



Letter from the Director: INTRODUCING THE COMMUNITY EDITION

Your Library is a community anchor, a welcoming and friendly meeting space, a learning center, and an idea-gathering place. We're constantly listening to your needs and tailoring our offerings to give you more.

Surveying district residents, we repeatedly heard a desire for more local news and information—so starting with this issue, that's what we're delivering. Inside these pages you'll find select free community events integrated into our calendar of library programs. Alongside updates about YDL's services, we've included stories from key area partners.

Last winter we asked for feedback on plans for the new YDL-Superior library. Now we want to know how our YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan libraries continue meeting your needs into the next decade. Share your ideas June 18 or 19 at an interactive open house session (details on page 10).

We wish you a wonderful summer of learning and growth. Get to your library this summer. Read on, take the Summer Challenge, and Get Outside!

Lisa Hoenig, *Library Director*

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SUMMER CHALLENGE

Choose your own adventure, feed your mind, and explore your community with the Summer Challenge!

We've got summer programs for all ages, and prizes to help encourage kids to keep reading and learning over the summer. Reading even a few books can prevent the "summer slide," where students lose reading skills over the summer and have to relearn them in the fall. For adults, reading has been shown to reduce stress and improve long-term memory. We even have a program for little ones, with activities that get them ready to read and succeed when they reach kindergarten!

Playing is simple: complete challenges and earn badges, which earn you prizes along the way. You get a prize just for signing up—kids 3-18 get a day pass to Rutherford Pool and adults get a bookmark. Sign up at any library desk or online at www.ypsilibrary.org/summer.

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The Summer Challenge incorporates all sorts of learning experiences and is great to play together as a family. There are three kinds of challenges:

READ: Read anything you want! Mysteries, thrillers, comic books, fanfiction, romance novels, audiobooks—it’s all fair game. Listening to audiobooks or hearing someone else read aloud counts too. Get a badge for each book you read. When you reach six books, kids and teens get a free book and an Aubree’s personal pizza.

LEARN: Whether you’re programming robots, digging in the garden, attending an author visit, or finding the Bookmobile at a community event, the library has tons of free programs where you can learn and engage in something new. Collect a secret code at each library program and earn a badge.

EXPLORE: Learning happens everywhere. Complete missions around town, like finding a historic marker or a Little Free Library, and look for codes everywhere—at your favorite local businesses and even on the bus. Some challenges have special prizes attached, like a set of tickets to Thunder Over Michigan!

HOW TO PLAY

1

SIGN UP — Ask at any library or sign up online at www.ypsilibrary.org/summer

2

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

3

WIN PRIZES — Earn a prize when you sign up and when you read six books. Each badge you earn also gets you a chance to win a grand prize basket of your choice. All badges must be recorded online or handed in at a library desk by August 31.



EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS WITH NEW STEM KITS

STEM kits include high-tech toys and hands-on experiments that kids and families can check out or request from any Ypsilanti library. Kits have different themes, from robotics to magnetism, and each one explores science, technology, engineering, or math concepts.

Six new STEM kits released this summer encourage everyone to get outside! Complete with equipment, field guides, and ideas for field work, these kits will help you make the most of your outdoor excursions, whether you’re going on a big trip or exploring a local park. Each outdoor kit has a field journal where families can record their findings to share with others who check out the kit. New kits include:

Astronomy: Telescope, astronomy lab activity book, and constellation guides.

Bird Watching: Binoculars, bird guides, bird song recordings, and local trail maps.

Bug Watching: Magnifiers, flashlight, insect and butterfly guides, and insect catching kit.

Rock Science: Rock mining and sifting tools, rock and mineral guides, magnifying glass, and rocks to help you learn to identify and classify.

Outdoor Exploration: Hiking, tree identification, and wildlife guides, binoculars, local trail maps, and a compass.

River Science: Water collection tools and containers, magnifying glass, and water invertebrates guide book, assembled with help from local biologist Maria Goodrich.

STEM Kits were funded in part by a Strengthening Communities Through Libraries grant from the Association for Library Service to Children, a branch of the American Library Association. The grant also supported classroom sets of technology which will be used at library programs, as well as at community events like Bright Futures after-school programs and the Farmers Market. To invite YDL to bring a STEM workshop to your organization, contact Mary Garboden, garboden@ypsilibrary.org.

Michigan Activity Pass

Visit www.michiganactivitypass.info

Explore all of what Michigan has to offer both indoors and out, with the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP). Using your library card, receive free and discounted passes to hundreds of statewide parks, museums, theatres, and historical sites. Take a trip to a far out destination like Mackinac Island, or visit some local attractions like the Firehouse Museum.

FIGHT THE BITE! AVOID TICKS AND MOSQUITOES

Getting outside is the best part of summer, but don’t let insects ruin your experience! The Washtenaw County Health Department shares some easy steps you can take to prevent mosquito and tick bites.

Ticks: Lyme disease is spread by ticks, and infected ticks have been found in Washtenaw County. Transmission season for Lyme disease is usually May–August, with a peak in June. To avoid ticks:

- Walk in the center of trails and wear long sleeves, pants, shoes, and socks.
- Check your body and your pets for ticks after spending time in the woods. Removing a tick within 24 hours can prevent the risk of disease.
- If you find a tick, try to identify what kind it is. Blacklegged (deer) ticks can spread Lyme

disease, but common dog ticks do not. Send a picture to MDHHS-Bugs@michigan.gov or visit www.michigan.gov/lyme if you need help identifying a tick.

Mosquitos: Mosquito bites are a common annoyance in Michigan, but certain mosquitos can also spread West Nile virus. The greatest risk of exposure to West Nile in Michigan is August–September. To avoid mosquito bites:

- Wear long sleeves, pants, shoes, and socks.
- Use a repellent with active ingredients approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Find the right one at www.epa.gov/insect-repellents.
- Get rid of standing water around your home and yard, since mosquitoes need water to lay eggs.



News from your local Health Department!

FREE HEPATITIS A VACCINE
CALL 734-544-6700
While supplies last.

Are you and your family protected from measles? Ask your healthcare provider, or visit www.washtenaw.org/health.

UPDATES FROM OUR LOCAL PARKS

Cherry Hill Nature Preserve 1

6375 Cherry Hill Road | Free

Located just outside the city, the preserve has a 1.6 mile trail loop through rolling hills and wetlands that are perfect for birdwatching and enjoying nature. The boardwalk through the wetlands is set to expand this year so hikers can access the southeast area of the preserve. When construction is complete in late fall, the boardwalk will total 1000 feet. The trail can get muddy, so bring your boots.

Fireman's Park 2

3795 MacArthur Boulevard | Free

The park right next door to the YDL-Superior library is getting a new playground! The structure will feature two slides, a rock climber, catwalk, fireman's pole, twisted climber, and will be ADA accessible. The equipment is scheduled to be installed by the end of the summer. Don't miss Kite & Rocket Day on June 22!

Riverside Park 5

2 E. Cross Street | Daily 5am–11pm | Free

Kids will love visiting the new universal design accessible playground in Riverside Park! Located along the Huron River in the heart of Depot Town, this iconic park has been a favorite for festivals for years. The playground opened in December 2018 and is named in memory of community leader Liz Dahl MacGregor.

Downtown Farmers Market 6

3–7pm | Tuesdays, May–October

16 S. Washington St.

The market happens year-round at Growing Hope's newly-renovated Robert C. Barnes Sr. Marketplace Hall, but it's especially fantastic during the warmer months with growers selling fresh produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, crafts, and more outdoors.

Depot Town Farmers Market 7

9am–1pm | Saturdays, May–October

100 Rice St.

From fresh produce to artisan baked goods, historic Depot Town is never more delicious than on summer Saturdays. The library will visit for occasional storytimes, and the Ypsi Bike Co-op will be at the market again this year. This volunteer-powered group hopes to get everyone on two wheels and has mechanics on hand to help you learn to fix your bike!

Rutherford Pool 3

975 Congress St, Ypsilanti, MI

Open daily 1–8pm

Memorial Day–Labor Day

Youth: \$3, Adults \$4, Seniors: \$3

Cool off at Ypsilanti's public pool! Rutherford is designed for all ages to enjoy, featuring a kids area with a zero-depth entry ramp, 25-yard adult swimming lanes, and classes including water exercise and swimming lessons. Youth ages 3–17 get a free day pass when they sign up for the Summer Challenge! Visit www.forpool.org for daily schedule

Rolling Hills 4

7660 Stony Creek Road | Open Mon–Fri

11am–5pm, Sat & Sun 11am–8pm

Parking: \$6 Washtenaw County Resident /\$10 Non-resident

This 439-acre park is a year-round destination for the whole family. Play on the 18-hole disc golf course, walk or bike the trails, enjoy the playground, have a picnic, or fish in Spring Pond. Rolling Hills also has a water park, open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day (water park admission additional).

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North Bay Park 8

**Open dawn–dusk, Memorial Day–Labor Day
Free | 1001 Huron Street**

This lakeside park features a boardwalk and trail system that meanders through woods and wetlands and over islands and bridges along the shores of Ford Lake. New playground equipment was installed this spring, so kids will have plenty of creative play options. Other features include an observation tower, fishing, two shelters, restrooms, and plenty of picnic areas.

Loonfeather Point Park 9

**Open dawn–dusk, Memorial Day–Labor Day
Free | 1340 Grove Road**

Yet another brand new playground will be available to kids this summer! Located on the north shore of Ford Lake, this 11.2 acre park is noted for its two award-winning shelters (available for rent) and a fishing pier. The park also has trails and a playfield.

BESTSELLING AUTHOR ELIZABETH BERG VISITS YDL

Elizabeth Berg is the best-selling author of more than 30 books, including novels, 2 short story collections, and stage adaptations. She’s currently working on the last book in a three-book series that began with *The Story of Arthur Truluv*, a charming tale about an unlikely friendship that develops among three people, all of whom have lost the one they love most.

An accomplished and prolific author, Berg’s books have been translated into 37 languages and 3 were turned into television movies. Her novel *Open House* was an Oprah Winfrey Book Club selection and Berg appeared on Oprah’s show to discuss her books, *Talk Before Sleep* and *Family Traditions*. She is a popular and entertaining public speaker, and her work has received numerous awards. She received the New England Booksellers Association award for her body of work, and her books *Durable Goods* and *Joy School* have been listed as American Library Association’s Books of the Year.

Elizabeth Berg lives in Oak Park, Illinois with her partner Bill, dog Gabby, and cat Gracie. Her visit to YDL is part of a driving tour of libraries and bookstores across Michigan. YDL is thrilled to welcome her to Ypsilanti.



Thursday, August 8

AN EVENING WITH ELIZABETH BERG

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Elizabeth Berg will read from and discuss her books, and answer audience questions. Books will be available for purchase and signing following the event.



UPGRADE YOUR LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

Text Message Notifications

Starting this summer, you can have your library notifications sent via text message! You’ll get automatic reminders that your materials are coming due soon or overdue, and be instantly notified when you have items that are ready to be picked up at the library.

To enable text messaging for your account, ask at any checkout desk.

Library App

The library app was released in September and already has hundreds of users. You can quickly renew items, see where you are in a waitlist queue, and place a hold on the next book you want to read—all from your phone. Parents love the library app because it makes it easy to manage accounts for your whole family. The app also includes easy links to library services like wireless printing and meeting room reservations, and lets you access digital tools like free online tutoring, language learning, and ebook, audiobook, and magazine downloads.

The YDL app is available for most smartphones and tablets. Search for “YDL” in Google Play or the App Store.

Wireless Printing

Have you ever needed to print something quickly, only to realize you’re out of paper? The library can help you out with wireless printing! Simply visit our website, upload the document or URL you’d like to print, and visit your nearest library to pick it up. When you get here, find a printing kiosk and enter your email address to find your document. Printing is 10 cents per black and white page, 25 cents for color, and you can pay with cash or credit card (\$3 minimum for cards.)

Visit www.ypsilibrary.org/print to upload your document

Cool off with a Beezy’s Smoothie

Beezy’s library cafe is introducing fruit smoothies to their menu this summer! Enjoy these tasty treats in raspberry, mango, or strawberry flavor for just \$5. Beezy’s library cafe is located inside YDL-Whittaker and serves made-from-scratch sandwiches, soups, and desserts year-round. They are open 10am–6pm Monday–Thursday, and 10am–5:30pm Friday and Saturday.



GARDENS BRING EDUCATION OUTSIDE

Walking the halls of Ypsilanti Community Middle School, students look out the window at a courtyard. In early spring, there doesn't seem to be much happening there, but as the weather warms, this courtyard becomes a vibrant outdoor classroom.

Two decades ago, it would have been surprising to see a whole classroom of kids out planting seeds or harvesting tomatoes, but today the trend of gardens in schools is exploding across the country, and Ypsilanti is no exception. Every school in the Ypsilanti Community Schools system has an on-site garden, as does each branch of the Ypsilanti District Library.

Learning Outdoors

"Gardens are an opportunity for students to get hands-on learning experience," says Jen Sopoci, School Garden Coordinator for the Ypsilanti Community Schools. "There are countless ways to use it in the curriculum. Science is the biggest tie in—we use the gardens to study earth science, soil science, and water science. But teachers are able to tie in math for calculating soil volume and seed spacing, language arts in learning vocabulary, and art projects like making signs for the garden beds."

Ethan Lowenstein is an EMU Professor who leads the SEMIS coalition, a group that trains teachers to use experiential education in their classrooms.

"I think the research is really clear that when you make learning authentic to students—when learning is linked to something meaningful that has applications in the real world—you see academic gains," Lowenstein said. "What that means for the teacher is that they have to analyze the potential to use the garden to reach academic goals. So if you're looking for literacy, younger students might be reading seed packets and labeling beds, while older students are cooking and reading recipes. A lot of classes also do journaling."

Lowenstein noted that in the high school, some of the garden clubs maintain rain gardens. The gardens are the focus of a six-week curriculum where students do research and solve real problems.

"Students are looking at water flow, and what areas are getting flooded, and then designing and planting rain gardens in collaboration with the Washtenaw County Water Resources commission office. They did a rain garden tour to see other examples and decided what to do in their own gardens," he said.

Sopoci also observed that going outdoors can have a positive impact on student behavior. She gave an example of preschoolers at Ford Early Learning Center, who visited the garden with clipboards to draw pictures of the signs of spring. "These kids who are usually so energetic sat there and worked intently and quietly," she noted. "They loved having the freedom to look around and find something that interested them."

Lowenstein also connected outdoor education to social and emotional skills. "Getting into nature supports sensory integration, and helps kids learn emotional regulation. That might not look like it's academic on the surface, but it builds really important skills that help students succeed."

Healthy Eating

Studies have shown that students that participate in school garden programs improve academically because of the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning and spend time outside. But garden programs have seen more benefits, as growing and learning about food helps students develop healthy eating habits.

The Library's gardens incorporate nutrition and healthy eating into many of our programs, such as cooking classes for teens and tweens. "We designed it as a salsa garden," said Molly Beedon, who runs garden programs at YDL-Whittaker. "We chose vegetables that went well together and that could be eaten either raw or cooked, which gives us a lot of options."

The YDL-Whittaker garden will expand this year by adding two new raised beds, thanks to two grants totaling \$2,000. The other two libraries have had active vegetable gardens for years, and YDL-Michigan also hosts a pollinator garden featuring bee and butterfly-friendly plants. Garden to Table programs will be held after lunch at both the YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan locations.

If anyone truly understands the value of educational gardens, it's the students who learn there. Estabrook fourth grader Axel Raul Flores says, "Garden club is awesome! We get to be outside and make our school look nice by planting things."



UPDATE ON THE NEW SUPERIOR LIBRARY

With the November 2018 passage of a new operating millage, the Ypsilanti District Library will build a new library branch that will transform library service to Superior Township and Willow Run neighborhoods. The proposed building site is located on Harris Road, just north of the current location. The Library has been busy with various pieces of planning work to bring us closer to groundbreaking. After a public comment

period, the Library's architect began revising the original building sketches. The Library's construction manager is working on budget estimates, and the Library is working with Superior Township and various Washtenaw County agencies on rezoning and site planning. To follow updates on the development of the new Library, visit www.ypsilibrary.org/newlibrary.

ENVISIONING THE LIBRARY'S FUTURE

Even as we plan and build the new library in Superior Township, we're also making long term plans to improve our two larger libraries. YDL has engaged krM Architecture to study how to best utilize our building spaces at YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan.

This summer, krM will hold two community input sessions to inform this plan. The open house sessions will be filled with fun, interactive activities that will help uncover critical needs right now, as well as the community's hopes and dreams for the future. With your input, these needs and dreams will be planned for and executed over the next 10–12 years. Come grab a slice of pizza and talk to us about how the library can work better for you, your family, and your community.

SPACE PLANNING INPUT SESSIONS

Tuesday, June 18 | 5–9pm | YDL-Whittaker

Wednesday, June 19 | 5–9pm | YDL-Michigan

ADULT

JUNE

Tuesday, June 4

D-DAY VETERANS

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

John F. Wukovits is a historian and author of multiple books about World War II. He'll share a story about D-Day veterans and what he learned as a teacher when these veterans shared their stories with his 8th grade class. Book sale and signing to follow.

Friday, June 7

YPSI PRIDE

5pm | Washington Street at Michigan Avenue

The third annual Ypsi Pride festival celebrates our LGBTQ+ community during First Fridays! The festival includes entertainment, vendors, live bands, drag kings/queens, and burlesque performers. YDL will offer a community storytime at 5pm. Hosted by First Fridays Ypsilanti.

Sunday, June 9

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS OF THE 19TH CENTURY

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Genealogist Katherine Willson examines the beginnings of the women's suffrage movement and other women's movements for free public education, prison and asylum reform, and temperance. Were your ancestors among these 19th Century activists?



Saturday, June 15

AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

10:30am | YDL-Michigan

Share the challenges and rewards of discovering your family history in the last monthly meetup before we break for the summer.

Tuesday, June 18 & Wednesday June 19

ENVISIONING OUR LIBRARY SPACES

5-9pm | June 18 | YDL-Whittaker

5-9pm | June 19 | YDL-Michigan

What are your dreams for your favorite library building? In this open house and listening session, you'll have the chance to share how you use the library and tell us how our library spaces could serve you better. Your feedback will become part of an improvement plan for the YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan libraries.



Saturday, June 22

DIY PRODUCTS: GET OUTSIDE

3pm | YDL-Michigan

Make natural homemade products to help you enjoy the outdoors, such as bug deterrent and after-sun skincare products. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1385

Thursday, June 27

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & ICE CREAM

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Rob Hess loves making ice cream, and now it's his job! As the owner of Go! Ice Cream in downtown Ypsilanti, he'll share the lessons he learned while starting a business and what it takes to turn a hobby into a career. Plus, he'll bring ice cream samples to share!

Friday, June 28

AARP SMART TEK (Ages 55 and up)

10am | YDL-Whittaker

From blind spot viewers to forward collision warnings, new cars come with all sorts of high-tech safety features. Learn about what's already in your car, what might come soon, and what to look for when shopping for a new car. To register call 1-877-805-4115 or visit www.aarp.org/findaworkshop10

Saturday, June 29

COUNTY CLEAN UP DAY

9am | Lincoln High School, 7425 Willis Rd

Dispose of many unwanted household items and chemicals in a safe and sustainable manner. This event is free but a donation of \$15 per car is appreciated. Open to all Washtenaw County residents. Hosted by Washtenaw County Water Resources and Public Works offices.

JULY



Thursday, July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

11am | East Cross Street

Michigan's oldest Independence Day parade turns 90 this year! Watch the procession from the Water Tower to Depot Town, or come march with the Bookmobile.

Friday, July 5

YPSI SINGS WITH SOUL

6pm | YDL-Michigan

This joyful community sing-a-long celebrates soul, funk, R&B, and hip hop music and dance from the 1950's to the present. Local singers and a live band will lead the crowd in popular favorites, from Motown to Prince, James Brown to Aretha. Be part of this interactive performance in Library Plaza during the First Friday Art Walk! If it rains, we'll be inside the library.



Saturday, July 6

LIBRARY HAPPY HOUR: MOCKTAILS

3pm | YDL-Michigan

It's happy hour! Learn to make summery non-alcoholic "mocktails."

Wednesday, July 24

MINDFULNESS 101 (Ages 13+)

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Yoga teacher and clinical social worker Raina LaGrand will lead this workshop, which will include guided mindfulness practices. She'll discuss how to incorporate mindfulness into your day to day life, and offer suggestions for reflecting through journaling. Bring a journal if you have one.



Friday, July 26

JAZZ IN THE PARKING LOT (All Ages)

7pm | Shadford Field, 2095 Packard Road

Detroit's Queen of the Blues Thornetta Davis will headline the third annual free jazz event, hosted by Ypsilanti Community Schools. Community vendors and information booths will be on site, and you can learn about enrolling for the 2019-20 school year. Find the library's tent to get a code for the Summer Challenge!

Saturday, July 27

ROSIE THE RIVETER ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW

10am-4pm | North Bay Park, 1001 N. Huron Street

This craft show will have something for everyone, from delectable baked goods to hand-crafted jewelry and home goods. "Original Rosies" will share history and take photos, the Ypsilanti Township Fire Department will roll out their new "Rosie the Riveter" themed fire engine, and kids will enjoy face painting, a bounce-house, music, and a food truck rally. Admission is free, parking is \$2 and enters you in a prize raffle. Hosted by Ypsilanti Charter Township.

AUGUST

Saturday, August 3

DIY GLASS JAR LANTERNS

3pm | YDL-Michigan

Make Moroccan-inspired lanterns out of brightly colored glass jars. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1385



Thursday, August 8

AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR ELIZABETH BERG

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Elizabeth Berg is the author of many bestselling novels, including *The Story of Arthur Truluv*, *Open House* (an Oprah's Book Club selection), and *The Year of Pleasures*. She'll talk about her work followed by a Q&A. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Tuesday, August 13

THE JOY OF BIRDING

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Naturalist Kelsey Derhing of Washtenaw County Parks will offer tips for identifying birds, discuss common birds in the area, and share resources and citizen science projects to enhance your birding adventures.

Wednesday, August 14

INDUSTRY DAY

9am-4pm | WCC Occupation Education Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive

Each year, the Plumbers and Pipefitters Association (UA) converges at Washtenaw Community College for training. On Industry Day, the public is invited to see the latest technology from a wide array of vendors, watch UA apprentices compete for national titles, and tour the UA's state-of-the-art training centers. It's fascinating to watch and a great way to discover careers in the trades!

Saturday, August 17

DOCUMENT SHREDDING DAY

10am-1pm | YDL-Whittaker

Free shredding! Bring up to four copy paper boxes or grocery bags of documents per person. Binders and large binder clips must be removed; staples, paper clips, and rubber bands are OK. Donations will be accepted to the Friends of the Ypsilanti District Library to help offset the cost. This event will end at 1pm, or earlier if the truck becomes full. Limited to residents of the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township.



Wednesday, August 21

ELECTRIC TROLLEYS OF YPSILANTI

7pm | YDL-Michigan

Did you know that there used to be electric trolleys on the streets of Ypsilanti? Trolleys and trains connected cities in Michigan and the entire country. Learn about local trolleys and interurbans with local historian H. Mark Hildebrandt.

Wednesday, August 21

TREES 101 FOR HOMEOWNERS

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Arborist Kay Sicheneder will share tips for homeowners to keep their trees healthy. Learn to select trees for your landscape, the importance of roots, tree maintenance, and when to hire a tree service.

Friday, August 23

LNGO CREATIVE AGING RECEPTION

4pm | YDL-Whittaker

View the decorative patterned artworks created in the Learning Never Gets Old workshop and meet the artists.

Saturday, August 24

PARKRIDGE SUMMERFEST & JOE DULIN DAY

11am-6pm | Parkridge Park, 791 Harriet Street

This free annual family event offers entertainment, food, giveaways, and great art and food vendors. From 12-2pm, learn about job training, youth mentoring, public health, home rehab and more free services from local nonprofits. This year's live music performances by local artists will be dedicated to the memory of Mr. Robert Evans. Hosted by Washtenaw County OCED and the Parkridge Summerfest Committee.

Friday, August 23-Sunday August 25

YPSI FEST

Riverside Park, 2 E Cross Street

Formerly known as the Heritage Festival, Ypsi Fest is an annual celebration of heritage, arts, and entertainment. The festival features live music and entertainment, vendors, and children's activities. Visit ypsifest.com for details. Independently organized by the Ypsi Fest board.

ADULT MEETUPS

MONDAYS

DESIGNING DECORATIVE PATTERNS
(Ages 55 and up)
3pm | July 15–Aug 19 | YDL-Whittaker
Find inspiration in historical designs, geometric art, flora, and fauna, then trace and transform them to create a work of art suitable for framing. Part of our Creative Aging series, it will culminate in an exhibit and reception at the library. To register call 734-482-4110 x1316.

SUMMER MOVIES
6:30pm | Jun 10, Jul 15, Aug 12 | YDL-Whittaker
Heat up your summer with classic movies.

June 10: The Palm Beach Story (1942)
July 15: Beach Blanket Bingo (1965)
August 12: Brighton Beach Memoirs (1986)

TUESDAYS

TAI CHI FOR FALL PREVENTION (Ages 55 and up)
12:30pm | July 9–30 | YDL-Whittaker
Improve flexibility, mobility, and balance by practicing gentle movements in this ancient art form.



KNITTING PLUS
6pm | Year-Round | YDL-Michigan
Bring any handcraft project to work on. Beginning knitting instruction is available during the first hour.



AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK GROUP
7pm | Jun 25, Jul 30, Aug 27 | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for lively book discussions.

VISUAL BOOK CLUB (Ages 18+)
7:30pm | Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20 | Ypsi Alehouse, 124 Pearl Street
Read and discuss visually interesting books over a beverage.

WEDNESDAYS



MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP
2pm | Jun 26, Jul 31, Aug 28 | YDL-Whittaker
Join a stimulating discussion of this month's selection.

THURSDAYS

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP
10:30am | Jun 6 | YDL-Whittaker
We'll be discussing *Exit West* by Moshin Hamid before taking a break for the summer.

SENIOR SUMMER MAKERS CAMP
10:30am | Jun 6–Aug 8 | YDL-Michigan
It's like summer camp, but better! Try an old craft and a new version that uses technology. Led by the University of Michigan School of Information, with support from the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

Jun 6: Die cut cards and 3D printing
Jun 13: Digital photography
Jun 20: Book making
Jun 27: Hand and machine embroidery
Jul 11: Jewelry, buttons, and magnets
Jul 18: Digital painting
Jul 25: Leather and wood burning
Aug 1: Glass mosaics and etching
Aug 8: Summer camp wrap up

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
(Ages 55 and up)
1pm | Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15 | YDL-Whittaker
Share your ideas for programs, services, and displays.

GARDEN CHATS
3pm | Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15 | YDL-Whittaker
Share your successes and get your questions answered at an informal gathering of garden enthusiasts.

FRIDAYS



LNGO WALKING GROUP (Ages 55 and up)
10:30am | Jun 7 & 21, Jul 5 & 19, Aug 2 & 16 | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for a 30-minute walk along a path near the library.



YPSILANTI OPEN MEDITATION
11am | Year-Round | YDL-Michigan
Drop in weekly for guided meditation. Mindfulness-based practice can benefit your health and well being.

SATURDAYS



GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS (Ages 18 and up)
10am | Jun 1, 15 & 29, Jul 13 & 27, Aug 10 & 24 | YDL-Michigan
Learn to play, learn new songs, teach, listen, and collaborate with other guitarists. We welcome all skill levels and all types of guitars!

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID COUNSELING
3pm | Jun 8 & 22, Jul 13 & 27, Aug 10 & 24 | YDL-Michigan
Get unbiased advice to make the right decisions about your health care. Schedule a one-on-one conversation with an experienced health counselor, provided by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. Make an appointment by calling (800) 803-7174.

TEENS

Saturday, June 14
GAME NIGHT
6–9pm | YDL-Whittaker
Celebrate the end of school with a gaming extravaganza with video games, board games, and outdoor activities. Hosted by the Teen Advisory.

Friday, June 28
TEEN STEAM CAFÉ
6pm | YDL-Michigan
Teens only! Have dinner and a fun, interactive discussion with professionals from different STEM fields. Who knows, you might learn about a cool career you've never even heard of.

Saturday, July 13
UKULELE 101
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn to play the ukulele, then check out a library ukulele to practice at home to get ready for Noise Permit!

Friday, July 26
TEEN STEAM CAFÉ
6pm | YDL-Michigan
Jermaine Dickerson turned his love of drawing into a career as a professional illustrator, and created Hero Nation, a local Ypsi comic con focused on diversity. Meet Jermaine for dinner and an informal discussion about what it looks like to build a career in the arts.



Photo from Noise Permit

Friday, August 2
NOISE PERMIT (All Ages)
5pm | YDL-Michigan
Noise Permit is a celebration of the arts planned and performed by Ypsilanti teens! Enjoy music, poetry, a community art project, food, and more! All ages are welcome to attend.

Saturday, August 3
DIY T-SHIRT DECALS
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Design a decal online, precision cut it with the Cricut, then iron it onto a t-shirt or take it home to decorate something else. Supplies are provided, and are also included in a Teen Creative Toolkit that you can come back and use anytime at the library.

Monday–Friday, August 12–16
COMPUGIRLS (Ages 13–17)
12–4pm | YDL-Michigan
Girls will join the next generation of technological innovators in this week-long camp, learning computational thinking, circuitry, and design tools within an empowering learning environment. To Register Call 734-482-4110 x1329 or visit ypsilibrary.org/events

Monday–Friday, August 19–23
BE YOURSELF BEAUTY (Ages 13–17)
3:30–5:30pm | YDL-Michigan
In this week-long series, teens create and market their own innovative natural cosmetic products. Collaborate with local entrepreneurs and university researchers to learn about natural cosmetic ingredients, create a basic natural cosmetic product, and then learn to market your product. Along the way, teens will learn how computer programming, environmental sensors, and engineering concepts can support their entrepreneurial goals. To Register Call 734-482-4110 x1329 or visit ypsilibrary.org/events

Thursday, August 29
BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY SWAG
2pm | YDL-Michigan
Put a creative spin on your back-to-school essentials! We'll craft DIY pencil bags, binder clips, binders and more. Supplies provided.

TEEN MEETUPS

TUESDAYS

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP
4:30pm | Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6 | YDL-Michigan
Share your ideas about how the library can meet teen needs! Plan programs, recommend materials, volunteer in the community, eat snacks, and meet friends.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP
4:30pm | Jun 11 & 25, Jul 9 & 23, Aug 13 & 27 | YDL-Whittaker
Join the Teen Advisory Group! Plan programs, write grants, develop leadership skills, meet friends, help your community, build your resume. Apply online ypsilibrary.org/tag

RHYME ZONE
6pm | Jun 18–Jul 30 | YDL-Michigan
Work with local musicians to practice, write, and prepare your performances for Noise Permit, our teen-driven end of summer concert and celebration of the arts. Lyricist Lounge and Rhyme Zone are free workshops led by artists in the community to help teens prepare for this amazing event!

WEDNESDAYS

SUMMER GAMING TOURNAMENT
3:30pm | Jul 3–Aug 14 | YDL-Michigan
Learn to code your own computer game and compete in the first annual summer gaming tournament. Each week we'll play a new game and keep score all summer long. Only one can be named the master gamer!

THURSDAYS

LYRICIST LOUNGE
6pm | Jun 20–Jul 25 | Ozone House, 102 N. Hamilton
Work with local musicians to practice, write, and prepare your performances for Noise Permit, our teen-driven end of summer concert and celebration of the arts.

SATURDAYS



OPEN STUDIO: ART
12pm | Jun 22, Jul 27, Aug 24 | YDL-Whittaker
Use Copic markers, drawing pencils and paper, watercolors, and digital art tablets from our Creative Toolkits during this open studio art meetup led by members of the Teen Advisory.

TYDL WAVE: ANIME CLUB
1pm | Jun 22, Jul 27, Aug 24 | YDL-Whittaker
Watch anime with other fans, stay for a discussion led by long time facilitators Madison, Bri, and Jeff. Plus snacks! Meet in the community room in August to watch on the big screen.

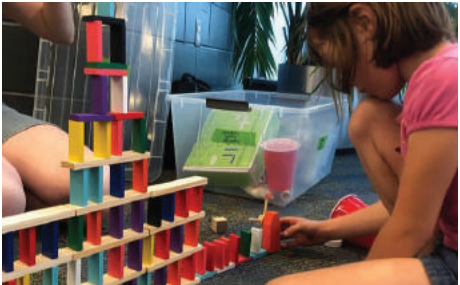
SUNDAYS

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS MEETUP
2pm | Jun 2 & 16, Jul 7 & 21, Aug 4 & 18 | YDL-Whittaker
Play D&D with members of the Teen Advisory. Supplies and snacks provided.

KIDS & PARENTS

JUNE

Saturday, June 15
SUMMER CHALLENGE KICKOFF
12pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)
2pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)
3:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)
Kick off the 2019 Challenge with outdoor STEAM stations and prizes, bounce houses at all locations, cool treats, and a special Summer Challenge temporary tattoo.



Saturday, June 22
LIBRARY LAB: DOMINO TOPPLE
1pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)
Build a domino chain and watch it topple! Sponsored by Zeal Credit Union.

Saturday, June 22
KITE & ROCKET DAY
1pm | [Fireman's Park, next to YDL-Superior](#)
Fly kites, try rockets, and more at this special annual event presented by Superior Township Parks & Recreation! The library will offer a STEM storytime that will include stories, songs, and playing with stomp rockets.

Wednesday, June 26
SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE (PG)
1pm | [YDL-Superior](#)
We'll turn the library into a mini-movie theater and serve popcorn and lemonade. The library will only be open for the movie, not for regular library business.



Wednesday, June 26
ANNUAL BBQ
5pm | [YDL-Superior](#)
Bring the family for a BBQ. We'll grill hot dogs, have ice cream, and play with frisbees, footballs, and jump ropes.

JULY

Thursday, July 4
BOOKMOBILE & BIKES ON PARADE
11am | [Cross Street](#)
Decorate your bike or wagon and march with the Bookmobile in the 90th annual Ypsilanti Independence Day Parade. If you'd like to march with us please find the Bookmobile on West Cross Street by 10:30am. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday, July 8
LOUIE THE LIGHTNING BUG
2pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)
Learn about electrical safety with Louie the Lightning Bug.

Saturday, July 13
A TRIP TO CANDY LAND
3:30pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)
Sweeten your summer with a life-size game of Candy Land.

Tuesday, July 16
THROUGH YOUR EYES
2:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)
Look at the world through the eyes of an animal! Thinking about how a dog might feel helps build empathy and critical thinking skills. Participants will interact with a shelter dog and talk about human-animal conflict. Presented by the Humane Society of Huron Valley

Wednesday, July 17
BEFRIEND A FIREFIGHTER
5:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)
Visit the Superior Fire Department next to the library, see a real fire truck, and ask questions with a local Firefighter.

Monday, July 22
BLUEGRASS CONCERT FOR KIDS
11am | [YDL-Whittaker](#)
Listen to bluegrass music performed by the all-girl band Lafferty Pike. After the concert, your child can touch and even try out an instrument.

Monday–Friday, July 22–26
CHESS CAMP (Ages 7–18)
4:30pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)
Playing chess is a great way to learn to solve problems and practice sportsmanship. From total beginners to intermediate players, kids will gain skills quickly by playing every day. Repeats in August.

Wednesday, July 24
WRIBLOX (Ages 8–18)
5pm | [YDL-Superior](#)
Enhance your Roblox experience by writing new storylines and settings with help from 826michigan. Then bring the character you imagined to life with blocks, paint, and markers.

AUGUST

Saturday, August 10
THE WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE (Ages 3–7)
3:30pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)
Create your own planets and imagine what kind of creatures could live there, then build rockets to launch across the library! Presented by Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. To register call 734-482-4110 x1390 or visit ypsilibrary.org/events



Monday–Friday, August 19–23
CHESS CAMP (Ages 7–18)
1–3pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)
Learn and play chess all week long!

Saturday, August 31
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
12pm | [Prospect Park, 550 N Prospect Road](#)
Are you ready to go back to school? Join YCS staff and community for the free family event featuring fun, food, and music. They'll be giving away free backpacks filled with school supplies, while supplies last. Hosted by Ypsilanti Community Schools.

KIDS & PARENTS MEETUPS



LUNCH & LISTEN
1pm | [Jun 17–Aug 9 | YDL-Whittaker](#)
1:30pm | [Jun 17–Aug 9 | YDL-Michigan](#)
Enjoy a free lunch every weekday, all summer long! Anyone ages 18 and under can eat for free. We'll read a story aloud during lunch and host a fun activity afterward. Sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education.

MONDAYS

MUSIC MANIA (6–12)
2pm | [Jun 17–Aug 5 | YDL-Michigan](#)
Calling all music maniacs! Learn about rhythm, dance, and all kinds of music.

TWEEN READING CIRCLE (Ages 9–12)
5:30pm | [Jun 3–Aug 26 | YDL-Superior](#)
Take turns reading aloud from award-winning books and short story collections and discuss the books over snacks. Join us every week if you can, or just drop in.

TUESDAYS



READING HEROES
1:30pm | [Jun 18–Aug 6 | YDL-Michigan](#)
Meet the helpers and heroes who make our community great! Special guests including EMTs, police officers, and elected officials will read a book and talk about what they do.

LIBRARY LAB
2pm | [Jun 18–Aug 6 | YDL-Whittaker](#)
Drop in for a different hands-on STEM project each week, from robots to weather to food chains.

SPROUT SUPERIOR (Ages 8 & up)
4pm | [Jun 18–Aug 13 | YDL-Superior](#)
Plant seeds, care for the garden, and learn to cook what you grow with a different activity each week.

CARTOONING & COMIC BOOK DRAWING
5pm | [Jun 11 & 25, Jul 9 & 23, Aug 13 & 27 | YDL-Michigan](#)
Draw your favorite superhero or cartoon and design heroes and villains of your own! We'll cover perspective, shading, and dimensions, and create original stories for our characters.

SUPER READERS: ALPHASQUADRON (Ages 4–5)
6:30pm | [Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13 | YDL-Whittaker](#)
Literacy fun for emergent readers. To register call 734 482-4110 x1340

WEDNESDAYS

LIBRARY LAB (Ages 6–12)
2pm | [Jun 19–Aug 7 | YDL-Michigan](#)
Try a new hands-on STEM project each week, from robots to slime to digital book trailers.

GET CREATIVE
2pm | [Jun 19–Aug 7 | YDL-Whittaker](#)
Join volunteers from Eastern Michigan University's Office of Campus and Community Writing for a different project each week that combines creative writing with technology, cooking, or art.



FAMILY MAKER NIGHTS
6:30pm | [Jun 26, Jul 31, Aug 28 | YDL-Michigan](#)
Make, tinker and innovate as a family! Summer workshops will explore aerodynamics, wearable tech, and the science of candy. We'll provide pizza and all the supplies. Parent or other adult must be present.

YPSILANTI WRITERS CLUB (Ages 6–18)
4:30pm | [Jul 31–Aug 15 | YDL-Michigan](#)
Students work with a volunteer from 826michigan to write, edit, and publish their own stories. In a supportive environment, they'll create stories both silly and serious, publishing them in print, or as a comic or video. Come each Wednesday, each Thursday, or both days, but please plan to attend all three weeks.

THURSDAYS



GARDEN TO TABLE
2pm | [Jun 20–Aug 8 | YDL-Whittaker](#)
Help in the garden, meet animals, cook what you grow, and try different activities around gardening and healthy eating.

MAKER THURSDAYS (Ages 8 & up)
2pm | [Jun 20–Aug 8 | YDL-Michigan](#)
From Frankentoy to tie-dye, create a craft to take home.

YPSILANTI WRITERS CLUB (Ages 6–18)
4:30pm | [Jul 31–Aug 15 | YDL-Michigan](#)
Writer's club is available both Wednesday and Thursday. Come either day or both days, but please attend all three weeks.

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)
6:30pm | [Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15 | YDL-Michigan](#)
Discuss a shared book and enjoy a snack. To register call 734-482-4110 x1390

FRIDAYS

GARDEN TO TABLE
2pm | [Jun 21–Aug 9 | YDL-Michigan](#)
Help with the garden, cook what you grow, and have fun with healthy eating activities. Sponsored by MSU Extension.

FITNESS FUN
2pm | [Jun 21–Aug 9 | YDL-Whittaker](#)
Stay fit and have fun with unique activities each week! Try Capoeira, BOUNCE, Zumba, and more. On August 9 we'll cap off the series with DIY smoothies, outdoor games, and a bubble party.

SATURDAYS

BUILD!
2pm | [Jun 29, Jul 20, Aug 10 | YDL-Whittaker](#)
Drop in and build as a family with different supplies each month.

STEAM SATURDAYS (Ages 8 & up)
2pm | [Jun 8–Aug 17 | YDL-Superior](#)
Explore science, tech, art, and more, from robots to dinosaurs to crafts. On June 15, our STEAM challenge will be part of the Summer Challenge Kickoff at 3:30pm.

LITTLE ONES STORYTIMES and More

COMMUNITY STORYTIMES

We're taking storytime on the road this summer so you can find the library at your favorite places around town! Kids of all ages are welcome to join us for stories, songs, games, and more.

- Ypsi Pride:** Friday, Jun 7 | 5pm | Washington Street at Michigan Avenue
Downtown Farmers Market: | Tuesdays Jun 18, Jul 2, Jul 16, Jul 30, Aug 13 | 4-6pm | 16 S. Washington Street
Kite & Rocket Day: | Saturday, Jun 22 | 2pm | 8795 MacArthur Boulevard
Depot Town Farmers Market: | Saturdays Jun 29, Jul 20, Aug 3 | 10am-noon | 100 Rice Street
Rutherford Pool: Tuesday, Jul 9 & Thursday Aug 8 | 5:30pm | 975 Congress Street
Ford Heritage Park: Friday, Jul 19 | 10:30am | 8399 Textile Road
Cultivate: Thursday, Jul 25 | 10am | 307 N. River Street

MONDAYS

DOWNTOWN STORYTIME (5 and under)
10:30am | Jun 17–Aug 19 | YDL-Michigan
Introduce your child to the wonders of reading with stories, songs, and a craft.

BABY STORYTIME (up to 18 months)
10:30am | Jun 17–Aug 19 | YDL-Whittaker
Inspire a love for literature in your future reader through songs, stories, movement, rhythm, and rhyme. Stay afterward to let babies interact as you chat with other caregivers.



TODDLER STORYTIME (18 months–3 years)
11:30am | Jun 17–Aug 19 | YDL-Whittaker
Your little one will learn colors, shapes, and counting in this fast-paced storytime filled with stories, music, movement, fingerplays, and parachute play.

TUESDAY

TODDLER STORYTIME (18 months–3 years)
10:30am | Jun 18–Aug 20 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday's Toddler Storytime.

WEDNESDAY

TERRIFIC THREES STORYTIME (3 year olds)
10:30am | Jun 19–Aug 21 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet at the puppet theater for stories, rhymes, games, songs, and the parachute. Sometimes we'll even toss in a science experiment or art experience!



THURSDAY

JUMPSTART STORYTIME (4–5)
10:30am | Jun 20–Aug 22 | YDL-Whittaker
4's and 5's develop soft skills for kindergarten readiness with a "big kids only" activity in the story room for 10–15 minutes, then will join younger siblings and caregivers for stories, parachute, music, process art, and science and math activities.

STARRY NIGHT STORYTIME
6:30pm | Jun 20–Aug 22 | YDL-Whittaker
Stories & songs in a cozy setting at a convenient time.

FRIDAY

PARENTS AS TEACHERS (Parents of kids ages 5 and under & expecting parents)
11am | Jun 7–Aug 30 | YDL-Michigan
Parents are their child's first and best teachers! Build a support network with other parents, learn from early childhood educators, tackle challenging problems, and let your children play and interact. Sign up by calling 734-484-9944. Led by SOS Community Services.

SATURDAY

FIRST SATURDAYS

WORLD LANGUAGE STORYTIME
10:30am | Jul 6, Aug 3 | YDL-Whittaker
This bilingual storytime features a different language and culture each month. A native speaker will read a story, which will be translated into English. Then we'll make art inspired by their culture.



SECOND SATURDAYS

RAINBOW STORYTIME
10:30am | Jul 13, Aug 10 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear songs and stories about diversity, acceptance, love, friendship, and all the colors of the rainbow.

LITTLE LEARNERS (Ages 5 and under)
11am | Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10 | YDL-Superior
Little ones will love learning through stories, songs, and play. Each child receives a free book. On June 8 we'll meet at Oakbrook Park as part of Superior Day.

THIRD SATURDAYS

THEATRE FOR LITTLE ONES
10:30am | Jun 15, Jul 20, Aug 17 | YDL-Whittaker
Join Spinning Dot Theatre Troupe for an interactive play with joyful live music. Kids will be ready to continue playing and exploring all the way home.

FOURTH SATURDAYS

YOGA STORYTIME (Kids 8 and under with an adult)
10:30am | Jul 27, Aug 24 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear great stories and learn simple animated yoga poses to go with them. Children will build strength, coordination, and body awareness as they bark in downward dog, hiss in cobra pose, and flutter wings in butterfly. No experience necessary.

FIFTH SATURDAY

OUTDOOR PLAY STORYTIME
10:30am | Jun 29 | YDL-Whittaker
Outdoors, weather permitting. We'll read one story and then spend time exploring different play stations. Hands-on play time encourages children to play, create, investigate, and explore. This program replaces Saturday storytime.

READYROSIE VIDEOS HELP YOU CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a parent, you know how important your role is as your child's first and best teacher. But when it comes to engaging your kids in learning activities every day, sometimes we all run out of ideas.

ReadyRosie features short videos that demonstrate easy and fun activities to learn with your child. Some videos show how to develop physical skills like helping baby learn to sit or working on fine motor skills, while others work on academic skills like literacy, math, and problem solving. Other videos give parents ideas for developing social and emotional skills, with activities like talking about feelings or writing thank-you notes. Parents can search and filter videos by the age of the child, from infants to third grade.

In addition to the demonstration videos, ReadyRosie shares the research behind the activities they suggest to parents, connecting families to childcare experts from around the country. ReadyRosie is available in Spanish and English with some videos also in Arabic. All videos also have Arabic and Vietnamese subtitles available.

YDL patrons have free access to ReadyRosie videos. Visit <https://app.readyrosie.com/en/register> or get the app in the App or Google Play stores and use the code "Ypsi". Choose whether to receive weekly videos via text or email.

TALK: Text and Learn

YDL believes in empowering parents as skilled and confident teachers for their children. TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten is a free text messaging service which shares fun learning activities with parents by text message. TALK is available for parents and caregivers of children ages 5 and under and sends messages targeted to a child's development. New ReadyRosie videos are incorporated into the curriculum.

Sign up by texting TALK to 77453 or visiting www.texttolearn.com.



SUMMER LUNCH

Many children in our community depend on school lunches for nutritious meals, but in the summer they may not have access to lunch.

YDL is one of many organizations who partner with Food Gatherers and the Michigan Department of Education to host summer lunch sites, ensuring no child is hungry this summer. Lunch is free and all sites listed are open to anyone ages 18 and under. All summer food program sites are closed on July 4.

Lunch Locations

YDL-WHITTAKER

5577 Whittaker Road
Jun 17–Aug 9 | Monday–Friday
Lunch 1pm

YDL-MICHIGAN

229 W. Michigan Avenue
Jun 17–Aug 9 | Monday–Friday
Lunch 1:30pm

BOTTLES-N-BACKPACKS

111 S. Wallace (Former Chapelle School)
Jun 17–Aug 23 | Monday–Friday
Breakfast 8am | Lunch 11:30am

BRICK ELEMENTARY

8970 Whittaker Road
Jun 24–Aug 1 | Monday–Thursday
Lunch 11:45am | Dinner 3pm

CHILDS ELEMENTARY

7300 Bemis Road
Jun 24–Jul 25 | Monday–Thursday
Lunch 11:45am

FIRST FINE ARTS

6420 Textile Road
Jun 17–Aug 23 | Monday–Friday
Breakfast 6:30am | Lunch 12pm

GLOBAL TECH ACADEMY

1715 East Forest Avenue
Jun 17–Aug 2 | Monday–Friday
Breakfast 9am | Lunch 12pm

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

1301 S. Harris Road
Jun 24–Aug 15 | Monday–Thursday
Breakfast 9am | Lunch 12pm



HOLLOW CREEK

118 S. Grove Street
Jun 17–Aug 23 | Monday–Friday
Lunch 1:30pm | Snack 3pm

LAKEVIEW ESTATES

9910 Geraldine Street
Jun 17–Aug 23 | Monday–Friday
Lunch 12:45pm

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

7425 Willis Road
Jun 25–Jul 26 | Monday–Thursday
Breakfast 8am | Lunch 11am

PARKRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

591 Armstrong Drive
Jul 2–Aug 17 | Monday–Friday
Breakfast 8am | Lunch 12pm

SAUK TRAIL POINTE

928 W. Michigan Avenue
Jun 17–Aug 23 | Monday–Friday
Lunch 1:30pm | Snack 3pm

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

1305 Stamford
Jun 24–Aug 15 | Monday–Thursday
Breakfast 9am | Lunch 12pm
plus Dinner at 5:30pm, Wednesdays
Jun 19–Jul 24 only

WEST WILLOW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2057 Tyler Rd
Jun 24–Aug 9 | Monday–Thursday |
Breakfast: 8:30am | Lunch 12:30pm

Visit the library for fun, free activities every day after lunch and all summer long!

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June

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M 2pm Music Mania: Dancing Machine S 5:30pm Tween Reading Circle	M 1:30pm Reading Heroes W 2pm Library Lab S 4pm Sprout Superior C Downtown Market 4pm Community Storytime M 5pm Cartooning & Comic Book Drawing	M 2pm Library Lab W 2pm Get Creative	M 2pm Maker Thursdays: Frankentoys W 2pm Garden Gatherings M 6:30pm Kids Book Club	M 2pm Garden to Table W 2pm Fitness Fun	W 1pm Library Lab: Domino Topple S 1pm Kite & Rocket Day S 2pm STEAM Saturdays: Tattoo a Banana	
Monday24	Tuesday25	Wednesday26	Thursday27	Friday28	Saturday29	Sunday30
M 2pm Music Mania: Blast from the past S 5:30pm Tween Reading Circle	M 1:30pm Reading Heroes W 2pm Library Lab S 4pm Sprout Superior: Start a Seedling	S 1pm Spider Man Film W 2pm Get Creative S 5pm Annual BBQ M 6:30pm Family Maker Nights	M 2pm Maker Thursdays: Tie-dye backpacks W 2pm Garden Gatherings	M 2pm Garden to Table W 2pm Fitness Fun	C Depot Town Market 10am Community Storytime S 2pm STEAM Saturdays: Coding with Ozobots W 2pm BUILD: Legos	

July

Monday1	Tuesday2	Wednesday3	Thursday4	Friday5	Saturday6	Sunday7
M 2pm Music Mania: Around The World S 5:30pm Tween Reading Circle	M 1:30pm Reading Heroes W 2pm Library Lab S 4pm Sprout Superior C Downtown Market 4pm Community Storytime	M 2pm Library Lab W 2pm Get Creative	LIBRARY CLOSED Cross Street 11am Independence Day Parade	M 2pm Garden to Table W 2pm Fitness Fun	S 2pm STEAM Saturdays: Bee Homes	
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August

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			M 2pm Maker Thursdays: Indigo Dye Pillowcases W 2pm Garden Gatherings M 4:30pm Writers Club	M 2pm Garden to Table W 2pm Fitness Fun	C Depot Town Market 10am Community Storytime S 2pm STEAM Saturdays	
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M 2pm Music Mania: Drums & Bass S 5:30pm Tween Reading Circle	M 1:30pm Reading Heroes W 2pm Library Lab S 4pm Sprout Superior M 5pm Cartooning & Comic Book Drawing	M 2pm Library Lab W 2pm Get Creative M 4:30pm Writers Club	M 2pm Maker Thursdays W 2pm Garden Gatherings M 4:30pm Writers Club C Rutherford Pool 5:30pm Community Storytime	M 2pm Garden to Table W 2pm Fitness Fun	S 2pm STEAM Saturdays M 2pm BUILD M 3:30pm The Wonders of the Universe	



FREE NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER CAMPS ENGAGE YPSI-AREA KIDS

A symphony of laughter, shouts, and chants floated across a playground as three teams of children from the Ypsilanti area prepared to square off against each other in a friendly game of kickball.

The children participated in the county's Summer Playground Program, a free two-month camp meant to entertain and enlighten children from underserved neighborhoods in the Ypsi area.

Since 2008, Washtenaw County has provided a summer experience for local disadvantaged children, teaming up with Superior Township Parks and Recreation and Ypsilanti Community Schools to help boost participation.

Enriching and educating

The Summer Playground Program's intention isn't just to babysit or keep children busy while they're out of school. Its ultimate goal is to provide children with some kind of enrichment over the summer by including an educational component in every activity. For instance, when children made tie-dye socks to wear at the kickball challenge, they learned how to mix colors to make a new color.

"The best part of working with kids is being able to teach them something and them not knowing they learned [because] they had fun doing it," says Superior Township Parks and Recreation director Juan Bradford.

Each day, the more than 150 children registered for the Summer Playground Program at all three sites received free meals and snacks provided through the state's Meet Up and Eat Up Summer Food Service Program, which is locally sponsored by Food Gatherers, and participated in games,

crafts, presentations, and activities centered around a weekly theme.

Some programs have added a tutoring component aimed to help children retain information they learned throughout the course of the previous school year, while the behavior management was meant to teach children how to handle emotions and how to resolve issues, according to Kathy Wyatt, executive assistant at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, which is heavily involved in the Summer Playground Program.

The children at all three sites also had access to books through interactions with the Ypsilanti District Library at least once a week. The library's bookmobile made a weekly visit to the Sugarbrook and West Willow sites, so the kids were able to check out a book if they had a library card or have a book read to them by the library staff. The MacArthur site was so close to the library's Superior Township branch that children were able to walk there to check out books and use the computers one day a week, as well as have a member of the library staff read to the children at the site another day a week.

Community Impact

Patricia Tabb, site coordinator for the MacArthur program, wanted to get involved in the Summer Playground Program because it allows her to work with children, do community outreach, empower local youth, and promote living a healthy lifestyle right in her own neighborhood.

"I think it has an enormous impact on the community just by providing food for the children, providing an outlet for the children, a source of

family and community for the kids that are in communities where everyone is so separate," Tabb says.

"I think this is a phenomenal program and I hope there's funding and sponsors to keep it going for infinity."

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June 2–August 15

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM 2019

Monday-Thursday, 9am–4pm

Superior Township: New Christian Love Church

Sugarbrook Neighborhood: Grace Fellowship Church

West Willow: New Covenant Church

Summer Playground Program is offered at no cost to families from each neighborhood. Registration is required and can be completed online at parksonline.ewashtenaw.org. For details contact Karen Lewis at (734) 971-6337 x324 or lewisk2@washtenaw.org.

TAKING THE LIBRARY SUMMER CHALLENGE TO KIDS EVERYWHERE

Hundreds of students around the Ypsilanti area have already pledged to read daily this summer—and they don't even know it yet! Dozens of summer camps and summer lunch sites are working with YDL to encourage reading and have every attendee participate in the Summer Challenge.

The library's "Gold Star Partners" program works with summer camps and summer schools to incorporate reading into their daily schedules. Participating programs get a bin of books to borrow for the summer, which includes great read-alouds as well as books for students to pick up on their

own. Sites agree to have students read, or listen to a book being read each day, and track their reading on a large poster. At the end of the summer, each student gets a prize—a free book and a gift card for a sundae at Coldstone Creamery.

Last year, participants said that reading daily helped children become more confident, independent readers. 2019 library Summer Challenge partners include the Community Action Network at Brick Elementary, Bright Futures at Ypsilanti Community Schools, Sauk Trail Pointe, and Adventure Center, with more to come. For more information, visit www.ypsilibrary.org/goldstar.

FREE WEEKEND BUS RIDES WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

On the go for the weekend? Through our partnership with TheRide, your library card can take you anywhere!

Library card holders can ride the bus for free on Saturdays and Sundays during the Summer Challenge—June 15–August 31. If you’re playing the Summer Challenge online, search inside of the bus for a secret code and earn a badge! Find bus routes and schedules at www.theride.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!

Upcoming Sales
September 19–22, 2019

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

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

Friends Shop

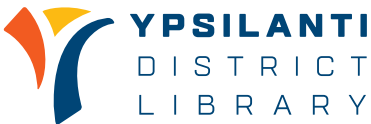
The Friends Shop inside YDL-Whittaker offers a wonderful selection of gently-used books at great prices. The shop is open seven days a week.

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

Friends Cart

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

WWW.YPSILIBRARY.ORG



LOCATIONS & HOURS

YDL-WHITTAKER	YDL-MICHIGAN	YDL-SUPERIOR	YDL-BOOKMOBILE
5577 Whittaker Road Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (734) 482-4110 x1350	229 West Michigan Avenue Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (734) 482-4110 x1325	8795 MacArthur Blvd Ypsilanti, MI 48198 (734) 482-4110 x1310	Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (734) 482-4110 x1359
HOURS Monday–Thursday 9am–9pm Friday / Saturday 10am–6pm Sunday 1pm–5pm	HOURS Monday–Thursday 9am–9pm Friday / Saturday 10am–6pm Sunday Closed	HOURS Monday 12pm–8pm Tuesday 10am–6pm Wednesday / Thursday... 4pm–8pm Friday Closed Saturday 10am–6pm Sunday Closed	HOURS Monday–Thursday 4pm–8pm See the bookmobile’s neighborhood route and schedule at www.ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile

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

Call (734) 482-4110 x1371 for details.

Holiday Closings

Thursday, July 4: *Independence Day*
Sunday, September 1: *Labor Day Weekend*
Monday, September 2: *Labor Day*

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