



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 résumés 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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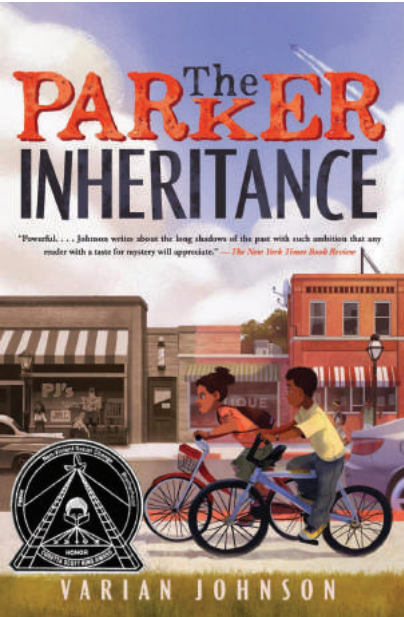
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SOLVE A MYSTERY WITH THE YPSI FAMILY READ

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. *continued on page 2*



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!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Early inhabitants of the Ypsilanti area

P A T T I O W A M O

11 9

Small community

L I E L A V G 7

Person who studies human history through excavating artifacts

R O T A H S E C L I A G O

1 10

Old cemetery

I A B U R L D R G U O N 2 5

Path near a river in Ypsilanti

R A T E W T E S T E R

T A L I R

4

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 

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 banned books “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.



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.



Saturday, December 14

WINTER WONDERLAND

2–4pm | 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!

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.

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 invoke 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.



Monday, October 21, 10am

MEET DR. MONA HANNA-ATTISHA
WCC Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Drive

Dr. Mona will read from *What The Eyes Don't See* and discuss her work to address the impacts of the Flint Water Crisis and stop lead contamination nationwide. Sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council.

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

By Kris Olsson, Daniel Brown, and Anita Daley. Adapted from an article in the Huron River Watershed Council's Fall 2019 Newsletter. Daniel Brown will present "PFAS in the Huron River Watershed" at YDL-Whittaker on November 7 at 7pm.

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.



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.



The Mary Lou Murray Recreation Center on Washtenaw Avenue is operated by Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation

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.

ADULT

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 6

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT: 18 STRINGS

6pm | 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. Sip Faygo while you 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, Sept. 11 & Monday, Sept. 30

START OR UPDATE YOUR RÉSUMÉ USING GOOGLE

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Starting your résumé is easy using a template and other Google resources! On September 30, 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

WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATE PLANNING

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn what estate plan will work best for you. Attorney Virginia Cardwell will explore available tools including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and other methods to plan for property to pass outside of probate.

Sunday, September 14

EXPUNGEMENT FAIR

10am | Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Ave

If you have one felony or two 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.

Saturday, September 14

FAMILY KICKBALL FUN DAY

11am | Oakbrook Park, Superior Township

Rain Date & Time: Saturday, September 21 | 11am Join us for kickball, foot golf, games & crafts. Lunch will be provided. Hosted by Superior Township Parks & Recreation.

Sunday, September 15

SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

This is a continuing series of community meetings about race and racism facilitated by local peace educator La'Ron Williams. We'll watch a film or video clips followed by an open, honest group discussion.

Tuesday, Sept. 17–Thursday, Sept. 26

TELLING YOUR STORY: THE POWER OF WORDS

6pm | Tuesday, September 17 | YDL-Michigan

6pm | Wednesdays, September 18 & 25

YDL-Whittaker

Thursday, September 26 | 6pm | YDL-Superior

What's your story? In this writing workshop we'll help you explore the stories of your life, focus on one significant moment, and write about that experience. No experience? No worries! This workshop will walk through the basics of memoir writing and help you discover the power of your own words and memories. The YDL-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.

Tuesday, September 17

THE HEALING JUSTICE MOVEMENT

6pm | YDL-Whittaker

The film *Healing Justice* explores restorative practices, which redefine criminal and juvenile justice with a focus on understanding trauma, finding reconciliation, and bringing about restorative change. Join the Dispute Resolution Center for a screening, light dinner, and community conversation. Register for this free event at <https://healing-justice-film-event.eventbrite.com>

Thursday, Sept. 19–Sunday, Sept. 22

FRIENDS BOOK SALE

YDL-Whittaker

Find hidden gems, stock up on great reads, and support your library at the best used book sale in town!

Thursday: 6pm–8pm (members only preview sale)

Friday: 11 am–5 pm

Saturday: 11 am–3 pm

Sunday: 1 pm–4 pm



Saturday, September 21

JUST ADD RICE

2pm | YDL-Michigan

Learn how to stretch your food budget by adding rice to your main dish. We'll sample a tasty dish, send you home with plenty of recipes, and share information about where to get food support, even if you don't qualify for SNAP.

Thursday, September 26

INTRODUCTION TO ESSENTIAL OILS

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn about essential oils from Dr. Lisa Profera, who will inform you about their common uses as well as how to use them safely.



Thursday, September 26

BANNED BOOKS WEEK READ ALOUD

1pm | YDL-Whittaker

Take a stand against censorship and celebrate our freedom to read! Join YDL's Senior Advisory Board and read aloud from frequently challenged and banned books.

Sunday, September 29

THE ABCS OF DNA & GENEALOGY

2pm | 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.

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 2

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 Vigmostad 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.



Sunday, October 6

HISTORY OF BLUES WITH JOEY LEONE

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Music historian and acclaimed guitarist Joey Leone, along with two other musicians, cover the history, influence and impact of American blues music through songs, stories and historical facts. Take Note concert sponsored by the Friends of YDL.

Tuesday, October 8

THE BYSTANDER MOMENT

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

The #MeToo movement shined much-needed light on sexual harassment and abuse. But how do we push back against gender violence in ways that actually work? The film *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.

Wednesday, October 9

SHOCKWAVES FROM STONEWALL

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Following the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York, Michigan experienced a surge in gay liberation activism. Historian Dr. Tim Retzliff 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.

Saturday, October 12

MOBILE SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE

10am–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Save yourself a trip to the Michigan Secretary of State by visiting their full-service mobile office. Change your address, register to vote, order a replacement vehicle title, become an organ donor, and more! (No new driver licenses or renewal of CDL licenses).

Saturday, October 12

WITCH'S TEA

3pm | YDL-Michigan

Double, double, toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble. Brew up herbal potions (teas) with us. Witch hats encouraged!

Sunday, October 13

BLISSFIELD WITH AUTHOR HEATHER NEFF

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Author and EMU professor Dr. Heather Neff reads from her seventh novel, *Blissfield*, a family drama of deep loss and even deeper love. Copies will be available for purchase and signing after the reading.

Tuesday, October 15

MEDICATION SAFETY (Age 55+)

3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Pharmacist Rana-Ahson Ahmad will discuss how to take prescription medication safely and what to look out for when managing multiple medications.

Thursday, October 17

SPRUCE UP YOUR HOLIDAY MARKETING

12pm | 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.

Saturday, October 19

PUMPKIN CARVING & CRAFTS

11am | Norfolk Park, Superior Township

Rain Date: October 26

Enjoy pumpkin carving, and arts & crafts. Refreshments provided. Hosted by Superior Township Parks & Recreation.



Saturday, October 19

YPSI WRITES GRAND OPENING (All Ages)

11am–2pm | All YDL Locations

Whether you're working on a novel or need help with a resume or business plan, Ypsi Writes will help you reach your writing goals. With the theme “Everyone's A Writer,” the Grand Opening event will feature published authors and fun writing activities and prompts for all ages. Ypsi Writes is a partnership between the Library, 826michigan, and EMU's Center for Campus and Community Writing.

Sunday, October 20

SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Continue the conversation about race and racism, facilitated by peace educator La'Ron Williams.



Monday, October 21

FLINT WATER CRISIS WITH DR. MONA HANNA-ATTISHA

10am | WCC Towsley Auditorium

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 Read tour sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council.

Tuesday, October 22

AARP SMART TEK (Age 55+)

1pm | YDL-Whittaker

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 1-877-805-4115 or visit www.aarp.org/findaworkshop10

Wednesdays, October 23 & 30

TURNING YOUR STORY INTO SONG

7pm | YDL-Michigan

How would it feel to share your story with music? Bring your story from the “Telling your Story” workshops and music therapy students will help you turn it into an original song or add music to dramatize your story. No musical skills necessary. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1385.

Thursday, October 24

SPOOKY TALES AND S'MORES

7pm | YDL-Michigan

Eat s'mores around the "bonfire" and share your experiences with ghostly encounters. Telling your own stories is encouraged, but not required!

Event Schedule | Fall 2019

Friday, October 25

YPSI GLOW

7pm | [Off Site](#)

After Halloween Downtown (see page 8), walk together in all your glowing finery to North Washington Street to enjoy the radiance of YpsiGLOW. Music, dancing, glowing costumes, activities, and glowing luminaries will light up your evening! Hosted by Wonderfool Productions. Downtown processional starts at 6:45.

Tuesday, October 29

NOSFERATU: SYMPHONY OF HORROR

(Teens & Adults)

7pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Complete your Halloween with the first vampire film ever made. We'll screen the 1922 silent film with English intertitles and musical accompaniment.

NOVEMBER



Sunday, November 3

THE BOOGIE WOOGIE KID

2pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Pianist and singer-songwriter Matthew Ball, aka The Boogie Woogie Kid, will perform New Orleans and Swing Era favorites from the 20s, 30s, and 40s. Take Note concert sponsored by the Friends of YDL.

Monday, November 4

HISTORY OF BLACK VETERANS

6:30pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Local veteran Krystal Dupree shares the historical experiences of African-Americans in the military.

Wednesday, November 6

MICHIGAN HAUNTS

7pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Take a road trip to “the other side” with authors Jon Milan and Gail Offen. Their recent book is filled with hauntings, ghost towns, and bizarre tales of murder and mayhem drawn from more than 300 years of Michigan history. Book signing to follow.

Thursday, November 7

PFAS IN THE HURON RIVER WATERSHED

7pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Daniel Brown from the Huron River Watershed Council will discuss PFAS contamination in the Huron River, how to protect yourself, and what actions we need from government agencies to protect people from exposure.

Tuesday, November 12

DISCOVERY OF A NEW NATION

7pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

From the formation of the Iroquois Confederacy to the Indian Removal Act and the Trail of Tears, hear a Native American telling of U.S. History. This lecture begins in the 1100's and ends just before the Civil War. Presented by Heather Bruegl, a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin.



Wednesday, November 13

6:30pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

YPSILANTI'S 19TH CENTURY BLACK BARBERS

Barbers played an important role in the social, political, economic, and cultural life of their communities. Historian Matt Siegfried will discuss the lives of Ypsilanti's African-American barbers and hairdressers, their influence on abolitionist and Reconstruction politics, and the changing role of the Black barbershop under Jim Crow.

Tuesday, November 19

SHADOW NATION

6:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

The 2018 documentary *Shadow Nation* is alive with music and passion, following a group of renowned rock musicians led by George Lynch (Dokken/Lynch Mob) on a journey through Native American reservations in the southwest and the Great Plains. Forging new friendships, they learn how the repression of Native Americans contributed to the poverty, alcoholism, and illnesses that still plagues reservations today.

Tuesday, November 19

YPSI NIGHT WITH THE SIERRA CLUB

7:30pm | [Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum, 100 East Cross Street](#)

Enjoy refreshments and learn about outings and activism of the Huron Valley Group of the Sierra Club. Local presentations will include Solar Ypsi and the Ypsilanti skate park.

Saturday, November 23

BEESWAX WRAPS

3pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Reduce your plastic use by making beeswax wraps that are perfect for covering bowls of Thanksgiving leftovers. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1385.

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 1

PAUL KELLER ENSEMBLE HOLIDAY JAZZ

2pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join us for toe tapping holiday jazz with the ever-popular Paul Keller Ensemble. Take Note concert sponsored by the Friends of YDL.

Wednesday, Dec. 4–Tuesday, Dec. 10

DISCOVER YOUR INNER POET

Wednesday, Dec 4, 5:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Saturday, Dec 7, 1pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Tuesday, Dec 10, 6pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Discover your inner poet with fun and generative prompts and activities led by an experienced poet. Hosted by the EMU Office of Campus and Community Writing as part of Ypsi Writes.

Saturday, December 7

DIY HOT COCOA MIX IN A JAR

3pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Ward off chilly nights with your own hot cocoa mix. Choose from a variety of fixings to customize your creation. Also makes a great gift! Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1385.



Saturday, December 7

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING WITH SANTA CLAUS

6pm | [Old Township Hall, 1815 Norfolk Ave, Superior Township](#)

Join us for the annual Christmas tree lighting at Old Superior Township Hall! There will be caroling, an ice carving demo, and pictures with Santa. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided. Hosted by Superior Township Parks & Recreation.



Saturday, December 14

WINTER WONDERLAND

(All Ages)

2pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

With ice carving demonstrations and adult-oriented craft projects, this event will be as much fun for grown-ups as it is for families!

Sunday, December 15

HOLIDAY WREATH MAKE & TAKE

2pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Create a festive evergreen wreath with Carol Brodbeck from Expressively Yours. All materials provided. Bring a large plastic bag to take your wreath home in. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1377.

Saturday, December 21

TASTE TEST: HOLIDAY TREATS

3pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

There are so many holiday goodies on store shelves, who knows if one of those boxes holds your next family favorite? Join us for a taste test of holiday-inspired treats from around the world.

ADULT MEETUPS

TUESDAYS

DROP-IN WRITING

4pm | [Sept 10–Dec 17](#) | [YDL-Superior](#)

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.



KNITTING PLUS

6pm | [Sept 3–Dec 17](#) | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Open to all, any handcraft welcome. As a special feature, enjoy “oldie but goodie” films on the first Tuesday of every month.

AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK GROUP

7pm | [Sept 24, Oct 29, Nov 26](#) | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join us for lively discussions of books by African American Authors.

FILM CLUB WITH PERRY SEIBERT

7pm | [Sept 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 12 & 26, Dec 10](#) | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join film critic Perry Seibert to watch and dissect great films.

WEDNESDAYS

VISUAL BOOK CLUB (18+)

7:30pm | [Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17](#)

[Ypsi Alehouse, 124 Pearl Street](#)

Read and discuss graphic novels and other visually interesting books. Ask for this month's selection at the YDL-Michigan circulation desk.

A MATTER OF BALANCE: FALL PREVENTION

(Ages 55+)

10am | [Wednesdays, Oct 2–Nov 20](#)

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

This 8-week workshop is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels for older adults. Presented by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. To register call 734-482-4110 x1377.

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SENIORS

(Ages 55+)

2pm | [Nov 6 & 13 & 20](#) | [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

2pm | [Sept 25, Oct 30, Dec 4](#) | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Calling all mystery lovers! Check out a new mystery title each month.

DROP-IN WRITING

5pm | [Sept 11–Dec 18](#) | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Bring any kind of writing and receive feedback from trained coaches as part of Ypsi Writes.

THURSDAYS

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

10:30am | [Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5](#)

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join us for interesting and lively discussions.

GARDEN CHATS

3pm | [Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19](#)

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

Informal monthly meetings of garden enthusiasts, from novice to expert.

GENTLE YOGA

(Ages 55+)

3:30pm | [Oct 3–Nov 7](#) | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Yoga increases your balance, flexibility, strength, and peace of mind. Join an experienced instructor for a slow-paced, well-supported, relaxing yoga practice.

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

(Ages 55+)

1pm | [Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21](#) | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Share your ideas for programs, services, and displays.

YARN, HOOKS AND NEEDLES

6pm | [Every Thursday](#) | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Knit, crochet, and chat! Bring your supplies and work on your own handcraft projects.

FRIDAYS

LNGO WALKING GROUP

(Ages 55+)

10:30am | [Sept 6 & 20, Oct 4 & 18, Nov 1 & 15](#) | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Exercise and socialize with a 30-minute walk along a path near the library.

YPSILANTI OPEN MEDITATION

11am | [Every Friday](#) | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Drop in for weekly guided meditation led by experienced mindfulness teachers.

LNGO MAKER TIME

(Ages 55+)

2pm | [Sept 6 & 20, Oct 4 & 18, Nov 1 & 15, Dec 13](#)

[YDL-Michigan](#)

Try out traditional crafts like card and jewelry making, and try new crafts that incorporate technology like digital photography and 3d printed lithophanes! We provide supplies and equipment and show you how to use it, and you get to try out lots of different creative projects. Supported by the University of Michigan School of Information.

SATURDAYS



GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS

10am | [Sept 7 & 21, Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2 & 16 & 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 GENEALOGY

10:30am | [Sept 21, 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](#)

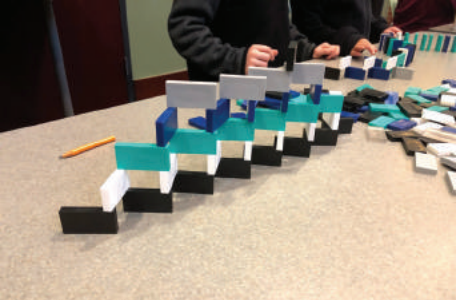
Bring any kind of writing and receive feedback from trained coaches as part of Ypsi Writes. In November, National Novel Writing Month participants can join a NaNoWriMo support group from 11am–12pm.

KIDS & PARENTS

SEPTEMBER



Saturday, September 7
PENCIL BOXES (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.



Saturday, September 14
LIBRARY LAB: DOMINO TOPPLE
1pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join the domino toppling club to build a giant domino creation, and stay to watch it topple. Sponsored by the Zeal Credit Union.

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 2
LIBRARY LAB: VOLCANOES (Ages 7–14)
5pm | YDL-Whittaker
Watch Bill Nye the Science Guy's volcano show, then recreate the hands-on demonstrations in real life.



Saturday, October 5
LEATHER STAMPING (Ages 7–14)
2pm | YDL-Superior
Use metal stamps and a mallet to create designs on real leather. Stamp your name into a bracelet and use watercolors to make it your style.

Saturday, October 19
YPSI WRITES GRAND OPENING
11am–2pm | 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 a comic, or adding to an ongoing story. Ypsi Writes is a partnership between YDL, 826michigan, and EMU's Center for Campus and Community Writing.

Friday, October 25
HALLOWEEN DOWNTOWN
5:30–7pm | YDL-Michigan
Trick or Treat in the library parking lot with music, popcorn, a costume contest, and a visit to the haunted Boo!mobile. 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.



Saturday, October 26
DIWALI CELEBRATION
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Hear music, watch dancers, make rangoli art, and enjoy sweets. Happy Diwali!

Saturday, October 26
SHOEBOX HAUNTED HOUSES (Ages 6–14)
2pm | YDL-Superior
Turn a shoebox into a miniature scary (or silly) house. Use printed images of windows, doors, rugs, and Halloween characters to bring the house to life.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 2
SLEUTH STORIES
12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Help 826michigan unravel mysteries as part of the Ypsi Family Read. Inspired by *The Parker Inheritance*, we'll look at what mystery writers do to keep readers guessing. Then we'll use writing to solve a strange mystery, collecting evidence, interrogating suspects, piecing together motives, and presenting our cases before the crowd.

Saturday, November 2
VISIT WITH A SLED DOG
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Meet Mitch and his owner Kim Darst from Husky Haven Kennels in the Upper Peninsula. Hear all about sled dogs and the racing techniques Kim used when she competed in the 2009 Iditarod.

Saturday, November 2
MATH STRING ART (Ages 5–14)
2pm | YDL-Superior
Explore geometry with string art, and take home your own unique string art design.

Tuesday, November 5
FAMILY READ SNACK AND CHAT
5pm | YDL-Whittaker
Chat about the family read book with a librarian and other families to get ready for the big event. Snacks served!

Wednesday, November 6
LIBRARY LAB: BUOYANCY (Ages 7–14)
5pm | YDL-Whittaker
Watch Bill Nye the Science Guy's buoyancy show, then recreate the hands-on demonstrations in real life.

Saturday, November 9
MAKING ART FROM LOCAL HISTORY
noon | YDL-Whittaker
Ypsilanti's local history has inspired incredible murals all over the city. Work with YCS art students and teacher Lynne Settles to make your own art to gear up for the Family Read.

Saturday, November 9
826MICHIGAN OMNIBUS RELEASE
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Hear from young writers in Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, and Detroit as we release the 11th installment of the 826michigan OMNIBUS! Young authors will read their work from the OMNIBUS, followed by refreshments, a photo booth, and book signing.

Friday, November 15
FAMILY READ CELEBRATION
6pm | YDL-Whittaker
Break out of the library at this season's special after-hours event for families. Work as a team to solve puzzles. Can you escape? Dive into the world of this season's family read, *The Parker Inheritance*.



Saturday, November 16
WILD CREATURE CONNECTIONS
2pm | YDL-Superior
The Leslie Science and Nature Center demonstrates all levels of the food chain, featuring live appearances from a bird of prey, a reptile, an arachnid, and an insect.

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 4
LIBRARY LAB: LIGHT & COLOR (Ages 7–14)
5pm | YDL-Whittaker
Watch Bill Nye the Science Guy's light and color show, then recreate the hands-on demonstrations in real life.

Friday, December 6
DOWNTOWN TREE LIGHTING
5:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Join us at 5:30pm for cookie decorating and hot chocolate. At 6pm the Ypsilanti Community Choir will lead caroling followed by a visit from Santa and photo-ops! Sponsored by the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti.



YOUTH PODCASTING
5pm | Nov 4 & 18, Dec 2 & 16 | YDL-Michigan
Ever wanted to develop your very own podcast series and share your life experiences with the world? From production and content to vocal performance and broadcasting, we're launching a library youth podcast series!

TUESDAY

CHESS CLUB
6:30pm | Sept 3–Dec 17 | YDL-Michigan
Chess is a great game for learning to solve problems, practice sportsmanship, and planning ahead. Learn to play, learn new strategies, and join us for a friendly game.

Saturday, December 7
POETS BREAK THE RULES (Ages 8+)
1–2:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Do poems rhyme? Sometimes! Can anyone write a poem? Yes! Join 826michigan for a celebration of words and sounds and all the rumped and raucous ways they can fit together. Young writers will shake up poetry as we know it, while adults attend the "Discover Your Inner Poet" workshop nearby.



Saturday, December 14
WINTER WONDERLAND (All Ages)
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Winter will take over the library with a massive celebration for all ages! Pet a live reindeer, make a sparkling craft, and sip on hot cocoa. We'll have plenty of crafts and activities for grown-ups too.

Monday, December 23–Saturday, January 4
BOREDOM BUSTERS (Ages 8+)
4:30pm | YDL-Superior
Try something new during your break.
Monday, Dec 23: Model Magic Fantasy Creatures
Thursday, Dec 26: Keva Plank Challenge
Saturday, Dec 28: Ozobot Coding
Monday, Dec 30: Make Your Own Calendar
Thursday, Jan 2: I Spy Jars
Saturday, Jan 4: Crystal Snowflakes

Monday, December 23–Friday, January 3
BOREDOM BUSTERS
2pm | YDL-Michigan
Break up the blah! Stop by the library and liven up your day.
Monday, Dec 23: Beads and Wire Fun
Thursday, Dec 26: Paracord Bracelet
Friday, Dec 27: Game Tournament
Monday, Dec 30: Perler Bead Creations
Thursday, Jan 2: Calming Glitter Jars
Friday, Jan 3: Movie Matinee



Thursday, December 26–Friday, January 3
WINTER STEAM
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Try a new hands-on science and tech project each day.
Thursday, Dec 26: Lego WeDo
Friday, Dec 27: Gel Prints
Thursday, Jan 2: Snap Circuits
Friday, Jan 3: Art Journals

Saturday, December 28
BUILD A SNOW GLOBE
3pm and 4:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Make a one of a kind snow globe with miniatures and glitter. All supplies provided.

KIDS & PARENTS MEETUPS

MONDAY

CODING
4pm | Oct 7–28 and Nov 25–Dec 16
YDL-Whittaker
Write code and program robots in two awesome mini-series! Build a lego robot and program it using the iPad, then program ozobots to chase and race along lines you draw on paper. New lessons each week.
October 7–28: Lego WeDo 2.0
Nov 25–Dec 16: Ozobots

HOMEWORK HELP
4pm | Sept 16–Dec 16 | YDL-Superior
Get free one-on-one help with homework in any subject. Grades K–8. For more information call 734-482-4110 x2430.

TWEEN READING CIRCLE (Ages 9–12)
5:30–6pm | Mondays, Sept 9–Dec. 16
YDL-Superior
Take turns reading aloud from award winning books and short story collections. Join us every week if you can, or just drop in!

PRIME TIME FAMILY READING (Ages 3–11 and their parents)
6pm | Sept 9–Oct 14 | YDL-Michigan
Help your children love to read and share ideas in this engaging family reading series. School-aged children and parents will enjoy storytelling and scholar-led discussions about topics such as perseverance, discovery, and community, while 3–5 year olds read and play with an early childhood facilitator. Each session includes dinner and door prizes. Register by calling 734-482-4110 x1390. Sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti.

CARTOONING AND COMIC BOOK DRAWING
5pm | Sept 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 12 & 26, Dec 10
YDL-Michigan
Draw a favorite superhero or cartoon, or a hero and villain of your own creation! We'll cover perspective, shading, and dimensions, and develop original stories for your characters.

SUPERREADERS: ALPHA SQUADRON (4–5 year olds)
6:30pm | Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10 | YDL-Whittaker
Literacy fun for emergent readers.

WEDNESDAY

826MICHIGAN TUTORING
4pm | Wednesdays & Thursdays, Oct 2–Dec 5
YDL-Michigan
Bring your homework and get help in any subject, plus dedicated time for reading and writing. Students can join at any time during the year, but a parent or guardian must come and complete paperwork on or before a student's first day.

TAB: TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD (Ages 8–12)
4:30pm | Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11 YDL-Whittaker
Join us for food, fun, and conversation with your peers. We plan library activities, do fun activities, and earn volunteer hours. Call 734-482-4110 x1340 or visit the Whittaker youth desk to sign up.

TWEEN READING CIRCLE (Ages 9–12)
6:30–7pm | Sept 4–Dec 11 | YDL-Michigan
Read aloud from short story collections and discuss the stories over snacks. Come every week, or just drop in. On 3rd Wednesdays come to Family Maker Nights instead of Reading Circle.

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT
6:30pm | Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18 YDL-Michigan
Create, explore, and enjoy being together as a family. Each week, we'll provide pizza and all the supplies you need to explore a different tool or challenge. Sew, knit, build, create inventions, and more! Parent must be present.



COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE (All Ages)
7pm | Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 6 | YDL-Michigan
Collaborate with neighbors of all ages in this creative musical experience. No drumming experience necessary. Each session begins with a short tutorial. Bring a drum or percussion instrument, or use one of ours.

STORIES & FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, September 16
KINDERCONCERT (Ages 2–6)
10am & 11am | YDL-Whittaker
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
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Join Spinning Dot Theatre Troupe for an interactive play with joyful live music.

Saturday, October 19
WRITING AND STORIES FOR LITTLE ONES (Ages 1–5)
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
As part of the Ypsi Writes Grand Opening, hear a story, then visit hands-on stations with pre-kindergarten skill building activities for the littlest learners.

Saturday, November 16
CREATIVE MOVEMENT FOR LITTLE ONES (Ages 2–6)
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Amy Cadwallader of Dance Uprising shares fun games and songs that incorporate the principles of movement and dance.

Saturday, November 30
BABY DOLL STORYTIME
10:30am YDL-Whittaker
Encourage empathy, self-soothing, and caregiving. Kids will snuggle and comfort their dolls while we sing songs, read baby-related books, and rock our babies to sleep. Bring a doll or use one of ours.

MONDAY

DOWNTOWN STORYTIME (5 and under)
10:30am | Sept 16–Dec 9 | YDL-Michigan
Introduce your child to the wonders of reading with stories, songs and a craft.

BABY STORYTIME (0–18 months)
10:30am | Sept 23–Dec 9 | YDL-Whittaker
Inspire a love for literature in your future reader through songs, stories, movement, rhythm and rhyme. Stay afterward to play and socialize with other caregivers.

TODDLER STORYTIME (18 months–3 years)
11:30am | Sept 16–Dec 9 | YDL-Whittaker
Learn colors, shapes, and counting in this fast-paced storytime filled with music, movement, fingerplays, parachute play, and books.

TUESDAY

TODDLER STORYTIME (18 months–3 years)
10:30am | Sept 23–Dec 10 | YDL-Whittaker
A duplicate of Monday's toddler storytime.

TEENS

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 17
BOTTLE CAP MAGNETS
4:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Use pictures or fun designs to create cool magnets that will be a hit on your fridge or in your locker.

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 5
SAFE SITTER TRAINING (Grades 6–8)
10:30am–4pm | YDL-Whittaker
This fun, hands-on class teaches middle schoolers to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Students learn about safety, child care, first aid, managing emergencies, and business skills. Lunch provided. Learn more at safesitter.org. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1340.

Saturday, October 12
JAPANESE SOUFFLE PANCAKES
3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn to make these fluffy, sweet treats. Then eat!

Tuesday, October 29
TEEN HALLOWEEN PARTY
4:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Celebrate Halloween with spooky crafts, snacks, and games.

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 1
HAUNTED CASTLE MASQUERADE
6pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join the Teen Advisory Group for an after-hours mystery party with food, costumes, and fun.

Saturday, November 9
KAWAII CREAM PUFFS
3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Make super cute cream puffs you can eat or take home.



DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 17
TEEN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
4:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Celebrate with a holiday-themed craft, yummy food, music, and movies. Supplies and snacks provided.

THURSDAY

GAMING UNPLUGGED
4pm | Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12 YDL-Superior
Try out a fun, easy-to-learn card or board game each month.

826MICHIGAN TUTORING
4pm | Wednesdays & Thursdays, Oct 2–Dec 5 YDL-Michigan
Drop in homework help! See Wednesday's listing.

READ TO LIBBYLULU THE LIBRARY DOG (Grades 1–3)
6pm | Sept 12 & 26, Oct 10 & 24, Nov 14, Dec 12 YDL-Michigan
Reading to a Therapaws dog helps kids become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.

WEDNESDAY

TERRIFIC THREES STORYTIME (3 year olds)
10:30am | Sept 18–Dec 11 | YDL-Whittaker
Meet at the puppet theater for stories, books, rhymes, games, songs, crafts, and the parachute. We'll even toss in an occasional science experiment!

THURSDAY

JUMPSTART STORYTIME (Ages 4–5)
10:30am | Sept 19–Dec 12 | YDL-Whittaker
Develop a love of learning and soft skills for kindergarten readiness. 4's and 5's will meet in the story room for 15 minutes, then join younger siblings and caregivers for stories, parachute, rhythm, art, science, and play.

STARRY NIGHT STORYTIME
6:30pm | Sept 19–Dec 12 | 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 | Sept 6–Dec 20 | YDL-Michigan
YOU are your child's first and best teacher! Join early childhood professionals to build a support network, tackle challenging problems, and learn from and support other parents, while your children play and interact. Call 734-484-9944 to register. Part of the Parents as Teachers program with SOS Community Services.

TINKERLAB
11am | Sept 27, Oct 11 & 25, Nov 8 & 22, Dec 13
Tinkering allows young children to learn through hands-on experiences and provides unstructured time to explore, test and create. Each session will explore a new science or art theme.

TEEN MEETUPS

TUESDAYS

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP
4:30pm | Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3 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 | Sept 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 12 & 26, Dec 10 | YDL-Whittaker
Plan programs, write grants, develop leadership skills, meet friends, help your community, build your resume. Apply online ypsilibrary.org/tag.

THURSDAYS

SAT MATH PREP
4pm | Sept 26–Nov 21 | YDL-Whittaker
Get ready for the math portion of the SAT with volunteer Gheeta Elangovan.

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)
6:30pm | Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21 | YDL-Michigan
Discuss a shared book and enjoy a snack. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390.

SATURDAY

YPSIGLOW "BIG HEAD" WORKSHOPS
3pm | Sept 28–Oct 19 | YDL-Michigan
Turn yourself into a "Big Head" character! In 4 weeks you can design, create, add light and even moving eyes to your giant, lighted head. Put it on your shoulders for Halloween Downtown or Ypsi Glow on October 25. Supplies provided. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1390.

GARDEN TO TABLE
2pm | Sept 21, Oct 12, Nov 16, Dec 21 YDL-Whittaker
Learn about cooking and gardening with a new hands-on activity each month.

SATURDAY

FIRST SATURDAYS
HOT OFF THE PRESS STORYTIME
10:30am | Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7 | YDL-Whittaker
Hear the newest picture books read aloud on the first Saturday each month, before they are even available for checkout. Music too!

SECOND SATURDAYS
RAINBOW STORYTIME
10:30am | Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14 | YDL-Whittaker
Join us each month for songs, crafts, and stories of diversity, acceptance, love, friendship, and all the colors of the rainbow!

LITTLE LEARNERS
11am | Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14 YDL-Superior
Join in the fun with educational stories, songs, and play for little ones up to age 5. Each child who attends receives a free book.

FOURTH SATURDAYS

YOGA STORYTIME
10:30am | Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23 YDL-Whittaker
Hear great stories and learn simple animated yoga poses to go with them. Bark in downward dog, hiss in cobra pose, and flutter wings in butterfly. No experience necessary.



FRIDAYS

TEEN STEAM CAFÉ
6pm | Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13 YDL-Michigan
Join us for interactive, lively discussions on STEM careers with professionals in various fields that you may have never heard about! Dinner and activities will also be incorporated into our TEEN ONLY Cafes!

SATURDAYS

OPEN STUDIO: ART
12pm | Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in, listen to music, and make art with supplies from our creative toolkits! Copic markers, drawing pencils and paper, watercolors, digital art tablets will be available. Led by members of the Teen Advisory.

TYDL WAVE: ANIME CLUB
1pm | Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23 | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and watch anime with other fans, stay for a discussion led by long time members Madison, Bri and Jeff. Plus snacks!

SUNDAYS

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS MEETUP
2pm | Sept 15 & 29, Oct 13 & 27, Nov 10 & 24, Dec 8 YDL-Whittaker
Play Dungeons and Dragons with members of the Teen Advisory. Supplies and snacks provided.



BACK TO SCHOOL

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.



HOMEWORK HELP
YDL-Michigan | Wednesdays & Thursdays, 4–6pm (ages 8–18)
YDL-Superior | Mondays, 4–6pm (grades K–8)
YDL-Whittaker | Monday–Thursday, 4–7pm (grades K–8)
All YDL locations offer free one-on-one homework help for youth and teens. Bring your homework, and look out for these sessions.

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*.

NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Bus Overhauls Bring Changes to both Ypsilanti and Lincoln Districts

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.

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!



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.





FALL IN LOVE WITH BEEZY'S LIBRARY CAFÉ

In the autumn, Beezy's house-made soups are the best way to stay cozy while you read or study. Two soups are available every day, and one of them is always vegetarian-friendly. Beezy's library café has also added a customizable grilled cheese menu, so you can order a standard grilled cheese or dress it up with avocado, bacon, and a host of other fresh ingredients.

Monday–Thursday 10am–6pm
Friday & Saturday 10am–5:30pm
Sunday closed



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!

Weekend Book Sale
September 19–22 | YDL-Whittaker

Holiday Pop-Up Sale
Saturday, November 23, 11am–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

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

Friends Shop

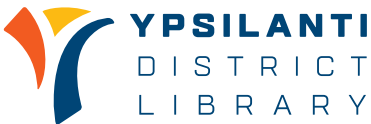
The Friends Shop inside YDL-Whittaker offers a wonderful selection of gently-used books at great prices. The shop is open seven days a week.

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 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)

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