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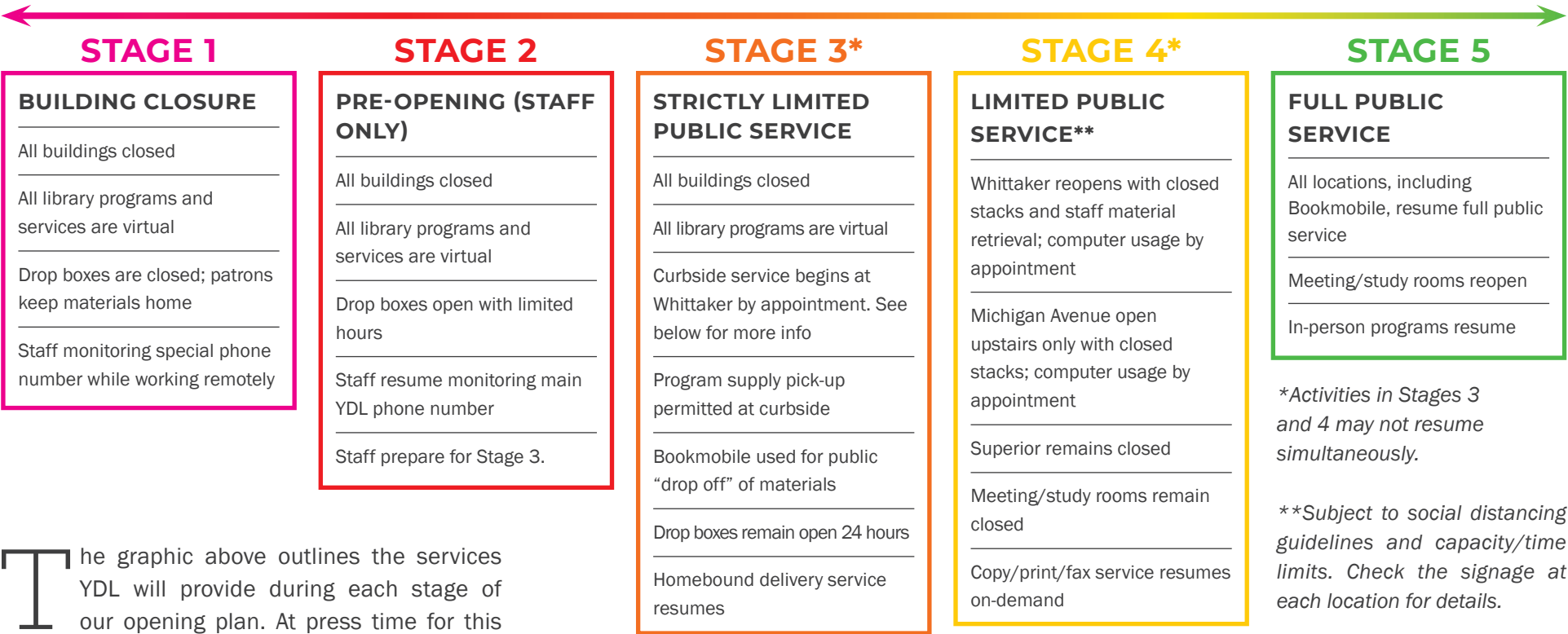
“When I got my library card, that’s when my life began.” –Rita Mae Brown

The Library is proud to serve a diverse community. We stand with you in the fight against racism, hate, ignorance, and injustice. We strive to offer collections and events that represent everyone, and to provide equal access to information. In these pages we highlight some of the ways we’ve committed to this mission, as well as resources to help us be kinder, more informed, and aware citizens.

Also, after three long months of closure, YDL is gradually resuming services in phases carefully designed for everyone’s health and safety. To support our community in this most unusual moment, the Board of Trustees has forgiven most existing fines. Starting in late July everyone has a clean slate! We encourage you to get (or renew) your card, explore our collections, take the Summer Challenge, have fun, and learn with us throughout your life.

Lisa Hoenig, Director

## LIBRARY REOPENING PLAN



The graphic above outlines the services YDL will provide during each stage of our opening plan. At press time for this newsletter we are in Stage 3. We are also currently offering 24-hour pickup at the Superior outdoor lockers, and will start curbside at Michigan Ave soon. Check our website for current information.

### Curbside Pick-up Service

Use this safe, contactless service in three easy steps:

1. Use the YDL app to place your holds and (once you've been notified that your holds are ready) schedule an appointment
2. Come to YDL-Whittaker and park in a designated curbside parking spot

3. Text or call the number on the parking sign, and wait for your materials

Your materials will be handled by staff wearing masks and delivered in a YDL plastic bag to minimize risks. Questions? Visit [ypsilibrary.org/curbside](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/curbside), call 734-482-4110 or visit [ypsilibrary.org/contact-us](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/contact-us) to reach the department you need.



# BLACK LIVES MATTER

When profound events happen in our world, the library is a space where our community can process, learn, and grow. The Black Lives Matter movement has amplified voices and inspired action. In response, library staff are working hard to enrich this progress. We've created lists of books, movies, and activities for adults, children, and families that are designed to elevate the conversation and promote learning. Visit [ypsilibrary.org/race-relations](https://ypsilibrary.org/race-relations) to view the materials.

To meet the current interest in engaging kids in conversations about race and anti-racism, as well as help families who may be experiencing stress, we are developing three additional pages where you'll meet Black artists and leaders in Ypsilanti,

plus a yoga and meditation community care page, with videos and activities similar to those on our other Summer Learning pages. We hope everyone will use the activities to learn together and begin family conversations. Join us on August 1 for a virtual community town hall meeting for families where kids can ask questions.



Saturday, August 1

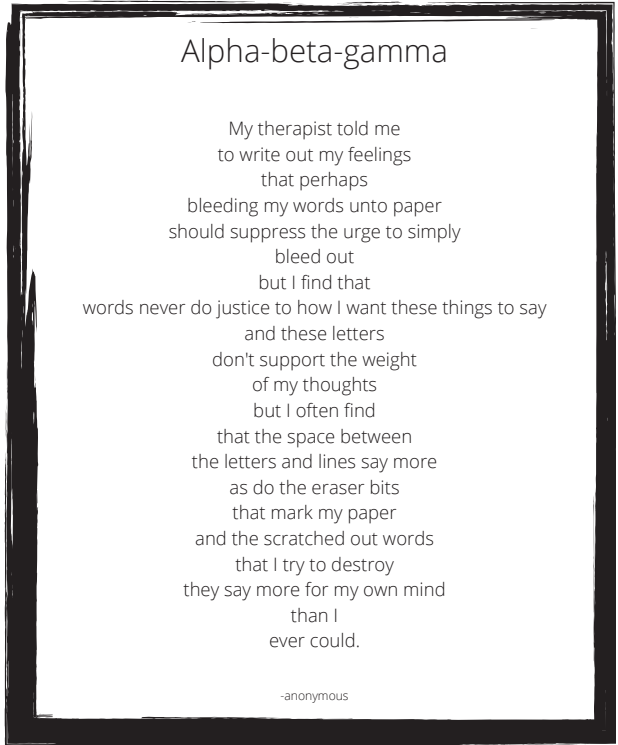
## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL FOR YPSILANTI FAMILIES

2:00 PM

Families will have the opportunity to participate in a Town Hall Meeting and hear caregivers who are educators and activists in Ypsilanti share how they navigate conversations about anti-racism, both with their children and in the larger community. There will then be a Q&A as we invite you to join in the conversation. Caregivers and children can also send in questions to [khamilton@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:khamilton@ypsilibrary.org) prior to the Town Hall Meeting and we will do our best to address them.

## TEEN CORNER

We've crafted a slew of activities to help teens connect, learn, and grow this summer. Read on for how you can engage with YDL throughout the season.



## Teen Art and the Get Creative Series

Teens in our community are creative! Just check out these drawings by Carmella, and poem by a teen from our community who wanted to stay anonymous. We want to help you harness and show off your creativity. If you have a great piece of art, story, poem, or anything you want to submit to us, we want to see it. Visit [ypsilibrary.org/teens](https://ypsilibrary.org/teens) to submit your work. Don't forget to check out the Get Creative Series every Thursday. See page 3 for details. We'd love to display your work on our website and Instagram feeds. BONUS: There's a \$25 gift card for teens who submit artwork for our August digital display and have also attended a Noise Permit Workshop!

## Teen Trivia

What was the #1 song of 2019? What's the most popular dessert in Michigan? Test your knowledge this summer with our Teen Trivia meetups on Tuesdays at 3:30pm!



## Noise Permit Workshops

This summer, teens ages 12-18 are invited to attend online workshops every Wednesday at 4:00pm to build your digital music,

photography, drawing, video editing, and lyric writing skills. Use what you learn to create music videos and digital art. Then share what you make as part of our online gallery of teen art in August and receive a \$25 gift card for sharing your work!

Email [teens@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:teens@ypsilibrary.org) with questions. This



activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Comic Book/Manga Drawing

Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of cartooning and comic books? Local comic book artist Kamron Reynolds will introduce you to the world of drawing this summer on Saturdays at 11:00am. Learn how to draw your own characters, faces, backgrounds, lettering, and much more. Whether you've been drawing for a long time or you'd like to just jump in, the key to creating is getting started!



## Summer Gaming Tournament

Calling all teens ages 12-18 to join our Summer Gaming Tournament as we drop a new game or app to download and play every Monday! Snap a screenshot of your highest score for the week and send to Kelly at [teens@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:teens@ypsilibrary.org) each

Friday at 5pm. We'll have weekly prizes for the highest scorer each week and a grand prize at the end of summer for the ULTIMATE GAMING CHAMPION!

## TAG

The Teen Advisory Group is still meeting virtually this summer via Zoom! Earn volunteer hours and help plan services and programs for other teens. Apply at [ypsilibrary.org/tag](https://ypsilibrary.org/tag).



drawings by Carmella



# SUMMER LEARNING

Need fun, educational, and engaging activities for your kids this summer? Check out our Summer Learning pages! Each week you'll find three new exploratory learning pages full of activities that require only basic supplies you can find outside, or probably have at home. Games and art projects can be done unplugged, and some pages include short videos to get kids moving with basic karate, ballet warm ups, and capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial art) lessons by local instructors. Visit [ypsilibrary.org/summer-learning](https://ypsilibrary.org/summer-learning) to see what you can find each week.

Thanks to 826michigan and EMU volunteers, every summer learning page has a prompt to

keep kids writing this summer. Write a haiku, get inspired by Latinx poets, design a constellation and tell the story that goes with it, and more. Look for the YpsiWrites box on each page. Earn Summer Challenge badges for each activity. Find the hidden code on each page and log your reading throughout the summer.

## Around the World

Sightsee, make art, and meet people from around the world! Each week includes a virtual tour, art activities, and games or physical movement, plus a bit about the language.



## Summer STEAM

Explore nature, the night sky, and music. Pretend to be a spy, a doctor, or a Hogwarts student while learning STEAM concepts.

## Garden-to-Table

Meet local growers and try some hands-on garden science. Learn to make seed art, compost in a bottle, and create natural plant-based dyes. Each week includes a short video.

## More Activities Throughout the Summer

The activities will be archived and available all summer if you miss one. Follow YDL on YouTube to find instructional videos for all ages. By mid-July, watch the website for opportunities to pick up supplies you can use to complete some activities, like owl pellets you can dissect with an expert from Howell Nature Center.

As YDL buildings are closed during Covid-19, all events are virtual. Find details to access them at [ypsilibrary.org/events](https://ypsilibrary.org/events).

# JULY/AUG. EVENTS

## MONDAYS

**July 6–Aug 3**  
**TEEN SUMMER GAMING TOURNAMENT**  
**New game each week**  
We'll keep score all summer long. Only one can be named the master gamer! Prizes for top scores each week and one grand prize for the overall summer winner.

**July 6** **Aug 3**  
**TWEEN BOOK CLUB** (Grades 6–8)  
**6:30 PM**  
Join us to discuss *Powerless* by Matthew Cody (July 6) and *The Swap* by Megan Shull (Aug 3). Registration required.

**July 6–Aug 24**  
**YOUTH PODCASTING**  
**4:00 PM**  
Learn to create and develop content for our library podcast series on Anchor.fm while also learning techniques to share your story.

**July 20**  
**CRAFTER'S GUILD SERIES: OUTDOOR DÉCOR**  
**2:00 PM**  
Fashion 3 easy and fun additions to your outdoor space using common materials.

**Aug 17**  
**CRAFTER'S GUILD SERIES: RECYCLED BOOK CREATIONS**  
**2:00 PM**  
Turn those tattered books into artful creations.

## TUESDAYS

**July 7–Aug 11**  
**STORYTIME LIVE**  
**10:30 AM**  
Hear stories, sing along to your favorite storytime songs, and get ideas for more at-home fun.

**July 7–Aug 25**  
**KNITTING PLUS**  
**6:00 PM**  
Meet virtually with other yarnies and share your projects and ideas every Tuesday! Open to all, any handcraft welcome!

**July 7–Aug 4**  
**TEEN TRIVIA**  
**3:30 PM**  
Test your knowledge of pop culture and current events every Tuesday this summer with various trivia games and topics.

**July 7–Aug 4**  
**SUMMER STEAM**  
**2:00 PM**  
Hands-on STEAM projects each week.

**July 14** **July 28**  
**TEEN ADVISORY GROUP**  
**4:30 PM**  
Earn volunteer hours by attending Zoom meetings to help plan online meet ups and learning activities for teens! Apply online to receive the Zoom meeting link.

**July 21**  
**DISSECT OWL PELLETS WITH THE HOWELL NATURE CENTER**  
**2:00 PM**  
See online event listing for details about how to pick up your pellet and tools.

**July 28**  
**VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
**7:00 PM**  
Title discussed: *The Last Days of Ptolemy Gray*, by Walter Mosley.

## WEDNESDAYS

**June 17–Aug 5**  
**NOISE PERMIT WORKSHOPS** (Teens)  
**4:00 PM**  
Build your digital music, photography, drawing, video editing, and lyric writing skills.



**July 1–Aug 12**  
**STORYTIME LIVE**  
**10:30 AM**  
Hear stories, sing along to your favorite storytime songs, and get ideas for more at-home fun.

**July 1–Aug 5**  
**AROUND THE WORLD SERIES**  
**1:00 PM**  
Take an eight week trip around the world from the comfort of home! Sightsee, make art, meet people from other countries, play outdoor games, and more.

**July 8–30**  
**ONLINE INTRO TO CARDIO DRUMMING**  
**12:00 PM**  
Get fit and have fun with certified Drums Alive fitness instructor Lady P, as she leads a low-impact, energetic cardio drumming class through a 4-week livestream series using Zoom.

**July 29**  
**VIRTUAL MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP**  
**2:00 PM**  
Title discussed: *Silent Patient*, by Alex Michaelides.

**July 29**  
**FROM BOOMERS TO ZOOMERS: ZOOM PRACTICE FOR SENIORS** (55+)  
**10:30 AM**  
This Zoom practice session lets you join a meeting and practice with Zoom software. Learn the basics of navigating the Zoom meeting interface. While working with other seniors, you can see yourself on camera, test your microphone, learn to chat and more. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. To register call 734-482-4110 ext. 2411.

*Related*  
**ZOOM—GETTING STARTED** (Adult)  
Call 734-482-4110 x1384 or email [brigitte@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:brigitte@ypsilibrary.org) to schedule a one-on-one phone session with a staff member.

**Aug 19**  
**YPSIWITES RESUME TIPS**  
**7:00 PM**  
Katie from YpsiWrites helps you create or polish a complete resume that will stand out.

## THURSDAYS

**July 2–Aug 6**  
**GET CREATIVE SERIES** (Teens)  
**3:00 PM**  
Get creative at home this summer, then share what you make with us on Instagram! New projects each week.

**July 16**  
**ONLINE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**1:00 PM**  
Contribute to the library by sharing ideas about library resources.

**July 16**  
**MOVIE: WHITE LIKE ME: RACE, RACISM & WHITE PRIVILEGE IN AMERICA** (adults and mature teens)  
**6:00 PM**  
Anti-racist educator and author Tim Wise shows how the legacy of white privilege continues to shape attitudes, politics, and policy in ways too many white people never stop to think about.

**July 23** **Aug 27**  
**KIDS BOOK CLUB** (Grades 3–5)  
Join us to discuss *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (July 23) and *The Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry (Aug 27). Registration required.

**August 13**  
**MOVIE: HEALING FROM HATE: BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF A NATION** (for adults and mature teens)  
**6:00 PM**  
A stunning document of racism and white-male grievance in America, and a powerful portrait of people working together to heal.

## FRIDAYS

**July 3–Aug 7**  
**TINKERLAB**  
**10:30 AM**  
Join us each Friday for a hands-on STEAM activity you can do with your little one at home!

**July 17–Sept 11**  
**LNGO CRAFTERNOONS** (55+)  
**2:00 PM**  
Join us every other Friday for a virtual lighthearted afternoon. Engage your mind and work on a project. Registration required for each session. After registration you will be sent a Zoom link and information about picking up supplies.



**Aug 7–28**  
**REFLECTIVE MEDITATION**  
**11:00 AM**  
Erica Dutton of SkyGardens Meditation will provide the fundamentals of Reflective Meditation. Beginners and those with meditation experience are welcome. Attendance at all 4 is highly recommended. Registration required. Email [havens@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:havens@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 2411.

## SATURDAYS

**June 20–Aug 8**  
**COMIC BOOK/MANGA DRAWING CLASS** (Teens)  
**11:00 AM**  
Local comic book artist Kamron Reynolds introduces you to the world of drawing.

**July 11–Aug 15**  
**STORYTIME LIVE**  
**10:30 AM**  
Hear stories, sing along to your favorite storytime songs, and get ideas for more at-home fun.

**July 25**  
**VIRTUAL FORAGING WALK**  
**11:30 AM**  
Join Rachel Mifsud from Will Forage for Food on a virtual walk at a local park. She'll show you around 15 edible plants and talk about ID, harvest, use, and preservation of those plants.

**Aug 8**  
**TEEN LANDSCAPING PAINTING**  
**1:00 PM**  
Join Lynne Settles for instruction. Supplies provided.

**Aug 15**  
**FROM BOOMERS TO ZOOMERS: ZOOM PRACTICE FOR SENIORS** (55+)  
**2:00 PM**  
Same content as Wednesday, July 29 class.



# FINE AMNESTY

In addition to the stresses of the Covid crisis, we know the library closure has been a hardship for our patrons. For many Ypsilanti families, overdue fines are a real barrier to access. No fines were charged while we were closed, but we want to do more.

The Library Board has decided to forgive most fines that had accrued before the closure—a total of over \$287,000. If the book is returned, in most cases, your fines will be waived! Fees for lost or damaged materials, fines for MeL items, and collection agency fees will remain. This fine forgiveness program will be implemented in late July.



# Y ON THE FLY

Need a place where your kids can get exercise, healthy snacks, and outside time? Y on the Fly will resume sessions at YDL locations, for kids ages 5–13.

Trained coaches offer games, activities, and healthy snacks in neighborhoods, parks, churches, schools, and more throughout our community. Check [annarborymca.org](http://annarborymca.org) for the Y on the Fly program schedule. YDL will host the program outside our Superior branch on Mondays from 3:30pm–5:00pm and Whittaker on Tuesdays from 10:00am–11:30am. Registration is required. Check the YMCA website for links and QR Codes.

Look for the Y van loaded with sports equipment, parachutes, nets, hula hoops, jump ropes, games, sidewalk chalk, and other fun activities. Parents must check in their child the first time they participate. After this, children can check in themselves. Questions? Please contact Jermaine Wells at [jwells@annarborymca.org](mailto:jwells@annarborymca.org).

# SUMMER FOOD SITES

While YDL is not hosting a summer lunch program this year, Food Gatherers has your kids’ food needs covered. They’re offering grab & go lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays through August 28 at multiple sites throughout Ypsilanti. You’ll drive or walk up and get multiple days’ worth of meals to take home for your kids. You may even catch a library staffer helping out! For more information, check out [www.foodgatherers.org/summerfood](http://www.foodgatherers.org/summerfood), call 734-761-2796, or text FOOD to 877-877.



## Writing Prompt Teasers

In times like these, the writing we do matters more than ever. Writing can be a tool to help us think about our beliefs and ideas, process events and experiences that we find challenging or difficult, make sense of our lives and our own lived experiences, and raise our voices and take action. Writing can also help amplify voices that are not always heard. YpsiWrites has a role to play in all of this and welcomes ideas on how to continue to support community members as writers.

If you have been looking for ways to stay engaged through writing during these times, YpsiWrites has many writing prompts for you to write on! Here are two prompts to try now:

## 1. Journaling to Make Sense of This Time

There is no one way to keep a journal! Here are three options you might consider:

- personal journal
- family journal
- or a video journal

*Prompt:* What was your day like today? How has your daily activity changed over the last weeks?

## 2. Nature Writing: Celebrate The Sun and Daylight

Many artists celebrate summer with photographs, paintings, dances, songs, and poems.

Celebrate the summer in your own unique way. Whether you simply sit or walk in nature with a sense of appreciation for the turning seasons or plan a boisterous, all-night dance by the bonfire, as the ancients did, make time to celebrate the arrival of summer in Michigan.

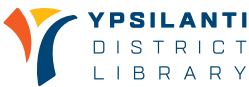
Write your plans for and/or a reflection on your summer celebration this year—or from years' past. What will/did you do? With whom? What did you notice about the night sky? How did you feel?

## YpsiWrites Services to Support Writers:

- **Virtual Consulting:** Writing support has shifted to an online platform.
- **Journaling to Make Sense of This Time:** Journaling prompts to help you think and feel through what you have experienced during these times.
- **Nature Writing:** Two nature writing prompts are shared each week.

For more, go to [ypsiwrites.org](http://ypsiwrites.org) or Facebook and Instagram @YpsiWrites.

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## LOCATIONS & HOURS

YDL-WHITTAKER	YDL-MICHIGAN	YDL-SUPERIOR	YDL-BOOKMOBILE
5577 Whittaker Road Ypsilanti, MI 48197	229 West Michigan Avenue Ypsilanti, MI 48197	8795 MacArthur Blvd Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Ypsilanti, MI 48197
<b>HOURS</b> Closed Until Stage 4	<b>HOURS</b> Closed Until Stage 4	<b>HOURS</b> Closed Until Stage 5	<b>HOURS</b> Curbside service coming soon!

Board meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. They are open to the public.

Visit [ypsilibrary.org/board](http://ypsilibrary.org/board) for updated meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes.

Visit [ypsilibrary.org/contact-us](http://ypsilibrary.org/contact-us) or 734-482-4110

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