY, November 3

TRADITIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN STORYTELLING (Family)

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Experience interactive tales and games all while learning about the traditional Native American ways with cultural storyteller Panoka Walker.

THURSDAY, November 8

ART EXPLORATIONS: CLAY BLOX

(Ages 7-14)
5pm | YDL-Whittaker
Make your own polymer clay Minecraft and Roblox characters and decorate a tin to store them.

SATURDAY, November 10

826MICHIGAN BOOK RELEASE

2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Celebrate the release of the latest volume of local student writing with a skit, student read-alouds, and refreshments.

DECEMBER

SATURDAY, December 1

GLASS MAGNET MAKING (Ages 6-16)

3pm | YDL-Superior
Make a customized magnet from glass bubbles and upcycled magazines.

FRIDAY, December 7

DOWNTOWN TREE LIGHTING

5:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Join us for cookie decorating, hot chocolate, carols from the Ypsilanti Community Choir, and a visit from Santa! Sponsored by the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti.

SATURDAY, December 8

SNOW GLOBES

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

SATURDAY, December 15

SNOW GLOBES

2pm | YDL-Superior
Get ready for winter by building a snow globe with your family. Supplies provided.

WINTER BREAK

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26 – **FRIDAY, Jan. 4**

WINTER BREAK BOREDOM BUSTERS

2:00pm | YDL-Michigan
Winter Break is in session! Get away from the TV, create and learn!

Wednesday, December 26 Pine cone fun

Thursday, December 27 Shrinky dinks

Friday, December 28 Perler 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

4:30pm | YDL-Superior
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 2 Spring Rolls
Thursday, January 3 Snowman Slime
Saturday, January 5 Pop Tab Bracelets

FRIDAY, Dec. 28 – **FRIDAY, Jan. 4**

WINTER BREAK MAKER DAYS

1pm | YDL-Whittaker
Friday, December 28 Vibrobots
Friday, January 4 Foam Art

SATURDAY, December 29

SNOW GLOBES (Ages 4+ with parent, or 8+ without parent)

3pm | YDL-Michigan
Get ready for winter by building a snow globe with your family. Supplies provided.



STORIES & FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

MONDAYS

KINDERCONCERT (Ages 6 and under with adult)

10am & 11am | Oct. 1 | YDL-Whittaker
Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra musicians and Geri Stein present live music, stories, and movement for little ones, featuring Joy Rowland on the string bass.

BABY STORYTIME (Ages 18 months and under)

10:30am | Sept. 10–Dec. 10 | YDL-Whittaker
Inspire your future reader through songs, stories, movement, rhythm, and rhymes. Stay afterward for play time!

DOWNTOWN STORYTIME (Ages 5 and under)

10:30am | Sept. 10–Dec. 10 | YDL-Michigan
Introduce your child to the wonders of reading with stories, songs, and a craft.

TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages 18 months–3 years)

11:30am | Sept. 10–Dec. 10 | YDL-Whittaker
A fast-paced storytime filled with music, movement, fingerplays, parachute play, and books.

TUESDAYS

TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages 18 months–3 years)

10:30am | Sept. 11–Dec. 11 | YDL-Whittaker
A repeat of Monday's Toddler Storytime.

WEDNESDAYS

TERRIFIC THREES STORYTIME (Age 3)

10:30am | Sept. 12–Dec. 12 | 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 | Sept. 13–Dec. 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.

FRIDAYS

TINKERLAB: SCIENCE (Ages 2-6 with adult)

11am | Sept. 28 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

FIRST SATURDAYS

WORLD LANGUAGE STORYTIME (Family)

10:30am | Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1 | YDL-Whittaker
Experience languages and cultures with a bilingual storytime. A native speaker of the language will read a story, which will be translated into English. Then we'll make art inspired by another culture.

Stories are followed with hands-on art projects. Dress for a mess!

MESSY ART STORYTIME (Ages 4 to 8 with adult)

2:30pm | Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1 | YDL-Michigan
Stories are followed with hands-on art projects. Dress for a mess!

SECOND SATURDAYS

STEM STORYTIME (Family)

10:30am | Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8 | YDL-Whittaker
Help your child develop a love of reading, science, and math, with stories, games, and hands-on experiments.

PRESCHOOL STORIES AND SCIENCE (Ages 2-5)

2:30pm | Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8 | YDL-Michigan
Hands-on science makes stories come alive! We'll read a book and try a science experiment each month.

THIRD SATURDAYS

SATURDAY MORNING FEVER

10:30am | Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear a music-themed story, then dance your sillies out with shakers and scarves.

SUPERIOR PLAYGROUP & STORYTIME (Ages 0-5)

11am | Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 | YDL-Superior
Join us for play and stories with a new imaginative 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-Michigan
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

YOGA STORYTIME (Family)

10:30am | Sept. 22 and Nov. 24 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear great stories and learn simple animated yoga poses to go with them. No experience necessary.

FAMILY STORYTIME (Ages 2-7)

2:30 | Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22 | YDL-Michigan
Children and their favorite grown-ups are invited to share stories, songs, rhymes, and fun learning activities.

FIFTH SATURDAYS

RAINBOW STORYTIME (Family)

10:30am | September 29 | YDL-Whittaker
We invite families of every kind to join us as we sing songs, do crafts, and share stories of diversity, acceptance, love, friendship, and all the colors of the rainbow!

COSTUME PARADE AND STORYTIME

10:30am | October 27 | YDL-Whittaker
Come to the library for stories followed by a costume parade through the library.



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 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

Friends Shop

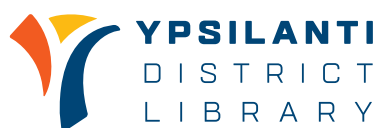
The Friends Shop inside YDL-Whittaker offers a wonderful selection of gently-used books at great prices. The shop is open seven days a week.

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	YDL-MICHIGAN	YDL-SUPERIOR	YDL-BOOKMOBILE
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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 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)

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