Thank you voters!

On November 6, 2018, you resoundingly approved 0.7 mills of additional Library funding. This wonderful show of support affirms the value a high-quality library brings to its community. The new revenue means the library will be fiscally healthy moving forward. We’ll offer more great print, digital and audio books, educational events and activities for all ages, updated technology and training, and welcoming spaces with a friendly and knowledgeable staff.

YDL will also build a much-needed new facility on Harris Road in Superior Township. We are diving right in and want your input on the design concept. Please join us at one of two Community Input sessions to share your ideas:
• Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. at YDL-Superior
• Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Superior Township Hall

The Ypsilanti District Library will become an even stronger community asset because of your support. Come grow with us!

Lisa Hoenig, Director

THE POWER OF CHILDREN
How Three Children Overcame Hate and Changed Our Society

This winter, the Ypsilanti District Library is featuring The Power of Children, an exhibit dedicated to three children that changed history, Ruby Bridges, Anne Frank, and Ryan White became the faces of some of the most intense struggles of the twentieth century. Their lives and stories continue to teach and inspire us.

Visitors will be transported into the different worlds that these children endured: the Holocaust in 1940s, the Jim Crow south in the 1960s, and the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s.

Ruby Bridges: Ruby was the first African American child to attend an all-White school in New Orleans in 1960, after the landmark Supreme Court decision of Brown v. Board of Education outlawed school segregation. On six-year old Ruby’s first day of school, and for many days after, she had to be escorted by guards past mobs of angry protestors. Attending school each day with her head held high, she became the face of school integration.

Anne Frank: Millions of people around the world know the story of Anne Frank from the diary she kept while her family spent two years in hiding during the Nazi occupation. Her diary is the second most-read piece of nonfiction literature in the world and offers a unique window into a young girl’s life during the Holocaust. Anne’s words offer humanity and hope in a world of anti-Semitism, intolerance, and genocide.

Ryan White: At the age of 13, Ryan was diagnosed with AIDS after receiving a blood transfusion. Despite being told he had 6 months to live, he was determined to live life to the fullest. Instead, he was expelled from school when word got out about his diagnosis. Ryan fought back against ignorance and discrimination, all while trying to be a normal teenage boy, until his death at age 18. His public fight with HIV/AIDS reduced the stigma attached to the disease, helping advocates and patients seek better treatment.
9 New Year's Resolutions You Can Start at the Library

Learn a Language

Whether you’re planning a vacation or keeping your mind sharp, learning a language can expand your world! Mango Languages offers video tutorials and vocabulary and grammar lessons for more than 40 languages, including English as a Second Language. Find Mango and Muzzy languages online at ypsilibrary.org/research.

+ Share a language with your kids with Muzzy, which uses fun cartoons and interactive games to immerse kids in 7 languages.

Get Fit

Building strength and losing weight top many people’s resolution lists. If a gym membership doesn’t fit in your budget or schedule, try checking out a workout video or streaming one on hoopla! It’s free with your library card at www.hoopladigital.com.

+ Seniors can join the LNGO Walking Group starting in April for fun, social exercise on the first and third Fridays of the month.

Eat Better

Cooking at home is a great way to lose weight and save money, and cookbooks filled with healthy, easy-to-follow recipes are available on a variety of diets from vegan and vegetarian to keto and gluten-free.

+ Get the whole family excited about healthy food with community gardens at every YDL location and deliciously hands-on garden-to-table programs!

WASHTENAW READS

Every year, libraries in Washtenaw County come together to promote reading and civic dialogue through the shared experience of reading and discussing a common book.

This year’s book is Reading with Patrick: A Teacher, A Student, and Life-Changing Friendship by Michelle Kuo. This memoir chronicles the powerful relationship between a young teacher just beginning her career and a struggling student.

Michelle Kuo spent her first two years after graduating from Harvard working with Teach for America in Helena, Arkansas—one of the poorest counties in the country still plagued with the history of Jim Crow and slavery. Working with kids that fell victim to a failing school system, she was determined to be a positive influence in the lives of her teenage students and became particularly close to 15-year-old Patrick Browning.

Patrick was greatly impacted by Kuo’s engaging teaching methods. After being held back twice and nearly giving up on school, he was starting to take interest in his education under Kuo’s wing. After leaving Helena to finish her law degree, Kuo finds out that Patrick is in jail awaiting trial for murder. Alarmed by the news, she returns to Arkansas and decides to continue teaching Patrick. Reading with Patrick chronicles her daily visits to Patrick’s jail cell, where they read poems, wrote reflections, and connected through moving works of literature.

“Reading with Patrick is a profound, timely, and inspiring story of a young teacher and her student and a powerful testament to the power of education to transform lives,” said Michelle Kuo.

“Michelle Kuo’s memoir provides a deep look into the heart and soul of a young teacher, Patrick Browning, and the student-teacher relationship. This is a must-read for anyone interested in education, social justice, and human connection. It is a powerful story of hope and possibility.”

—REBECCA WEST, author of The Divine Miss M

A Teacher, a Student, and a Life-Changing Friendship

Reading with Patrick

MICHELLE KUO
The Ypsi Family Read brings the success of Washtenaw Read’s “One Community, One Book” model to kids and families. The Read encourages parents and kids to read and discuss a book together, then brings the book to life with a final celebration!

This season’s book, Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar, is the recipient of the 2018 Pura Belpré Author Award. It is a multicultural coming-of-age novel based on Behar’s own life. Ruthie Mizrahi is a sixth-grader who moves with her family from Cuba to a diverse neighborhood in New York in the 1960s searching for the American Dream. Ruthie’s future seems bright, but when a car accident leaves her in a body cast and confined to her bed, her world shrinks. How will Ruthie heal, both physically and spiritually?

All YDL locations will have Lucky Broken Girl ready to be checked out starting January 7. The book raises challenging topics such as consequences of choices, being empathetic towards others, and respecting cultural and religious differences. We hope you’ll use it as an opportunity to talk through these concepts with your family or friends.

The Ypsi Family Read is aimed at school-aged kids and their families, but teens and adults will enjoy this book as well! Lucky Broken Girl is intended for grades 3–8. YDL will also have a list of books for younger children that touch on the same themes, so the entire family can enjoy The Read together. We hope you enjoy reading Lucky Broken Girl and will join us for a book chat and finale celebration.
ADULT

Event Schedule | Winter 2018

January

Superior Library Input Sessions
6:30pm | Jan 9 | Superior Township Hall, 3040 N. Prosper
Give feedback on the design concept for the new YDL-Superior branch opening in 2020, and offer your ideas for what the new library should include.

Tuesday, January 8 & Wednesday, January 9

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Thursday, January 10

VISION BOARDS
7pm | YDL-Michigan
Create a visual representation of your goals and dreams for the new year to help bring them to fruition.

Saturday, January 12

BEATLES SING-A-LONG (All Ages)
3:30 pm | YDL-Michigan
Sing your favorite Beatles songs accompanied by a live band! Lyric sheets provided.

Tuesday, January 15

Entrepreneurship Field Trip
6pm | WCC Plant Operations Building
Meet at WCC’s Entrepreneurship Center for an open house, and learn how you can help make your business dreams a reality! Register: 734-482-4110 x1377 or online.

Thursday, January 17

Albert Kahn’s Detroit Legacy
7pm | YDL-Detroit
Demit news reporter Michael H. Hoggis, author of Building the Modern World: Albert Kahn in Detroit illuminates Kahn’s impact on Detroit and the world.

Wednesday, January 23

Net a Job Employment Resources Online
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn about job-hunting resources available at the Library and online. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377 or online. Repeated April 10.

Monday, January 28

RESUMES THAT WORK!
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Dr. Chalice Randazzo from EMU’s Written Communication Program will help you learn current best practices for resume writing and design. Bring your resume to be reviewed or start from scratch. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377 or online.

Tuesday, January 29

Anne Frank Remembered*
7pm | YDL-Michigan
Dramatization of Anne Frank’s life and the importance of her writings. To register call 734-482-4110 x1377 or online. Repeated April 3.

Wednesday, January 30

Irene Butter: Author & Holocaust Survivor
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
YDL is honored to welcome Holocaust survivor, photographer, and author Irene Butter. Her memoir, Shores Beyond Shores, details her journey during the Holocaust and explores how the heart keeps its humanity during inhumane times.

February

Tuesday, February 5

Bookkeeping 101 for Your Small Business
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn the basics of bookkeeping for your small business from CPA Kim Laughton.

Saturday, February 9

African American Read-In
12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Our African American Authors Book Discussion Group hosts a read-in featuring works by African American authors. Bring a favorite poem or passage, read one of ours, or just stop in and listen!

Saturday, February 16

Brown V. Board of Education: The Legacy
2pm | YDL-Michigan
65 years after the landmark Supreme Court decision desegregated American schools, we reflect on the progress that has been made and the promises not yet realized. Presented by Prof. Ronald C Woods of EMU’s Department of Afrology and African American Studies.

Sunday, February 17

Master Your Student Loan Debt
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn about options for managing loans through repayment, consolidation, refinancing, and forgiveness with Mark Munzenberger of the UM Credit Union.

Sunday, February 17

Money Management: Social Security
3pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn about options for managing loans through repayment, consolidation, refinancing, and forgiveness with Mark Munzenberger of the UM Credit Union.

March

Tuesday, March 5

BEATLES SING-A-LONG
3:30 PM | YDL-Michigan
Meet at WCC’s Entrepreneurship Center for an open house, and learn how you can help make your business dreams a reality! Register: 734-482-4110 x1377 or online. Repeated April 16.

Wednesday, March 6

LIVING WITH HIV*
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
AIDS is still a disease for which there is no cure, and despite the challenger, we are still learning about it. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377 or online.

Saturday, March 9

Social Movements of the 19th Century
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
In the early days of the women’s suffrage movement, women worked for free public education, prison & asylum reform, and temperance. Genealogist Katherine Wilson will discuss these movements and how to find out whether your ancestors were involved. Sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.

Sunday, March 10

Money Management: Social Security
3pm | YDL-Whittaker
Get your questions answered about Social Security benefits with financial advisor Deidra Stierle.

April

Tuesday, April 2

Telling Your Story: The Power of Words*
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
View the Academy Award-winning documentary Anne Frank Remembered and stay for a discussion led by film critic Perry Siebert. The documentary tells Anne's story and presents Anne's diary to millions of people.

Tuesday, April 2

Take Better Photos with Your Smartphone
1:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Photographer Jeffrey Smith will demonstrate techniques for taking better photos. We'll practice taking photos and get a critique and tips. Bring your fully-charged phone.

Saturday, April 6

LNGO Tech Time: Using GPS
3pm | YDL-Whittaker
GPS allows you to access live maps and driving, walking, biking, or public transit directions from your phone. Bring your smartphone or practice with ours. Register: 734-482-4110 x1377 or online.

May

Wednesday, May 3

Free Legal Advice Day
10am–1pm | YDL-Michigan
Get 20 minutes of free legal advice from the Washtenaw County Bar Association’s New Lawyers Section, in celebration of National Law Day. To schedule your appointment, call 734-996-3290, starting April 16. Walk-ins welcome as time allows.

Saturday, May 5

The New Deal Programs and Projects
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
During the Great Depression, President Roosevelt instituted dozens of programs aimed at restoring prosperity. Was your family part of the New Deal? Sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.

Thursday, May 10

Forming Your LLC or DBA? Do It Yourself
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Ready to launch your business? We’ll have a business attorney, an SBDC consultant, and a tax advisor on hand to walk you through the basics of filing your incorporation paperwork. Co-sponsored by the WCC Entrepreneurship Center and the Small Business Development Council.

Saturday, May 11

5000 Ways You Know You’re Famous
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Moderator LaRon Williams will screen a film and lead an open, honest discussion exploring race and racism. Co-hosted by the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice.

* Starred programs are related to the Power of Children exhibit and are funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Friends of the Ypsilanti District Library.
**TUESDAYS**

**AARP INCOME TAX PREPARATION**
5pm | Every Tuesday, Feb 5–April 9, Wednesday, Feb 13, Feb 27, Mar 13, Apr 3 | YDL-Michigan
Free tax preparation for people with low to moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and over. Walk-ins accepted on Tuesday mornings only, until 12:30pm. By appointment only on Feb 5. Call 734-482-4110 x1385 to make an appointment.

**VISUAL BOOK CLUB**
(Ages 18+)
7:30pm | Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Read visually interesting books and discuss them over a beverage.

**WEDNESDAYS**

**MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP**
(Ages 60+)
6pm | Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 29 | YDL-Whittaker
Love a good mystery? Read and discuss with us!

**FRENCH BEADED FLOWERS**
(Ages 55+)
6pm | Jan 16–Feb 14 | YDL-Michigan
Make beautiful, intricate blooms in this six-week class. Supplies are provided, but if you have task lighting, pencils or a bead clamp, please bring them. Register: 734-482-4110 x1225 or online.

**THURSDAYS**

**LNGO TECH TIME AND ANDROID BOOT CAMP**
(Ages 55+)
2pm | April 17–May 22 | YDL-Michigan
Get the most out of your Android phone with help from our tech staff! We’ll tackle a different topic each week. Register: 734-482-4110 x1385 or online.

**YARN, HOOKS AND NEEDLES**
6pm | Every Week | YDL-Michigan
Knit, crochet, craft, and socialize! Bring your supplies and work on a handicraft project. Knitting and crochet instruction available.

**THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP**
10:30am | Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2 | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for interesting and lively discussions.

**FRIDAYS**

**GARDEN CHAT**
3pm | Third-Thursday | YDL-Whittaker
Ask and answer questions with other gardeners of all skill levels. Led by Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brandebrocks.

**YPSILANTI OPEN MEDITATION**
11am | Every Week | YDL-Michigan
Drop in for a weekly guided meditation.

**NGO WALKING GROUP**
10:30am | Apr 5 & 19, May 3 & 27 | YDL-Whittaker
Exercise and socialize on a 30-minute walk near the library.

**SATURDAYS**

**GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS**
(Ages 18+)
2pm | Jan 19, Feb 9, 23, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 20, May 18 | YDL-Michigan
Learn songs, listen, collaborate, play guitar together. All skill levels and types of guitars are welcome.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY**
10:30am | January 10, Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 27, Apr 25, May 25 | YDL-Michigan
Discover your family history and learn about a new resource or technique in each session.

**CAN DO**
Paper Crafting Club**
(Ages 8–16)
2pm | Jan 19, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25 | YDL-Michigan
Join other paper crafters to share techniques and learn new skills. Bring your own supplies, equipment, and a snack or drink to share.

**DIY PRODUCTS: FACE, BODY, HOME**
2pm | Every Week | YDL-Michigan
Make your own natural products! Supplies provided. Register for all three classes or just one at 734-482-4110 x1385 or online.

**LIBRARY LAB: STEM FEST**
(Ages 5–16)
2pm | Every Week | YDL-Michigan
Visit stations to learn about science, run science demonstrations, and take home some of your experiments. Sponsored by the American Chemical Society Huron Valley Section.

**COMING UP**

*All activities and events are free of charge, subject to change, and require reservations when noted. For more information, contact the 2nd Floor Reference Desk at 734-482-4110 ext. 1325 or through our website.

Winter–Spring 2019

Ypsilanti District Library | The Loop
LEGO ROBOTICS (Ages 7–12)
4:30pm | Jan 14–Feb 28 | YDL-Whittaker
Explore the world of simple machines with LEGO! Delve into concepts of energy, balance, and mechanics, all while having fun.

MINECRAFT MOLLUSC
(Ages 7–14)
4:30pm | May 4–25 | YDL-Whittaker
Learn to code in Minecraft with the experts from Gamer Society.

OZOBOT CODING (Ages 7–14)
4:30pm | Apr 1–May 20 | YDL-Whittaker
Learn to code with Ozobots! These tiny robots follow paths you draw, and you can even write commands on a tablet to make them do tricks.

THREE READING CIRCLE (Ages 9–12)
5:30pm | Jan 7–20 | YDL-Superior
We’ll read from award winning books and short stories together. Come for the whole series or just try one session. Snacks provided.

PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP
Jan 7 | Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8 | YDL-Whittaker
Bounce your everyday parenting situations off of each other while you laugh and learn in this informal, non-judgmental group. All parents are welcome! Childcare provided for children ages 2–7.

MICHIGAN MAKERS FAMILY NIGHT
(Ages 3–13 with adult)
6:30pm | Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15 | YDL-Whittaker
Sew, knit, build, invent, and spend time as a family. We’ll provide pizza and all the supplies you need to explore a different tool or challenge. An adult must be present with your group. Hosted by the UM School of Information’s Michigan Makers project, with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Register: 734-482-4110 x1395.

MICHIGAN TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 16–18)
2pm | First and Third Sundays | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and build with different supplies from our Maker Cart each session.

BUILD! (Ages 5–14 with adult)
2pm | Saturday, Feb 2, Mar 2 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and build with different supplies from our Maker Cart each session.

BLACK MEN READ KIDS CLUB
11am | Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16 | YDL-Superior
Black men become reading role models, reading to kids and celebrating the African tradition of oral storytelling. Bring the whole family!

SUPERIOR SANDING CLUB (Ages 8–16)
2pm | Jan 2, Mar 2, Apr 5 | YDL-Superior
Learn basic stitching and create easy projects like hand warmers, no-sew pillows, and emoji pillows.

TONY SQUEEZE (Ages 7–14)
4pm | Tuesdays | YDL-Whittaker
Comedy for kids. We’ll serve dinner and offer hands-on activities at the library, get an early start on volunteer opportunities. Talk about the programs and materials you want to see at the library, get an early start on volunteer opportunities.

GARDEN TO TABLE
(Ages 9–12)
2pm | Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Join the teen advisory for an evening of mystery, food, and fun. Be a member of the crime scene, help solve the crime. Can you guess who did it? Find out at a special after-hours event.

EARTH DAY CRAFT
3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Create something beautiful out of recycled materials.

FEBRUARY

THURSDAYS

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 12–18)
4:30pm | First and Third Thursdays | YDL-Whittaker
Plan programs, recommend materials, volunteer in the community, develop leadership skills, eat snacks, and meet friends. Apply online ypsilanti.org/page/TEEN-ADVISORY-GROUP

TABLETOP GAMES (Ages 12–18)
4:30pm | Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and play the latest indie board games such as Sushi Go, Exploding Kittens, and Werewolf. Or bring a game and share it with others to play. Hosted by the teen advisory.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS WORKSHOPS (Ages 16–19)
10am | Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 21 | YDL-Whittaker
Learn about the college admissions process, including financial aid, writing your essay, applications and fee waivers, comparing schools, and what college life is like. Presented by Debbie Butler of UM Dearborn. Register: 734-482-4110 x1395 or online.

SATURDAYS

Open Studio Art (Ages 12–18)
1pm | Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25 | YDL-Whittaker
Use supplies from our Creative Toolkits to make art while you chat with friends and listen to music.

TDYLV WAVE: ANIME CLUB (Ages 12–18)
1pm | Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in at an anime with other fans, stay for a discussion and snacks.

TEENACME MEETUP (Ages 12–18)
2pm | First and Third Fridays | YDL-Whittaker
Play D&D with other teens. All supplies provided.
LITTLE ONES

MARCH

Monday, January 21
KINDERCONCERT (Ages 6 and under with an adult)
10am & 11am | YDL-Whittaker
Join Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra musicians and Gari Stein for live music, stories, and movement, featuring Adam Unsworth on French Horn.

Friday, January 25
TINKERLAB: WHERE ANIMALS GO IN WINTER
11am | YDL-Whittaker
Hear a story about winter survival and meet a live animal from the Leslie Science and Nature Center.

Tuesday, January 29
GLOW IN THE DARK STORYTIME 6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Have glowing fun with stories and activities in the dark!

Saturday, March 2
PRESCCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 1pm | YDL-Whittaker
Is your little one ready to start preschool in the fall? Meet representatives from different preschools in the area, including several free preschool programs.

Saturday, March 9
THEATRE FOR THE VERY YOUNG (Ages 5 and under)
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Spiraling Dot Theatre will perform an interactive production especially for little ones.

MAY

Monday, May 13
KINDERCONCERT (Ages 6 and under with an adult)
10am & 11am | YDL-Whittaker
Live music, stories, and movement with Gari Stein and musicians from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, featuring Tim McAllister on Saxophone.

LITTLE ONES STORYTIMES and More

MONDAYS

DOWNTOWN STORYTIME (Ages 5 and under)
10:30am | Jan 14–Mar 11 & April 1–May 20 | YDL-Michigan
Introduce your child to the wonders of reading with stories, songs, and a craft.

BABY STORYTIME (Ages 0–18 months)
10:30am | Jan 14–Mar 11 & April 1–May 20 | YDL-Whittaker
Excite your future reader's imagination with songs, stories, movement, and rhythm, and stay afterward for playtime and conversation with other parents.

TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages 18 months–3 years)
11:30am | Jan 14–Mar 11 & April 1–May 20 | YDL-Whittaker
Develop early literacy skills such as shape, color, and number recognition with books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Tuesday, January 29
TODDLER STORYTIME (18 months–3 years)
10:30am | Jan 15–Mar 12 & April 2–May 21 | YDL-Whittaker
A repeat of Monday's Toddler Storytime.

TINKERLAB (Ages 2–8)
6:30pm | Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7 | YDL-Whittaker
An evening repeat of our toddler art & science program.

SUPER READERS: ALPHA SQUADRON (Ages 4–5)
6:30pm | Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 13, Apr 9, May 14 | YDL-Whittaker
Librarily fun for emergent readers. Register: 734 482-4110 ext 1340.

WEDNESDAYS

TERRIFIC THREES STORYTIME (Ages 3)
10:30am | Jan 16–Mar 13 & April 3–May 22 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet at the puppet theater for stories, books, rhymes, games, songs, crafts, parachute, and an occasional science experiment.

THURSDAYS

JUMPSTART STORYTIME (Ages 4–5)
10:30am | Jan 17–Mar 14 & April 4–May 23 | YDL-Whittaker
4 and 5 year olds meet in the story room for “big kid” activities, then join parents and younger siblings to play parachute, and try music, art, science, and math activities.

STARRY NIGHT STORYTIME 6:30pm | Jan 17–Mar 14 & April 4–May 23 | YDL-Whittaker
Stories & songs in a cozy setting at a convenient time.

FRIDAYS

TINKERLAB (Ages 2–6)
11am, Second and Fourth Fridays | YDL-Whittaker
Learn through hands-on experimentation—these science and art workshops give little ones plenty of unstructured time to explore, test and invent.

LITTLE ONES GO
11am | Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in for open play during the cold weather months. Your child can run, slide, crawl, and tumble on our mats.

SATURDAYS

WORLD LANGUAGE STORYTIME 10:30am | Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 5, May 4 | YDL-Whittaker
Experience the diversity of Ypsi in a bilingual storyline. A native speaker of the language will read a story, which will be translated into English, then we’ll make a craft. This season’s languages are Spanish, Hindi, Arabic, and Dutch.

RAINBOW STORYTIME 10:30am | Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14 | YDL-Whittaker
This storytime has songs, crafts, and stories on the themes of diversity, acceptance, love, and friendship!

SUPERIOR PLAYGROUP AND STORYTIME 11am | Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11 | YDL-Whittaker
We create a unique play set up with games and stories that will have the little ones excited about learning to read. Every child will receive a free board book for participating.

SATURDAY MORNING FEVER 10:30am | Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear a music themed story, then dance your sillies out with shakers and scarves.

YOGA STORYTIME (Ages 8 and under with an adult)
10:30am | Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear great stories and learn simple animated yoga poses to go with them. Bank in downward dog, twist in cobra pose, and flutter wings in butterfly. No experience necessary.

Video Game Design (Ages 8-14):
Blocks are colorful physical blocks that you can turn into digital video game characters and scenes using your smart device! Then use a Makey Makey to turn an everyday object into a touchpad to control your game.

Magnetism (Ages 7-14):
Use magnetic wands to conduct your own experiments with magnetism, and read about how magnets work.

Coding (Ages 4-18):
Ozobots start simple by following a line you draw on paper, but you can write code commands on a computer to make them do complex tricks!

The Human Body (Ages 3-8):
Learn about anatomy with a magnetic play set and an apron with detachable Velcro organs, plus books about the body.

Simple Machines (Ages 7-14):
A hands-on activity lab lets you explore levers, pulleys, screws, wheels, planes, and wedges—the building blocks of all machines!

Architecture (Ages 4-14):
Create blueprints with a wipe-dry map, then try building your fantastic creations using Magnetic Tiles.

Circuitry (Ages 8 and up):
Create more than 100 different electrical projects with Snap Circuits, and turn everyday objects into touchpads with Makey Makey.

STEM KITS: BRING HANDS-ON SCIENCE HOME

If you’ve visited a toy store lately, you’ve probably been amazed at the incredible variety of toys that help kids explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). These hands-on toys let kids explore science concepts, build problem-solving skills, and build and create things—and most importantly, they’re a ton of fun. But not all kids have access to these toys, and no one wants to buy an expensive toy just to find your kid isn’t interested in it.

Starting in January, YDL will offer STEM Kits for check out! Each kit lets kids explore a different topic with hands-on toys, and includes books to help kids understand what’s going on behind the scenes. Many kits build on programs at the library, so kids and parents can learn how to use a toy, then check it out to explore at home.

STEM Kits build on the success of our Play Kits for young children, which include books and toys for ages 7 and under. Kids and parents alike have asked for toys for older kids, and we’re proud to be able to provide them thanks to the success of the YDL millage. More kits are planned, including Domino toppling and outdoor exploration, and you are welcome to suggest them to us. We just ask that you return them to a check out desk so they won’t risk getting squished in the book return bin.
WASHTENAW LITERACY

The Washtenaw Reads chosen book, Reading with Patrick, illustrates the power of reading and literacy. In the book, Kuo's simple act of reading with her student Patrick builds his confidence and changes his outlook as he becomes an expressive writer and dedicated reader. The relationship between learner and the teacher transforms both Patrick and Michelle, as he becomes a confident lifelong learner and she gains a new perspective.

Here in Washtenaw County, Washtenaw Literacy has been doing similar work for nearly fifty years. Through a network of trained and supervised volunteer tutors, they reach nearly 2,000 adults like Patrick every year in Washtenaw County. The Ypsilanti District Library is an integral partner in this work, providing administrative office space for Washtenaw Literacy and supporting tutoring and programming.

Would you like to become a literacy tutor? The first step is to attend the ABCs of Washtenaw Literacy, a regularly scheduled one-hour informational session. Register for an upcoming session at www.WashtenawLiteracy.org.

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.

Donate Books

The Friends of YDL gladly accept donations of books, DVDs, and CDs! All proceeds from donated books support the library. Donations are limited to 10 boxes or bags of materials, and we cannot accept books that are wet, mildewed, or missing covers or pages. Books may be dropped off at the circulation desk at YDL-Whittaker any time the library is open.

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!

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

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

Friends Shop

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

Monday .............................................. 2pm–8pm
Tuesday ............................................ 6pm–8pm
Wednesday ..................................... 10am–2pm
Thursday ......................................... 10am–4pm
Friday ................................................. Closed
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.