



Letter from the Director:

A NEW LOOK FOR THE LIBRARY

Welcome to The Loop! With this new, larger-format newsletter we can bring you more news and detail all the things your library can do for you. I also hope you noticed our energetic new logo! These big changes help us share more information about our services and communicate better with library users like you.

In my first full year as Director, I set out to discover what you find important. My goal was to take the pulse of the community, listen to your wants and needs, then plot a course to meet them.

YDL worked on a new 5-year strategic plan while also conducting community conversations using the Harwood Practice. What we heard from both projects was strikingly similar. We listened, and our team developed a bold new plan to keep YDL moving forward as an innovative and vibrant community hub. You can read the full 2017–2021 Strategic Plan at www.ypsilibrary.org/future.

The Library offers something for everyone and is open to all. Thank you for making the most of it.

Lisa Hoenig, *Director*

TAKE THE SUMMER CHALLENGE

June 17–August 31



School is out, the sun is high, and the Summer Challenge is here! The Summer Challenge is a fun, all-ages game that challenges you to read, learn, and explore all summer long.

When we say “all ages,” we mean it. The Challenge is designed to be fun for everyone, from our littlest library friends reading books with mom and dad to our most experienced patrons. Everyone has the same goal: earn as many badges as you can by reading or listening to books, attending library programs, and taking on challenges. Some challenges are targeted by age, while others are open to all ages so the whole family can do them together.

HOW TO PLAY

1.

SIGN UP — Create a free account at ypsilibrary.org/summer or ask at any library desk to get started.

2.

READ, LEARN, AND EXPLORE — Earn a badge each time you read a book, attend a library program, or try a special challenge.

3.

WIN PRIZES — Track your reading and learning online to earn badges. Each badge is a chance at winning a grand prize basket of your choice.

There are four age groups to choose from:

- Pre-Reader (Ages 0–5)
- Youth (Ages 5–12)
- Teen (Ages 12–18)
- Adult (Ages 18+)

Reading and learning over the summer is as important as it is fun. Studies show the reading levels of students who don’t read over the summer “slide” backwards, losing two months of progress they must make up for the next school year. And you don’t have to be a student to benefit from reading and learning! Young children reap lifelong benefits from talking, singing, and playing, and retirees who read and take classes are happier and healthier than those who don’t.

Everyone who participates in the Summer Challenge can earn prizes along the way. You’ll get a prize when you sign up, and another after you read your first six books. Keep reading, learning, and exploring all summer to earn more chances to win!

Please note: to win prizes, all badges must be recorded online by August 31!

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CONEY ISLAND:

Visions of an American Dreamland

Exhibit open June 17–August 11 at YDL-Whittaker

This summer, YDL hosts a national traveling exhibit celebrating Coney Island, the iconic American amusement park. With artifacts, photographs, film clips, and hands-on activities, the exhibit explores the resort’s century-long history.

Known as America’s playground, Coney Island inspired artists, musicians, poets, and filmmakers, who saw it as a prism that reflected the American

experience. As one of the few places where people of different races, ethnicities, and classes spent time together, Coney Island transcended social boundaries.

In conjunction with the exhibit, YDL will offer programs that explore the history, local relevance, and modern influence of Coney Island. We hope you will join us to watch a film, look back at Detroit’s Boblo Island, or learn about modern rollercoaster design! Event details are listed on pages 4–5.

The NEH traveling exhibit, *Coney Island: Visions of an American Dreamland* is open to the public and is available whenever the library is open. Admission is free.

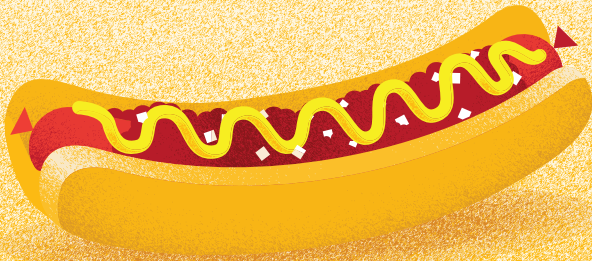
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Kick off the Summer Challenge at Coney Day!

SATURDAY, June 17
CONEY DAY (All Ages)
12pm–3pm | YDL-Superior
12pm–3pm | YDL-Michigan
12pm–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate the exhibit and launch the Summer Challenge with a fun-filled Coney Day at all three YDL locations. From carnival games to bounce houses, duck ponds to Detroit-style coney dogs, join us for a Coney-themed afternoon heralding the beginning of summer.



Oh the places you’ll go... WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD THIS SUMMER!

Visit parks, museums, & more

Whether you’re planning a day trip to the Michigan Science Center, a swim at Silver Lake, or a vacation on Mackinac Island, the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) offers free and discounted admission to parks, museums, and historic sites across the state. MAP even includes free admission to great local destinations like the Yankee Air Museum and the Michigan Firehouse Museum, so you’ll never be bored on a rainy day. Claim your passes at www.michiganactivitypass.info

Ride the bus free on Saturdays

Got weekend plans? Your library card can take you anywhere in the Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor area! Thanks to a special partnership with TheRide, card holders at the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor libraries can ride any AAATA bus for free — just show your library card. Find bus schedules at www.theride.org

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Bookmobile Map & Schedule

MONDAY

- 4:00–4:35pm Perry Elementary School 1
- 4:50–5:25pm Forrest Knoll Apartments 2
- 5:35–6:10pm Kirk & Jones 3
- 6:35–7:10pm Burns Park 4
- 7:20–7:55pm Colony Way 5

TUESDAY

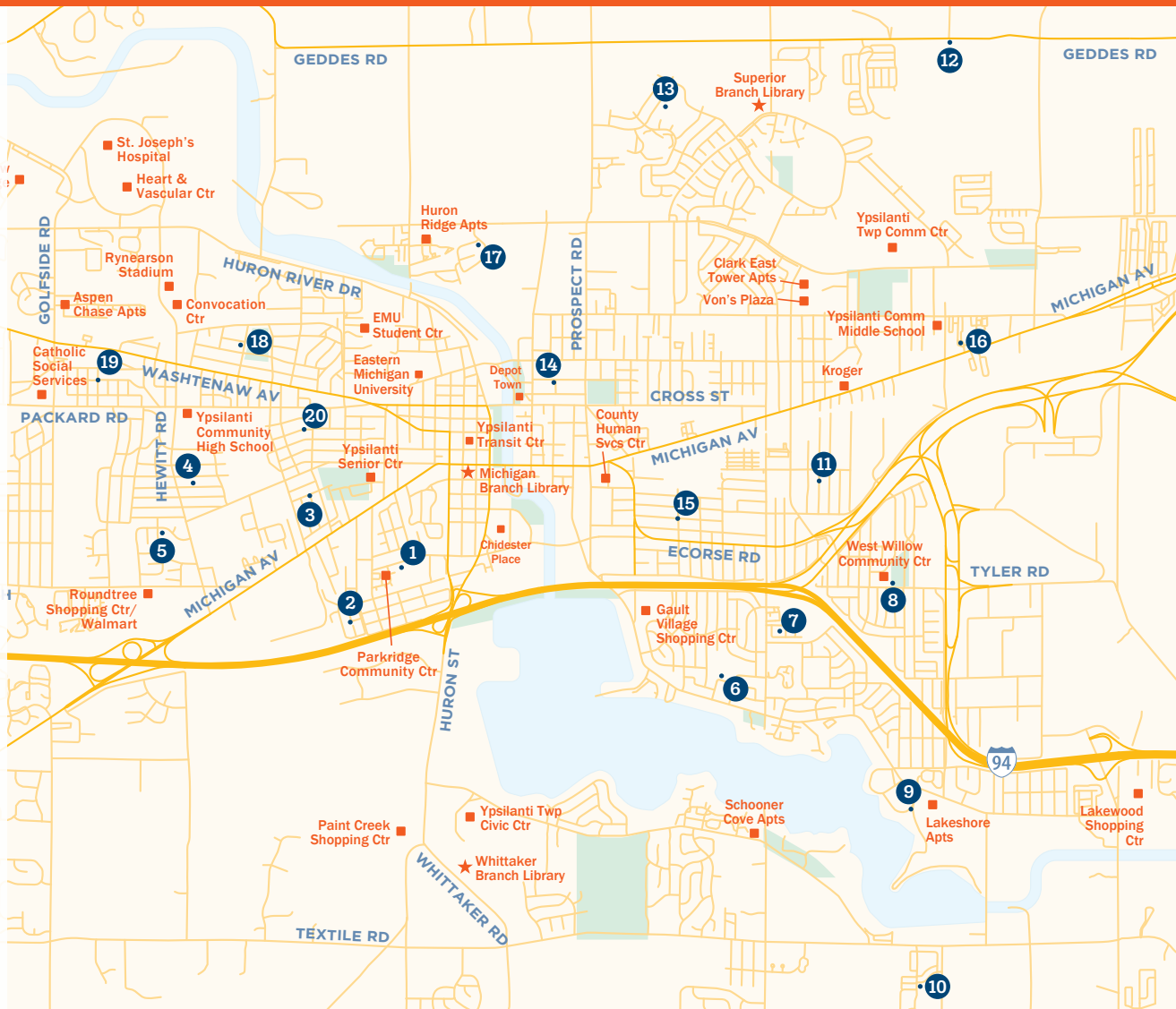
- 4:00–4:35pm Nancy Park 6
- 4:50–5:25pm Village Grove Apartments 7
- 5:35–6:10pm Tyler & Buick 8
- 6:35–7:10pm Lakeshore Apartments 9
- 7:20–7:55pm Lakeview Mobile Homes 10

WEDNESDAY

- 4:00–4:35pm Devonshire & Russell 11
- 4:50–5:25pm Bromley Park 12
- 5:35–6:10pm Oakbrook Park 13
- 6:35–7:10pm Oak St. & Maple Ct. 14
- 7:20–7:55pm Maplewood & Oaklawn 15

THURSDAY

- 4:00–4:35pm Greenbriar Estates 16
- 4:50–5:25pm Huron Heights (off Clark) 17
- 5:35–6:10pm Witmire & Courtland 18
- 6:35–7:10pm Dexter & Eastlawn 19
- 7:20–7:55pm Sherman & Wallace 20



BOOKMOBILE

Our iconic book bus is getting a new look!

Have you ever seen the Bookmobile parked in your neighborhood or at a community event? Don't be shy—climb aboard! The Bookmobile is a mobile library branch that carries over 3,000 books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines for all ages. If you live near one of the regular stops shown on the map, you can even request materials online or over the phone to have them delivered to your stop.

In a recent survey, the Bookmobile was repeatedly mentioned as one of the Library's most visible and beloved services. After ten years on the road with the old blue design, we decided to give it a fresh new look! The new Bookmobile "wrap" is fun, vibrant, and welcoming to all ages, and we hope it will inspire more people to give it a try.

When it's not on a scheduled route, the



Bookmobile makes regular visits to schools and daycares, teaching children how to use the library, get library cards, and check out materials. The Bookmobile also appears at community events—everyone is invited to march or ride a bike with us in the Ypsilanti Independence Day Parade! Visit the Bookmobile anytime this summer to earn a Summer Challenge badge.

To learn more or request a Bookmobile appearance, visit www.ypslibrary.org/bookmobile or call (734) 482-4110 x1316.

Bookmobile Fun Facts

- Purchased in 2008
- 36 ft. long, 11 ft. 11 in. tall
- Has laptops with internet access
- Equipped with a seating area for storytimes and book browsing
- Carries over 3,000 books, movies, CDs, and magazines
- Makes an average of 90 stops per month
- Nearly 2,000 items checked out per month



The bookmobile is one of our most loved services! Just like the rest of the library, it is getting a fresh new look. See the big reveal in the Ypsilanti Independence Day Parade.

ADULT

JUNE

FRIDAY, June 2

FIRST FRIDAY SUMMER CONCERT
6pm | YDL-Michigan
The Gratitude Steel Band welcomes summer with calypso and reggae. Plus, belly dance by Unveiled Dance Troupe. Sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council and Downtown Association of Ypsilanti. Held indoors in case of rain.

SUNDAY, June 4

RACIAL JUSTICE FILM & DISCUSSION
(Adult/Teen)
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
A thought-provoking film followed by open discussion about race and racism moderated by La’Ron Williams. In partnership with the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice.

MONDAY, June 5

CONEY ISLAND
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
This fascinating PBS film documents the iconic park, from its early days as “Sodom by the Sea” to its epic height and eventual decline.

SATURDAY, June 10

ADULT CRAFTER’S GUILD
3pm | YDL-Whittaker
Create a unique notebook with vintage maps.
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1377

MONDAY, June 12

CONEY DETROIT
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Joe Grimm and co-author Katherine Yung visited scores of Detroit-area Coney Island restaurants for their book. Learn how Detroit became the epicenter of a coney nation, and sample Ypsilanti-area coney dogs!

SATURDAY, June 17

AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY
10:30am | YDL-Michigan

Discovering your African American family history is a challenge with great rewards. We invite you to learn about the process with us!

TUESDAY, June 20

MANAGING ARTHRITIS (Ages 55+)
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn about symptoms of arthritis, treatment techniques and strategies, and resources available in your area with Physical Therapist Holly Neal of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

THURSDAY, June 22

BOOK PAGE ART (Ages 55+)
11am | YDL-Whittaker
Create stunning vintage-inspired art using old book pages and water colors.
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1359

CREDIT & DEBT MANAGEMENT

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn credit myths and facts, how to access your credit report, how to create or improve your credit, and what to do if you are a victim of identity theft. Presented by Terry Clark-Jones of MSU Extension.

JULY

FRIDAY, July 7

FIRST FRIDAY SUMMER CONCERT
6pm | YDL-Michigan
Funk Opus will make your feet move to R&B, Soul, and Motown. Opening with a preview of teen performers from the Noise Permit teen concert. Held indoors in case of rain.

TUESDAY, July 11

IPHONE BOOT CAMP: BASIC NAVIGATION (Ages 55+)
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Get the most out of your iPhone with help from our tech-savvy staff! Please register separately for each session you wish to attend.
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1377

THURSDAY, July 13

HISTORY OF THE HURON RIVER
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Historian Matt Siegfried will discuss how the

River was used by different Native peoples, through early American settlement, and its emergence as a place of recreation.

SUNDAY, July 16

FAMOUS NATHAN OF CONEY ISLAND
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Thirty years in the making, this film tells the story of the iconic “Famous Nathan” Brooklyn eatery with a blend of home movies, archival footage, and hilarious interviews.

TUESDAY, July 18

IPHONE BOOT CAMP: CONTACTS & TEXTING (Ages 55+)
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1377

MONDAY, July 24

BOBLO ISLAND: THEN AND NOW
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Historian Patrick Livingston will give an overview of Detroit’s iconic amusement park destination, from its discovery by French explorers to its closure in 1993. Book sales and signing to follow.



TUESDAY, July 25

IPHONE BOOT CAMP: TAKING, EDITING, & SHARING PHOTOS
(Ages 55+)
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1377

THURSDAY, July 27

HOW TO START AN EXERCISE PROGRAM (Ages 55+)
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
You’ve decided to start exercising. Congratulations! Learn techniques and find

TEEN

JUNE

SATURDAY, June 3

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 13–18)
3:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Drop in and share your ideas about how the library can meet teen needs! Plan programs, recommend materials, volunteer in the community, eat pizza, and meet friends.

TUESDAY, June 13

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 12–18)
4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1340

SATURDAY, June 17

TYDL WAVE ANIME CLUB (Ages 12–18)
1pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join other anime and manga otakus for wholesome anime goodness. Led by local anime expert, Jeff Hackett.

TUESDAY, June 27

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 12–18)
4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1340



OPEN STUDIO: MUSIC & MIC

(Ages 14–18)
6pm | YDL-Whittaker
Try out the library ukulele, guitar, keyboard, or bring your own instrument to experiment and learn. Occasional guests will join us to work on lyrics, poetry writing, or reading music.

WEDNESDAY, June 28

OPEN STUDIO: ART (Ages 14–18)
3pm | YDL-Whittaker
Use our Creative Toolkits for drawing, watercolor, digital art, and more during this youth-led open studio. Work on your own project or collaborate on a mural!

JULY

SATURDAY, July 1

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 13–18)
3:30pm | YDL-Michigan

XAVIER SMALL TEEN TECH CAFÉ

(Ages 13–18)
4:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Through a generous donation, YDL has dedicated a creative tech space in the teen zone to honor the memory of Xavier Small. See *page 7* for more info.

TUESDAY, July 11

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 12–18)
4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1340

OPEN STUDIO: MUSIC & MIC

(Ages 14–18)
6pm | YDL-Whittaker

UKULELE

(age 12–18)
3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in for beginning ukulele lessons! Learn during the youth-led workshop, then borrow a ukulele anytime to practice with the Teen Creative Toolkits.

WEDNESDAY, July 12

T-SHIRT TRANSFORMATION
(Ages 10–18)
5:30pm | YDL-Superior
Cut and decorate plain t-shirts to make them into one-of-a-kind pieces of fashion. Shirts, decorations, and instruction provided.

OPEN STUDIO: ART

(Ages 14–18)
6pm | YDL-Whittaker

SATURDAY, July 15

TYDL WAVE ANIME CLUB
(Ages 12–18)
1pm | YDL-Whittaker

TUESDAY, July 18

OPEN STUDIO: MUSIC & MIC
(Ages 14–18)
6pm | YDL-Whittaker



TUESDAY, July 25

UKULELE (Ages 12–18)
3:30 | YDL-Whittaker

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

(Ages 12–18)
4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1340

WEDNESDAY, July 26

OPEN STUDIO: ART (Ages 14–18)
6pm | YDL-Whittaker

THURSDAY, July 27

TEEN BOOK CLUB (Ages 13–18)
11:30am | July 27–August 17 | YDL-Michigan
A four-week teen book club with WSC Academy! Call ahead to register and find out the book we picked. Limited space.
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1390

AUGUST

FRIDAY, August 4

NOISE PERMIT
6pm | YDL-Michigan
Created by teens, for teens, this is an all-day celebration of art and music! Join us for workshops during the day and a teen performance in the evening. Sponsored by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

resources to help maintain your fitness with Physical Therapist Holly Neal. Finish with a group exercise session.

AUGUST

SATURDAY, August 5

FEEL THE THRILL (Teen/Adult)
4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Ever wondered how roller coasters work, and what keeps you safe? American Coaster Enthusiasts will get nerdy about the technical dynamics of roller coaster design and safety.

ADULT CRAFTER’S GUILD

3pm | YDL-Whittaker
Create vintage picture frames to share your favorite photo.
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1377

MONDAY, August 7

CONEY ISLAND: DREAMS FOR SALE
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
An outraged community fights to protect the legendary amusement park from an unscrupulous real estate developer in this 2013 film.

SUNDAY, August 20

RACIAL JUSTICE FILM & DISCUSSION
(Adult/Teen)
2pm | YDL-Whittaker

TUESDAY, August 22

ONE-ON-ONE AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY
2pm | YDL-Superior
Sign up for a one-hour appointment with experienced genealogist Jean Winborn and learn how to take the next steps in exploring your family history.
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1316

WEDNESDAY, August 23

START A COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESS
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Turn your passion for baking, canning, or food production into a business! Learn about Michigan’s Cottage Food Law and food safety rules with staff from MSU Extension.

SATURDAY, August 5

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 13–18)
3:30pm | YDL-Michigan

TUESDAY, August 8

OPEN STUDIO: MUSIC & MIC (Ages 14–18)
6pm | YDL-Whittaker

UKULELE

(Ages 12-18)
3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

(Ages 12–18)
4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1340

WEDNESDAY, August 9

OPEN STUDIO: ART (Ages 14–18)
6pm | YDL-Whittaker

WEDNESDAY, August 16

HERO NATION DRAWING CLASS
2pm | YDL-Michigan
Create your own superhero with artist Jermaine Dickerson and get ready for the Hero Nation event!

THURSDAY, August 17

GREAT SUPERIOR ESCAPE ROOM (Ages 12–16)
1pm | YDL-Superior
You’ll need to be clever and work with others to figure out our puzzle room! Try the newest trend with a beginners’ escape room. **Register: (734) 482-4110 x1359**

SATURDAY, August 19

TYDL WAVE ANIME CLUB (Ages 12–18)
1pm | YDL-Whittaker

THURSDAY, August 24

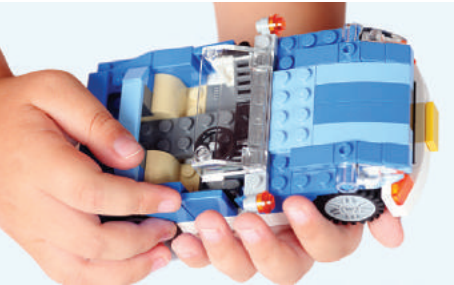
HERO NATION COSPLAY COSTUME WORKSHOP (Ages 12–30)
6pm | YDL-Michigan
Get ready for the Hero Nation event on September 9th at Parkridge Community Center by identifying your superpowers and getting your costume ready! Sewing machine, duct tape, fabric, and other supplies provided. Bring any items you want to incorporate.

YOUTH & FAMILY

JUNE

THURSDAY, June 1

TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6–8)
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1390



TUESDAY, June 6

LEGO NIGHT (Ages 2–14)
6pm | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and build with Legos and Duplo. Read, Play, Grow!

FRIDAY, June 9

TINKERLAB: ART (Ages 2–6)
11am | YDL-Whittaker
Preschoolers can explore, test, and invent with interesting art supplies. Smocks will be provided — we may get messy!

THURSDAY, June 15

KIDS’ BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1390



SATURDAY, June 17

CONEY DAY
12pm | YDL-Michigan
12pm | YDL-Whittaker
12pm | YDL-Superior
Kick off the Summer Challenge with a fabulous amusement-park-inspired Coney Day! See page 2 for details.

TUESDAY, June 20

TAB: TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD (Ages 9–12)
6pm | YDL-Michigan
Middle schoolers are welcome to join us for a snack, activity, and a conversation with our special guest, Dr. Edmondson, the Superintendent of Ypsilanti Community Schools.



SATURDAY, June 24

AROUND THE ALPHABET (Ages 2–5)
11am | YDL-Michigan
Make the alphabet come alive! Author Connie Major Williams and her daughter present an interactive, fun way to look at letters and learn your ABC’s. The first 30 children will receive a free copy of her book.

RAISING NATIVE BEES

2pm | YDL-Michigan
It’s Pollinator Week! Did you know that you can raise bees in your own yard? Learn how to get started, find bees and nesting materials, and build your own bee nesting house.

MONDAY, June 26

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT (Family)
6pm | YDL-Michigan
Create glass mosaics in this DIY family workshop. Adult participation required.

WEDNESDAY, June 28

DISNEY’S MOANA & ANNUAL BBQ
1pm & 5pm | YDL-Superior
Bring the whole family to a BBQ. At 1pm, we will show Disney’s Moana and eat popcorn. At 5pm the BBQ begins! Drop in for hot dogs, ice cream, and outdoor games.

FLAT STANLEY ADVENTURE CLUB

(Ages 6–11)
6pm | YDL-Michigan
Travel with Flat Stanley Adventure Club for stories, games, facts, and activities from fun places around the world.

THURSDAY, June 29

TINKERLAB: ART & SCIENCE (Ages 2–6)
2pm | YDL-Michigan
Explore hands-on science and art activities for preschoolers and their grown-ups.

JULY

TUESDAY, July 4

BIKES & BOOKMOBILE ON PARADE (Family)
10:30am | Off-Site
Decorate your bike or wagon and ride or walk with the Bookmobile in the annual Ypsilanti Independence Day Parade! If you plan on marching, please arrive by 10:30am. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Lineup information will be available the week before the parade. Call (734) 482-4110 x1316 for details.



MONDAY, July 10

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER (Ages 3–8)
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Bring your second-favorite stuffed animal to storytime! Make a nametag for your animal, listen to a story, and then tuck your stuffed animal in for the night. The next day, pick up your stuffed friend and photos of the adventures they had after hours at the library.

THURSDAY, July 13

TINKERLAB: ART & SCIENCE (Ages 2–6)
2pm | YDL-Michigan

FRIDAY, July 14

TINKERLAB: ART (Ages 2–6)
11am | YDL-Whittaker

SATURDAY, July 15

SUMMER SCIENCE FESTIVAL
2pm | YDL-Michigan
The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum will fill the library with interactive science and maker activities for kids of all ages! Sponsored by Kiwanis of Ypsilanti.

TUESDAY, July 18

TAB: TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD (Ages 9–12)
6pm | YDL-Michigan

THURSDAY, July 20

KIDS’ BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1390



FACE PAINTING & FUN (Ages 5–14)

2pm | YDL-Superior
What would you like painted on your face? We’ll paint it! We’ll also have hula hoops, frisbees, music, and cookies.

SATURDAY, July 22

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE PARTY

3:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Hear an Elephant & Piggie story, make an elephant or piggie mask, play party games, and enjoy a treat.

MONDAY, July 24

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT (Family)
6pm | YDL-Michigan
Use the 3D printer to make fidget spinners! Family workshop requires at least one adult.

TUESDAY, July 25

COOL IN YOUR LIBRARY (Ages 6+)
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
We’ll use liquid nitrogen to see its “cool” effects on solids, liquids and gases and learn how temperature affects molecules! Presented by the Michigan Science Center.

WEDNESDAY, July 26

FLAT STANLEY ADVENTURE CLUB (Ages 6–11)
6pm | YDL-Michigan

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

(Ages 3–8)
7pm | YDL-Superior

THURSDAY, July 27

TINKERLAB: ART & SCIENCE (Ages 2–6)
2pm | YDL-Michigan

SATURDAY, July 29

SENSORY STATIONS
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Listen to a story and explore our sensory stations, including bubbles, finger painting, and sand play.

KIDS’ COLLAGE ART

2pm | YDL-Superior
Create multimedia art using interesting supplies and your imagination!

CREATURES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

11am | YDL-Michigan
Creature Conservancy brings the zoo to you! See Burmese pythons, two-toed Sloths, hedgehogs, and other incredible critters. Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti.

AUGUST

TUESDAY, August 1

LEGO NIGHT (Ages 2–14)
6pm | YDL-Whittaker

THURSDAY, August 3

TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6–8)
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
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THURSDAY, August 10

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2pm | YDL-Michigan

FRIDAY, August 11

TINKERLAB: ART (Ages 2–6)
11am | YDL-Whittaker

SATURDAY, August 12

SUPERHERO TRAINING ACADEMY

3:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Make a mask and cape, perform superhero tasks to earn your Superhero Academy diploma and refuel with supersnacks.

MONDAY, August 14

MUSIC TOGETHER (Ages 0–3)
10:30am & 11:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Try out the popular music class! Children will build musical confidence and learn to sing in tune, keep a beat, and grow as musicians. Babies at 10:30am; toddlers at 11:30am. Limited to the first 25 families.

TUESDAY, August 15

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6pm | YDL-Michigan



THURSDAY, August 17

KIDS’ BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Register: (734) 482-4110 x1390

SATURDAY, August 19

FAMILY ECLIPSE TALK (Family)
10:30am | YDL-Michigan
An astronomy professor from EMU will help us understand what a solar eclipse is and how to safely view the eclipse on August 21.

SUN AND FUN PLAYDATE (Family)

10:30am | YDL-Superior
Special summer-themed storytime with a parachute, hula hoops, outdoor games, and tasty treats!



MONDAY, August 21

SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY (All Ages)

1pm | YDL-Michigan
1pm | YDL-Whittaker
1pm | YDL-Superior
Today, North America will experience a total solar eclipse for the first time in 38 years! Watch the sky grow dark with special eclipse-viewing glasses, and explore hands-on science activities afterward. If it is too cloudy, we will watch a live webcast indoors.

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT (Family)

6pm | YDL-Michigan
Make a rollercoaster from paper and cardboard! Family workshop requires at least one adult.

WEDNESDAY, August 23

FLAT STANLEY ADVENTURE CLUB

(Ages 6–11)
6pm | YDL-Michigan

THURSDAY, August 24

TINKERLAB: ART & SCIENCE (Ages 2–6)
2pm | YDL-Michigan

See WEEKLY EVENTS, BOOK GROUPS, ADULT MEETUPS, and STORYTIMES listed on the next page!

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY–FRIDAY
LUNCH AND LISTEN (Ages 18 & under)
1pm | June 26–August 18 | YDL-Michigan
1pm | June 26–August 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Free lunch every day! Enjoy a nutritious lunch, listen to a story, and earn Summer Challenge badges. Lunch is served at the exact time listed—please be on time! Sponsored by Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor and the Michigan Department of Education. Stick around the library afterward for fun hands-on projects.

SNACK TIME (Ages 18 & under)
4pm | June 19–August 11 | YDL-Michigan
Missed lunch? We'll serve a healthy snack every afternoon.

MONDAYS
GREAT GARDENERS
2pm | June 5–August 28 | YDL-Michigan
Grow, harvest, and enjoy food from the new community garden. Make yummy snacks from easy recipes!

MONDAY MINECRAFT MEETUP
4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Play Minecraft on our server—share tips and build a world together!



TUESDAYS
GET CREATIVE
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
From printmaking and watercolor to drumming, express yourself through music and art.

826MICHIGAN: YOUTH CREATIVE WRITING (Ages 8–12)
4pm | July 11-August 8 | YDL-Michigan
Hone your writing skills: write from fun prompts, create poetry, plays, and collaborative projects.

WEDNESDAYS
RHYME ZONE (Ages 13–20)
3:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Learn to use music technology to make beats and edit recordings with Charlie Nanos.

LIBRARY LAB
2pm | June 28–August 16 | YDL-Whittaker
Explore chemical reactions, electronics, engineering, coding and more.

826MICHIGAN: YOUTH CREATIVE WRITING (Ages 8–12)
4pm | July 12–August 16 | YDL-Whittaker
Hone your writing skills: write from fun prompts, create poetry, plays, and collaborative projects.

THURSDAYS
COOKING CLASS (Ages 12–18)
6pm | June 20–August 15 | YDL-Michigan
Read recipes, cook new dishes, and eat smart with MSU-extension's Caprisha Curry.

WORD PLAY
2pm | June 29–August 17 | YDL-Whittaker
Try word-based activities like family writing workshops, journal making, word collages, digital storybooks, and more!

LYRICIST LOUNGE (Teen)
5pm | YDL-Michigan
Sharpen your musical skills and prepare for Noise Permit 2017 with Akili Jackson. Held at Ozone House on 6/29, 7/6, and 7/27.

SUMMER FUN & GAMES
5:30pm | June 29–August 17 | YDL-Superior
YMCA will lead exciting outdoor games! Cancelled in the event of heavy rain.



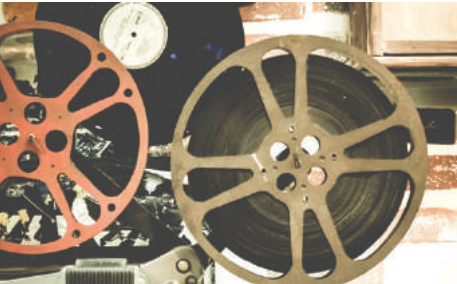
FRIDAYS
OUTDOOR FUN
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Get physical with hip hop, dance, capoeira, gardening, or outdoor art and science! If it rains, we will have board games inside.

SATURDAYS
OPEN STUDIO: ART
3pm | YDL-Whittaker
Work on your own art project with our Creative Toolkit supplies or collaborate on a mural for the teen area.

ADULT MEETUPS

TUESDAYS
KNITTING PLUS
6pm | YDL-Michigan
All handcrafts welcome. Bring your own supplies. Beginning knitting instruction available.

BEGINNING AMERICAN GENEALOGY
2pm | June 20 • July 18 • August 15 | YDL-Michigan
Offered over seven monthly sessions, each workshop features a different tool to help you find records of your American ancestors.



FILM CLUB
7pm | June 20 • July 11 • July 25 • August 8 • August 22 • June 6 | YDL-Whittaker
Watch films and take part in discussions led by film critic Perry Seibert.

THURSDAYS
GARDEN CHATS
3pm | June 15 • August 17 • July 20 | YDL-Whittaker
Garden enthusiasts, from novices to experts, meet for lively discussions.

FRIDAYS
GUITAR CLUB (Ages 18+)
10am | June 9 • June 23 • July 7 • July 21 • August 4 • August 18 | YDL-Michigan
Learn new songs, listen, collaborate, learn to play, and share your music! All types of guitars and levels of players are welcome.

YPSILANTI OPEN MEDITATION
11am | YDL-Michigan
Meditation develops concentration, clarity, and can even improve health.



LNGO WALKING GROUP (Ages 55+)
10:30am | June 2 • June 16 • July 7 • July 21 • August 4 • August 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Enjoy each other's company while getting some exercise on a 30-minute walk near the library.

BOOK GROUPS

TUESDAYS
AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK GROUP
7pm | June 27 • July 25 • August 29 | YDL-Whittaker

VISUAL BOOK CLUB (Ages 18+)
7:30pm | June 20 • July 18 • August 15 | Ypsi Alehouse, 124 Pearl Street

WEDNESDAYS
MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP
2pm | June 28 • July 26 • August 30 | YDL-Whittaker

THURSDAYS
AFRICAN AMERICAN GEMS BOOK CLUB
6:30pm | June 15 • July 20 • August 17 | YDL-Michigan

STORYTIMES

MONDAYS
BABY STORYTIME (Ages 0–18 months)
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Inspire a love for literature in your future reader through songs, stories, movement, rhythm and rhyme.

TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages 18 months–3 years)
11:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Books, songs, fingerplays, movement, and occasional crafts help toddlers build fundamental early literacy skills. Once a month, we include a digital storytime component.



DOWNTOWN STORYTIME (Ages 3–5)
10:30am | YDL-Michigan
Introduce your child to the wonders of reading with stories, songs and a craft.

TUESDAYS
TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages 18 months–3 years)
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
A repeat of Monday's Toddler Storytime.

FARMER'S MARKET STORYTIME (Family)
4–6pm | June 20–August 29 | Ypsilanti Farmer's Marketplace, 16 S. Washington St.
Stop by for a story and songs while you shop at the Farmer's Market!

WEDNESDAYS
TERRIFIC THREES STORYTIME (Age 3)
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for stories, rhymes, games, songs, crafts, and the parachute.

THURSDAYS
JUMPSTART STORYTIME (Ages 4–5)
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Develop a love of learning and soft skills for kindergarten readiness. Younger siblings can enjoy playing nearby with caregivers while the "big kids" sit in the storytime circle.

STARRY NIGHT STORYTIME (Family)
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Wear your jammies to the library! Sleepy time stories and songs to prepare you for a night of sweet dreams.

SATURDAYS
SATURDAY MORNING FEVER
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Shake your sillies out with dancing, rhymes, and songs. Shakers and dance scarves provided.



STEM STORYTIME (Ages 7 and under with parent)
10:30am | June 10 • July 8 • August 12 | YDL-Whittaker
Help your child develop a love of science, technology, engineering, and math. Hear stories, play games, and do experiments together that encourage discovery.

WORLD LANGUAGE STORYTIME
10:30am | June 3 • July 1 • August 5 | YDL-Whittaker
Experience a different language each month! A native speaker of the language will read a story, which will be translated into English, then we'll have a craft or activity from another culture.



YOGA STORYTIME
10:30am | June 24 • July 22 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear great stories and try simple and fun yoga poses to go with them. Bark in downward dog, hiss in cobra pose and flutter wings in butterfly!

MARKET STORYTIMES

If you visited the Tuesday Farmer’s Market in downtown Ypsilanti last summer, you may have noticed kids and parents stopping to read, play, and sing! Youth librarians will visit the market again this summer on Tuesdays from 4–6pm. Market storytime allows kids to drop in for a few minutes or for an hour to hear stories, sing songs, do puzzles, and play with toys from the library’s play kits. Visiting YDL at the market will also earn you a Summer Challenge badge.

In addition to the storytime, the library book trike will be at each market day. The adult tricycle works as a mini-library! It’s stocked with children’s and adult books, and a wireless hotspot allows staff to issue library cards and check out books.



TEENS GET CREATIVE

New projects at both YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan let teens explore art, music, and design

X-SMALL TECH CAFÉ at YDL-Michigan

Xavier Small will forever remain a charismatic, energetic 14 year old, captured in the memories of his classmates, friends, and family members. Xavier, whose friends called him Zay, passed away June 1, 2016. This summer, the X-Small Tech Café will open in his honor, a place where teens can learn, create, and build skills in the creative and tech fields.

Xavier frequently volunteered at the library and was much loved by both patrons and staff. He loved music, manga, and art. His mother, Claudia,

asked that memorial donations go to support teen programs at the downtown library. The community responded by raising nearly \$6,000 in his memory. Claudia worked with the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) to develop a vision for the X-Small Tech Café, and Xavier’s friends and family helped decorate a built-in countertop with teen-friendly seating.

The Grand Opening of the X-Small Tech Café on July 1 will honor and celebrate Xavier Small’s life. TAG members will show off their creations and invite others to play and experiment with the equipment and meet a few of the guest artists who will teach workshops in the space. The X-Small Tech Café will be a lasting tribute to a wonderful young man.

TECH CAFÉ EQUIPMENT

- **Microsoft Surface tablets**
- **Graphic and video software:** Photoshop, Premiere, and Ableton Live
- **Music equipment:** midi controllers, sound boards, mics, and headphones
- **Workshops:** Graphic design, video editing, music recording, and more



CREATIVE TOOLKITS at YDL-Whittaker

Toolkits for creative projects now available to teens at the Ypsilanti District Library.

Many people think of the library as a quiet place to study and check out books, but the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) at YDL-Whittaker had a different vision. Many teens were interested in art, music, and digital design, but wanted more than classes—they wanted the space to be able to experiment and learn, and access to the tools needed to try new creative projects. Their solution? Have the library provide high-end art supplies, digital art tools, and music equipment for young people to use to create art.

TAG members teamed up with the Neutral Zone’s Youth Driven Spaces program, led by Ypsilanti resident John Weiss. He helped them solidify their ideas, identify funding, and write

a grant to implement their vision. They won the support of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation’s Youth Council, and YDL Creative Toolkits were born.

The toolkits can be checked out by youth ages 12–18 for use inside the Whittaker Road library. TAG members will also use the kits over the summer to host youth-led open studio sessions, sharing how to use the toolkits and creating collaboratively with other teens.



Teen Advisory members hosted a launch party in April with demonstrations of the new toolkits

CREATIVE TOOLKITS

- **Digital Music:** laptop with FL Studio, midi controller, drum pad controller headphones, and recording microphone
- **Music Jams:** keyboard, ukuleles, guitars, music stands, microphones, amps, and tuners
- **Digital Art:** laptop with Wacom tablet
- **Visual Art:** Copic markers, Prismacolor pencils, Sakura koi watercolor sets, precision markers, shading pencils, and paper
- **Digital Cutouts:** Cricut and materials such as vinyl and iron-on fabric to make custom decals
- **Fiber Art:** yarn, crochet hooks, knitting needles, how-to books, and patterns



BEEZY'S CAFÉ

at YDL-Whittaker

In January, local favorite Beezy's Café opened inside the Whittaker Road library. The menu includes scrumptious sandwiches and salads, a variety of pastries and bagels, and two kinds of made-from-scratch soup every day, one of which is vegetarian. The café also offers coffee, tea, and bottled juice and soda. It has quickly become a favorite of YDL staff and patrons alike!

The café is open seven days a week and follows the library's hours, closing 30 minutes before the library does. Beezy's is also happy to offer catering for events held in the Community Room at YDL-Whittaker.

Visit beezyscafe.com/catering



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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. You can become a member by contributing \$10 or more. Learn more at any library desk or call (734) 482-4110 x1368.

Pop-up Sale

Get 'em while they're hot! The Friends will hold a special pop-up book sale at YDL-Whittaker during Coney Day on June 17, from 11am-3pm. You can buy paperbacks for as little as 25¢ each, so stock up on summer reads while supporting your library! Coney dogs will also be for sale at both YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan, with 10% of proceeds donated to the Friends of YDL.

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.

Friends Book Sale

Don't miss the best used book sale in town! Find hidden gems among a huge collection of books, CDs, and DVDs, and stock up on novels on Sunday when you can fill a bag for \$4.

Next Sale: September 21-24, 2017

Thursday 6pm-8pm
Members only preview night

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

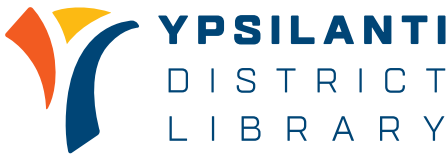


Friends Shop

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

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LOCATIONS & HOURS

YDL-Whittaker

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

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

YDL-Michigan

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

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

YDL-Superior

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

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

YDL-Bookmobile

Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 482-4110 x1359

HOURS
Monday-Thursday 4pm-8pm

Board meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the board room at YDL-Whittaker. They are open to the public.

Call (734) 482-4110 x1371 for details.

Holiday Closings

Tuesday - July 4, 2017 Independence Day
Sunday - September 3, 2017 Labor Day Weekend
Monday - September 4, 2017 Labor Day

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