



**YPSILANTI**  
DISTRICT  
LIBRARY



**2021**

**Annual Report**

# TURNING THE PAGE



Public libraries by definition are open and accessible to the general public, so staff were thrilled and relieved to welcome patrons back inside after our lengthy pandemic closure. Despite constantly changing Covid protocols, 2021 saw the creative expansion of many services, and the impactful conclusion of an ambitious 5-year strategic plan.

When YDL officially kicked off library construction in Superior Township, the excitement was palpable. With skyrocketing construction costs and supply chain uncertainties, fundraising became even more vital to the project. The Next Chapter Capital Campaign garnered grants and donations of more than \$1.4M to augment the \$3.5M committed to date by the Library Board. Thank you to our partners, donors and patrons for their generosity. We can't wait to open your new library!

Lisa Hoenig, Library Director

After more than a decade of anticipation, YDL finally broke ground on a new 7,800 square foot Superior Township library building. People across the community celebrated at the jubilant event on a beautiful day during National Library Week.

# THE NEXT CHAPTER

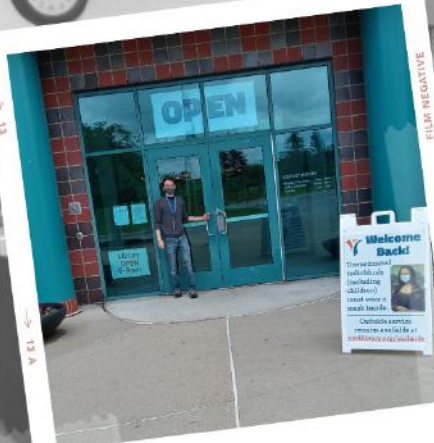


**As the Next Chapter Capital Campaign continued to fundraise, a 2:1 challenge match from the Young Family Foundation got crowdfunding off to a great start.**

# BACK TO BUSINESS

**JUNE 14**

Curbside Bookmobile service that began as an experiment in April was expanded.



**JUNE 21**

YDL-Whittaker reopened, ending a 14-month closure for COVID-19.



**JULY 6**

YDL-Michigan reopened for patron browsing, computer use, and printing.



**JULY 19**

Installed new lockers at YDL-Superior. Patrons scan their cards to get their materials.

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

YDL works with more than 50 non-profit and governmental partners to address current needs and issues in our community.



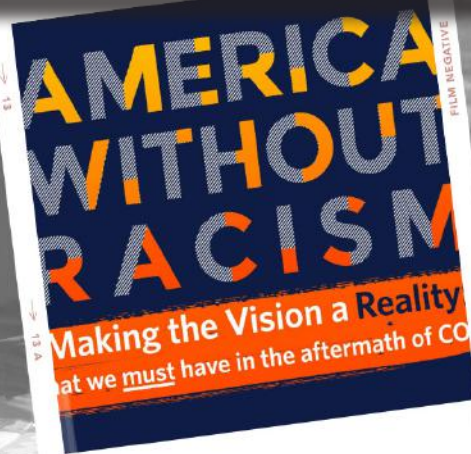
## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Over 17,000 pounds collected at our very first Electronics Recycling events.



## COVID-19 HELP

Distributed thousands of masks and test kits at all YDL locations, courtesy of the WCHD.



## ANTI-RACISM

More than 1,000 people attended a 2-day virtual conference we co-hosted with Washtenaw Faces Race in February.

# BOOSTING SERVICES

Prestigious grants helped us connect with more teens and expand TALK across Michigan.

*Text and Learn for Kindergarten offers fun activities to do at home that help prepare kids ages 5 and under for school success.*



## GROWING TEEN LEADERS

TAG members earned a \$24,000 Generator Z grant to support teen mental health. The funds helped us distribute more self-care kits, hire teen interns, and develop a podcast for teens.



## TALK EXPANSION

A \$242,640 IMLS grant expanded TALK to serve children across the state. More than 160 libraries were reaching over 2,000 families by the end of 2021.



# By the Numbers

99,422  
Patron  
Visits

25,691  
at YDL-  
Michigan  
(July-Dec)

56,892 at  
YDL-  
Whittaker  
(Jun 21-Dec)

15,839  
Curbside  
appts  
(Jan-Dec)

YDL-  
Whittaker  
235,853

133,117  
E-products

*eProduct usage was  
up more than 36,000*

Total  
Circulation  
432,789

Bookmobile  
1,326

YDL-  
Superior  
9,493

YDL-  
Michigan  
53,000

*Website visitors  
were up more than  
338,000 from 2020*

**10,819**  
people attended 906  
virtual and  
in-person events

**11,957**  
digital items  
added to the collection  
(7,180 added in 2020)

**1,169,258**  
website visitors



## FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE	FY 2020-2021	% of total
Property Taxes	\$5,549,456	94%
Penal Fines	\$113,205	2%
State Aid	\$71,964	1%
Interest & Other	\$41,482	1%
Grants, Donations, Friends of YDL	\$130,245	2%
Total Revenue	\$5,568,539 *	100%
EXPENDITURES	FY 2020-2021	% of total
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,759,666	68%
Library Materials	\$426,477	10%
Contractual	\$127,594	3%
Automation & Capital Outlay	\$242,375	7%
Utilities & Repairs	\$318,170	8%
Other	\$165,619	4%
Total Expenditures	\$4,039,901	100%

\* \$1.5M designated to Superior Library Building Fund