



**YPSILANTI**  
DISTRICT  
LIBRARY

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT







What are the 'kinds' of animals that live in the house? How do you think they feel? What do you think they do? What do you think they eat? What do you think they do for fun? What do you think they do for work? What do you think they do for school? What do you think they do for play? What do you think they do for love? What do you think they do for life? What do you think they do for death? What do you think they do for everything?

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# FORGING A ROAD AHEAD

2019 was both productive and exciting. Following an overwhelming show of support at the ballot box in November 2018, new millage funding allowed the staff and Board to implement many important changes.

Because top-notch service to patrons is what makes YDL truly special, the Board granted long-overdue staff raises. Hearing a desire for more local news and information, we expanded *The Loop* newsletter to 12 pages with more community content. We installed all new public computers, increased the events budget substantially, and added more physical and electronic materials. We conducted a space utilization study that will bring our buildings into the modern era, and perhaps most importantly, work on a new, larger library in Superior Township finally got underway.

The Library is a community anchor, and we're constantly listening to your needs and tailoring our offerings to meet them. We're proud of the promises kept in 2019. Watch for more!

Lisa Hoenig, Director



*YDL received the prestigious John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award for TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten. The award honors outstanding library public relations and innovative community partnerships, and comes with a \$10,000 cash prize.*

# PLANNING FOR A NEW LIBRARY



**We took concrete steps** to ensure the new Superior Library opens with the features the community needs. We held multiple input sessions to learn what you would most like to see. After collecting a great deal of feedback, we incorporated patrons' key priorities into the design. As the project got bigger, so did the budget. We have launched a capital campaign to raise an additional \$2 million to help fund the project.

## Community Priorities:

- **A drive-up book return**
- **A large meeting room**
- **An accessible learning garden**
- **Group study rooms**
- **Triple the number of computers**
- **Dedicated youth & teen areas**
- **Additional restroom near youth area**
- **A cozy popular reading area with a fireplace**
- **Full-service hours**

*Groundbreaking is scheduled for Spring 2021.*

*Updates are posted at [ypsilibrary.org/our-new-library](https://ypsilibrary.org/our-new-library).*

*The community can direct donations to the new Superior branch at [ypsilibrary.org/donate](https://ypsilibrary.org/donate).*

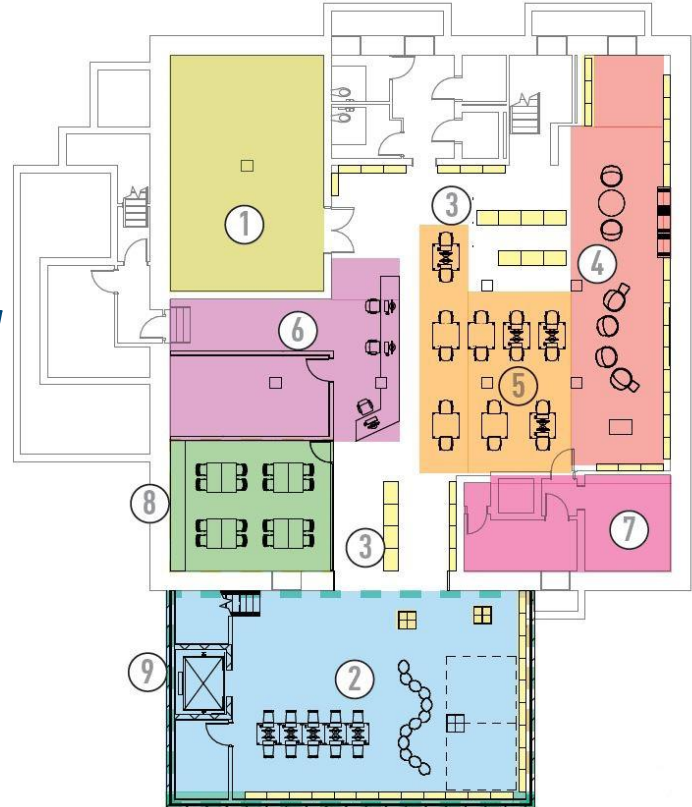




*The kind of modern, glassed-in stairway (from the Houston Library) proposed for Michigan Avenue.*

*Another option for the Michigan Avenue design includes a new space for children and teens and a new program room/ maker space.*

## REIMAGINING OUR SPACES



**The way people use library spaces has changed dramatically, and continues to evolve.** krM Architecture led a space utilization study for YDL in 2019 to reimagine the Michigan Avenue and Whittaker Road libraries for the future. With community feedback and ideas gleaned from other libraries, we unveiled bold ideas that will eventually inform improvements. Michigan Avenue could get a glassed-in stairway, modern elevator, and new third floor that would solve space issues for our beloved downtown location.

# CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

## YPSIWWRITES

We were proud to form YpsiWrites with our partners at the EMU Office of Campus and Community Writing and 826michigan. This popular initiative kicked off with a celebration in October at all YDL locations. Trained writing coaches provide feedback and inspiration for any kind of writing. YDL hosts YpsiWrites drop-in tutoring hours, as well as regular events focused on writing.



## MOM POWER

This program offers mothers of young children a safe space to learn parenting skills and acquire stress relief tools. Seven YDL youth staff are trained to host the workshops or use Mom Power principles working with children at the library. With support from WISD's Success By 6, Michigan Medicine, Great Start, and Zero to Thrive, YDL has already received rave reviews for Mom Power from grateful families.



# 58,181

people attended

3,378 events and classes

# 41,885

library card holders

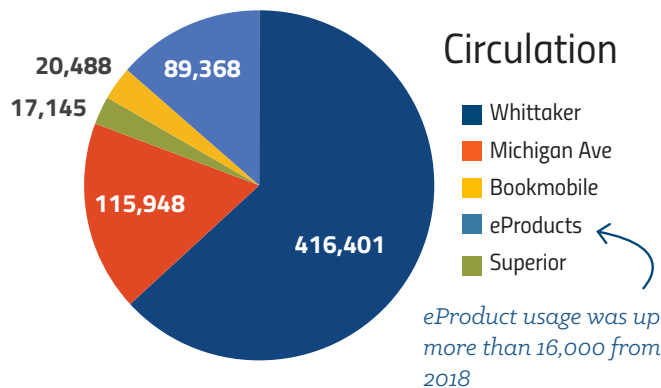
More than 50% of our service population

# 363,052

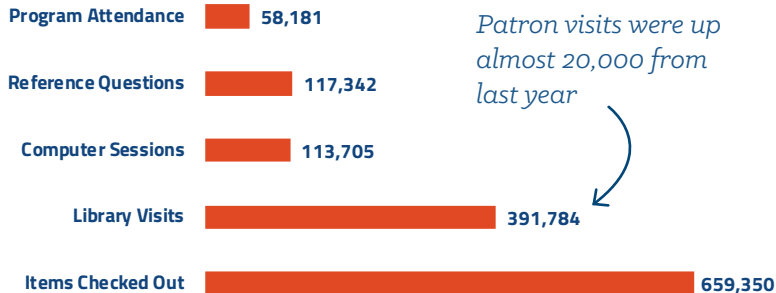
items in collection

including 57,773 eBooks

## BY THE NUMBERS



### HOW WE'RE USING THE LIBRARY



## Our Board

Brian Steimel, President

Jean Winborn, Vice President

Kay Williams, Treasurer

Patricia Horne McGee, Secretary

Kristy Cooper, Trustee

Bethany Kennedy, Trustee

Theresa Maddix, Trustee

Lisa Hoenig, Library Director

## Our Libraries

YDL-Whittaker

5577 Whittaker Rd.

YDL-Michigan

229 W. Michigan Ave.

YDL-Superior

8795 MacArthur Blvd.

734-482-4110

[www.ypsilibrary.org](http://www.ypsilibrary.org)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE	FY 2018-2019	% of total
Property Taxes	\$5,047,060	92%
Penal Fines	\$111,395	2%
State Aid	\$66,506	1%
Interest & Other	\$134,459	2%
Grants, Donations, Friends of YDL	\$148,195	3%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>*\$5,507,615</b>	<b>**100%</b>
EXPENDITURES	FY 2018-2019	% of total
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,677,284	66%
Library Materials	\$425,082	11%
Contractual	\$201,832	5%
Automation & Capital Outlay	\$391,085	10%
Utilities & Repairs	\$270,943	7%
Other	\$60,495	2%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,026,721</b>	<b>**100%</b>

\* \$1.3M designated to Superior Library building Fund

\*\* Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100%