

## A NEW CHAPTER

On October 8, over 400 people participated in the Superior Library Book Brigade. We passed over 2,000 books hand-to-hand from the old location to the new library building now open at 1900 Harris Road. Everyone oooh-ed and aaah-ed over books they'd read or wanted to read, making recommendations to their neighbors in line. We shared treasured memories of picture books we loved as children, and discovered other titles completely new to us. This unique event symbolized just how much our community loves its library.

Thank you for all the ways you support YDL. By getting a card, checking out a book, using computers or wi-fi, attending an event, downloading a movie, or bringing a child to storytime, you support us. Thank you for your votes, your tax dollars, your donations, and your help making the new library a reality. Together we've built something special, for all of us to share. Come visit!

– Lisa Hoenig, Director



Original watercolor pen and ink of YDL-Michigan by Bill Shurtliff

# YDL-MICHIGAN TURNS 60!

*The library in Ypsilanti was founded over 150 years ago. For nearly half that time, the YDL-Michigan building has been part of its fabric.*

Paula Drummond, who heads YDL's Adult Services, says the library was connected to the downtown in entertaining ways. She remembers helping a patron who called from a bar asking how old Smokey the Bear was.

"Pretty quick to find today, but before the Internet it took research to track down things like that," said Drummond. "He was very happy I could help him win his bet."

As Ypsilanti celebrates its Bicentennial in 2023, here's a look at how YDL-Michigan has changed, improved, and been a staple of the historic downtown since 1963.

## The Journey to 229 W. Michigan Avenue

Ypsilanti's library was started in 1868 by six women with 175 books who charged \$1 for a library card. They housed the library on the second floor of the Arcade Building on North Huron. In 1886, the library moved to the second floor on the Union Block of Michigan Avenue. It soon became a public institution open to all at no cost, and "the Ladies Library" then moved into the historic home on Huron Street donated by the Starkweather family in 1890.

Having changed its name to "Public Library," the library expanded again in 1963 to its current location at 229 W. Michigan. The former Carnegie post office building was sold to the City of Ypsilanti for \$1 in 1962. The City renovated and opened the library there the following year.

## Improvements Inside and Out



The original plaza fountain was built in 1982 with the help of Ypsilanti resident Patsy Chandler, who held annual tea parties on her birthday to raise funds for worthy local causes. You can find one of the tea sets she used for those parties

in the Michigan History Room at YDL-Whittaker.

When YDL-Whittaker opened, YDL-Michigan closed for more large-scale renovations, which were unveiled in 2003.

The Library Park Plaza was redesigned in 2006, funded by the Friends of YDL, the Downtown Development Authority, Pfizer, and a variety of local fundraising efforts. The fountain was restored and covered in its mosaic glass tile, and a new life-size bronze statue of (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

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Harriet Tubman was installed in the Plaza joining the historical marker commemorating Elijah McCoy. More recent work has been done to make sure the building endures for a long time to come—as well as to pave the way for future plans (see below). In 2022, water remediation work was completed on the foundation. In addition, new lighting in the Plaza and LEDs in the parking lot were installed, along with a power pedestal in the Plaza for charging personal devices.

On the inside, YDL repainted the main floor and replaced some furniture during the COVID closure. In 2022, new carpeting was installed, and new lighting is soon coming to the Youth area. In the near future, virtual meeting technology will be installed in the public meeting rooms.

### Looking Forward

YDL completed a space needs assessment in 2019, inspiring some big plans for a thorough future renovation. Those goals were amplified in YDL’s most recent strategic planning survey, where the community overwhelmingly affirmed that more renovations are desired. More exciting plans are on the way to keep this historic downtown jewel as vibrant as ever!

Making these investments now, Drummond said, “will show that YDL recognizes the importance of the Michigan Avenue branch to the downtown area and to the lives of those who count on its services and its presence.”

### Fun Facts

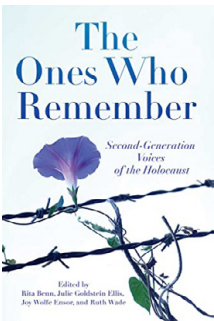
- Mr. Robert Kramp was the first director at YDL-Michigan.
- For the first few years, only the main floor was open to the public.
- In 1966, the Ypsilanti Historical Society renovated the lower level, which became the historical museum.
- Four years later, the Historical Society moved to its current location, and the library’s youth collection was moved to the lower level, where it resides today.
- The original renovation to open the building as a library in 1963 cost the City \$128,000.
- In 1968 Ypsilanti Township gained access to the library through an arrangement where the Township paid an annual subscription fee of \$5 for each card holder. Nearly 250 people received cards.

## WELCOME TO YOUR NEW SUPERIOR BRANCH!

On November 14, YDL officially cut the ribbon to open its new Superior Branch at 1900 Harris Road. Enjoy pictures from the celebration below!



## THE ONES WHO REMEMBER



From 1941 to 1945, Nazi Germany committed the systematic murder of over six million Jews. Today, an estimated 400,000 Holocaust survivors remain, sharing a collective narrative of both suffering and resilience.

*The Ones Who Remember* is an anthology of the stories of 16 families

grappling with the legacy of genocide and the inherited trauma of growing up in the shadow of their parents’ pain.

At 7pm on January 12 at YDL-Whittaker, the authors and other 2nd-generation Holocaust survivors will share their stories in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day. An author signing will follow. The holiday, which takes place on January 27, 2023, is observed to prevent future acts of genocide.

To learn more about the Holocaust and its impact, use these resources:

- The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: [ushmm.org/learn](https://ushmm.org/learn)
- What is Holocaust Remembrance Day? [hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-rememorial-day](https://hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-rememorial-day)
- The Anne Frank House: [annefrank.org/en/anne-frank/go-in-depth/what-is-the-holocaust](https://annefrank.org/en/anne-frank/go-in-depth/what-is-the-holocaust)



# WASHTENAW READS

The 2023 Washtenaw Read has been announced! Called “the most provocative page-turner of the year” by *Entertainment Weekly*, *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid is “a big-hearted story about race and privilege, set around a young black babysitter, her well-intentioned employer, and a surprising connection that threatens to undo them both.” Over 60 copies of the book are available across YDL locations in multiple formats.

Author Kiley Reid will be at the Ann Arbor District Library on Sunday, February 5th at 4 pm for a talk, Q&A, and book signing. The talk will be recorded and available to view online for a week following the event. It will be held in the Lobbytorium at AADL's downtown branch (343 S. Fifth Ave). All

city parking, including the next door underground parking garage and surface lot, is free of charge on Sundays.

Looking for more great reads? Use your library account to access NoveList Plus! Search for new titles by author, subject or genre, or find the perfect novel using the appeal mixer. Either way, you'll get book recommendations perfect for your next read!



THE 2023  
WASHTENAW read

SUCH A  
FUN AGE  
KILEY REID

washtenawreads.org

# THANK YOU, KAY!

After 45 years of dedication to the Ypsilanti and Superior communities, YDL Board Trustee Kay Williams is stepping down from her position. Williams has been a champion for YDL's presence in Superior Township and the construction of the new Superior Branch, which opened on November 14.

“I am so excited about the new Superior Library,” Williams said. “I love to read and have loved libraries since I was a little girl and went to a K-8 two-room country school.”

Williams has been on the YDL Board of Trustees since 2009, taking on the roles of Vice President,

Secretary, and Treasurer during her tenure. YDL thanks her for her commitment to the Board and to the Library district.

In addition to her library contributions, Williams carried out the duties of Superior Township's Clerk from 1977–1978 and 2001–2008 and Parks Commissioner from 1992–1996. From 2018–2021, she served on the Superior Township Board of Review.

To learn more about Kay Williams and her legacy in the community, visit [ypsilibrary.org/thank-you-kay](https://ypsilibrary.org/thank-you-kay).



## WINTER PROGRAMMING AT YDL

Winter has arrived and YDL has great family-friendly, seasonal events for all ages (see pages 4–7 for more events):

### YDL-Whittaker:

#### December 4

- Paul Keller Ensemble Holiday Jazz Concert:** 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 bandmates. This all-ages event is sponsored by the Friends of YDL.

#### December 15 & 17

- Holiday Paper Craft Workshop:** Drop in and create! For adults who like to personalize their gift packaging, we'll construct gift bags with tags. For kids who enjoy creating that special card to give for the holidays, we'll have lots of card-making materials to use.

#### December 27 & 29 and January 3 & 5

- Winter Break Art:** Drop in Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Winter Break and get creative! We'll have a different craft each day, including votive candle holders, printmaking, DIY collages, and popsicle stick puzzles.

#### January 28

- WinterFEST:** Celebrate the end of finals at an after hours program for teens at the library! Eat s'mores, make winter crafts and cocoa bombs, and watch a movie on the big screen. Hosted by the Teen Advisory Group.

### YDL-Michigan:

#### December 2

- Holiday Tree Lighting:** Enjoy singing, sipping hot chocolate, decorating cookies, and making simple snow flakes. Santa will join us for a photo op in his sleigh!

#### December 10 & 14

- Family Craft-Snow Globes:** Join us to make a snow globe - all supplies provided! Please register - with the number of family members - so we have enough supplies on hand.

#### December 27–30 & January 3–6

- Winter Break Fun:** Are you bored at home? Drop in during Winter Break! We'll have different activities each day.

### YDL-Superior:

#### December 27–30 & January 3–7

- Winter Break Boredom Busters:** Enjoy daily afternoon activities for families, teens, or youth ranging from STEM events to a movie.

### Virtual:

#### December 3

- Writing as a Gift:** Join YpsiWrites and YDL for a hands-on virtual writing session to create gifts of writing for loved ones.





# Dec - Feb Events

**Request any time**

## YPSIWITES VIRTUAL WRITING SUPPORT

**Request any time | Virtual**

Get feedback on your writing and strategies for development and revision. Find help with any type of writing! Visit [ypsiwrites.com](https://ypsiwrites.com) for instructions on how to schedule a video meeting or submit a piece of writing.

**Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2**

## THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

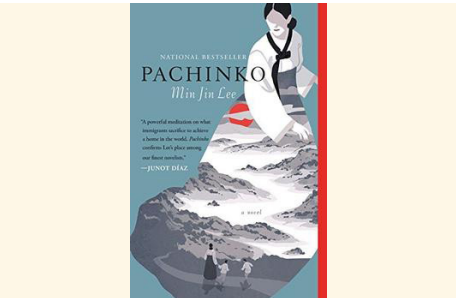
**10:30am | YDL-Whittaker**

Join us for interesting discussions of a variety of books. Copies of the book are available at the Whittaker Road branch Circulation Desk one month before the discussion date. Questions? Contact Sheila at [skonen@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:skonen@ypsilibrary.org).

**Dec 1:** *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

**Jan 5:** *To the Bright Edge of the World* by Eowyn Ivey

**Feb 2:** *Such a Fun Age: a novel* by Kiley Reid - *Washtenaw Reads 2023 selection*



**Thursdays, Dec 1–Feb 23**

## LOVE OF LEARNING CLUB

**1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Connect with other families while engaging in themed activities. Each week, hear a nonfiction or picture book read aloud and get inspired to move, create, and learn STEM skills. No sessions Dec. 22 & 29 or Jan. 5.



**Dec 1, 8 & 15**

## POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Taking care of a spouse or parent? Stressed and need some better ways to cope? Presented by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, the Powerful Tools for Caregivers Program helps you learn new techniques and tips as well as community resources that can make things easier. Get more information and register by emailing [wellnessprograms@aaa1b.org](mailto:wellnessprograms@aaa1b.org) or calling 1-833-262-2200.



**Dec 1, 8 & 15**

## 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.



**Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 1**

## 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).

**Dec 1:** *The Detective's Assistant* by Kate Hannigan

**Jan 5:** *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

**Feb 1:** *The Roar of the Beast* by Chad Sell

**Dec 1**

## PLAY ON THE GROUND MURAL CATAPULT!

**7:00pm | YDL-Superior**

YDL needs your creative voice and vision! We are embarking on a crowdsourced ground mural project that invites play and interaction on the patio outside the youth area. Artist Yen Azzaro will showcase input and ideas already received, then will guide participants through the process to develop a unique ground mural for the new library.

**Dec 2**

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

**5:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

Enjoy singing, sipping hot chocolate, decorating cookies, and making simple snow flakes. Santa will join us for a photo op in his sleigh!

**Dec 2, Jan 27, Feb 24**

## LITTLE ONES PLAY

**11:00am | YDL-Whittaker**

Littles ones can get some winter energy out while parents and caregivers chat nearby. We will have various big and small toys out in the space for free play.

**Dec 3**

## WRITING AS A GIFT

**10:00am | Virtual**

Join YpsiWrites and YDL for a hands-on virtual writing session to learn about and create different types of writing gifts for loved ones. Join our facilitators and choose between holiday letters, recipes, and telling stories about favorite holiday traditions and memories. We'll send you the Zoom meeting information a few days before the event date.

**Dec 3, Jan 7 & 21, Feb 4 & 18**

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: DROP IN FOR TEENS

**10:15am | YDL-Michigan**

Join us for D&D with an experienced DM, an adventurous storyline, and pre-generated characters. Each Saturday is a one-shot game (done in one sitting) with an overarching campaign. For ages 12–18. Registration preferred, but drop-in is also fine. Email [jhannibal@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:jhannibal@ypsilibrary.org) with questions.



**Dec 3**

## SPINNING DOT THEATRE

**11:00am | YDL-Whittaker**

Watch Spinning Dot Repertory Company perform *Only a Day!* In this stunning production, a fox and a wild boar cannot bring themselves to tell a dayfly that her life only lasts a single day. A blend of music, movement, humor, and deep feeling create a memorable experience for audiences of all ages.

**Dec 3**

## FAMILY BIRDING WALK

**12:00pm | North Bay Park**

Join us for a duck walk along the Ford Lake boardwalk to see redheads, pintails, scoters, canvasbacks, and many more of the 20+ species that visit Washtenaw County in the winter. Meet at the Grove Street Entrance to the boardwalk. Hosted by the Washtenaw Audubon Society who will bring spotting scopes and binoculars.

**Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4**

## DROP IN & DRAW

**1:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Join us for some focused, low-stress drawing time with Casey Dixon, a local and nationally-recognized artist and sculptor. All supplies provided. Open to youth and teens.



**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. Sponsored by the Friends of YDL.



**Mondays, Dec 6 & 12, & Jan 23–Feb 27**

## 826MICHIGAN TUTORING

**4:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Get homework 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 the student's first day. Register at [826michigan.org](https://826michigan.org).

**Tuesdays, Dec 6–Feb 28**

## KNITTING PLUS

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

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

**Wednesdays, Dec 7 & 14; Jan 4–Feb 22**

## ESL BOOK CLUB

**11:00am | YDL-Michigan**

Join Washtenaw Literacy's ESL book club for intermediate to advanced readers. Members will be expected to read approximately 45 pages in advance of each session. To register, contact Washtenaw Literacy at (734) 337-3338.

**Dec 7, Jan 25 & Feb 22**

## VIRTUAL MYSTERY LOVER'S BOOK GROUP

**2:00pm | Virtual**

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

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>:** *Iced in Paradise* by Naomi Hirahara

**Jan 25:** *Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill

**Feb 22:** *How the Light Gets In* by Louise Penny

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. \*Special date due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Wednesdays Dec 7–Feb 22**

## 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. No sessions on Dec. 21 & 28 or Jan. 4.

**Dec 7**

## SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: ALTERNATE FINANCING (IF YOU CAN'T USE A BANK OR RICH RELATIVE)

**6:30pm | Virtual**

Learn about microloan opportunities from Todd Vanapppledorn, loan officer at CEED. This is the first of six sessions in our winter Small Business Savvy series. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. Register at [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events) or call 482-4110 x 2411. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

**Dec 8**

## PLAY ON THE GROUND MURAL CATAPULT! - TEEN INPUT SESSION

**7:00pm | YDL-Superior**

TEENS: Have a snack and lend your voice to the mural project at the new YDL-Superior Building. Artist Yen Azzaro will showcase input and ideas already received, then will guide participants through the process to develop a unique ground mural for the new library. This activity is generously supported by Kiwanis of Ann Arbor and Michigan Arts Culture Council. Snacks will be served.

**Saturdays, Dec 10; Jan 14 & 28; Feb 11 & 25**

## 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).

**Dec 10**

## MUSIC TOGETHER

**11:00am | YDL-Whittaker**

Join Leah Fox from Robinsongs Music Together for a parent and child music class for little ones. Music Together is an international, research-based program for young children with the core principles that everyone is musical and that basic music competence can best be achieved in a playful, non-performance oriented setting.



**Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 & 25**

## ANIME CLUB (Ages 12–18)

**1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Members of TAG host a monthly meetup for teens to gather, watch anime, draw, and chat.

**Dec 10, 2:00pm & 4:00pm; Dec 14, 6:30pm**

## FAMILY CRAFT: SNOW GLOBES

**YDL-Michigan**

Join us to make a snow globe—all supplies provided! Please register online at [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events).



**Dec 11, 2:00pm; Jan 18, 6:00pm; Feb 6, 5:00pm**

## YPSIWITES LOVE LETTERS - DROP-IN SESSIONS

**YDL-Whittaker**

The 2023 Ypsilanti Bicentennial will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the city of Ypsilanti's incorporation on April 22, 1823. To celebrate, join YpsiWrites in writing love letters to and about the city we love so much! This is a drop-in event and YpsiWrites volunteers will be available to help you create a love letter postcard. All are welcome!

**Dec 13, Jan 10 & 24, Feb 14 & 28**

## TAG - TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

**4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker & YDL-Michigan**

Join TAG to help the library best serve Ypsi teens by planning and leading library programs, designing new services and spaces, looking for funding opportunities and writing grants. Earn service hours, and meet new friends! Teens in grades 8–12 can apply at [ypsilibrary.org/tag](https://ypsilibrary.org/tag).

**Dec 14, Jan 11 & Feb 8**

## BEST/WORST/FORGOTTEN MOVIES SERIES - CREATURES

**6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Join us to view one of the worst, one of the best, and one of the forgotten movies involving creatures. Have some fun and watch our heroes battle gremlins, worms, and...wait, those aren't trolls.

**“The Best” on Dec 14: Gremlins**

**“The Worst” on Jan 11: Troll 2**

**“The Forgotten” on Feb 8: Tremors**

Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Dec 14**

## SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: SOMEWHAT SIMPLE STEPS TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

**6:30pm | Virtual**

Learn about the fundamental steps and techniques you need to potentially obtain federal contracts. This is the second of six sessions in our winter Small Business Savvy series. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. Register at [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events) or call 482-4110 x 2411. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

**Dec 15, 7:00pm; Dec 17, 2:00pm**

## HOLIDAY PAPER CRAFT WORKSHOP

**YDL-Whittaker**

Adults can make gift bags and kids can create that special card to give for the holidays. Please attend only one session. Materials are supplied and limited. For questions, contact Sheila at [skonen@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:skonen@ypsilibrary.org) or Robert at [neil@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:neil@ypsilibrary.org).





**Dec 16 & 17, Jan 20 & 21, Feb 10 & 11**

**SENSORY STATIONS**

**11:00am | YDL-Whittaker**

Explore different themed sensory and art stations each session to help your child develop fine motor skills and learn about the world through play. Attend Friday or Saturday.  
**Dec 16 & 17:** Build your own snowperson out of snow dough, make art with ice cubes, and more.

**Jan 20 & 21:** Come dressed to explore shaving cream, cooking oil, and other fun stuff.

**Feb 10 & 11:** Enjoy fun family Valentine themed games and Valentine cards.



**Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18**

**WASHTENAW AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY VIRTUAL MEETING**

**10:30am | Virtual**

Washtenaw African American Genealogy Society (WAAGS) helps those interested in African American Genealogy. Get tips, techniques, and useful websites. Attendees will also hear oral histories and learn 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) for more information and to register.

**Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 25**

**CHILDREN & FAMILY PAINTING CLUB**

**3:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Paint what your heart desires or participate in the theme of the month. Table stations of painting supplies will be available. Painting aprons will be provided, but we ask patrons to come prepared to get messy. Registration is encouraged so that we can prepare enough materials and chairs.

**Dec 20**

**TEEN PAJAMA PARTY**

**3:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

Come wearing your coziest pajamas and lounge at the library with other teens. We'll watch a movie and make some yummy snacks to take home and enjoy!

**Dec 20, Jan 16, Feb 21**

**PARANORMAL CLUB**

**7:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Are you fascinated by paranormal phenomena? Join YDL's Paranormal Club where we'll explore and discuss bizarre phenomena that's confounded mankind.

**Dec 23, Jan 27, Feb 24**

**LNGO CRAFTERNOONS (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.

**Dec 23:** Diamond Painting

**Jan 27:** Coiled Yarn/Rope Basket

**Feb 24:** Wine Cork Board

Registration required.

**Dec 27–30, Jan 3–7**

**WINTER BREAK: BOREDOM BUSTERS**

**2:00pm | YDL-Superior**

Find daily activities, ranging from STEM activities to a movie showing at the new YDL-Superior!

**Dec 27:** Tote Bag Painting

**Dec 28:** Build-a-Thon

**Dec 29:** DIY Kinetic Sand

**Dec 30:** Air Plant Potting

**Jan 3:** Paper Dragon Puppets

**Jan 4:** Hands on Circuits

**Jan 5:** Painting together

**Jan 6:** Make Your Own Plushie

**Jan 7:** Movie Showing: *Encanto*

**Dec 27 & 29, Jan 3 & 5**

**WINTER BREAK ART**

**12:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Drop in Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Winter Break and get creative!

**Dec 27:** Votive candle holders

**Dec 29:** Printmaking

**Jan 3:** DIY envelopes and thank you card collages

**Jan 5:** Popsicle stick puzzles

**Dec 27–30 & Jan 3–6**

**WINTER BREAK FUN**

**2:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

Are you bored at home? Drop in at YDL-Michigan during Winter Break!

**Dec 27:** Scrap Creative Use Bugs

**Dec 28:** 3D Paper Globes

**Dec 29:** Fun Flextangles

**Dec 30:** Pine Cone Bird Feeder

**Jan 3:** Decorate Cookies

**Jan 4:** Shrinky Dinks

**Jan 5:** Crystal Snowflakes

**Jan 6:** Movie: *Encanto*

**Jan 4**

**SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: E COMMERCE- WHERE TO BEGIN**

**5:30pm | Virtual**

This session will consider types of e-commerce, market segments, and current/recent market trends, along with websites, platforms, and more. This is the third of six sessions in our winter Small Business Savvy series. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. Register at [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events) or call 482-4110 x 2411. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

**Jan 7 & Feb 11**

**SOAR INTO SCIENCE SATURDAYS!**

**3:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Join us as we investigate the concepts of bones (1/7) and magnets (2/11) through stories and activities. Open to youth and caregivers. Registration preferred.

**Jan 8**

**SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM**

**2pm | YDL-Whittaker**

This month we will have a hybrid event, screening portions of *King: A Filmed Record...Montgomery to Memphis*. Discussion will follow led by La'Ron Williams, local storyteller and peace activist.

**Tuesdays, Jan 10–Feb 14**

**LNGO FITNESS WITH GERALDINE POWELL**

**12:00pm | Virtual**

Join fitness instructor Jerry Powell each week for a mid-day workout. Designed for ages 55 & up, but open to all adults who would enjoy a gentler workout. Registration required.



**Tuesdays, Jan 10–Feb 21**

**ESL COMMUNITY TUTORING**

**1:00pm | Superior**

Washtenaw Literacy presents English as a Second Language (ESL) community tutoring, a place to practice English language skills in an informal, relaxed setting. No registration is required. All levels of English are welcome. Please arrive 5 minutes before the start time.

**Jan 11**

**10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S - WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause changes in memory, thinking, and behavior that interfere with daily life. Join us to learn 10 common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others.

**Jan 11**

**FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: LET'S MAKE SOAP!**

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

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

**Thursdays, Jan 12–Feb 16**

**DOMINO TOPPLING MEETUP**

**4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Use our dominoes to create chains you can topple, test, and then rebuild. Build STEM skills through problem solving and design while you play.

**Jan 12**

**THE ONES WHO REMEMBER**

**7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Today, an estimated 400,000 Holocaust survivors remain, sharing a collective narrative of both suffering and resilience. *The Ones Who Remember* is an anthology of 16 different families grappling with the legacy of genocide and the inherited trauma of those who grew up in the shadow of their parents' pain. Hear the book's authors and other 2nd-generation Holocaust survivors share their stories in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day. An author signing will follow.

**Jan 12 & 26, Feb 9 & 23**

**READ TO MOON THE LIBRARY DOG**

**5:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

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

**Jan 14**

**YPSIWITES WRITERS ROOM**

**10:00am | YDL-Superior**

YpsiWrites comes to YDL-Superior. Join other writers for open writing time in YpsiWrites' Writers Room. If you're seeking inspiration, we'll provide a prompt. We'll also make time for writers wishing to share their work and get feedback.

**Jan 15**

**ALL LIVES STAND UP: A JAZZ CONCERT CELEBRATING MLK JR.**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Join jazz musician and educator Sean Dobbins and his ensemble for a musical reflection on the lasting legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This all ages show will include original music and some by the jazz masters of the past. Sponsored by the Friends of YDL.



**Jan 16**

**YOUNG BLACK WRITERS SHOWCASE**

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

Darius Simpson (poetry), Jenna Dawson (youth), and Kayla Chenault (fiction) will read from their recent books, talk about their community work, and explain how they embed writing practices into their daily lives. A Q&A will follow. Black Stone Bookstore and Cultural Center will have books available for purchase and signing. Toni Lea Isom, Youth Services Librarian Assistant for Adrian District Library, will moderate the discussion. This will also be livestreamed and the recording will be shared online.

**Jan 16**

**KINDERCONCERT**

**10:00am & 11:00am | YDL-Whittaker**

Little ones move and dance to live music performed by pianist Kathryn Goodson and oboist Timothy Michling from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Stories at this concert will honor MLK Day.

**Jan 16**

**MLK SERVICE PROJECT: HATS FOR HOMELESS PERSONS**

**11:00am–1:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Did you know that MLK Day is the only National Day of Service? Help us sew warm fleece hats to give to the Delonis Center and Hope Clinic. Donate trial size hygiene products to put together for giveaway kits.

**Jan 16**

**MLK DAY CELEBRATION WITH AKILI JACKSON**

**2:00pm | YDL-Superior**

Join us for a celebration of the life and vision of Dr. King and the Civil Rights movement. Local artist Akili Jackson will perform an interactive and family-friendly concert of spoken word and hip-hop. There will be a display of Dr. King related historical records from the National Archive. We will also make buttons with vintage designs from Civil Rights movement marches and have a kid's craft.



**Jan 17**

**PAINT A POT, PLANT A SUCCULENT**

(Teen)

**4:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

Gather with other teens to get creative by painting a pot and then use your green thumb to plant a succulent to take home!



**Jan 17**

**COOKING WITH YOUR INSTANT POT WITH MARY SPENCER**

**6:30pm | Virtual**

Culinary instructor Mary Spencer will demonstrate 2 recipes that will take the fear out of using the Instant Pot. Registration is required. This presentation will be recorded and posted to YDL's YouTube channel for two months.

**Jan 18**

**SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: A STICKY NOTE MARKETING PLAN**

**6:30pm | Virtual**

Learn how to build an easy-to-use marketing plan using sticky notes and the Kanban technique. This is the fourth of six sessions in our winter Small Business Savvy series. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor area SCORE office. Register at [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events) or call 482-4110 x 2411. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

**Jan 18 & Feb 15**

**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).

**Jan 18:** *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm

**Feb 15:** *Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom* by Matthew Swanson

**Jan 19 & Feb 16**

**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD**

**1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Participants contribute to the library by sharing resources. For more information call 734-879-1316.

**Jan 19–22**

**FRIENDS OF YDL BOOK SALE**

**Hours in description | YDL-Whittaker**

The Friends of YDL Annual Book Sale is here again! See page 12 for details. Memberships will be available for purchase at the door, so it's the perfect time to join the Friends and help make library events possible!

**Jan 19:** 6–8pm (members-only sale)

**Jan 20:** 11am–5pm

**Jan 21:** 11am–3pm

**Jan 22:** 1–4pm

**Jan 19 & Feb 16**

**THURSDAY NIGHT CRAFT CLUB**

**7pm | YDL-Michigan & YDL-Whittaker**

**Jan 19 at YDL-Michigan:** Make amazing art mosaics using seeds, legumes, and other pantry items.

**Feb 16 at YDL-Whittaker:** Learn the easy paper craft of iris folding to create colorful designs. Registration required. For questions, call 734-482-4110 x2411 or x 2421.

**Jan 21**

**PIPE CLEANER ART**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Use pipe cleaners, beads, and other materials to create whimsical bugs, fierce alligators, magical fairy wands, and more at this DIY craft program.



**Jan 22**

**CHARCOAL DRAWING (Ages 10–18)**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Join artist Lidia Kaku to learn charcoal drawing techniques. All supplies provided.



**Mondays, Jan 23–Feb 27**

**HOMELESS AWARENESS GROUP**

**7:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

This group meets weekly to focus on the homeless crisis in our community. We will have discussions, readings, and activities to raise awareness of the complexities of living without stable housing.

**Jan 23, Feb 1 & 10**

**GET CONNECTED: LINKING OLDER ADULTS WITH RESOURCES**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County will give three different presentations and share resources about coping with life transitions, using medication wisely, mental health awareness, and more.

**Jan 24**

**NEWS WRITING BEST PRACTICES: INTERVIEWING SOURCES AND IMPROVING YOUR ARTICLES**

**6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Join Sam Killian, Community Relations Coordinator at YDL, for guided practice interviewing your sources and tips on incorporating their thoughts into your story. You'll also learn to highlight the main hook of your article and how to write in a way that keeps everyone reading until the last line. In partnership with YpsiWrites and Groundcover News.

**Jan 25**

**LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND: A VISIT WITH A PUPPY RAISER**

**7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Visit with leader dog puppy raiser Sue McDowell and hear touching stories of her organization and the clients, volunteers, and dogs who make so much possible. Sue is co-counselor for the Ann Arbor Area Puppy Raisers chapter of Leader Dogs for the Blind, whose activism and volunteerism ensures that puppies are ready for their training when they return to the Leader Dog campus. Sue's current puppy, Frida, will be on site during this program.



**Jan 28**

**WITH OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS: MEDITATION AND JOURNALING**

**10:00am | Virtual**

Join YpsiWrites and YDL for the first of two writing workshops exploring intersections of writing, mental wellness, and self-care. Poet and clinical social worker David Boeving will guide participants in a meditation and journaling exercise. The second workshop, A Story Worth Writing: Self-Care and Autobiography, will take place Feb 25. You can register for one or both workshops.

**Jan 28**

**SPINNING DOT THEATRE**

**11:00am | YDL-Whittaker**

Spinning Dot Repertory Company will perform *This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing* by Finegan Kruckemeyer. When a big thing happens to you, the choice you make about what to do next can shape your entire future. When three young, triplet sisters are left in a forest by their woodcutter father, they are each faced with a big choice. Through word, music, and movement, audiences will experience their glorious, wild adventures away from and back toward one another in this heart-felt play from Australia.

**Jan 28 & Feb 25**

**ANIME MEETUP (Ages 8–12)**

**1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Do you love manga or anime, or do you want to learn more? Meet up to watch and discuss anime, create art, eat snacks, and play games.

**Jan 28**

**WINTERFEST**

**6:00pm–9:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Celebrate the end of finals at an after hours program just for teens. Make s'mores and snow globes, decorate cookies and use ingredients from the hot cocoa bar to make your own warm drink. Play board games, and compete in a Wii winter sports competition on the big screen. You might win a prize! Hosted by the Teen Advisory Group.

**Jan 29**

**MICHIGAN NATIVE TREES**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Looking for a new tree for your landscape? Consider choosing a Michigan native tree. Native trees are environmentally friendly, improve biodiversity, help support a healthy ecosystem, and they can be easier to maintain compared to exotic species. Attend this presentation by Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck to become more familiar with our Michigan native trees.

**Jan 30**

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES FOR SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA - WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage.

**Tuesdays, Jan 31–Feb 28**

**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 *Amulet Book 1, The Stonekeeper* by Kazu Kibuishi, then choose our next book together.

**Jan 31 & Feb 28**

**VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

**7:00pm | Virtual**

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

**Dec:** No Meeting in December, annual holiday dinner, TBA

**Jan 31:** *You'll Never Believe What Happened To Lacey: Crazy Stories About Racism* by Amber Ruffin and Lacey Lamar

**Feb 28:** *Razorblade Tears* by S. A. Cosby

**Feb 1–28**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRIVIA CONTEST**

**Virtual**

Celebrate Black History Month by competing in an online trivia contest. Answer questions related to Black History for your chance to win prizes. Contest open to library cardholders and individuals within the Ypsilanti Library service area only. Call 734-482-4110 x2411 with questions. The quiz will become active on Feb 1 at [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events).



**Feb 1–Apr 11**

**AARP TAX HELP**

**Tues/Wed | 9:00am–3:30pm | YDL-Michigan**  
**Thurs | 9:00am–2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

AARP TaxAide program is targeted at low and moderate income taxpayers, especially those over 50 years old. Call 734-482-4110 x2411 or x2421 to make an appointment. See details and requirements on Page 12.

**Feb 1**

**SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: EMAIL MARKETING BEST PRACTICES FOR 2023**

**6:30pm | Virtual**

Learn about best practices for using email marketing to build and maintain your relationship with your audience. The fifth of six sessions in our Winter 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. Register at [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events) or call 482-4110 x2411. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-4824110 x1306.

**Feb 2**

**FAMILY LITERACY SUPERHERO NIGHT (Ages 5–10)**

**5:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

Come and join the Children's Literacy Network and Junior League of Ann Arbor for a FLIP (Family Literacy Interactive Program) superhero night. Play together, and go home with Power Food Packs, books, and prizes, including Meijer gift cards! A light meal will be provided. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite superhero! Program is targeted to under-resourced families. Registration required. Email [mitchell@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:mitchell@ypsilibrary.org).

**Feb 4**

**PRESCHOOL MOVEMENT CLASS**

**11:00am | YDL-Whittaker**

Little ones move and dance with instructor Amy Cadwallader from Dance Uprising.

**Feb 4**

**BUBBLE WRAP APPRECIATION DAY**

**3:00pm | YDL-Michigan**

Join us for a painting/printing project using bubble wrap. Dress to mess. Kids, please bring your adults to supervise you.

**Feb 4**

**PANDAFIT**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Join Jesse Deucher, Physical Education teacher at Mack Open and creator of PandaFit, for fun games to keep you active indoors in the winter. Games may include “Head, Shoulder, Knees, and Cones,” the “Get-Up” challenge, “Partner Twister,” and “Thread the Needle.”



**Feb 4**

**HYDRO DIPPED MUGS (Ages 12–18)**

**3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Decorate a mug using nail polish and the hydro dip technique, then assemble your own cocoa mix to use at home.



**Feb 6**

**CARE CONSULTATION PROGRAM - WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Meet with counselors to discuss your needs and set up a regular meetings by phone or in your home or office. This short-term program is offered at no cost.

**Feb 7**

**STUPID CUPID CAKE DECORATING**

**5:30pm | YDL-Michigan**

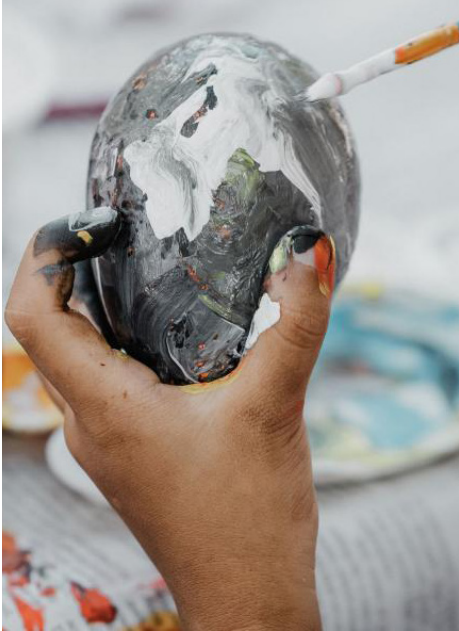
Come to the library to un-celebrate Valentine's Day and put on your baking hat with other teens to decorate a mini cake to take home!

**Feb 8**

**FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: DRAGON EGGS**

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

A dragon egg is a hollow egg that you can decorate with hot glue for dimension & paint for color. You can also write hatching instructions or a story about your egg. Children of all ages welcome with accompanying adult. Registration required.



**Thursdays, Feb 9–Mar 2**

**ANIMAL ADVENTURERS (Ages 6–8)**

**5pm | YDL-Michigan**

Participants will learn about animal safety, veterinary care, how to help wildlife, and more. Stories, games, and crafts will be a part of each week's fun! Email [joy@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:joy@ypsilibrary.org) to register. Sponsored by Humane Society of Huron Valley.

**Feb 11**

**MINUTE TO WIN IT**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Test your family's skills at stacking, sorting, wrapping, and more. There will be silly prizes for all and top scoring families will take home a fun family game.



**Feb 11**

**YPSIWITES WRITERS ROOM**

**10am | YDL-Michigan**

YpsiWrites comes to YDL-Michigan. Write with us! Join other writers for open writing time in YpsiWrites' Writers Room. If you're seeking inspiration, we'll provide a prompt. We'll also make time for writers wishing to share their work and get feedback. Register online to participate.

**Feb 12**

**HUMMINGBIRDS—HOW TO ATTRACT AND KEEP THEM RETURNING**

**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Find out how to get ready for the return of hummingbirds to Michigan and how to lure them to your garden in this presentation by Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck. Attendees will not only learn what to do, but why these steps appeal to these tiny beauties. These birds will begin their solo migration north in late February and we can track them online to learn when to have our feeders out to welcome them back.



**Feb 13**

**GRIEVE WELL: UNDERSTANDING GRIEF WEBINAR - VALENTINE'S DAY EDITION**

**7:00pm | Virtual**

Join YDL and GrieveWell for this interactive workshop to learn about grief, the effects it has on one's physical and emotional health, as well as helpful tips for navigating grief during Valentine's Day. As part of this workshop you will make a written plan for managing grief during this challenging time of the year.

**Feb 15**

**SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: CANVA 101 FOR BEGINNERS**

**6:30pm | Virtual**

Learn how to get started with Canva, a free graphic design tool for social media graphics, presentations, documents, and more. This is the last of six sessions in our winter Small Business Savvy series. Register at [attend.ypsilibrary.org/events](https://attend.ypsilibrary.org/events) or call 482- 4110 x 2411. For more information, email Paula Drummond at [drummond@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:drummond@ypsilibrary.org) or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

**Feb 18**

**CHANGING OUR HEARTS THROUGH POETRY: CELEBRATING AND LEARNING FROM AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN POETS**

**11:00am | Virtual**

Join YDL, YpsiWrites, and EMU Professor of Africology and African American Studies Toni Pressley-Sanon in a morning of reading, reflection, and writing. Through the reading and contemplation of African American women's poetry, learn how to listen more deeply to your own voice and to the voices of others. Then practice using writing as a tool to expand our collective hearts and minds. For teens and adults.





Feb 18

**KABOOMISTRY - PRESENTED BY MICHIGAN SCIENCE CENTER**  
**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Why do things explode? Learn about the relationships between pressure, temperature, and fuel to explain why things go KA-BOOM! We'll mix physics and chemistry to get some loud, flashy effects.



Feb 19

**DRAWING FACES 101** (Ages 10–18)  
**2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker**

Join artist Lidia Kaku to learn to draw faces and get tips to improve your drawings. All supplies provided.

Feb 21

**AIR FRYER COOKING WITH MARY SPENCER**

**6:30pm | Virtual**

Mary Spencer will show you two of the best ways to use your new air fryer. Plenty of tips will be included. Check out an air fryer cookbook or an air fryer from our Library of Things afterward! Registration is required. This presentation will be recorded and posted to YDL's YouTube channel for two months.

Feb 25

**A STORY WORTH WRITING: SELF-CARE AND AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

**10:00am | Virtual**

Join YpsiWrites and YDL for the second of two writing workshops exploring intersections of writing, mental wellness, and self-care. In this second workshop, poet and clinical social worker David Boeving will work with participants to explore everyday approaches to self-care—and how taking care of oneself is a story worth writing. For teens and adults.

Feb 25

**WORLD LANGUAGE STORYTIME: SPANISH**

**11:00am | YDL-Whittaker**

Our bilingual storytimes return! This month we'll have stories and songs in Spanish with an English translation followed by art and sensory activities. All are welcome.

Feb 26

**SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM**  
**2pm | YDL-Whittaker**

In this hybrid event, we will view video of Dr. Carol Anderson discussing *The Second: Race & Guns in a Fatally Unequal America*. Local storyteller and peace activist La'Ron Williams will lead discussion.

## 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.

Dec 1, 7pm & Feb 25, 2pm

**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.

Dec 3, 10:30am; Jan 24, 2pm

**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.

Dec 3, 2pm; Jan 5, 6:30pm; Feb 1, 10:30am

**MICROSOFT WORD – BASICS**  
**YDL-Whittaker**

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

Dec 6, 7pm; Jan 4, 10:30am; Feb 18, 2pm

**GOOGLE CALENDAR - BASICS**  
**YDL-Whittaker**

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

Dec 7, 10:30am; Jan 7, 2pm; Feb 14, 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.

Dec 8 & Feb 14, 2pm; Jan 7, 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.

Dec 10 & Feb 15, 10:30am; Jan 31, 2pm

**HOW TO HOST A ZOOM MEETING** (Adult)

**Virtual**

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.

Dec 10, 2pm; Jan 12, 6:30pm; Feb 8, 10:30am

**MICROSOFT WORD – INTERMEDIATE**  
**YDL-Whittaker**

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

Dec 13 & Jan 5, 2pm; Feb 4, 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.

Dec 13, 6:30pm; Jan 25, 2pm

**GMAIL - BASICS**  
**YDL-Whittaker**

Learn how to send and retrieve messages, add attachments, create and manage labels and filters, add contacts, and manage junk email. Participants may sign up for a Gmail account at the end of class. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Dec 14, 10:30am; Jan 21, 2pm; Feb 21, 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.

Dec 15 & Feb 21, 2pm; Jan 21, 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.

Dec 15 & Feb 2, 7pm; Jan 11, 2pm

**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.

Dec 17, 10:30am; Jan 10 & Feb 16, 2pm

**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.

Dec 17, 2pm; Jan 11, 10:30am; Feb 23, 6:30pm

**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.

Dec 19

**CHROMEBOOK - BASICS**

**11:30am | YDL-Michigan**

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.

Dec 19

**CHROMEBOOK - BASICS**

**7:00pm | YDL-Superior**

Explore the basic features of the Chromebook with hands-on practice using YDL Chromebooks.

Dec 20 & Jan 12, 2pm; Feb 18, 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.

Dec 21, 10:30am; Jan 17, 6:30pm; Feb 4, 2pm

**MICROSOFT PUBLISHER – BASICS**  
**YDL-Whittaker**

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

Dec 29 & Feb 9, 7pm; Jan 18, 2pm

**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.

Jan 18

**GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS - USING CHROMEBOOKS**

**1:00pm | YDL-Superior**

Learn to format, select, copy, paste, and edit text. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a document using YDL Chromebooks.

Jan 23

**GOOGLE DRIVE - BASICS: USING CHROMEBOOKS**

**11:30am | 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.

Jan 26, 6:30pm; Feb 25, 10:30am

**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.

Feb 15

**GMAIL BASICS - USING CHROMEBOOKS**

**1:00pm | YDL-Superior**

Learn how to send and retrieve messages, add attachments, create and manage labels and filters, add contacts, and manage junk email using Chromebooks.

Feb 20

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

**11:30am | 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

**FOR STORYTIMES AT YDL-SUPERIOR:**

All attendees will receive a free book, thanks to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor.

**Mondays, Jan 9–Feb 13**

**JUMPSTART KINDERGARTEN** (Ages 4–6)

**10:30am | YDL-Whittaker**

Designed for readers ready for longer stories and more independence. Each session builds school readiness skills, from listening, to scissor skills, to STEM concepts.

**Mondays, Jan 9–Feb 13**

**READ WITH ME!**

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

A story time to engage the whole family! We will dive into a new book each week and explore the story with activities and movement. A short and sweet event to wrap up Monday evenings together!

**Tuesdays, Jan 10– Feb 14**

**BABY TIME**

**10:30am | YDL-Superior**

Hear a book and learn fun songs during a short lapsit storytime designed for pre-walkers, then stay to chat with other parents and caregivers while your little one plays. All attendees will receive a free book, thanks to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor.

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays; Jan 10–Feb 16**

**DISCOVERY TIME** (Ages 2–4)

**10:30am**

**YDL-Whittaker** (Tuesdays & Wednesdays);  
**YDL-Michigan & YDL-Superior** (Thursdays)

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 learning activities. Attend Tuesday or Wednesday at YDL-Whittaker or Thursdays at YDL-Michigan or YDL-Superior.

**Wednesdays, Jan 11–Feb 15**

**TODDLER TAKEOVER STORYTIME**

**11:30am | YDL-Michigan**

Toddlers takeover and explore the library! Stories, movement, music, and activities in a safe space and time for caregivers to connect with each other. A great time for our youngest walkers to roam!

**Wednesdays & Thursdays, Jan 11–Feb 16**

**READ SING PLAY** (Babies through age 3)

**10:30am | YDL-Superior** (Wednesdays) &

**YDL-Whittaker** (Thursdays)

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.

**Thursdays, Jan 12–Feb 16**

**YOGA STORYTIME**

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

Join us for an active expression of storytime through yoga and movement, then wind down on a calm note, readying your family for a relaxing and easy bedtime. All ages welcome. Each week a different book will inspire our yoga or dance influenced movements, as well as our breathing and mindfulness exercises. Bring a mat or use one from the library.

**Fridays, Jan 13–Feb 17**

**TUMMY TIME PLAYGROUP**

**10:30am | YDL-Michigan**

Engage with other caregivers of new babies while learning tips and tricks for young infant play! Every week we will read stories, create a take-home activity, and connect with others.

## Ypsi Stories

The winter episode of Ypsi Stories will cover the Shadow Art Fair, a local social, cultural, and interactive art experience that for many years in the 00s and 10s marked the peak of summer in July, while providing a warm, community-based, secular gathering each winter as well. Listen to this and all of the podcast episodes at [ypsilibrary.org/ypsi-stories](https://ypsilibrary.org/ypsi-stories) or wherever you get your podcasts.





# TALK GROWS INTO INDIANA

YDL's school-readiness text message service, TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten, is now available to parents in Indiana as well as Michigan! TALK was developed and refined by youth staff at YDL with the help of other libraries and community partners in Washtenaw County. Its success here helped YDL secure grant funding to make it available to a wider audience by partnering with the Library of Michigan, State Library of Indiana, and the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services.

If you are a parent or caregiver with children under 6, you can sign up by texting the word TALK to the phone number 75547, or by filling out the online form at [texttolearn.com](https://texttolearn.com). You'll get two activity suggestions via text message each week, plus reminders about library events for little ones. The activity ideas you'll receive are targeted to your child's age and can be done at home to build pre-reading and early math skills and pave the way for school success when they start kindergarten. Contact [jodi@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:jodi@ypsilibrary.org) for more information.



## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

- **Dec. 2:** K–5 1/2 Day (LCS)
- **Dec. 9:** Early Release Day (LCS)
- **Dec. 21 & 22:** 1/2 Day (YCS)
- **Dec. 23-Jan. 8:** Winter Break, No Classes (Both)
- **Jan. 9:** Classes Resume (Both)
- **Jan. 16:** No School, MLK Jr. Day (Both)
- **Jan. 18-20:** 1/2 Day for MS/HS, Full Day for Elementary (LCS)
- **Jan. 23:** No School (LCS)
- **Feb. 8:** Student Count Day (YCS)
- **Feb. 10:** Early Release Day (LCS)
- **Feb. 17:** 1/2 Day (YCS)
- **Feb. 20:** No School (Both)

# LCS GETS PILOT GRANT

Lincoln Consolidated Schools has earned a pilot grant to improve Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). Social-Emotional Learning is part of the Michigan Department of Education's Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP) and focuses on the whole child. LCS is in the second half of the sixteen-month Pilot which has allowed them to scale SEL from one building to the whole district. In 2023, LCS will focus on strengthening those district-wide SEL efforts by:

- Adhering to the core components of CASEL's five SEL competencies (Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Responsible Decision Making,

- Relationship Skills, and Social Awareness) through ongoing training and support;
- Professional learning on approved district SEL resources that are differentiated to meet the needs of the staff and community;
- Putting processes in place for how and when to use the SEL resources;
- Ensuring that equity is inseparable from the five SEL competencies.

When the pilot program ends, LCS anticipates being able to fully implement the work as a staple in their curriculum.



# YDL IS ON TIK TOK!

Do you want to see amazing behind-the-scenes content from our talented staff? Watch us unbox books and Library of Things materials, see footage from events, discover library resources, and find hidden gems inside our buildings by following [@ypsilibrary](https://www.tiktok.com/@ypsilibrary) on Tik Tok.

The new Tik Tok account will help YDL connect with more local teens and younger adults, as the

platform has over 1 billion users, over half of which are ages 18–24. Visit [tiktok.com/@ypsilibrary](https://www.tiktok.com/@ypsilibrary) to follow the fun.



# GET A YDL CARD, SHARE A SELFIE!

Getting your YDL card is exciting, and we want you to show off how pumped you are! Sign up for your card at any branch, then grab a selfie frame and snap a picture to share on social media with [#LibraryLove](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/LibraryLove).

No matter which is your favorite branch, we have a customized frame to show it off. Your library card can open up your world. We hope you share the news with your friends online.





# DEALING WITH BURNOUT AND STRESS FROM SCHOOL

Teachers, parents, and students often find school to be a significant source of stress. Assignments, deadlines, and busy schedules make it hard to find time for self-care. For many, the stress leads to burnout. But what is burnout, and how can you prevent it from affecting you?

## Defining Burnout

Lexi Walters Wright of Understood, an online resource for those with learning and thinking differences, describes school burnout as suffering from long-term mental, physical, or emotional exhaustion without the ability to recharge. Those with burnout often feel worn down, unmotivated, and uninterested in school and extracurricular activities.

*Harvard Business Review* contributor Monique Valcour explains the three components to burnout: exhaustion, cynicism, and inefficacy. Any of these components can mean that it's time to recharge:

- **Exhaustion** is a sense of severe mental, physical, or emotional tiredness. Constant exhaustion makes learning challenging.
- **Cynicism** is the weakening of the engagement, pride, and joy you take in activities.
- **Inefficacy** is when you're feeling incompetent, unproductive, or under-achieving. This often leads to anxiety about completing tasks.

According to a University of the People article, academic burnout can look like these symptoms:

- Near-constant exhaustion
- Feeling unmotivated or uninspired
- Feeling anxious, depressed, or uninterested in school
- Increased emotional outbursts
- Sickness, pain, or tension



## Overcoming Burnout

To beat burnout, the University of the People recommends:

- Recognizing symptoms and seeking help. Ignoring burnout doesn't fix it.
- Managing your time, stress, and relationships.
- Exercising and getting outside.
- Making time for enjoyable social activities.
- Setting reasonable goals that maintain an effective work-life balance.
- Sticking to deadlines.
- Sleeping 7–9 hours each night.
- Taking breaks.

YDL also has resources available for those looking to battle burnout. Students can take a mental break with a good book, attend social events such as Teen Advisory Group or Anime Club, or check out a teen creative toolkit. To find more resources, visit [ypslibrary.org/services/youth-services](https://ypslibrary.org/services/youth-services).

*Want to relax? Get in touch with your creative side and de-stress with Creativebug, a collection of award-winning arts and crafts videos taught by experts.*

Visit [ypslibrary.org/research](https://ypslibrary.org/research) and click on Creativebug to get started.

# DO YOU KNOW THE HISTORY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

February is Black History Month. The 2023 theme is “Black Resistance,” which recognizes and celebrates the resistance of Black people, organizations, and institutions to racism in the past and present.

Black History Month started in 1925, when historian Carter G. Woodson wanted to raise awareness of the contributions of Black Americans to U.S. society. According to [blackhistorymonth.gov](https://blackhistorymonth.gov), the event was first celebrated in February 1926.

The week was met with an overwhelmingly positive response by Black Americans. The article from [blackhistorymonth.gov](https://blackhistorymonth.gov) said, “Black history clubs sprang up; [and] teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils.” By the 1950s, it “had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration.”

The celebrations continued during the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s. Finally, in 1976–200 years after the founding of the United States—Black History Month was officially recognized. President Gerald R. Ford said of the historic event, “Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

The Library is celebrating Black History Month with a trivia contest. From February 1–28, answer

questions related to Black history for your chance to win prizes. Questions will be available starting Feb. 1 at [ypslibrary.org](https://ypslibrary.org).



## YDL Resources:

- Visit our Race Relations page ([ypslibrary.org/interests/race-relations](https://ypslibrary.org/interests/race-relations)).
- Listen to the Ypsi Stories podcast. Many episodes focus on the histories of Black Ypsilantians and their contributions to the city.
- Attend a Safely Talk about Race and Racism film discussion.

## Other Resources:

- [blackhistorymonth.gov/about](https://blackhistorymonth.gov/about)
  - » Note: Data for this piece came from the essay by Daryl Michael Scott on this page.
- [asalh.org/black-history-themes](https://asalh.org/black-history-themes)

*To learn more about local Black history, visit the A.P. Marshall African American Oral History Archive. This project chronicles the lives and struggles of Black Ypsilantians in their own words. Recorded by historian A.P. Marshall in the 1980s, these interviews span several generations and help to tell the rich and varied story of African Americans in Ypsilanti.*

*Explore the project at [history.ypslibrary.org](https://history.ypslibrary.org).*



# PRIORITIZE YOUR HEALTH IN 2023!



The end of each year is a good time to destress and get ready for new opportunities. It's important to take care of your mental, physical, and financial health. Luckily, YDL has resources available to help you prioritize your health and happiness in 2023.

### Take care of your mental health with these resources:

- Engage in hobbies that help you find peace. If you like cooking, check out the *Food America* database. Want to get creative? Visit the *Hobbies and Crafts Research Center* database.
- Socialize at our amazing clubs for all ages and interests. Kids can join our Children and Family Painting Club, Kids Chess Club, or Love of Learning Club. The Anime Club and the Teen Advisory Group are perfect for teens. Adults can jam out at Guitar Club or do some yarn work at Knitting Plus.
- Or, check out these amazing events! Find Sensory Stations and Legos for kids, Charcoal Drawing and Hydro Dipped Mug-making for teens, and Instant Pot and Air Fryer cooking with Mary Spencer for aspiring chefs.

### Looking to take care of your physical health?

- Stay warm inside while getting in a workout with fitness instructor Jerry Powell at LINGO Fitness.
- It may be winter, but there are still over 20 species of ducks in Michigan. Join us for a Family Birding Walk and get exercise while admiring nature's resilience.

- If your little ones need to get moving, they can come to a Preschool Movement class or Yoga Storytime!

### Improve your financial health by taking advantage of all YDL has to offer:

- If you hope to start off the new year with a new job, visit our Job Seekers interest page ([ypsilibrary.org/interests/job-seekers-skill-builders](https://ypsilibrary.org/interests/job-seekers-skill-builders)). Find resume and cover letter help, job listing sites, and more! You can also check out our Job Center at YDL-Whittaker to find job postings.
- Looking to make a big purchase? Use the *Consumer Reports* database to find product evaluations and ratings so you can make the right choice.
- Tax season is upon us, but have no fear. Starting Feb. 1, AARP will be available Tuesdays and Wednesdays at YDL-Michigan and Thursdays at YDL-Whittaker to help seniors and low income residents with filing their taxes (see page 12).



# 5 TIPS FOR A HEALTHIER WINTER

## Stay healthier in the cold months with these 5 tips!

1. If you don't feel well, avoid others.
2. Get an updated booster and stay up-to-date on your COVID vaccines. Visit [washtenaw.org/covid19vaccine](https://washtenaw.org/covid19vaccine) for vaccine info.
3. Get a flu shot! Everyone 6 months old and older should get a yearly flu vaccine. Flu shots are especially important for seniors, anyone with underlying health conditions, pregnant people, and young kids.
4. Stay COVID-prepared. Keep an eye on our community's level to see what precautions you should be taking ([bit.ly/WCC19LVL](https://bit.ly/WCC19LVL)). Make sure you have at-home tests and masks and verify your eligibility for COVID treatments.
5. Keep up with general healthy habits! Visit your doctor to get any routine vaccinations or preventative screenings needed. A nutritious diet, plenty of sleep, and regular exercise can also help you feel better and stay healthier during cold and flu season.

Want to stay updated on all things health in Washtenaw County? Join the WCHD email list at [bit.ly/WCHD555](https://bit.ly/WCHD555).



#WishYouKnewWashtenaw – Winter Mental Health

The winter season can be hard for some of us. During the times we need it most, we might feel scared to reach out for help. But it's important to remember that asking for help does not make us weak, it does not make us a burden, and it does not make our progress and victories lesser. We all need support sometimes!

If you need mental health support and have questions about where you might find it, give the CARES team a call at 734-544-3050. They can help with mental health concerns or questions 24/7. You can also check out a local resource guide at [bit.ly/wcsupportmh](https://bit.ly/wcsupportmh).

Want to see more mental health info and resources? Follow [@wishyouknewwashtenaw](https://www.instagram.com/wishyouknewwashtenaw) on Instagram!



# 200 YEARS IN THE MAKING

Ypsilanti will celebrate its Bicentennial in 2023, and the Bicentennial Planning Committee is kicking things off with a New Year’s Eve Ball Drop on South Washington Street (Black Lives Matter Blvd). Details to come.

There is a full year of Ypsilanti-inspired events and meaningful community gatherings to recognize the 200th anniversary of Ypsilanti’s incorporation on April 22, 1823. In addition to the Ball Drop, there will be a Fourth of July lunch in the park with a time capsule reveal, and a main celebration in August with area artists, delicious local food, a beer tent, and other entertainment.

You can also join YpsiWrites in writing love letters to and about the city we love so much! Write your own love letter to Ypsilanti or use an YpsiWrites prompt. Postcards with prompts are available at all YDL branches. Submitted letters and cards may be displayed on YpsiWrites’ website or at events celebrating the bicentennial.

These celebrations are funded through the city and donations collected by the Bicentennial Committee.

For more Bicentennial news, visit [cityofypsilanti.com/861/Bicentennial-Committee](https://cityofypsilanti.com/861/Bicentennial-Committee).



## WARMING SHELTERS

The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County has announced its daytime and overnight warming shelter locations for this winter.

Those looking for daytime shelter can visit any of these locations:

- **All 3 YDL branches** are open from 9am–9pm Monday through Thursday and 10am–6pm on Friday and Saturday. Additionally, YDL-Whittaker is open on Sunday from 1–5pm. See page 12 for addresses.

- **Ypsilanti Freighthouse at 100 Market Place:** This location will be open Monday through Thursday from 8am–6pm until March 31.
- **Ann Arbor Day Shelter:** Time and locations to be announced.
- **Delonis Center:** Access shelter on the weekends at 312 W. Huron St., Ann Arbor until March 31.

For those seeking overnight shelter, the Delonis Center is open at 7pm each night until March 31. According to the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, individuals seeking emergency shelter should contact Housing Access of Washtenaw County (734-961-1999) for a referral to the Delonis Center. If it is after 5pm or during the weekend,

come directly to the Delonis Center for assistance. In addition to a place to sleep, individuals will be able to access resources and services such as meals, medical care, and case management, as well as assistance in finding permanent housing.



## MEET THE 2022 WRITERS OF YPSILANTI

YpsiWrites is excited to introduce the 2022 Writers of Ypsilanti. The 2022 theme is Write for Change, and all 11 of this year’s writers embody that theme.



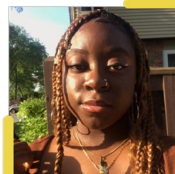
**Angela Verges** was nominated by Debbie Taylor for being “a prolific writer who embodies positive change.” Angela believes her writing “encourages, informs, and inspires... personal growth.”



**Lauren Fardig-Diop** was nominated by Lynn Malinoff because she is “deeply committed...and a strong influence on young writers.” Lauren enjoys when readers connect with her writing and understand the impact of shared words.



**Brian Geiringer**, nominated by Sarah Rigg, “regularly writes news and commentary about the Ypsilanti area, with a focus on government and political issues, including affordable housing.” Brian believes writing through the reader’s mind creates great stories.



**Ciatta Tucker** was nominated by Molly Raynor and Venus Pasha, who celebrate Ciatta for “capturing the often untold stories of her [community], especially Black girls, and of Ypsi.” For Ciatta, brainstorming and idea exploration is the best part of the writing process.



**Nuola Akinde**, nominated by Antoinette Moncrieff, has “been an integral presence as a writer, educator, and community activist in Ypsilanti for many years.” Nuola loves poetry “because it can take whatever form it needs to suit who you are and what you’re feeling in a given moment.”



**Chanel Stitt** was nominated by Sarah Rigg for her journalistic passion as a *Detroit Free Press* business reporter, a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, and the Vice President of Print for Detroit NABJ. Chanel enjoys her work “because every person has a story, but the journey of entrepreneurship can be a difficult process.”



**Nesi Jordan’s** son, Carson Jordan (a past Writer of Ypsilanti!) nominated Nesi for being a mother of five who’s helped many people. Nesi believes “Writing for change should inspire those who want a different narrative for themselves.”



**Maria Patton** was nominated by her former teacher, Kari Safieddine, because, “Her personal stories of being a black, young woman in our society are honest, brave, and inspiring.” Maria thinks her writing “pushes [her] community to think critically about the treatment of people around them.” She aspires to create a more equitable world for all, including her own community.



**Greg Pizzino**, nominated by previous Writer of Ypsilanti Aaron Mark Dean, promotes his peers and the art of play writing “with a sense of fun and discovery.” Greg enjoys play writing because it’s livelier than prose. “Every production and every performance is going to be... different,” says Greg.



**Janice Anschuetz** was recognized by Robert Anschuetz because her Ypsilanti Historical Society articles illuminate the stories of people and places previously unknown. Janice wants her writing to help readers “understand the dynamics of historical situations and how they may have influenced a person’s social development.”



**Cynthia Fassbender** was nominated by Debora Marsh for her dedication to her students and desire to “give them opportunities to write and develop their voices.” Cynthia’s favorite writing is collaborative, which allows her “to learn about other people and creates an understanding between... co-writers that is unique.”





# TAX HELP

YDL will again serve as a site for free tax preparation during this upcoming season. From February until mid-April, AARP will offer tax assistance at the YDL-Whittaker and YDL-Michigan branches.

Scheduling for tax-preparation appointments will begin in January 2023. Visit [ypsilibrary.org/taxprep](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/taxprep) for updates on the tax help services that will be available at YDL, along with additional resources to help you prepare your taxes.

AARP's TaxAide assistance program is provided by trained volunteers in partnership with the IRS and targeted at low and moderate income taxpayers. There is no age requirement, but this service especially targets those over 50 years old. AARP membership is not required.

All interactions will be socially distanced. AARP requires masks. Call 734-482-4110 x2411 or x2421 to make an appointment or for more information.

## Please note the following before you arrive for your appointment:

- You can pick up information and forms (to be filled out before your appointment) at the branch where you have scheduled your appointment.
- If filing jointly, both spouses must be present. Have birthdates for yourself, spouse, and dependents.

## Make sure you bring:

- All W-2s, 1099s, and any other records of income.
- Last year's tax return.
- Government issued photo ID and Social Security card for yourself and spouse.
- Social Security card for all dependents.
- Personal check for routing/account numbers for direct deposit of a refund.
- 1095-A if you received ACA health insurance.
- Any other tax documents, such as 1098s.
- Dec, Jan, or Feb DTE bill if you are eligible for the home heating credit.

- 2021 Summer/Winter Property Tax statement or proof of paid rent, landlord's name, and address if eligible for property tax credit.
- All necessary information if itemizing.
- Records of all income and expenses if self-employed.



# WINTER TIPS FROM THERIDE

With the change of seasons, many people will be commuting by bus when it is dark out and in inclement weather. Here are some tips to keep you safe:

- Give yourself extra time for your commute. Bad weather may cause road conditions to be poor, which will result in delays.
- Wear reflective clothing or have a light to ensure you are seen in the dark.
- If your bus stop is unsafe due to snow or ice, please wait at the nearest and safest cleared area. Signal to the driver when your bus approaches.
- Some routes may be placed on detour during severe weather or have delays. Sign up for the MyAlerts system to receive an email if your route is on detour.
- You can track your bus at [TheRide.org](https://www.theride.org).

As a reminder, pass prices have been reduced and you can use EZFare for mobile ticketing. Plan your trip at [TheRide.org](https://www.theride.org).



# FRIENDS OF YDL

## The Friends of YDL Annual Book Sale is back!

Book sale prices are \$1 for hardcovers, 25¢ for paperbacks, and 50¢ for oversize paperbacks. On Jan. 22 there will be bags of books available for \$4, and some books will be sold for a reduced price. At the members only preview sale, memberships will be available for purchase at the door. It's the perfect time to join the Friends and help make library events possible! Dues start at just \$10.

- Jan. 19:** 6–8pm (members-only sale)  
**Jan. 20:** 11am–5pm  
**Jan. 21:** 11am–3pm  
**Jan. 22:** 1–4pm

**BOOK SHOP HOURS:**

- **Monday** ..... 2pm – 6pm
- **Tuesday** ..... 1pm – 5pm
- **Wednesday** ..... 10am – 2pm
- **Thursday** ..... 10am – 4pm
- **Friday** ..... 10am – 2pm
- **Saturday** ..... 11am – 5pm
- **Sunday** ..... 2pm – 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://www.ypsilibrary.org/volunteer-at-the-friends-book-shop).

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	1900 Harris Road 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> Mon-Thurs: 9am–9pm Fri and Sat: 10am–6pm	<b>HOURS</b> Mon–Thurs: 4–8pm
			Neighborhood route and schedule: <a href="https://www.ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile">ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile</a>

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://www.ypsilibrary.org/board) for updated meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes.

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

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