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.

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!

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 materials.

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

Ann Arbor | 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.
**Event Schedule | Summer 2018**

### **ADULT**

**JUNE**

**SATURDAY, June 2**

**SOLAR YPSI: APREnde SOBRE LA ENErcIA SOLAR**

2pm | YDL-Michigan

Dave Sternecki of Solar Ypsi will teach you how to calculate solar performance, how it connects to your home or business, and the economics of solar power. Bilingual presentation.

**WEDNESDAY, June 7**

**ANTi-RACISM 101**

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

**THURSDAY, June 8**

**FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT: THE MARTINDALES**

4pm | 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.

**THURSDAY, June 8**

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

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to design an outdoor flower pot to encourage pollinators. Group. 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.

**WEDNESDAY, June 13**

**TEEN**

**JUNE**

**SATURDAY, June 2**

**DIY COASTER ART**

3pm | YDL-Michigan

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

**SUNDAY, June 3**

**AMERICAN AUTHORS.**

Join us for lively discussions of books by African American writers. Critic Perry Siebert. Films will be screened on the second Tuesday of the month with discussion on the fourth Tuesday.

**WEDNESDAY, June 7**

**DIEt Yoga**

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Find balance and peace with yoga and conversation. Sponsored by the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti.

**SATURDAY, June 23**

**COLD COFFEE CONCOCTIONS**

10:30am | YDL-Michigan

Chill out and make low-intervention iced lattes and frozen coffee.

**SATURDAY, August 4**

**CAP Stone**

3pm | YDL-Michigan

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

**THURSDAY, August 9**

**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, and more.

**FRIDAY, August 17**

**Flickr, photo sharing.**

This celebration of the arts is planned and prepared by Ypsilanti residents. This year, the work of African American Genealogy is a focus. Call 734-482-4110 or visit any library for a complete schedule.

**SUNDAY, August 19**

**NOVEL RELATIONSHIPS**

Bestselling authors Beverly Jenkins, Sylvia Hubbard, and Sarah Zettel talk about the most gripping aspect of storytelling: the deep dives into human relationships. Part of the Great American Read.
Event Schedule | Summer 2018

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 about electronics. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.

**TUESDAYS**

TEEN COOKING CLASSES (Ages 14–18)
2-4:30 PM | Jun 20–21 | 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.

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 pokey sticks!

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

RHYME ZONE
Write songs, make music, and learn to use audio technology. Polish your performance with Charlie Nanas, Anthony Morgan, and Zakiyyah and Sakinah Rahman.

LYRICIST LOUNGE
Thursdays | 5:30pm | June 21–Aug 22 | Ozone Houses, 153 W. Hamilton St.
Sharpen your musical skills singing, playing instruments, and rapping with Aki Jackson in and local teens at Ozone House.

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 Ashley will be available to sign her book, “Chicken Story Time,” at YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan.

SATURDAY, June 2

LIBRARY LAB: HUNTERS OF THE SKY
4:30pm | YDL-Superior
Presented by Leslie Science and Nature Center.

**JULY**

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.

**AUGUST**

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.

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.

GRAPHIC NOVEL MEMOIRS
4:30pm | YDL-Superior
Make super-huge bubble wands and experiment with ingredients to make the best bubbles.

LIBRARY LAB: HUNTERS OF THE SKY
3:30pm | 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.

FIND OUR ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR AT YPSILIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS

Noise Permit and related activities are supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.
**KIDS & PARENTS MEETUPS**

**WEDNESDAYS**

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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** July 1–Aug 31 | YDL-Michigan Drop-in and build a Minecraft world! Collaborate with other players in the computer lab.

**Cheess 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.

**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.

**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.

**BABY STORYTIME** (0–18 months) 10:30am | Jun 4–Aug 13 | YDL-Whittaker Learn baby songs, make friends, and great books for babies, then stay for conversation with other parents while your little one plays.

**STORIES & FUN FOR LITTLE ONES**

**POP-UP STORYTIMES** We’ll host storytimes all over town this summer! Check the library’s facebook page at facebook.com/YpsilantiDistrictLibrary to find an upcoming community storytime.

**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.

**SUNDAY MORNING FEVER** 10:30am | Jun 16–Jul 21–Aug 18 | YDL-Whittaker Feel the excitement while you sing, listen and dance to stories.

**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.

**COMIC BOOK LEAGUE** Ages 10–14 2pm | Jun 21–Aug 18 | YDL-Michigan From Black Panther to Dragonball Z, escape into exciting worlds of fantasy and create your own stories with Hero Nation.

**KIDS BOOK CLUB** (Grades 3–5) 6:30pm | Jun 21–Jul 20 | YDL-Michigan Discuss a shared book and have a snack. Register: 734-462-4120 x1390.

**SUPERIOR PLAYGROUP & STORYTIME** 11am | Jun 16 | YDL-Whittaker Little ones can explore a new make-believe play area each month, and games and stories will get them excited about learning! Each child will receive a board book.

**YOGA STORYTIME** Ages 8 and under with an adult 10:30am | Jun 23–Jul 28 | YDL-Whittaker Meet great stories and try simple yoga poses to go with them. Black is downward dog, hips in cobra pose, and flutter in butterfly.

**OUTDOOR PLAY STORYTIME** 10:30am | Jun 30 | YDL-Whittaker A special outdoor storytime with hands-on activity stations where children can to play, create, investigate, and explore.

**WEDNESDAYS**

**TEEN READING CIRCLE** (10–14) 5:30pm | Jun 24–Aug 6 | YDL-Superior Read the graphic novel "Akward" by Svetlana Chmakova as a group over 7 sessions and try a fun activity each week related to the story.

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD** Ages 7–13 5:30pm | Jun 19–Jul 7 | YDL-Michigan Meet for games, snacks, and messy maker projects, and plan new fun activities for kids your age at the library.

**TEEN MOVIE CLUB** Ages 14–18 5:30pm | Jul 14–Aug 8 | YDL-Michigan Meet your friends, choose a movie, and spend the afternoon together! Free admission.

**TEEN BOOK CLUB** Grades 9–12 5:30pm | Jun 25–Aug 7 | YDL-Superior Read and discuss books chosen by you. Register: 734-462-4120 x1390.

**TEEN SING-ALONGS** 7pm | Jun 26 | YDL-Whittaker Sing your favorite songs with the Ypsilanti Men’s Chorus.

**TODDLER MEETUPS** 10:30am | Jun 6–Aug 15 | YDL-Whittaker Register: 734-462-4120 x1390. Yoga, story time, refreshments, and snacks will be provided.

**HANNAH JAMES** Author Meet and Greet 2pm | Jul 27 | YDL-Whittaker Meet and hear about the author who will be reading at the library.

**WEDNESDAYS**

**BEE & THE BEETLE** 5:30pm | Jun 20–Aug 27 | YDL-Michigan Explore local bees, their life cycle, and the many plants that rely on them.

**TEENY-TOWN STORYTIME** 10:30am | Jun 5 • Jul 17 • Aug 12 | YDL-Michigan This is a storytime for families. Your kids will love the songs, stories, and a wonderful way to bond with parents.

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**FIND ME** Ages 10–14 10:30am | Jun 11–Aug 13 | YDL-Whittaker Meet together to play a game of find me.

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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 reading books 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.

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.

- Leonard Bernstein
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.

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

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