

## WELCOME TO FINE-FREE

Exciting news! Effective June 1, YDL will no longer charge fines for late materials. If overdue fines kept you away, welcome back! Today's library will surprise you with everything it offers. Find best sellers, DIY guides, and books for research. Stream video, or download audiobooks, music, or comics. We offer free wi-fi and study space, and our friendly staff plan fantastic events for all ages. Take a computer class, enjoy a concert, bring little ones to Storytime, or learn a new language. We're your lifelong learning center. A library card unlocks it all, for free.

The Library's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to eliminate most fines following recommendations from the library's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) team. According to EDI research, fines are mostly punitive and minimally effective. They also do not align with the library's commitment to inclusiveness.

"It's important to be welcoming to all," said Library Director Lisa Hoenig. "We're happy to eliminate a barrier that has kept parts of our community from using the library."

Read on for more about why YDL has decided to join the ranks of other libraries in Washtenaw County like Chelsea, Dexter, and Manchester, by going fine-free.

### What does fine-free mean at YDL?

You will no longer be charged a daily late fine on overdue items! We also removed all overdue fines you may have accrued before we went fine-free. However, past fees for lost or damaged items will still apply. You are still responsible for returning your items. We will send reminders to let you know if something becomes overdue. Materials that are 28 days overdue are assumed lost and the cardholder must either return the item or pay the replacement cost.

"Our hope is that eliminating late fees will inspire people to return materials, even when they're late, rather than having them go into lost status," said Hoenig. "And the research we've seen supports that."



People with existing fines on their account are encouraged to visit the library for help clearing them, even for older charges from lost or damaged materials.

"This change will hopefully make YDL a more deeply accessible part of the community – one that can lift up and support its members without the fear of punitive fees," said YDL Assistant Director Julianne Smith.

### Why did YDL eliminate late fines?

YDL is following a growing trend across Michigan and around the country to eliminate fees on overdue materials. In 2019 the American Library Association issued a resolution that encouraged libraries to "scrutinize their practices of imposing fines on library patrons and actively move towards eliminating them." In response, during the COVID-19 pandemic, YDL suspended fines from March 2020–July 2021, and waived the bulk of existing fines in 2020.

The data from YDL during this time, as well as from other libraries that eliminated fines, confirmed they have limited financial benefits and result in a loss of goodwill from the community.

"The amount of fines collected by the library does not reduce the

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**YDL's Summer Challenge is back!**  
**From June 11 to August 28 join us for reading and other challenges to keep your mind sharp and stay active. All ages can earn fabulous prizes. Read, Learn, Explore...Win!**  
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# READ, LEARN, EXPLORE...WIN!



The Summer Challenge is back and better than ever with great new activities and prizes. Designed to encourage everyone to read and explore what’s happening in our community, the Summer Challenge runs from June 11 to August 28 this year.

Join us at YDL-Michigan on June 11 from 1–4pm to kick off the Summer Challenge with a blow-up obstacle course, spiral art, humongous bubbles, giant games, and more. You’ll find free meals for kids ages 0–18 as well, courtesy of Food Gatherers. Plus, log a point during the first week, and you’ll be entered in a drawing for one week of free Summer Camp at the Riverside Arts Center!

“It’s a great way to motivate kids to engage with learning and be ready for school in the fall,” said

YDL Youth Librarian Jodi Krahne. “Players of all ages can keep busy with the wide range of activities you can do outdoors, at the library, and at home.”

This year, you’ll find fun new challenges and incentives designed by our staff, such as a birding geocache hunt developed with the Washtenaw Audubon Society, a downtown Fairy Door Hunt, and public art you can see and write about with YpsiWrites. Earn extra digital badges by logging your reading daily. You don’t have to finish your book to keep your streak alive!

You’ll find great incentives throughout the summer, including free weekend bus rides, courtesy of TheRide. Get prizes for finishing reading challenges, then spend your challenge tickets on other great prize packs that you can bid on throughout the summer.

*How to play*

**1** **Reactivate your account**, or start a new one if you haven’t played before, by visiting [ypsilibrary.org/summer](https://ypsilibrary.org/summer). Once you’ve signed up, visit a library to pick up your signup prize. Little Ones get a shaker or sidewalk chalk, youth 3–18 get a day pass to Rutherford Pool, and adults get a sticky note pad.

**2** **Log activities between June 11–August 28.** You’ll earn a digital badge every time you read a book, complete a challenge, or attend a library program. Log online, or download the free ReadSquared app in Google Play or the App Store. Choose Ypsi Library, then log in once with your username and password and you’ll be ready to record the books you read and activities you complete all summer.

**3** **Win prizes!** Everyone who reads at least 6 books gets a prize. Kids and teens get an Aubree’s gift card and a book to keep; adults get a bamboo utensil set. Kids and teens who complete at least 6 learning challenges get a gift card to Taco Bell or Domino’s. But don’t stop there! Keep reading and logging activities all summer. Every digital badge you earn is worth a chance at winning the grand prize of your choice. There are weekly drawings too for those who log during a given week, so keep going all summer!

# INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST COLLECTION: THE LIBRARY OF THINGS!



Have you always wanted to learn how to sew but aren’t ready to buy a sewing machine? Maybe you’ve heard about the pickleball craze and want to play? Or perhaps you want to host a board game night with friends but your game cabinet is bare.

Luckily, YDL’s newest collection can help with all of that. Check out the Library of Things, coming June 26!

YDL’s Library of Things (LOT) has non-traditional library materials for circulation, and expands on items that were already available to patrons. In addition to Things like mobile hotspots and jigsaw puzzles, you’ll also find games and tools to use at home.

Sunday, June 26, YDL will officially launch the new collection at the Thing-A-Rama. All the items in the collection will be on display to browse and check out. There will also be an opportunity to suggest new Things to add to the collection in the future. Stop by the Whittaker Road Community Room from 2–4:00pm and take a look!

Patrons can choose Things from a variety of categories: Tech, Tools, Crafts, Fitness, Yard Games, Gardening, Kitchen, Office, Sports, and Board Games. Items include a cordless drill, light therapy lamp, digital projector and screen, cake pans, corn hole set, and much more.

There are Things for patrons of all ages, but the items are divided into two tiers. Tier 1 items

can be checked out by any patron with a YDL card. Tier 2 items can only be checked out by YDL cardholders age 18 or older, due to safety and financial considerations. A one-time waiver must be signed before checking out Tier 2 items.

Expanding the LOT collection was an easy choice to make based on the popularity of the existing items and how many patrons had asked about adding more Things, said YDL’s Head of Acquisitions Sarah Zawacki.

“Part of YDL’s mission is to enrich lives and we think the LOT will do just that, in both fun and practical ways,” Zawacki said. “We’re excited to introduce the collection to our patrons and continue to grow it over the years.”

# BROWSING IS BACK ON THE BOOKMOBILE

In April, the Bookmobile returned to its regular route schedule with longer stops for patron browsing. Now running from 4–8pm Monday–Thursday, the Bookmobile will stay at each stop for 35 minutes.

Patrons can come inside for browsing or continue to place holds and pick them up outside. There are capacity limits in place to maintain social distancing, so you may be asked to briefly wait your turn on board. Masks and hand sanitizer are available.

For the full route schedule and map, visit [ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile](https://ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile).



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overall tax burden or provide enough income to support specific services,” said Smith. “In addition, fines are shown to have the greatest negative impact on those that need the free services of the library the most.”

Fines have traditionally been a very small fraction of YDL’s total revenue. The addition of an auto-renewal system has also made it easier to manage materials returns (see sidebar).

Statistics on the impact of the move to fine-free will be included in future YDL annual reports, as

well as YDL’s website and social media feeds.

“We’ll see lots of data about the logistical and financial impacts of going fine-free,” said Hoenig. “But we hope the positive impact across our community will resonate more than anything else.”

## Auto-renewals

This spring, YDL patrons were set up for auto-renewal for all checked out items. How it works:

- Items are renewed one day prior to their due date.
- Your items will automatically renew up to 5 times unless someone else has requested it.

Don’t want auto-renewal? No problem! Just give us a call at 734-482-4110 ext 2410 or ask at the circulation desk.

# NEW SUPERIOR BUILDING TAKING SHAPE

Things have come a long way at the site of the new YDL-Superior building. Construction milestones include:

- Roofing complete
- Concrete slab in place
- Solar panels ordered and permit application complete
- Attic and subceiling insulation and drywall complete

- Wall framing complete and door frames installed
- Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems have passed rough inspections
- Exterior facade work has started
- Interior drywall in progress

Community support has been tangible for this project, which is more than a decade in the making. Public officials and community members saw the construction progress first-hand at sneak-

peek Hard Hat parties in April. Around that same time, we reached our \$100,000 fundraising challenge match and entered into the last phase of the Next Chapter Capital Campaign.

To stay on top of construction progress, visit [ypsilibrary.org/our-new-library](https://ypsilibrary.org/our-new-library). We can still use your help! To contribute to the Next Chapter campaign, visit [ypsilibrary.org/nextchapter](https://ypsilibrary.org/nextchapter).



# Jun - Aug Events

Request any time

## YPSIWITES VIRTUAL WRITING SUPPORT

Virtual

Have your writing reviewed by an YpsiWrites Virtual consultant. Get feedback on any type of writing, along with strategies for development and revision. Visit [ypsiwrites.com](https://ypsiwrites.com) for instructions on how to schedule a video meeting or submit a piece of writing for review.



Jun 1–30

### BLACK VOICES OF DIGNITY

During regular hours at YDL-Whittaker

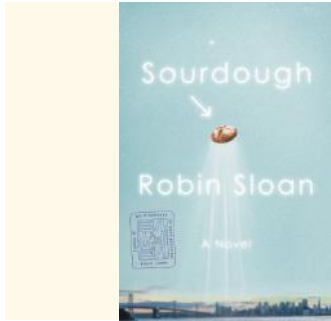
This display is a glimpse into the African-American experience. The images tell compelling stories of the struggles, strengths, triumphs, and hopes of an oppressed people. Find the display on the 2nd floor of YDL-Whittaker.

Jun 2

### THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Join us once a month for lively discussions of a variety of books. Copies of the book are available at YDL-Whittaker one month before the discussion date. Email Sheila at [skonen@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:skonen@ypsilibrary.org) with questions. **Jun 2:** *Sourdough: A Novel* by Robin Sloan



Jun 2, Jul 7, Aug 4

### TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6–8)

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

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

**Jun 2:** *If You're Reading This, It's Too Late* by Pseudonymous Bosch

**Jul 7:** *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

**Aug 4:** *The Lost Heir* by Tui Sutherland

Registration required:

Email [mitchell@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:mitchell@ypsilibrary.org).

Jun 3

### FIRST FRIDAY - PRIDEZONE

6:00pm–8:00pm | YDL-Michigan

In honor of LGBTQ+ Pride Month and First Fridays, Ozone House's PrideZone will have an inclusive celebration of LGBTQ+ culture for teens and young adults, ages 12–24. Rainbow activities, swag, food, and free books will be available for teens. Want to be on stage to perform in a poetry slam or sing/dance? This is your chance! Email [joy@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:joy@ypsilibrary.org) if you're interested in performing. Held in the Library Plaza, brought inside in the case of rain.

Jun 4

### LIVE HERE NOW

5:30–7:30pm | Fireman's Park

Join Superior Township Parks & Recreation, A2SF, YDL, YCS, and other partners for a free outdoor concert. There will be games and meals for kids, and a mixer for Washtenaw County Black small business owners. The concert will feature music from The Gabriel Brass Band. For more details, call the Superior Township Parks & Recreation Department at (734) 480-5502.

Jun 7 &amp; 21; Jul 19; Aug 2 &amp; 16

### TEEN BOOK CLUB

5:00pm–6:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Enjoy the company of others while discussing a monthly book. You can attend in-person or view virtually. Email [nrussell@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:nrussell@ypsilibrary.org) to register.

Mondays, Jun 6–Aug 15

### SPORTPORT (FORMERLY Y ON THE FLY)

3:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Trained coaches offer games, activities, and healthy snacks to children between the ages of 5–13 outside at the library! Parents check in their child the first time they participate; after this, children can check themselves in. In case of inclement weather this event will be canceled. Questions? Contact Jermaine Wells at 313-574-9790 or [jwells@annarbormca.org](mailto:jwells@annarbormca.org).

Tuesdays, Jun 7–Aug 16

### SPORTPORT (FORMERLY Y ON THE FLY)

3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Same as Monday description.



Jun 8; Jul 13; Aug 10

### FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: STEPPING STONES, ORIGAMI MOBILES, PAINTED TOTE BAGS

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Spend time as a family exploring art-based activities. Children of all ages welcome; accompanying adult preferred. Register online. Please indicate total number of people attending.

**Jun 8:** Make a concrete stepping stone with mosaic tiles.

**Jul 13:** Make an origami mobile.

**Aug 10:** Decorate a tote bag using fabric paint and a sticker stencil.



Jun 23; Jul 28; Aug 25

### PRIDEZONE

6:00pm | YDL-Michigan

PrideZone is a social and support group for youth ages 12–24 who identify as LGBTQ+. It is a safe place to socialize, build community, and have fun in an open, queer space. Help plan events like board game night, movie night, and craft nights. Young adults and youth will meet in separate locations in the library in order to be able to meet and converse with those closer to their own age. PrideZone also meets other Thursdays of the month at Ozone House. If you are interested in getting involved, please email [pridezone@ozonehouse.org](mailto:pridezone@ozonehouse.org) or call 734-662-2222. Sponsored by Ozone House.



Jun 9 &amp; 23; July 14 &amp; 28; Aug 11

### READ TO PADDINGTON THE LIBRARY DOG

6:00pm–7:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Reading to a Therapap dog helps children develop confidence and become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot with Paddington. Registration Required. Email [mitchell@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:mitchell@ypsilibrary.org).



Jun 10 &amp; 17; Jul 1 &amp; 15; Aug 5 &amp; 19

### FRIDAY WALKING CLUB (55+)

10:30am | 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. Questions? Call (734) 482-4110 x2411.



Jun 11

### SUMMER CHALLENGE KICK OFF

1:00pm–4:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Kick off the Summer Challenge with a blow-up obstacle course, spiral art, giant games and bubbles, and more. Food Gatherers will be on hand to grill hot dogs and hamburgers (and veggie options) for kids 18 and under. Sign up for the Summer Challenge while you're there to read, learn, explore, and win prizes all summer. Read more about the Summer Challenge on Page 2.

Jun 11 &amp; 25; Jul 9 &amp; 23; Aug 13 &amp; 27

### YDL GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS

10:00am | YDL-Michigan

Meet, jam, share, eat, and ROCK on the world's most popular instrument! 18+ and all stringed instruments are welcome (except for lyres and zithers; autoharps have been approved).



Jun 12

### NATIVE PLANT SWAP

1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join the Washtenaw County Conservation District for a native plant swap at the library. All gardeners are welcome whether or not you bring a (labeled) plant to "pass." Want to help weed and install extra plants along the edges of the detention basin and/or pollinator garden? Bring gloves and a trowel! Hosted by the Washtenaw County Conservation District and the Washtenaw County Water Resource Office.

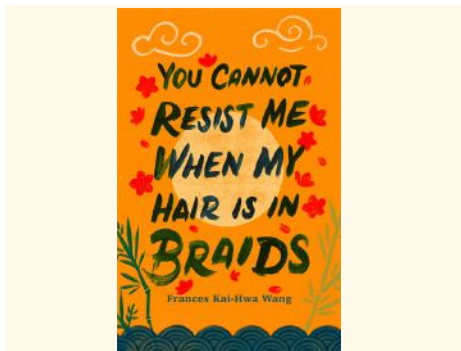


Jun 12

### BOOK TALK FEATURING FRANCES KAI-HWA WANG: YOU CANNOT RESIST ME WHEN MY HAIR IS IN BRAIDS

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Author Frances Kai-Hwa Wang reads from her new book *You Cannot Resist Me When My Hair Is In Braids*. The book features a clear and powerful voice that brings all people together in these political and pandemic times. Ms. Wang will have copies of *You Cannot Resist Me When My Hair Is In Braids* available for purchase after her talk and light refreshments will be served.

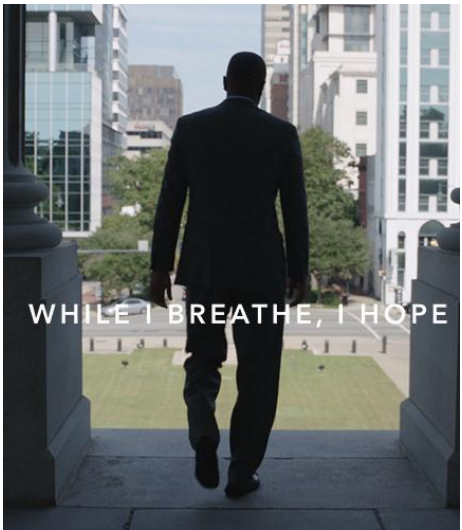


Jun 12

### SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM: WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE: A FILM ABOUT BAKARI SELLERS

2:00pm | Virtual

This month's screening will explore what it means to be a young, Black Democrat in the American South. *While I Breathe, I Hope* follows South Carolina politician Bakari Sellers as he campaigns to become the first African American candidate elected statewide in over a century. After the viewing, La'Ron Williams, local storyteller and peace activist, will facilitate an open, honest discussion about race and racism.



Tuesdays, Jun 14–Aug 2

### OUTDOOR EXPLORERS

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Discover what's happening in the natural areas around the library. Different activities each week, from a tree walk to picking and cooking what's growing in the garden.



Jun 14 &amp; 28; Jul 12 &amp; 26; Aug 9 &amp; 23

### TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker &amp; YDL-Michigan

Join TAG and 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, and meet new friends! Fill out the application at [ypsilibrary.org/tag](https://ypsilibrary.org/tag) to participate.



Wednesdays, Jun 15–Aug 3

### CREATIVE AGING SERIES WITH DEBRA GOLDEN - ACRYLIC PAINTING (55+)

1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Local artist Debra Golden will teach an eight-week course on the basics of acrylic painting, with an emphasis on dwellings and buildings. All materials provided. Geared for beginners, but all levels of experience are welcome. As a part of our Learning Never Gets Old Series, this program is for participants ages 55 and up. Register online.



Jun 15; Jul 20; Aug 17

### KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

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

**Jun 15:** *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters* by Lenore Look

**Jul 20:** *Ban This Book* by Alan Gratz

**Aug 17:** *Fly on the Wall* by Remy Lai

Registration required:

Email [mitchell@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:mitchell@ypsilibrary.org).

Wednesdays, Jun 15–Aug 3

### SUMMER STEAM

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Drop in for different art and science stations each Wednesday afternoon.

**Jun 15:** **Nature Art:** Collect items from nature to make suncatchers, stitch leaves, and add to a large collaborative mandala.

**Jun 22:** **Painting Party:** Try your hand at splatter, drip, and pendulum painting.

**Jun 29:** **DIY Fidgets:** We provide supplies and inspiration so you can make your own fidgets to take home.

**Jul 6:** **STEM Blast:** Design your own pom pom launcher and use a chemical reaction to burst a bag.

**Jul 13:** **Dinosaur Lost World:** Dig for dinosaurs, make a fossil, erupt a volcano, and more.

**Jul 20:** **Slime and Similar:** Make gooey things such as slime, playdoh, and oobleck!

**Jul 27:** **Rock Painting:** Learn rock painting techniques. Take your art home, help decorate our garden, or hide kindness rocks for others to find.

**Aug 3:** **Legos:** Learn to code with our Lego WeDo sets, and take our Lego challenges.



Jun 16

### CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM - AUGUST PRIMARY

7:00pm | Ypsilanti Senior Center at

1015 N Congress St.

YDL and the League of Women Voters will be holding an in-person candidates forum where residents can learn about the political positions and ask questions of the two candidates for city council in Ward 3 in the August Primary: Marc Arthur and Desirae Simmons. This forum will also be livestreamed. Information about how to submit questions at library locations will be listed on the library's event page.

Thursdays, Jun 16–Aug 4

### MOVE!

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Explore different kinds of movement every week.

Jun 16: Yoga

Jun 23: World Dance

Jun 30: Yoga

Jul 7: Breakdance with Mo Archer

Jul 14: Capoeira with Lobinho

Jul 21: Yoga

Jul 28: Creative Movement

Aug 4: World Dance



Jun 16; Jul 21; Aug 18

### SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

Jun 16; Jul 21; Aug 18

### THIRD THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB (18+)

7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker (except where noted)

Join us for creative projects fit for adult craft enthusiasts.

**Jun 16:** Create an insect garden stake

**Jul 21 (at YDL-Michigan):** Make a solar system diffuser bracelet

**Aug 18:** Make a glass etched candle holder



Fridays, Jun 17–Aug 5

### PLAY!

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join us on the lawn on Fridays for hands-on learning through play.

**Jun 17:** **Cardboard Carnival:** Design and build games to take home or free build with our supplies.

**Jun 24:** **Bubbles:** Outdoor fun with bubbles, music, orbeez, and foaming sidewalk chalk.

**Jul 1:** **Obstacle Courses:** Complete an obstacle course, then try your hand at making your own challenge with loose parts from nature.

**Jul 8:** **Pokemon Party:** Hunt for pokemon, trade cards, make your own cards, and play games.

**Jul 15:** **Water Play:** Experiment and explore water with sensory bins, a sprinkler, and Lego water wheel construction.

**Jul 22:** **Earth Art:** Be an eco-artist in our mud kitchen. Play with earth paint and natural paintbrushes.

**Jul 29:** **Family Field Day:** Come play classic lawn games like ring toss and corn hole with your family.

**Aug 5:** **End-of-Summer Celebration:** Cool treats, games, and a scavenger hunt to cap off summer programs at YDL-Whittaker.



Jun 18

### SHAKE, RATTLE, AND ROLL: MOVEMENT AND MUSIC FOR LITTLE ONES

10:30am | YDL-Superior

Join us outside the building for dancing, shaking, and wiggling. Little ones will get to use a variety of items that encourage motion, creativity, and noise.

Jun 18

### WASHTENAW AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY VIRTUAL MEETING

10:30am | Virtual

Washtenaw African American Genealogy Society provides a welcoming environment for those interested in learning genealogy tips, techniques, and historical facts in order to efficiently trace their ancestry. All skill levels welcome. Meetings will be virtual until further notice. Email Joy Cichewicz at [joy@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:joy@ypsilibrary.org) for your Zoom invitation.



Jun 21

### DIY RESIN COASTERS (Teens)

3:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Create your own coaster using local flora, fauna and other found items! Supplies provided. Teens can also take a short outdoor walk around the library to find inspiration.



Jun 21; Jul 19; Aug 16

### GRAPHIC NARRATIVE CLUB: VISUAL BOOK CLUB

7:30pm | Ypsi Alehouse

Adult readers meet at the Ypsi Alehouse to discuss graphic narratives – from ancient hieroglyphs to modern Manga and everything in between. Pick up the book in advance at YDL-Michigan.

**Jun 21:** *Seek You* by Kristen Radtke

**Jul 19:** *The True Story of a Mouse Who Never Asked for It* by Ana Cristina Herrerus

**Aug 16:** *The Lost Boy* by Greg Ruth

Jun 21; Jul 19; Aug 2

### TEEN BOOK SWAP (HOSTED BY THE TEEN ADVISORY GROUP)

4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Looking for something different to read instead of what's on your shelf? Bring your gently used books to the TAG exchange. Have a snack, make a craft, get different books, and meet others.

Tuesdays, Jun 21–Jul 26

### LNGO FITNESS WITH GERALDINE POWELL

12:00pm | 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. Register online.



Jun 22

### MAYORAL CANDIDATES FORUM - AUGUST PRIMARY

7:00pm | Ypsilanti Senior Center at

1015 N Congress St.

YDL and the League of Women Voters will be holding an in-person candidates forum where residents can learn about the political positions and ask questions of the three candidates for mayor of Ypsilanti in the August Primary: Lois Allen-Richardson, Nicole Brown, and Anthony Morgan. This forum will also be livestreamed. Information about how to submit questions at library locations will be coming.

Jun 22; Jul 27; Aug 24

### GARDEN QUESTIONS? ASK THE MASTER GARDENER!

5:00pm–7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

How does your garden grow? Not as well as you hoped? Get help from Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck on the 4th Wednesday of every month this summer from 5–7 pm. Carol will be out on the patio (or at a table in the lobby if the weather isn't cooperating) to answer your garden questions.



Jun 23; Jul 7 &amp; 21; Aug 4 &amp; 18

### GARDEN SERIES AT THE LIBRARY

11:30am | YDL-Michigan

Join us for activities centered around our community garden. Learn, create, taste, and enjoy the garden with a variety of hands-on experiences.



**Wednesdays, Jun 29-Aug 3****HEALTHY HABITS START NOW****1:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

This educator-led program begins with a story time, followed by a food tasting or fitness activity that connects the story to the food/activity and our everyday lives. The Healthy Habits Start Now program is organized by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

**Jun 29; Jul 13 & 27****DO-IT-YOURSELF DATABASE SERIES****7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Discover new knowledge while learning how to use YDL's free databases. Then, apply your database know-how to learn other skills.

**Jun 29:** Battling ticks with the Medline Plus database

**Jul 13:** Learn Smart Thermostats with Consumer Reports and the Home Improvement Resource Center

**Jul 27:** Research stocks with the Value Line database

**Jun 29; Jul 27; Aug 31****VIRTUAL MYSTERY LOVER'S BOOK GROUP****2:00pm | Virtual**

Calling all mystery lovers! Check out a new mystery title each month.

**Jun 29:** *Sacred Clowns* by Tony Hillerman

**Jul 27:** *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Penny

**Aug 31:** *Death in a Strange Country* by Donna Leon

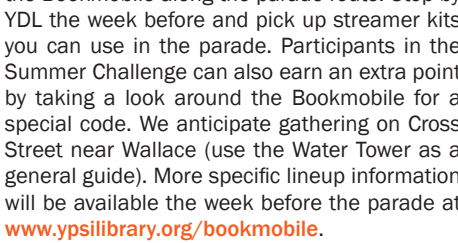
For more information or help using Zoom, please contact Paula Drummond: [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

**Jul 1****DRUMMUNITY!****6:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Join percussionist Lori Fithian for a Drummunity Circle. She'll bring the drums, you get to play them. Fun for the whole family! One of many First Friday events around Ypsilanti.

**Jul 4****YPSILANTI INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE****11:00am-12:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Celebrate the 4th of July by joining the YDL Bookmobile at Ypsilanti's Independence Day Parade! On Monday, July 4, bring your bike, wagon, or your walking shoes to help showcase the Bookmobile along the parade route. Stop by YDL the week before and pick up streamer kits you can use in the parade. Participants in the Summer Challenge can also earn an extra point by taking a look around the Bookmobile for a special code. We anticipate gathering on Cross Street near Wallace (use the Water Tower as a general guide). More specific lineup information will be available the week before the parade at [www.ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile).

**Jul 9****MOVIES ON THE GREEN****8:00pm | Dixboro Village Green; 5221 Church St.**

Join Superior Township Parks & Recreation for a family friendly movie under the stars! Playground games for the kids start at 8:00pm followed by a movie for the whole family to enjoy at 9:30pm. Bring your own picnic blankets, chairs, snacks, and coolers. No alcohol allowed. This event is sponsored in part by Destination Ann Arbor, Dixboro Village Green, and Dixboro United Methodist Church. For more details, call the Superior Township Parks & Recreation Department at (734) 480-5502.

**Jul 11****STORYTELLING THROUGH MUSIC****2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Students from Center Stage Strings, an MPulse program at the University of Michigan, will show how classical music conveys stories and emotion at this performance for families featuring the violin, viola, and cello.

**Jul 12****TEA TIME WITH TEENS****3:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

Love finding new recipes? Join us for making different teas and cookies using ingredients you might not expect! We'll be trying different types of teas, lemonades, and sweets. Supplies will be provided. A prize will be awarded for the favorite recipe of the day!

**Jul 15****CONSTRUCT, BUILD, AND DIG****10:30am | YDL-Superior**

Little ones can construct with different building materials, get dirty with digging tools, and show off their building skills. The program will conclude with a group walk down the street to the site of the new Superior Library building. Children will need to be accompanied by their adult.

**Jul 18****STORYTELLING WITH SANDY****2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Join Sandy of Wild Swan Theater for an hour of stories, laughs, and surprises! Kids and adults alike will find themselves delighted by Sandy's unique and engaging style of sharing stories.

**Jul 28****HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY****6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter. Science can provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, and learn how to incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Register online.

**Aug 6****EXPLORE A FIRE TRUCK AND LEARN FIRE SAFETY****3:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

The Ypsilanti Fire Department will bring a fire truck to the library and talk about fire safety, with hand-outs, including your own firefighter's hat to take home.

**Aug 9****DIY PLANTS AND POTS (Teens)****3:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

Design and create your own mini planter using various supplied materials, tools, and creative inspiration. Plants will also be provided to take home!

**Aug 11****SENIOR LIVING WEEK - HOUSING BUREAU FOR SENIORS****11:00am - 2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Pick up freebies and information and learn about Senior Living Week (October 16-22) with representatives of the Housing Bureau for Seniors.

**Aug 13****DOCUMENT SHREDDING****10:00am-1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Bring up to four copy paper boxes or grocery bags of documents for shredding. Binders and large binder clips must be removed; staples, paper clips, and rubber bands are OK. No plastic bags or water damaged materials. Donations will be accepted by the Friends of YDL to help offset the cost of this event. Limited to residents of the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township. Funded in part by a Washtenaw County Waste Reduction Sponsorship.

**Aug 13****MOVIES IN THE PARK****8:00pm | Oakbrook Park; 8460 Berkshire Dr.**

Join Superior Township Parks & Recreation for a family friendly movie under the stars! A family friendly game of kickball starts at 8, followed by a movie for the whole family to enjoy at 9:00pm. Bring your own picnic blankets, chairs, snacks, and coolers. No alcohol allowed. This event is sponsored in part by Destination Ann Arbor. For more details, call the Superior Township Parks & Recreation Department at (734) 480-5502.

**Aug 20****YCS FACE CONFERENCE AND BACK TO SCHOOL BASH****8am-3pm | Ypsilanti Community High School and Shadford Field**

Attend workshops and hear guest speakers meant to help parents prepare for the new school year. Then, attend an afternoon filled with food, music, and games for the entire family! See page 8 for more details.

**Aug 20****SEED SAVING FOR BEGINNERS****10:30am | YDL-Whittaker**

Join Darby Anderson from the MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center to learn about saving seeds. When you grow and save your own seeds, you develop seed stock that is well suited to our local climate, and you save money! Become a seed saver, grow your own plants, and consider donating your extra seeds to the YDL Seed Library that benefits our community.



# TECH HELP

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

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

**Jun 4, 10:30am; Jul 7, 6:30pm; Aug 3, 2:00pm****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.

**Jun 7, 2:00pm; Jul 13, 10:30am****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.

**Jun 8, 10:30am; Jul 9, 2:00pm; Aug 4, 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.

**Jun 9 & Aug 2, 2:00pm; Jul 9, 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.

**Jun 14, 2:00pm; Jul 20 & Aug 6, 10:30am****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, and basic troubleshooting. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

**Jun 15, 10:30am; Jul 23, 2:00pm; Aug 11, 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.

**Jun 16 & Aug 9, 2:00pm; Jul 23, 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.

**Jun 16 & Jul 19, 6:30pm; Aug 17, 10:30am****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.

**Jun 18, 10:30am; Jul 14, 6:30pm; Aug 10, 2:00pm****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.

**Jun 21 & Jul 7, 2:00pm; Aug 13, 10:30am****GOOGLE SHEETS FOR BEGINNERS (Adult)****Virtual**

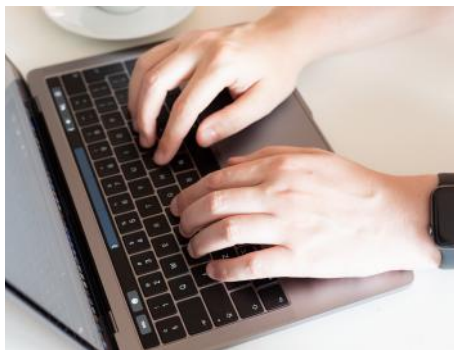
Learn to enter and edit data, format cells, and create simple formulas. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a spreadsheet. A Google (or Gmail) account is required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

**Jun 21 & Aug 18, 6:30pm; Jul 30, 2:00pm****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.

**Jun 22, 2:00pm; Jul 21 & Aug 2, 7:00pm****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.

**Jun 23, 6:30pm; Jul 27, 10:30am; Aug 13, 2:00pm****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.

**Jun 25, 10:30am; Jul 12, 7:00pm; Aug 17, 2:00pm****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.

**Jun 25, 2:00pm; Aug 9, 7:00pm****GOOGLE DRIVE - BASICS****YDL-Whittaker**

With a Google account, Google Drive provides access to free web-based applications for creating documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and more. Learn how to navigate Google Drive's interface. You will learn how to create, store, organize, access, and share your files/folders online. 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.

**Jun 28 & Jul 14, 2:00pm; Aug 20, 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.

**Jun 29 & Jul 30, 10:30am; Aug 16, 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.

**Jun 29, 2:00pm; Jul 28, 7:00pm****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.

**Jul 27, 2:00pm; Aug 16, 6:30pm****EMAIL - 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) 482-4110 x2411.



# STORYTIMES

**Mondays, Jun 13-Aug 1****JUMPSTART KINDERGARTEN****10:30am | YDL-Whittaker**

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

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Jun 14-Aug 3****DISCOVERY TIME (Ages 2-4)****10:30am | YDL-Whittaker**

Learn a variety of preschool readiness skills, from ABCs to kindness, at fast-paced storytimes filled with music, movement, fingerplays, and books. Hear stories and sing along, then engage in play-based activities. Attend Tuesday OR Wednesday. Look for an empty mat when you arrive to know where to sit with your child. We'll be outside when the weather permits!

**Thursdays, Jun 16-Aug 4****BABY TIME: PRE-WALKER STORYTIME****10:30am | YDL-Whittaker**

Meet other parents and babies during a short storytime, followed by our tummy-time play and social time.

**Thursdays, Jun 16 - Aug 4****PRESCHOOL STORYTIME****10:30am | YDL-Michigan**

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

**Fridays, Jun 17-Aug 5****READ SING PLAY (Ages 1-3)****10:30am | 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. We'll be outside when weather permits!

**Saturdays, Jun 18; Jul 16 & 30****MARKET STORYTIME****10:00am | YDL-Whittaker**

Find us at the Ypsi Depot Town Farmer's Market for stories, songs, and play! June 18 will be Pride Storytime at the Market, where we'll have songs, crafts, and stories of diversity, acceptance, love, friendship, and all the colors of the rainbow.

**Saturdays, Jun 25; Jul 9 & 23; Aug 13****STORYTIME AT THE PARK****11:00am | Area Parks**

Enjoy storytime outside, then play at the park! Offered in partnership with the Downtown Development Association, City of Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti Township Parks.

**Jun 25:** Ford Heritage Park

**Jul 9:** Riverside Park

# LEARNING DOESN'T STOP IN SUMMER

## SCHOOLS MAKE SUMMER LEARNING COOL

Over the summer, local schools work hard to make sure students continue learning and growing outside of the classroom.

### READING IN THE PARK

What's better than reading? Reading outside! YDL and Lincoln Consolidated Schools partner each year for Reading in the Park, where Pre-K through 5th graders can come for special storytimes. Each event has a special theme and features guest readers, snacks, make & take crafts, free books, and (of course) YDL librarians and SWAG. Keep an eye out for a code to log for the Summer Challenge!



The sessions are held at Splitter Park, next to the Lincoln Middle School tennis courts, and will take place from 6–7pm on June 14 and August 9. You can visit the Lincoln Schools website ([www.lincolnk12.org](http://www.lincolnk12.org)) or follow them on social media for event updates.

### GRIZZLY LEARNING CAMP

Ypsilanti Community Schools hosts the Grizzly Learning Camp each summer. Registration is closed for this year's camp, but future summers will include similar activities and opportunities. Preschoolers explore symmetry in nature. Middle school students learn about the stock market. High school students try out careers with paid internships in auto body shops, dentists' offices, restaurants, and more.

"Project-based learning makes lessons engaging and dynamic — and are designed to solve a problem with creativity and innovation," Superintendent Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross said in an



interview with *Metro Parent Magazine*.

Students also take field trips to explore local community sites and resources, and the program



includes transportation, breakfast, lunch, and a snack. Going forward, the goal is for the camp to accommodate each student in the district and give kids and teachers yet another reason to love learning. Learn more about future camps at [ycschools.us](http://ycschools.us).

## YCS SUMMER CELEBRATIONS



Looking for outdoor summer fun? Ypsilanti Community Schools hosts the 6th Annual Jazz in the Parking Lot on Friday, July 22. This year features Detroit jazz duo Gwen and Charles Scales and Sherry Hawkins from Dance With Elegance, who will teach the newest hustle dance.

The festivities start at 6 p.m at Ypsilanti Community High School's Shadford Field, supported by various community partners including Vann Companies, Chartwells, and Old National Bank. Small business vendors and organizations, including YDL, will have booths for guests to visit at this free event. Get food from Ypsilanti vendors, including Lot G, Nora D'z and Jimma's BBQ.

Ypsilanti Community Schools is also coordinating their annual YCS Back to School Bash with the Family and Community Empowerment (FACE) Conference on Saturday, August 20, at the main campus of Ypsilanti Community High School and Shadford Field. From 8am–12pm, attend

workshops and hear guest speakers meant to help parents prepare for the new school year. Then, from 12–3:00pm, attend an afternoon filled with food, music, and games for the entire family! Students will receive a free backpack, school supplies, and free haircuts. YCS will also have enrollment kiosks available to enroll any student for the start of the school year.



## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

**June 1**

LCS Honors Convocation

**June 3**

LCS High School Graduation

**June 8**

YCS High School Graduation; LCS Final exams - ½ day for LCS grades 6–11

**June 9**

LCS Final exams - ½ day for LCS grades 6-11

**June 10**

Last Day of School (½ day) LCS and YCS

**June 14**

LCS Reading in the Park

**July 22**

YCS Jazz in the Parking Lot

**August 9**

LCS Reading in the Park

**August 20**

YCS FACE Conference and Back to School Bash

## STAY ACTIVE ALL SUMMER WITH YDL

It's important for kids to engage in hands-on activities. It helps pique their interest and make them want to learn and discover more. Staying active mentally and physically in the summer means they'll be eager to keep learning when they go back to school in the fall.

For some kids, summer means camps or summer school. YDL's Outreach team partners with as many camps and school programs as possible to provide access to books and STEAM activities. YDL also offers activities throughout the summer for those who aren't in a structured summer program. Through storytimes, Summer Challenge activities (see page 2), and more, we help youth of all ages keep their bodies and minds in shape for when school returns.

Morning storytimes and sensory play help little ones build the skills they need to be ready for kindergarten. For school-aged kids, YDL has a wide range of activities in the afternoons—from dance to exploring nature to STEAM—and every Friday we'll play outside at YDL-Whittaker! Teens can earn volunteer hours and hang out to meet friends, use computers, and attend workshops planned by the Teen Advisory Group.

Don't forget to log each program you attend in your Summer Challenge account for a digital badge worth chances at prizes! Watch the events calendar for details. Use this bingo challenge to get started toward your first Summer Challenge badge.

### SUMMER CHALLENGE GAME



Complete three activities to make bingo—horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. Log your activity in your Summer challenge account to earn a badge.

Make a bracelet or wreath out of grasses, weeds, and flowers you find outside.

Write positive messages or draw on a sidewalk to bring happiness to passers-by.

Build a fort, inside or outside, and read inside.

Create an obstacle course inside or out with things you find and challenge someone to see if they can get through it faster than you.

Take a leaf census. How many different types of leaves can you find on a walk around your block?

Find 8 things that are blue and arrange them in a pretty picture.

Secretly do something nice for someone you live with or a neighbor.

Go outside on a clear night to stargaze. Look for pictures in the stars and write a short story about what you see.

Find something heart shaped in nature.

## CHOOSING THE BEST SCHOOL FIT

If your child is starting kindergarten, or your family has moved, it can be challenging trying to find the best school for your needs.

Vicki Coury, Communications & Information Services Director at Lincoln Consolidated Schools, recommends attending a school's building info nights, meeting the staff, and touring the buildings to get a feel for the right program for each individual child.

Courtesy of [GreatSchools.org](http://GreatSchools.org), here are some key questions you can ask to identify which school is the best fit for your family.

**1 Does the school fit with your daily routine?** Check out school start times, bus schedules, and free lunch policies to make sure you can adapt easily to the school schedule.

**2 How big are the classrooms?** Find out how many students are in a typical class and how much support the teacher has. In grades K through 3, a student-teacher ratio over 22:1 can be considered large. Fourth grade and up, above 30:1 can be considered large. Find out what the tutoring opportunities are and what special instruction opportunities there are if that's a need for your child.

**3 What after-school activities are available?** Are there sports, art, music, or drama activities available? Will your child have the opportunity to explore a variety of interests? Make sure that culture fits with your family needs.

**4 What is the physical environment of the school?** If your child needs to run hard during recess or P.E., is there enough space for that? How are the classrooms set up? Does the environment seem safe and secure? Make sure you will feel comfortable with your child being in the space.

Most Washtenaw County School districts participate in School of Choice, which means most schools, including LCS and YCS, allow students from outside the district to apply. For more information about School of Choice in Washtenaw County, visit [www.washtenawisd.org/families-and-visitors/school-of-choice](http://www.washtenawisd.org/families-and-visitors/school-of-choice). For more questions to ask to find the best school fit, visit [greatschools.org](http://greatschools.org).



# MILLAGE PASSAGE EXPANDS MENTAL HEALTH HELP

*Mental health help is now accessible to everyone in Washtenaw County.*

In November 2017, Washtenaw County residents voted two-to-one in favor of an eight-year millage to fund mental health and public safety improvements. It gives more people access to the County's mental health services. Before the millage, Washtenaw County's community mental health agency (WCCMH) was limited to serving adults diagnosed with a serious mental illness, children diagnosed with a severe emotional disturbance, and individuals diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Millage funding now allows WCCMH to provide services to all residents of Washtenaw County who may be in need. WCCMH can also connect residents to local providers best suited to meet their needs. All Washtenaw County residents can call WCCMH's 24/7 mental health and substance use treatment access line at 734-544-3050.

**Here's what happens when you call:**

1. Call center staff will ask who needs assistance—the caller, or the caller's child, parent, grandparent, student, parishioner, patient, or friend. All calls and callers are welcome.
2. Call center staff quickly determine the urgency

of the need. This allows them to immediately route crisis calls to the agency's 24/7 crisis response team, a group of mental health experts with advanced training in crisis situations, that is available to respond to community needs at any time.

3. Staff then ask callers for basic information about the person who needs assistance, including name, age, and location. This allows hotline staff to begin a confidential health record, which is required for program and service referrals.
4. To best help callers, staff may also ask about symptoms and mood, history of mental health or substance use concerns, and more. This allows staff to provide relevant information and resources and to refer callers to the community or agency resources they need, such as peer-support specialists, group or individual counseling, or licensed psychiatrists who can prescribe medications.

Please note, call center staff are required to ask about insurance status, but no Washtenaw County resident will be denied service based on insurance status, ability to pay, or immigration status. Callers do not need insurance, citizenship, or money to access mental health or substance use treatment services. Call 734-544-3050 or visit [washtenaw.org/millage](https://washtenaw.org/millage) for more information.

**For providing care TO EVERYONE**

Thanks to millage funding, I don't have to worry about my client's health insurance. I know they'll get the care they need.

COREY TELIN  
DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, PACKARD HEALTH

24/7 MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE SUPPORT  
734-544-3050  
[washtenaw.org/millage](https://washtenaw.org/millage)

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health

## BECOME A FOSTER GRANDPARENT



If you are a senior age 55 or older who wants to help students learn and prosper, try becoming a Washtenaw County Foster Grandparent volunteer. Since the late 1960s, volunteers with the Foster Grandparent Program have provided mentorship and cultivated supportive relationships with children and youth throughout Washtenaw County. Foster Grandparents serve 20 hours a week in local schools, day cares, or Head Start centers and are matched with youth that need extra support. Income eligible seniors ages 55 and older can receive a tax-free stipend of \$240 per month, transportation assistance, and professional development/training opportunities.

To learn more about eligibility requirements and to apply, call 734-544-3040 or email [bowerssk@washtenaw.org](mailto:bowerssk@washtenaw.org). You can also visit [bit.ly/washtenawfgp](https://bit.ly/washtenawfgp).

## YPSILANTI'S BICENTENNIAL

Ypsilanti's Bicentennial is coming in 2023! The Bicentennial City Commission is hard at work planning a full year of Ypsilanti-inspired events and meaningful community gatherings to recognize Ypsilanti's 200th anniversary since its incorporation on April 22, 1823. Expect family-friendly entertainment,

historic-driven happenings, and even a few surprises, including opening the time capsule from the Ypsilanti Sesquicentennial in 1973! For more information and upcoming plans, visit the Facebook event page ([www.facebook.com/YpsiBicentennial](https://www.facebook.com/YpsiBicentennial)) or email [ypsibicentennial@gmail.com](mailto:ypsibicentennial@gmail.com).



# MAKING WASHTENAW COUNTY #HEALTHYTOGETHER



Are you wondering about the latest COVID-19 updates? Do you need HIV/STI testing, or birth control advice? Has it been a while since you've been able to visit the dentist? The Washtenaw County Health Department connects you with a variety of helpful resources.

1. **General help:** Clinical services are available by appointment (HIV/STI testing, vaccines, birth control, etc.). For most questions, including animal bites and COVID-19 questions, call 734-544-6700 or email [health@washtenaw.org](mailto:health@washtenaw.org).
2. **COVID-19 info:** Looking for information on COVID-19? Visit [washtenaw.org/covid19](https://washtenaw.org/covid19).
3. **Food help:** WIC provides food and other services for pregnant women and kids up to 5 years old, which is available to low and moderate income families. Call 734-544-6800 or email [washtenawcountywic@gmail.com](mailto:washtenawcountywic@gmail.com).
4. **Insurance help:** For help with health insurance, contact the Washtenaw Health Plan at 734-544-3030 or [whp@washtenaw.org](mailto:whp@washtenaw.org).
5. **Dental health:** Check out the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic. New patients can call 877-313-6232.
6. **Mental health:** Follow the #WishYouKnew youth mental health campaign on Instagram ([@wishyouknewwashtenaw](https://www.instagram.com/wishyouknewwashtenaw)).

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3. **Food help:** WIC provides food and other services for pregnant women and kids up to 5 years old, which is available to low and moderate income families. Call 734-544-6800 or email [washtenawcountywic@gmail.com](mailto:washtenawcountywic@gmail.com).
4. **Insurance help:** For help with health insurance, contact the Washtenaw Health Plan at 734-544-3030 or [whp@washtenaw.org](mailto:whp@washtenaw.org).
5. **Dental health:** Check out the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic. New patients can call 877-313-6232.
6. **Mental health:** Follow the #WishYouKnew youth mental health campaign on Instagram ([@wishyouknewwashtenaw](https://www.instagram.com/wishyouknewwashtenaw)).

7. **Support for new moms:** The Maternal Infant Health Program supports new moms with Medicaid - call 734-544-2984 or 734-544-9749 or ask your doctor for a referral. Children's Special Health Care Services helps pay for specialty medical bills and coordinates services for children and adults with certain eligible medical conditions - call 734-544-9700.

You can also follow the Washtenaw County Health Department on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or NextDoor to stay up to date on health in Washtenaw ([@wcpubhealth](https://www.facebook.com/wcpubhealth))!



## YPSI TOWNSHIP NEWS ROUNDUP

### THE JOHN E. LAWRENCE JAZZ FEST SERIES AT FORD LAKE PARK

Spend your Friday nights this summer swimming in jazz, courtesy of the Ypsilanti Township's John E. Lawrence Summer Jazz series. Each Friday between July 1–September 2 there will be free concerts at Ford Lake Park from 7–9pm, featuring Detroit Metro area jazz musicians. Visit [ytown.org](https://www.ytown.org) for more details.

### ROSIE THE RIVETER CRAFT SHOW AT NORTH BAY PARK

The popular Rosie the Riveter Craft Show returns this summer. July 23 from 10am–4pm, come to North Bay Park for over 100 craft booths, music, and delicious food truck vendors. You'll also find a kids' play area and door prizes. Email [rosieshow@ytown.org](mailto:rosieshow@ytown.org) for more information.

### SEASONAL JOB OPENINGS WITH THE TOWNSHIP

There are a number of Ypsilanti Township seasonal employment opportunities available. Visit [ytown.org](https://www.ytown.org) for full job descriptions and application forms.

### MASKS AND TEST KITS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS AT CIVIC AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

During regular operating hours, residents can pick up masks and test kits from both the Civic and Community centers in Ypsilanti Township.

### WORK STARTED ON THE HURON ST. BIKE PATH

The Huron Street bike path is well underway. For phase one, a bike path will be built on the west side of Huron Street from S. Huron River Drive to James L. Hart. On the east side of Huron Street, there's a path from James L. Hart to the MDOT Park & Ride Lot. Additionally, a trail will be built over I-94 connecting Ypsilanti Township to the City of Ypsilanti.

## FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Food Gatherers will once again sponsor several summer meal sites for kids and teens throughout Washtenaw County, and YDL is participating! The program begins at the end of June, and meals will be available for all kids and teens ages 18 and under. Individuals ages 26 and younger who are enrolled in educational programs for those with disabilities also qualify. YDL-Michigan is one of the meal sites, starting June 20 through August 5. See the Lunch @ the Library listing on page 5 for details. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP),

funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), exists to make sure kids have access to complete meals even when school is not in session. Last year, the SFSP distributed 55,520 meals to the community thanks to significant support from Toyota Research & Development, Ashley and Jon Oberheide, and Milk Means More. The most up-to-date schedule information can be found at [foodgatherers.org/summerfood](https://foodgatherers.org/summerfood) or by contacting the Food Gatherers team at 734-761-2796 or [summerfood@foodgatherers.org](mailto:summerfood@foodgatherers.org) with questions.



# CELEBRATE ART & DIVERSITY WITH YPSIWWRITES

YpsiWrites encourages you to write about art and diversity.

Through September, billboard-sized art will be on display at Riverside and Parkridge Community Center Parks in Ypsilanti, as well as Gallup Park and Leslie Science Center in Ann Arbor. The exhibit—which includes art by local artists—was assembled by Embracing Our Differences SE Michigan, a nonprofit that harnesses the power of art and education to celebrate diversity.

The goal of the partnership is to connect art and writing through the use of engaging writing prompts for all ages. For example, one activity encourages participants to write down words that come to mind as they walk around the exhibit, and use those words to create a poem.

The prompts are available through Embracing Our Differences (@ArtEOD) and YpsiWrites social media and through the YpsiWrites and Embracing

Our Differences websites. Print copies will be available in the parks during the summer months when guides are present. There will also be an opportunity to use the prompts as part of YDL's Summer Challenge.

Participants are encouraged to share their writings on social media to inspire others to reflect on the themes of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

“What I find most exciting about this project is the various ways that individuals will be encouraged to write about diversity in their lives and community,” says Beth Sabo, one of the volunteers who developed the prompts. “This will be a great opportunity for writers of all ages to connect with and explore this important topic.”

The art will remain in the parks through September 30. For more information on Embracing Our Differences Southeast Michigan, visit [eodmichigan.com](http://eodmichigan.com). Follow YpsiWrites on

Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on all YpsiWrites events. For additional resources or to volunteer, visit [ypsiwrites.com](http://ypsiwrites.com).



ART BY DANNA LOVE

## FIND MORE AT THE FRIENDS BOOK SHOP

You may have noticed there are more things to buy in the Friends Book Shop – and more ways to buy them. You can now purchase book-themed magnets in the shop



to show off your love of reading. Additionally, you can now pay for your purchases with a credit card!

The new selections and expanded payment options are available during regular hours and special book sales. The Fall Book Sale will be Sept. 22–25.

There are also plenty of ways to help the Friends, such as 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

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please fill out the application at [ypsilibrary.org/volunteer-at-thefriends-book-shop](http://ypsilibrary.org/volunteer-at-thefriends-book-shop).



## FREE BUS RIDES WITH YOUR YDL CARD

TheRide is taking part in this year's Summer Challenge (see page 2)! TheRide will again offer free rides on the weekend to library card holders. Just show your YDL card when you get on the bus. You'll earn a Summer Challenge badge and you'll be using an important community resource.

Public transit reduces our nation's emissions by 37 million metric tons annually. In addition, every \$1 spent on public transit is returned with \$5 in economic benefit. Public transit helps people get to jobs, giving businesses access to the entire workforce, and provides access to Washtenaw County's world-class health system. It connects our essential healthcare workers and patients who need them most.

Stay up to date on the latest news and long-term plan from TheRide by visiting [TheRide.org](http://TheRide.org).



WWW.YPSILIBRARY.ORG



### LOCATIONS & HOURS

YDL-WHITTAKER	YDL-MICHIGAN	YDL-SUPERIOR	YDL-BOOKMOBILE
5577 Whittaker Road Ypsilanti, MI 48197	229 West Michigan Avenue Ypsilanti, MI 48197	8795 MacArthur Blvd Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Ypsilanti, MI 48197
<b>HOURS</b> Mon-Thurs: 9am–9pm Fri and Sat: 10am–6pm Sun: 1–5pm	<b>HOURS</b> Mon-Thurs: 9am–9pm Fri and Sat: 10am–6pm	<b>HOURS</b> Locker pick up and curbside service	<b>HOURS</b> Mon–Thurs: 4–8pm

See the bookmobile's neighborhood route and schedule at [www.ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile](http://www.ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile)

Board meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. They are open to the public. Visit [ypsilibrary.org/board](http://ypsilibrary.org/board) for updated meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes.

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

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