

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

We're working hard to provide resources and services during the Covid closure, and we're also doing some housekeeping. Read on to learn how we're moving forward on important projects and addressing needed building improvements.

Boosting our Wifi

YDL now offers a new and improved wireless internet service! When the library reopens you'll be treated to faster speeds and better connectivity thanks to a budgeted upgrade that added 16 access points across our three locations. Since three of the access points service outdoor areas, the upgrade provides a stronger wifi signal outside the library buildings too.

Thanks to a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant, this upgrade will significantly increase the quality of the service in and around the libraries. Many of the parking spaces closest to our buildings will allow you to access the signal from your car. Enjoy surfing from a safe social distance with a faster and easier connection.



New Superior Library progress

Site clearing at the future Superior building location on North Harris Road began October 21st. Approved by the YDL and Superior Township Boards in September, a \$50,000 capital improvements grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs partially funds this work. It will ensure we break ground as early as the weather will allow in the spring. When completed, the new 7,800 square-foot facility will have triple the materials, more than double the computers, and longer operating hours. For more news and progress on the new library, visit [ypsilibrary.org/our-new-library](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/our-new-library).

Michigan Avenue spruce-up

When we're able to reopen, you'll find the main floor and basement stairway at Michigan Avenue freshly painted. We've also cleaned the blinds, valances, and windows, and purchased new chairs for the adult area tables.



Whittaker curtain wall windows

The towering windows at the rear of the library are a dramatic feature, but have suffered from leaking since they were installed in 2002. The library hired a consultant to find the root cause, and phase one of a remediation project is underway. This includes replacement of the sill at the base of the windows, and replacing the metal panel that connects the top of the windows to the roof. The work is not only important to keep water out and away from carpet, furniture, and materials, but also for the longevity of our beautiful building.

More on the horizon at Whittaker

LIGHTING: The lighting control system at Whittaker Road, original to the building, is no longer supported. If it fails, we will literally be in the dark! We're evaluating proposals to replace the existing system and anticipate starting the work in the new year.

NEW LOUNGE: We want to open up a sunny, airy gathering spot near the triangular bay where people can sit to read and relax. Plans are in the works to remove the reception desk and clear out some stacks to create a cozy area to unwind. More details coming next year.

NEW TECH: When we're able to welcome people back into our meeting rooms, you'll find even more tech you can use! With donations

from last year's Annual Appeal, we're adding collaborative tools and technology to make our spaces even more effective. Plans were put on hold due to Covid-19, but we can't wait to safely share these improvements.

Mobile hotspots

Just in time for the holidays, YDL will begin circulating a limited number of hotspots purchased with funding from the CARES Act. Mobile hotspots create a WiFi signal that your laptop or smartphone can use to access the Internet if you don't have service at home or will be traveling. The hotspots are small enough to fit in your pocket and have a battery life that can last a full day. The hotspots join YDL's growing "Library of Things," including puzzles, Tools for Senior Living, and Kill-a-Watt meters. Visit [ypsilibrary.org/collections/#things](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/collections/#things) for information on how to borrow a hotspot or other item from the Things collection.

NOV/DEC EVENTS

MONDAYS

Nov 2–Dec 7

826MICHIGAN TUTORING

3:15–4:15 PM

4:45–5:45 PM

Get access to live one-on-one tutoring through 826michigan's Online Learning Lab. Visit tinyurl.com/826vss to sign up or call (901) 205-9035 between 10:30–6:30 to register by phone.



Nov 2 & Dec 7

TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6–8)

6:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org. Join us for a virtual meeting to discuss great books.

Nov 2: *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds

Dec 7: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

TUESDAYS

Nov 3–Dec 8

STORYTIME LIVE

10:30 AM

Hear stories and sing along to your favorite storytime songs from home at 10:30am every Tuesday and Thursday on YouTube.

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Nov 3–Dec 29

KNITTING PLUS

6:00 PM

Meet virtually with other yarnies and share your projects and ideas.



Nov 10

GOOGLE SHEETS FOR BEGINNERS

(Adult)

2:00 PM

Learn to enter and edit data, format cells, create simple formulas and methods for sharing your spreadsheet and collaborating. Register online or by phone 734-482-4110 ext. 2411. Space is limited.

Nov 10, 24 & Dec 8

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

4:30 PM

Earn volunteer hours by attending Zoom meetings to help plan meetups and learning activities for teens. Register at ypsilibrary.org/tag

Nov 17

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Nov 17

COOK-ALONG: HAPPY HOLIDAY KITCHEN

3:00 PM

Vicki Brett-Gach demonstrates how to make guilt-free plant-based Creamy Mac and Cheese; Fresh Raw Cranberry Sauce; and heart-healthy Mini Pumpkin Bars!

Nov 17 & Dec 15

VISUAL BOOK CLUB

Read and discuss graphic novels and other visually interesting books. We are meeting virtually during the pandemic. Contact Scott Marlowe at smarlowe@ypsilibrary.org for more information.

Nov 24

AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

7:00 PM

Join a virtual discussion of *It's All Downhill From Here*, by Terry McMillan.



Dec 1

ROUTE TO RETIREMENT

6:00 PM

Thinking about what your future will look like when you stop working? This workshop, presented by Brenda Long of MSU Extension, will increase your awareness of retirement needs and decisions, plus provide you with knowledge and resources to increase your confidence and assist with your planning.



Dec 15

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WEDNESDAYS

Nov 4–Dec 5

YPSI STORIES: A NEW PODCAST.

A new podcast from the Ypsilanti District Library, Ypsi Stories takes a look into our community's past through storytelling. Featuring local historians and experts, we hope that by sharing more perspectives and voices from our past, we as a community can have a better understanding of our collective past, present, and future

Nov 4–Dec 9

COOKING MATTERS AT HOME

12:30 PM

Get ideas for how families can use what foods are available to create quick, family-friendly, low-cost meals.



Nov 11

CAPTURING YOUR HOLIDAYS THROUGH WRITING

6:00 PM

In this workshop for adults and teens, we'll explore different genres and ways to capture holiday traditions and memories, including recipes, cards and letters, memory and photo books, stories, and more. We'll explore strategies and resources for capturing holiday memories through writing and do some brainstorming. Start working on a project to share at our Dec 12th workshop. Register online.

Nov 18

GET TO KNOW YOUR METROPARKS

3:00 PM

Huron-Clinton Metroparks Director Amy McMillan will give a brief introduction to the parks, and talk about what you can do in the parks, even in winter. She'll also discuss how the Metroparks support and serve our surrounding communities.

Dec 2

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP

2:00 PM

Join us for a virtual discussion of *Study in Scarlett* and *Hound of the Baskervilles*, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.



Dec 9

FROM BOOMERS TO ZOOMERS: ZOOM PRACTICE FOR SENIORS (55+)

10:30 AM

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. To register call 734-482-4110 ext. 2411. Space is limited.

THURSDAYS

Nov 5–Dec 10

STORYTIME LIVE

10:30 AM

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Nov 5 & Dec 3

TAKE SOME TIME: MONTHLY SELF-CARE KITS FOR ADULTS

A new kit is available at the beginning of each month at Michigan Avenue on a first come, first served basis. Kits may include: herbal tea, coloring pages and word puzzles, breathing exercises or guided meditations, at-home relaxation tips, recipes, and more. Call or use the curbside pickup chat feature upon arrival.

Nov 5 & Dec 3

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

10:30 AM

Nov 5: *The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott
Dec 3: *The Shadow Land* by Elizabeth Kostova



Nov 12

THE WORLD BENEATH THEIR FEET WITH AUTHOR SCOTT ELLSWORTH

7:00 PM

Join us for a live interview between historian Professor Scott Ellsworth and a member of the American Alpine Club about Ellsworth's new book *The World Beneath Their Feet: Mountaineering, Madness, and the Deadly Race to Summit the Himalayas*.

Nov 19 & Dec 17

VIRTUAL GARDEN CLUB

3:00 PM

Our monthly Garden Chats have transformed into a YDL Virtual Garden Club! Hosted by Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck. Zoom meetings will combine expert tips and seasonal information with book reviews and time for questions and shared experiences.

Nov 19

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

1:00 PM

Participants contribute to the library by sharing ideas and resources. For more information, email or call Monique: mgeiman@ypsilibrary.org, 734-482-4110, x1362.



Nov 19 & Dec 17

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)

6:30 PM

Nov 19: *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E. B. White
Dec 17: *The School Story* by Andrew Clements

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org



Nov 19 & Dec 17

THIRD THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB (Ages 18+)

7:00 PM

Nov 19 | **Autumnal Oil Lamp:** Make book page chrysanthemums and add fall leaves to adorn the outside, while cinnamon sticks, orange slices, and cranberries float inside.

Dec 17 | **Winter Gnome:** Assemble a bearded fabric gnome using simple hand sewing and glue. Registration required; supplies provided.

FRIDAYS

Nov 6 & 20, Dec 4

LNGO CRAFTERNOONS (55+)

2:00 PM

Nov 6: Mosaic Frames

Nov 20: Melt & Pour Soap

Dec 4: Alcohol Ink Ornaments

Nov 13 & Dec 11

TINKERLAB

10:30 AM

Parents watch a short video to get ideas, then use materials easily found outside, in your house, or in a supply kit you'll get from the library to do the activities with your little one. New themes each session! Visit ypsilibrary.org/onlinetinkerlab.

SATURDAYS

Nov 7

SATURDAY AFTERNOON ADVENTURES

2:00 PM

Each week, find new places, topics, and books to explore. Perfect for weekend family fun!

11/7 **Popping Bobas:** Try direct spherification at home.

11/14 **Night Sky:** take a virtual tour of Flint's Longway Planetarium to learn about constellations, then make your own*

12/5: Kitchen science you can do at home with eggs!

12/12: Hunt for pinecones outside, then learn all about them at this session of Garden to Table

12/19: Visit Finland and see some reindeer in our virtual Around the World, then make Finnish inspired art*

*Reserve supply kits at ypsilibrary.org/saturdayafternoonadventures.

Nov 7–Dec 21

GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS (18+)

10:00 AM

Teach each other songs, listen, collaborate, and learn to play guitars together.



Dec 12
WRITING AS A GIFT
11 AM

Come share what you have been working on since our November workshop. If you're a new participant, you'll look at examples of writing given as gifts and respond to prompts that will help you create your own writing gifts. Register online.

Nov 7–Dec 12
LIVE FROM THE YPSI LIBRARY
10:30 AM

Watch from our Instagram account as YDL storytimers share stories, songs, and play activities that you can do with your little one at home.

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Nov 21
**WASHTENAW AFRICAN AMERICAN
GENEALOGY**
10:30 PM

Each session will focus on a different resource or technique to help you discover your family history.

Nov 21 & Dec 12
TEENS GET CREATIVE
12:00 PM

Pick up a kit and do the activity when it's convenient for you.
Nov 21: Henna Stencils
Dec 12: Mug Cakes

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SUNDAYS

Nov 1–Dec 6
CREATIVE WRITING FOR VETERANS
1:00 PM

Enjoy an hour twice a month of creativity and community while also building your own writing skills and practices. Co-hosted by YDL, YpsiWrites, and a non-military affiliated community creative writing teacher.

Nov 15
**THE MEAN WORLD SYNDROME:
MEDIA VIOLENCE & THE
CULTIVATION OF FEAR** (Film Screening
& Zoom Discussion)
2:00 PM

As part of the NEH-sponsored exhibit *For All The World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights*, YDL will screen *The Mean World Syndrome: Media Violence & The Cultivation of Fear*, written and directed by Jeremy Earp. As part of our ongoing YDL series "Safely Learn About Race and Racism," La'Ron Williams will host the discussion.



Dec 6
**THE PAUL KELLER ENSEMBLE
HOLIDAY CONCERT FROM YDL**
2:00 PM

This nationally-known local ensemble brings holiday cheer with both new and familiar tunes. Watch this recorded concert for some extra cheer!



MAKE HOLIDAY MAGIC

This holiday season, the memories you make with your loved ones might look different than in the past. YDL can help make sure they're still magical! We have online tools and programs to inspire your cooking, crafting, and enjoyment of the holiday spirit.

Read on for information on new YDL subscriptions you can use to hone your skills, YpsiWrites programs to reflect on new traditions, a special Holiday concert, and more!

Creativebug

Choose from thousands of arts and craft classes taught by recognized design experts and artists with your YDL card. Creativebug has everything you'll need to hone your skills or try something new. Learn to make your own felt stockings or hand-rolled truffles; discover new gift-wrapping techniques; or participate in a 30-days of gratitude project to take stock of the important things in your life!

Visit ypsilibrary.org/research, or access the YDL app, then log in to the Creativebug site. Use

your YDL card number to set up an account. You'll be able to tag programs to come back to and see images that others have uploaded for inspiration to fuel your work.

Food America

Want exciting recipes without the pop-ups or extra drama? Use your YDL card to explore the world of food! With our new subscription to AtoZ Food America, browse recipes and food culture by state, ingredients, ethnic food groups, and more. Want to make breaded morels? Visit the Michigan page! Take a trip down memory lane with vintage food advertisements and cookbooks in the Historical section. Find a new take on your favorite Southwest staple in the Region section. There's a helpful reference section, videos that teach technique, and you can even search by ingredient. Visit ypsilibrary.org/research, or access on the YDL app, and use your card number to plan your holiday menu. Eat adventurously!

Holiday-Themed Events

Virtual events to fuel your holiday spirit

Nov 11
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See the events calendar for details.

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11:00 AM

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YPSIWWRITES

YpsiWrites has creative new workshops for writers in the community, and continues to offer virtual writing support.

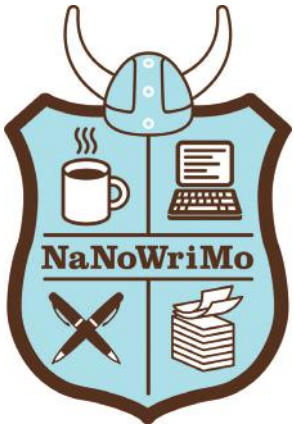
Workshops

See pages 2–3 for more information about the **CAPTURING YOUR HOLIDAYS THROUGH WRITING** and **WRITING AS A GIFT** workshops.

Celebrations

NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH (NANOWRIMO)

Are you up for the challenge of writing a novel in just 30 days? During November get NaNoWriMo writing prompts, activities, and support.



YPSIWWRITES' FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Visit ypsilibrary.org to see our 2020 featured “Writers of Ypsilanti” and to read stories or view videos from community members about “Why Writing Matters.”



Writing Prompts & Activities

FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE: VISUAL CULTURE AND THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Experience this important exhibit on a deeper level using YpsiWrites’ writing prompts and activities. Look for more information at ypsilibrary.org or ypsiwrites.com.

WRITING BOXES

These genre-specific writing boxes contain prompts, tips, and examples to help you write resumes, cover letters, songs, memoirs, grants, and more. You can find these boxes on ypsiwrites.com.

Schoolwork Support

See page 2 for more information on FREE Virtual Schoolwork Support for students ages 7 to 18 with 826michigan.

College Entrance Essay Writing Support

826michigan and YpsiWrites have compiled writing tips, guidelines, essay prompts, and exercises to help students draft and revise essays for college and scholarship applications. Materials will be available in November at ypsilibrary.org. Feedback is also available via YpsiWrites and 826michigan virtual support.

National Day of Listening: Home Interview Kit

In honor of StoryCorp's National Day of Listening on November 27, YpsiWrites will share a virtual interview kit for families to use together. Get help asking great questions, tips on note taking and being a good listener, and templates for your interview preparation and follow-up. Materials will be available on ypsilibrary.org.

HOUSING HELP

Eviction Diversion & Prevention Program

Households are continuing to struggle with rent payments due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Washtenaw County OCED is partnering with Housing Access for Washtenaw County and Legal Services of South Central Michigan to help people get the resources they need to stay in their homes. Along with legal aid, the Eviction Diversion & Prevention Program connects individuals facing foreclosure with financial assistance so they can catch up on rent payments. To learn more, call

Housing Access for Washtenaw County (734-961-1999) and Legal Services of South Central Michigan (734-665-6181).

Washtenaw OCED Home Improvement Programs

Washtenaw OCED Home Improvement Programs help lower-income households make important repairs so their homes are safe, comfortable, and energy efficient. Those who need a new furnace, better insulation, or other weatherization services

to keep their homes warm this winter without driving up their energy bill may qualify for free assistance. The Home Improvement Programs can also help install wheelchair ramps to make a home accessible when needed. In addition to these existing programs, they have a brand new program to help with emergency plumbing repairs until the end of 2020. Give the Home Improvement Programs team a call at 734-544-3008 to learn more.



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LOCATIONS & HOURS

YDL-WHITTAKER

5577 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

HOURS

Curbside service

YDL-MICHIGAN

229 West Michigan Avenue
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

HOURS

Curbside service

YDL-SUPERIOR

8795 MacArthur Blvd
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

HOURS

Locker pick up and curbside service

YDL-BOOKMOBILE

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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 for updated meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes.

Visit ypsilibrary.org/contact-us or 734-482-4110

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