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# **MAKING 2020** COUNT

"If information is the currency of democracy, then libraries are its banks." —Senator Wendell Ford

■ his year, YDL focuses on our institutional and individual roles in a successful democracy. We encourage everyone to stand up and be counted in the 2020 US Census. The 19th Amendment was passed 100 years ago, granting women the right to vote. This summer, YDL hosts two exhibits, highlighting women's suffrage and the civil rights movement. We'll round out the year with non-partisan information about November's local elections, changes you'll see at the ballot box, and the importance of casting your vote.

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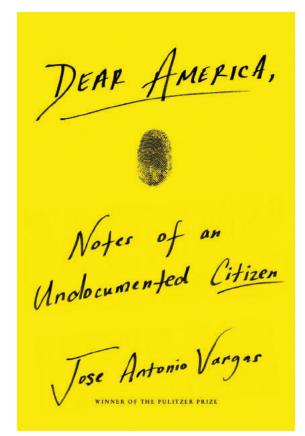
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# WASHTENAW **READS: A CITIZEN'S** SEARCH FOR **HOME**

very year, Washtenaw County libraries · and patrons gather to promote reading ■ and civic dialogue through the shared experience of a common book.

For 2020, the selection is author Jose Antonio Vargas's Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen. This moving memoir details the hardships that Vargas and over 11 million other undocumented immigrants face when trying to adapt to a new culture and status in the United States.

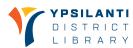
At the age of 12, Vargas was sent to America from the Philippines to live with his maternal grandparents. Immediately he was faced with the unsettling challenge of lying and hiding from the government, in fear of arrest and deportation. Common tasks such as applying for college or obtaining a driver's license forced him to use fake papers. Vargas knew that without documentation, his opportunities were limited. To this day, he remains undocumented.



### Thursday, January 30 **AUTHOR VISIT: JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS**

7:00 PM | WCC Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr.

Join the discussion with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jose Antonio Vargas and enjoy light refreshments. Books will be available for signing and purchase.



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The author emphasizes that his memoir isn't focused on the politics of immigration, but rather the longing of families to find a home. Through his story, he pledges to change the narrative of undocumented immigrants in American media.

Find a copy of the book, including Young Reader editions, at any YDL location, or use our digital catalog to download the eBook or eAudiobook.

### **ABOUT JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS**

Jose Antonio Vargas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Emmy-nominated filmmaker, and Tony-nominated producer. A leading voice for the human rights of immigrants, he founded the non-profit media and culture organization Define American, named one of the World's Most Innovative Companies by Fast Company. His best-selling memoir, Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen, was published by HarperCollins in 2018. To learn more about Jose Antonio Vargas and his work, visit joseantoniovargas.com.

# **CENSUS HELP**

For the first time, the Census will be conducted primarily online. During Count Week (Mar 22–28), all three YDL locations will have dedicated computers for your participation in the 2020 Census. No library card is needed.

# YDL-Michigan Avenue

Dedicated laptop on the first and second floors

# YDL-Superior

Laptop available for request



### YDL-Whittaker

Dedicated laptop on second floor; additional access in the 2nd floor computer training lab on the following dates/times:

| SUN, MAR 22 | 1–5 pm                   |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| MON, MAR 23 | 10-11:30 am<br>2-4:30 pm |
| TUE, MAR 24 | 2-5 pm                   |
| WED, MAR 25 | 10 am-12 pm              |
| THU, MAR 26 | 2-5 pm                   |

Staff is always available to help you. During the computer training lab hours, staff can sit with you upon request to help navigate the form.



# STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

very 10 years, the US Census Bureau conducts a count of all persons living in the country to gain critical information that impacts political representation, federal funding, and more. In 2010, Ypsilanti's population was one of the most undercounted in the state, which has resulted in the underfunding of social services, community infrastructure, and economic development. This year, the community is working to ensure that every person knows the importance of the Census to the Ypsilanti area and feels empowered to complete it in the spring.

# The Importance of the Census to the Ypsilanti Community

The Decennial Census has a real impact on daily life in Ypsilanti and Washtenaw County. The results of the Census determine political representation at the national, state, and local levels. Michigan's seats in the US House of Representatives could decrease based on the results of the 2020 Census. It also is used to allocate billions of dollars of federal funding, with each additional individual who takes the Census representing approximately \$1,800 in annual dollars used to support our roads, community infrastructure projects, and social service programs. The Census is also used to plan development in communities, attract businesses, and improve public transportation. These are just a few of the reasons an accurate count is so important to the Ypsilanti community.

### How to Take the Census

By April 1, 2020, every household will receive an invitation to respond to the Census online or over the phone. In some cases, households will still receive a paper form. The individual who completes the Census will do so for every member of the household, answering the following questions:

- 1. The number of people living or staying at your home, and the name of each person.
- 2. Whether the home is owned or rented.
- 3. The sex of each person in the household.
- 4. The age of each person in the household.
- 5. The race of each person in the household.
- 6. Whether a person in the household is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.
- 7. The relationship of each person in the household to each other.

All individuals should answer based on where their primary residence is on April 1, 2020. This includes college students who spend a majority of the year living in Ypsilanti, as well as residents who may be on vacation during the late winter/early spring. The Census is completely confidential. No one will be able to look at your individual Census record. For example, if you live in a house with someone who is not legally allowed to live there, you can include them in your answers and your landlord will not find out.

### Need Help?

During Count Week, libraries, nonprofit agencies, and businesses will be reserving computers for members of the public to complete the Census with volunteers available to help answer questions. Census events at churches, clubs, and other venues will allow community members to come together to take the Census. Dates and locations will be posted on washtenaw. org/Census2020 in the coming months. YDL is also offering dedicated computers and staff assistance to participate in the Census. See the sidebar for more information.

### **Get Involved**

Do you have a great idea about how to increase participation and help Washtenaw County's Census outreach efforts? Visit washtenaw.org/Census2020 to join the conversation and help spread the word.

The League of Women Voters will also have a table in the lobby at the YDL-Whittaker branch every Saturday in January and February from 12–2 pm to provide information about the Census. See page 6 for more League of Women Voters events related to the Census.

# **FREE TAX ASSISTANCE EXPANDING**

or the first time, free income tax return assistance will be offered at all YDL locations! Federal and Michigan 1040 forms will be submitted electronically and you will receive a paper copy of your return to take home.

For the second year, YDL-Superior will serve as a Scan & Go tax preparation site, in partnership with United Way of Washtenaw County and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Trained and certified library staff scan your documentation and upload it to a secure United Way tax website. Tax-certified United Way volunteers then complete your taxes. Once your taxes are complete, the volunteer contacts you to arrange another appointment, where you'll review and sign. After that second appointment, your taxes are filed electronically. To be eligible for the Scan & Go service, your income should be under \$56,000. All Scan & Go sessions are made by appointment, either by calling YDL-Superior at 734-482-4110, x1310 or by registering at www.uwwashtenaw.org/freetaxhelp.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers have been doing taxes at YDL-Michigan, at no cost, for over 12 years, completing the taxes of hundreds of taxpayers annually. This year, AARP will also do taxes at YDL-Whittaker. AARP's Tax-Aide assistance program is provided by trained volunteers in partnership with the IRS. AARP's tax preparation is targeted at low- and moderateincome taxpayers. There is no age requirement, but this service especially targets those over 50 years old. AARP membership is not required. Call 734-482-4110, x2411 or x2421 to make an AARP Tax-Aide appointment or for more information.



### **AARP TAX-AIDE PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

### Tuesdays

Feb 4

9:30 AM-3:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

By Appointment Only

Feb 11–April 14

9:30 AM-12:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Walk-ins

1:00 PM-3:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

By Appointment Only

### Wednesdays

Feb 12 Feb 26 Mar 11 Mar 25 April 8

9:30 AM-3:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

By Appointment Only

### Thursdays

Feb 6–April 9

10:00 AM-4:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

By Appointment Only

### **BRING WITH YOU:**

- Picture ID. If filing jointly, both spouses must be present and bring photo ID and SSN card
- **SSN** card or Social Security statement and birthdates for yourself, spouse, and dependents
- Voided personal check for direct deposit into your bank account
- Last year's tax return
  - All W-2s and 1099s as proof of income
- Bring 1095-A if you received ACA health insurance
- If renting, proof of paid rent, landlord's name and address
- If potential Heating Credit, bring Dec, Jan, or Feb DTE bill
- If potential Property Tax Credit, bring 2019 Summer/Winter Property Tax statement



### **BECOME A REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONER**

Wednesday Jan 22 7:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Wednesday Jan 29 10:00 AM | YDL-Michigan

Voters Not Politicians is helping Michiganders apply for the first Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. They will provide an overview of the new redistricting process and an opportunity to fill out an application. Applicant signatures will be notarized at no cost. Please bring photo ID.

# **CALLING ALL COMMISSIONERS**

f the 2020 Census has started you thinking about how government works and wanting to participate, you're in luck! The City of Ypsilanti has several boards, commissions, and committees that you can volunteer to serve onno election needed. These boards, commissions, and committees generally advise City Council in specific areas, such as the arts, sustainability, social issues, long-range planning, and others.

Some can also review ordinance changes or make decisions on applications. The City also appoints resident delegates to certain regional committees to represent the City's viewpoint and goals on regional issues. The City has more than 10 of its own boards and commissions, and is represented on at least three regional bodies. In other words, when engaged citizens participate on these boards, the community benefits!

More information about the local and regional boards and commissions, including duties, time commitments, current vacancies, and applications can be found at cityofypsilanti. com/boardsandcommissions. You can also call the City Clerk's office at 734-483-1100 for more information.

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# THE FIRST RULE OF PUNK: BE YOURSELF

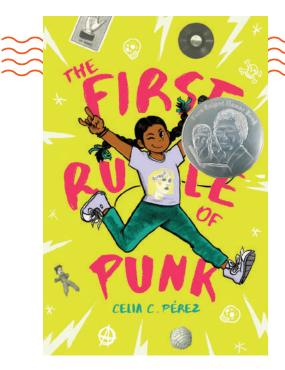
his season's Family Read pick is 2018 Pura Belpré Author Honor Book *The First Rule of Punk*, by Celia C. Peréz. Maria Luisa, known to friends and family as Malú, loves punk rock, skateboarding, zines, and Soyrizo (but not cilantro). When her college-professor mom takes a new job, they move thousands of miles from her music-loving dad, who reminds her that everything will be OK as long as she remembers the first rule of punk: be yourself. She learns more about her Mexican heritage and Chicanx influences on her favorite music genre from her new neighbors, and eventually forms a band that auditions for the school talent show. But will the anti-punk school administration choose them to

perform?

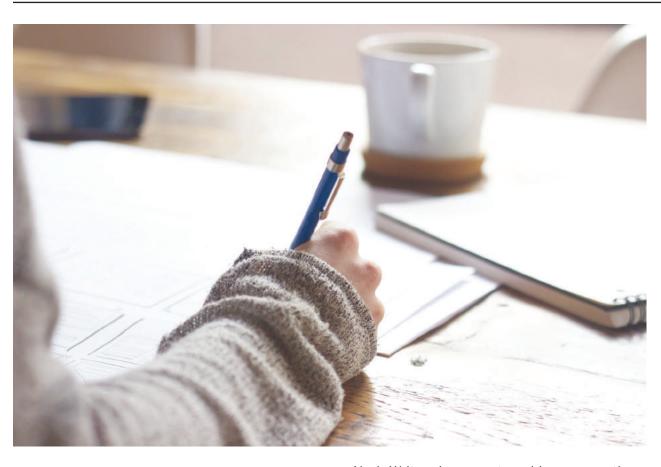
There will be plenty of chances to engage with the book at the library. Kids can read the book together, chat, try food from the story, and make art at weekly YDL-Superior and YDL-Whittaker Tween Reading Circles. Readers of all ages are invited to make zines at the Ypsi Writes Zine writing 24-hour Challenge. Kids can explore the traditional art of the Otomi and make Frida Kahlo inspired miniature shadow boxes at art workshops, plus learn to make tamales, friendship bracelets, and more. At the final celebration, everyone is invited to the library for Mexican treats, hands-on art stations, and to hear mariachi punk.

Collage art zines are scattered throughout the book, pulling the reader through the story visually, making it feel like a graphic novel. Because the Family Read was designed to encourage families to unplug and read aloud together, there are many great conversation starters. The First Rule of Punk touches on themes such as standing up for your right to express yourself, discovering your own identity and culture, fitting in at school, and that everyone's voice counts.

The books we choose are appropriate for kids



as young as 3rd grade but interesting enough for adults. Go to **ypsilibrary.org** for our complementary booklist for younger readers so everyone can be part of the fun.



# COME TO THE "WRITE" PLACE: YPSI WRITES NOW OPEN

id you ever think about talking with someone about your writing? Try Ypsi Writes, a community writing center located at all three YDL locations. Trained writing tutors are available for drop-in hours where you can bring in a piece of writing, an idea for a piece of writing, or just questions about writing in general. The tutors can help you:

- · Get started with your writing
- Address your audience
- Revise and polish your writing
- Try different genres—from resumes to novels to poetry to memoirs to blogs

Ypsi Writes is a partnership among three organizations devoted to promoting reading and writing: Eastern Michigan University's Office of Campus and Community Writing, 826michigan (the youth writing and tutoring program), and YDL. Its goal is to help writers of all ages and abilities discover their writing selves and share the joy of writing.

In addition to tutoring, Ypsi Writes offers evening and weekend workshops: some for adults, some for teens, some for children, and some for all ages together.

"We believe everyone is a writer," says Ann Blakeslee, director of EMU's Office of Campus and Community Writing and co-founder of Ypsi Writes. "In collaboration with 826michigan and YDL, we are committed to helping all Ypsilanti residents enjoy and experience the benefits of writing."

If you're interested in joining Ypsi Writes as a prospective writer, stop by for drop-in hours or attend a workshop. If you're interested in learning more about volunteering as a tutor, sign up using the form on the Ypsi Writes website: emich.edu/ccw/ypsi-writes.

### Winter/Spring Drop-In Hours

FOR TEENS & ADULTS (starting Jan 18)

Saturdays 12:00–2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Tuesdays 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | YDL-Superior

Wednesdays 5:00-7:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

FOR YOUTH (TUTORING)

Mon-Thurs 4:00-6:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

### Winter/Spring Workshops

Jan 22 Jan 29 Feb 5 Feb 12

FREEWRITING: A PLACE TO BEGIN

(Ages 13+) (See p. 7 for registration info)

6:30-8:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Feb 8

VALENTINE & LOVE LETTER DROP-IN WRITING (All Ages)

1:00-2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

2:30-3:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Mar 14 Mar 15

YPSI WRITES 24-HOUR ZINES (All Ages)

1:00-3:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Mar 8

YPSI WRITES: BETTER COLLEGE WRITING (Ages 13+)

2:00-3:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

May 2

MOTHERS'/FATHERS' DAY & LOVE LETTER DROP-IN WRITING (All Ages)

1:00-2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

2:30-3:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Feb 15 Feb 22 Mar 7 Mar 14 Mar 21

WRITE STUFF: WHERE CREATIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY MEET (Ages 14-26)

11:00 AM-12:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Jan 20 Jan 25 Feb 1 Feb 8 Feb 16

BLACK WRITERS MATTER (Ages 11+) 11:00 AM-12:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

5 Sessions

Jan 11 Feb 1 Mar 28 April 11

LET'S WRITE: FAMILY (All Ages)

2:00-3:00 PM | YDL-Superior



# FAMILY READ EVENTS THE FIRST RULE OF PUNK: BE YOURSELF



QUESADILLAS
4:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Saturday, April 4

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Thursday, April 16

OTOMI ART WORKSHOP

 $5:00 \ PM \mid YDL-Whittaker$ 

Sunday, April 19

**EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS** 

1:00 PM | Ann Arbor District Library Downtown

Saturday, April 25

**FAMILY READ CELEBRATION** 

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Mondays Jan 6–Apr 20

TWEEN READING CIRCLE

5:30 PM | YDL-Superior

Tuesdays Feb 18-April 14

TWEEN READING CIRCLE

5:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Saturday, March 14 Sunday, March 15

**YPSI WRITES 24-HOUR ZINES** 

1:00-3:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Thursday, March 19 FRIDA KAHLO SH

FRIDA KAHLO SHADOW BOXES

5:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Saturday, March 21

**FAMILY READ TAMALADA** 

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Saturday, March 28

**MEXICAN FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS** 

3:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

# TRY OUR NEW SENSORY KITS

simple tools for caregivers to use with kids experiencing life with autism spectrum disorder, as well as two balance boards that help with sensory integration. Now, we are expanding our collection of Sensory Kits. In addition to toys and tools that support specific skill development, each kit will contain four picture books caregivers can read aloud with kids. New kits that are already circulating include fidgets, speech therapy tools, and toys that develop fine motor skills. As we expand our Library of Things this year, watch for more kits with materials that:

- Develop gross motor skills and self-esteem
- Assist with visual impairment
- Teach baby sign language
- Help you engage in hands-on stories
- Help a child who is experiencing anxiety calm down.

Along with these new kits, YDL is supporting a three-part series hosted by Landria Seals Green, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and speech language pathologist. The series will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning January 14, at 6:30 pm (details on page 9). Ms. Green is the President and CCO of Momentum Autism Therapy and Momentum Therapy Network, and is also the founder and Chief Knowledge Office of SOAR Solutions for Autism, ABA, and Special Education. Topics for caregivers of children experiencing life with autism spectrum disorder will include toilet training and bedtime routines.

Are there other tools or programs we can offer to help you in your role as a caregiver? Contact Jodi Krahnke, jodi@ypsilibrary.org to share ideas.



### **SAMPLE KITS**

### **FIDGETS**

Try out several different fidgets that could help with concentration and provide sensory input for your child.

### **SPEECH THERAPY**

A combination of simple toys and wordless picture books that will encourage interaction, speech, and creativity.

### **FINE MOTOR SKILLS**

Interactive picture books and toys that will help your child strengthen the small muscles in their hands, needed for writing.

# NEW COMPUTERS, SAME FRIENDLY SUPPORT

e're installing new computers at all YDL locations! By early 2020, patrons will have access to new software on the Windows 10 system, crisp 21.5-inch monitors, and 2400G processors. You will also get the latest version of Microsoft Office, which will improve your experience.

With over 100 new public PCs to change out, our IT staff will install them in batches. YDL-Superior and Michigan will be first, followed by the Whittaker Road location and its computer lab. Our friendly staff will be well prepared to help you learn what's new.

Our printers and scanners are also available to anyone. Want to bring in your own laptop or tablet? We offer free wi-fi for anyone who wants to connect here, and wireless printing from your devices.



### **Free Classes**

Did you know YDL also offers computer classes? Our top-notch trainer offers hands-on classes on a number of topics in our Whittaker computer lab. Learn e-mail and internet basics, Microsoft Office programs, Google Calendar, and much more. Call the Adult Services desk

at extension 2411 for more information, or stop by any YDL location and pick up a computer class brochure. You can also visit ypsilibrary.org and browse the computer classes page.

# ADULT

**JANUARY** 



Monday, January 20

### MLK JR. DAY CELEBRATION 7:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Join Sean Dobbins and friends for an all ages musical presentation celebrating Dr. King's legacy. Sponsored by Friends of YDL.

Tuesdays, Jan 21, Mar 17, Mar 24

### **OPIOID EDUCATION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Jan 21, 2:00 PM | YDL-Michigan Mar 17, 7:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Mar 24, 7:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Learn what addiction is, how it affects the brain, what an overdose looks like, and how to respond. Presented by Michigan Unified.

Wednesdays, January 22 & 29

### **BECOME A REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONER**

### 7:00 PM Wednesday Jan 22 | YDL-Whittaker 10:00 AM Wednesday Jan 29 | YDL-Michigan

Voters Not Politicians is helping Michiganders apply for the first Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Includes an overview of the new redistricting process. Applicant signatures notarized at no cost. Please bring photo ID. For more information, please visit votersnotpoliticians.com.

Thursday, January 23

### MARIJUANA, THE LAW, AND YOU

6:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Join an open discussion about Michigan's new marijuana laws. Bring questions for leaders in the cannabis community.

Sunday, January 26

### FILM: SOULS OF BLACK GIRLS

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Safely Talk About Race & Racism series screens Daphne Valerius's award-winning documentary. The film explores how media images of beauty undercut the self-esteem of African-American women. Cohosted by ICPJ; discussion led by La'Ron Williams.

Tuesday, Jan 28 & Thursday, Feb 6

information will be provided.

### THE 2020 CENSUS: COUNT EVERY **PERSON**

Tuesday, Jan 28, 7:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker Thursday, Feb 6, 6:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

The League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area explain what the 2020 Census is and why it matters. Census Bureau handouts with more Wednesday, Jan 29

### **ELECTION ISSUES: CLIMATE CHANGE 101**

7:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Get a basic understanding of Earth's climate history, how climate can change naturally, and how various types of energy use can affect climate.

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 6

### AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY THROUGH STORY

7:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Stories passed on in African American families may be the only record of their past. Jean Winborn and Cheryl Garnett of the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society will show how you may be able to verify that information using standard genealogy resources.

Friday, February 7

### DYING FOR LOVE: A LIBRARY **MURDER MYSTERY**

7:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Help us find out whodunit at this interactive murder mystery. Registration encouraged, but not required.

Monday, February 10

### **BLACK LOYALISTS: FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS**

7:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Learn why Black Loyalists, soldiers of African descent, joined with the British and where they went after the Revolutionary War. Presented by Cheryl Garnett, co-founder of the Washtenaw County African American Genealogical Society.

Sunday, February 16

### FILM: I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO (2016)

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Safely Talk About Race & Racism series screens this film based on James Baldwin's unfinished book, "Remember This House," connecting the past of the Civil Rights movement to the present #BlackLivesMatter movement. Cohosted by ICPJ; discussion led by La'Ron Williams.

Tuesday, February 18

### "AIN'T I A WOMANIST?"

6:30 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Meet three little-known Black women who challenged the status quo and worked to communicate blackness and womanhood at various points in history, through a one-woman, interactive, narrative performance.

Saturday, Feb 29

### DARK FANTASY: ICE BAR

1:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Join local author Petra Kuppers for a reading of weird dark fantasy tales, and a discussion of how we can use speculative genres to think about social justice.

MARCH

Wednesday, Mar 4

### **ELECTION ISSUES: IMMIGRATION** 7:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

EMU Professor Ashley Johnson Bavery will discuss the history of immigration policy in the U.S. and immigration issues relevant to the 2020 election.

Thursday, March 12

### UNTOLD STORIES OF LIBERATION AND LOVE

6:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Women of color from Ypsilanti-based Untold Stories of Liberation & Love will read poems from their newly released anthology Love & Other Futures. Audience members will be invited to explore their own untold stories of liberation and love.

Saturday, March 14

### TASTE TEST: PILE DAY

3:00 PM YDL-Michigan

In honor of Pi Day, join us for a taste test of pies and coffee.

Tuesday, March 17

### FILM: HOWARD ZINN'S EMMA (2016) 6:30 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Dramatization of the life of Emma Goldman, the famed anarchist, feminist, and free-spirited thinker who was exiled from the U.S. because of her outspoken views.

Monday, March 23

### HAIR TINSEL WORKSHOP

6:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Put some bling in your spring by adding tinsel to your hair. Bring a friend to practice on. Registration required.

APRIL

Thursday, April 9

### THE MAGIC AND MYSTERY OF **VERNAL POOLS**

7:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Come hear naturalist Elle Bogle talk about the magic and mystery of vernal pools.

Saturday, April 11

### **DIY PRODUCTS: JELLY SOAPS**

3:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Create DIY shower jelly soaps from liquid soap and gelatin, then customize them with a variety of additives. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1385.

Saturday, April 18

### **FERMENTATION 101**

10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Learn from the Michigan Folk School how to preserve vegetables through fermentation, and take home a jar of sauerkraut, instructions, and recipes. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411

Sunday, April 19

### THE NEW DEAL PROGRAMS

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Find out how President Roosevelt's New Deal programs affected our ancestors and where to find records mentioning their participation. Sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.

Tuesday, April 21

### FILM: ADVERTISING ON THE EDGE OF THE APOCALYPSE

6:30 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Media scholar Sut Jhally explores the personal and environmental fallout from advertising culture and rampant American consumerism, which blind us to the costs of ever-accelerating rates of consumption.

Saturday, April 25

### **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

10:00 AM-1:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Recycle computers, printers, LCD monitors, DVD players, and other household items. See the online events calendar for a list of accepted items. Donations to the Friends of the Ypsilanti District Library are welcome to offset the cost. Limited to residents (not businesses) of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Twp, and Superior Twp.

Saturday, April 25

### **ORGANIC BACKYARD ORCHARD**

1:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Learn how to nurture healthy, organic urban landscapes that integrate native plants and edible fruit from a certified arborist from Urban Arbor Care.

Thursday, April 30

### FREE LEGAL ADVICE DAY

10:00 | YDL-Michigan

In celebration of Law Day USA, the Washtenaw County Bar Association's New Lawyers Section is sponsoring "No Fees Day." Get 20 minutes of free legal advice. To schedule your appointment, call 996-3229, starting April 16. Walk-ins welcome as time allows.

MAY

Saturday, May 2

### YPSI WRITES: MOTHER'S DAY/ FATHER'S DAY LETTERS (All ages)

2:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Who deserves a special note more than those wonderful moms, dads, grandparents and others who are always there for us? Drop in to create special cards to share with your loved ones. Material and writing consultants provided.



Thursday, May 7

### CAKE DECORATING WITH ZINGERMAN'S (Age 55+)

1:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Get a taste of Zingerman's most popular cake decorating class. Each participant will get a petite cake to practice on and learn piping, rosettes, and more. Space is limited; register online or call 734-482-4110 x1359.

Sunday, May 10

### THE BUZZ ON POLLINATOR **GARDENING**

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to attract and keep the pollinators which are vital to our food supply. Guests will be given seeds to take home and plant. There will be a drawing for a free gardening book.

# TATTO

IANUARY

Saturday, January 18

**SCHOLARSHIP OPEN HOUSE (Ages** 

2:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Do you need help finding money for college? Connect with organizations who are giving away scholarships, as well as representatives from colleges and universities to help guide you of finding money for college.

**FEBRUARY** 

Saturday, February 8

**MAKE MOCHI** 

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3:30 PM | YDL-Whittaker Learn to make colorful rice cakes and take home (or eat) a variety of flavors and fillings.

Tuesday, February 11

STUPID CUPID (Ages 12-18) 4:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Tired of celebrating Valentine's Day? Help us UN-celebrate this holiday with candy, crafts, and some fun music!



MARCH

Sunday, March 8

### YPSI WRITES: BETTER COLLEGE WRITING

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Feeling nervous about writing in college? Join consultants from EMU's Writing Center to learn about the myths, expectations, and realities of college writing. Ypsi Writes!

APRIL

Saturday, April 4

### **DRAWING 101: HANDS AND EYES** 3:30 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Want to improve your drawing skills for details such as hands and eyes? Join artist Lidia Kaku for instruction. All supplies provided.



Sunday, April 19

EARTH DAY RALLY (teen-led, all ages event)

12:00 PM-4:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Join our Teen Advisory Groups and share ideas on how to minimize our carbon footprint and keep our planet green and spread this message to the citizens of Ypsilanti!



Tuesday, April 21

4:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

**BUTTONS AND BOTTLE CAPS (Ages** 12 - 18

using your own personal creative spin!

Create pin buttons and bottle cap magnets

MAY

Friday, May 8

TEEN ESCAPE ROOM (Ages 12–18)

6:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Join the teen advisory group for an evening of sleuthing, food, and fun. Can you figure out how to ESCAPE THE LIBRARY? Find out at a special after-hours event with food and prizes!

### Find our online event calendar at ypsilibrary.org/events

Tuesdays, May 12 & 19 **DRAWN LETTERS WITH** 

**WATERCOLOR** 

6:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker Artist Jennifer Helner teaches you how to embellish hand drawn letters with watercolor. No experience needed; supplies provided. Register Online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Thursday, May 14

YPSILANTI'S 19TH CENTURY BLACK **BARBERS** 

6:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Historian Matt Siegfried will discuss Ypsilanti's African-American barbers and hairdressers, their influence on politics and their community, and the changing role of the Black barbershop under Jim Crow.

# **ADULT MEETUPS**

**TUESDAYS** 

Jan 7-May 26

**KNITTING PLUS** 6:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Open to all, any handcraft welcome. Knitting instruction will be available during the first hour.

Jan 14-May 19

**DROP-IN WRITING** 

11:00 AM | YDL-Superior

Get help with resumes, short stories, cover letters, and more! Sponsored by EMU's Office of Campus and Community Writing as part of Ypsi

Jan 14 & 28 Feb 11 & 25 Mar 10 & 24 Apr 14 & 28 May 12 & 26

FILM CLUB WITH PERRY SEIBERT

7:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

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

Jan 21 Feb 18 Mar 17 Apr 21 May 19

**VISUAL BOOK CLUB** (18+) 7:30 PM | 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.

Jan 28 Feb 25 Mar 31 Apr 28 May 26 **AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS** 

7:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

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

Jan 28-Apr 7

**ESL DROP-IN TUTORING** 

1:30 | YDL-Michigan

Learn English as a Second Language at free drop-in tutoring sessions. All levels of English are welcome and learners may attend as many times as they wish. Please arrive 5 minutes before the start time for each session. Sponsored by Washtenaw Literacy and Eastern Michigan University.

March 17–May 5

**LNGO CREATIVE AGING: FABRIC** COLLAGE (Age 55+)

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Create one-of-a kind compositions. Sewing is optional. As part of our Learning Never Gets Old series, this program is limited to those age 55 and up. Call 734-482-4110 x1316 to register.

Apr 7–28

INTRO TO CARDIO DRUMMING (Age

12:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Get fit and have fun with certified drums alive fitness instructor Lady P, as she leads an energetic cardio drumming class. All levels are welcome. Please bring a water bottle. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x1359.

WEDNESDAYS

Jan 8–May 27

ESL BOOK GROUP

11:00 AM | YDL-Michigan

Read and discuss books for fun and to learn about vocabulary, pronunciation, and American culture. Learners with intermediate or advanced ESL reading levels are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Washtenaw Literacy at info@washtenawliteracy.org or call 734-482-4110 x1325.

Jan 15-May 27

DROP-IN WRITING

5:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

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

Jan 22–Feb 12

FREE WRITING—A PLACE TO BEGIN 6:30 PM | YDL-Whittaker

The perfect way to begin writing is just to write. Prompts will be given as a jumping off points for timed writings. This is an Ypsi Writes program in partnership with EMU's Office of Campus & Community Writing. Register online or call 734-482-4110 ext 2411



Jan 22–Feb 26

DIABETES PATH (Ages 55+) 10:00 AM | YDL-Whittaker

A 6-week workshop designed to provide the skills and tools needed for people living with diabetes to improve their health and manage their symptoms, in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED Space is limited to 16 people per workshop. To

Jan 22 Feb 26 Mar 25 Apr 22 May 27 YDL SONGWRITING GROUP

register call 734-482-4110 x2411

7:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

In YDL Songwriting Group, we share songs we have written and give feedback (or just listen), as requested by each individual songwriter.

Jan 29 Feb 26 Mar 25 Apr 29 May 27 MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker Calling all Mystery Lovers! Check out a new mystery title each month.

THURSDAYS

Jan 2–April 30

YARN, HOOKS AND NEEDLES

6:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

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



Jan 2 Feb 6 Mar 5 Apr 2 May 7 Jun 4 THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Join us for interesting and lively discussions.

Jan 16 Feb 20 Mar 19 Apr 16 May 21 SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD 1:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Share your ideas for programs, services, and displays.

Jan 16 Feb 20 Mar 19 Apr 16 May 21

**GARDEN CHATS GROUP** 

3:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

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

Jan 23–Apr 9

**ESL DROP-IN TUTORING** 

1:30 | YDL-Michigan

See Tuesdays for description.

**FRIDAYS** 

Jan 3-May 22

YPSILANTI OPEN MEDITATION

11:00 AM | YDL-Michigan

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

Jan 17 Jan 31 Feb 14 Feb 28 Mar 13 Mar 27 Apr 10 Apr 24 May 8 May 22

**LNGO CRAFTERNOONS** 

2:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Every other Friday you'll be introduced to a new craft. We'll provide supplies and equipment, and you'll get to explore lots of different creative projects!

1/17 Melt & Pour Soap

1/31 Embroidery Sampler

2/14 Paper Flowers 2/28 Textile Baskets

3/13 Resin Play!

3/27 Fairy House 4/10 Fairy House, cont'd

4/24 Glass Mosaics

5/8 Glass Mosaic, cont'd 5/22 Students' Choice

Apr 3 & 17 May 1 & 15

LNGO WALKING GROUP (Ages 55+)

10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker

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

SATURDAYS

Jan 4 Jan 18 Feb 1 Feb 29 Mar 14 Mar 28 Apr 11 Apr 25 May 9 May 23

**GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS** 

10:00 AM | 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.



Jan 18 Feb 15 Mar 21 Apr 18 May 16 **AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY** 

10:30 AM | 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.



Jan 18-May 30

**DROP-IN WRITING** 12:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Calling all writers! Drop in on Saturdays and talk with a writing consultant courtesy of EMU's Office of Campus and Community Writing.

Feb 15-Mar 21

**WRITE STUFF: WHERE CREATIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY MEET (Ages** 

12 - 18)

Apr 26

11:00 AM | YDL-Michigan

12:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

chat while you get creative!

1:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

In partnership with the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living, these workshops will highlight and support projects by writers with

Jan 25 Feb 22 Mar 28 Apr 25 May 23

Use supplies from our Creative Toolkits during

this open studio art meet up led by members of

the teen advisory. Drop in, listen to music and

Drop in and watch anime with other fans. Stay

for a discussion led by long time members

**SUNDAYS** 

Jan 19 Feb 2 Feb 16 Mar 1 Mar 15 Mar 29

Jan 25 Feb 22 Mar 28 Apr 25 May 23

TYDL WAVE: ANIME CLUB (Ages

Madison, Bri and Jeff. Snacks included.

OPEN STUDIO: ART (Ages 12-18)

# **TEEN** MEETUPS

MONDAYS

Jan 20 BLACK WRITERS MATTER (Ages 11 up)

11:00 AM | YDL-Michigan

This workshop series will kick off with a community service project and writing workshop on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (snacks included!) and examine voices of black writers. The workshop will conclude with an open mic. Students ages 11+ and all ability levels are encouraged to participate.

TUESDAYS

Jan 7 Feb 4 Mar 3 Apr 7 May 5

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 12-18) 5:00 PM | 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.

Jan 14 Jan 28 Feb 11 Feb 25 Mar 10 Mar 24 Apr 14 Apr 28 May 12 May 26

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 12-18) 4:30 PM | YDL-Whittaker Join the Teen Advisory Group. Plan programs, write grants, develop leadership skills, meet

THURSDAYS

friends, help your community, build your resume.

Feb. 6-March 19

SAT MATH PREP

Apply online ypsilibrary.org/tag.

4-6 PM | YDL Whittaker Get ready for the math portion of the SAT by

working through practice problems with Geetha Elangovan.

FRIDAYS

Jan 24 Feb 28 Mar 27 Apr 24

TEEN STEAM CAFÉ (Ages 12-18)

6:00 PM | 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** 

Jan 25 Feb 1 Feb 8 Feb 15

BLACK WRITERS MATTER (Ages 11 up) 11:00 AM | YDL-Michigan (See Mondays for description)

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker Meet up and play Dungeons and Dragons

**DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS** 

with members of the Teen Advisory Group. All supplies and snacks provided.

### **Event Schedule | Winter-Spring 2020**

# KIDS & **PARENTS**

### JANUARY

Monday, January 20

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

### YDL-Michigan

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr and his life's work, this film marathon will focus on American's fight against racial inequality. Discussion will

follow each film. Light refreshments provided. 1:30-3:00 Selma, Lord, Selma (1999, all ages) followed by a youth activity

3:00-5:30 Best of Enemies (2019, PG-13, ages

5:45-8:15 Detroit (2017, R) followed by discussion (ages 14+)

### Monday, January 20

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

2:00 PM | YDL-Superior

Watch video clips of Dr. King and other Civil Rights figures, then participate in various art and writing activities to reflect on Dr. King's relevance today.

### Thursday, January 23

LIBRARY LAB: CHEMISTRY (Ages 7-14)

5:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Find out how self-inflating balloons work.

### Saturday, January 25

### LIBRARY LAB: DOMINO TOPPLE

### 1:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Help build a giant domino chain, then watch it topple! Sponsored by the Zeal Credit Union.

### Saturday, January 25

### **COLLAGE CREATIVE WRITING**

2:00 PM | YDL-Superior

We will make collages and write a short story based on these images.

### Saturday, January 25

### MING THE MAGICIAN

3:30 PM | YDL-Michigan Enjoy a mind-boggling magic show that includes a breathtaking escape.

### **FEBRUARY**

### Saturday, February 1

### **LIBRARY LAB: STEM STATIONS**

### 1:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Join F.E.M.M.E.S from the University of Michigan for engaging, hands-on STEM activities presented in a fun, exploratory environment.

### Saturday, February 8

### **YPSI WRITES: VALENTINE'S**

### 1:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

2:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Drop in to write with other romantics from 826michigan and C2W volunteers for this special session of Ypsi Writes. Make Valentine's Day cards and write a love letter to someone.

### Saturday, February 8

THE FROG PRINCE 2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Bring the whole family to this fun afternoon of live theatre with actors from the Black and Brown Theatre.

### Saturday, February 22

### LIBRARY LAB: STEMFEST

### 2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

UM spotlight scientists return to share the latest research at hands-on stations kids and families can explore.

### Saturday, February 22

### **ELEPHANT & PIGGIE PARTY**

### 3:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Hear some Elephant & Piggie stories, make an elephant or piggie puppet, play games, and enjoy a treat.

### Thursday, February 27

### LIBRARY LAB: HARRY POTTER

POTIONS (Ages 7-14)

5:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Mix up chemical reactions inspired by the potions and spells in Harry Potter.

### Saturday, February 29

### **MAKE SAMBUSA** 2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Learn to wrap sambusa, a North African savory pastry, then eat! Presented by Kaltum Saleh

### MARCH

### Saturday, March 7

### LIBRARY LAB: BABY CHICKS

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

What happens inside of the egg before the chick hatches? HURON-CLINTON Metroparks brings fertile eggs and an incubator to the library for you to learn!



### Saturday, March 14

### **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE**

9:00 AM-1:00 PM | Ypsilanti Community High School

Join other YCS families to learn what resources and organizations are available to support children and families in Ypsilanti.

### Saturday, March 14–Sunday, March 15

### **YPSI WRITES: ZINES** 1:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Can you create your own zine in 24 hours? Led by Linette Lao, this hands-on workshop starts with a 2-hour how-to session, then challenges you to make your zine. Return the next day to show, share, or trade! All materials provided.

### Saturday, March 21

### FAMILY READ TAMALADA

### 2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Make your own Mexican-style tamales with a variety of fillings as part of our Family Read The First Rule of Punk! Part of the Garden to Table

### Thursday, March 26

### **LIBRARY LAB: SCIENCE PARTY (Ages**

### 7 - 14

5:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate science. All activities are selected and prepared by the Tween Advisory Board.

### Saturday, March 28

### KNOT A MEXICAN FRIENDSHIP **BRACELET**

### 3:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Friendship is a strong theme in our Family Read The First Rule of Punk. Make a friendship bracelet while enjoying Mexican treats.

### Monday, March 30–Friday, April 3

### **SPRING STEAM**

1:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Drop in for a different hands-on STEAM activity each day of the week.

Mar 30 Build with MakeDo.

Mar 31 Puppet making with Brian Steimel.

Apr 1 Watch Frozen 2 on the big screen followed by a hands-on project.

Apr 2 Beading.

Apr 3 Lego building challenges.



### Monday, March 30–Friday, April 3

### STEAM BREAK (Ages 8 and up)

4:30 PM | YDL-Superior

Keep your mind active during Spring Break by doing a different STEAM activity every day. Monday (Science) Makey Makey Lab

Tuesday (Technology) Ocobots and Lego Robotics Wednesday (Engineering) Bridge building

Thursday (Art) Tile paper art Saturday (Math) Math patterns

### Monday, March 30–Friday, April 3

### **COMMUNITY ART COLLAGE** 2:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Throughout Spring Break we will be decorating hexagons with bottle caps to create a giant honeycomb collage from recycled materials that

APRIL

### Saturday, April 4

will live in the library!

### **SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP PARKS &** RECREATION'S ANNUAL EASTER **EGG HUNT**

11:00 AM | Fireman's Park, 8795 MacArthur, Superior Township

Meet the Easter Bunny as you hunt for eggs. Free and open to children 11 and under

### Saturday, April 4

### **LIBRARY LAB: BABY CHICKS**

The chicks have hatched! Find out what's next in the life a chick.

### Saturday, April 4

### 4:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Read The First Rule of Punk.

### Saturday, April 18

water bottle spiral sculptures. Learn about the impact of water bottles on the environment. Please bring as many clean water bottles as you

### Saturday, April 25

### **FAMILY READ CELEBRATION**

Have you been reading The First Rule of Punk? Ready to hear the book come to life with live mariachi punk music? Come dance to music,

### Saturday, April 25

### APPLE TREE SEED PLANTING &

STORYTIME (Ages 5-12)

### 3:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Sample some fruit, decorate and label a pot, extract seeds from your fruit, and plant the seeds in your pot to take home. Presented by Dawn Hughes from Urban Arbor Care.

### MAY

### Saturday, May 2

### YPSI WRITES: MOTHER'S DAY/ FATHER'S DAY LETTERS (All ages)

1:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

### 2:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Who deserves a special note more than those wonderful moms, dads, and grandparents who are always there for us? Drop in to create special cards to share with your loved ones. Materials and writing consultants provided.

### Saturday, May 9

NINJA CHALLENGE! (Ages 6-12)

3:30 PM | YDL-Michigan Make a mask and cape, perform ninja tasks,

and refuel with snacks.

### Monday, May 18

### SEMIS COALITION COMMUNITY **FORUM**

### Day-long event EMU Student Center, 900 Oakwood St, Ypsilanti

Students and teachers from over 15 southeast Michigan area schools host a day-long event of workshops and presentations, intergenerational conversations, and the annual Coalition Awards. For more information visit www.semiscoalition. org or email Lisa Voelker at Ivoelker@emich.edu.

### Saturday, May 30

### SUPERIOR GARDEN PLANTING

2:00 PM | YDL-Superior

Get your hands dirty, learn about gardening, and help plant this year's educational garden at Superior.

# KIDS & **PARENTS MEETUPS**

### MONDAYS

### Jan 6–Apr 20

### TWEEN READING CIRCLE 5:30 PM | YDL-Superior

We'll take turns reading aloud from The First Rule of Punk and then have a snack.

Jan 6 Jan 20 Feb 3 Feb 17 Mar 2 Mar 16 Apr 6 Apr 20 May 4 May 18

### YOUTH PODCASTING 5:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Create and develop content for a library youth podcast series while learning the essential techniques required to share a story on the Internet.



### 4110 x2430. No registration needed. Mondays–Thursdays, Jan 21–May 14

HOMEWORK HELP (Grades K-8)

### 826MI TUTORING (Ages 8-18)

### 4:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

4:00 PM | YDL-Superior

826michigan offers free tutoring for students ages 8 to 18. Students must bring homework assignments and study materials, and parents or guardians must accompany students and complete registration paperwork either on or before a student's first day.

Get free one-on-one help with homework in any

subject. For more information call 734-482-



get expert help during these awesome mini-

### series! New lessons each week. Feb 3-24 Vidcode

Mar 2-23 LEGO WEDO 2.0 Apr 27-May 18 Coder DOJO



### TUESDAYS

### Jan 7-May 26

### Y ON THE FLY 6:15 PM | YDL-Michigan

The Y van is loaded with sports equipment and other fun activities for inside or outside the library. Trained Y coaches offer games, activities, and healthy snacks to children between the ages of 5-13. Parents must check in their child on their first day. Questions? Please contact Y on the Fly Director Tess Jackson, MSW, at tjackson@annarborymca.org or 734-661-8021.

### Jan 14 Jan 28 Feb 11 Feb 25 Mar 10 Mar 24 Apr 14 Apr 28 May 12 May 26

### **CARTOONING AND COMIC** 5:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Learn the skills for drawing your favorite super hero or cartoon, and create your own heroes and villains. Cover perspective, shading, and dimensions, and discuss how to develop original stories and narrative.

2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

### **FAMILY READ COOKING**

Make your quesadillas as part of our Family

### WATER BOTTLE SCULPTURES

### 3:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Reuse plastic bottles to make stunning, colorful

### 2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

sample Mexican snacks, and make art.

### Find our online event calendar at ypsilibrary.org/events

Jan 14-Jan 28

### RAISING KIDS WHO EXPERIENCE **LIFE WITH ASD**

6:30 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Landria Seals Green, a board certified Behavior Analyst and Speech Language Pathologist, will be facilitating an education and support program for the caregivers of children who experience life with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Topics discussed will include toilet training, bedtime routines, and more.

Jan 14 Feb 11 Mar 10 Apr 14 May 12

SUPER READERS: ALPHA
SQUADRON 5 YEARS AND UP (Starting

to read Early Reader books)

6:30 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Literacy fun for emergent readers. Please call to register: 482-4110 ext. 2412

Feb 18-Apr 14

### TWEEN READING CIRCLE

5:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Read a chapter or two from The First Rule of Punk each week. Eat snacks from the book, listen to music, make art and zines. Get ready for the Family Read Celebration.

### WEDNESDAYS

| Jan 8  | an 22  | Jan 29 | Feb 5 | Feb 12  | Feb 26 |
|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| Mar 4  | Mar 11 | Mar 2  | 5 Apr | 1 Apr 8 | Apr 22 |
| Apr 29 | May 6  | May 1  | .3    |         |        |

TWEEN READING CIRCLE (Ages 9-12)

6:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Take turns reading aloud from short story collections, and discuss the stories over snacks during these 30 minute sessions.

### Jan 8 Feb 12 Mar 11 Apr 8 May 13 **COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE**

7:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Using rhythm to communicate, collaborate with neighbors of all ages in this creative musical experience. No drumming experience necessary. You may bring your own drum or percussion instrument or use one of ours.

### Jan 15 Feb 19 Mar 18 Apr 15 May 20 **FAMILY MAKER NIGHT**

### 6:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

Create, explore, and enjoy being together as a family. We'll provide pizza and all the supplies you need to explore a different tool or challenge. Parent must be present.

1/15 Waffle Fantasia: Use a waffle maker for

everything but waffles 2/19 Soap Making: Make fun and smelly soaps

to take home 3/18 Rockin' the World: Make kindness rocks,

rock critters, start a rock tumbler project 4/15 Great Growing: Welcome spring with plantings of all kinds

5/20 Catching the Sun: Learn about sun catchers and prisms



Apr 8-May 27 Y ON THE FLY

6:15 PM | YDL-Superior

This is the same event as Tuesdays at Michigan

### THURSDAYS

Jan 9 Feb 6 Mar 5 May 7 **GAMING UNPLUGGED** 

4:00 PM | YDL-Superior

YDL staff facilitate a different, easy card or board game for youth each month.

Jan 9 Feb 13 Mar 12 Apr 16

### TAB: TWEEN ADVISORY

service hours

5:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker Join us for food, fun, and conversation with your peers. Plan and test library activities and earn

Jan 9 Feb 13 Feb 27 Mar 12 Mar 26 Apr 9 Apr 23 May 14

### **READ TO LIBBYLULU THE LIBRARY**

### 6:00 PM | YDL-Michigan

Reading to a Therapaws dog helps kids become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot. Register: 734-482-4110 x1390

Jan 16 Feb 20 Mar 19 Apr 16 May 21 KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3-5)

6:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

We will have a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. Registration required: Call 734-482-4110, x1390.

Feb 6 Mar 5 Apr 2 May 7

TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6-8)

6:30 PM | YDL-Michigan

We will have a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. Registration required: 734-482-4110 x1390

### Feb 20 Mar 19 Apr 16

**ART EXPLORATIONS** 5:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Look at the work of a different artist each month and then make art.

February Alma Thomas and color field paintings; March Frida Kahlo and shadow boxes: April Otomi designs and tile painting.

### SATURDAYS

| Jan 11 | Feb 1 | Mar 28 | Apr 11 |

### LET'S WRITE! FAMILY

2:00 PM | YDL-Superior

Drop everything and write! We offer activities for all ages to get words on the page and enjoy being a writer. Different activities each month.

Jan 18 Feb 15 Mar 21 Apr 18 May 16

### **GARDEN TO TABLE**

### 2:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Learn about cooking and gardening throughout the year as part of our community garden program.

January Make a wild bird suet.

February Make healthy silly snacks.

March Make tamales.

April Join local beekeeper Bee Present Honey and meet actual bees and taste their honey.

May Meet farm animals and help plant the garden!

Feb 15 Mar 21 Apr 18 May 16

### **CRAFTY CLUB**

3:00 PM | YDL-Superior

Make and take handmade DIY crafts. Learn facts based on the monthly craft.

February Hand sewn hearts

March Worry dolls

April No-sew t-shirt bag May Fabric wreath.

# STORIES & **FUN FOR** LITTLE **ONES**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

### Monday, January 13 **KINDERCONCERT**

### 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Musicians from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra join Geri Stein for a music and movement experience especially for little ones, featuring the Charming Cello.



Friday, February 21

### PRESCHOOL CIRCUS CAMP 11:00 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Join movement experts from Cirque Amongus for a special circus workshop just for little ones.



Saturday, February 29

Winter-Spring 2020

### PRESCHOOL RESOURCE FAIR 12:00 PM | YDL-Whittaker

Chat with representatives from local schools while your child explores hands-on learning activities nearby.

Saturday, February 29 **MOVEMENT STORYTIME** 

### 10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Join Amy Cadwallader of Dance Uprising for stories and songs that you and your little one can move to.

Friday, March 13

### TINKERLAB: OWL STORIES

11:00 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Meet some feathered friends from the Leslie Science and Nature Center and hear owl stories at this special session of TinkerLab.

Friday, March 20

### **CREATIVE MOVEMENT FOR LITTLE** ONES

11:00 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Join Amy Cadwallader of Dance Uprising for fun games and songs that incorporate the principles of movement and dance.

Friday, May 11

### KINDERCONCERT

### 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Musicians from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra join Geri Stein for a music and movement experience especially for little ones, featuring the Tremendous Trombone.

### MONDAYS

Jan 13–Mar 16 Apr 6–June 1

**DOWNTOWN STORYTIME (Ages 5 and** 

10:30 AM | YDL-Michigan

Introduce your child to the wonders of reading with stories, songs and a craft.

Jan 20–Mar 16 Apr 6–June 1

BABY STORYTIME (0-18 months) 10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Inspire a love for books in your future reader through songs, stories, movement, and rhyme. Stay afterward to play and socialize with other caregivers.

Jan 20–Mar 16 Apr 6–June 1 **TODDLER STORYTIME** 

11:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Learn colors, shapes, and counting in this fastpaced storytime filled with music, movement, fingerplays, parachute, and books.

### TUESDAYS

### Jan 14–Mar 17 Apr 7–June 2 TODDLER STORYTIME 10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker

This storytime is a duplicate of Monday's, with the same stories and activities each time. Parents can choose which session to attend.

### WEDNESDAYS

Jan 15–Mar 18 Apr 8–June 3

TERRIFIC THREES STORYTIME (3 year

10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker Each week we'll meet at the puppet theater for stories, books, rhymes, games, songs, crafts, and the parachute.

### **THURSDAYS**

Jan 16–Mar 19 Apr 9–June 4

JUMPSTART STORYTIME (Ages 4-5) 10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Four and five year olds will meet in the story room, then join younger siblings and caregivers for stories, parachute, art, science, and play.

Jan 16–Mar 19 Apr 9–June 4

### STARRY NIGHT STORYTIME (Family) 6:30 PM | YDL-Whittaker

a convenient time.

### FRIDAYS

Stories and songs in a cozy setting for all ages at

|   | Jan 24 | Feb 14 | Feb 28 | Mar 13 | Mar 27 |
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| ĺ | Apr 10 | Apr 24 | May 8  |        |        |

### **TINKERLAB**

11:00 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Tinkering allows young children to learn through hands-on experiences and provides unstructured time to explore, test, and create. Join us for different themes each session!



Feb 7–May 22

### PARENTS AS TEACHERS (Up to age 5)

11:00 AM | YDL-Michigan

Parents are their child's most influential teachers! Join early childhood professionals to build a support network, tackle challenging problems, and let your children interact with others and have fun. RSVP at 734-484-9944. Part of the Parents as Teachers program with SOS Community Services.

### SATURDAYS

Jan 11 Feb 8 Mar 14 Apr 11 May 9 LITTLE LEARNERS (Up to age 5)

11:00 AM | YDL-Superior

Join in the fun with educational stories, songs, and play for little ones up to age 5. Each child who attends will receive a free book.

Jan 18 Feb 15 Mar 21 Apr 18

### PARACHUTE STORYTIME

10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker Stories, songs, and movement with the parachute every week to build body and hand



Jan 25 Feb 22 Apr 25 May 23

YOGA STORYTIME (Kids 8 and under with

a caregiver) 10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Hear stories and learn yoga poses that go with them. Bark in downward dog, hiss in cobra pose, and flutter wings in butterfly. No experience necessary.

Jan 25 Feb 22 Mar 28 Apr 25 May 23

SCAN! SNIFF! SLURP! (Ages 5 and Under) 11:00 AM | YDL-Superior Explore each of your senses one at a time with

fun, hands-on activities. Feb 1 Mar 7 Apr 4 May 2 MUSIC AND MEDITATION

**STORYTIME** 

10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker Join children's meditation experts for stories, music, and activities to build relaxation skills.

Feb 8 Mar 14 Apr 11 May 9

**RAINBOW STORYTIME** 10:30 AM | YDL-Whittaker

Join us each month for songs, crafts, and stories of diversity, acceptance, love, friendship, and all the colors of the rainbow!

# BENEFITS OF BILINGUALISM

id you know that Lincoln Consolidated Schools offers the only Spanish Immersion program in Washtenaw County? This free program is located at Bishop Elementary, home to Lincoln's Multi-Age program.

Immersion is a language learning model where the student is surrounded by the target language. It works well with younger children because the brain is primed to learn language from birth, and students easily adjust in their elementary years. Research shows speaking multiple languages can benefit children in many ways:

- Positive effect on intellectual growth
- · Greater flexibility in thinking and listening

- Improved understanding of native language
- Opportunities to meet new people
- Better prepared for high school and college
- Improved job opportunities and salary potential
- Understanding of other cultures and appreciation for differences

Lincoln Spanish Immersion classes use a full-immersion model, where Spanish is the language of content instruction, not just a subject of instruction. Students learn core subjects in Spanish. Specials (art, music, physical education, technology, and media/library), assemblies, and field trips are presented in English.



Bishop's Spanish Immersion program meets all Michigan academic standards and is taught by certified elementary school teachers fluent in Spanish. To learn more about the program, visit lincolnspanishimmersion.com.

# YDL'S INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE COLLECTION: BROADEN YOUR HORIZON



DL offers books in languages other than English for both adults and youth. The Adult International Languages Collection is located at our Whittaker Road branch on the 2nd floor with popular and classic fiction and nonfiction titles in many subject areas. Languages represented are

Chinese

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  - Italian
- FrenchJapanese
- GermanKorean
- Portuguese
- RussianSpanish
- Tamil

Whittaker's Youth ILC on the 1st floor has books in Arabic, Chinese, First Nations, French, German, Hindi, Russian, and Spanish. YDL patrons have access to many other titles in non-English languages via the MeLCat interloan system.

YDL also has an extensive collection of digital, print, and audio materials for help in learning another language, including downloadable books in a variety of languages, and foreign movies. Visit www.ypsilibrary.org to find more information, to access the online catalog and MeLCat system, or to submit an online materials suggestion form. We welcome your input for expanding and improving our collection.

# STORYTIME: SO MUCH MORE THAN READING

ave you tried reading a story to your child lately? Don't be discouraged if they don't want to sit still! Storytime provides a valuable learning experience, even when it comes in small doses.

Storytime is not just fun, but is an enriching experience that helps children develop a love

of learning and build the many skills needed for school success. Storytime at YDL is strategically designed to support young children throughout their learning journey. Baby storytime lets parents connect with each other. Toddler storytime lets little ones listen and engage while they move around. Preschool storytime includes process art

and STEM projects, all of which help build school-readiness skills. Research shows that storytime boosts learning by using sounds, crafts, and other individual and group activities to build fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and group participation.

Storytime at YDL is designed to meet your needs, and our offerings include evening storytime for working families and rainbow storytime that celebrates the wonderful diversity in the Ypsilanti area. Parents and caregivers should never be deterred if their child doesn't want to sit still, be quiet, or appears shy. We know that all youngsters are different and come to us with various preferences and levels of confidence. There is never a commitment or fee to attend, so we invite you to come and learn with us at any time. No matter what stage your child is in, there is something for you at library storytime!



### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Can you and your tot rack up 1000 books? Track your progress on ypsilibrary.org to earn stickers and get your child's name on the Wall of Fame, or sign up at any library location.

# SEE THE SOON-TO-BE-IMPROVED FIREMAN'S PARK

arly this year, visitors to YDL-Superior should notice changes happening at the adjacent playground. Superior Township Parks and Recreation received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of

\$30,000 to expand Fireman's Park. The renovated playground will include slides, climbers, and musical play panels.

The new structure will be ADA accessible with the installation of a 6' wide sidewalk leading up

to the equipment. The total playground area will increase to approximately 2,500 square feet.

Construction is scheduled for spring 2020, so Fireman's Park will be ready for early summer when kids get out of school.

For more information on the construction contact Superior Township's Parks and Recreation Administrator Juan Bradford at jbradford@ superior-twp.org, or (734) 649-1991.

# THE NEWS ABOUT OUR HEALTH

he Washtenaw County Health Department is engaged in a number of community efforts to help folks feel safe, healthy, and supported. The campaigns below provide information about what health looks like in our community, and ways you can be proactive.



### #wishyouknew Mental Health Campaign

The Washtenaw County Health Department has teamed up with Washtenaw County Community Mental Health to address community concerns around youth mental health and reduce stigma.

Driven by community conversations, this campaign aims to spark honest and supportive conversations about mental health between youth and adults, and to spread hope that if we can share our truth with trusted people in our life, we can begin to heal.

The campaign is funded by the Washtenaw County Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage. Follow on Instagram @ wishyouknewwashtenaw or at www.washtenaw.org/wishyouknew.



# What Does Health Look Like in Washtenaw County?

The Washtenaw County Health Department has launched a new website with interactive data on hundreds of factors related to community health. The Health for All Washtenaw website, www. healthforallwashtenaw.org, offers information, stories, and action items on what impacts our health—think of it as an online health record for all of Washtenaw County.

On the new website, you can find data at the county, city, zip code, or even census tract level related to health, economics, education, environment, transportation, and more. The data is displayed in interactive dashboards, charts, graphs, and maps. Data is compared to previous years, as well as to state and national averages. You can easily create your own dashboard or report with the data that interests you.

Health for All Washtenaw also provides stories

to put faces to the data. Plus, there is a directory of promising practices, funding opportunities, and local resources to help users take action.

Explore www.healthforallwashtenaw.org today to see what health looks like in your neighborhood.

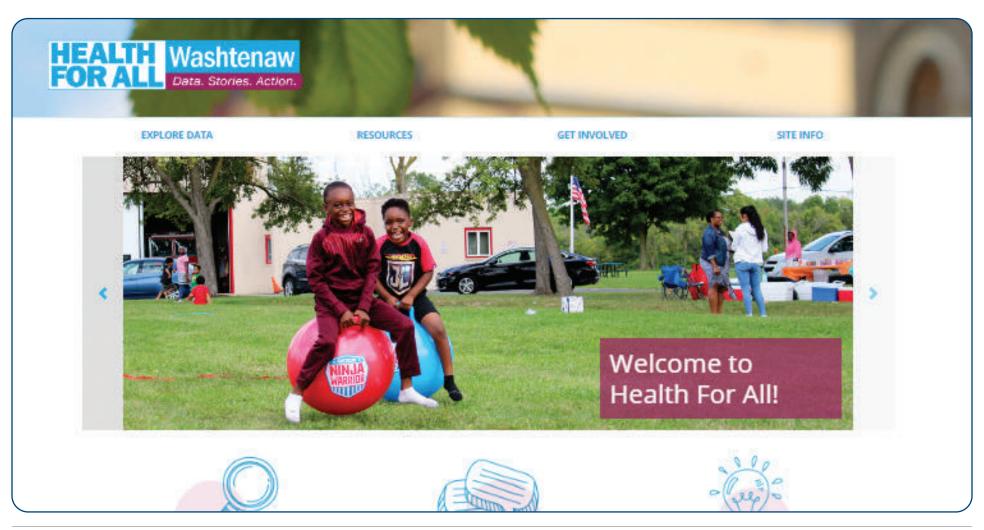
# Prevent Flu: Get a Flu Shot and Wash Your Hands

Winter means flu season. The Washtenaw County Health Department urges everyone six months and older to get vaccinated against the flu. We don't know how bad the season will be, but we know vaccination, good handwashing, covering your cough, and staying away from others when sick can prevent the spread of flu.

Flu is a contagious illness that can be spread person to person through droplets when an infected person sneezes, coughs, or talks.

Symptoms of the flu include coughing, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, sore throat, headache, fatigue, fever, and chills. The flu can affect anyone, but older adults, children, and individuals with chronic health conditions are at greater risk for complications.

Vaccination can protect you against severe illness, hospitalization, or death due to flu. Getting vaccinated also protects the people around you, who may be more likely to get seriously ill from flu. Get vaccinated at your doctor's office, pharmacy, or call the Health Department at 734-544-6700. See www.washtenaw.org/flu for updates.





### **NEED A LIFT?**

# TheRide Provides Connections to Ypsilanti Township

heRide provides the greater Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area with transportation options to get you to your appointments, shopping, class, and family and friends. In recent years, TheRide has provided more options to those living and working in Ypsilanti Township to connect to TheRide's fixed-route system.

Route 46—Huron-Textile and A-Ride service gets you to more places, and the FlexRide service is a shared-ride option in Southeastern Ypsilanti Township connecting you to TheRide's fixed-route system.

TheRide can get you directly to any of the three YDL locations. Start planning your trip today at **TheRide.org**.

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### Become a Friend

he 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 Sales
January 16–19 | YDL-Whittaker
May 14–17 | YDL-Whittaker

Thursday ...... 6pm-8pm

Members only preview night.

Memberships available at the door.

| Friday 11am-5pm   |
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| Saturday 11am-3pm |
| Sunday1pm-4pm     |

### Friends Shop

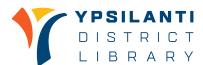
The Friends Shop inside YDL-Whittaker offers a wonderful selection of gently-used books at great prices. The shop is open seven days a week.

| 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

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

### HOURS

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

### YDL-MICHIGAN

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

### HOURS

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

### YDL-SUPERIOR

8795 MacArthur Blvd Ypsilanti, MI 48198 (734) 482-4110 x1310

### HOURS

| Monday 12pm-opm                  |
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| Tuesday ······ 10am-6pm          |
| Wednesday / Thursday ··· 4pm-8pm |
| Friday ····· Closed              |
| Saturday ······ 10am-6pm         |
| Sunday ····· Closed              |

Monday ...... 12nm\_2nm

### YDL-BOOKMOBILE

Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (734) 482-4110 x1359

### **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**

Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day (Closed)

**Monday, January 20** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Open with special programs)

**Sunday, April 12** Easter (Closed)

Sunday, May 24 Memorial Day Sunday (Closed)

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day (Closed)

Friday, May 29 Annual Staff In-service (Closed)

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