

# THE WAIT IS NEARLY OVER!

*YDL's new full-service Superior branch opens its doors this fall.*

To mark the transition from YDL's single room at 8795 MacArthur to our new 7,800 square foot space, we're hosting a **Community Book Brigade!** Help us pass books and DVDs hand-to-hand from the old library to the new library on **Saturday, October 8, from 2:00–4:00 p.m.** The more people participate, the more camaraderie and fun. This all-ages, sunshine-only event will symbolize what a true community effort the new building's construction has been. Please come show your support and lend a hand! Register online at [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events).

Since Superior Township joined the library district in 2006, a neighborhood branch has been a shared dream. The whole community is invited to celebrate this new beginning during **YDL-Superior's Grand Opening Week at 1900 Harris Road, November 14–19.**

Grand Opening Week will commence Monday, November 14 at 4pm with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will feature morning children's events, afternoon adult computer or fitness classes, and evening art, STEAM, and family engineering fun. Stay tuned for Friday's lineup. A family celebration will take place Saturday with stories, animals, theater, and fitness activities.

The new library building was designed by Dan Whisler of Daniels and Zermack Architects, who was also the project architect for YDL-Whittaker. Open and airy, with its own unique feel, the new YDL-Superior will be a gathering space and center for lifelong learning. Its location on Harris Road, just south of Geddes, puts everyone in the YDL district within a 10-minute drive of a full-service library.

Among the new building's highlights is a 50-seat community meeting room, which will be used for library and community events, presentations, and after school activities. An attached kitchenette will allow YDL to fully host our free summer lunch program in Superior Township for the first time. Two study rooms, equipped with virtual meeting technology, will each accommodate up to 4 people.

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### YDL-SUPERIOR

1900 Harris Rd  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

### HOURS (ONCE OPEN)

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

**Architect:** Daniels & Zermack Architects  
**Construction Manager:** O'Neal Construction  
**Branch Manager:** Mary Garboden

- 7,800 sq. ft
- 20 computers
- Large meeting room
- 2 group study rooms
- Over 15,000 volumes of material
- 46kw solar panels
- Bird-friendly glass
- Motawi tile fireplace
- Drive-up book return and after-hours lockers

## Grand Opening Sponsors



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In the old library, there were 7 computers that were always busy. The new facility boasts 20, along with free 24/7 wireless Internet access and charging ports. It has designated adult, teen, and youth areas for reading, gathering, studying, and learning, including a cozy fireplace, a student success center, and features that encourage interactive play and discovery. Outside the children's area you'll find a sizable patio space where we'll host outdoor activities. Beyond that, there's an accessible raised-bed learning garden to reinforce YDL's robust garden-to-table curriculum.

For your convenience, the new library offers a drive-up book return, as well as curbside pickup and after hours lockers.

Other special features include a 46 kilowatt solar array and bird-friendly glass—ask us for more information about these when you visit! We'll provide regular tours of the building in our first months of opening.

We can't wait to welcome you to your new library!

***There's still time to donate to this project! Trees and benches are a great sponsorship item, but gifts at all levels are appreciated. Help us reach our \$2M goal. We're almost there!***

## GENEROUS ESTATE GIFTS FUND MICHIGAN AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

### YDL-Michigan gets some TLC

Thank you to the estates of Grace Sweeney and David C. Boyd for granting YDL very generous gifts, totaling around \$80,000.

These gifts helped make several improvements possible at YDL-Michigan, which are complete or coming soon:

- New carpeting on the main floor
- Improved lighting and power upgrade in Library Plaza
- Basement lighting upgrade

The next issue of *The Loop* will feature Michigan Avenue, so stay tuned for more details to come!



## YDL HELP FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

During the pandemic, the number of families homeschooling their children more than doubled, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey. YDL is committed to supporting homeschool families in their educational journeys, so we're happy to introduce a Homeschool Help page on YDL's website.

The Homeschool Help page is in the Youth Services section of our website, and provides resources for families starting to explore homeschooling and those already on that journey. You'll find links to Michigan's homeschooling requirements, library resources, local homeschool groups, and community resources.

YDL has something for homeschoolers of all ages. Beginning September 29, connect with

other families each Thursday during our Love of Learning Club. You'll read a book and complete related activities. Play, sensory, and STEM kits, research databases, book club kits, and teen creative toolkits are available to enhance your learning. You can also schedule a tour behind the scenes at YDL-Whittaker to learn how libraries work!

Homeschooled high school students can find resources such as Khan Academy and free Harvard University classes to expand their knowledge. Help us improve our homeschooling resources by filling out our library use survey and completing our homeschool resources suggestion form at [ypsilibrary.org/interests/homeschool-help](https://ypsilibrary.org/interests/homeschool-help).



# FIND YOUR VOICE WITH YOUR YDL CARD

Your YDL card now has no fines attached, and there's no better time to get one!

This September, celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month by checking out all the perks that come with a YDL card, including our brand new Library of Things Collection.

Tony Award-winning performer, actress, singer-songwriter, and philanthropist Idina Menzel and her sister, author and educator Cara Mentzel, have been named honorary chairs of Library Card Sign-Up Month. They'll join the American Library Association (ALA)



and libraries nationwide to sing the praises of a library card. Also in September, the sisters' debut picture book, *Loud Mouse*, about a little mouse named Dee who loves to sing very loudly, will be released by Disney Hyperion.

"The library is a great place to find your voice," says Menzel.

The Library Card Sign-Up Month co-chairs want you to explore all the library has to offer, including new children's books, access to technology, and educational programming.

"The library is where your imagination sings," Cara Mentzel adds. "Get your library card and 'check it out' today."

# BANNED BOOKS WEEK

We're celebrating Banned Books Week (September 18 - 24) with a display in YDL-Whittaker's Community Room. Check out the display, then tell us your favorite challenged book and why.

Books are challenged for surprising reasons. *Dinosaurs Divorce* by Laurene Kransy Brown and Marc Brown was challenged for possibly creating anxiety for children of married couples. Bruce Coville's *My Teacher Glows in the Dark* was contested for including "farting" and "armpit farts" in the text. *Harry Potter* is continually challenged for promoting witchcraft.

Censorship is the suppression of ideas or information because a particular person or group of people does not like the idea in question. Censors believe that because they find a particular idea objectionable, no one should have access to information about that idea. Book challenges are often initiated with good intentions, but censorship is deeply concerning for public libraries.



Libraries are an open forum for the exchange of information, and restrictions to library materials conflicts with their founding principles.

"Libraries contain an enormous wealth of viewpoints and are responsible for making those viewpoints available," YDL Assistant Director Julianne Smith said. "Equitable access to information is a core value of librarianship."

YDL's Banned Books Week exhibit highlights the dangers of censorship to our communities, celebrates the free access to information that libraries provide, and illustrates with humorous



and thought-provoking displays how information restrictions in the library might look and feel.

"Join us in celebrating your freedom to read," said Smith. "It's easy to discover great books – banned or not – with your YDL card." YDL has recently gone fine-free, so if late fees kept you away, stop by any location to get yours. Learn more at [ypsilibrary.org/services/borrowing/library-cards/](https://ypsilibrary.org/services/borrowing/library-cards/).

# IT'S FALL BOOK SALE TIME!

Mark your calendars for September 22-25, and attend the Friends of YDL 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. Sept. 22 from 6-8pm will be a members only preview, but memberships, starting at \$10, 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 Sept. 25 there will be bags of books available for \$4, and some books will be sold for a reduced price.

## BOOK SHOP HOURS:

- Monday ..... 2pm – 8:00pm
- Tuesday ..... 6pm – 8:00pm
- Wednesday ..... 10am – 2:00pm
- Thursday ..... 10am – 4:00pm
- Friday ..... 10am – 2:00pm
- Saturday ..... 11am – 5:00pm
- Sunday ..... 2pm – 4:00pm



## Book Sale Hours:

- Thursday, Sept 22: 6-8pm (Members only preview sale)
- Friday, Sept 23: 11am-5pm
- Saturday, Sept 24: 11am-3pm
- Sunday, Sept 25: 1-4pm

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

# Sept - Nov Events

Request any time

## YPSIWITES VIRTUAL WRITING SUPPORT

Request any time | Virtual

Have your writing reviewed by an YpsiWrites virtual consultant. Get feedback on your writing and strategies for development and revision. Request help at <https://www.ypsiwrites.com/writing-support>.



Sept 1-14

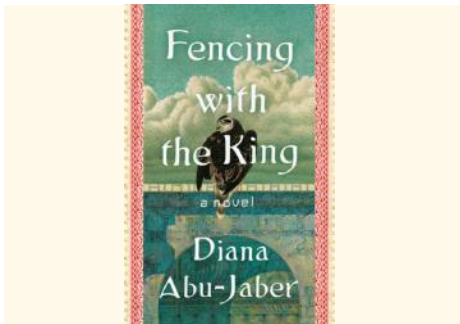
## SHAPE FINANCIAL PROGRAMMING @YDL

Virtual  
YDL wants to create programming to help you with your finances! Visit [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events) between September 1st-September 14th to complete a financial literacy quiz, then take our survey to help us determine which types of financial programming you would like to see at the library. The survey will also be available in a paper version at all library branches. Contact Robert at [neil@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:neil@ypsilibrary.org) or 734-482-4110 x1353 if you have ideas to share.

Thursday, Sept 1; Oct 6; & Nov 3

## THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker  
Join us once a month for interesting discussions of a variety of books. Please contact Sheila at [skonen@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:skonen@ypsilibrary.org) with questions.  
**Sept 1:** *Fencing with the King: a novel* by Diana Abu-Jaber \*\* The author will join the discussion via Zoom.  
**Oct 6:** *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells  
**Nov 3:** *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy



Thursday, Sept 1; Oct 6; & Nov 3, 2022

## TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6-8)

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan  
Join us for a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. Registration required. Email [mitchell@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:mitchell@ypsilibrary.org)  
**Sept 1:** *Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood  
**Oct 6:** *New Kid* by Jerry Craft  
**Nov 3:** *Ophie's Ghosts* by Justina Ireland

Sept 2 & 16; Oct 7 & 21; Nov 4 & 18

## FRIDAY WALKING CLUB (55+)

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker  
Exercise and socialize with a 30-minute walk along a path near the Whittaker Road Library. Questions? Call (734) 482-4110 x2411.



Tuesdays, Sept 6-Nov 29

## KNITTING PLUS

6:00pm | YDL-Michigan  
Meet with other yarnies and share your projects and ideas every Tuesday. Open to all, any handcraft welcome!



Wednesday, Sept 7; Oct 5; & Nov 2

## BEST/WORST/FORGOTTEN MOVIES SERIES

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Our first collection of movies will be from the 1980's. Join us to view one of the worst, one of the best, and one of the forgotten movies from the decade.

"The Worst" on 9/7: *Jaws: The Revenge*

"The Forgotten" on 10/5: *Local Hero*

"The Best" on 11/2: *Do the Right Thing*

Snacks and drinks will be provided.



Thursday, Sept 8 & 22; Oct 13 & 27; Nov 10

## READ TO SPEEDY THE LIBRARY DOG

6:00pm-7:30pm | YDL-Michigan  
Reading to a Therapawp dog helps children develop confidence and become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot with Speedy. Registration required. Email [mitchell@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:mitchell@ypsilibrary.org)

Sept 10 & 24; Oct 8 & 22; Nov 12 & 26

## YDL GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS

10:00am | YDL-Michigan  
Players pass around sheets with chords and lyrics so we can strum and sing along. 18+ and all stringed instruments are welcome (except for lyres and zithers; autoharps have been approved).

Sept 10

## PARENT'S PLAZA (PART OF THE BIG LITTLE FAIR)

12:00pm-4:00pm | YDL-Michigan  
Let your kids play and have fun while you learn how various local organizations can provide support and inspiration for your household. The Big Little Fair will also have many live performances and activities at the Riverside Art Center. Food trucks will be at The YPSI.



Sept 10 & 24; Oct 8 & 22

## ANIME CLUB (Ages 12 and up)

1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Members of TAG host a monthly meetup for teens to gather, watch anime, draw, and chat.



Sept 10

## MOVIES IN THE PARK

7:30pm | Oakbrook Park  
Enjoy family games and kite flying beginning at 7:30pm followed by a family friendly movie at 8:30pm on a giant 20' screen. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, snack, and coolers. NO ALCOHOL. For additional information contact Superior Township Parks & Recreation at (734) 480-5502.

Sept 11

## FALL GARDENING TIPS WITH MASTER GARDENER CAROL BRODBECK

2:00pm-4:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Get your garden ready for winter and prep for next spring with Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck. Get tips on planting spring-flowering bulbs, taking care of your tools, dealing with frosts, and more.

Tuesdays, Sept 13-Oct 18

## LNGO FITNESS WITH GERALDINE POWELL (Designed for 55+)

12:00pm-1:00pm | Virtual  
Join fitness instructor Jerry Powell each week for a mid-day workout. Workouts 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.

Sept 13

## GET TO KNOW AAA 1-B

1:00pm-2:30pm | YDL-Whittaker  
The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) is a nonprofit serving older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers in Southeast Michigan. Get a closer look at the programs and services the agency has available to seniors and their caregivers, including in-home care programs, Meals on Wheels, health and wellness classes, and more.

Tuesday, Sept 13 & 27; Oct 11 & 25; Nov 8 & 22

## TAG (TEEN ADVISORY GROUP)

4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan  
Looking for ways to help the community and earn volunteer hours? Join TAG and meet twice each month to help the library best serve Ypsi teens. Teens in grades 8-12 can apply at [ypsilibrary.org/tag](https://ypsilibrary.org/tag).

Wednesdays, Sept 14-Dec 14

## ESL BOOK CLUB

11:00am | YDL-Michigan  
Join Washtenaw Literacy's ESL book club for intermediate to advanced readers. Meet once a week and read one book per season. Talk and learn about language, grammar, and cultural aspects of the book. Members will be expected to read approximately 45 pages in advance of each session. To register, contact Washtenaw Literacy at (734) 337-3338.

Wednesday, Sept 14; Oct 12; & Nov 9

## FAMILY MAKER NIGHT

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan  
Spend time as a family creating fun crafts! All supplies provided.  
**Sept 14:** Scrabble Tiles - design your own mirror frame  
**Oct 12:** Scary Gardens - make an indoor glow-in-the-dark Halloween scene with polymer clay  
**Nov 9:** Bath Bombs - Twisted Willow Soap will teach you to make your own bath bomb  
Email [jhannibal@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:jhannibal@ypsilibrary.org) to register.



Sept 14

## SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY - THE ROMANCE OF NUMBERS IN FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

6:30pm | Virtual  
Learn basic financial concepts and how to understand basic financial reports. The first of five sessions in our fall Small Business Savvy series for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

Sept 15; Oct. 20; Nov 17

## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Participants contribute to the library by sharing ideas and resources. For more information call 734-482-4110, x1362.

Sept 15

## DRIVE TO STAY ALIVE

6:30pm-7:30pm | YDL-Michigan  
Attorney Hugo Mack will review instances of traffic-related police shootings with an emphasis on African-Americans. Learn how to avoid receiving police attention and know your rights if you do. Mr. Mack will also examine common traffic violations for which police may stop you, along with driver responsibilities referencing new marijuana laws.

Sept 15; Oct 20; Nov 17

## THIRD THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB

(Ages 18+)  
7:00-8:00pm | YDL-Whittaker & YDL-Michigan  
Join us for creative projects fit for adult craft enthusiasts.  
**Sept 15 (M):** Create a beautiful lantern from popsicle sticks.  
**Oct 20 (W):** Create unique printed cards and tags with homemade stamps and acrylic paint.  
**Nov 17 (M):** Make a glitter globe.  
Materials are supplied and registration is required. Questions? Contact Sheila at [skonen@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:skonen@ypsilibrary.org).



Sept 17; Oct 1 & 15; Nov 5 & 19

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR TEENS

10:15am-12:30pm | YDL-Michigan  
Come play D&D with an experienced DM, an adventurous storyline, and pre-generated characters. Plan to attend all five sessions for continuity. This program is for ages 13-18; email [jhannibal@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:jhannibal@ypsilibrary.org) to sign up.

Sept 17; Oct 15; Nov 19

## WASHTENAW AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY VIRTUAL MEETING

10:30am | Virtual  
Washtenaw African American Genealogy Society helps with African American genealogy research for all skill levels. Get tips, techniques, and hear oral histories and historical facts to help with your African American Genealogy research journey. All skill levels are welcomed and encouraged. Contact: Charline Collier at [ccollier@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:ccollier@ypsilibrary.org) to get more information and register.

Sept 17

## FAMILY BIRDING INTRODUCTION AND WALK

10:30am | 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 many birds. Hosted by the Washtenaw Audubon Society, who will bring binoculars for anyone who needs them.

Sept 17

## MINI MATCHBOX ART

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Join artist Karen Grams for mini matchbox art. Make a mini matchbox bed that will slide open to reveal what's under YOUR bed, and play with other matchbox ideas!



Sept 18-24

## BANNED BOOKS WEEK DISPLAY

YDL-Whittaker  
We're celebrating Banned Books Week (September 18-24) with a display in YDL-Whittaker's Community Room. Check out the display, then tell us your favorite banned book and why. See page 3 for more details.



Sept 18

## SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM - WHO WE ARE: A CHRONICLE OF RACISM IN AMERICA

2:00pm | 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 screen "Who We Are: A chronicle of racism in America." A virtual discussion will follow led by La'Ron Williams, local storyteller and peace activist.

Sept 19

## KINDERCONCERT

10:00am | YDL-Whittaker  
Little ones can move and dance to live music performed by pianist Kathryn Goodson and harpist Brittany DeYoung of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, with stories read by Gari Stein.



Sept 19

## GRIEVE WELL: UNDERSTANDING GRIEF WEBINAR

7:00pm | Virtual  
Learn about grief and the effects it has on one's physical and emotional health. Get information and resources to help you move through your grief journey. 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.

Sept 20

**NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY - REGISTER TO VOTE!**

11:00am–3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Join YDL and the League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County on National Voter Registration Day! Register to vote and become an informed citizen.



Sept 20; Oct 25; Nov 15

**MEDICARE & PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS: AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B**

6:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Equip yourself with the knowledge and resources you need to make choices about your Medicare coverage. Staff from the Area Agency on Aging 1-B's Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) will present a three-part series to help you navigate open enrollment for yourself or a loved one.

Sept 20: Medicare 101  
Oct 25: What's New to Medicare  
Nov 15: Prescription Drug Plans



Sept 20; Oct 18; Nov 15

**PARANORMAL CLUB**

7:00pm | YDL-Michigan  
Are you fascinated by UFOs, astral projections, mental telepathy, ESP, the Loch Ness monster, and the theory of Atlantis? Are you also looking for like-minded curiosity seekers who share your interest in strange encounters and unexplainable events? Join the YDL's Paranormal Club where we'll explore and discuss myriad bizarre phenomena that's captivated and confounded mankind for ages.

Sept 21; Oct 19; Nov 16

**KIDS BOOK CLUB** (Grades 3–5)

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan  
Join us for a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. Registration required. Email [mitchell@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:mitchell@ypsilibrary.org).

Sept 21: *The Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo  
Oct 19: *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Nov 16: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown* by Jeff Kinney

Sept 22–25

**FRIENDS OF YDL ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

YDL-Whittaker  
Book sale prices are \$1 for hardcovers, 25¢ for paperbacks, and 50¢ for oversize paperbacks. See page 3 for more info.

Sept 22: 6–8pm (members-only sale)  
Sept 23: 11am–5pm  
Sept 24: 11am–3pm  
Sept 25: 1–4pm

Sept 23; Oct 28

**LNGO CRAFTERNOONS** (For ages 55+)

2:00pm | YDL-Michigan  
Join us for a lighthearted afternoon working on a craft project where the goals are to engage your mind, connect with others, and build new brain neurons playing with a new technique.

Sept 23: Quilted Autumn Tree  
Oct 28: Beaded Styrofoam Bear  
Register for each event online.



Sept 24

**DEAR READER: THE POWER AND MEANING OF LETTERS - WE CAN WORK IT OUT...LETTERS ON POLITICS/ SOCIAL CHANGE**

10:00am | Virtual  
We'll explore how conflicts and opposing views can be addressed through writing a letter. Join YDL and YpsiWrites for a virtual session on crafting letters focused on political topics and social change. This is the first of five programs in the Dear Reader series.

Sept 24–25

**A CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH**

YDL-Whittaker  
From 11am–1pm Sept 24, and 1–3pm Sept 25, the League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County will share information and forms for voter registration, absentee ballot applications, and information on [Vote411.org](https://Vote411.org).

Sept 24

**LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER**

11:00am | YDL-Whittaker  
Listen to a story and then gather natural items to examine more closely with magnification. Share what you found with others and learn what else we can discover when we look a little closer.



Sept 24; Oct 22; Nov 19

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY PAINTING CLUB**

3:00pm | YDL-Michigan  
Each session will have a different theme such as mammals, sea creatures, or flowers. Come prepared to get messy and wear appropriate clothing. Registration is encouraged so that we can prepare enough materials and chairs. Visit [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events) to learn more.

Sept 24

**AUTHOR TALK: EBONY ELIZABETH THOMAS**

4:00pm | YDL-Michigan  
Join us for a talk with Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, author of the multiple award-winning book, *Dark Fantastic: Race and imagination from Harry Potter to The Hunger Games*.

Tuesdays, Sept 27–Nov 15

**GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB** (Grades 2–5)

4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker  
This after-school reading club is for fans of graphic novels. Over the course of several weeks, you will have the book read aloud to you, then discuss your favorite parts while making art. We will start with reading *The Dragonet Prophecy* by Tui T. Sutherland, then vote on the next book.



Sept 27

**BIAS IS ALL AROUND YOU: CAN YOU SEPARATE FACT FROM FICTION?**

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan  
Dr. Erik Bean, Ed.D., award-winning teacher and author of *Bias Is All Around You: A Handbook for Inspecting Social Media & News Stories*, will lead an introspective one-hour workshop where you will gain critical thinking skills you can apply daily when you are presented with false narratives, algorithms, and click bait in today's media environment. See page 11 for more on disinformation.

Sept 27; Oct 25; Nov 29

**VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

7:00pm | Virtual  
Join us for lively discussions of books by African American Authors.

Sept 27: *Miss Me with That: Hot Takes, Helpful Tidbits, and a Few Hard Truths* by Rachel Lindsay  
Oct 25: *Finding Me: a Memoir* by Viola Davis  
Nov 29: *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead  
The group meets virtually but may decide to meet in person depending on COVID cases in the local area.

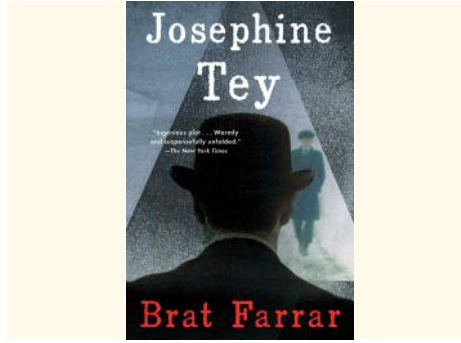


Sept 28; Oct 26; Dec 7

**VIRTUAL MYSTERY LOVER'S BOOK GROUP**

2:00pm | Virtual  
Calling all mystery lovers! Check out a new mystery title each month.

Sept 28: *Brat Farrar* by Josephine Tey  
Oct 26: *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman  
Dec 7: *Iced in Paradise* by Naomi Hirahara  
\*Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will meet one week later. 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.



Wednesdays, Sept 28–Nov 30

**KIDS CHESS CLUB**

4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Drop in and learn chess at the library with Jenny Skidmore Smith. All skill levels are welcome, but instruction will target beginners up to USCF 1500. Designed for youth ages 8–13 and their families.



Sept 28

**WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATE PLANNING**

7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Estate planning attorney Virginia Cardwell will explore available tools including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and other methods to plan for property to pass outside of probate.

Thursdays, Sept 29–Nov 17

**LOVE OF LEARNING CLUB**

1:00pm–2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Calling all homeschoolers or anyone who feels at home in the library! Connect with other families while engaging in themed activities each week inspired by a nonfiction and/or picture book. Go home with a hand out of extension activities and ideas. Perfect for ages 6–9, but the whole family is welcome.



Thursdays, Sept 29–Nov 17

**LEGOS**

4:30pm–5:30pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Drop in to learn STEM skills through play! Free build with our Legos, or try the Lego STEM activity of the week, like Lego design challenges, Lego WeDo coding, and more.

Sept 30; Oct 1, 21, & 22; Nov 12

**SENSORY STATIONS**

11:00am–12:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Explore different fall-themed sensory and art stations each session to help your little one develop fine motor skills and learn about the world through play. Attend Friday or Saturday for the same set of stations.

September: Apples  
October: Leaves  
November: Pinecones



Oct 1 & Nov 5

**DROP IN AND DRAW WITH AN ARTIST: KIDS AND TEENS**

1:00pm–3:00pm | YDL-Michigan  
Join us for focused, low-stress drawing time with Casey Dixon, a local and nationally-recognized artist and sculptor. All supplies provided. Open to youth and teens.

Oct 1

**APPLYING FOR COLLEGE RESOURCE FAIR**

2:00pm–4:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Visit stations and hear short presentations to learn how to make your college list, research scholarship opportunities, navigate the College Board website, and find other local resources, plus get college application essay feedback and support. Hosted in partnership with 826michigan, YpsiWrites, Essay Help for College, and UM's Center for Education Outreach.



Mondays, Oct 3–Dec 12

**826MICHIGAN TUTORING**

4:00pm–6:00pm | YDL-Michigan  
Bring homework and get help in all subjects or have fun reading and writing! Students can join any time during the year. A parent or guardian must complete paperwork on or before student's first day.

Oct 3

**CITY OFFICIALS CANDIDATES FORUM - GENERAL ELECTION**

7:00pm | Ypsilanti Senior Center  
YDL and the LWV will be holding a candidates forum where residents can learn about the political positions of and ask questions of the five candidates for running for city government in November.

Oct 8

**DEAR READER: THE POWER AND MEANING OF LETTERS - LETTERS OF IDEAS**

10:00am | Virtual  
This conversation will show how letters aren't just a quaint old way of communicating, but in fact are part of how we communicate all the time. This is the second of five programs in the "Dear Reader" series.

Oct 8

**SILENT FEATHERED FRIENDS**

11:00am–12:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Let your imaginations take flight as we spin an owl tale. After the story, participants can enjoy hands-on experiences all about owls, and have the chance to meet a native Michigan owl. Presented by the Leslie Science and Nature Center.



Oct 8

**SUPERIOR LIBRARY BOOK BRIGADE**

2:00pm | YDL-Superior  
It's moving day for the collection at the current Superior branch! Be a part of a human chain, meet other library lovers, and lend a hand in this monumental day. You'll be stationed along the path between the old and the new library, passing books down the road to their new home. Harris Road will be temporarily closed to allow participants to safely get materials across the street. Meet at 2pm at the current location, 8795 MacArthur Blvd, to say you played a part in opening the new library! Event will be canceled in the event of rain. Register online!



Oct 8

**NATURE HUNT BINGO**

1:00pm | Cherry Hill Nature Preserve  
A family nature hunt through the woods and trails to identify birds, animals, trees, leaves, and more. All ages; Bingo cards, snacks & prizes provided! For additional information contact Superior Township Parks & Recreation at (734) 480-5502.

**Saturdays, Oct 8 & Nov 5**

**SOAR INTO SCIENCE SATURDAYS!**

3:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us as we investigate the concepts of sound and water through stories and activities. Open to youth and caregivers. Registration preferred.

**Oct 8:** Read a story and learn why water is such important stuff!

**Nov 5:** After a storytime, find out about loud sounds, quiet sounds, and why sounds are cool!

**Oct 9**

**THE BEATLES FOREVER SHOW: FEATURING M.L. LIEBLER**

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join us for this fun, sing-a-long show featuring 28 songs by The Beatles performed by a live band and the funny short story by M.L. Liebler of growing up with The Beatles from the early 60s until they first appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show. Come have a laugh, sing some old favorites, and party with The Beatles Forever Show. Sponsored by The Friends of YDL.



**Oct 11**

**THE MIRACLE OF A PLANT-BASED DIET WITH DR. JOEL KAHN**

6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join Dr. Joel Kahn as he presents the science and the growing medical research showing the ability of a plant-based diet to halt and reverse some of the major reasons why we age, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and even some cancers. Dr. Kahn serves as Clinical Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine. In partnership with VegMichigan (<https://vegmichigan.org>).



**Oct 12**

**SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY - LARA: THE HIDDEN GEM FOR MICHIGAN BUSINESSES**

6:30pm | Virtual

This workshop will introduce you to the State of Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and the parts that support small businesses. Learn about important resources on the LARA website. The second of five sessions in our Fall Small Business Savvy series for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

**Oct 12**

**BASIC COMPUTER TROUBLESHOOTING, WITH TECH Q&A**

7:00pm-8:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to troubleshoot your slow computer, a computer that is not turning on, or one that has sound or camera issues. Learn how to use your computer's built-in help. Bring your technology questions for a brief tech Q & A. Presented by Mateen Jaffer, owner of Jafferson Computers.

**Oct 13, Oct 24 & 25**

**YPSIGLOW: MAKE A GLOWWORM!**

6:30pm-8:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Decorate hula hoops with lights and art supplies. Put hoops together at Halloween Downtown and make a GLOWworm to parade for ypsiGLOW. Call Joy Cichewicz at 734-732-2634 or email [joy@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:joy@ypsilibrary.org) to register.

**Oct 15**

**WRITE FOR CHANGE (VIRTUAL EVENT): YPSIWITES CELEBRATES THREE YEARS**

11:00am-12:30pm | Virtual

Join YpsiWrites to celebrate their three-year anniversary, the 2022 Writers of Ypsilanti, and this year's theme, "Write for Change." This virtual event will be family-friendly, focusing on how and why we "Write for Change." You'll have a chance to hear from and participate in a break-out activity with some of the 2022 Writers of Ypsilanti. For more information and to register visit [ypsiwrites.com](https://ypsiwrites.com). If you can't attend the virtual event, you're welcome to come to the in-person celebration at YDL-Whittaker the following Saturday (Oct 22).

**Oct 15**

**GRAPEVINE WREATHS**

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Lisa Rivera from Brightmoor Flower Farm will guide kids and families in making your very own natural fall wreath.

**Oct 15**

**GET ORGANIZED**

3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Teens, get organized for improved success in school this year! Join Sketchnotes artist Yen Azzaro and learn to organize your journal, notes, or calendar using text, doodles, and bullet journaling methods. Materials are provided but please feel free to bring your favorite journal and pens/markers.



**Oct 15, 3:30-5:30pm; Oct 20 & 26, 6:30-8:30pm**

**STEMGLOW KIT WORKSHOPS**

YDL-Michigan

uniteSTEM has created kits to make lighted wearables to add glow to your outfit at Halloween/ypsiGLOW on 10/28. Kits are age specific and quantities are limited. Call, text, or email Joy Cichewicz at 734-732-2634 or [joy@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:joy@ypsilibrary.org) to reserve a kit and sign-up for a workshop.

**Oct 16**

**NATIVE PLANT SWAP**

1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join the Washtenaw County Conservation District, with support from the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, for a free native plant swap. If bringing native plants from your yard to share, please label them. If you would like to help weed and/or install leftover plants (starting at 2:15 pm) along the edges of the retention basin and/or pollinator garden at the library, please bring gloves and a trowel. Register online or call 734-302-8715.

**Oct 16**

**SPRING-FLOWERING BULBS WITH MASTER GARDENER CAROL BRODBECK**

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

It's time to plant spring-flowering bulbs. Join Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck as she explains how to plant tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and many others. Learn about different types (including some new ones you may want to plant), site selection and preparation, and planting. Join us to make sure your spring garden is a success!

**Oct 16**

**SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM - WHITE NOISE: INSIDE THE RACIST RIGHT**

2:00pm | 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 screen *White Noise: Inside the Racist Right*. A virtual discussion will follow led by La'Ron Williams, local storyteller and peace activist.

**Oct 17**

**VEGMICHIGAN FOOD GIVEAWAY: 30-DAY PLEDGE EVENT**

4:00pm-6:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Make a pledge to reduce consumption of meat, eggs, and dairy for 30-days by signing up on the VegMichigan website and receive a free bag of popular plant-based foods. After you sign up, you will receive a welcome email from your personal mentor with instructions, tips, and resources. Register at [vegmichigan.org](https://vegmichigan.org).

**Oct 22**

**WRITE FOR CHANGE: YPSIWITES CELEBRATES THREE YEARS**

10:30am-12:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate YpsiWrites' third anniversary! Take part in writing activities and create a piece of writing that advocates for and/or brings about change at any level. Meet the Writers of Ypsilanti and write a postcard love letter to Ypsilanti, as part of YpsiWrites celebration of the city's bicentennial. Activities include a writers room and writing stations/activities. Registration is encouraged.

**Oct 22**

**YPSIGLOW LUMINARIES**

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join Lynne Settles to make lanterns and work on STEM projects designed by unitedSTEM to carry in the YpsiGLOW parade. The theme of this year's parade is "Where the Wild Things Glow!"



**Oct 22**

**AARON FOLEY: AUTHOR OF BOYS COME FIRST**

4:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us for selected readings, Q & A, and book signing by Aaron Foley celebrating his debut novel, *Boys Come First*. A Detroit native with ties to Ypsilanti, Aaron Foley is Detroit's first appointed chief storyteller, former editor of *BLAC* magazine, editor of *The Detroit Neighborhood Guidebook* (2017), and author of *How to Live in Detroit Without Being a Jackass* (2015). Co-sponsored by Black Stone Bookstore and Cultural Center which will have books available for purchase and signing.



**Oct 22**

**PUMPKIN CARVING & CRAFTS**

11:00am-2:00pm | Norfolk Park

Get a free pumpkin to carve and take home, along with crafts and snacks. While supplies last. For additional information contact Superior Township Parks & Recreation at (734) 480-5502.

**Oct 25**

**INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY DATABASES**

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Review the research databases available at the library and how to use and access them. We will cover Ancestry, Mango Languages, Consumer Reports, and more. Register online.

**Oct 26**

**SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: PITCH DECK: AN UNDERUTILIZED MULTIPURPOSE TOOL**

6:30pm | Virtual

Get an overview of Pitch Deck use—not only in raising funds but in the everyday operation of your business. The third of five sessions in our fall Small Business Savvy series for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

**Oct 28**

**HALLOWEEN DOWNTOWN**

5:30pm-6:45pm | YDL-Michigan

Trick or treat in the Library Plaza with music, sweet treats, and a visit to the haunted BOO(k) mobile. Join the glowing crowd as we walk to YpsiGLOW at 6:45pm. Generously sponsored by Spark East.

**Oct 28**

**YPSIGLOW**

7:00pm-10:00pm | Downtown Ypsilanti

Leave Halloween Downtown and join the radiant YpsiGLOW activities at N. Washington! Music, dancing, glowing costumes, and luminaries will light up your evening! Downtown processional starts at 6:45.

**Oct 29**

**FALL HARVEST FEST**

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate the end of our garden growing season. Make corn husk dolls, corn mosaics, and pumpkin themed crafts for some fall harvest fun.

**Thursdays, Nov 3-Dec 15**

**POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS**

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Taking care of a spouse or parent? Stressed and need some better ways to cope? Take care of yourself by learning new techniques for relaxation and managing emotions, and learn about community resources that may be of service to you. Registration is required. Get more information and register by emailing [wellnessprograms@aaa1b.org](mailto:wellnessprograms@aaa1b.org) or calling 1-833-262-2200. Presented by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

**Nov 4**

**COMMUNITY SKILL SHARE FAIRE WITH KENZOKU COLLECTIVE**

6:00pm-9:00pm | YDL-Michigan

YDL is partnering with Kenzoku Collective to present a Community Skill Share Faire at YDL-Michigan, after hours. The event will feature an open mic, an area for community members to share their skills, and a games area that is kid friendly. Attendees are encouraged to sign up beforehand for the skill share, especially if there are special accommodations needed, by emailing [kenzokucollective@gmail.com](mailto:kenzokucollective@gmail.com).

**Nov 5**

**DEAR READER: THE POWER AND MEANING OF LETTERS - THE LOVE LETTER**

10:00am | Virtual

Explore some of the great exchanges of adoration across the centuries, then write your own expressions to friends, families, and lovers. This is the fourth of five programs in the "Dear Reader" series.

**Nov 5**

**VETERANS DAY EVENT**

10:00am-12:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join YDL and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti in a family friendly event to celebrate veterans and their service. Meet at the Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans' Memorial on the Civic Center grounds, then listen to a talk and make a thank you card for a veteran at YDL-Whittaker.

**Nov 5**

**DIY STICKERS FOR TEENS**

3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Design your own custom stickers then cut them out using a Cricut cutting machine.



**Nov 12**

**ANIMEFEST (Ages 12-18)**

6:00pm-9:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join the Teen Advisory's Anime Club for a teen-only event after the library closes for a costume contest, anime screening, and anime-inspired art projects and snacks.



**Nov 13**

**CARING FOR HOUSEPLANTS WITH MASTER GARDENER CAROL BRODBECK**

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Just because it's getting cold out doesn't mean you can't enjoy gardening! Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck will give you information on buying and caring for houseplants and how to identify some common problems. Join us to keep your indoor garden thriving!



Nov 14

**LIBRARY RIBBON CUTTING**

4:00pm–6:00pm | YDL-Superior  
Celebrate the opening of the new Superior branch of the Ypsilanti District Library. Hear from officials involved in the project, watch the ribbon cutting, and tour the library. Don't miss out on library-related giveaways and refreshments!



Nov. 15–19

**CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF YDL-SUPERIOR**

Come all week for special events at our brand new building! See pages 1–2 for details.

Nov 16

**SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY - PODCAST MANIA: HAVING FUN AND MAKING MONEY**

6:30pm | Virtual  
Learn ways to monetize your podcast while having fun. The fourth of five sessions in our Fall Small Business Savvy series for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

Nov 19

**DEAR READER: THE POWER AND MEANING OF LETTERS**

10:00am | Virtual  
Ponder gratitude as we approach Thanksgiving. Recent research indicates that gratitude journals lower blood pressure and can lengthen and improve life. We'll explore what happens when we share those feelings with others. This is the last session in the Dear Reader Letter Writing series.

Nov 30

**SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY - LINKEDIN: BORING EXCEPT FOR ALL THE BUSINESS THAT GETS DONE**

6:30pm | Virtual  
A lot of business gets done on LinkedIn. Deals can be offered and closed, contacts made, sales leads generated, and new business opportunities can be found. This workshop will discuss the LinkedIn business tool set and how to use it for your business. The last session in our fall Small Business Savvy series for those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

Dec 4

**PAUL KELLER ENSEMBLE HOLIDAY JAZZ CONCERT**

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Get into the holiday spirit with this nationally-known local jazz ensemble! Enjoy familiar and original holiday tunes, thoughtfully arranged with a jazzy flair by Keller and his band mates for trumpet, trombone, saxophone, piano, string bass, drums, and vocals. All ages welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of YDL.

**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.

Sept 7, 10:30am; Oct 4, 2:00pm

**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.

Sept 8 & Nov 1, 2:00pm; Oct 1, 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.

Sept 10, 10:30am; Oct 6, 6:30pm; Nov 2, 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.

Sept 10 & Oct 20, 2:00pm; Nov 29, 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.

Sept 13 & Oct 6, 2:00pm; Nov 5, 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.

Sept 14, 10:30am; Oct 11, 2:00pm

**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.

Sept 14 & Oct 1, 2:00pm; Nov 3, 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.

Sept 15 & Nov 8, 2:00pm; Oct 15, 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.

Sept 15, 6:30pm; Oct 26, 10:30am; Nov 26, 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.

Sept 19, 11:00am; Nov 15, 2:00pm

**CHROMEBOOK - BASICS**

YDL-Michigan (Sept 19) & YDL-Superior (Nov 15)  
Explore the basic features of the Chromebook with hands-on practice. Topics include:

- What is a Chromebook?
- Navigating the home screen
- Learning the unique keys and touchpad gestures
- Taking a screenshot
- Using the Files App - the Chrome OS File Manager
- Using the Google Chrome web browser

Basic keyboard and mouse/touchpad skills are required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411. Chromebooks will be provided for the class.

Sept 20 & Oct 13, 2:00pm; Nov 19, 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.

Sept 21 & Oct 29, 10:30am; Nov 29, 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.

Sept 21 & Oct 15, 2:00pm; Nov 10, 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.

Sept 22, 7:00pm; Oct 5, 2:00pm; Nov 26, 10:30am

**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.

Sept 24, 2:00pm; Nov 1, 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 keyboard and mouse skills are required for hands-on training. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sept 24, 10:30am; Oct 13, 6:30pm; Nov 9, 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.

Sept 27, 6:30pm; Oct 19, 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.

Sept 28 & Oct 29, 2:00pm; Nov 17, 6:30pm

**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.

Sept 29, 7:00pm; Oct 12, 2:00pm

**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.

Oct 17

**GOOGLE DRIVE - BASICS: USING CHROMEBOOKS**

11:00am | YDL-Michigan  
Use provided Chromebooks to explore Google Drive's interface and learn how to create, view, upload and download, organize, modify, share, and remove files and folders. Basic keyboard and mouse/touchpad skills are required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Oct 18, 7:00pm; Nov 16, 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.

Nov 21

**GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS: USING CHROMEBOOKS (Adult)**

11:00am | YDL-Michigan  
Learn to format, select, copy, paste, and edit text. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a document. Basic keyboard and mouse/touchpad skills are required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411. Chromebooks will be provided for the class.

**STORYTIMES**

Mondays, Sept 26–Nov 14

**JUMPSTART KINDERGARTEN**

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker  
Find an engaging blend of activities and stories designed to help prepare preschoolers for school success. Each session builds school readiness skills, from listening to scissor skills to STEM concepts.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Sept 27–Nov 16

**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. Attend Tuesday OR Wednesday. We'll be outside when the weather permits!



Thursdays, Sept 29–Nov 17

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**

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.

Thursdays, Sept 29–Nov 17

**READ SING PLAY (For babies through age 3)**

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker  
Little ones 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 have a special space set aside for baby time activities and play for pre-walkers after each read aloud.



Thursdays, Sept 29–Nov 17

**YOGA STORYTIME**

6:00pm | YDL-Whittaker  
Don't sit still! 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. Bring a mat or use one from the library.



Nov 5

**RAINBOW STORYTIME**

11:00am | YDL-Whittaker  
Join us for songs, crafts, and stories of diversity, acceptance, love, friendship, and all the colors of the rainbow!



**Ypsi Stories**

The Ypsi Stories podcast has shifted its production schedule from monthly to quarterly episodes. Don't worry—you'll still get the same great content about Ypsilanti. With election season heating up, we're presenting an episode about a community campaign from the last decade! In this season's episode we learn about the history of the 2014 campaign to expand transit in Ypsilanti, the state of transit then and now, and the power that this work had in terms of connecting the community through movement organizing. We'll be speaking with some of those involved in the 2014 campaign, including Martha Valadez, Tad Wysor, Gillian Ream Gainsley, and Kathy Ball.



# YCS IS HIRING

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the job market for teachers will increase 7–8% by 2030. Ypsilanti is no exception! YCS is looking to add to its staff for the upcoming school year. The school system needs administrators, elementary and high school teachers, student support help, paraprofessionals, and more. To view the list of job openings and apply, visit [ycschools.us/employment](https://ycschools.us/employment).

# ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR YCS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

*Make an appointment to pick up daily essentials*

Ypsilanti Community School families can now get even more from the YCS Resiliency Center. Since 2021, families have been able to schedule an appointment to grab toiletries, clothes, shoes, and non-perishable food items.

Beginning this fall, YCS will have 10 laptop computers available to use, a Kids Zone, and a space for adults to relax, read, and prepare for their next destination.

The Resiliency Center is located on the Willow Run Campus (19609 Holmes Rd). Visit [ycschools.us](https://ycschools.us) for up-to-date hours.

If you know a student or family that attends YCS schools that is in need of services, please contact Cherisa Allen, Ypsilanti Programs Community Liaison, at [callen2@ycschools.us](mailto:callen2@ycschools.us) or 734-221-3948.



## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

- **8/29:** 1st Day of School (Both)
- **9/2–9/5:** No School, Labor Day Recess (Both)
- **9/6:** 1st Day of Preschool (YCS)
- **9/16:** Early Release Day (LCS)
- **10/5:** Count Day (YCS)
- **10/14:** Early Release Day (LCS)
- **10/21:** 1/2 Day (YCS)
- **10/26:** Parent-Teacher Conferences (Both), 1/2 Day (YCS)
- **10/27:** Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1/2 Day (Both)
- **10/28:** No School (LCS)
- **11/8:** No School (YCS)
- **11/11:** Early Release Day (LCS)
- **11/23–11/25:** Thanksgiving Break, No School (Both)

## LCS DEVELOPING 2023–2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

Lincoln Consolidated Schools is currently developing the district’s next strategic plan. Staff, students, parents, and community stakeholders are working with the district to create a plan that strengthens the district and addresses its current challenges. LCS will hold community meetings and distribute surveys this fall, allowing stakeholders to influence the direction of the strategic plan. The Board of Education will meet to approve the plan upon its completion.

The current strategic plan, which was established in 2018 and planned by a group of 57 school administrators, teachers, parents and board members, prioritized student literacy, maintained healthy fund balances, ensured student safety, enhanced facilities, and fostered

relationships with the community.

The new strategic planning process kicked off in February with meetings for community stakeholders to give feedback to the district. LCS used that commentary to develop the LCS Portrait of a Graduate. The Portrait of a Graduate allows community stakeholders to envision the values that will guide district decisions and be instilled in students. Superintendent Robert Jansen compares the Portrait to the North Star; it provides “strategic direction for the redesign.”

The LCS Portrait specifically includes six competencies to guide decision making: critical thinking, empathy, communication, collaboration, global citizenship, and adaptability. These are values the district plans to instill in its students to help them find future success.

## TEXT AND LEARN FOR KINDERGARTEN

Help your little ones get ready for kindergarten with TALK. You’ll receive 8–10 text messages each month with fun activities to help your child build pre-literacy skills, such as recognizing letters and numbers, building dexterity, and developing emotionally and cognitively. Texts are available in English or Spanish. Scan this QR Code to sign up!





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# LITERACY IS “MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER”

*Washtenaw Literacy’s new Executive Director talks about the impact of teaching someone to read*

About 1 in 10 Michiganders can't read this paragraph. Washtenaw Literacy strives to change that. For 5 decades the organization has opened opportunities for adults in Washtenaw County by building literacy skills. Heading into the next 50 years, their new director thinks these skills can be even more transformative.

Carole McCabe's organization helps individuals improve their reading, writing, math, and English as a second language skills.

“Our work is more important than ever,” said McCabe, who started as the new Executive Director in March 2022. Previously, she was the founding Executive Director of Washtenaw County’s Avalon Housing, a non-profit that develops and manages supportive housing communities as a long-term solution to homelessness.

“[McCabe’s] passion for alleviating poverty is a great fit with our mission and our strategic plan,” said Mary Jean Raab, Washtenaw Literacy Board President, in a press release.

To keep up with the community’s growing needs, McCabe would love to see Washtenaw Literacy double the number of learners it serves over the next two years. In 2021, they served around 850 learners with 350 tutors, but had



Carole McCabe, Executive Director for Washtenaw Literacy

been consistently serving around 1,200 before COVID-19 put in-person learning on hold.

To meet these goals, McCabe said Washtenaw Literacy has started offering more in-person sessions and hopes to be back to a full complement this fall. They are also working to make their robust training more accessible, so volunteers can get up to speed more quickly and independently. There are also plans to increase community outreach, build a new website, and make social media and

promotional materials more engaging and wider-reaching.

In addition to teaching adults, Washtenaw Literacy helps businesses provide support and career development for entry-level employees and assists literacy organizations around the country. The individualized scope, however, can't be overstated.

“We start with whatever people come with,” McCabe said. “Whether it’s help with a shopping list, preparing to take the GED, or passing a Citizenship test.”

Washtenaw Literacy has long partnered with YDL. Its business office is located at YDL-Whittaker. The new YDL-Superior branch will also offer more options for meetings and tutoring sessions as in-person meetings resume. The in-person connections formed are valuable for both the tutors and learners.

“You don’t ever lose those skills, you just keep adding to them, and they help all parts of your life,” she said.

To become a volunteer tutor with Washtenaw Literacy, attend a one-hour informational session, The ABCs of Washtenaw Literacy. Register at [washtenawliteracy.org](http://washtenawliteracy.org) or call (734) 337-3338.

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## LEADING 826MICHIGAN FORWARD

Megan Shuchman will lead 826michigan as its new Executive Director. The organization offers free after-school writing programs and school support for Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Detroit teens. 826michigan has long partnered with Ypsilanti District Library and co-founded the YpsiWrites initiative.

Shuchman was a lead volunteer for the Michigan Women’s Justice Clemency Project. As an executive member of the Prison Creative Arts Project housed at the University of Michigan, Shuchman produced plays in prisons and juvenile detention centers. For the past decade, she helmed education programs for the renowned Steppenwolf Theatre Company.

“Her energy, enthusiasm for the mission, and exceptional experience in arts-based education are a perfect fit to propel us forward into a future

of expanded community partnership and inspired, student-focused creativity,” said 826michigan Board President Sean Emery.

Shuchman wants to utilize the organization’s ability to build a national reputation while retaining its roots. She expressed gratitude towards previous executive directors of 826michigan and is excited to continue their groundbreaking work at the organization.

“Young people not only want but need the opportunity to fully return to programs like 826michigan that provide them with community, confidence, and purpose,” Schuchman said. “We know how deeply vital the arts are to their recovery from the pandemic, and thanks to tireless efforts from staff, volunteers, and students, 826michigan will be at the forefront of this crucial re-emergence.”

826michigan partners frequently with YDL for creative writing workshops, after-school programs, and volunteer opportunities. As 826michigan returns to in-person programming this fall, there will be free after-school tutoring at YDL-Michigan. Other programs that will continue in partnership with YDL are college access programs, asynchronous learning kits, and virtual workshops. All are designed to amplify student voices by professionally publishing student work in books, online, in video and audio formats, and through live performances.

826michigan will host several open houses in their service cities to introduce Shuchman as she begins her duties in September. You can contact her at [megan.s@826michigan.org](mailto:megan.s@826michigan.org).

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## NEW E.D. WANTS FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Growing Hope has welcomed Julius Buzzard as its new Executive Director. Buzzard began his new role in July, but he's been with Growing Hope as the Program Director since 2021.

Founded in 2003, Growing Hope’s mission is to “foster an equitable and sustainable local food system where all people are empowered to grow, sell, buy, prepare, and eat nourishing food.” To that end, the Growing Hope Urban Farm offers the Home Vegetable Garden Program, Farm Volunteerism, the Teen Leadership Program, and Youth Field Trips on the Farm. The Ypsilanti Farmers Marketplace offers Ypsilanti Farmers Markets and the Growing Hope Incubator Kitchen.

“Growing Hope is uniquely positioned to move the needle from food access to food sovereignty,”

Buzzard said. “I’m excited to develop meaningful relationships throughout Ypsilanti and encourage community members to not only engage with, but take ownership over the local food system.”



Julius Buzzard, Executive Director for Growing Hope

Creating food sovereignty in Ypsilanti is crucial. Food insecurity is on the rise in Washtenaw County; the 2019 overall food insecurity rate was 10.8%, an increase from 2018. The pandemic's effects have likely increased local food insecurity beyond that number.

Buzzard has many years of experience in implementing effective marketing strategies, leading teams, and championing campaigns of diversity and inclusion.

“Julius has an innate ability to lead through fostering new ideas, rooted in challenge and introspection. We look forward to continuing to serve the Ypsilanti community with his leadership,” says Sarah Wixson, Board President.

# ELECTION TOOLS



**H**ow often do you vote? Data from Fairvote, a nonpartisan election organization, reveals that since 1840, presidential elections have gathered greater turnout than midterms. In 2018, 50% of the voting-eligible population voted; in 2020, 66.7% did.

Voting preserves democracy and ensures your representation in government. Four of YDL's Board Members — Patricia J. Horne McGee, Bethany Kennedy, Theresa Maddix, and Kristy Cooper — are up for reelection this year, so be sure to vote.

## Voting Information

Courtesy of [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org), a nonpartisan election website from the League of Women Voters, here's what you should know before you head to the polls on November 8:

- **Voting Requirements:** To vote in the State of Michigan, you must be a U.S. citizen and Michigan resident, at least 18 years old, and not currently serving a jail or prison sentence.
- **ID Requirements:** Eligible voters must have a photo ID or sign an affidavit stating that they do not possess one. Examples of valid photo IDs include: driver's licenses or personal ID cards, government-issued IDs, and valid U.S. passports.
- **Absentee Ballot Access:** In Michigan, you can vote absentee for any reason. Absentee ballots must be requested at least 4 days before election day. Ballots must be received by election day.
- **Candidate and Ballot Measure Information:** [vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) allows you to find out who and what will be on your ballot. Just enter your zip code.
- **Polling Information:** [vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) has polling place and dropbox locators. Polling locations are open 7am to 8pm on election day. Anyone in line by 8pm can legally vote, even if you haven't begun voting.

## YDL is a Voting Resource

Did you know that YDL-Whittaker's Community Room is a polling place for residents of precinct 20 in Ypsilanti Township? YDL is happy to help with all kinds of voting matters, such as how to register, finding your polling place, and more.



## More Information:

You can find local, state, and federal voting information below:

### CITY OF YPSILANTI:

[cityofypsilanti.com/188/Voting-Election-Information](https://cityofypsilanti.com/188/Voting-Election-Information)

### YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP:

[ytown.org/election-voting-information](https://ytown.org/election-voting-information)

### SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP:

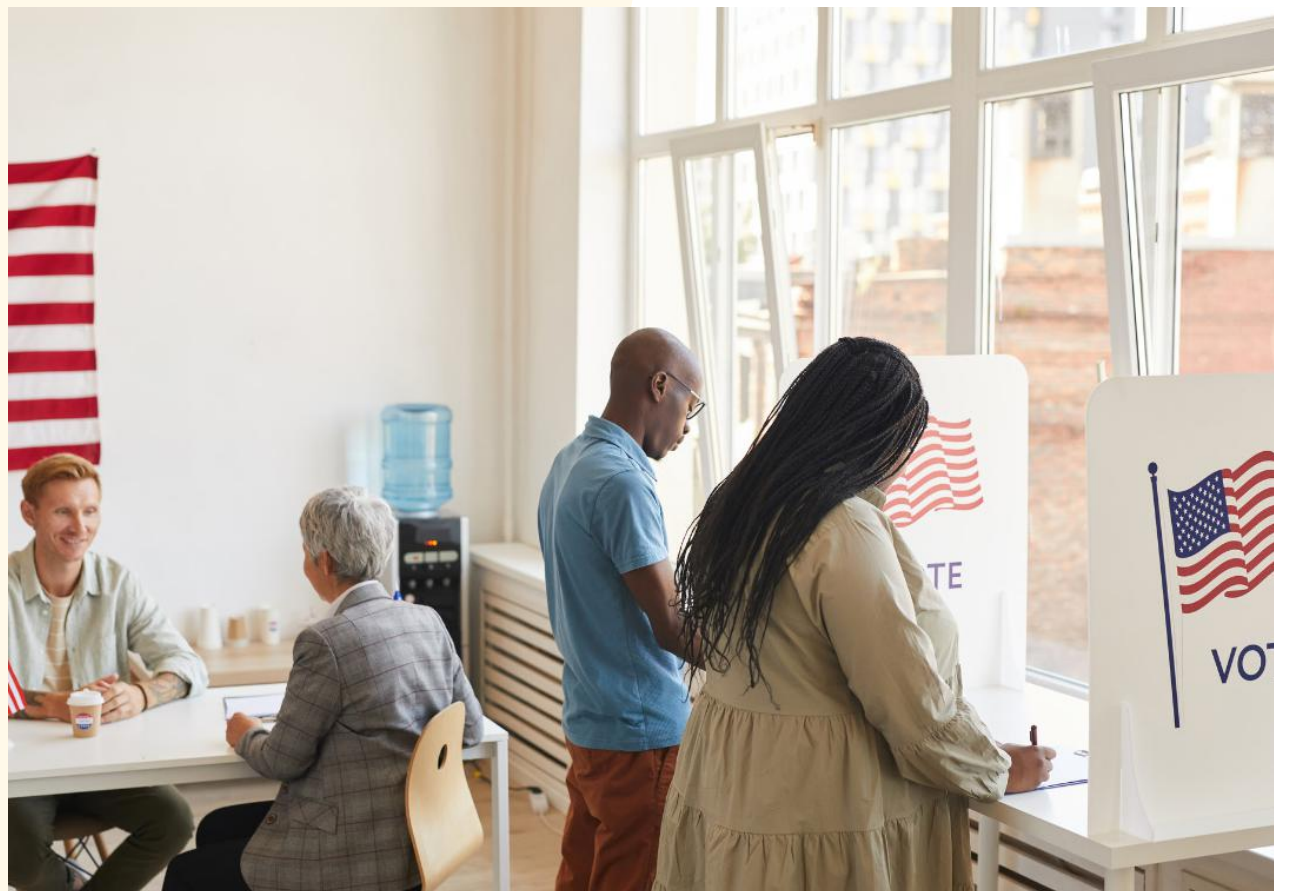
[superiortownship.org/government/voting-elections/](https://superiortownship.org/government/voting-elections/)

### STATE OF MICHIGAN:

[michigan.gov/sos/elections/upcoming-election-information](https://michigan.gov/sos/elections/upcoming-election-information)

### FEDERAL VOTING AND ELECTIONS:

[usa.gov/voting](https://usa.gov/voting)



## National Voter Registration Day

**Census data reveals that one fourth of eligible Americans aren't registered to vote.**

September 20, 2022 is National Voter Registration Day, a nonpartisan holiday celebrating democracy by encouraging voter registration and voting. YDL is celebrating by partnering with the League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County to get patrons registered to vote. Representatives from the League will be on hand to answer questions and distribute nonpartisan voting and election information. You can also pick up election guides from the League at any YDL location.



# DISINFORMATION: DON'T BE FOOLED!

**A**braham Lincoln once said, “Don’t believe everything you read online.” While this statement is clearly misattributed, disinformation often works stealthily. Identifying and combating disinformation is challenging, but you can learn how to spot and avoid it.

## What are mis- and disinformation?

According to “‘Fake News,’ Lies and Propaganda: How to Sort Fact from Fiction,” a University of Michigan Library Guide, misinformation is inaccurate information shared without deceptive intentions. Disinformation is false information *intended* to deceive. According to Kristin Fontichiaro from the University of Michigan’s School of Information, there are seven types of mis- and disinformation:

- **Satire or Parody:** content without deceptive intent, but that can deceive others.
- **False Connection:** headlines, visuals, or captions that don’t align with the content.
- **Misleading Content:** content is used in a misleading way to frame an issue or individual.
- **False Context:** genuine content is shared within a false context.
- **Imposter Content:** reliable sources are impersonated.
- **Manipulated Content:** genuine content is manipulated to be deceptive.
- **Fabricated Content:** new content that is completely falsified and harms and deceives the reader.

## Common methods for spreading disinformation

Disinformation is often challenging to spot by design, but there are methods for identifying it, according to Fontichiaro:

- Watch out for pink slime, a prevalent practice where politically-leaning news outlets produce partisan articles while posing as unbiased local news sources.
- Beware of confirmation bias. Avoid one-sided sources and seek out contrasting points of view.
- Look out for common techniques for science denial, such as logical fallacies, fake experts, cherry picking, and conspiracy theories.
- Beware of manipulated data. Analyze the data; is the truth exaggerated? Who’s funding the research? Is there a conflict of interest?
- Look for propaganda techniques like excessive claims of certainty, emotional appeals, personal attacks, suppressing contradictions, and manipulating words.

## Confirming information

There are many resources and strategies available to verify information. Michael Caulfield, a digital literacy expert at Washington State University Vancouver, recommends 4 techniques:

- Check for pre-existing fact-checking or reviewing of the material.
- Determine the original source’s credibility.
- Read laterally. What is the reputation of the author and the publishing source?
- Reset: If you get lost in a sea of information, start over with what you know now.



## Additionally, verify information by:

1. **Reading across the ideological spectrum.** A lot of misinformation is politically-motivated. Adult Services Librarian Paula Drummond recommends AllSides, a website aimed at preventing misinformation by ranking news sources and articles by political bias.
2. **Taking stock of your news sources.** “‘Fake News,’ Lies and Propaganda: How to Sort Fact from Fiction” reveals where common news organizations lie on the political spectrum and provides resources for evaluating news bias.

## What went wrong?

It can be hard to accept that you’ve been deceived by misinformation. To combat its prevalence, the best thing to do is educate yourself. Find out where you were misled. What source led you astray? Read laterally and gather your information from multiple sources. Avoid confirmation bias by reading perspectives that don’t align with your own. Misinformation can be challenging to avoid, but it’s possible with the right tools.

To learn more, visit YDL-Michigan on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30pm to attend Bias is All Around You with Dr. Erik Bean, author of *Bias Is All Around You: A Handbook for Inspecting Social Media & News Stories*.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**T**he AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program is looking for volunteers to provide assistance for income tax preparation. Tax assistance is available for anyone, especially taxpayers over 50 or with low-to-moderate incomes, free of charge.

The Tax-Aide program is seeking friendly people from a variety of age groups and backgrounds to maintain and expand its tax preparation services. You’ll receive training in tax prep and computer skills in December and January. Volunteer service extends from February until early April, with support available. You’ll have some choice of days and locations to work. The Ypsilanti District Library has hosted the Tax-Aide program at its Michigan Avenue and Whittaker Road branches for many years, and the program is located in several other areas of Washtenaw County as well.

There are two primary positions for volunteers:

- **Facilitators** – Facilitators greet taxpayers and help initiate the process.
- **Counselors** – Counselors will work directly with taxpayers to complete their tax returns.

If you’re interested in joining this program, send an email with your contact information to:

[srmcdowell2@comcast.net](mailto:srmcdowell2@comcast.net),

or visit [aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer).

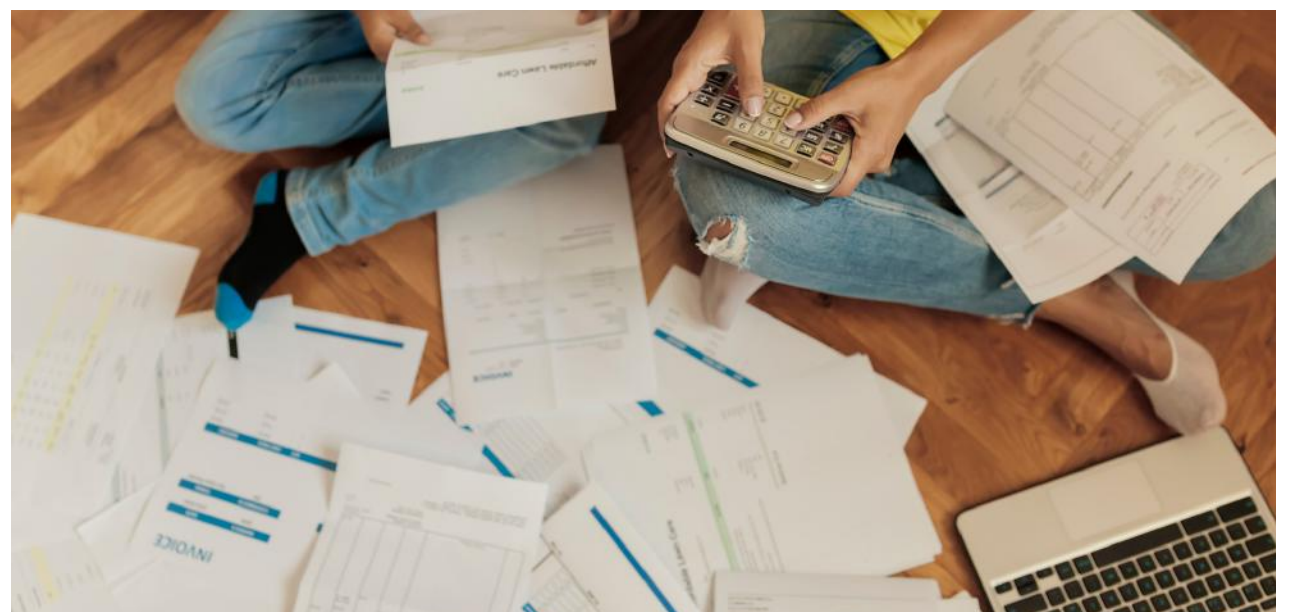
# PAST DUE WATER BILLS? HELP IS AVAILABLE

**T**he Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development has launched the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) to expand water accessibility in Washtenaw County. Those with an outstanding balance on their water utility bills can apply for up to \$650 in water arrearage relief. To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a residential account holder
- Have water arrearages or a disconnection notice

- Be a part of a household at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Limit or receive aid from select programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Social Security Income, State Emergency Relief, Food Assistance Program or SNAP
- Have a water company willing to provide assistance

To learn more, check if your provider is participating, or to apply visit: [Washtenaw.org/LIHWAP](http://Washtenaw.org/LIHWAP) or contact Arieona Klaus at 734-554-6721.



# NEW, FREE RESOURCE FOR NATURE WRITERS

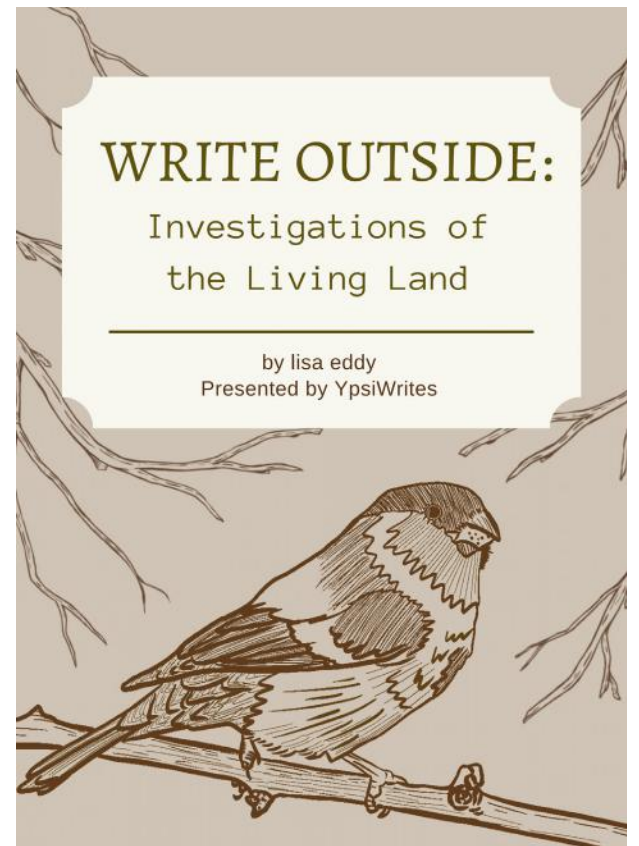
YpsiWrites is proud to present its first published book, *Write Outside: Investigations of the Living Land*, written by local writer and environmentalist, lisa eddy. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, eddy began creating a series of nature-inspired writing prompts. She wrote two prompts each week, one for writers who could be outdoors and one for those who remained inside. She says, "It was my idea to write prompts for an entire year so that writers could feel a sense of a completion of the 4-season cycle—and hopefully start anew on the next cycle."

Eventually, eddy's year-long project was compiled into a book containing the prompts, which have been arranged seasonally. Of her work, eddy says, "I hope that the prompts will

awaken people's curiosity about the natural world and inspire them to see and experience the connections between land health and human health."

*Write Outside* is available as a free digital download on the YpsiWrites website. "This is an incredible resource for anyone interested in the intersections between the environment and creative writing," says YpsiWrites co-founder, Ann Blakeslee. Writers who find inspiration in eddy's book are encouraged to share their work on social media using the hashtag #writeoutsideYW.

Follow YpsiWrites on Facebook and Instagram (@ypsiwrites) to stay up to date on future writing projects, events, and workshops. For additional resources, or to volunteer, visit [ypsiwrites.com](https://ypsiwrites.com).



## FALL HEALTH REMINDERS

Fight flu season: get your flu shot before the end of October and before the winter holidays begin. Getting vaccinated, washing your hands, covering coughs, and staying away from others when sick helps prevent the spread of flu and protects you from severe illness.

Everyone six months and older is eligible to get a flu shot every year. Get vaccinated at your doctor's office, pharmacy, or Health Department. Stay up-to-date about the flu at [washtenaw.org/flu](https://washtenaw.org/flu).

The Washtenaw County Health Department works to maximize community health. This includes sexual health! Free condoms, lube, and pregnancy testing are available, in addition to appointments for HIV/STI testing, PrEP, birth control (including Plan B), and vaccinations for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and HPV. Pap smears are available for those with Medicaid or Blue Cross insurance. Find more details at [washtenaw.org/1343/Sexual-Health-Services-HIV-STI](https://washtenaw.org/1343/Sexual-Health-Services-HIV-STI).

Stay up to date about Washtenaw's health on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and NextDoor @ [wcpublichealth](https://wcpublichealth). Visit our website ([washtenaw.org/1129/Health-Department](https://washtenaw.org/1129/Health-Department)), sign up for the email update list ([bit.ly/WCHD555](https://bit.ly/WCHD555)), call us at 734-544-6700, or email us at [health@washtenaw.org](mailto:health@washtenaw.org).



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In case you haven't heard, TheRide recently brought back all previously reduced services to better serve our community. In addition, our 30-day and 1-day pass prices have been lowered, and we introduced a half-fare 1-day pass for those who qualify.

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### 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 (through 10/7)  
1900 Harris Rd (starting by 11/14)  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

#### HOURS

See website for current hours and services

#### YDL-BOOKMOBILE

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

#### HOURS

Mon–Thurs: 4–8pm

See the bookmobile's neighborhood route and schedule at [ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile](https://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](https://ypsilibrary.org/board) for updated meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes.

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

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