EVERYONE’S A WRITER
Introducing Ypsi Writes!

Have you ever wished you could bounce your latest short story off of someone? Or have you struggled with writing a business plan or résumé? Ypsi Writes supports all writers with any kind of project. Eastern Michigan University’s Office of Campus and Community Writing, the library, and 826michigan are launching an exciting, all-ages, ongoing writing initiative. Ypsi Writes will host drop-in hours at all YDL locations offering help with any type of writing, and present writing workshops where both experienced and aspiring writers can learn various forms, from memoirs to poetry.

Ypsi Writes supports the community of writers in Ypsilanti by providing assistance at all stages of the writing process; by bringing writers together for conversation, inspiration, and feedback; and by promoting our shared identities as writers. Trained writing coaches—either at drop-in hours or in workshops—will be well prepared to work with you on any type of writing. You’ll discover engaging programs that build writing skills and inspire a love of writing for both seasoned and novice writers alike.

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SOLVE A MYSTERY WITH THE YPSI FAMILY READ

The Ypsi Family Read brings our entire community together around one book, and ends with a big celebration that brings the book to life. Last year, readers celebrated Ghost with a track meet at Frog Island Park, and danced the cha-cha and tried the author’s family cookie recipe with Ruth Behar after reading Lucky Broken Girl.

This season’s pick, The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson, will come to life with a scavenger hunt that takes families on a trip through local history. Readers will get to solve a historical mystery just like Candice and Brandon, the main characters in the book. Then on November 15, we’ll put your puzzle-solving skills to the test with a “Break Out Of The Library” party.

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EVERYONE'S A WRITER CONTINUED
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Ypsi Writes kicks off with a Grand Opening celebration on October 19, in conjunction with the National Day on Writing. “Everyone’s a Writer” will highlight the many ways we all use writing in our daily lives, even if we don’t identify as writers. Writing activity stations will engage both youth and adults in fun activities, and patrons will be able to stop by and work on writing for a few minutes or an hour!

826michigan has collaborated with both YDL and EMU for more than a decade, offering fun, creative writing workshops for youth led by passionate and highly-trained volunteers. These writing workshops, as well as 826michigan’s popular drop-in homework help program, will all continue as part of Ypsi Writes. EMU and 826 will also offer some youth and adult workshops in tandem, so parents can participate in an adult workshop while their kids participate in another program nearby.

The Grand Opening will be held simultaneously at all YDL locations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Whittaker Road event also features a writer expo highlighting professionals in many careers that rely on writing, including technical writers, grant writers, bloggers, and journalists. A local author showcase will feature selected published authors who will read from and sign their books (details at www.ypsilibrary.org/writers).

Saturday, October 19
YPSI WRITES GRAND OPENING
11am–2pm | All YDL Locations
Try out hands-on writing activities for all ages and learn about writers in our community.

SOLVE A MYSTERY WITH THE YPSI FAMILY READ CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The Parker Inheritance, a 2018 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book, was the clear choice of those who voted this summer. In addition to being a fun book to read, its focus on local history is a great fit for Ypsilanti! It’s set in a small town called Lambert, which is based on the author’s hometown of Florence, South Carolina, where kids ride their bikes to the library and eat lunch at a historic diner.

Candice visits Lambert for the summer, living with her mother in her grandmother’s empty house. She soon meets Brandon, who lives across the street. While searching the attic for books to read, they find a mysterious letter about a hidden fortune. Following clues, they uncover the story of a young man who lived in Lambert during the 1950s Jim Crow era of segregation. As they discover forgotten local heroes, they learn how events in the past still have an impact on their daily lives.

Author Varian Johnson relied on oral histories from local residents to do research on his book, and Ypsi Family Read puzzle solvers will do the same, finding clues in the library’s A.P. Marshall Oral History archive. Scavenger hunters will also hunt through photos of Ypsi school children on Matt Siegfried’s 1900s Adams Street website, and visit parks and historical markers throughout the city and townships.

Whether you finished the book or just love the theme, there will be lots of great workshops related to the story. Readers can look at Ypsilanti’s local-history-based murals and make art with Lynne Settles, write their own mystery with 826michigan, or join a book discussion. The Family Read is designed for all ages, selecting books that are appropriate for kids as young as third grade but also interesting to adults. There’s also a list of related picture books, so younger readers can join in the conversation.

The Family Read was designed to encourage families to unplug and read aloud together. Even after kids can read, they build vocabulary when they hear stories read aloud. And reading together prompts great conversations. The Parker Inheritance touches on themes like segregation, bullying, racism, friendship, and social justice that families can talk about.

There will be plenty of copies of The Parker Inheritance at every YDL location starting September 9, so come pick one up! We hope you’ll enjoy it as much as we do.

FAMILY READ HISTORY HUNT
Unscramble each of the clue words. Then copy the letters in the numbered cells to the cells below with the same number. The solution will lead to a resource that will help you find the hidden medallion!

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Early inhabitants of the Ypsilanti area
P A T T I O W A M O

Small community
L I E L A V G

Person who studies human history through excavating artifacts
R O T A H S E C L I A G O

Old cemetery
J A B U R L D R G U O N

Path near a river in Ypsilanti
R A T E W T E S T E R T A L I R

Local waterway
H U N R O R E V R I

Native American trail that is now a US highway
S U K A T I L R A

Solve a mystery with the Ypsi Family Read
BANNED BOOKS WEEK
Celebrate our Freedom to Read
September 22–28

Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community—librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types—in support of the freedom to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

The books featured during Banned Books Week have all been challenged in libraries or schools. By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the dangers of censorship. The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom tracks banned and challenged books in libraries. In 2018, they recorded 347 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services, naming a total of 483 books.

YDL is committed to reflecting the diversity of our community, and is proud to include many different viewpoints in our collections. Visit YDL-Whittaker September 22–28 for an intriguing display of challenged materials alongside quotes from writers sharing how they feel about their work being censored. While you’re there, take a “mug shot” and celebrate your freedom of expression.

2018’s Top 11 Most Challenged Books:

- George, by Alex Gino: Banned, challenged, and relocated because it was believed to encourage children to clear browser history and change their bodies using hormones, and for mentioning “dirty magazines,” describing male anatomy, “creating confusion,” and including a transgender character.
- A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo, by Jill Twiss, illustrated by EG Keller: Banned and challenged for including LGBTQIA+ content, and for political and religious viewpoints.
- Captain Underpants, series written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey: Challenged because it was perceived to encourage disruptive behavior, while Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-A-Lot was challenged for including a same-sex couple.
- The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas: Banned and challenged because it was deemed “anti-cop,” and for profanity, drug use, and sexual references.
- Drama, written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier: Banned and challenged for including LGBTQIA+ characters and themes.
- Thirteen Reasons Why, by Jay Asher: Banned, challenged, and restricted for addressing teen suicide.
- This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki: Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and certain illustrations.
- Skippyjon Jones series, written and illustrated by Judy Schachner: Challenged for depicting stereotypes of Mexican culture.
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie: Banned and challenged for sexual references, profanity, violence, gambling, and underage drinking, and for its religious viewpoint.
- This Day in June by Gayle E. Pitman, illustrated by Kristyna Litten: Challenged and burned for including LGBTQIA+ content.
- Two Boys Kissing by David Levithan: Challenged and burned for including LGBTQIA+ content.

Winter Wonderland

When the weather turns cold, there’s no better place to spend time than the library. This year, we’ll celebrate the season with a winter extravaganza!

On December 14, YDL-Whittaker will be transformed into a winter wonderland. Entering the library, you’ll see an ice carving demonstration as a carver creates a beautiful sculpture. Kids are able to pet and have photos taken with live reindeer.

The event will feature craft projects for both adults and kids, so everyone can create a unique wintry project to bring home or give as a gift. All materials will be provided and crafts will be appropriate for novices and skilled crafters alike. If you’re unable to attend, we’ve included instructions for one of these projects so you can make it at home with a recycled jar.

MATERIALS

- Mason Jar or similar clear glass jar
- Epsom Salt
- ModPodge Glue
- ModPodge Acrylic Spray
- Sponge brush
- Large bowl
- Twine or Ribbon
- Evergreen Sprigs, or other embellishments
- Tea light or votive candle

DIRECTIONS

Fill a large bowl with Epsom Salt. Evenly coat the sides of the jar with ModPodge Glue, but not the bottom. Roll the jar in the bowl of salt, covering it well. Let dry.

Spray the jar with acrylic spray and decorate with twine, ribbon, evergreen sprigs. When the spray is dry, place a candle inside the jar and watch it glow.

Saturday, December 14
WINTER WONDERLAND
3–4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Winter takes over the library with a festive celebration for all ages.

SNOWY CANDLE HOLDER

Here’s one of the crafts that adults and teens can make at our Winter Wonderland event. You can also try it at home!

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HOW A DOCTOR EXPOSED THE FLINT WATER CRISIS

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, a pediatrician in Flint, was among the first people to notice elevated lead levels in her patients. She immediately started to conduct research, and soon uncovered a widespread pattern—and one of the most catastrophic public health crises in U.S. history.

In her book What The Eyes Don’t See, Dr. Mona, as she’s come to be called, narrates how she exposed the ongoing Flint Water Crisis and fought the unethical actions of government officials. Starting with case studies of children who drank contaminated water, she showed Flint residents were being exposed to toxic levels of lead and other hazardous chemicals.

What The Eyes Don’t See will be highlighted at libraries and schools around the state in 2019 and 2020 as part of the Great Michigan Read, a project of the Michigan Humanities Council. The program’s goal is to invite a statewide conversation on humanitarian issues, centered around a common book.

Dr. Hanna-Attisha will visit Ypsilanti in October, and YDL will host several related programs this fall, including discussions on the state of PFAS contamination here in Washtenaw County and a lecture on the future of the Great Lakes. Multiple copies of her book will be available at all locations.

WHAT’S IN OUR WATER? THREATS TO THE HURON RIVER

Headlines have been swirling this year with stories about new and not-so-new threats to the Huron River. Between PFAS, dioxane, microplastics, and algae blooms, anyone planning to enjoy the river might be feeling cautious.

The Huron River is the cleanest urban river in Michigan, and the watershed has come a long way from the time when its waters ran a different color depending on what kind of paper the Peninsular Paper Company was making that day. While some toxins no longer enter the waterways, some are still cause for concern.

PFAS

PFAS are synthetic chemicals that persist for a long time in the environment and human body. PFAS are most worrisome when they contaminate drinking water. To date, drinking water tests from the Great Lakes Water Authority, where most Ypsilanti area residents get their water, have not detected any PFAS contamination, though many nearby communities have found PFAS in their drinking water.

The good news is that it is safe to swim, boat, and enjoy the Huron River, with a few simple precautions. Do not eat fish from the Huron River, but catch-and-release fishing is okay. Avoid river foam, as PFAS can become concentrated in foam at high levels. If you, your children, or pets accidentally make contact with river foam, simply rinse off with non-foamy river water and wash up when you get home.

DIOXANE

A 1, 4 dioxane plume currently contaminates the groundwater under much of Scio Township, Ann Arbor Township, and Ann Arbor. Those communities, along with Washtenaw County and HRWC, are currently involved in litigation against the polluter, Gelman Sciences, to slow or stop the spread of the plume and clean it up.

Dioxane is suspected to be cancer-causing through inhalation, ingestion, or by direct skin contact, though the type of exposure makes an enormous difference in the level of risk.

The dioxane plume has not reached the Huron River, but if it does it could quickly spread to the Ypsilanti area. At this time, dioxane is not affecting the safety of recreational users or public drinking water supplies.

MICROPLASTICS

Microplastics are tiny pieces of plastic sized smaller than 5 millimeters. Most are invisible to the naked eye. In the Great Lakes, 70% of microplastic pollution comes from synthetic fibers, and much of that likely comes from washing polyester or synthetic fiber clothing. Microplastics can be harmful to humans as well as wildlife. Plastic additives have been linked to cancer and endocrine disruption issues.

Individuals and communities can take action to reduce microplastic pollution. Microplastic beads were removed from most cosmetic products in 2015. Laundry filters and other devices can capture tiny fibers from clothing before they wash down the drain.

MAINTAINING A HEALTHY HURON RIVER

Environmental groups across Michigan, including the Huron River Watershed Council, constantly work with state and federal agencies to protect residents from new and existing health risks. By many critical measures, the condition of the Huron River is improving. The river is vital to southeast Michigan and with a few precautions, residents can enjoy the river responsibly as they have in the past.
GET WEATHER-READY WITH HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

HOME WEATHERIZATION

Preparing for Michigan’s often unpredictable weather can cost a fortune. Do you have a leaky roof? Does your home have a draft during the winter months? Is your home in need of some repairs as the temperature starts to drop? To help lower the cost of utility bills, Washtenaw County’s Weatherization Assistance Program offers free home improvement services to eligible Washtenaw residents. Both renters and homeowners are welcome to receive weatherization services.

FREE HOME IMPROVEMENTS MAY INCLUDE:
• Furnace or boiler tune-up, to help your heating system run more efficiently and last longer
• High efficiency furnace replacement
• Installation of new energy-saving programmable thermostat

Visit www.washtenaw.org/weatherization to see if you qualify. Eligibility for LIHEAP, FAP, SSI, SER, TANF, WAP, THAW, or WIC establishes automatic eligibility. Renters must obtain landlord approval.

VISIT OUR FARMERS MARKETS!

Tuesdays, May 7–Oct 29
DOWNTOWN YPSILANTI FARMERS MARKET
3pm–7pm | Ypsilanti Farmers Marketplace, 16 S. Washington Street

The market happens year-round at Growing Hope’s newly-renovated Robert C. Barnes Sr. Marketplace Hall. This fall find lots of fresh produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, crafts, and more at the outdoor market. Come back in January for an indoor winter market.

Saturdays, May 4–Oct 26
DEPOT TOWN FARMERS MARKET
9am–1pm | 100 Rice Street, Ypsilanti MI

Find everything from fresh produce to artisan baked goods on a visit to the historic Depot Town market. At both Ypsilanti markets, Bridge Card users can double their SNAP dollars and get up to $20 in FREE produce at each market visit thanks to Double Up Food Bucks and the Fair Food Network.

Fridays, May 31–Oct 25
DIXBORO FARMERS MARKET
3–7pm | 5221 Church Rd, Ann Arbor MI

Dixboro is more than your typical Farmers Market, with the Artisan’s Market the last Friday of each month, music on the new pavilion, and crafts for kids. Special events include Cars on the Green Sept 13 and Halloween Extravaganza Oct 25. Visit www.dixborovillagegreen.org.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS

YPSILANTI SEeks input for future plans

2019 is an exciting year for planning in the City of Ypsilanti, as the city updates its Master Plan, creates a new Sustainability Plan, and revamps its plan for parks and nonmotorized transportation. Public input will be sought for each one of these projects, so follow the City’s Facebook page or sign up on the city’s website, www.cityofypsilanti.com, for text or email alerts and select “Planning Initiatives 2019.”

HURON/HAMILTON/WASHTENAW LANE REDUCTION

When Huron, Hamilton, and Washtenaw were redesigned in the late 1960s, the City was seeing an increase in traffic, and the majority of people who lived and worked in Ypsilanti worked standard first shift or 9–5 hours, which led to predictable traffic jams. Today, with more people walking and riding bicycles and fewer “shift change” pressures, the roads are wide open—which has led to higher speeds and more accidents. The City is working with MDOT to evaluate creating bicycle lanes on Hamilton and Huron, and converting a lane to parking on Washtenaw between the water tower and Hamilton. Visit www.cityofypsilanti.com to learn about an upcoming public input session this fall.

YMCA EXPLORES EASTSIDE REC CENTER

Offering a full-service recreation center on the east side of the county has long been a dream for Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation. In June, the County Parks Commission committed resources to participate in a feasibility study to explore building a YMCA on a vacant parcel on South Huron Street owned by Ypsilanti Township. The facility would be owned and operated by the YMCA.

NEED ASSISTANCE? CALL 211

Life is unpredictable, and we can all find ourselves looking for a hand sometimes. The United Way’s 211 service connects people to local agencies who offer food assistance, provide emergency shelter, or help paying a utility bill. They can even help you find high-quality child care or in-home care for a loved one. Call 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org.

Library staff are also happy to help you navigate local resources! Ask a reference librarian, or visit www.ypsilibrary.org/assistance for a local service directory.
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SEPTEMEBR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT: 18 STRINGS
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

AN outdoor performance of classic rock, blues, and country to accompany your First Friday downtown art and music walk! YDL Guitar Club will open.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
FAYGO!
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
The Faygo Book will tickle the taste buds and memories of Detroiters and Faygo lovers everywhere! Author Joe Grimm will hear from author Joe Grimm how a family business forged a 100-year bond with Detroit and became the last company standing in “pop alley.”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
START OR UPDATE YOUR RESUMÉ USING GOOGLE
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Starting your résumé is easy using a template and other tools! On-screen! Or-see-soon! Bring your existing résumé and edit and update it using Google resources. Come to one or both sessions. Offered in partnership with Grow With Google, the American Library Association, and the Public Library Association. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1377.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
TELLING YOUR STORY: THE POWER OF WORDS
4pm | Tuesday, September 17 | YDL-Michigan
6pm | Wednesday, September 18 & 25
TOLDY-Whittaker

“Telling your story” is a workshop that will help you explore the stories of your life, focus on one significant moment, and write about that experience. No experience? No worry! The workshop will walk through the basics of memoir writing and help you discover the power of your own words and memories. The TOLDY-Whittaker program is a 2-part series that requires registration, call 734-482-4110 x1377. Hosted by EMU Center for Campus and Community Writing as part of Ypsi Writes.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
THE HEALING JUSTICE MOVEMENT
4pm | YDL-Whittaker
The film Healing Justice explores restorative practices, which redefine criminal and juvenile justice with a focus on understanding trauma, finding reconnection, and bringing about restorative change. Join the Dispute Resolution Center for a screening, light dinner, and community conversation. Register for the free event at https://healingjustice-film-event.eventbrite.com

VARIOUS DATES & TIMES
SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Call or text 313-698-9500 to register! Back by popular demand! Learn about the high-tech safety features that are already in your car, what might come soon, and what to look for when shopping for a new car. To register call 7-817-836-4115 or visit www.aarp.org/findabookshop10

Tuesday, September 17–Thursday, September 19
THE GREAT LAKES TODAY
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Thirty-five million people depend on our freshwater “ inland seas” for drinking water, jobs, and their way of life. Join Great Lakes researcher Karen VignesRoad on a lake-by-lake photographic journey. Find out what threatens our lakes today, who is working to address the threats, and what you can do to help.

Wednesday, September 18
HISTORY OF BLUES WITH JOE LEONE
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Music historian and acclaimed guitarist Joe Leone, along with two of his musicians, covers the history, influence and impact of American blues music through songs, historical facts. Take Note concert sponsored by the Friends of YDL.

Wednesday, September 18
FAYGO!
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Following the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York, Michigan experienced a surge in gay liberation activism. Historian Dr. Tim Rezoff explores Metro Detroit’s queer organizations that sprang up in the early 1970s and key events that sent political and social shockwaves through the state still felt today.

Thursday, September 19
SHOCKWAVES FROM STONEWALL
7-9pm | YDL-Michigan
The Bystander Moment shares a proven model for challenging sexist cultural norms, casting all of us as active bystanders and potential leaders who have a positive role to play in promoting gender equality.

Saturday, September 21
JUST ADD RICE
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn how to stretch your food budget by adding rice to your main dish. We’ll sample a tasty dish, learn from workshop leader and Rice University graduate student Krista Sidoruck how to prepare delicious rice dishes for any meal. Call 734-482-4110 x1377.

Saturday, September 21
INTRODUCTION TO ESSENTIAL OILS
7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn about essential oils from Dr. Lisa Porfera, who will inform you about their common uses as well as how to use them safely.

Sunday, September 22
EXPUNCE FAIR
10am | Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Ave
If you have one or two felony or misdemeanor convictions in Washtenaw County and have been released from probation or parole for more than 5 years, you may be eligible to have your conviction removed from the public record. Fair hosted by Michigan Works! southeast.

Sunday, September 22
FAMILY KICKBALL FUN DAY
11am | Oakwood Park, Superior Township
Rain Date: Saturday, September 21 I’ll join the Guelph, foot golf, games & crafts. Lunch will be provided. Hosted by Superior Township Parks & Recreation.

Sunday, September 22
SAFE TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
This is a continuing series of community meetings about race and racism facilitated by local peace educator LaRon Williams. We’ll watch a film or video clips followed by an open, honest group discussion.

Sunday, September 22
THE ABCS OF DNA & GENEALOGY
1pm | YDL-Whittaker
What can DNA testing tell you? DNA testing can be a powerful tool in your genealogy toolkit. This session offers a beginner’s overview on tests, testing companies, and how you can use your results. Sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.

Wednesday, September 25
PRUNCE UP YOUR HOLIDAY MARKETING
1pm | YDL-Whittaker
Calling all small business owners! Learn to use business listings, online advertising, and email marketing to reach customers, just in time for the holiday shopping rush. Hosted in partnership with Grow With Google.

October

Saturday, October 5
FLINT WATER CRISIS WITH DR. MONA HANNA-ATTISHA
6pm | YDL-Michigan
Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha is a pediatrician and professor whose research uncovered the Flint Water Crisis. Her book, What The Eyes Don’t See, shares her dramatic discovery of lead exposure in Flint and the brutal backlash she faced when she went public with her findings. This visit is part of the Great Michigan Reads program sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council.

Monday, October 7
BANNED BOOKS WEEK
dates, times & locations

Wednesday, October 23 8-10pm
TURNING YOUR STORY INTO SONG
YDL-Michigan
Back by popular demand! Learn about the high-tech safety features that are already in your car, what might come soon, and what to look for when shopping for a new car. To register call 7-817-836-4115 or visit www.aarp.org/findabookshop10

Monday, October 28
SPOOKY TALES AND S’MORES
YDL-Michigan
Eat s’mores around the “bonfire” and share your favorite spooky stories. Witch hats encouraged!

Tuesday, October 29
FAYGO!
6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
The Faygo Book will tickle the taste buds and memories of Detroiters and Faygo lovers everywhere! Author Joe Grimm will hear from author Joe Grimm how a family business forged a 100-year bond with Detroit and became the last company standing in “pop alley.”

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ADULT MEETUPS

TUESDAYS

DROP-IN WRITING 4pm | Sept 10–Dec 17 | YDL-Supior Get help with resumes, short stories, cover letters, and more! Bring any kind of writing for feedback and assistance from a trained writing consultant. Sponsored by EMU’s Office of Campus and Community Writing as part of Ypsi Writes.

A MATTER OF BALANCE: FALL PROYON (Ages 55+) 10am | Wed, Sept 11–Nov 20 YDL-Whittaker This 8-week workshop is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels for older participants. Presented by the Area Agency on Aging 1-8. To register call 734-482-4110 x1377.

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SENIORS (Ages 55+) 11am | Sept 14–Dec 14 | YDL-Michigan Learn to use Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and more in a safe way. Bring your own smart phone, tablet, or laptop. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1385.

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP (Ages 55+) 9am | Wed, Oct 9—Dec 11 YDL-Whittaker Calling all mystery lovers! Check out a new mystery title each month.

DROP-IN WRITING 5pm | Sept 11–Dec 10 YDL-Whittaker Bring any kind of writing and receive feedback from trained coaches as part of Ypsi Writes.

FRIDAYS

LNGO WALKING GROUP (Ages 55+) 10:30am | Sept 6 & 20, Oct 4 & 18, Nov 1 & 15 & 30 YDL-Whittaker Exercise and socialize with a 30-minute walk along a path near the library.

YPSILANTI OPEN MEDITATION 7:30pm | Tues, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 3 YDL-Whittaker Drop in for weekly guided meditation led by experienced mindfulness teachers.

SATURDAYS

GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS 10am | Sept 7 & 21, Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2 & 30, Dec 14 YDL-Michigan We teach each other songs, listen, collaborate and learn to play guitars together. Open to all levels, all ages (18+) and all types of guitars.

AFRICAN AMERICAN GENETALOGY 10:30am | Sept 22, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21 YDL-Michigan Discover your family history and share the challenges and rewards of African American Genealogy. Each session will focus on a different resource or technique.

DROP-IN WRITING 11am | Sept 14–Dec 14 YDL-Whittaker Bring any kind of writing and receive feedback from trained coaches as part of Ypsi Writes. In November, National Novel Writing Month participants can join a NaNoWriMo support group from 11am–12pm.
PENCIL BOXES 8 (Ages 5–12) 2pm | YDL-Superior
Start the school year right by giving a new pencil box your custom flair. All supplies provided, including paint, stickers, and glueable jewels to make your project special.

LIBRARY LAB: DOMINO TOPPLE 6pm | YDL-Superior
Join the domino topping club to build a giant domino creation, and stay to watch it topple. Sponsored by the Zeal Credit Union.

LEATHER STAMPING 7–14) 2pm | YDL-Superior
Use metal stamps and a mallet to create designs (Ages 7–14) LEATHER STAMPING

YPSI WRITES GRAND OPENING 11am–3pm | All YDL Locations
Kids will find plenty of creative fun as we launch Ypsi Writes! Try fun writing activities like a six-word memoir, writing in code, creating an acrostic or adding to an ongoing story. Ypsi Writes is a partnership between YDL, 826Michigan, and EMU’s Center for Campus and Community Writing.

HALLOWEEN DOWNTOWN 5:30–7pm | YDL-Superior
Trick or Treat in the library parking lot with music, popcorn, a costume contest, and a visit to the haunted Bookstore. All ages are invited to Ypsi Glow nearby starting at 7pm. Sponsored by the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti and the Ypsilanti Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

LIBRARY LAB: BUOYANCY 9am | YDL-Superior
Try and race along lines you draw on paper. New expert advice will shake up poetry as we know it, while adults attend the “Discover Your Inner Poet” workshop nearby.

YPSI WRITES GRAND OPENING 11am–3pm | All YDL Locations
Kids will find plenty of creative fun as we launch Ypsi Writes! Try fun writing activities like a six-word memoir, writing in code, creating an acrostic or adding to an ongoing story. Ypsi Writes is a partnership between YDL, 826Michigan, and EMU’s Center for Campus and Community Writing.

HALLOWEEN DOWNTOWN 5:30–7pm | YDL-Superior
Trick or Treat in the library parking lot with music, popcorn, a costume contest, and a visit to the haunted Bookstore. All ages are invited to Ypsi Glow nearby starting at 7pm. Sponsored by the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti and the Ypsilanti Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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**STORIES & FUN FOR LITTLE ONES**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Monday, September 9**

**KINDERCONEERT** (Ages 2 – 6)
Musicians from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra join Geri Stein for a music and movement experience just for little ones! Featuring the Fantastic Flute. The same concert is repeated twice.

**Saturday, September 21**

**THEATRE FOR LITTLE ONES**
Join Spinning Dot Theatre Troupe for an interactive play with joyful live music.

**Tuesday, October 16**

**WRITING AND STORIES FOR LITTLE ONES**
(Ages 1 – 3)
30:30 YDL-Whittaker
As part of the Ypsilanti Grand Opening, hear a story, then visit hands-on stations with pre-kindergarten skill building activities for the littlest learners.

**Wednesday, December 18**

**COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE**

**Saturday, November 23**

**BOTTLE CAP MAGNETS**

**Sunday, November 24**

**CREATIVE MOVEMENT FOR LITTLE ONES** (Ages 2 – 6)
10:30 YDL-Whittaker
Amy Cadwallader of Dance Uprising shares fun games and stories that incorporate the principles of movement and dance.

**Thursday, December 5**

**TINKERLAB**
Tinkering allows young children to learn from and support other parents, while your network, tackle challenging problems, and learn better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.

**Friday, December 6**

**TEEN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**
Celebrate with a holiday-themed craft, yummy food, music, and movies. Supplies and snacks provided.

**Monday, December 23**

**SUNNY DAY STORYTIME**
3:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Enjoy love for literature for your future reader through songs, stories, movement, rhythm, art, science, and play.

**Tuesday, December 31**

**NEW YEAR’S CELEBRATION**
Get ready for the math portion of the SAT with volunteer Gheeta Elsagunan.

**Wednesday, January 1**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
Help RAR’s “Pet Food Drive” for animals in need.

**Sunday, January 5**

**NEW YEAR’S CELEBRATION**
Get ready for the math portion of the SAT with volunteer Gheeta Elsagunan.

**Wednesday, January 8**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 2 – 3)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
Join the Teen Advisory Group for an after-hours meeting—books, board games, crafts, and more! Share your ideas about how the library can improve! Meet at the puppet theater for stories, books, games, and crafts, and the parachute. We’ll even toss in an occasional science experiment!

**Monday, January 14**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday’s toddler storytime.

**Saturday, January 19**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
Help RAR’s “Pet Food Drive” for animals in need.

**Monday, January 21**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday’s toddler storytime.

**Saturday, January 26**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
Help RAR’s “Pet Food Drive” for animals in need.

**Monday, February 4**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday’s toddler storytime.

**Saturday, February 9**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
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**Monday, February 11**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
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**Saturday, February 16**

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**Monday, March 4**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
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**Saturday, March 9**

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**Monday, March 11**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
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**Saturday, March 16**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
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**Monday, March 18**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday’s toddler storytime.

**Saturday, March 23**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
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**Monday, March 25**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday’s toddler storytime.

**Saturday, March 30**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
Help RAR’s “Pet Food Drive” for animals in need.

**Monday, April 1**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday’s toddler storytime.

**Saturday, April 6**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
Help RAR’s “Pet Food Drive” for animals in need.

**Monday, April 8**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday’s toddler storytime.

**Saturday, April 13**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
Help RAR’s “Pet Food Drive” for animals in need.

**Monday, April 15**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday’s toddler storytime.

**Saturday, April 20**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
Help RAR’s “Pet Food Drive” for animals in need.

**Monday, April 22**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday’s toddler storytime.

**Saturday, April 27**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR**
Help RAR’s “Pet Food Drive” for animals in need.

**Monday, April 29**

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
(Ages 18 months – 3 years)
10:30 | YDL-Whittaker
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NEW YEAR, NEW START
Back to School Study Tips

Whether you can’t wait for the new school year to start or are dreading the return of stressful homework, here are a few simple steps to help you start strong and stay organized.

1. Get into a routine and stick to it. If you block off time in your calendar each day for studying, it will be easier to stay on top of your studies. Choose a time when you are less likely to feel tired and that does not conflict with other activities.

2. Start small. If you’ve got a big assignment looming, like a research paper, stay motivated by completing a piece of the project every few days. Write one paragraph each night or do 5 algebra problems from your assignment at a time. Then, take a break.

3. Don’t stay stuck. If you feel confused on a concept, can’t work out a problem, or don’t know where to start on an assignment, ask for help right away.

Tutor.com is one easy way to get the help you need for homework or studying. The online service matches you up with a trained tutor one-on-one for homework help or test preparation, and it is free through the library. Tutors are available from noon to midnight daily to help in over 60 academic subjects. To get started, visit www.tutor.com/ypsi and have your library card ready.

Remember, it is a new year, and a new start. You can do this! And YDL is here to help.

HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTHY & READY TO LEARN!

It’s always important to make sure your child or children are up-to-date on their vaccinations and health screenings. Michigan law requires vaccinations or a waiver for children entering licensed childcare, preschool, kindergarten or seventh grade, or who are new to a school district. Hearing and vision screenings are also required for children starting preschool or kindergarten.

Washtenaw County Health Department can help. Call 734-544-6700 to schedule an appointment, or make an appointment with your pediatrician. For children with Medicaid or no insurance, the Health Department offers free or low-cost vaccines. Michigan parents or guardians opting out of the required vaccinations must request a nonmedical waiver from their local health department.

For children starting school for the first time, hearing and vision screenings ensure they can see, hear and are ready to learn. For more information, see www.washtenaw.org/health.

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

Back to school preparation isn’t only for the students. YDL has many resources both on and offline available for teachers too! If you teach in the Ypsilanti or Lincoln School District, or any school in the YDL district, visit the library to learn about opportunities for teachers, or go to www.ypsilibrary.org/teachers.

CLASSROOM CARDS

If you are a teacher and would like to check out materials for the classroom, you should apply for a classroom card at your nearest YDL location. Classroom cards allow teachers to borrow unlimited numbers of books, DVDs, and more—with no late fees! Classroom Cards are available to teachers at any school in the YDL Service Area, as well as the entire Lincoln school district.

BOOK BUNDLES

Stock your classroom shelves to fit your next unit or assignment! Just fill out a quick form up to 5 days before you need materials, and our librarians will put together a set of books and DVDs tailored to the age, reading level, and subject matter of your choice. Check them out with your Classroom Card to avoid late fees.

BOOK CLUB KITS

Book club kits include multiple copies of the same book and are perfect for a class read aloud or just an old fashioned book club. There are lots of fiction and nonfiction selections available, including Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird, and Sharon Draper’s Out of my Mind.
Both Ypsilanti and Lincoln Schools had challenges with school bus service last year, and both districts are making significant investments to ensure students and parents have reliable, on-time transportation in the upcoming year.

**YPSILANTI BRINGS BUSING IN-HOUSE**

After years of outsourcing, the Ypsilanti Community Schools chose to bring school transportation services back into the district for 2019–2020. The district is leasing a brand new fleet of 30 buses, which actually saves the district money compared to the high maintenance and gas costs of the old fleet. By moving school start and end times to three separate tiers, the school district will save nearly $2 million while raising driver pay and ensuring reliable operations.

**LINCOLN REINVESTS IN TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

In June, the Lincoln Board of Education chose to maintain an in-house Transportation Department after reviewing options for outsourcing. The district has developed a comprehensive plan to significantly improve transportation services. The plan calls for hiring a highly qualified Transportation Director, investing in professional development for the director, drivers, and aides, and reviewing the student discipline process. A lot happened over the summer to ensure a smooth start for student transportation and ensure LCS provides the best possible experience to the Lincoln Community.

**Meet the Team at Ypsilanti Community Schools**

**MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT ALENA ZACHERY-ROSS**

The Ypsilanti Community Schools will kick off the 2019–2020 school year with a new senior leadership team in place. In April, I accepted a 5-year contract to lead the district as the Superintendent after having been the interim Superintendent since July 2018. From the administration to the classroom, YCS is ready to help your student succeed.

In building a strong senior leadership team, YCS is pleased to welcome a new Assistant Superintendent and new Principals at three schools. Former Principals Aaron Rose and Nina Harris are staying at YCS and have taken on new roles. Meet some of the new faces:

**DR. CARLOS LOPEZ, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Serving most recently as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment at Plymouth-Canton Schools, Dr. Lopez will lead curriculum and instruction for the district.

**STEVEN B. ELAM, PRINCIPAL AT YPSILANTI COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

A former teacher and administrator in both Detroit and St. Louis, Mr. Elam has a background in restorative practices and is skilled at building a positive school climate.

**GREGORY ANGLIN, PRINCIPAL AT HOLMES ELEMENTARY**

A Willow Run graduate and former Ypsilanti High School teacher, Mr. Anglin will return to his hometown of Ypsilanti after serving as an Assistant Principal in Plymouth-Canton.

**MUMTAZ HAQUE, PRINCIPAL AT FORD EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

A visionary and passionate leader, Ms. Haque most recently served as principal at Mark Twain Elementary in the Detroit Public Schools Community District.

**FINANCIAL COACHING WITH UNITED WAY**

Has getting your finances in order been on your to-do list? Fall is a great time to get a fresh start, and United Way can help you through their free financial coaching program.

United Way of Washtenaw County will match you with a coach and help you develop a personalized coaching plan based on your goals and values. Plans can help you reduce debt and find ways to increase your income and reduce expenses. You’ll leave feeling more confident about your financial future.

To be eligible for financial coaching, you must live or work in Washtenaw County and have a source of earned income. You also can not have filed for bankruptcy in the last 12 months. To learn more, visit uwgive.org/financialstabilityindividuals or call 734-677-7202.

**Updates from Lincoln Consolidated Schools**

**MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT SEAN MCNATT**

There are a lot of great things happening at Lincoln Consolidated Schools! With the start of the new school year, we are excited to see what the new year will bring. Last year we made school history with our first-ever Division I State Champion Basketball Team. We also expanded the Spanish Immersion program into the middle school, several Bishop Elementary students traveled to Spain for a two-week cultural exchange program, and we once again hosted a district FIRST Robotics competition at Lincoln High School.

**LINCOLN BOND UPDATE**

Last fall, Lincoln Consolidated Schools voters supported a $25 million bond to improve facilities for athletics, fine arts, transportation, security, and more. Several upgrades are already underway:

- New turf for the Lincoln High School Football Stadium.
- New flooring in classrooms at several school buildings with all buildings updated by summer 2020.
- New security doors at building entrances throughout the district to ensure visitors must check into the office.
- New roofs at Bishop and Lincoln High School.
- Six new buses to update the district’s fleet.
- New band instruments at the high school.
- Watch Lincoln’s website for project updates!

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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 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    6pm–8pm
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.

Holiday Observations

Sunday, September 1: Labor Day Sunday (closed)
Monday, September 2: Labor Day (closed)
Monday, November 11: Veterans Day (closed)
Wednesday, November 27: Thanksgiving Day Eve (early closing at 5pm)
Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving Day (closed)
Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve (closed)
Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day (closed)
Tuesday, December 31, 2019: New Year’s Eve (closed)
Wednesday, January 1, 2020: New Year’s Day (closed)

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!

Weekend Book Sale
September 19–22 | YDL-Whittaker
Holiday Pop-Up Sale
Saturday, November 23, 11am–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

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Members only preview night.
Memberships available at the door.

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