

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS AT
WHITTAKER ROAD



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Twenty years ago, more than 3,000 members of our community were on hand to celebrate the opening of a new building on Whittaker Road. Architecturally stunning, the 60,000 square-foot library has allowed YDL to grow significantly over the last two decades. Built on land donated by Ypsilanti Township, it serves as YDL’s central location, housing our largest collection, and providing a “home base” for the bookmobile and library administration. It features a popular Friends Book Shop and offers a variety of spaces for gatherings, learning, study, or reflection.

YDL-Whittaker opened its doors on January 27, 2002, with nearly 200,000 items already in the collection and 45 staff members on site. Today, you’ll find nearly 400,000 materials and 59 staff members at YDL-Whittaker.

The grand opening was a massive celebration, with Customer Services Coordinator John

Connaghan noting that “cars were parked all along Whittaker Road and the police ended up having to come by to direct traffic. The line at the checkout stretched all the way to the back of the library near the YA area.”

Paula Drummond, head of Adult Services, called the opening day “absolutely astonishing.” She added that “we pretty much had to abandon any plans we had and just had to let people experience the facility, so many people came.”

First impressions of the Whittaker building were full of excitement, and the enthusiasm continues today. New visitors are “in awe at what a magnificent space it is,” said Connaghan, but “frequent users usually comment on what a great staff we have and the programs we offer.”

Before opening at 5577 Whittaker Road the surrounding area wasn’t nearly as populated as it is now. As construction began, many passers-

by thought the impressive structure could be a church or school due to its size, but were amazed to find out it would be their new library.

The opening of the Whittaker Road library allowed YDL to offer more materials, services, and programs than ever before. It houses 6 bookable meeting rooms, including our large Community Room, a computer lab, quiet study spaces, and larger rooms for programs. The library’s collection has doubled since 2002.

YDL’s expansion with the opening of the new Superior branch this fall will allow us to provide even more to our community. In the 154-year history of the Ypsilanti District Library, 20 years may not seem long, but the past two decades have been a period of exponential growth and change in an effort to better serve you. Thank you for using your library!

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A NEW PATH FORWARD

Construction to begin on Huron St./I-94 Pedestrian Pathway

What started as a simple plan to patch some of our roads has turned into a reimagining of the Huron Street overpass.

Construction starts this spring on a new pedestrian path that officials hope will solve a decades-long problem: helping pedestrians and bicyclists travel safely on Huron Street over I-94. The \$2.5M pedestrian pathway project is the first part of a larger \$12M project to improve transportation safety in the downtown Ypsilanti area (see sidebar).

In his newsletter piece about the project Rep. Ronnie Peterson, who has been championing the work, talked about the concern over pedestrian and bicycle safety in that area.

“Countless times over the years, I have witnessed pedestrians hugging the guardrail or carefully navigating the median, with traffic speeding by, as they try to cross that bridge,” he said in the newsletter.

To help with this, the far west lane on Hamilton, starting at Michigan Avenue, will be converted to a bike lane. At Harriet there will be a 10-foot wide biking slip lane onto the larger sidewalk, and a reconstruction of where cars take the on/off ramps. The current green arrow light directing people onto I-94 will convert to a push-button signal that you must push to stop traffic and cross safely and continue in the bike lane.

“For four hours a day you may have to wait an extra 30 seconds or a minute, but the rest of the day it’s just simply a safer road for everyone,” said Mike Davis, Jr., Region Transportation Planner with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Officials anticipate completing this construction—expected to last the full construction season—without any total road closures.

Funding for the project is coming from grants, including a Transportation Alternatives Program

(TAP) grant from MDOT, as well as general fund money from the City of Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township.

The project is a collaboration between MDOT, the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority, the City of Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti Township. Davis said it’s been great to see the different organizations work together on such a vital project.

“The amount of collaboration that has happened at every level of government has been tremendous,” Davis said. “This is a long due investment from MDOT for the Ypsilanti community...and MDOT is really excited to see this project realized in the Ypsilanti Community.”

Representative Peterson was also grateful for the collaboration that brought the project to fruition.

“We got together, checked our egos at the door, rolled up our sleeves and got it done,” he said in his newsletter. “This long overdue improvement will benefit our community for many years to come.”

Getting to the Whittaker Road Library during construction

The current construction plan does not call for any full road closures or official detours, but if you wish to take an alternate route to avoid lane closures, the easiest path to take from downtown to Whittaker Road during the Pedestrian Pathway Project would be either:

- From Michigan Ave. go south on Munger, then east on Textile to either Stony Creek or Whittaker
- From Michigan Ave, go south on Grove, then south on Bridge, west on Textile, and north on Whittaker

DETAILS OF THE \$12M IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

The I-94 Pedestrian Pathway project is one piece of a plan to improve lighting, road safety, and other utilities in the downtown and surrounding areas in Ypsilanti. There will be over 3 miles of new bike lanes, plus new ADA ramps and crosswalk adjustments. For more details, visit cityofypsilanti.com/817/Ypsilanti-Road-Renovations.

IN THE PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY PROJECT:

- The far west lane on Hamilton (heading south), starting at Michigan Avenue, will be converted to a bike lane.
- At Harriet there will be a 10-foot wide biking slip lane onto the larger sidewalk, and a reconstruction of where cars take the on/off ramps.
- The current green arrow light directing people onto I-94 will convert to a push-button signal that people must push to stop traffic and cross safely and continue in the bike lane.
- Protective barriers will be added to improve safety and visibility of the bike lanes.
- Fully marked crosswalks at every side street intersection in the city section will be added.

THE YPSILANTI COMMUNITY UTILITIES AUTHORITY:

- Will be replacing and upgrading many of the underground water mains as well as some sanitary sewer lines.

ADDITIONAL LANE REPURPOSING AND OTHER IMPROVEMENT WORK:

- Bike lanes added on Hamilton, from Washtenaw to Harriet.
- Bike lane added on Huron from Harriet to Cross.
- Bike lanes added on Washtenaw from Summit to Hamilton.
- At the Michigan/Ferris and Hamilton/Catherine intersections ADA ramps and striping will be added and pedestrians will only cross two lanes of traffic instead of 4.
- ADA-compliant crosswalks at Woodward/Catherine/Bufalo, Kramer/Casler/Bufalo/Catherine/Woodward intersections, Ferris/Michigan, and Washtenaw/Emmet intersections.
- Bike Box (allowing bikers easier access to turns) added at Huron/Michigan.
- Huron/Cross intersection modified to operate like a typical intersection.



FAMILY READ!



The Ypsi Family Read encourages kids and adults to read together with a “One Community, One Book” model. We are thrilled to welcome Michigan author Supriya Kelkar to the library

this spring and feature her book *American as Paneer Pie* as the 2022 Family Read.

Lekha, the main character in the book, is the only Indian American child in the small Michigan town where she lives. She is torn between Home Lekha, who enjoys Indian food and movies with her parents, and School Lekha, who hides a birthmark on her forehead and tries to not call attention to being different. When a new girl, Avantika, moves in across the street, Lekha is excited that she won’t be the only Desi, but Avantika turns out to be very different from Lekha. She is proud of her culture and doesn’t tolerate bullying about it. But after a racist incident, Lekha realizes she can no longer keep quiet.

Each Family Read includes events to help readers dive into the book’s themes and bring it to life. In addition to meeting Supriya Kelkar and hearing her talk about moments that inspired the book, you can learn to make Gujarat tile and madhubani style art, or traditional Indian dance steps. Cook the author’s paneer pizza recipe at the library and try some of the delicious sweets described in mouthwatering detail in the book. Watch for a web page devoted to the book with resources teachers and families can use on their own—conversation starters, a webquest, writing prompts from YpsiWrites, links to videos and activities, and a booklist for younger readers so everyone can be part of the conversation.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: APRIL 3-9, 2022

National Library Week is coming April 3-9! This annual celebration highlights the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

This year, Molly Shannon, multiple Emmy-nominated and Spirit Award-winning actress, comedian, and legendary *Saturday Night Live* cast member, will help celebrate our nation’s libraries as the honorary chair of National Library Week.

As the pandemic continues to impact our lives, YDL remains committed to helping our community thrive despite challenging times. For your convenience, you can apply for your library card in person or online. We’ve increased borrowing limits for downloadable and streaming books and media. If you prefer physical materials you

can stop in, pick them up curbside, or use the after-hours pickup lockers at YDL-Superior. You can check out a hot spot, enjoy WiFi access, or use one of our computers. Your library lets you take home learning kits, enjoy virtual meet-ups, experience exhibits, and participate in the events described in these pages.

Public libraries play an important role in equalizing access to information, introducing people to new technologies, supporting educational pursuits, and providing enrichment and learning opportunities. Our hope is that you will consider National Library Week 2022 as a personal invitation to explore all that your library offers you. Connect with us! Lifelong journeys are made here.



ACCESS YOUR LIBRARY

The library is for everyone. YDL has many resources to assist those with mobility, visual, or other impairments to make sure everyone feels at home in a YDL building. Explore these and other accessibility tools under the Services menu at ypsilibrary.org.

Tools to assist those with visual impairments:

JAWS SCREEN READER: JAWS (Job Access With Speech) is a computer screen reader program that allows blind and visually impaired users to read the screen, either with a text-to-speech output or by a refreshable Braille display. YDL’s JAWS machines are located on the (W) first floor by the magazine collection and in the (M) New Book Room.

MAGNIFIERS: YDL offers a variety of magnifiers, both for in-library use and check out. They range from 1.5 – 6.5x magnification and have features like clamps, stands, and illumination. The magnifiers are located on the (W) first floor by the Large Print collection.

TOPAZ MACHINE: The TOPAZ machine provides high-definition magnification with a sharp image and crisp text to allow for fast reading with less eye fatigue. This machine is great for reviewing contracts and other important documents. The TOPAZ machine is located on the (W) first floor next to the magazine collection.

LARGE PRINT COLLECTION: YDL has a collection of nearly 5,000 popular books in large print format. Genres such as Mystery, Western, Science Fiction, and more ensure that all readers will find something to enjoy.

Tools for those with mobility concerns:

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TABLE: The adjustable-height table can be raised or lowered to accommodate wheelchair or power chair users at a comfortable height. YDL can provide users with a wireless laptop for access to the Internet, YDL catalog, and all other library resources. The adjustable height table is located on the (W) first floor by the magazine collection.

ON-SITE WHEELCHAIR: YDL’s wheelchair is available to all library users during their visit. The “Tuffcare Compact Light” chair features a seat size of 18” wide and supports up to 250 lbs. The chair is located in the cloak room of the Youth Department (W).

BOOKS ON WHEELS: Books on Wheels is a full-service library delivery program for any cardholder with a short-term or permanent physical limitation that prevents you from getting to the library. Patrons can request a specific list of titles or share their reading and viewing preferences with YDL staff, who are experts at making good selections. To apply, visit ypsilibrary.org/home-delivery or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 1359.

CURBSIDE SERVICE: Curbside service is available until further notice at all YDL locations. When you are notified that your holds are ready to pick up, schedule a curbside appointment, bring your library card at the appointed time, and text or call the numbers on the parking sign to let us know you’re here. We’ll bring your materials out to you! Visit ypsilibrary.org/curbside to schedule a curbside appointment.

March - May Events

Early Mar, Apr, May**YPSI STORIES PODCAST**

Don't miss the latest episodes of our Ypsi Stories Podcast on Ypsilanti history. New episodes around the first Wednesday of every month.

March/April: 2-part interview with Lee Osler, composer and performer of "Back to Ypsilanti," about the story of the song, his time in the Ypsilanti musical world, and stories from growing up in Ypsilanti.

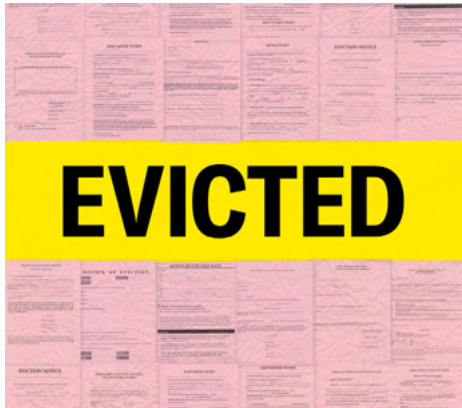
May: Hear a discussion with members of the 2014 public transit campaign in Ypsilanti.

Mar 1, 15 & 29**U OF M BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP: TEEN LEADERSHIP SERIES****4:00pm–5:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Hone your skills in leadership and find your passions through exposure to business concepts and peer mentorship! Business BootCamp is a non-profit group of U-M Ross School of Business students who lead workshops with a personalized and interactive curriculum to help students learn the foundations of business, leadership, and entrepreneurship and be empowered to explore new career pathways. Register online.

**Mar 1–31****EVICTED EXHIBIT****During regular hours at YDL-Whittaker**

Inspired by Matthew Desmond's book, *Evicted*, the exhibit brings visitors into the world of low-income renter eviction, showing the enormity of one of 21st-century America's most devastating problems.

**Mar 1****EVICTED: A BOOK DISCUSSION****6:30pm–7:30pm | Virtual**

Join YDL staff for a discussion of major themes and ideas expressed in Matthew Desmond's book *Evicted*. In this groundbreaking work, author Matthew Desmond discovered that eviction was incredibly prevalent in low-income communities and functioned as a cause, not just a condition, of poverty. We'll send you the Zoom meeting information for this virtual event a few days in advance of the event.

Mar 1–Apr 30**BLACK VOICES OF DIGNITY - EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT****Regular hours at YDL-Michigan**

The Black Voices of Dignity exhibit is a glimpse into the African-American experience. The historic images displayed tell compelling stories of the struggles, strengths, triumphs, and hopes of an oppressed people: snapshots into the Black American's resiliency. Some images are uplifting and inspiring while others paint a picture of pain. All are woven into the fabric of American life. This exhibit was generously created by Edda Williams and Diane Dues.

Tuesdays, Mar 1–Apr 5**GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB****(Grades 2–5)****4:30pm–5:30pm | YDL-Whittaker**

This after-school reading club is for fans of graphic novels. Over the course of several sessions, have the book read aloud to you, then talk about your favorite parts while making art.

Mar 1–26**OSCARS CONTEST 2022****12:00am–11:59pm | Virtual**

Make your predictions on this year's Academy Award Winners! Entry with most correct answers wins a movie prize pack. Deadline for entries is March 26th at 6pm. Enter online or with a paper entry at the library. Contest open to library card holders and individuals within the YDL service area only. Must be able to pick up prize package in person at a YDL building. Limit one entry per person.

**Tuesdays, Mar 1–May 31****KNITTING PLUS****6:00pm–8:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

Meet with other yarnies and share your projects and ideas every Tuesday. Open to all, any handcraft welcome!

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays Mar 1–Apr 12****AARP TAX HELP****9:30am–4:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

AARP's tax preparation is targeted at low and moderate income taxpayers. There is no age requirement, but this service especially targets those over 50 years old. AARP membership is not required. All interactions will be socially distanced. AARP requires masks. Call 734-482-4110, x2411 or x2421 to make an AARP Tax-Aide appointment or for more information. Please pick up a packet of information and forms at the branch where your taxes will be done. Forms should be filled out before your appointment.

**Thursdays Mar 3–Apr 7****AARP TAX HELP****9:00am–5:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

AARP's tax preparation is targeted at low and moderate income taxpayers. There is no age requirement, but this service especially targets those over 50 years old. AARP membership is not required. All interactions will be socially distanced. AARP requires masks. Call 734-482-4110, x2411 or x2421 to make an AARP Tax-Aide appointment or for more information. Please pick up a packet of information and forms at the branch where your taxes will be done. Forms should be filled out before your appointment.

Mar 2**SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: BITCOINS, NFTS, AND DIGITAL ASSETS****6:30pm–8:00pm | Virtual**

The first of six sessions for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Salem South Lyon District Library and the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. Bitcoin, cryptocurrency, and digital assets have captured the imagination of the business world, artists, even major banks and some major manufacturers (think Tesla). This workshop will introduce you to the world of digital assets so you can start making informed decisions about participation in this alternative monetary system. Register online (using the REGISTER button) or call 482-4110 x 2411. For more information, email drummond@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

**Wednesdays, Mar 2– May 11****VIRTUAL SCHOOLWORK SUPPORT AT THE LIBRARY: IN PARTNERSHIP WITH 826MICHIGAN****4:00pm–5:00pm | YDL-Michigan and YDL-Whittaker**

Students ages 7–18 will work in small groups with trained, background-checked volunteers who will support them as they complete any schoolwork and study for tests. The program will be offered over Zoom from the library. YDL staff will help students get connected. Register at tinyurl.com/826Registration21-22 and choose Ypsilanti District Library from the drop-down menu. Contact Megan Gilson at megan@826michigan.org for more information.

Mar 3**VIRTUAL ASK A LAWYER- HOUSING ISSUES: LANDLORD/TENANT, EVICTIONS, RENTAL AGREEMENTS, AND MORE****3:00pm–6:00pm | Virtual**

Do you have questions about your lease? Are you having issues with your landlord or facing eviction? We've partnered with the Washtenaw County Bar Association and Legal Services of South Central Michigan to host a virtual joint "Ask a Lawyer" session. Register for a twenty-minute appointment to ask general questions regarding landlord/tenant disputes, eviction proceedings, rental agreements, and other housing issues. There are a limited number of appointments.

Mar 3, Apr 7 & May 5**THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP****10:30am–12:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Join us once a month for a lively discussion of books. Copies are available at the Whittaker Road branch Circulation Desk one month before the discussion date. Please contact Sheila at skonon@ypsilibrary.org with questions.

Mar 3: *The Women of the Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell—the 2021–22 Great Michigan Read selection

Apr 7: *Swimming Back to Trout River* by Linda Rui Feng

May 5: *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law* by Mary Roach

Thursdays, Mar 3, Apr 7 & May 5**TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6–8)****6:30pm–7:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

Join us for a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. REGISTRATION

REQUIRED: Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org

Mar 3: *NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society* by Michael Buckley

Apr 7: *American as Paneer Pie* by Supriya Kelkar

May 5: *The Dragonet Prophecy* by Tui Sutherland

Thursdays, Mar 3 – May 19**LOVE OF LEARNING CLUB****1:00pm–2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Calling all homeschoolers and anyone that feels at home in the library! Connect with other families while engaging in themed activities each week inspired by a nonfiction or picture book. You'll also go home with a hand out of extension activities and ideas. Perfect for ages 6–9, but the whole family is welcome.

**Thursdays, Mar 3–31****SAT MATH PREP****4:30pm–6:30pm | Virtual**

Our SAT math prep tutor Geetha Elangovan returns! Geetha will be available to help high school students prepare for the math portion of the SAT each Thursday. Register for access to the Zoom link. Call 734-879-1304 or email jodi@ypsilibrary.org with questions.

Mar 5**MY TURN! YOUR TURN!: MAKE YOUR OWN BOARD GAME****2:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

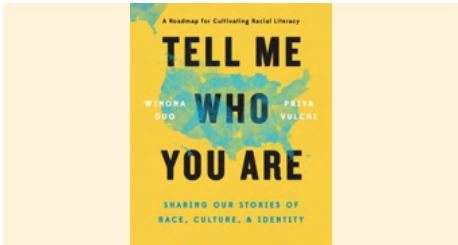
Use our supplies to make your own simple two-player board game you can take home to keep. Challenge your family and friends to play!

**Mar 5****FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS SEMINAR****10:00am–11:30am | YDL-Michigan**

Join Keri Middaugh and John Simpkins to learn the basics and a few pro tips to purchase a home in a competitive market. Bring your wish list and your questions. Registration preferred. If this date doesn't work for your schedule, also see additional date on March 21st.

Mondays Mar 7 & 21; Apr 4 & 18; May 9**"TELL ME WHO YOU ARE" A CONVERSATION GROUP FOR DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS ON DIVERSITY****7:00pm–8:30pm | Virtual**

Join Professor Heather Neff in discussing race, gender identity, and socio-economic class through the 120 personal interviews collected in *Tell Me Who You Are: A Roadmap for Cultivating Racial Literacy* by Winona Guo and Priya Vulchi. Participants will learn about the experiences of people from across the U.S. and have the opportunity to write their own auto-ethnography at the close of the course. Appropriate for ages 16+ (sensitive topics surrounding gender identity and race will occur). We'll meet twice monthly, discussing two chapters each session. Registration required. We'll send you the Zoom meeting information a few days in advance of the program. You'll get a free copy of the book after you register. Space is limited.

**Mar 7, Apr 4, May 7****CORNER CHATS AT YDL: TEEN MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS****4:00pm–5:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Join a Mental Health Therapist and Social Worker from the Corner Health Center for an informal group chat about issues teens are surrounded with every day. Submit any anonymous questions about mental or physical health then join live or virtually, and we'll serve snacks while we break down and discuss the questions that we receive.

**Tuesdays Mar 8–Apr 19 *No class on Apr 5****LNGO FITNESS WITH GERALDINE POWELL****12:00pm–1:00pm | Virtual**

Join fitness instructor Jerry Powell each week for a mid-day workout. Workouts to include Zumba, HIIT, Strength Training, and balance exercises. Designed for ages 55 up, but open to all adults who would enjoy a gentler workout. Registration required.

Tuesdays, Mar 8 & 22; Apr 12 & 26; May 10 & 24**TEEN ADVISORY GROUP****4:30pm–5:30pm | YDL-Michigan & YDL-Whittaker**

Join TAG and meet twice each month to help the library best serve Ypsi teens. Plan and lead library programs, design new services and spaces, look for funding opportunities and write grants, earn service hours, meet new friends! Fill out the application at ypsilibrary.org/tag to participate.

Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11**FAMILY MAKER NIGHT****6:30pm – 7:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

Enjoy spending time as a family exploring themed science and art-based activities. Children of all ages are welcome, accompanying adult preferred.

Mar 9: A calm jar: A visual sensory jar filled with water, oil, glitter, and coloring.

Apr 13: Batik eggs: Batik is a method of coloring eggs where we first make a pattern with wax, hot glue, or painter's tape that resists dye. **Hands-on parent supervision required.**

May 11: Make a bird feeder.



Mar 9

AVOIDING ONLINE SCAMS AND SECURING YOUR COMPUTER

2:00pm–3:30pm | Virtual

Learn how to identify the red flags of a computer scam, what to do if you become the victim of a scam, and how to set privacy settings so your computer will be less vulnerable to disreputable people and software. Q & A are welcome! Presented by Mateen Jaffers, Owner and CEO of Jafferson Computers. Registration preferred.



Mar 10 & 24; Apr 14 & 28; May 12 & 26

READ TO PADDINGTON THE LIBRARY DOG

6:00pm–7:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Reading to a Therapaws dog helps children develop confidence and become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot with Paddington. Registration required. Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org



Mar 11 & 25; Apr 8 & 22; May 13 & 27

LNGO CRAFTERNOONS

2:00pm–4:00pm | Virtual

Join us for a virtual lighthearted afternoon where the goal is to engage your mind, connect with others, work on a project, and play with a new technique. Zoom link and kit will be available a few days before the program. Part of the Learning Never Gets Old (LNGO) series for ages 55+. Registration required.

Mar. 11th & 25th: Faux Stained Glass

Apr. 8th & 22nd: Resin Jewelry

May 13th & May 27th: India's Lippan Kaam Art

Saturdays Mar 12 & 26; Apr 9 & 30; May 14

ART MEETUP FOR TEENS

12:00pm–1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

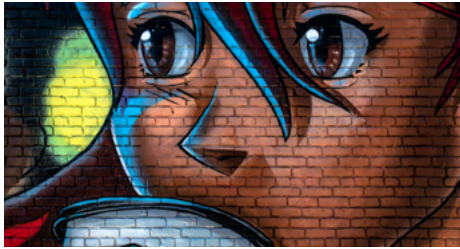
Use the art supplies in our Teen Creative Portable Art Kit–Copic markers, Primsacolor pencils, watercolors, drawing and shading tools, and paper all provided. Led by members of the Teen Advisory Group. Stay for anime club if you choose.

Saturdays, Mar 12 & 26; Apr 9 & 30; May 14

ANIME CLUB (Ages 12 and up)

1:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join Teen Advisory members to watch anime with other fans and chat about what you watch. Drawing supplies and snacks provided too!



Mar 12 & 26; Apr 9 & 23; May 14 & 28

YDL GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS

10:00am–11:30am | YDL-Michigan

Meet up, trade licks, and share riffs. Players pass around sheets with chords and lyrics so we can strum changes and sing along. Great way to learn new material, while also sharing your own musical knowledge. 18+ and all stringed instruments are welcome (except for zithers and autoharps).

Mar 12

HUNGRY FOR HUMOR? FEED YOUR MUSE

10:00am–11:15am | Virtual

Do you enjoy humor? Would you like to incorporate more of it into your writing? Join us for writing prompts and exercises and leave with a recipe that will feed the humorous side of your muse! Facilitated by Angela Verges, a humorist and author of the books *Menopause Ain't No Joke*, and *Laughter H.E.L.P.S.* This program is brought to you by YDL and YpsiWrites. Register for the Zoom link.



Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17

TEEN SUBSCRIPTION PACKS

During regular hours | All YDL Locations

Bored at home? Subscribe today and get a surprise package that will include a book and other cool items (including snacks, activities, and gifts) surrounding a different topic each month. Library Teen Interns will select the items that will stock the kits, so you know that these packages will be awesome! Subscribe today, then stop by the library once a month to snag your swag at the YDL branch of your choice. Teen Subscription Packs are available starting the third Tuesday of the month. Sign up at ypsilibrary.org/packs.

Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17

GRAPHIC NARRATIVE CLUB (18+)

7:30pm–9:00pm | Ypsi Alehouse

We're a group of adult readers who meet up monthly at the Ypsi Alehouse to discuss graphic narratives—from ancient hieroglyphs to modern Manga and everything in between.

Mar 16

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: BUILDING BETTER SMALL BUSINESS WEBSITES

6:30pm–8:00pm | Virtual

The second of six sessions for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Salem South Lyon District Library and the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. This workshop will help you to determine what you want a website to do for your business. Focused on the beginner, it will walk you through the basics of what it takes to build a website and explores options to build it yourself or to engage professionals. If you already have a website, it will help you evaluate your current website for best practices. Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411. We'll send you the Zoom meeting information a few days in advance of the program. For more information, email Paula Drummond at drummond@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.



Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)

6:30pm–7:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us for a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org.

Mar 16: *Matilda* by Roald Dahl

Apr 20: *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger

May 18: *Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor* by Jon Scieszka

Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

1:00pm–2:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21

WASHTENAW AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY VIRTUAL MEETING

10:30am–1:00pm | Virtual

Washtenaw African American Genealogy Society meets the third Saturday of each month. It's a welcoming environment for those interested in learning genealogy tips, techniques, and historical facts in order to efficiently trace their ancestry, using helpful genealogy websites. All skill levels are encouraged to attend. Meetings will be virtual until further notice. Email joy@ypsilibrary.org to receive your Zoom invitation.

Mar 19

RANGOLI ART

2:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan

Help us decorate the concrete in front of the library with Rangoli designs as we kick off the Spring Family Read.



Mar 20

SIMPLY TOMATOES

2:00pm–3:30pm | Virtual

Learn how to choose the tomato variety suitable for your site, how to plant, and how to care for them. This program will be virtual, on Zoom.

Mar 21

FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS SEMINAR

7:00pm–8:30pm | YDL-Michigan and Virtual

Join Keri Middaugh and John Simpkins to learn the basics and a few pro tips to purchase a home in a competitive market. Bring your wish list and your questions. Registration preferred if attending in person, see link on our event calendar if attending via Zoom.

Mar 24, Apr 21, May 19

THIRD THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB

(Ages 18+)

7:00pm–8:00pm

Join us for creative projects fit for adult craft enthusiasts.

Mar 24 *4th Thursday (YDL Michigan): Create a whimsical bird nest pendant out of jewelry wire and beads.

Apr 21 (YDL-Whittaker): Flower Arranging.

May 19 (YDL-Michigan): Flower Herbarium Bottles.

Supplies are limited, and registration is required. For questions, contact Kim at krowe@ypsilibrary.org or 734-482-4110 x1385.



Mar 24

THE LABOR HISTORY OF MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA: A GREAT MICHIGAN READ EVENT

7:00pm–8:00pm | Virtual

This year's Great Michigan Read title, *The Women of the Copper Country: a novel*, by Mary Doria Russell, is a riveting account of 25-year-old Annie Clements as she stood up for the miners and their families during the 1913 copper strikes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Pick up a copy and then attend this informational session presented by Dan Truckey of the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center for background to the story. Dan will discuss the history of labor unions in the U.P., touching on the 1913 copper strike in Calumet. This will be a virtual presentation on Zoom. The 2021–22 Great Michigan Read is presented by Michigan Humanities and supported by national, statewide, and local partners, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Meijer Foundation, Laborers' International Union of North America, MSU Federal Credit Union, and Library of Michigan.

Mar 26

LEAP INTO SCIENCE STORYTIME

3:00pm–4:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us as we investigate science concepts through stories and activities. Open to youth and their caregivers. Sponsored by The Franklin Institute Science Museum and the Library of Michigan. Registration required.

Mar 26: Light and Shadow - Listen to a story, create shadows, and become a shadow hunter!

Apr 23: Wind - Listen to a story, play with moving objects in wind, and create a wind detector.

May 21: Balance - Listen to a story, balance structures on simple teeter-totters, and become a super balancer!



Mar 26

MAKE PANEER PIZZA

2:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Did you notice the recipe in the back of American as Paneer Pie? Let's make it together.



Mar 28–Apr 1

SPRING BREAK STEAM

2:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Monday: Make an outdoor home for non-stinging solitary bees.

Tuesday: Make your own two-person board game and challenge a friend to play.

Wednesday: Make Perler Bead art.

Thursday: Make your own fairy house to take home.

Friday: Make a flower change color and learn some color science.

Mar 29, Apr 26, May 31

VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

7:00pm–9:00pm | Virtual

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

Mar 29: *Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Apr 26: *Unbound* by Tarana Burke

May 31: *Somebody's Daughter: a Memoir* by Ashley C. Ford

Mar 30, Apr 27, May 25

VIRTUAL MYSTERY LOVER'S BOOK GROUP

2:00pm–3:30pm | Virtual

Calling all mystery lovers! Check out a new mystery title each month. We will be meeting virtually.

Mar 30: *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens

Apr 27: *The Killings at Badger's Drift*, by Caroline Graham

May 25: *A Duty to the Dead*, by Charles Todd

Apr 2

ALL ABOUT SEEDS

11:00am–12:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

"Dig" into the world of SEEDS in this fun, hands-on program. Sort, identify, and explore many different kinds of seeds! Plant a seed to take home and one to leave for our library garden.



Apr 2

MADHUBANI ART

2:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Make a beautiful wall hanging and bookmark in the style of Madhubani art, a 2500-year-old folk art from India. This is part of the Family Read celebration.



Apr 2

PAINT AND PLANT

3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Use paint and decoupage techniques to put your own style on terracotta pots, then fill them with succulents to brighten your room.

Apr 5

READY FOR A CAREER CHANGE?

7:00pm–8:00pm | Whittaker

If you're considering a career change and don't know where to start, join Anthony Williamson, Director of College Career Readiness and Cheryl Harvey, Director of the Center for Career Success at Washtenaw Community College to find out how to explore, plan, and train for a new career. Learn about occupations in high demand and how to navigate the new world. Registration is requested. For questions, email skonen@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110, ext 2411.



Apr 5 & 19, May 3 & 17

TEEN BOOK CLUB

5:00pm–6:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Do you like to talk about what you read? Enjoy the company of others while discussing the monthly book. This will be a hybrid-option program. A zoom link will be created as the event nears. Registration required. Email nrussell@ypsilibrary.org.

Apr 6

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: THE ENGINE BEHIND THE MARKETING DRIVE (AKA, BORING STUFF)

6:30pm–8:00pm | Virtual

The third of six sessions for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Salem South Lyon District Library and the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. Startups, and many established businesses, tend to focus their efforts on the front end: marketing, sales, and customer acquisition/retention. But behind these efforts lies the unglamorous and "boring stuff." This workshop will review and examine the critical pieces of the business engine that are often overlooked but must be in place and functioning for a business to keep operating. Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411. We'll send you the Zoom meeting information a few days in advance of the program. For more information, email drummond@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

Apr 9

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION EASTER EGG HUNT

11 am | Fireman's Park 8795 MacArthur Blvd

Join Superior Township Parks & Recreation as they welcome the Easter Bunny to the Township! For kids 11 and under. Bring your own Easter Basket and hunt for candy filled Easter Eggs at Fireman's Park. Kids will be separated by age groups so that everyone has a fair chance. After the hunt the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures. For additional information contact the Superior Township Parks & Recreation Department at (734) 480-5502.

Apr 9

STEMFEST

2:00pm–4:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join the local American Chemical Society Huron Valley chapter and Cayman Chemical chemists for hands-on science fun! Visit stations to learn about science and run science demos yourself such as: make a density column, crush a can with the pressure around us, separate DNA from strawberries, recrystallize a salt, make elephant toothpaste, run an oscillating clock reaction, and dress up as a scientist. Kids can also take home a lava lamp, a silver mirror, some slime, and a chromatography flower. This event will be held outside but may move inside in case of inclement weather.



Apr 10

FRESHLY SQUEEZED: A FESTIVAL OF NEW PLAYS FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

EMU's Theatre for the Young presents a medley of shows directed and devised by EMU graduate students and alumni. Actors will take the audience on an exploration of themes from the quest to grow up to slowing down to "choosing your own adventure." Suitable for audience members ages 4–12 and their families.

Mondays Apr 18–May 9

OUR COMMON PURPOSE - BOOK DISCUSSION

6:30pm–8:00pm | Virtual

Join us for a deep dive into "Our Common Purpose: Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century," a report from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Registration required.



Apr 16

DANDIYA RAAS

2:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join Nandita Bajaj from the Center for Performing Arts and Learning to learn basic garba and bhangra steps, two styles of Indian folk dance, to help bring *American as Paneer Pie* to life.

Tuesdays, Apr 19 - May 24

LNGO TAI CHI FITNESS SERIES

2:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Tai Chi is a low impact exercise class targeted at improving flexibility, mobility, and balance. As a part of our Learning Never Gets Old series, this program is intended for ages 55 & up, but open to everyone. Registration is required.

Apr 20

INTRODUCTION TO THE LIBRARY'S STREAMING SERVICES

2:00pm–4:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

This class will show you how to search for both digital and physical materials, how to request physical materials, and how to stream digital titles on different devices with your YDL card. The class will include using Hoopla and our newest streaming service—Kanopy. Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411. Space is limited. The class is in person, but will also be presented via zoom. Email Robert Neil at neil@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x1353 if you have questions.

Apr 20

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY GETTING STARTED WITH SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING

6:30pm–8:00pm | Virtual

The fourth of six sessions for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Salem South Lyon District Library and the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. Learn about social media marketing and how to start using it in your small business. Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411. We'll send you the Zoom meeting information a few days in advance of the program. For more information, email Paula Drummond at drummond@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

Apr 23

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

10:00am–4:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate Earth Day by recycling your old computers, printers, LCD monitors, phones, cables, DVD players, and other electronics. Many household items can also be recycled, including small appliances. No CRT monitors or box (tube style) TVs. Limited to residents and businesses of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township. Visit ypsilibrary.org/events for guidelines and directions. Call 734-482-4110 x2411 if you have questions!



Apr 23

AMERICAN AS PANEER PIE CELEBRATION

1:30pm–3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Supriya Kelkar, the author of this year's Family Read, will talk about anti-racism and moments from her life that inspired *American as Paneer Pie* and helped her find her voice. She will also talk about how when she was growing up, she never wrote fictional stories about families that looked like hers, and will offer tips on how to write your own story. Make art and get a book signed too!

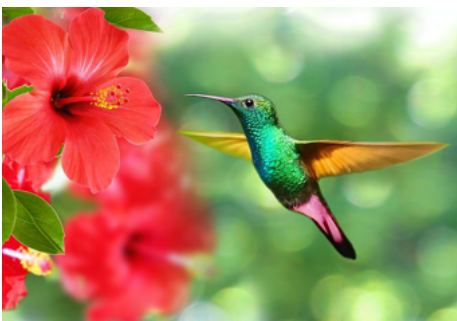


Apr 28

HUMMINGBIRDS, THE AVIAN FLYING PILOTS

7:00pm–8:30pm | Virtual

Learn amazing factoids about hummingbirds as well as how to lure and keep them in your garden. This program will be virtual, on Zoom.



Apr 30

MAY DAY NATURE WALK

11:00am–12:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Gather for a Spring Storytime, make a Magic Spring Wand, and then go on a short nature hike with your wand to wake up spring. Program led by Parks Naturalist Shawn from Washtenaw County Parks.



Apr 30

FAMILY BIRDING INTRODUCTION AND WALK

2:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us for a brief introduction to birding. Then we'll take a short walk to the Water Street Trail. It's a great place to spot the many birds that migrate in the Spring. Bring binoculars if you can. Hosted by the Washtenaw Audubon Society who will bring binoculars for anyone who needs them.



May 2

GRIEVE WELL: UNDERSTANDING GRIEF WEBINAR

7:00pm–8:15pm | Virtual

During this presentation with our partner GrieveWell, learn about grief and the effects it has on one's physical and emotional health. You will receive information and resources to help you move through your grief journey toward healing. This presentation is for those who are mourning the death of a loved one, those supporting someone who is grieving, or for those who want more information about grief. Register online.



May 4

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: STAGING YOUR PRODUCTS FOR ONLINE SALES

6:30pm–8:00pm | Virtual

The fifth of six sessions for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Salem South Lyon District Library and the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and service. Get a leg up on your competitors by attending this session where we'll discuss the principles of staging your brand and products using photography and well-written descriptions. Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411. We'll send you the Zoom meeting information a few days in advance of the program. For more information, email Paula Drummond at drummond@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.



May 6 & 20

FRIDAY WALKING CLUB (55+)

10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Join us for a 30-minute walk along a path near the library and enjoy each other's company while getting some exercise! We'll meet in the lobby of the Whittaker Road Library at 10:30am on May 6 and 20. Summer sessions will start on June 10 at 10:30am. Questions? (734) 482-4110 x2411

May 7

MOTHERS DAY CARDS/CRAFTS

12:00pm–2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Help celebrate Mother's Day by coming to the library and making a craft and/or writing a Mother's Day card. Stop by to create a gift to give your mother figure on Mother's Day Sunday. Not quite sure what to say? YpsiWrites volunteers will be here to help you compose the best card ever! We'll supply all the materials and cards for you to write and create. Open to all ages, and we'll even mail the card for you if they live out of town.



May 7

SPRING LUAU

2:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate spring with a family luau. Learn hula, sing, make art, and more!

May 11

CREATING A 3-PANEL COMIC

6:00pm–7:15pm | Virtual

In this workshop we'll work together and bring in information from Scott McCloud's *Understanding Comics* to create 3-panel comics. You don't need to be an artist; anyone can draw a stick figure and icons. All ages and all artistic abilities are welcome! Facilitated by EMU Lecturer Pam McCombs and YDL staff member Scott Marlowe, who are both comics enthusiasts. This program is presented by YDL and YpsiWrites. We'll send you the Zoom link a few days before the program.



May 14

PET A THERAPY DOG!

1:00pm–2:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

May is Mental Health Month, and petting a therapy dog is a great way to get started on improving your mental health, if only for a few minutes. Drop in for a visit at the Whittaker Road branch. Look for friendly dogs outside, near the front entrance. If it's raining we'll be in the Community Room. This Therapaws program is aimed at adults, but all ages are welcome. Questions? Call 734-482-4110 x2411.



May 15

BEACHCOMBING FLORIDA BEACHES

2:00pm–4:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

RESCHEDULED from January: Come see (and touch carefully!) a variety of beach finds from Carol Brodbeck, who's been beachcombing for many years. You'll see a variety of seashells, sponges, corals, crab shells, sand dollars, starfish, sea urchins, horseshoe crabs, shark jaws, and more at this family friendly event. Get in the spirit of the day-wear your tropical shirt and beach hat!



May 15

SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM

2:00pm–5:00pm | Virtual

This series screens films that provide the needed opportunity to safely engage and understand the ways racism has functioned historically and continues to work in the present. This month we will gather virtually to view *What is Democracy?* by director Astra Taylor. After the viewing, LaRon Williams, local storyteller and peace activist, will facilitate an open, honest discussion about race and racism. NOTE: Due to the currently high rates of COVID-19 this event has been changed to a virtual Zoom event.

May 18

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: SHOW ME THE MONEY! FINANCING YOUR BUSINESS

6:30pm–8:00pm | Virtual

The last of six sessions for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Salem South Lyon District Library and the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. This workshop will take you through the basics of where to look for capital, how to prepare to ask for funding, and more! Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411. We'll send you the Zoom meeting information a few days in advance of the program. For more information, email drummond@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

May 19–22

FRIENDS OF YDL BOOK SALE

YDL-Whittaker

The Friends of YDL Book Sale is returning this spring! Book sale prices are \$1 for hardcovers, 25 cents for paperbacks, and 50 cents for oversize paperbacks. On May 22 there will be bags of books available for \$4, and some books will be sold for a reduced price.

May 19: 6pm–8pm (members only preview sale)

May 20: 11am–5pm

May 21: 11am–3pm

May 22: 1pm–4pm



May 21

WAKE UP THE GARDEN

11am–12pm & 2–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Come play in the dirt in the morning to help get the garden ready for planting in the afternoon.



May 31

GARDEN PLANTING DAY

2:00pm–4:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us as we plant our seedlings in the community garden next to YDL-Michigan. Wear your work clothes and meet us either in the Youth Area or out by the garden.

Tech Help

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP FOR SENIORS (55+)

Call 734-482-4110 x1384 or email brigitte@ypsilibrary.org to schedule a one-hour in-person, phone, or virtual session.

Mar 1 & Apr 21, 2pm; May 14, 10:30am

GOOGLE SHEETS FOR BEGINNERS

(Adult)

Virtual

Learn to enter and edit data, format cells, and create simple formulas. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a spreadsheet. A Google (or Gmail) account is required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Mar 5, 2pm; Apr 7, 6:30pm; May 4, 10:30am

MICROSOFT WORD BASICS

YDL-Whittaker

An introduction to word processing. Learn to enter, format, select, copy, paste, and edit text. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2411.

Mar 5 & Apr 6, 10:30am–11:30am

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

Virtual

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. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411. After you register, you'll get an email (1–2 days in advance of the session) with the following information: Zoom link, meeting ID/passcode, and attached handouts.

Mar 8 & Apr 28, 2pm; May 21, 10:30am

GOOGLE SHEETS TIPS & TRICKS

(Adult)

Virtual

Explore more advanced features of Google Sheets including: using formulas, conditional functions and formatting, sorting, filtering and linking data, and defining a print area. A Google (or Gmail) account and prior Google Sheets experience required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Mar 9, 10:30am; April 2, 2pm; May 5, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker

A basic introduction to spreadsheets. Learn to enter and edit data, select cell ranges, format cells, use the fill handle, and create simple formulas. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2411.

Mar 10 & May 3, 2pm; Apr 2, 10:30am

GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS

(Adult)

Virtual

Learn to format, select, copy, paste, and edit text. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a document. A Google (or Gmail) account is required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Mar 16, 10:30am; Apr 16, 2pm; May 12, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL - INTERMEDIATE

YDL-Whittaker

In this intermediate class, learn to apply functions, filter data, create charts, and print worksheets. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2411.

Mar 17 & May 10, 2pm; Apr 16, 10:30am

GOOGLE DOCS TIPS & TRICKS

(Adult)

Virtual

Explore more advanced features of Google Docs including: headers and footers, tabs and indents, inserting breaks (page, section, and column), finding and replacing text, and voice typing. A Google (or Gmail) account and prior Google Docs experience required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Mar 19, 2pm; Apr 14, 6:30pm; May 11, 10:30am

MICROSOFT WORD - INTERMEDIATE

YDL-Whittaker

Learn to create and format tables, insert images, create bulleted and numbered lists, and insert tabs. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2411.

Mar 19 & Apr 13, 10:30am; May 31, 2pm

HOW TO HOST A ZOOM MEETING

(Adult)

Virtual

Join us to learn the basics for hosting a Zoom meeting from start to finish. Topics include: scheduling, securing, and starting your meeting; inviting participants; using host controls; Zoom etiquette; basic troubleshooting. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411. After you register, you'll get an email (1–2 days in advance of the session) with the following information: Zoom link, meeting ID/passcode, and attached handouts.

Mar 22 & May 19, 6:30pm; Apr 30, 2pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL - PIVOT TABLES

(Intermediate)

YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to perform simple data analysis using Excel's PivotTable feature. Reorganize and summarize selected columns and rows of data in a spreadsheet to extract desired information. Participants should have basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills and an understanding of creating formulas and how cells are referenced within Excel. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2411.

Mar 23, 2pm; Apr 21, 7pm

COMPUTER BASICS - GETTING STARTED

YDL-Whittaker

Learn the parts and proper use of the computer and Windows basics including opening/closing applications and managing files/folders. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Mar 24, 6:30pm; Apr 6 & May 14, 2pm

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to create and add graphics and multimedia to a presentation. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2411.

Mar 26, 2pm; Apr 12, 7pm

GOOGLE DRIVE - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker

Explore Google Drive's interface and learn how to create, view, upload/download, organize, modify, share, and remove files/folders. Basic PC, keyboard, mouse skills, and a Google (or Gmail) account is required for hands-on training. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Mar 26, 10:30am; Apr 19, 7pm; May 18, 2pm

GOOGLE CALENDAR - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker

Learn the basics for setting up your Google Calendar to schedule and manage your events and appointments, share event information, and send notifications/reminders to your devices. Basic PC, keyboard, mouse skills, and a Google (or Gmail) account is required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Mar 30, 2pm; Apr 28, 7pm

INTERNET BASICS - HOW TO SEARCH THE WEB

YDL-Whittaker

This class covers the browser toolbar and menu options, managing your favorite websites, and using search tools and techniques. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Mar 31, 6:30pm; Apr 13, 2pm

MICROSOFT PUBLISHER - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker

Learn the basics for creating greeting cards, flyers, and calendars including page layout and formatting text and images. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Apr 27, 2:00pm; May 10, 6:30pm

GMAIL - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to send and retrieve messages, add attachments, create and manage labels and filters, add contacts, and manage junk email. Participants may sign up for a Gmail account at the end of class. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 4110 x2411.

Apr 30, 10:30am; May 17, 2:00pm

GOOGLE SLIDES FOR BEGINNERS

(Adult)

Virtual

Learn to create and deliver a presentation and add graphics and multimedia. Also learn to share and collaborate on a presentation. A Google (or Gmail) Account is required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Storytimes

Mondays, Mar 7–Apr 25

JUMPSTART KINDERGARTEN

ACTIVITY STATIONS (Ages 4–5)

10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Learning is fun at Jumpstart Kindergarten! Find an engaging blend of activities and stories designed to help prepare preschoolers for kindergarten success.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Mar 8–Apr 27

DISCOVERY TIME (Ages 2–4)

10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Learn a variety of preschool readiness skills, from ABCs to kindness, at fast-paced storytimes filled with music, movement, fingerplays, and books. To keep capacity lower, we'll offer repeat read aloud/music sessions twice each week, with exploratory, play-based process art or STEM activities in between. Attend Tuesday or Wednesday. Look for an empty mat when you arrive. Do the activity before the read aloud if the mats are full.

Thursdays, Mar 10–Apr 28

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

10:30am–11:15am | YDL-Michigan

Includes a variety of music, movement, and hands-on activities. We'll read picture books, get some wiggles out, sing, and have fun.

Thursdays, Mar 10–Apr 28

BABY TIME: PLAYTIME

10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Meet other parents and babies for tummy-time play and social time in the youth department. Toys will be appropriate for pre-walkers.

Thursdays Mar 10–Apr 28

YOGA STORYTIME

6:00pm–7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Don't sit still! Listen to a story and express it with your body! Join us for an active expression of storytime. Each week a different book will inspire our yoga or dance influenced movements, as well as our breathing and mindfulness exercises. We'll wind down on a calm note, readying your family for a relaxing and easy bedtime. Yoga mats will serve as a protective surface for our movement, and help us maintain physical distance from others. Bring a mat or use one from the library.



Fridays Mar 11 - Apr 29

READ SING PLAY (Ages 1–3)

10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Learn colors, shapes, and numbers through music and movement. Each week we'll read a book, sing lots of songs, then let parents chat while kids play nearby.

LEARNING HELP

NEW CREATIVE TOOLS

This spring, teens and other library users will have a whole new set of tools to use in and out of the library. You'll now find in the teen area guitars, amps, and other musical recording equipment, along with digital art supplies.

In 2017, the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) was awarded \$3,000 from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Youth Council to improve the teen space at YDL-Whittaker. In addition to more comfortable seating, TAG wanted to focus on tools teens could use at the library to learn new skills and explore creative pursuits independently.

During the pandemic, items like art supplies and digital music equipment haven't been easily accessible, so TAG recently decided to let people check them out to use at home.

In addition to four ukuleles already in circulation, you'll soon be able to check out music recording equipment, including a drum pad and MIDI keyboard (with USB connectors that work with software of your choice on your home computer),

an acoustic or electric guitar with small amp, and two Wacom drawing tablets that connect to your laptop or computer via USB.

Some supplies are still available only at the library. An electronic keyboard with headphones is always available in the teen area at YDL-Whittaker. Ask at the Youth Desk at YDL-Michigan or YDL-Whittaker to use the Portable Art Kit while at

the library. The art kit includes Copic markers, Prismacolor pencils, Sakura koi watercolor sets, precision markers, shading pencils, and paper. Watch for chances to learn to use the Cricut this summer, too. Once trained, you can ask at the desk and we'll set you up to cut out your own decals. For more information contact jodi@ypslibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x1340.



YCS IN THE COMMUNITY

With programs to improve parent involvement in education, COVID resources, and job opportunities, Ypsilanti Community Schools can have an impact on the entire Ypsilanti area. In order to uplift and encourage parents' involvement in their child's education, YCS is holding a celebration for the 27th annual National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID). This year's NAAPID at Night theme is "self care paves the way to a successful and satisfying life." The virtual event will take place on March 14.

The Ypsilanti Community High School food pantry is also available for those in need. Students, families, and Ypsilanti residents can access the food pantry during school hours, 8:20am to 3pm. The pantry currently has fresh vegetables, non-perishable foods, dairy products, and toiletries. For more information, please contact Ms. Emerson at temerson6@yoschools.us.

Job hunting? YCS is hiring! There are 82 open positions, including teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators. Qualified individuals can apply at yoschools.us/employment. For those with experience in early literacy services and financial management, a part-time position is open for a LEAP Grant Project Director. The LEAP grant is a federal grant that was awarded to provide students with diverse books, fund after-school programs and in-classroom literacy coaching, and provide teachers with professional development opportunities.

Need a COVID test? Rapid COVID testing is still available for Ypsilanti residents at the YCS administration building from 8:30am to 4:30pm. No appointment is required but it's intended for asymptomatic individuals.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

March 11

½ Day of school (LCS)

March 17

½ Day for K-5, Parent-Teacher conferences (LCS)

March 18

½ Day of school (YCS)

March 23 and 24

½ Days of school and parent teacher conferences (YCS)

March 28–April 1

No School, Spring Break (Both)

April 8

½ Day (LCS)

April 12–13

PSAT/SAT Day, high school dismissed at 12:30 (LCS)

April 15

½ Day of School (YCS) No school (LCS)

April 18

No School (YCS)

May 6

½ Day (LCS)

May 27

½ Day (Both)

May 30

No School, Memorial Day (Both)

LCS LOOKING AHEAD, STAYING PREPARED

The pandemic has required flexibility and patience. As this school year winds down and families prepare for the next one, Lincoln Consolidated Schools is taking steps to ensure families stay safe and healthy.

In an effort to decrease the risk of COVID-19 transmission, LCS is moving parent information nights. This year, incoming kindergarten and elementary information nights will take place in early May: May 3 for Childs Elementary, May 5 for Bishop Elementary's multi-age and Spanish immersion programs, and May 12 for Brick Elementary. Enrollment will open in March, with School of Choice applications opening in April.

Over the course of the pandemic, many families have discovered that online learning is more suitable for their child. In order to adapt to community needs, LCS will continue to offer their Virtual Academy for the 2022–2023 school year. This allows students the freedom to learn from home, while still being able to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports teams and after school clubs. More information can be found at www.lincolnk12.org under the Schools tab.



LEARNING HELP

CHECK OUT TALK: TEXT AND LEARN FOR KINDERGARTEN

Have you seen the new videos on the YDL YouTube channel? The Baby Time activity videos draw from our TALK program to help with Kindergarten development! TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten helps parents ensure school success. TALK sends subscribers 8–10 texts per month with engaging activities they can do with babies and children 5 and under.

TALK is based on the Every Child Ready to Read program, which encourages parents to use the five practices—talk, sing, play, write, and read—to prepare their children for school. Each TALK message focuses on one of these practices and provides simple activities that parents can do

with items they already have at home. TALK also notifies you about library storytimes and events for kids.

Songs, book lists, sample texts, and hands-on activities can be found at texttolearn.com. To sign up for TALK, text TALK to 75547 or visit the TALK website. You will be prompted to select your preferred language, zip code, and child's birthdate to ensure that you receive age-appropriate activities and event notifications for your local library.

Are you a community partner who would like to display TALK activities in your space? Email jodi@ypsilibrary.org to request materials.



CREATIVE SPACES FOR YOUNG WRITERS

My story is about the heart that was lonely in the first place. In the end, she wasn't.
—Arathana, Age 7

Writing programs at 826michigan provide a creative space for young people like Arathana to express themselves, to connect with others, to know themselves better, and to use their power to make change in the world. This spring and throughout the pandemic, 826michigan continues to offer free virtual after-school writing programs, creative writing workshops, and at-home writing kits. All 826michigan programs are offered free of charge to schools, students, and families, and are supported by trained, caring community volunteers. Through writing, we can all feel a little less alone, even during the hardest and coldest times.

826michigan partners with YDL to offer free after-school tutoring on Wednesday afternoons from 4–5pm. Students (ages 7–18) can join virtual sessions in-person at Ypsilanti District Library branches and have access to a computer with librarian support as they work with 826michigan tutors virtually. This program is homework-based: students bring homework or other school assignments in ANY subject to

work on with volunteer tutors. The After-school Writing Lab (ages 8+) or Wee-bots (ages 5–10) programs may be a good fit for students who want to focus specifically on writing: students work in small groups with peers and adult volunteers to read, brainstorm, write, revise, share, and publish an original piece of creative writing. These programs are fully virtual, offered via Zoom. YDL also partners with 826michigan to distribute at-home writing kits, like Writing as A Gift, At-home Interviews, and the College Application Essay Kit. Each kit includes prompts and materials to take on a special project at home.

Signing up for programs, volunteering, or downloading a kit is easy: visit 826michigan.org. Open spots are available in all programs listed below. Contact Education Director Catherine Calabro Cavin (catherine@826michigan.org) with questions at any time. 826michigan looks forward to writing with you to bring your ideas to reality.

From the pencil come ideas of endless imagination

From the land where thought moves like birds

From imagination to paper

From ideas to reality

—Mona, Age 11



After-school Writing Lab: A Weekly Afternoon Writing-focused Program

(Ages 8–14)

Monday: 3:45–4:45pm

Wee-bots: A Weekly Evening Writing Workshop

(Ages 5–10)

Wednesday: 6–7pm

Virtual Schoolwork Support: A Weekly Afternoon Homework-focused Program

(Ages 7–18)

Wednesday: 4–5pm

Thursday: 4–5pm

WASHTENAW LITERACY REOPENING

After a long pandemic closure, the Washtenaw Literacy Learning Center has reopened! Formerly known as the Community Opportunity Center, the Learning Center is inside the Community Life Family Center building at Grace Fellowship Church at 1301 S. Harris Rd. in Ypsilanti.

Tutoring is by appointment only, and appointments are available for ESL and literacy tutoring, including math and digital literacy. Call (734) 337-3336 to schedule an appointment.

All tutors and learners must be fully vaccinated and current on boosters to attend in-person programming. There will be KN95 masks available at the Learning Center for those who need one.

Washtenaw Literacy provides adult literacy education and helps employers, health care providers, and human service agencies communicate more effectively with their employees, patients, and clients. For more information about Washtenaw Literacy services, visit washtenawliteracy.org.



HEALTH HELP IN WASHTENAW



New Mental Health Hotline: 734-544-3050

Save this number in your phone! Seven days a week and 24 hours a day, substance use treatment support is available to Washtenaw County residents through this new hotline.

The calls will be answered by licensed mental health and substance use professionals at Washtenaw County Community Mental Health who can connect callers to local, professional services. Residents can call with a broad range of questions, including how to help loved ones and how to navigate the county's substance use treatment system.

For substance use disorder emergencies—such as an overdose or imminent danger—call 911 for immediate help.

Protect yourself, protect others.

We can help each other stay safe from serious COVID-19 illness or death!

“We are entering the third year of the pandemic. We are in a very different place. We have effective tools we did not have at the beginning, primarily vaccination,” said Jimena Loveluck, MSW, Health Officer for the Washtenaw County Health Department. “I know many of you are already doing everything you can – and are also hurting from loss, illness, or very real pandemic fatigue. I’m asking everyone to get vaccinated or boosted if you’re eligible and have not yet done so. Then take the additional steps we recommend to reduce spread and protect those who cannot get vaccinated or remain vulnerable.”



Effective strategies to help prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Washtenaw County:

- Get vaccinated or boosted when eligible (vaccinefinder.org)
- Wear a well-fitting face mask in indoor public spaces when local transmission is high or substantial. The Health Department and some community organizations have free KN95 masks available, if you are having difficulty finding or affording them
- Get tested if you feel ill or if you have been exposed
- Stay away from others if you are feeling ill, waiting for test results, or have tested positive (washtenaw.org/covid19whattodo)
- Avoid crowded areas, events, and gatherings when local transmission is high
- Clean hands frequently

Stay up to date on the latest COVID-19 information by visiting washtenaw.org/covid19 or by following the Washtenaw County Health Department (@wcpubhealth) on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or NextDoor. You can also contact the Health Department via email (health@washtenaw.org) or by phone (734-544-6700).



APPLICATIONS DUE FOR SUMMERWORKS!

Attention, teens! Spend your summer earning money and charting the course for your future. Applications for Summerworks are due March 13 at summerworks.info/young-adults. Summerworks can connect you to a paid internship, professional development, and a professional mentor. Young adults between 16 and 24, living and/or attending school in Washtenaw County can sign up.

Entering its 7th year, the program allows young adults to Work, (L)earn, and Thrive through professional development, mentorship, and paid work experience within the local workforce:

- **Work** - Join the workforce and gain rewarding experience as a young professional.
- **Learn/Earn** - Paid internships are available for eligible participants. Get paid to learn new skills from local experts in a variety of industries.
- **Thrive** - Build confidence, feel career-ready, and thrive in the local workforce.

“I joined SummerWorks without having much experience or expectations, but I think I’ve come out a better professional,” said a 2021 SummerWorks participant. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to keep my job from the internship. I’m happy that I joined the program—it’s definitely something I would recommend to anyone looking for a rewarding learning experience and something to do over the summer.”

Hear more from previous young adult participants at <https://bit.ly/SummerWorks-promo>.

“I think it’s important for organizations, particularly for professional organizations, to



invest in young people in general,” said Chuck Wilson, Community Health Promotion Supervisor at the Washtenaw County Health Department. “Particularly through an internship program like SummerWorks because it’s a reinvestment into our community and into our county.”

Local businesses and nonprofits can sign up today to host a summer intern, provide mentorship, serve as a guest speaker, and more. To learn how to support young adults this summer, visit summerworks.info/employers.

SummerWorks is a partnership between the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development, Michigan Works! Southeast, and the University of Michigan. The program provides participants with tools, work experience, and exposure to different career paths.



SIGNS OF SPRING

In March, it can feel like spring will never come. If you stop and look closely, though, you will see changes that tell you that spring is on the way.

ON THE GROUND, LOOK FOR:

- **Wet, muddy soil** - It used to be frozen. Did you know that you can plant lettuce and spinach in the soil as soon as it thaws?
- **Earthworms** - As the ground warms up, earthworms come closer to the surface to eat decaying plant matter. Gently dig in some soil and see if you can spot any worms!
- **Green shoots poking up** - first are usually snowdrops, then crocus, daffodil, and tulip. Can you tell which one it is by just the green shoots?



IN THE AIR, LOOK AND LISTEN FOR:

- **Honeybees** - Bees are on the hunt for flowers to pollinate. They love all of the dandelions in the spring!
- **Birds** - “Migratory birds,” ones who had flown to warmer places for the winter, start to return. You will see and hear birds you haven’t heard since the fall.
- **Trees begin to “leaf out”** - First, buds will form and then leaves open up. This often happens at the ends of branches.



At YDL, we’ll celebrate spring with a few family events (all at the Whittaker location). On April 2, the Library will host a family Seeds! Storytime at 11am. On April 30 at 11am, make a spring wand and take a nature walk with a naturalist from Washtenaw County Parks.

On May 21, we’ll wake up the garden with a group dig at 11am and planting at 2pm. Looking to start gardening at home? Visit our seed library at YDL-Whittaker or YDL-Michigan to see what seeds have been donated. Whether you’re a beginner or an expert, the seed library has seeds for every experience level.

MAKING EVERY DAY EARTH DAY



This year marks the 52nd Earth Day, and there are many ways to participate. YDL is committed to making information about sustainability accessible to everyone in our community. Through our programs, materials, and even our architecture, we want to acknowledge that every day is Earth Day.

In 2015, we installed solar panels at our Michigan Avenue branch thanks to an anonymous donor. You can see real-time data from these solar panels by visiting www.ypsilibrary.org/about/visit/ydl-michigan/solar-installation and clicking on “real-time solar output tracking.” So far, the amount of energy we’ve saved is equivalent to planting 415 trees! We’re hoping to also install solar panels at the new Superior branch.

HELP INFORM THE RESILIENT WASHTENAW PLAN

Washtenaw County is excited to involve all nine county districts in shaping their Resilient Washtenaw plan. Working closely with residents, Resilient Washtenaw aims to create a collaborative vision for carbon neutrality by 2035. Resilient Washtenaw will be a living document that guides community goals and county operations for years to come. Your voices are essential to creating an equitable response to the “Climate Emergency” declared by the Board of Commissioners.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Over the next few months, there will be many opportunities to participate. Here’s how to get involved:
- Subscribe at resilientwashtenaw.org for email updates
 - Attend a workshop or other event
 - Get the word out by sharing this project with your neighbors, family, and friends
 - Add your ideas to the website's map
 - » Celebrate cool projects already in place (e.g., preserved land, bike paths, renewable energy)
 - » Share areas where you experience climate impacts (e.g., flooding, lack of tree canopy)
 - » Share your vision for climate action in the county
 - Explore the Partners page
 - » Find your City/Township Sustainability/Climate group to get more involved at the local level
 - » Find a local community group engaged in climate action

The Superior branch will also include bird-friendly glass. Thanks to your donations, we’ve already raised nearly \$3,500 for the bird-friendly glass, and installation will begin later this year. This glass is specially designed with dots etched into the surface every few inches. It interrupts the reflections birds see on windows and alerts them to the fact there is a surface present. However, there is little visible difference to the human eye.

YDL also hosts electronic recycling events to help responsibly recycle home electronics. Did you know that the glass used in common household electronics can take over 1 million years to decompose in a landfill? YDL will be holding another electronics recycling event on April 23 from 10–4 in the Whittaker parking lot. Bring your old cell phones, computers, televisions, and more and contribute to a more sustainable future.

At home, you can celebrate Earth Day by recycling plastic bottles and bags, riding your bike or walking instead of driving, and donating unwanted items instead of throwing them away. As the weather gets warmer, spend some time outside hiking, gardening, or even planting a tree. Everyone can play a part in creating a healthier, cleaner planet for the future.

MAP OUT AN ACTIVE SPRING

With spring on the horizon, YDL invites you to explore the many parks and cultural centers that make our state great. The Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) offers free and discounted tickets to over 100 Michigan destinations, ensuring an adventure is available to everyone, whether taking the kids to a metropark on a sunny day or strolling through a museum on a rainy one.

Visit plymouthrockets.com/michiganactivitypass to explore destinations, such as the Urban Institute of Contemporary Arts in Grand Rapids or the Sea Life Aquarium in Auburn Hills.

You can check the MAP website for specific destinations; browse by interest, such as science and technology; filter for youth-friendly or ADA accessible locations; or even just browse everything within a specified radius.

MAP passes can get you on a boat, take you to the theater, introduce you to an octopus, or get a discount on skydiving. The sky is truly the limit!



INTRODUCING THE WRITERS ROOM

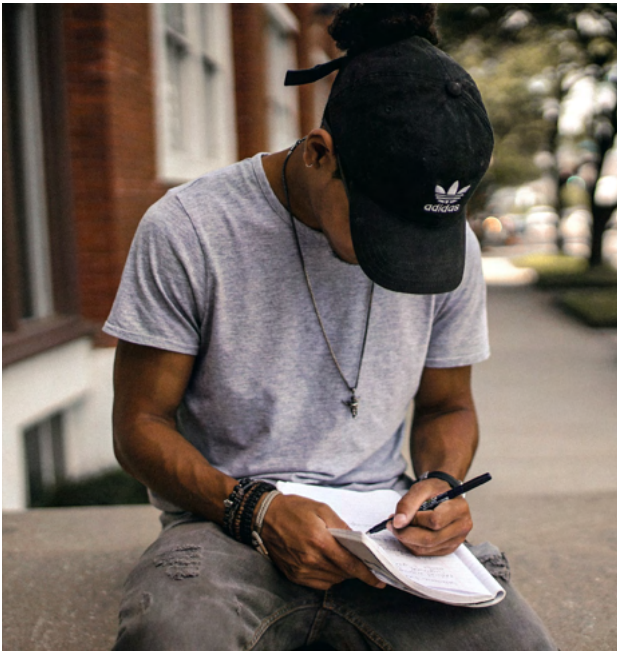
YpsiWrites is excited to introduce a new dynamic space for writers called the Writers Room. Modeled after similar rooms in Iowa and Detroit, the YpsiWrites Writers Room will provide writing space to the Ypsilanti community on a regular schedule throughout the year.

With a launch goal of fall 2022, the Writers Room project will offer some kick-off events in the spring and summer.

Cathy Fleischer, co-founder of YpsiWrites, says the goal of the Writers Room is to bring writers together. “At each Writers Room event, we'll provide something for everyone,” she says. “Like time for individuals to focus on a project, to get feedback from other writers, or for groups to collaborate.”

The Writers Room will be a room-on-the-move. Writers may gather virtually and/or at different locations in Ypsilanti.

During each session, volunteers will offer writing resources such as prompts, activities, and resource guides, but also provide what writers



need most: time and space to write and to share that writing with others.

Currently, YpsiWrites is planning the structure and format for the Writers Room. If you'd like to offer suggestions, please respond to their survey at tinyurl.com/YW-WritersRoom. Your feedback will help grow and adjust the Writers Room over time.

“Two pillars of the work we do at YpsiWrites are community and inclusivity,” says Brent Miller, one of the volunteers imagining and creating this project. “The Writers Room will be a fabulous way to realize those values and bring people together in a welcoming place.”

Follow YpsiWrites on Facebook (facebook.com/ypsiwrites) and Instagram (instagram.com/ypsiwrites) to stay up to date on the Writers Room and all YpsiWrites events. For additional information, or to download resources or volunteer, visit ypsiwrites.com.

FRIENDS OF YDL BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars for May 19–22, and attend the Friends of YDL May book sale at YDL-Whittaker! Pay \$1 for hardcovers, 25¢ for paperbacks, and 50¢ for oversize paperbacks, with even more special deals available during the sale.

May 19 from 6-8pm will be a members only preview, but memberships will be available for purchase at the door, so it's the perfect time to join the Friends and help make library events possible.

On May 22 there will be bags of books available for \$4, and some books will be sold for a reduced price.

FULL BOOK SALE HOURS:

Thursday, May 19: 6 – 8pm

(Members only preview sale)

Friday, May 20: 11am – 5pm

Saturday, May 21: 11am – 3pm

Sunday, May 22: 1 – 4pm

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please fill out the application at ypsilibrary.org/volunteer-at-the-friends-book-shop.



Since the book shop at YDL-Whittaker has resumed normal hours of operation, the Friends need volunteers. There are

plenty of ways to help, like assisting with book shop sales and sorting the generous donations the Friends receive. Whatever your availability, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

BOOK SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY 2–6:00pm

TUESDAY 1–5:00pm

WEDNESDAY 10am–2:00pm

THURSDAY 10am–4:00pm

FRIDAY 10am–2:00pm

SATURDAY 11am–5:00pm

SUNDAY 2–4:00pm

PUBLIC TRANSIT NEWS

To stay up to date on TheRide's Long-Range Plan efforts, visit TheRide.org/about/projects/theride-2045. As a reminder, per federal law, face masks are required until further notice. They continue to implement safety measures due to COVID-19. You can learn more about the safety precautions at: TheRide.org/coronavirus.

There are many ways to stay up to date on the latest service information for TheRide. Visit TheRide.org to plan your trip. While there, you can also sign up for TheRide's MyAlerts system. With MyAlerts, you can select which route(s) you use, and you will be emailed directly if there are service disruptions. You can also follow TheRide on Facebook and Twitter for the latest news. Want to speak to someone? Call the route information line at 734-996-0400. They can help!



WWW.YPSILIBRARY.ORG



LOCATIONS & HOURS

YDL-WHITTAKER

5577 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 9am–9pm
Fri and Sat: 10am–6pm
Sun: 1–5pm

YDL-MICHIGAN

229 West Michigan Avenue
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 9am–9pm
Fri and Sat: 10am–6pm

YDL-SUPERIOR

8795 MacArthur Blvd
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

HOURS

Locker pick up and curbside service

YDL-BOOKMOBILE

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

HOURS

Curbside service

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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