



SUMMER READS

150 years ago, our Library first opened its doors. One thing has remained constant: community members have used the Library to pursue their interests and improve their lives. Open to everyone, the Library is a place of opportunity and a means to live the American dream.

The Library and its resources help you stay informed and keep you vital no matter your age. Borrowers can check out or download a wealth of books, audiobooks, movies, and music. Residents can use computers to learn a language, find a job, or get homework help.

The Library is one of the most economical ways to enrich your life, and summer is a great time to visit. Check out the exciting events inside and mark your calendar for those that inspire you. Bring the whole family to take the Summer Challenge. Join us to celebrate 150 years of exceptional service to the Ypsilanti area.

Lisa Hoenig, *Director*

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LUNCH, LISTEN, AND LEARN

The library is your summer learning destination—but kids can't learn on an empty stomach! Anyone ages 18 and under can get a free nutritious lunch every weekday. Lunch is served at 1pm at YDL-Whittaker and at 1:30pm at YDL-Michigan, from June 18–August 10 (except on the Fourth of July, when we'll be in the parade!).

Every day after lunch, each library will offer fun, hands-on learning activities for kids, from science and technology to art projects to outdoor fitness classes. Look for details under the Kids & Parents Meetups section on page 6. Lunch is provided by Food Gatherers and the Michigan Department of Education.

LUNCH, LISTEN, LEARN

MONDAY, Jun 18 – **FRIDAY, Aug 10**

1pm | YDL-Whittaker

1:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us for lunch and a daily read aloud, stay for hands-on learning fun. YDL-Michigan also serves snacks at 11am. Sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education and Food Gatherers.

TAKE THE SUMMER CHALLENGE

School is out and summer is here! YDL's Summer Challenge is a fun, all-ages game that challenges you to read, learn, and explore all summer long.

The best thing about summertime reading is that you can read anything you want—mystery thrillers, comic books, fanfiction, romance novels, audiobooks—it's all fair game! Reading keeps your brain engaged over the summer, which is important for kids' success in school, and also has been shown to make adults happier and healthier.

When we say "all ages," we mean it! There are four age groups to choose from:

- **PRE-READER** (Ages 5 and under): Talk, Read, Sing, Write, and Play with your little one.
- **YOUTH** (Ages 5–12): Earn badges for reading, going to library programs, and completing fun community challenges.
- **TEEN** (Ages 12–18): Get creative making art

and music at the library and try challenges that get you out into the community.

- **ADULT** (Ages 18+): If reading six books isn't challenging enough, use your library card to visit parks and museums!

Sign up for the Summer Challenge online or at any library location. Kids under 18 get a free day pass to Rutherford Pool just for signing up, and everyone gets a prize after they read or listen to six books. Research has shown that reading just six books, if they are at the right reading level, will keep a young reader from losing ground over the summer.

The Summer Challenge runs from June 16 to August 31. You can sign up starting June 1 but can't start counting your activities until the Challenge starts. All badges must be logged and entered into prize drawings before midnight on August 31. Have fun!



Messages TALK Details

Today

Sign-up to receive brain-building activities on your phone.

Make any time learning time for your little one.

Text TALK to 77453

With TALK you'll get two text messages a week with fun, easy activities to help prepare your child for school success. Find out more at texttolearn.com

BRINGING SUMMER READING INTO THE COMMUNITY

The library is meeting kids everywhere they're spending time this summer, like summer camps and summer lunch sites, to make reading a part of every kid's summer experience. Any organization serving Ypsilanti area youth can become a Gold Star Partner, working with the library and broader community to keep kids reading all summer.

The average student loses a month's worth of learning over the summer that has to be made up the following school year. Students from lower income families lose even more, and this "summer slide" accounts for 2/3 of the achievement gap in reading scores. Reading and engaging in learning activities keeps kids' brains engaged and helps close the gap.

Participating summer camps and lunch sites will make sure kids have time to read and listen to books every day by reading aloud during lunch,

and full day summer camps will include at least 20 minutes of independent reading time in their day. The library will provide a collection of favorite kids' books and make sure each site is well-stocked with reading material!

Children who attend Gold Star Partner camps and lunches will automatically be enrolled in the Summer Challenge. Each site will track their group's reading on a poster, helping keep kids motivated to read and making them eligible for prizes like a Rutherford Pool day pass and a free book. Sites can also request a visit from the bookmobile or schedule a group trip to the library.

To find a list of participating sites, or if your organization is interested in helping us fight the summer learning slide in Ypsilanti as a Gold Star Partner, visit ypsilibrary.org/goldstar, or contact Mary Garboden, 734-482-4110 x1316.

GARDENS, GARDENS EVERYWHERE

One of the best things about summer is getting your hands dirty! Our gardens at each library location are launchpads for conversations about growing and eating healthy food. We use the produce in cooking classes and harvest seeds for the seed library.

All locations will host garden plantings on Saturday, June 2 at 2pm. Everyone is welcome!

YDL-Superior

Now in its eighth summer, the Superior Learning Garden brings kids and adults together to plant and grow vegetables and learn about biology and healthy food.

YDL-Michigan

The downtown library is home to both a vegetable garden and a bee-friendly pollinator garden that was planted in honor of Ypsilanti becoming an official Bee City.

YDL-Whittaker

Looking outside the window of the story room, kids and parents can watch our newest garden grow and change through the seasons.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW WEBSITE?

In April, YDL launched a brand new and improved website! Developed with staff and patron feedback, it gives the library an attractive and useful digital home.

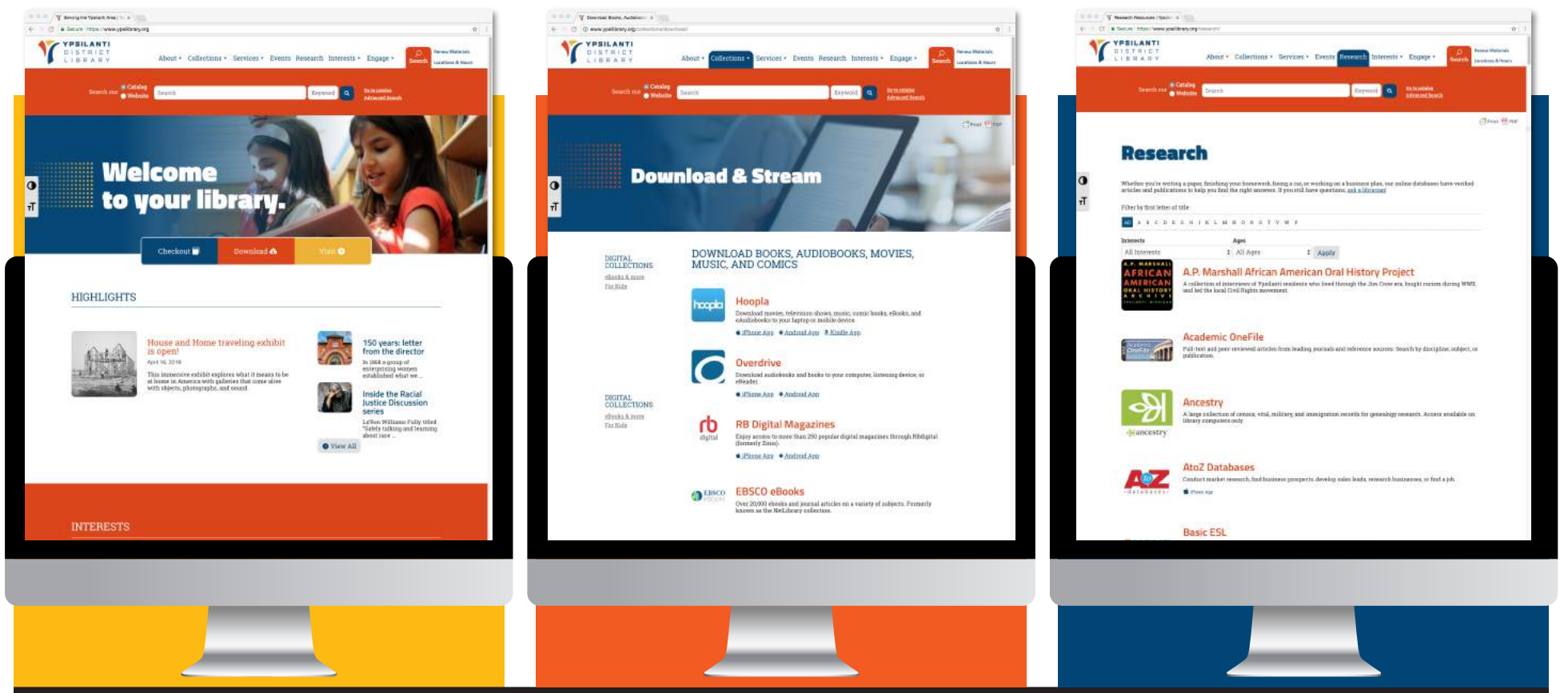
The new site highlights our digital collections, with eBooks, audiobooks, music, movies, magazines, and more in one convenient place under the “Download” button. The “Interests”

pages offer curated news and library services just for you, whether you’re looking for kids activities, trying to find a job, or just love books, movies, or comics. The “Research” page showcases library databases that can help you learn a language, fix a car, discover your ancestry, research a medical condition, or finish a school project. Accessibility buttons give users the option to enlarge text or

view a high-contrast page.

The library catalog where you can manage holds, look up or renew items, and pay fines is still the same. Explore everything the library has to offer.

Visit us online at www.ypsilibrary.org.



WIRELESS PRINTING & PRINT FROM HOME

You can now use the library’s printers to print from anywhere! Our new wireless printing system allows you to upload a print job from any device, then log in with your email address to “release” your print job once you are standing next to the printer. This service has been requested by our patrons who use their own laptops and devices at the library, and will

also be useful for those who want to upload a file at home and have it printed at the library.

Printing costs have not changed—black and white copies are \$0.10 per page, and color copies are \$0.25 per page.

How to use wireless printing:

1. Go to www.ypsilibrary.org/print. Choose the library location where you want to pick up your print job, then upload your file or add a URL.
2. Find a printing kiosk at the library. Select “release my print jobs,” log in with your email, and choose the job you want to print. You have up to 24 hours to print your documents.
3. Pay for your printing. You can add money to your library account, or pay at the time with cash or a credit card (\$3 minimum).
4. Pick up your print job. Printers won’t print until a job is released, ensuring your print jobs stay safe and confidential.

NEW TECH BRINGS WEB BROWSING TO VISUALLY IMPAIRED PATRONS

For blind or visually impaired people, everyday tasks like checking email or browsing the Internet can’t be taken for granted. Starting this summer, YDL will give patrons new tools to ensure everyone can take full advantage of our computers.

New adaptive technology stations at YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan remove barriers to online browsing. New software from Fusion™ includes ZoomText and JAWS to give users the option to use text magnification and high-contrast settings to read text online, or to have articles read by a screen reader.

In addition, YDL also offers magnifiers, Optelec viewers, and a robust large print collection to make print materials accessible to patrons with visual impairments. We also make referrals for patrons to use the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (aadl.org/wlbpd).

The new adaptive technology stations were made possible by generous donations in memory of Robert Warren. Mr. Warren was a past YDL Board member and lifelong library supporter. His family chose to honor his legacy by helping the library make online information accessible to all.

ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY KICKOFF

SATURDAY, Jun 30

11am | YDL-Michigan

YDL staff will unveil our new browsing stations, which offer text magnification and screen reading technology to remove barriers to online access for visually impaired patrons.

ADULT

JUNE

SATURDAY, June 2

SOLAR YPSI: APRENDE SOBRE LA ENERGÍA SOLAR

2:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Dave Strenski de Solar Ypsi te ayudará a aprender cómo la energía solar funciona, cómo se conecta a tu hogar o negocio, y la economía de la energía solar.

Dave Strenski of Solar Ypsi will help you learn how solar power works, how it connects to your home or business, and the economics of solar power. Bilingual presentation.



MONDAY, June 4

RAIN GARDENS

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

A well-designed rain garden can prevent water in your basement or manage a soggy area in your yard. Learn more from Washtenaw County's Rain Garden Coordinator Susan Bryan.

SUNDAY, June 17

ANTI-RACISM 101

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

La'Ron Williams facilitates an open discussion on dismantling racism. The conversation continues at the same time on Sunday, July 22 Cosponsored by ICPJ.

TUESDAY, June 19

RUNNING 101

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Mike Nix from Ypsilanti Running Company gets you ready to run with footwear basics and safe running tips including injury prevention and stretching.

THURSDAY, June 20

YOUR VEGAN KITCHEN

7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Watch a cooking demo, try samples, and explore a plant-based diet with vegan chef Vicki Brett-Gach. *Registration Required.*

WEDNESDAY, June 27

TROUBLESHOOTING YOUR COMPUTER

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Mateen Jaffer from Jafferson Computers will demonstrate the parts of a computer by assembling one, and teach you how to solve common computer problems.

THURSDAY, June 28

REDISTRICTING IN MICHIGAN

7pm | YDL-Michigan

Lyssa Alexander of Voters Not Politicians explains the citizen effort to create a fair system for setting up legislative districts in Michigan.

JULY

FRIDAY, July 6

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT: THE MARTINDALES

6pm | YDL-Michigan

An outdoor concert in Library Plaza with the best dang Southern soul band... period. Part of First Fridays Ypsilanti art and music walk. Sponsored by the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti.

SUNDAY, July 8

POT 'EM UP: CONTAINER GARDENING (Ages 55+)

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to design an outdoor flower pot to encourage pollinators with Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck and go home with a pollinator plant to start your garden.

TUESDAY, July 17

ELECTRIC BIKES

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Discover why people love electric bikes with Jim Summers of Human Electric Hybrids. A controls engineer with a passion for elegant design, Jim is passionate about empowering people to ride.

THURSDAY, July 19

LNGO TECH TIME: MUSIC FOR MOBILE DEVICES (Ages 55+)

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn the basics of streaming, downloading, and transferring music to your smartphone or tablet. Bring your device along for hands-on help. *Registration Required.*

WEDNESDAY, July 25

CYBERSECURITY: ONLINE SECURITY AND SCAMS

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Mateen Jaffer from Jafferson Computers will teach you about online security, scams, and how to keep your computer safe.

THURSDAY, July 26

CAREGIVERS: TAKE A BREAK

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Share an evening of stories, laughter, and creative solutions to the challenges of caregiving and being part of the "sandwich generation" with Breeda Miller, author of the book and blog, "The Caregiver Coffeebreak."

AUGUST

SATURDAY, August 4

COLD COFFEE CONCOCTIONS

10:30am | YDL-Michigan

Chill out and learn to make at-home versions of iced lattes and frozen coffee.

SATURDAY, August 4

SEED SAVING

1pm | YDL-Michigan

Eric Kampe of A2Seeds discusses how seed saving preserves both traditions and biodiversity and how to save seeds from your home garden!

SATURDAY, August 18

NOVEL RELATIONSHIPS

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Bestselling authors Beverly Jenkins, Sylvia Hubbard, and Sarah Zettel talk about the most gripping aspect of storytelling: the deep dive into human relationships. Part of the Great American Read (see page 7.)

ADULT MEETUPS

COMPUTER TRAINING

Ask for class schedule | YDL-Whittaker

Get comfortable using the computer and build software skills with a knowledgeable and patient instructor. Classes include MS Word and Excel, finding job resources online, using the library's eBook collection, and more! Call 734-482-4110 x1377 or visit any library for a complete schedule.

TUESDAYS

FILM CLUB

7pm | Tuesdays, Jun 12 • Jun 26

Watch and discuss great films with veteran film critic Perry Siebert. Films will be screened on the second Tuesday of the month with discussion on the fourth Tuesday.

VISUAL BOOK CLUB (18 and older)

7:30pm | Jun 19 • Jul 17 • Aug 21 | Ypsi Alehouse, 124 Pearl Street

Read visually interesting books and discuss them over a beverage.

AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK GROUP

7pm | Jun 26 • Jul 31 • Aug 28 | YDL-Whittaker

Join us for lively discussions of books by African American Authors.



KNITTING PLUS

6pm | Tuesdays, Jun 5–Aug 28 | YDL-Michigan

Open to all, any handcraft welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

MOVEMENT MEDITATION

10:30am | Jul 11–Aug 15 | YDL-Michigan

Practice gentle meditation, stretching your limbs and relaxing your mind. With instructor Heaven Ross.

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP

2pm | Jun 27 • Jul 25 • Aug 29 | YDL-Whittaker

Calling all Mystery Lovers! Join us for a stimulating discussion.

LNGO TECH TIME ANDROID BOOT CAMP (Ages 55+)

2pm | Jul 25–Aug 29 | YDL-Michigan

Get the most out of your Android phone with help from our tech-savvy staff! *Registration Required.*

FRENCH BEADED FLOWERS (Ages 55+)

6pm | Jun 13–Jul 25 | YDL-Michigan

Enjoy beautiful blooms year-round with French beaded flowers. Learn to spool up beads, work from wire, and create intricate flowers in this five-week workshop. *Registration Required.*

THURSDAYS

NATURAL HAIR

6–8pm | Jun 14 • Jul 12 • Aug 9 | YDL-Michigan

Healthy hair expert Breon Canaday explores how to unlock and embrace your natural texture, care for curls, and nourish your scalp with hands-on family-friendly workshops. Sponsored by Original Moxie.

GARDEN CHATS GROUP

3pm | Jun 21 • Jul 26 • Aug 16 | YDL-Whittaker

Chat with other garden enthusiasts.

FRIDAYS

YPSILANTI OPEN MEDITATION

11am | Jun 8–Aug 31 | YDL-Michigan

Drop in for guided meditation every Friday.

LNGO WALKING GROUP (Ages 55+)

10:30am | Jun 8 • Jun 22 • Jul 6 • Jul 20 • Aug 3 • Aug 17 | YDL-Whittaker

Exercise and socialize on a 30-minute walk along a path near the library.

SATURDAYS

GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS

10am | Jun 2 • Jun 16 • Jun 30 • Jul 14 • Jul 28 • Aug 11 • Aug 25 | YDL-Michigan

We teach each other songs, listen, collaborate, and learn to play guitars together. All levels welcome.



AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

10:30am | Jun 16 | YDL-Michigan

The work of African American Genealogy is a challenge with great rewards, and we invite you to learn about the process with us.

"CAN DO" PAPER CRAFTING CLUB

(Ages 55+)

1pm | Jun 23 • Jul 28 • Aug 25 | YDL-Michigan

Work on your scrapbooking, quilling, card making, or other projects with other paper crafters. Bring a project to show off, your own supplies, and a snack or drink to share.



TEEN

JUNE

SATURDAY, June 2

DIY COASTER ART

3pm | YDL-Michigan

Stop in and make drink coasters with your personal photographs, artwork, or collage!

SATURDAY, June 23

FANDOM PARTY

6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate the end of the school year with an after-hours party hosted by the Teen Advisory Group. Watch anime and check out DIY Cosplay, retro gaming, and more. Prizes for best costume!

JULY

SATURDAY, July 14

DIY BATH BOMBS AND SUGAR SCRUB

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Make your skin glow with do-it-yourself fizzy bath bombs and more. They also make great gifts!



SATURDAY, July 21 & **SATURDAY, Aug 11**

ARDUINO PROGRAMMING

12:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Learn basic electronics and program a tiny Arduino controller with lights and sound. Hosted by Brain Monkeys. *Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.*

FRIDAY, July 27

JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP

3pm | YDL-Michigan

Artist Noah Rucker will demonstrate how to create, market, and sell your own designs.

AUGUST

FRIDAY, August 3

NOISE PERMIT

5pm | YDL-Michigan

This celebration of the arts is planned and performed by Ypsilanti teens! All ages will enjoy

music, poetry, a community art project, food, and more. See next page for related workshops.

WEDNESDAY, August 15

READY PLAYER ONE PARTY

1pm | YDL-Superior

Watch Ready Player One on the big screen and try your hand at 1980s video games! Rated PG-13.

SATURDAY, August 18

BOTTLE CAP MAGNETS

3pm | YDL-Michigan

Create your own magnets using bottle caps—they'll be a hit on your fridge or your locker!

THURSDAY, August 23

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY SWAG

3pm | YDL-Michigan

Put a creative spin on your back-to-school essentials. We'll make DIY pencil bags, binder clips, binders.

TEEN MEETUPS

WEEKDAYS

COMPUGIRLS ELECTRONICS BOOT CAMP

9am | June 25–29 | YDL-Michigan
Become the next generation of tech innovators! Use squishy, paper, and textile circuits to design expressive artworks and learn all about electronics. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.

TUESDAYS

TEEN COOKING CLASSES (Ages 14–18)

2:45 PM | Jun 19–Jul 31 | YDL-Michigan
Learn how to cook fun and healthy recipes from a skilled culinary professional! We'll meet in the Teen Zone and walk over to the Corner Health Center's beautiful kitchen space. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390. No class July 3.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (14–18)

4:30pm | Tuesdays, Jun 12 • Jun 26 • Jul 10 • Jul 24 • Aug 14 • Aug 28 | YDL-Whittaker
4pm | Jun 5 • Jul 3 • Aug 7 | YDL-Michigan
Build leadership skills, get volunteer hours and recommendations for jobs and college, meet new friends, be heard! Visit ypsilibrary.org/tag to apply to be part of TAG.

SATURDAYS

OPEN STUDIO: ART

12pm | Saturdays, Jul 28 • Aug 25 | YDL-Whittaker
Use our Copic markers, drawing pencils, watercolors, and digital art tablets to create anything you like during open studio time.



TYDL WAVE: ANIME CLUB

1pm | Saturdays, Jul 28 • Aug 25 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and watch anime with other fans, stay for discussion and snacks!

ANIME MARATHON (Ages 12–18)

3pm | Jun 30 • Aug 11 | YDL-Michigan
Watch your favorite anime shows and make yummy snacks like candy sushi or DIY pocky sticks!

NOISE PERMIT

Hone your artistic technique with guest artists to prepare for Noise Permit, an annual arts celebration by teens, for teens, on August 3.

RHYME ZONE

Write songs, make music, and learn to use audio technology. Polish your performance with Charlie Nanos, Anthony Morgan, and Zakiyyah and Sakinah Rahmen.

LYRICIST LOUNGE

Thursdays | 5:30pm | June 21-Aug 22 | Ozone House, 102 N. Hamilton St.

Sharpen your musical skills singing, playing instruments, and rapping with Akili Jackson in and local teens at Ozone House.



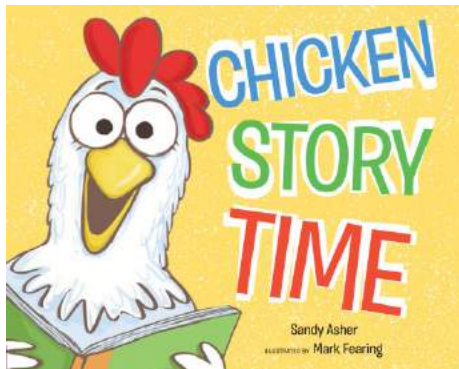
Noise Permit and related activities are supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

KIDS & PARENTS

JUNE

CHICKEN STORY TIME

Monday, June 4 | 10:30am | YDL-Michigan
Wednesday June 6 | 4:30pm | YDL-Superior
Thursday, June 7 | 10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Book-loving chickens?! Puppets, music, and movement make stories come alive in this production by EMU Theatre for the Very Young. Author Sandy Asher will be available to sign her book, "Chicken Story Time," at YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan.



SATURDAY, June 2

LIBRARY GARDEN PLANTING

2pm | All Locations
Get your hands dirty planting gardens at all library locations. Help us kick off a whole summer of learning about gardening and food!



SATURDAY, June 16

SUMMER CHALLENGE KICKOFF

12:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
2pm | YDL-Michigan
3:30pm | YDL-Superior
Start your summer in style with outdoor fun and games, prizes, and ice cream. When you sign up for the Summer Challenge, you'll get a day pass to Rutherford Pool pass right away. Read and learn all summer to earn more fun prizes!

MONDAY, June 18

CREATIVE MODE: MINECRAFT

STORIES (Ages 7–14)
2pm | Jun 18 & Jul 16 | YDL-Whittaker
Minecraft meets writing in an interactive workshop from 826michigan! Develop a storyline, then stay for Minecraft meetup at 3:30 to make your ideas come to life.

TUESDAY, June 19

SLIME FACTORY (Ages 6–8)

4:30pm | YDL-Superior
Try out ooey-goey, glittery chemistry and make your own custom slime at the Slime Factory!

SATURDAY, June 23

T-SHIRT PAINTING FOR THE PARADE

3pm | YDL-Michigan
Get ready for the Independence Day parade by painting patriotic t-shirts!

MONDAY, June 25

SAFETY FIRST: FIRE SAFETY

2pm | YDL-Whittaker
The Red Cross discusses preventing and planning for fires. You'll also learn how to use a fire extinguisher and practice with a simulator!

WEDNESDAY, June 27

MOVIE & ANNUAL BBQ

1pm & 5pm | YDL-Superior
Bring the family for a BBQ. We'll screen Disney's "A Wrinkle in Time" at 1pm, then grill hot dogs, have ice cream, and play outdoor games at 5pm.

SATURDAY, June 30

3DODDLER WORKSHOP (Ages 10–18)

3pm | YDL-Superior
Design your own 3D plastic object and learn to design structures with a 3Doodler pen, a kid-friendly tool that "draws" with pliable plastic.

JULY

WEDNESDAY, July 4

BIKES & BOOKMOBILE ON PARADE

10:30am | Meet on West Cross Street
Decorate your bike or wagon and ride or walk with the Bookmobile in the July 4 Parade. Line up at 10:30am, parade starts at 11am. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



MONDAY, July 9

SAFETY FIRST: ELECTRICITY

2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Meet Louie the Lightning Bug from EMU and learn about electrical safety!

SATURDAY, July 14

MONEY IN THE BANK

2pm | YDL-Superior
A penny saved is a penny earned! Learn the dos and don'ts of making and saving money and walk away with a personalized piggy bank. Supplies limited to the first 20 kids.



SATURDAY, July 14

BUBBLEMANIA

3:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Make super-huge bubble wands and experiment with ingredients to make the best bubbles.

SATURDAY, July 21

DIY SOLAR PIZZA OVENS

2:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Heat up treats as we build and try out our own solar ovens! Learn about insulation, absorption, and how to harness the sun's energy.

MONDAY, July 23

WRITING ROBLOX

4:30pm | YDL-Superior
If you love to explore and build in the Roblox universe, see what you can create when you add storylines and settings through creative writing! Hosted by 826michigan.



WEDNESDAY, July 25

LIBRARY LAB: HUNTERS OF THE SKY

2pm | YDL-Whittaker
It's all about survival! Meet three live raptors (such as a hawk, owl, or falcon) and learn how they have adapted to hunt and survive. Presented by Leslie Science and Nature Center.

MONDAY, July 30

GRAPHIC NOVEL MEMOIRS

4:30pm | YDL-Superior
Tell your life story in graphic form! Explore graphic novel memoirs, then design and illustrate your own over two sessions. Hosted by 826michigan.

TUESDAY, July 31

THURSDAY, August 2

CSI: INTERNET MYSTERY

2pm | YDL-Michigan
Work together over three days to solve an internet mystery while learning about online safety. There will be treats, prizes, and hands-on fun. With Washtenaw Area Council for Children.

AUGUST

SATURDAY, August 4

ROBOT BIRDS AND SUPER SLINGERS (Ages 7–12)

3:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Program a bird that dances and sings and make a super-slinger ball launcher in a hands-on workshop from Brain Monkeys.

MONDAY, August 6

GRAPHIC NOVEL MEMOIRS

4:30pm | YDL-Superior
Tell your life story in graphic form! Explore graphic novel memoirs, then design and illustrate your own over two sessions. Hosted by 826michigan.

TUESDAY, August 7

CUSTOM STAMP MAKING (Ages 5–18)

4:30pm | YDL-Superior
Put your stamp on it! Create a unique DIY stamp using mystery materials in a large range of textures and shapes.



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MONDAYS

GREAT GARDENERS (Ages 6 +)

2pm | Jun 4–Aug 27 | YDL-Michigan
Grow, care, harvest, and eat from our community garden!



MINECRAFT MEETUP (7–14)

3:30pm | Jun 18–Aug 6 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and build a Minecraft world! Collaborate with other players in the computer lab.

CHESS CLUB (youth ages 8 and older)

4pm | Jun 4–Aug 27 | YDL-Michigan
Learn to play chess and practice strategic thinking over friendly games with Phil Volk, member of the US Chess Federation.



TWEEN READING CIRCLE (10–14)

5:30pm | Jun 25–Aug 6 | YDL-Superior
Read the graphic novel "Awkward" by Svetlana Chamovka as a group over 7 sessions and try a fun activity each week related to the story.

TUESDAYS

LIBRARY LAB (Ages 5–12)

2pm | Jun 19–Aug 7 | YDL-Michigan
Keep your brain fit with engaging STEM activities, from chemistry to engineering and biology to technology! *No program July 31.*
June 19: Windy Air Wonders
June 26: 3D Printing Fun
July 3: Science Surprise
July 10: Electromagnetic Movement Magic
July 17: More 3D Printing!
July 24: Bugs Abound
August 7: Fantastic Fizzies

CREATIVITY CENTRAL (Ages 5–14 and family)

2pm | Jun 19–Aug 7 | YDL-Whittaker
Get creative with EMU's Family Writing Center. Write a story or poem, then use technology or art supplies to further express yourself.



FUN & GAMES WITH YMCA

5pm | Jun 26–Aug 14 | YDL-Superior
YMCA staff host outdoor games like scatterball and flag football, followed by snacks!

TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD (Ages 7–13)

5:30pm | Jun 19 • Jul 17 • Aug 21 | YDL-Michigan
Meet for games, snacks, and messy maker projects, and plan new fun activities for kids your age at the library.

WEDNESDAYS

READING HEROES (Ages 10–14)

1:30pm | Jun 20–Aug 8 | YDL-Michigan
Meet the helpers and heroes who make our community great! Special guests including teachers, farmers, police officers, and firefighters will read a book and talk about what they do.

LIBRARY LAB (Ages 5–15 and family)

2pm | Jun 20–Aug 8 | YDL-Whittaker
Engaging STEM activities from chemistry to engineering, biology to technology.
June 20: Domino Rally with Brain Monkeys!
June 27: Flight Science
July 11: Whodunnit? Crime Science Science
July 18: Heat Changing Slime
July 25: *Hunters of the Sky* presented by Leslie Science Center
August 1: Coding Scavenger Hunt
August 8: Science Surprise!

THURSDAYS

GARDEN GATHERINGS (5–14 and family)

2pm | Jun 21–Aug 9 | YDL-Whittaker
Try different garden-to-table activities each week, from planting to cooking.

WRITING BOX (6–12, with or without an adult)

2:30pm | Jun 21–Aug 16 | YDL-Michigan
We'll read a book as a jumping off point, then get creative. You might make a map, a menu, a newsletter, or even graffiti! With 826michigan. *No program August 2.*

TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6–8)

6:30pm | Jun 7 • Jul 5 • Aug 2 | YDL-Michigan
Read and discuss books chosen by you. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.

WEDNESDAYS

TERRIFIC THREES STORYTIME (3 year olds)

10:30am | Jun 6–Aug 15 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet at the puppet theater for stories, games, crafts and the parachute.

THURSDAYS

JUMPSTART STORYTIME (Ages 4–5)

10:30am | Jun 7–Aug 16 | YDL-Whittaker
Get ready for kindergarten! 4 and 5 year olds meet in the story room for circle time, then join parents and younger siblings for parachute play, art, and STEM activities.

STARRY NIGHT STORYTIME

6:30pm | Jun 7–Aug 16 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear stories and songs in a cozy setting at a convenient time.

SATURDAYS

WORLD LANGUAGE STORYTIME

10:30am | Jun 2 • Jul 7 • Aug 4 | YDL-Whittaker
Explore Spanish, French, and German this summer! A native speaker will read a story, which will be translated into English, followed by an art project inspired by another culture.

STEM STORYTIME

10:30am | Jul 14 • Aug 11 | YDL-Whittaker
Help your child love science, technology, engineering, and math with stories and hands-on activity stations.

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)

6:30pm | Jun 21 • Jul 19 • Aug 16 | YDL-Michigan
Discuss a shared book and have a snack. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.

COMIC BOOK LEAGUE (Ages 10–14)

2pm | Jun 22–Aug 10 | YDL-Michigan
From Black Panther to Dragonball Z, escape into exciting worlds of fantasy and create your own stories with Hero Nation.

FRIDAYS



FITNESS FRIDAYS (5–14 and family)

2pm | Jun 22–Aug 10 | YDL-Whittaker
Move to music from around the world and stay healthy and fit all summer.
June 22: Percussion and Movement with Aron
June 29: Bubble Party!
July 6: Capoeira
July 13: Hip Hop with Gina
July 20: Retro Recess Games
July 27: Window Painting/Squeegee Art
August 3: Zumba with Silvana
August 10: YMCA

STORIES & FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

POP-UP STORYTIMES

We'll host storytimes all over town this summer! Check the library's facebook page at www.facebook.com/YpsilantiDistrictLibrary to find an upcoming community storytime.

MONDAYS

DOWNTOWN STORYTIME (Ages 5 and under)

10:30am | Jun 11–Aug 13 | YDL-Michigan
Introduce your child to the wonders of reading with stories, songs, and a craft.



BABY STORYTIME (0–18 months)

10:30am | Jun 4–Aug 13 | YDL-Whittaker
Learn bouncy rhymes, songs, and great books for babies, then stay for conversation with other parents while your little one plays.



TODDLER STORYTIME (18 months–3 years old)

11:30am | Jun 4–Aug 13 | YDL-Whittaker
Stories, songs, process art, and playtime helps 2s and young 3s develop early literacy skills such as shape, color, and number recognition.

TUESDAYS

TODDLER STORYTIME (18 months–3 years old)

10:30am | Jun 5–Aug 14 | YDL-Whittaker
Young 2s and 3s develop shape, color, and number recognition through books, songs, fingerplays, movement, and occasionally a craft or sensory activity.



SATURDAY MORNING FEVER

10:30am | Jun 16 • Jul 21 • Aug 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear a music-themed story, then dance your sillies out with shakers and scarves.



SUPERIOR PLAYGROUP & STORYTIME

11am | Jun 16 • Jul 21 • Aug 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Little ones can explore a new make-believe play area each month, and games and stories will get them excited about learning! Every child will receive a board book.

YOGA STORYTIME (Ages 8 and under with an adult)

10:30am | Jun 23 • Jul 28 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear great stories and try simple yoga poses to go with them. Bark in downward dog, hiss in cobra pose, and flutter in butterfly.

OUTDOOR PLAY STORYTIME

10:30am | June 30 | YDL-Whittaker
A special outdoor storytime with hands-on play stations where children can to play, create, investigate, and explore.

BACK IN TIME: LIBRARIES AS A STEP TO WOMEN'S INDEPENDENCE

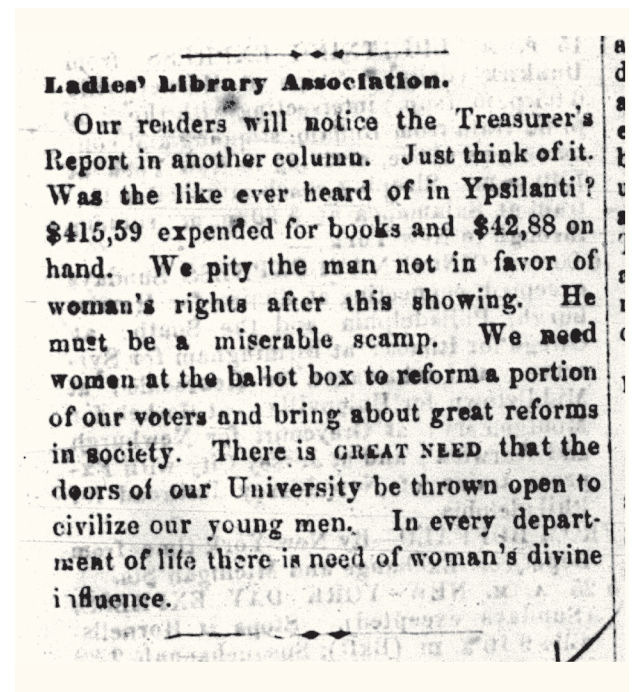
It was 150 years ago this May that the Ladies' Library Association of Ypsilanti opened the first official library. The drive to found a library was led by Mrs. Eunice Watling and five other educated women of means in the city.

In the aftermath of the Civil War, with the overarching issue of abolition having been settled, there was space for other issues, including independence for women. In Michigan, a women's suffrage bill was introduced and defeated in 1866, and women won the right to vote in school elections in 1867. Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton founded their National Women's Suffrage Movement in 1869. The Ladies' Library Association of Ypsilanti, founded and operated by women to make education accessible to women, was an extension of this effort, as seen in the

1869 article reproduced here.

Ypsilanti's library opened in 1868 in a rented room on North Huron Street. The library soon outgrew its space, relocating briefly to Michigan Avenue and then to the iconic Ladies Library building at 130 N. Huron, donated by Mrs. Mary Ann Starkweather. It remained there until 1963 when the Library purchased a Carnegie Post Office from the city at 229 W. Michigan Avenue, which is now YDL-Michigan.

Today the Ypsilanti District Library has three branches and a bookmobile, serving thousands of patrons with thousands of books and other materials—all because Mrs. Watling thought a library would be a good idea.



CELEBRATE LIBRARIES & READING

You're Invited to our 150th Birthday Party!

Celebrate 150 years of library service in Ypsilanti with a celebration at all YDL locations! We'll have "throwback" historical photos and artifacts, as well as fun hands-on activities that showcase the community hub our library is today. Grab a slice of birthday cake and wish the library a happy 150th on September 8 at 2pm at all locations.



September is Library Card Sign Up Month

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebration, YDL is challenging the Ypsilanti community to have 150 new people sign up for a library card in September! Look out for special promotions like celebration banners, an extra-exciting banned book week display, and a top-secret library-themed ice cream flavor from our friends at Go! Ice Cream.

The Great American Read

What's the greatest Great American Novel? It's impossible to choose just one... or is it? PBS challenges America to choose our favorite book with The Great American Read series this summer and fall. You'll be able to get Summer Challenge badges for readingbooks from the list and voting for your favorite, and we'll geek out with special events with local authors.

The Great American Read events are presented in partnership with PBS, the American Library Association, and Detroit Public Television. Follow along and find events for book lovers all over southeast Michigan at www.dptv.org/greatread.

"MUSIC... CAN NAME THE UNNAMEABLE AND COMMUNICATE THE UNKNOWABLE."

- Leonard Bernstein

DID DIGITAL KILL CDS? MUSIC COMES IN MANY FORMS

Recently Best Buy announced that it would no longer sell CDs. This is hardly a new scenario—anyone of a certain age has seen the rise and fall of such formats as vinyl, newspaper, cassette tapes, and magazines.

If you love your well-honed CD collection and play them in your car or at home, don't despair:

our library has you covered. From older formats to emerging technologies, YDL delivers the sounds you love in the format you're most comfortable with.

Our CD collection totals nearly 10,000 items and is newly reorganized into accessible genre headings such as R&B / Soul, Bluegrass, New Age,

and Musicals. Visit us or use the online catalog to see the depth of our offerings, or learn how to stream free music right to your smartphone using Hoopla. Our goal is to support your existing needs while also leading the way in an increasingly digital world, no matter what the service.

RIDE THE BUS FOR FREE ON WEEKENDS WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Need a ride? Flash your Ypsilanti District Library card for free bus rides on Saturdays and Sundays during the Summer Challenge—June 16–August 26.

If you're playing the Summer Challenge online, look for a code inside the bus and earn a challenge badge! This service is sponsored by the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority. Find bus routes and schedules at www.theride.org.



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Become a Friend

The Friends of the Library is a volunteer group that supports the Ypsilanti District Library through book sales and membership. 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.

Book Bags

Carry your library books in style and show your love for your library! The Friends of YDL are selling high-quality canvas book bags with the Friends logo on them for \$12. As always, proceeds benefit the library.



Friends Book Sale

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

Next Sales
June 7–10 | YDL-Whittaker
September 20–23 | YDL-Whittaker

Thursday 6pm–8pm
Members only preview night

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

Friends Shop

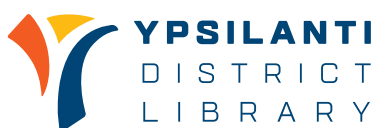
The Friends Shop inside YDL-Whittaker offers a wonderful selection of gently-used books at great prices. The shop is open seven days a week.

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

Friends Cart

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

WWW.YPSILIBRARY.ORG



LOCATIONS & HOURS

YDL-WHITTAKER

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

HOURS

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

YDL-MICHIGAN

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

HOURS

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

YDL-SUPERIOR

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

HOURS

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

YDL-BOOKMOBILE

Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 482-4110 x1359

HOURS

Monday–Thursday 4pm–8pm

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

Call (734) 482-4110 x1371 for details.

Holiday Observations Summer 2018

Sunday, May 27 Memorial Day Sunday (Closed)
Monday, May 28 Memorial Day (Closed)
Friday, June 1 Annual Staff Inservice (Closed)
Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day (Closed)

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