



NEW FOR YOU

This fall brings important election issues, a school year unlike any other, and a continual adjustment to a new normal. Since our buildings are closed for Covid-19, we've rolled out a number of new services to support you during these difficult times.

Getting your Library Card is a Snap

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! We've updated our card application process to make it easier than ever to get or renew a YDL card. Visit [ypsilibrary.org/borrowing/library-cards](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/borrowing/library-cards), click on the application button, and provide the requested information. We hope you have as much fun with the new application as our staff did testing it out!

Your library card gets you access to thousands of electronic and physical books, audiobooks, music, and movies. Explore and expand your mind!
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USE YOUR VOICE: VOTE

When our country was founded, only white male property owners could vote. Women had no voice in the laws affecting their lives. This year marks the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote in the United States. Women fought for 72 years to finally win that right on August 26, 1920.

Even after this milestone, minority women and men still had to fight for, and win suffrage:

- Native Americans — Won in 1947
- Asian Americans — Won in 1952
- African Americans — Won in 1965

Although African American men had supposedly won the right to vote at the end of the Civil War, many states continued to deny them that right. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 finally guaranteed African Americans their voting rights.

Others are still waiting. In some states people who have served time for a felony are not allowed to vote even after they have been released.

There is still work to be done. Some provisions of the Voting Rights Act have been repealed, and voter suppression continues in the form of reducing the number of open polls, shortening

voting hours at the polls, purging voter lists, and more. But YOU have the right to vote. Use it!

Did You Know...

- **Only 17% of registered voters in Ypsilanti voted in the 2016 presidential election.**
- **Every voter has the right to get an absentee ballot.**
 - » People who aren't yet registered to vote can get registered, get an absentee ballot, and vote - all in one visit to their Clerk's office.
 - » Find your Clerk at mivic.sos.state.mi.us/clerk along with information on returning your ballot.
- **Voting from home is a safe way to vote and protect your health, and the process is secure.** The local election clerk will not issue a ballot until they have verified the completed, signed application. The ballot envelope must also be signed and verified for the ballot to count. Michigan uses paper ballots, which is the most secure way to conduct elections, as they can be audited and recounted.
- **You can still decide to vote in person if you get an absentee ballot.** Michigan voters can track their ballot by visiting Michigan.gov/vote
- **There are free helpers on-call to help you register to vote or get an absentee ballot. (1-855-VOTE-311).**

- **For more information or to check your voting status/locations visit mivic.sos.state.mi.us or vote411.org**
- **You should bring a valid ID if you vote in person.** If you don't have one, you'll have to sign an affidavit before you'll receive your ballot. For more information on required identification: www.michigan.gov/sos
- **To learn about the candidates and issues visit Vote411.org**

The information in this article was supplied by the League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area (lwvannarbor.org) and the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice; both are non-partisan, public service organizations.
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View the Exhibit

The League of Women Voters has a virtual exhibit celebrating this anniversary. At votesforwomen100.org you'll find pictures, historical facts, virtual tours, and writing prompts to help you reflect on this moment.

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Need to print?

During our Covid closure we are now offering free printing services. Visit ypsilibrary.org/printing, and fill out the form to send us your materials. You will be contacted by a staff member to schedule a time to pick up the print job. Printing is limited to 20 pages per person, per day, and black and white only. To start, the service is only available at Michigan Avenue and Superior. Call 734-482-4110 with questions.

Hand-Picked For You

We want to help you browse! You can now request a bundle of materials on a subject or from a certain author/director, even when you don't have specific titles in mind.

Are you a Stephen King fan? Do you love all things sci-fi? Is arts and crafts a passion of yours? Fill out our Hand-Picked for You Form, and our staff will pick out a group of materials tailored to your needs.

Bundles can be made for any age group or interest and can contain up to 10 items. You'll be notified when your materials are ready for pick up at any YDL location. Visit ypsilibrary.org/hand-picked-for-you to learn more and to make your request.

Clean Slates

Our overdue fine forgiveness initiative went into effect in July. If materials are returned, in most cases, overdue fines have disappeared! Fees for lost or damaged materials, fees for MeL items, and collection agency fees will remain. We are not charging new fines while closed.

Curbside Pick Up

We've expanded our curbside service to Michigan Avenue! First, request your holds, and once notified that they're ready, visit ypsilibrary.org/curbside to schedule your appointment. Come to the designated spaces in the back parking lot at your scheduled time, follow the instructions on the sign to let us know you're here, and staff will bring your materials to you.

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Need help registering to vote or applying for an absentee ballot?

The nonpartisan Voting Helpline is available for whatever help you need. Email VotingHelpline@gmail.com or call 1-855-VOTE-311 (1-855-868-3311). A helper can also get you a free Voting Kit. The Kit provides everything needed to register to vote, get an absentee ballot, and return your ballot (forms, stamps, pen, and a helper on the phone!) The deadline to receive a kit is September 30. These non-partisan services are provided by the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ) and The UUAA Civic Engagement team of uuaa.org.

FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE

A few years ago YDL reserved an amazing touring exhibit for this fall because we knew it would be timely and relevant to our community. We had no idea just how timely it would prove to be.

Since Covid changed our world, and closed our buildings, we wrestled with whether to receive the NEH-sponsored exhibit *For All the World To See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights*. We decided this powerful exhibit was too important to cancel, and we're striving to bring it to you as a virtual experience.

You'll soon be able to take a virtual tour and discover online activities supporting *For All the World To See*. The exhibit explores the 1940's–1970's in America and how visual culture shaped the discussion of race relations. Using powerful imagery, the exhibit shows how visual media of all kinds countered stereotypes of African Americans, documented acts of racism, changed the minds of Americans, and took a proactive stance in telling a new story. Our virtual tour of this exhibit will highlight how potent imagery in influential magazines, news footage, and TV challenged how Americans perceived race and the struggle for equality.

Teachers and parents can use the thought-provoking activities to help students and young people get context for current events. They will



at the same time learn we still have much more social justice work to do. In-depth virtual tours, along with related movie screenings, writing prompts, and other programming, will also examine racism and media coverage of the Civil Rights Movement as it was experienced here in Ypsilanti. Programs for adults will feature audio recordings of Ypsilanti leaders of color from the past and book discussions examining the Black Lives Matter movement.

We hope you join us throughout the fall as we examine ways forward. Follow the online

conversation using #FATWTS_Ypsi so you won't miss a moment of this exciting event.



Visit 2020census.gov to complete the Census and help ensure an accurate count. To complete the Census over the phone, call 844-330-2020 for help in multiple languages. The Census helps Washtenaw County get its appropriate share of State and Federal resources.

NEW CENSUS DEADLINE

You may not have much time left to take the Census. In August, the deadline for completing the 2020 Census was changed from October 31 to September 30. Although Governor Whitmer and others are pushing the Census Bureau to reconsider and retain the original deadline, you are encouraged to complete the Census as soon as possible.

"I'm calling on all Michigan residents to complete the Census immediately, whether it's online, by phone, or by mail, to ensure our communities receive the resources they've worked so hard to earn," Governor Whitmer said. Census workers have begun following up with nonresponding households. They are following safety protocols and being trained on follow-up via phone.

BOOK TALK: HEALING POLITICS

We might all need some *Healing Politics* in the current climate. YDL and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute are co-hosting a free, virtual talk with Dr. Abdul El-Sayed to discuss his book *Healing Politics: A Doctor's Journey into the Heart of our Political Epidemic*.

In his book, Dr. El-Sayed uses his experience as a physician, a public health official, and an epidemiologist to diagnose the causes of our divided political system. He goes further to give a prescription and a treatment plan.

Professor, philosopher, and political activist Cornel West calls *Healing Politics* "...a majestic act of hope grounded in a life of great empathy and courage!"

The free live stream will be Monday, October 19 from 10am–12pm with Dilip Das, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan, moderating the discussion.

About Abdul El-Sayed

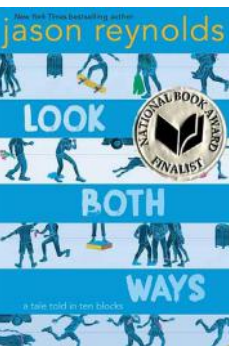


Dr. El-Sayed was born in Michigan to parents who emigrated to Detroit from Alexandria, Egypt. He graduated with distinction from the University of Michigan and attended Michigan's Medical

School before accepting a Rhodes Scholarship where he completed a PhD in public health.

In August 2015 Mayor Mike Duggan appointed El-Sayed Health Officer and Executive Director of the Detroit Health Department, making him, at 30 years old, the youngest health officer in a major US city at the time. In 2016 El-Sayed was named one of Crain's Detroit's "40 under 40," and "Public Official of the Year" by the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. Dr. El-Sayed ran for governor in 2018, coming in 2nd behind Gretchen Whitmer in the democratic primary.

FALL FAMILY READ: LOOK BOTH WAYS



You have spoken, and we have our Fall Family Read! Librarians and voters who completed our survey chose *Look Both Ways: A tale told in ten blocks* by Jason Reynolds, the current National Ambassador for

Young People's Literature, as this season's title. It's an award-winning collection of 10 short stories about kids on their way home from school. Chapters can be read separately, but they occasionally interconnect in unique ways. We bet you can't read just one!

If you've read other books by Jason Reynolds, you know he has a sense of humor. His writing feels like it's coming from real kids, but beneath the surface you'll find many themes to generate conversations at home—bullying, friendship, grief, poverty, anxiety, empathy, tolerance, hope, and more.

Copies of the book will be available starting October 1, and guest readers from the local alumni associations of Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha, an African American fraternity

and sorority, will create video read alouds of each chapter for teachers to use in their Google Classrooms. YDL staff are developing detailed lesson plans to go with the read alouds that include links to Jason Reynolds' *Write. Right. Rite.* video series and more. Some themes lend themselves to our ongoing series on building tolerance and empathy, so check out our anti-racism web pages for extension activities at ypsilibrary.org/race-relations. Watch the YDL website for activity packets that will include YpsiWrite prompts and art supplies. These will be available for pick up in mid-October. Find more information at ypsilibrary.org/familyread.

LET'S COMPLETE OUR HISTORY

Wikipedia aspires to contain "the sum of all human knowledge." We're partnering with the U-M Library to make sure our community and cultural institutions are fully represented in that equation.

In October, YDL will co-host a Wikipedia edit-a-thon of Ypsilanti and related pages. Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia, created and edited by volunteers around the world and hosted by the Wikimedia Foundation. We want to engage our diverse community to paint a more complete picture within those articles. During the edit-a-thon, participants can add missing information, edit current content, and add sources to help bolster visibility and trustworthiness of existing pages.

Ypsilanti resident Emily Puckett Rogers suggested the idea. "I noticed we don't have a lot of detail on our City of Ypsilanti wiki page," she said. "I'm learning about a lot of history and culture that I'd like to support in sharing with the wider world through Wikipedia."

The edit-a-thon will start October 14 with a kickoff/training session, and conclude with a celebration on October 21. There will be a check-in on October 18 to track progress. Facilitators from the U-M Library will answer questions and help organize the work during the kickoff and the check-in. All sessions will be conducted virtually.

You don't need any experience to participate. U-M librarians will provide everything brand-new editors need to get started. During the training session, participants will also learn about recommended library resources, such as the A.P. Marshall Oral History archive, to inform their work. If you can't attend the training session, email Paula at Drummond@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 ext 1306 to get the information you need to be able to edit.

Miranda Marraccini, one of the U-M librarian facilitators, is excited to make our entries on Wikipedia more inclusive.

"Right now, most Wikipedia editors are white, English-speaking men. This lack of representation limits the range of information Wikipedia includes," she said. "By contributing to Wikipedia, we can reduce bias and promote inclusion...on one of the most widely used websites in the world."

Wikipedia has millions of articles and tens of billions of page views around the world every month. Including more diverse and rich content on our community pages will be meaningful and far-reaching.

As Sue Gardner—former Executive Director of the Wikimedia Foundation—has said, "Wikipedia can only succeed in its mission if its editors are as diverse as the population itself."



Statue commemorating Harriet Tubman, Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, Michigan. The sculptor is Jane DeDecker.

As YDL buildings are closed during Covid-19, all events are virtual. Find details to access them at ypsilibrary.org/events.

SEPT/OCT. EVENTS

MONDAYS

Sept 14–Oct 26
Y ON THE FLY
5:15 PM | **Fireman's Park** (adjacent to YDL-Superior)
Join staff of the Ann Arbor YMCA for socially distanced sports and games every week. Parents should pre-register their children at: bit.ly/YSportPort

Sept 21
GRIEVE WELL: UNDERSTANDING GRIEF WORKSHOP
6:00 PM
GrieveWell, a local nonprofit, presents on the effects of grief on one's physical and emotional health. Register online. GrieveWell is co-sponsoring this event.



Sept 28
MINDFULNESS AND SELFCARE
2:00 PM
Does 2020 have you totally losing your cool? Do you feel stressed, burnt out, and all over the place? This one hour workshop, hosted by life coach Charlotte Kaye, will help you re-center, re-ground, and get back to peace.

Oct 5
TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6-8)
6:30 PM
Join us for a virtual meeting to discuss *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds. Registration required: Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org.



Oct 19
HEALING POLITICS: A DOCTOR'S JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF OUR POLITICAL EPIDEMIC
10:00 AM
Dr. Abdul El-Sayed discusses his new book, *Healing Politics: A Doctor's Journey into the Heart of Our Political Epidemic*. Cosponsored with Osher Lifelong Learning at U of M OLLI Reads event.

TUESDAYS

Sept 1–Oct 27
KNITTING PLUS
6:00 PM
Meet virtually with other yarnies and share your projects and ideas.



Sept 1
TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6–8)
6:30 PM
Join us for a virtual meeting to discuss *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli. Registration required: Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110, x1390.

Sept 8 & 22 and Oct 13 & 27
TEEN ADVISORY GROUP
4:30 PM
Help plan online meet ups and learning activities for teens, and add your voice to the conversation about anti-racism and Black Lives Matter.

Sept 15, Oct 20
VISUAL BOOK CLUB
7:30 PM
Read and discuss graphic novels and other visually interesting books.
Sept 15: *They Called us Enemy* by George Takei
Oct. 20: TBA

Sept 15–Oct 27
Y ON THE FLY
3:30 PM | **Whittaker**
Join staff of the Ann Arbor YMCA for socially distanced sports and games every week. Parents should pre-register their children at: bit.ly/YSportPort

Sept 22
GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS
(Adult-Online)
2:00 PM
In this virtual class, learn to format, select, copy, paste, and edit text and ways to share a document. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Register online www.ypsilibrary.org/events or by phone 734-482-4110 ext. 2411. Space is limited.

Sept 22–Oct 27
STORYTIME LIVE
10:30 AM
Tune in to hear a book from your favorite librarians each week.

Sept 29
RIGGED–THE VOTER SUPPRESSION PLAYBOOK
7:30 PM
Sponsored by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Watch the documentary that exposes tricks used to undermine the right to vote such as gerrymandering and hindrances to the Voting Rights Act. The director will host the event and a Q&A/discussion session after the film.

Sept 29
GOOGLE SHEETS FOR BEGINNERS
(Adult-Online)
2:00 PM
In this virtual class, learn to enter and edit data, format cells, create simple formulas, and ways to share a document. Registration required. Register online www.ypsilibrary.org/events or by phone 734-482-4110 ext. 2411. Space is limited.

Sept 29 & Oct 27
VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK GROUP
7:00 PM
Join us for lively discussions of books by African American Authors.
Sept 29: *Blissfield* by Heather Neff (25th Anniversary Meeting)
Oct 27: *Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson

WEDNESDAYS

Sept 9–Oct 7 & Oct 28
VIRTUAL ROADMAP BUSINESS SERIES
6:30 PM
A virtual series on Zoom to help you start or run a small business. Presented by the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office.
Sept 9 and 16: Learn details about how to start and run any small business.
Sept 23, 30, Oct 7, Oct 28: Get additional information on how to run a care giving, construction, home services, or lawn care and maintenance business. Each date covers one of these industries.

To register go to ypsilibrary.org/events or call 734-482-4110 x 2411.

Sept 23
THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT IN THE U.S.
7:00–8:00 PM
Join EMU Professor and scholar expert on Woman Suffrage for the Centennial Commission at the Library of Congress Mary-Elizabeth Murphy for a brief overview, highlighting some of the women of color in the movement.

Sept 23–Oct 28
LEARN WITH T-BEAR
10:30 AM
Join Marlena and her small bear on YouTube for learning adventures.

Sept 30
FABULOUS FALL FLAVORS
3:00 PM
Pull up a chair and relax (or cook along from your own kitchen!) as Vicki Brett-Gach shows you how to make delicious plant-based dishes using favorite harvest flavors. Register online or call 734-482-4110, x1316 or email garboden@ypsilibrary.org. You'll receive a shopping/prep list a week before the workshop.

Sept 30 & Oct 28
VIRTUAL MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP
2:00 PM
Calling all mystery lovers! Check out a new mystery title each month.
Sept 30: *Black Water Rising* by Attica Locke
Oct 28: TBD

Oct 7
RECYCLING AND ME: WHAT'S TRASH GOT TO DO WITH IT?
2:00 PM
Take a deep dive into the messy life cycle of plastic products with U-M graduate students studying plastic engineering.

Oct 7
"AND THERE I TAKE MY STAND:" WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN MICHIGAN
7:00 PM
Celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage as Genealogist Katherine R. Willson gives an overview of historical contributions from Michigan's passionate and determined citizens. Sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.



Oct 7–28
ZUMBA GOLD
12:00 PM
Get fit and have fun with Zumba® Gold instructor Geraldine Powell, as she leads a low-impact, energetic dance workout series using Zoom. Register online or call 734-482-4110, x1362.

Oct 14
FROM BOOMERS TO ZOOMERS: ZOOM PRACTICE FOR SENIORS (55+)
10:30 AM
This virtual Zoom practice session lets you join a meeting and practice with Zoom software. Registration required by Oct. 12th: To register call 734- 482-4110 ext. 2411. Space is limited.

Oct 14
EDIT-A-THON TO IMPROVE YPSILANTI WIKIPEDIA PAGES – KICKOFF/TRAINING SESSION
7:00 PM
Join our friends at the U-M Library to learn how to edit our Ypsilanti community Wikipedia pages to be more robust, accurate, and inclusive. Register online or call 734-482-4110 ex 2411.

Oct 21
EDIT-A-THON TO IMPROVE YPSILANTI COMMUNITY WIKIPEDIA PAGES – CLOSING CELEBRATION
7:00 PM
Let's celebrate a successful Edit-a-thon! Join your fellow editors to discuss the work, hear how much was accomplished, and feel proud of a job well done. See page 3 for more information.

THURSDAYS

Sept 3 & Oct 1
TAKE SOME TIME: MONTHLY SELF-CARE KITS FOR ADULTS
Michigan Ave
On the first Thursday of the month grab a collection of teas, puzzles, breathing exercises, and more self-care activities and tools while supplies last. First-come, first-serve; check in using instructions on the Michigan Ave curbside signs.

Sept 3 & Oct 1
THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP
10:30 AM
Join us online for interesting and lively discussions of a variety of books.
Sept 3: *The Revisioners* by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton
Oct 1: *The Woman's Hour: the great fight to win the vote* by Elaine Weiss

Sept 17 & Oct 15
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
1:00 PM
Contribute to the library by sharing ideas and resources. For more information, email ngeiman@ypsilibrary.org, or call 734-482-4110 x1362.

Sept 17 & Oct 15
THIRD THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB (Ages 18+)
7:00–8:30 PM
Sep 17: Creepy Crystal Balls
Oct 15: Marble Painting. Register online or email skonen@ypsilibrary.org or krowe@ypsilibrary.org.

Sept 17 & Oct 15
KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)
6:30 AM
Sept 17: *The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman
Oct 15: *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier
Registration required: Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x1390.

Sept 17 & Oct 15
VIRTUAL GARDENING CLUB
3:00 PM
Get expert tips and seasonal information with book reviews and time for questions and shared experiences. Hosted by Carol Brodbeck.

Sept 17–Oct 29
OUR VOICES, THEIR WORDS
(Ages 12-18)
4:00 PM
A new program honoring Black playwrights, teens will read aloud and discuss plays written by Black authors. The first selection is the award-winning script by Lorraine Hansberry, *A Raisin in the Sun*. You can register online, call 734-879-1314, or email joy@ypsilibrary.org.

Sept 24
OUTSMART THE SCAMMERS
3:00 PM
Learn to spot red flags of a fraudulent encounter and steps and resources to help protect yourself and loved ones.

Sept 24
BE INFORMED: HOW TO SORT FACT FROM FICTION BEFORE THE ELECTION
7 pm
Conflicting information can make it difficult to know what's going on in the world. Join us for a program that will help you develop your critical thinking skills so you can better evaluate what you see, hear, and read. Become an informed voter before November 4th!

Sept 24–Oct 29
STORYTIME LIVE
10:30 AM
Tune in to YouTube for stories and songs with your favorite librarians.

Oct 1
FAMILY READ KICK OFF!
Get started on the Fall Family Read. This fall the book is *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds. Details on Page 3.

Oct 29
SPOOKY STORIES AND TROUBLING TALES (18+)
7:00 PM
Ever had something happen to you that you couldn't quite explain? Stop by (via Zoom) to share your experiences, or just listen to others!

FRIDAYS

Sept 25, Oct 9 & 23
LNGO CRAFTAFTERNOONS
2:00 PM
Virtual, light-hearted craft projects every other Friday. Register online, call 734-732-2634, or email joy@ypsilibrary.org. Arrangements will be made to pick up supplies in advance.
Sept 25: Shrink art for adults
Oct 9: Handsewn mask
Oct 23 and Nov 6: Glass mosaic project

Sept 18–Oct 23
REFLECTIVE MEDITATION
11:00 am
Learn the fundamentals of Reflective Meditation with Erica Dutton of SkyGardens Meditation. Beginners and those with meditation experience are welcome. Each class builds upon the previous one. Register online, email havens@ypsilibrary.org, or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Sept 25, Oct 9, Oct 23
TINKERLABS
10:30 AM
Join us every other Friday for a hands-on STEAM activity you can do with your little one at home!

Oct 2
YPSIGLOW MURAL MAKING
2:00–4:00 PM | **YDL-Michigan**
Help paint ypsiGLOW murals designed by youth under the guidance of Lynne Settles and Trevor Stone. Make glowing art as a family while you wait to safely take a turn adding color to the large canvas murals. Then drive by at night to see the art aglow in the library windows from mid-October to mid-November.

Oct 2–23
YPSIGLOW 2020 - REIMAGINED!
2020 ypsiGLOW kicks off during First Fridays Ypsi! A month of safe, socially distanced, light-filled, and surprising art experiences come together for a community-built celebration on Friday, October 23rd from 7-9pm. Watch for details about how to pick up your ypsiGLOW activity pack at the library to be part of the art installation viewable in the YDL-Michigan plaza. Visit www.wonderfoolproductions.org for details. Let's get GLOWing Ypsi!



SATURDAYS

Sept 5, 19, Oct 3, 17, 31
GUITAR CLUB
10:00 PM
All levels and ages (18+). Acoustic, electric, and all other types of guitars are welcome. Meeting virtually in bad weather, and socially distanced at an outside location in good weather. Email smarlowe@ypsilibrary.org for more information.

Sept 12
ROLLER GIRL KICKOFF
2:00 PM
Tune in to YDL's YouTube channel to hear the award-winning graphic novel *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson read aloud one chapter at a time by members of the Ann Arbor Roller Derby League. Learn a skating safety tip each chapter. To kickoff this fun series, pick up a supply kit with an YpsiWrites activity and friendship bracelet supplies. For more details see page 7 or visit ypsilibrary.org/saturdayafternoonadventures.

Sept 12
FROM BOOMERS TO ZOOMERS: ZOOM PRACTICE FOR SENIORS (55+)
2:00 PM
This virtual Zoom practice session lets you join a meeting and practice with Zoom software. REGISTRATION REQUIRED by Sept. 10th: To register call 734- 482-4110 ext. 2411. Space is limited.

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP FOR SENIORS (55+)
Call 734-482-4110 x1384 or email vallon@ypsilibrary.org to schedule a one-hour phone or virtual session.
ZOOM—GETTING STARTED (Adult)
Call 734-482-4110 x1384 or email vallon@ypsilibrary.org to schedule a one-on-one phone or virtual session.

Sept 19 & Oct 17
WASHTENAW AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY CLUB
10:30 AM
Each session will focus on a different resource or technique to help you discover your family history. For more info, email joy@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-879-1314.

Sept 19–Oct 31
INSTAGRAM LIVE FROM THE LIBRARY
10:30 AM
Short readings, sing alongs, or play activities from your favorite librarians.

Sept 19 & Oct 3
STORYTIME IN THE PARK
11:00 AM
Join us for a socially distanced storytime at Northbay Park (Sept 19) and Ford Heritage Park (Oct 3). Co-hosted with Ypsilanti Township Parks and Rec.

Sept 19
GARDEN TO TABLE: SEED SAVING
2:00 PM
Visit ypsilibrary.org/seedsaving to learn how to save seeds from your garden to use next year. You'll see a video demonstration by local gardeners and find tips.

Sept 26
KITCHEN SCIENCE: COLOR CHANGING SCIENCE
2:00 PM
Use acid-base indicators to create astounding color changing reactions in the kitchen.

Sept 26
TEENS GET CREATIVE: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
Pick up a supply kit, then get creative at home! Learn to make a friendship bracelet with TAG members at ypsilibrary.org/friendshipbracelet

Oct 3
YPSIGLOW MURAL MAKING
2–4pm | **YDL-Whittaker**
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Oct 3
AROUND THE WORLD: KOREAN CHUSEOK HARVEST FESTIVAL
2:00 PM
Visit ypsilibrary.org/korea for the next stop on our Around the World virtual travel series for kids, as part of UM's virtual Chuseok Harvest Festival. Reserve an art supply kit at ypsilibrary.org/saturdayafternoonadventures.

Oct 3–24
MANGA AND COMIC DRAWING (Ages 8-14)
11:00 am
Drop in and draw on Zoom with local artist Kamron Reynolds. See events calendar for Zoom login information. Reserve a supply kit at ypsilibrary.org/saturdayafternoonadventures.

Oct 10
GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS
(Adult-Online)
10:30 AM
In this virtual class, learn to format, select, copy, paste, and edit text and ways to share a document. Registration Required. Register online www.ypsilibrary.org/events or by phone 734-482-4110 ext. 2411. Space is limited.

Oct 10
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
2:00 PM
Pick up a puzzle pack from the library and put your decoding skills to work at ypsilibrary.org/missionimpossible.

Oct 17
WRITING TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD
11:00 AM
Learn how to make our voices heard—and make a difference in our communities, lives, and world—through writing with YpsiWrites.

Oct 17
LOOK BOTH WAYS
2:00 PM
Are you reading this fall's Family Read? Ready for some YpsiWrites, map making, art, and conversation starter activities? Reserve a kit! ypsilibrary.org/saturdayafternoonadventures.

Oct 24
GOOGLE SHEETS FOR BEGINNERS
(Adult-Online)
10:30 AM
In this virtual class, learn to enter and edit data, format cells, create simple formulas and ways to share a document. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Register online www.ypsilibrary.org/events or by phone 734-482-4110 ext. 2411. Space is limited.

Oct 24
GARDEN TO TABLE: PUMPKINS
2:00 PM
Take a virtual tour of a local pumpkin patch and find recipes and activity ideas at ypsilibrary.org/pumpkins.



Oct 31
PRACTICE ELECTION
2:00 PM
Practice voting and learn election tips with a ballot of book characters and other activities.

SUNDAYS

Sept 27
SAFELY LEARN ABOUT RACE & RACISM: FILMS WE CAN USE (Series)
2:00 PM
La'Ron Williams hosts a screening and leads a discussion about the film *How Racism Harms White Americans*. The film is a provocative analysis of the devastating economic, political, and social effects of racism on white Americans.

Oct 11
SAFELY LEARN ABOUT RACE & RACISM: FILMS WE CAN USE (Series)
2:00 PM
La'Ron Williams hosts a screening and leads a discussion about the film *Latinos Beyond Reel: Challenging A Media Stereotype*. The film examines how US news and entertainment media portray — and do not portray — Latinos.

Oct 18
EDIT-A-THON TO IMPROVE YPSILANTI WIKIPEDIA PAGES –MID-WEEK CHECK-IN
7 PM
Those participating in our Wikipedia Edit-a-thon can drop in to check on everyone's progress. Facilitators from the U-M Library will answer questions and give advice. See page 3 for more information.

EARLY LEARNING FOR LITTLE ONES

Looking for new activities to do with your little one? Want to make sure they have the school readiness skills they'll need? Wondering how to maintain a schedule when there's no in-person storytime or preschool? We have a variety of options for you!

TinkerLabs

TinkerLabs give you open-ended activities to do with your little one to teach them new concepts and develop their creative side through exploration and play. We'll post two new TinkerLabs each month, available as web pages and YouTube videos for you to explore on your own time. Parents can watch a quick video, assemble the supplies, then let your little one explore. Supply kits are available. Visit ypsilibrary.org/OnlineTinkerLab.

Learn with T-Bear

This fall you and your little one can follow Marlena and her small bear around Ypsi for a fun learning series, with new episodes posted to YouTube each Wednesday morning. T-Bear supply kits are available too! Visit ypsilibrary.org/Storytimes.

Online Storytimes

Until it's safe to gather in large groups, find our storytimes online. Tune in to Storytime Live on our YouTube channel every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30am to hear a read aloud with songs and action rhymes. Make it part of your family routine, an important part of coping during this extended period of social distancing. We'll also be Live from the Library on YpsiLibrary Instagram Saturday mornings at 10:30am.



Build a Storytime

For babies and toddlers too young to watch online storytimes, we compiled storytime components you can pick and choose from, including action rhymes, counting songs, book lists, and learning activities. Many are available as very short videos you can watch together or separately. Pick up a DIY storytime kit with a shaker, scarf, book, and finger puppet to make it even easier to do a storytime at home. Visit ypsilibrary.org/buildastorytime.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Don't forget that it's important to read a bit every day! Sign up, then track your reading with our 1000 BBK logs, or tally marks on any paper. Visit ypsilibrary.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten.

BACK TO SCHOOL

YCS UPDATE: “WE ARE READY!”

Ypsilanti Community Schools (YCS) is ready to start the 2020–2021 school year with new learning options for students and families to stay safe and healthy.

For the 2020–21 school year, which starts September 8, families have three tiers of learning to choose from. The first option is virtual learning, transitioning to in-person learning. This option allows students to start the year with virtual learning, but return to in-person classes when it is deemed safe to do so. This is tied to the Governor’s Safe Schools Roadmap. When we reach Phase 5, it’s deemed that in-person classes can resume safely with minimal safety protocols in place. Visit michigan.gov to learn more.

Families can also commit to virtual learning for the whole year, regardless of whether in-person classes resume. Finally, in-person learning is available for a limited group. The in-person learning will prioritize the most vulnerable students to ensure those who need special assistance, food assistance, or other help can have a safe, in-person experience.

The district has boosted its online learning platform. Each student at YCS received a new iPad or Chromebook as part of a 1:1 Technology Plan. Thanks to the success of the 2018 Sinking

Fund Campaign, YCS students have access to remote learning and free internet.

YCS has also provided all students with special academic tool kits with school and art supplies to help spark creativity during time away from the classroom.

Administrators, teachers, and instructional coaches have been working diligently over the summer months for a smooth remote learning experience for all grade levels.

Additionally, since March, YCS has partnered with valued community organizations, community members, volunteers, and staff to offer an array of services during the pandemic. YCS hosted over 10 food distribution sites which included breakfast and lunch options for any student regardless if they attended YCS. The district worked closely with Food Gatherers and Chartwells (the district food service company) to provide nutritious meals in addition to produce boxes filled with fresh fruits and vegetables. Moving forward YCS will continue to provide food security to families learning remotely.

YCS is also looking for ways to participate in extracurricular activities like sports, the arts, and community projects with social distancing and proper protection. With help from local

organizations like EMU Bright Futures and Washtenaw My Brothers Keeper, YCS plans to compete safely in varsity athletics with guidance from the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Despite trying times, YCS wants to do everything possible to nurture young scholars.



HOW YDL CAN HELP

We’re excited to support students and teachers during this unusual school year. Whether you’re an experienced classroom teacher navigating new waters, or a parent taking on teaching duties you weren’t expecting, we can help. Visit the revamped ypsilibrary.org/teachers page for a curated list of tools to make your teaching journey fruitful. You’ll find research tools like Britannica and PebbleGo, along with stimulating reading lists and more. Read on for even more resources.

TALK: TEXT AND LEARN FOR KINDERGARTEN

You can still sign up for TALK texts! We were thrilled to receive a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to expand TALK to parents and caregivers of kids under 6 across Michigan. TALK will move to a new distribution platform and texts will come from a different phone number, but current users will be automatically transferred to the new service. You’ll get easy activity suggestions you can do at home twice a week to get your little one ready for school success. Sign up anytime at texttolearn.com.

TUTOR.COM

Designed to help students in grades K-12 organize, prioritize, and achieve their academic goals, Tutor.com’s new Study Skills Coaching offers guidance and reassurance for students in all areas. The coaches can help students

take better notes, get more organized, set achievable goals, study smarter, and research more effectively. Visit ypsilibrary.org/research to learn more about free 24/7 online homework help from [Tutor.com](https://tutor.com).



HOOPLA

When your students all need access to the same book, Hoopla can help! Our Hoopla subscription allows unlimited downloads of all of the items in the catalog. We can set you up with as many copies as you need, or have your students get an e-card to download on their own (see below). Visit ypsilibrary.org/download for more information.

STUDENT E-CARDS

We’re extending our student e-card program! The express, digital-only card is now available for the school year for YCS and eligible LCS students. Email a photo of your student ID along with your name and address to ydlcirc@ypsilibrary.org to get a digital card for virtual learning.

THE NEW WASHTENAW COUNTY WRITING CENTER

The Washtenaw County Writing Center for Secondary Students (WCWC) is a brand-new, student-led, student-centered writing space. It is a joint project between the Washtenaw County Writing Centers Project and the Eastern Michigan University Office of Campus & Community Writing. Students countywide will engage in peer-to-peer support, advocacy and activism, and community writing. One middle and one high school student from each district will help make key decisions about the work, including the mission and program design. Included in the work of WCWC will be:

- Peer Writing Support
- Advocacy, Activism, and Leadership
- Writing for Social Change

For questions about the WCWC or its initiatives, or to get involved, email washtenawwc@gmail.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS REMOTE LEARNING

When the Lincoln community passed a \$25 million bond in 2018, there was no way to know how vital it would become in a pandemic. A portion of that bond was earmarked for one-to-one student

technology. With the school district starting the 2020–2021 school year virtually, that equipment has proven invaluable.

Making a device available to every student is vital this year. Initially, all instruction will take place online—either in the new LCS Virtual Academy or as part of Lincoln’s blended learning model.

In the blended model, instruction will move from online to in-person as needed throughout the year. Teachers and staff have trained on best practices for teaching and learning in both virtual and face-to-face environments.

In addition to providing an iPad or Chromebook to each student, Lincoln has partnered with Internet providers to ensure every student’s household has access to wireless high-speed Internet. Technology staff will also provide tech support for students and families with Lincoln technology devices.

“Our amazing team of administrators, teacher leaders, and other staff have been working extremely hard throughout the summer preparing for this,” Superintendent Robert Jansen said. “They have been working to create a balance of safety for our staff,

students, and community, along with a rigorous educational experience that meets the needs of all our students.”

826MICHIGAN SUPPORTS SCHOOLWORK

826michigan is offering free virtual schoolwork support for students ages 7–18 in partnership with YDL. Your student will be supported by trained volunteer tutors as they complete schoolwork, connect with other students in a virtual space, and work on writing prompts in an affirming and creative environment. Sessions are held in password-protected Zoom meetings; for more information and to sign up, please visit 826michigan.org or email megan@826michigan.org.

ROLLER SKATE AND READ

Strap on your helmet, knee pads, and skates for a reading adventure with the Ann Arbor Roller Derby (A2RD) League! Starting in September, YDL and the A2RD will host a virtual read-a-long of the book *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson.



“The A2RD hasn’t been able to host regular events, and wanted to connect with the community they’ve been missing,” said Becky Welzenbach, who leads the league’s community outreach efforts. But she thought the book could be even more than that.

“Even though this is a book for young readers, it made me feel brave enough to try roller derby!” she said.

Each week, we’ll post a video of a member of the league reading a chapter of the book and offering a short skating lesson or safety tip. We’ll host the videos on our site, along with activities and supply kits that you can pick up. Starting September 12, visit ypsilibrary.org/roller-girl to watch the videos and play along.

THERE’S A NEW SKATE PARK IN TOWN



Get ready for a new place to skate! Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission contracted with New Line Skateparks to design and build the Ypsilanti Township CommUNITY Skatepark.

The skatepark will be located adjacent to the Ypsilanti Township Community Center Park, at the corner of East Clark Road and Midway. The skatepark should officially open September 17th. The skatepark will be free to use, and open to everyone from dawn until dusk. Find parking at the Community Center or Community Center

Park, both located off Clark Road.

The Ypsilanti Township CommUNITY Skatepark effort has been underway since early 2018, and was sparked by the Built to Play Skatepark Grant initiative. The grants are available through a partnership between the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Skatepark Project (formerly known as the Tony Hawk Foundation). The Washtenaw County Parks Commission committed \$250,000 in matching funds for the project and provided the project management oversight.



YPSIWRITES

Everyone’s a Writer!

YpsiWrites is excited to announce its fall programming, including several workshops and events for writers and writing support through YpsiWrites Virtual.

Workshops:

- **Resumes that Work! (For Adults)** Are you an adult looking to refine an existing resume, or do you need to create a new one? Join this virtual workshop. Afterward, writers can work with tutors through YpsiWrites Virtual to revise drafts of the resumes they’ve created. (Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.)
- **Using Writing to Make Your Voice Heard** Writing matters! Join this virtual workshop to learn how to make our voices heard—and make a difference in our communities, lives, and world—through writing. (Saturday, Oct. 17, 11:00 a.m.)
- **Capturing Your Holidays Through Writing** Holidays may look a little different for all of us this year. Take time to reminisce and record your family traditions and the new ones you’ll be creating in this virtual workshop for teens and adults. Use memoir-like prompts to spark your writing. (Wednesday, Nov. 11, 6:00 p.m.)
- **Writing as a Gift** Share your writing with family and friends this holiday season. This virtual workshop invites teens and adults to create gifts of writing as directed by a facilitator. Writers will come away with drafts that can be polished and then gifted. (Saturday, Dec. 12, 11:00 a.m.)

Celebrations:

- **National Day on Writing and YpsiWrites’ First Anniversary** Celebrate “Why Writing Matters” and YpsiWrites’ first anniversary during the week of October 20th. There will be virtual writing prompts, activities, and a Zoom closing

celebration. The winners from this year's Writers of Ypsilanti program will be recognized during the ceremony. They'll also be featured on [YpsiWrites.com](https://www.ypsiwrites.com).

- **National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)** Are you up for the challenge of writing a novel in just 30 days? Join YpsiWrites virtually during the month of November for NaNoWriMo writing prompts, activities, and support.

Writing Prompts & Activities:

- **For All the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights** Experience this exhibit on a deeper level using YpsiWrites’ writing prompts and activities. (See page 2 for more information.)
- **Writing Boxes** Volunteers have prepared genre-specific writing boxes with prompts, tips, and examples to help you write resumes, cover letters, songs, memoirs, children’s books, and more. Find these on [YpsiWrites.com](https://www.ypsiwrites.com) by late September.
- **Teen Resume Toolkit:** Are you a teen looking for a job? Use the YpsiWrites Teen Resume toolkit to refine or create your resume. Kits will be available in mid-September on [YpsiWrites.com](https://www.ypsiwrites.com).



NEED A RIDE?

TheRide introduced a temporary service plan on August 30. It's a reorganized network of routes that prioritizes essential destinations and increases frequency on busy corridors. FlexRide service, which is on-demand service that connects riders to TheRide's fixed-routes, has been expanded in many areas, including Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township. Masks are required when waiting for the bus at a bus stop and while riding the bus. At this time, TheRide requests using the bus for essential travel only. Help us stop the spread of COVID-19. Service information is available at [TheRide.org](https://www.theride.org) or by calling 734-996-0400.

CAREGIVER COACHING

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) has a new program to support family caregivers. Caregiver Coaching provides a trained volunteer coach who can offer a listening ear, talk through care options, and provide access to resources.

Caregiver Coaching is free to family and informal caregivers (anyone who is caring for a spouse, sibling, or other loved one). After the coach and caregiver are matched, they communicate by phone for a one-time consultation or ongoing support, at times that are convenient for the caregiver.

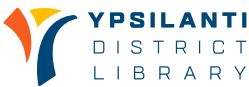
Interested caregivers can contact Amy Smyth, Project Coordinator, at 248-794-4577 or asmyth@aaa1b.org. AAA 1-B has many resources and programs to help seniors and family caregivers. For other information and assistance, call the AAA 1-B at 800-852-7795.

HEALTH HELP

Need up-to-date Covid-19 information? The Washtenaw County Health Department has it. Visit www.washtenaw.org/covid19 for general information. Find out about testing at www.washtenaw.org/covid19test. You can also call 734-544-6700 and leave a message, or email L-wchdcontact@washtenaw.org.



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HOURS Curbside service	HOURS Curbside service	HOURS Locker pick up	HOURS 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](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/board) for updated meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes.

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