YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY - ask Mhy -— ask Why —

SPRING 2023

NEW FACES **ATYDL**

ith the addition of our new full-service Superior branch last fall, YDL had the opportunity to hire quite a few new staff members. Our Outreach department is mostly all new, and with a retirement and a few other departures downtown, you're bound to encounter a new employee or two no matter which branch you visit.

Like the wonderful, talented staff you know, each of these folks is thoroughly trained and focused on providing great customer service with a smile.

We're delighted to welcome all of these beautiful, friendly faces. Stop in to meet them and say "hello!"

- Lisa Hoenig, Director



CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

pril 23–29 marks National Library Week 2023, a week dedicated to honoring libraries, library workers, and their impacts on their communities. This year's theme is "There's more to the Story." We encourage you to go beyond the bookshelves to explore all your library offers.

If you've been to a YDL branch lately, you'll notice hotspots, puzzles, Tools for Living Kits, and even a sewing machine! Want to build social connections? Attend book groups or craft clubs. Your library card can help you build job skills, stream movies, get discounted tickets to parks and museums, and a whole lot more.

As part of the celebrations, several days of the week have a specific theme:

April 25: National Library Workers Day honors library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups and recognizes the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

April 26: National Library Outreach Day (formerly National Bookmobile Day) celebrates library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are. **April 27:** Take Action for Libraries Day is a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

Follow us on social media during the week for YDL's own contributions to the celebrations.

In our buildings and our community, we love showing off what we offer beyond stories. In these pages you'll read about the many ways YDL opens doors to vital resources and makes connections in our community. Take time to explore our libraries to find out how we can help you find job resources, plant a garden, build

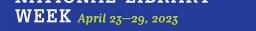
school readiness skills, or whatever you may be looking for!



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April 24: State of America's Libraries Report is released, including Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2022.



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Find more to our story!

Check out everything YDL offers:



Michigan Activity Pass

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Use your YDL card to access free and reduced-price passes to museums, parks, and theaters across Michigan. Local favorites include the Yankee Air Museum and Metroparks. Plan your outing at ypsilibrary.org/michigan-activity-pass.

Want to watch your favorite movies and shows without paying for streaming services? Try hoopla or Kanopy. Audiobooks and music are available too! Visit ypsilibrary.org/download.

Streaming

Entrepreneurial and Job Seeking Tools

Get small business advice at one of our Small Business Savvy programs. Visit our Job Seekers and Skill Builders page at ypsilibrary.org/job-seekers-skill-builders to find career-related books, job listing links, and more.

If you're a teen looking to unleash your creativity, stop by the Whittaker branch to use a Teen Creative Toolkit. You'll find everything from a portable art lab to digital music to indie gamesget creative! Learn more at ypsilibrary.org/teen-creative-toolkits.

Teen Creative **Toolkits**





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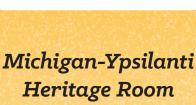
Visit ypsilibrary.org/events to find the next meeting.

Wifi and **Hotspots**

Access YDL's free Wifi at any branch. Looking for Internet access on-the-go or at home? Check out a mobile hotspot at ypsilibrary.org/mobilehotspots.

Since not everyone has access to technology and the Internet at home, nearly 100 computers are available across all YDL branches. Need help navigating your own devices? Attend a computer class to improve your skills. You can also copy and print at all three of our branches. For more information visit ypsilibrary.org/services.

Computers and Printing



Stop by the Whittaker branch and learn about local history! You'll find city directories, yearbooks, microfilms of old newspapers, and more. Visit ypsilibrary.org/ michigan-ypsilanti-heritage-room for more information.

TIME FOR THE FAMILY READ!



year's

In the book, it's twelve-year-old Maizy's first to play poker, make cream cheese wontons, and learn about recycling and composting. See pages 4–7 for details.

Meeting Rooms

If you need a quiet place to study, attend a meeting, or get work done, reserve a meeting room at any YDL branch. Soon most rooms will include a camera with a microphone and a TV with Android and PC connections to make virtual meetings a snap. Visit ypsilibrary.org/meeting-rooms to book your space.



Kids Chess Club

Drop in and learn chess at the

library with Jenny Skidmore Smith. For youth ages 8–13.



read National Book Award finalist Maizy Chen's Last Chance by Lisa Yee. The Family Read is also expanding include the to Belleville Area District Library. Celebrations for the book kick off

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March 11 at Michigan Avenue and Whittaker Road. Activities related to the book will happen throughout the spring and will culminate with a virtual author visit on April 15 at YDL-Whittaker where the Tween Book Group will interview Lisa Yee, followed by snacks and crafts.

IS time visiting her grandparents in Last Chance, Minnesota. When a short visit turns into an extended stay, Maizy learns more about her mom's family history. Then, someone steals a family treasure from outside her grandparents' restaurant and leaves a racist note, leading Maizy to hunt deeper for information.

This fast-paced story weaves Maizy's experiences with the family stories her grandfather shares about his grandfather's journey from China to Last Chance. Historical information about the Chinese Exclusion Act is included, helping readers reflect on what it means to be American.

Each Family Read includes events that help readers dive into the book's themes and bring the book to life. We'll have daily activities tied to the book at YDL-Michigan and YDL-Whittaker during spring break, as well as weekend events. Learn

Lisa Yee hopes her book "encourages my readers to explore their own life stories, and how their families, found or otherwise, came to be." To help, we'll provide opportunities for all ages to create family art. We'll also have a web page devoted to the book with resources such as conversation starters, writing prompts from YpsiWrites, and a booklist for younger readers.

"Most of all, Maizy Chen's Last Chance is about love, acceptance, and the power of family, friends, and neighbors," wrote Ms. Yee. We hope you join the fun, are part of the conversation, and celebrate with us throughout the spring.

Library of Things

Looking for a sewing machine, but don't want to pay hundreds of dollars to see if you like it? Check out the Library of Things Collection, where you'll find games, tools, tech, kitchen supplies, office materials, and more. Visit ypsilibrary.org/lot to learn more.



Resources for Seniors

YDL offers a myriad of great programs and resources for patrons 55 years and older. Attend LNGO Fitness with Geraldine Powell, join the Senior Advisory Board, and be a part of the Friday Walking Club. You'll also find resources such as low vision aids, tools for living, and home delivery services. ypsilibrary.org/learning-nevergets-old

YDL Gardens

Each YDL branch has an outdoor learning garden for the community to plant in, care for, and harvest from. We use the gardens for health and STEM programming during the spring and summer months. To build your green thumb, visit ypsilibrary.org/gardening.

Whether you're researching a school project, or trying to find the best car for your family, you can access powerful databases for free with your library card. A few popular options include *Consumer Reports*, Creativebug, and **Tutor.com**. Visit ypsilibrary.org/research to become more informed.

Research Databases

Ypsi Stories The Ypsi Stories podcast looks at our community's past through storytelling. Historians and experts share their perspectives to give us a better understanding of our collective past, present, and future! Tune in to Ypsi's past at ypsilibrary.org/ypsistories.

Students looking for assistance with their homework can attend 826Michigan tutoring at the Michigan Avenue branch on Mondays from 4–6:30pm. Additionally, YDL offers exam proctoring at the Whittaker branch, and Tutor.com online 24/7.

Homework Help

Literacy Skills

YDL offers literacy help for patrons of all ages and backgrounds. Kids can read to a library dog or complete our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge. Adults can receive tutoring from Washtenaw Literacy. ESL tutoring is available at the Superior branch on Tuesdays.

YDL is a great resource for genealogy research. Attend a Washtenaw African American Genealogy Society meeting, access the A.P. Marshall African American Oral History Archive, and search the Ypsilanti Commercial Vital Records database or Ancestry.com.

Genealogy

Dungeons and Dragons TEENS: Play Dungeons & Dragons with an experienced Dungeon Master at the Michigan Avenue branch every other Saturday. Each game is completed within one sitting, but is part of an overarching campaign.



MICHIGAN AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

YPSI STORIES

n March, look for new after-hours lockers at Michigan Avenue! If the library's current hours are difficult for you, place your items on hold for pickup at YDL-Michigan, then make an appointment

for locker pickup once your holds are ready. The new lockers will be located near the rear entrance of the Library Plaza. Simply scan your library card and the door with your items will pop open, already checked out to you.



Additionally, the Youth department is getting a lighting upgrade, to make the space bright and cheery, and new technology in the meeting rooms will make virtual meetings a breeze.



LATEST

isten to our latest episode about the Shadow Art Fair, a local social, cultural, and interactive art experience that ran twice a year for many years in the '00s and '10s. Our next episode will discuss the state of medicine in 19th century Ypsilanti from historian and clerk emeritus Jerome Drummond!



Spring 2023

March - May Events

Mar 1-10 OSCAR & RAZZIE AWARDS CONTEST 2023 Virtual

Predict the winners for the 2023 Academy and Razzie Awards and win a movie prize pack. Restrictions and details on page 10.



Wednesdays, Mar 1–May 24 (Except March 29) ESL BOOK CLUB

11:00am | YDL-Michigan

Join Washtenaw Literacy's ESL book club for intermediate to advanced readers. Members of the group will meet once a week. To register, contact Washtenaw Literacy at (734) 337-3338.

Wednesdays, Mar 1–May 3 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.



Mar 1 SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: EMPLOYEE VS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR - HOW TO CLASSIFY YOUR EMPLOYEES

6:30pm | Virtual

Avoid IRS issues! Learn from PayChex what factors determine whether a new hire is an employee or an independent contractor. The Small Business Savvy series, in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office, is for those who want to start or own a small business. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services.

Mar 2; Apr 6; May 4

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP 10:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Join us once a month for interesting discussions of a variety of books. Questions? Contact Sheila at skonen@ypsilibrary.org. Mar 2: Fellowship Point by Alice Elliott Dark Apr 6: The Address Book by Deirdre Mask May 4: American Histories: Stories by John Edgar Wideman

Thursdays, Mar 2–May 4 LOVE OF LEARNING CLUB 1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Calling all homeschoolers and anyone that feels at home in the Library. Connect with other families while engaging in themed movement

Thursday, Mar 2 and Wednesdays, Apr 5–26 ANIMAL ADVENTURERS (Ages 6–8) 5:00pm | YDL-Michigan

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! Registration required. Email joy@ypsilibrary.org to register.



Mar 2; Apr 6; May 4

TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6-8)

 6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us for a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. Registration required. Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org. Mar 2: When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria

Jamieson Apr 6: The Last by Katherine Applegate May 4: Percy Jackson's Greek Gods by Rick Riordan

Mar 2

MAKE A ZINE: HELP BUILD THE YPSILANTI ZINE COLLECTION 7:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Did you know that YDL has its own local zine (DIY magazine) collection? Learn to make your own zine from local zinester and educator Emma Roeder, and find out how you can contribute your own zine to YDL's growing collection!

Mar 4 & 18; Apr 1 & 15; May 6 DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: DROP IN FOR TEENS (Ages 12-18) 10:15am | YDL-Michigan

Join us for D&D with an experienced DM, an adventurous storyline, and pre-generated characters. One-shot with an overarching storyline.

Mar 4 CARVING OUT A CORNER: FINDING TIME AND SPACE TO WRITE IN THE MIDST OF LIFE 11:00am Virtual

For Women's History Month, be inspired by BIPOC women writers who have written on receipts, envelopes, anywhere, and everywhere in order to get their message out and their voices heard! Learn how to make writing a short, daily practice. Presented in partnership with YpsiWrites.

Mar 4 PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

RESOURCE FAIR 12:00–2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Meet one-on-one with representatives from local preschools and kindergartens to help you find the best fit for your little one. Learn about other resources to help you pay for school, engage in hands-on activities with your little one, and take home a free book and tote bag!



Mondays, Mar 6–Apr 24 826MICHIGAN TUTORING 4:00pm | 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. Register at attend. ypsilibrary.org/events.

Mondays, Mar 6–May 1

EMERGENT READERS BOOK CLUB (Ages 5-7) 4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join Ms. Marlena for a read aloud followed by games and activities to help bring the book to life and build reading skills.

Tuesdays, Mar 7–May 30

ESL COMMUNITY TUTORING: WASHTENAW LITERACY 1:00pm | YDL-Superior

Practice English language skills in an informal, relaxed setting. Free and open to the public. No registration is required. All levels of English are welcome. Please arrive 5 minutes before the start time for each group.

Tuesdays, Mar 7–May 2 GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB (Grades 2–5)

4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

This after school reading club is for fans of graphic novels. Listen to the book read aloud, then discuss while making art. We'll start with *Wait Till Helen Comes* by Mary Downing Hahn and then pick the next book together.

Mar 7; Apr 4; May 2 REMIX: TEEN CREATIVE STUDIO

5:30pm | YDL-Superior Create eco-friendly redesigns with a mash-up

of items. Mar 7: Customized votive candles Apr 4: Sashiko clothing repair May 2: Reverse tie-dye

Tuesdays, Mar 7–May 30 KNITTING PLUS

6:00pm | YDL-Michigan

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

Mar 8; Apr 5; May 3

BEST/WORST/FORGOTTEN MOVIES SERIES - FOREST WHITAKER 6:30pm YDL-Whittaker

Join us to view one of the worst, one of the best, and one of the forgotten movies starring Forest Whitaker. Watch Forest Whitaker try to take over a room, a country, and a planet. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Mar 8: "The Best" - The Last King of Scotland Apr 5: "The Worst" - On Battlefield Earth May 3: "The Forgotten" - Panic Room



FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: COLLAGE 6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us for a collage experience. We'll have old library books, maps, calendars, papers, and random things to Mod-Podge onto paper. Feel free to BYO photos or images to work with.

Mar 9 & 23; Apr 13 & 27; May 11 & 25

TWEEN HANGOUT (Grades 5–7) 5:00pm | YDL-Superior Tweens gather for games, activities, and time to hang out with friends.

Mar 9 & 23; Apr 13 & 27; May 11 & 25 READ TO MOON THE LIBRARY DOG

Mar 11; Apr 8; May 13 YPSIWRITES WRITERS ROOM: WRITE WITH US!

Mar 11, 10:00am | YDL-Whittaker Apr 8, 10:00 am | YDL-Superior May 13, 10:00 am | YDL-Michigan

Join other writers for open writing time at a YDL branch. Prompts are provided for those seeking inspiration. There will also be time for writers wishing to share their work and get feedback.

Mar 11

GOING SOLAR AT THE LIBRARY AND AT HOME

11:00am | YDL-Superior

Learn about the library's two solar installations and view time lapse and aerial videos of solar installations throughout Ypsilanti. Dave Strenski of SolarYpsi will explain how it's attached to your home, the economics of solar power, and explain the multiple solar rebate programs for residents in the City of Ypsilanti. Coffee and donuts will be served. Workshop will also be livestreamed via Zoom.

Mar 11 FAMILY READ KICKOFF 2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker 3:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Help us kick off this year's Family Read by making art to tell your family story. Write positive fortunes for others to spread happiness, eat snacks from the book, and more!

Mar 11 INTRO TO NEEDLE FELTING... SPRINCTIME EGGS 2:00pm | YDL-Superior

Gain a basic understanding of needle felting by making colorful needle-felted eggs. Register online or call 482-4110 ext. 2431.



Mar 12

AUTHOR TALK WITH GRETA UEHLING EVERYDAY WAR: THE CONFLICT OVER DONBAS, UKRAINE 2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Come hear author Dr. Greta Uehling discuss her book, which looks at the impact of the war in Ukraine on those living through it at home.



Mar 14 & 28; Apr 11 & 25; May 9 & 23 TAG: TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

4:30pm | YDL-Michigan/YDL-Whittaker Gain volunteer hours and contribute to teen programming and services by joining TAG meetings. Teens in grades 8–12 can apply online at ypsilibrary.org/tag.

Mar 14-17 GARDEN GROWERS AND HELPERS INTEREST MEETING

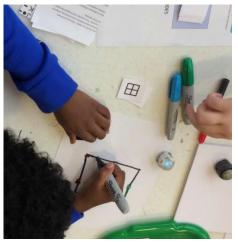
Times in the description | YDL-Michigan Learn more about our community garden, our goals for space, and what kind of help we need from you. No experience is needed. Attend one of the 30 minute interest meetings to learn more:

activities inspired by a nonfiction or picture book. We wrap up each session with open-ended STEAM activity stations. Perfect for ages 6–9.

Thursdays, Mar 2–Mar 23

OZOBOT CODING 4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Drop in and use our tiny robots to learn STEM skills through play.



Mar 4 SEED STARTING 2:00pm | YDL-Superior

Help us plant the seeds that will eventually grow in our Superior Learning Garden and kick-off our seed library. Dress to get your hands dirty!

Mar 4

CELEBRATE SPRING!

2:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Kick off spring with flowery spring slime and spring bingo.

Mar 4

TEEN TEA PARTY (Ages 12-18) 3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join the Teen Advisory Group and learn to make a variety of teas from around the world—boba tea, masala chai, matcha, butterfly pea flower tea, and more. Try a variety of fancy finger foods too at this spring-themed teen gathering.

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.

Mar 10 & 11; Apr 21 & 22; May 19 & 20 SENSORY STATIONS (Ages 2-6) 11:00am | YDL-Whittaker

Explore different themed sensory and art stations 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.

March 10–11: Painting April 20–21: Around the pond May 19–20: Garden fun

Mar 11 & 25; Apr 8 & 22; May 13 & 27 YDL ADULT GUITAR CLUB: DOM'S & JAMS

10:00am | YDL-Michigan

Jam and trade licks with other like-minded folks on the world's most popular instrument.

Mar 14: 5:30pm Mar 15: 7:30pm Mar 16: 5:30pm Mar 17: 4:00pm

Mar 14 & May 9

SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB 7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join us every other month for this new discussion group for fans of science fiction books. Questions? Contact Marianne at vandenbergen@ypsilibrary.org Mar 14: The Martian by Andy Weir May 9: TBD

Mar 15; Apr 19; May 17

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3-5) 6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us for a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. Registration required. Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org.

Mar 15: The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza by Mac Barnett

Apr 19: Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth by Judd Winick

May 17: Simon B. Rhymin' by Dwayne Reed

Wednesday, March 15

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: EXEMPT VS NON-EXEMPT: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE & WHY DOES IT MATTER

6:30pm | Virutal

Learn from a presenter from PayChex about the importance of properly classifying employees as either exempt or non-exempt. The Small Business Savvy series, in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office, is for those who want to start or own a small business. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services.

Mar 16; Apr 20; May 18 SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

Mar 16; Apr 20; May 18

READ TO HUGO THE LIBRARY DOG 4:30pm | YDL-Superior

Reading to a Therapaws dog helps children develop confidence and become better readers. Sign up when you arrive at the Library for a 10-minute slot with Hugo.



Mar 16; Apr 20; May 18 ADULT QUEER BOOK GROUP 6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

This monthly book group will read through literature written by queer-identifying writers of diverse backgrounds. Registration required. Mar 16: Real Life by Brandon Taylor Apr 20: The Lost Coast by Amy Rose Capetta May 18: On Earth We Were Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Young

Mar 17 CIRQUE AMONGUS: LEARN CIRCUS

SKILLS

11:00am | YDL-Whittaker

Join Cirque AmongUs to try out different circus skills, especially designed for little ones, that involve balance, wheels, and coordination.



Mar 18; Apr 15; May 20

WASHTENAW AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WAAGS MEETING

10:30am | Virutal

Washtenaw African American Genealogical Society (WAAGS) helps those interested in African American genealogy research. Attendees will obtain tools and learn facts that will help successfully navigate the complex embedded resources of African American ancestry. All skill levels are welcome. Questions? Contact: Charline Collier at ccollier@ypsilibrary.org.

Mar 18; Apr 15; May 20

GAMING MEETUP (Ages 10-16) 12:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Drop in to play video games with friends. We'll hook up the Wii, but feel free to bring your own handheld game console as well. Chat with others and share expertise! Snacks provided.

Mar 18

RAPUNZEL - BLACK AND BROWN THEATRE

2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Black and Brown Theatre presents a timeless story with a timely twist as both heroes go on an adventure to discover who they truly are. Bring the whole family for a live performance of the classic story of Rapunzel told entirely in rhyming verse couplets as we celebrate finally being able to "break free."

Mar 18 THE PHIL HALE JAZZ QUARTET

2:00pm | YDL-Superior

Enjoy the Phil Hale Jazz Quartet, a traditional and modern jazz ensemble, featuring Phil Hale on keys, John Douglas on trumpet, John Barron on bass, and Djallo Djakate on drums.

Mar 18

GET SCRAPpy - MARBLE MAZE MAKING

3:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Get SCRAPpy with our marble maze craft! Join SCRAP Creative Reuse for a fun hands-on experience, giving new life to unique materials.

Mar 19

GROWING PLANTS FROM SEEDS 101 2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Come learn about starting a garden from seeds in this presentation by Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck.

Mar 21; Apr 18, May 16

SUPERIOR TAG: TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

5:30pm | YDL-Superior

Gain volunteer hours and contribute to teen programming and services by joining TAG monthly meetings.

Mar 21; Apr 18, May 16 YDL PARANORMAL CLUB

7:00pm | YDL-Michigan Join us for monthly meetings discussing unique phenomenon. On March 21, the Paranormal Club will host a presentation and discussion with Michigan-based author and Paranormal researcher Shetan Noir, a true expert who's well-versed in Cryptozoology and Pagan fields.

Wednesdays, Mar 22-May 17 WALKING WEDNESDAYS -INTERGENERATIONAL SERIES 5:00pm | YDL-Superior

Walking Wednesdays is an all-ages walking group that aims to bridge intergenerational gaps. Meet friends who live nearby, and enjoy a heart and soul healthy activity.

Thursday, Mar 23 EMBRACING A PLANT-BASED

LIFESTYLE 6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn about the benefits of a plant-based diet from Marc Ramirez, a former University of Michigan football player and co-founder of the nonprofit Chickpea and Bean. His wife Kim, co-founder of Chickpea and Bean, will share tips and tricks about what to shop for and how to prepare food while transitioning to a plantbased lifestyle. Sponsored by VegMichigan.

Mar 24

LNGO CRAFTERNOONS (Ages 55+) 2:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Enjoy light-hearted work on a craft project to engage your mind, connect with others, and build new brain neurons playing with a new technique.

Mar 24: Beaded Wire Earrings April 28: Spackle Painting May 26: Japanese Book Binding All supplies provided. Registration required.

Mar 25 COFFEE HOUR WITH REP. JIMMIE WILSON, JR.

11:00am | YDL-Michigan

Rep. Jimmie Wilson, Jr. (D), District 32, will share updates on legislation he is working on in Lansing and host a Q & A.

Mar 25; Apr 8 & 22; May 13

ANIME CLUB (Ages 12 and up) 1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker Members of TAG host a monthly meetup for



Mar 25 & Apr 29 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.

Mar 25

BLACK VOICES OF DIGNITY: HOW AN EXHIBIT CAME TO BE 2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Edda Williams, creator of the *Black Voices of Dignity* exhibit, will talk about how she got the idea for the exhibit, how she made it happen, and the major themes/topics that are included in the exhibit. Then head upstairs to see the exhibit yourself!



Mar 25; Apr 22; May 20 CHILDREN AND FAMILY PAINTING

Mar 27-31 SPRING BREAK FUN: FAMILY READ EDITION

2:30pm | YDL-Michigan Join us for different activities every day this spring break inspired by this year's Family Read, *Maizy Chen's Last Chance* by Lisa Yee.

Monday: Make origami fortune cookies Tuesday: Make Mod Podge coasters with family pictures

Wednesday: Design your own folding fan Thursday: Make cream cheese wontons Friday: Make a painted hanging fish decoration using recycled materials

Mar 27 FAMILY READS: TINY FOOD STYLING 3:00pm | YDL-Superior

Become a stylist of tiny food.



Mar 28 LIVE ANIMAL EXPERIENCE: NATURE'S NIGHTLIFE 3:00pm | YDL-Superior

Meet different live animals such as bats, owls, and arachnids to learn why they choose to work in the dark and how they are adapted for life at night. No registration required, but space is limited. Presented by the Leslie Science & Nature Center.



Mar 28; Apr 25; May 30 VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

7:00pm | Virtual

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

Mar 28: The Deeper the Roots: Memoir of Hope by Michael Tubbs

Apr 25: You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey: Crazy Stories About Racism by Amber

Ruffin and Lacey Lamar May 30: Way Out of No Way by Raphael Warnock

Mar 29; Apr 26; May 31 VIRTUAL MYSTERY LOVER'S BOOK GROUP

2:00pm | Virtual

Calling all mystery lovers! Check out a new mystery title each month. Mar 29: Murder in Old Bombay by Nev Marc Apr 26: Malice by Keigo Higashino May 31: The President is Missing by Bill Clinton and James Patterson.

Mar 29 GARDEN DECOR

WRITING FOR CHANGE THROUGH BLOGGING

10:00am | Virtual

Explore a way to share your thoughts, creativity, ideas, and passions with the world by creating a blog. Established blog writers will share strategies and approaches they use in their own writing.



BLACK MEN READ STORYTIME 10:30am | YDL-Superior

Join us for a Black Men Read book party! Imagine a Reading Rainbow-like experience for pre K-5th grade readers. Hear stories from across the African diaspora read aloud by local Black male role models.



Mar 23

GROW YOUR GARDEN SERIES: SEED STARTING 101

4:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Learn about starting seeds, including tips and tricks for getting healthy seedlings. Participants will leave with seeds to plant and the knowledge to care for them.



Mar 23; Apr 27; May 25 GARDEN QUESTIONS? ASK THE MASTER GARDENER!

5:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Get help from Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck on the 4th Thursday of every month. Carol will be in our lobby to answer your questions on flowers, vegetables, fertilizer, pest control, and more!

CLOB

4:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Paint what your heart desires or participate in the theme of the month.

- Mar 25: Bubble Paint
- Apr 22: Paint & Snack
- May 20: Watercolors

Come prepared to get messy and wear appropriate clothing. Registration is encouraged.

Mar 27–31

SPRING BREAK STEAM: FAMILY READ EDITION

1:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Hear a short chapter or two of *Maizy's Chen's Last Chance* read aloud, then do a hands-on STEAM activity related to the book.

Monday: Make a family photo and stories album. Bring your own photos or digital files for us to print for you.

Tuesday: Make tiny food from polymer clay. Wednesday: Learn to play poker and build your math skills with math educator Josh Jetton. Thursday: Make parachute people with repurposed items from the ScrapBox. Friday: Make your own compost bin. Hosted by the Washtenaw County Materials Management Division.

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We will create decorations for the new Superior Learning Garden.



AMATEUR RADIO -INTERGENERATIONAL SERIES LEARN ABOUT HAM RADIO

3:00pm | YDL-Superior

Dan Romanchik (amateur radio call sign KB6NU) will share his love of amateur (ham) radio. Dan teaches amateur radio classes and is the author of the *No Nonsens*e series of amateur radio license study guides. This presentation is part of YDL's intergenerational series.

Mar 30

VEGMICHIGAN 30-DAY PLEDGE FOOD GIVEAWAY 4:00pm | 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. This giveaway is for people who are new to plant-based eating. Limited supply available. Questions? Contact VegMichigan (vegmichigan.org).

Event Schedule | March – May 2023 | Visit attend.ypsilibrary.org/events

Mar 31

MYTHICAL MONSTER BOXES 3:00pm | YDL-Superior

Join SCRAP Creative Reuse for a fun hands-on experience, giving new life to unique materials.

Apr 1

FAMILY READS FAMILY ART 11:00am | YDL-Superior

Bring hard or digital copies of family photos to use to create a collage that represents your family. Free printing or copying of your original photos is available for this event. Art supplies will be provided.

Apr 1

FLY-TYING WITH SCHULTZ OUTFITTERS - INTERGENERATIONAL SERIES

4:00pm | YDL-Superior

Tie a fly fishing lure with experts from Schultz Outfitters. This workshop is part of YDL's Intergenerational Series. No experience is necessary and all materials will be provided. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child, but adult attendees should be 55+ years old. All participants must register in advance. Children must be at least 8 years old.



Apr 1 **TEEN ESCAPE ROOM** 6:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Enter our After Hours Teen Escape Room! Teens will be given an allotted time, clues, and some snacks to sustain them while they work together to solve the puzzles in order to escape the library after dark!

Wednesdays, Apr 5–26

ANIMAL ADVENTURERS (Ages 6-8) 5:00pm | YDL-Superior

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! Meet a friendly dog the first week. Registration required.

Thursdays, Apr 6–May 18 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.

Thursdays, Apr 6–May 4 LEGO MEETUP

4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Use our Lego WeDo kits to build and program Legos, or free build. Learn STEM skills through play!

Apr 6

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: FRANCHISING 6:30pm | Virtual

Come learn the basics of franchising from Mark Cory – Owner & Franchise Placement Specialist, FranNet in this THURSDAY (moved from Wednesday) night virtual event. The Small

Apr 13

WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATE PLANNING

6:30pm | 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.

Apr 14

MARVELOUS MAMMALS: STORYTIME WITH THE LESLIE SCIENCE CENTER

11:00am | YDL-Whittaker Come explore the animals that are just like us! Hear a story, investigate mammal characteristics, and meet two live mammals up close as we discover more about these marvelous mammals! Presented by Leslie Science and Nature Center.



Apr 15

FROM YOUR PAST TO THE PAGE: AN INTRODUCTORY POETRY WORKSHOP

1:00pm | Virtual

Celebrate National Poetry Month with YpsiWrites at this beginner-level poetry workshop! Try out a number of key poetic devices. The workshop will focus on the potential for poetry to help a writer unpack tough past experiences, and will feature Ypsilanti poet Michelle Lietz, author of Occasionally Petty. No poetry experience is necessary, and all skill levels are welcome. Presented in partnership with YpsiWrites.

Apr 15

FAMILY READ CELEBRATION 3:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate the end of this year's Family Read with a virtual visit by award-winning author Lisa Yee and a conversation led by our tween book group, followed by an art project and snacks.

Apr 15

GET SCRAPpy: KNITTING NEEDLE WIND CHIMES

3:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Get SCRAPpy making our knitting needle wind chime craft! Join SCRAP Creative Reuse for a fun hands-on experience, giving new life to unique materials



Apr 16

VEGETABLE GARDENING 101 2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

If you want to grow a vegetable garden this year, come learn the basics from Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck.

Apr 18 DIY MARBLED TRINKET DISHES (Teens) 4:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Get crafty at the library and make your own marbled trinket dish to take home. Snacks and supplies will be provided.

Apr 19 YDL WEBSITE & DIGITAL

RESOURCES 1:00pm | YDL-Su

Apr 22

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 10:00am-4:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate Earth Day by recycling your unwanted computers, printers, and other household electronics. See the list of acceptable items at acrgreen.org/about. Limited to residents of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township. Donations will be accepted by the Friends of YDL to support future programs. Directions and donation limits are available at attend.ypsilibrary.org/events.

Apr 22

MOTHERING EARTH: A POETRY GATHERING

1:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Local poets Leslie McGraw and Desirae Simmons will host a reading of poetry revolving around Earth Day and National Poetry Month. There will be time after our main speakers for open mic crowd participation.

Apr 22 STEMFEST: WITH UM SPOTLIGHT SCIENTISTS

2:00-4:00pm | YDL-Whittaker Only for the curious! Join Science

Communication Fellows from the U-M Museum of Natural History and participate in engaging, hands-on activities to learn about their cuttingedge research. Suitable for upper elementary through adult visitors. Funded in part through the National Science Foundation.

Apr 22

GROW YOUR GARDEN SERIES: POLLINATOR GARDENS 4:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join library gardener Stephanie and local master gardener Holly Preston to learn more about pollinators, then make your own pollinator waterer to take home or install in the library's gardening spaces. Our Grow Your Garden series will include hands-on learning about different gardening techniques, time to practice a new skill, and take-home supplies.

Apr 27

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 the organization, the clients, the volunteers, and the dogs who make so much possible.

Apr 29 FAMILY BIRD WALK, MAKE YOUR **OWN BIRD FEEDER**

10:00am | YDL-Michigan

Join us for a short walk to the Water Street Trail to spot some wonderful birds. Then come back to the library to make your own bird feeder. Hosted by the Washtenaw Audubon Society who will bring binoculars for anyone who needs them.

April 29

SANKOFA: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS -WASHTENAW AFRICAN AMERICAN **GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** 11:00am | YDL-Whittaker

Join us for the 10th anniversary of the Washtenaw African American Genealogical Society. WAAGS will provide classes, presentations, hands-on research support, and a light lunch. Registration required.

Apr 29

TOWARD A POETIC ALBUM: AN INTERMEDIATE POETRY WORKSHOP

1:00pm | Virtual

Learn about poetic devices and try them out in led h

May 3

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: THE 22 IMMUTABLE LAWS OF MARKETING: UPDATED

6:30pm | Virtual

Learn about some of the "natural business laws" that can make or break your marketing success and your business. The Small Business Savvy series, in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office, is for those who want to start or own a small business. For more information, email Paula Drummond at drummond@ ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

May 5 & 19

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? (734) 482-4110 x2411.



May 6

GROW YOUR GARDEN SERIES: PERENNIAL PLANTS, SEEDLINGS, AND SEED SWAP

12:00-2:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Come one, come all and swap out some plants! Bring your excess seeds or divided perennials to our Plant Swap and find a new plant to treasure.

May 6

CHRISTINE HUME READS AT YDL-MICHIGAN 4:00pm | YDL-Michigan

EMU Professor Christine Hume discusses her newest book, Everything I Never Wanted to Know.

May 10

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: INDIGO DYEING

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

We'll learn tying and folding techniques, and you'll dip-dye a dish towel in an indigo dye vat. All supplies are provided. Wear something navy blue or dyeable (indigo dye is permanent).

May 11

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1:00pm | YDL-Superior

THE WAY WE WERE: YPSILANTI **HISTORY IN "TIME CAPSULE" BY GREG FOURNIER** 7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Hear author Greg Fournier read from his latest

work, Michigan Time Capsule. This compilation

posts about Southeastern Michigan people and

work includes a variety of Greg's revised blog

places, originally posted on his popular blog

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS/CRAFTS

Visit the library to create a craft and/or write a

and cards for you to write and create, and we'll

even have writing prompts from Ypsiwrites to

help you compose your card. Open to all ages.

COMMUNITY MURAL PAINTING

Join fellow creatives to paint a 650 sq. foot

ground mural outside of the youth department.

Artists will collaborate to bring this design to life in

one afternoon. All supplies will be provided along

(while supplies last). In the event of rain, event will

Mother's Day card. We'll supply all the materials

12:00-2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Business Savvy series, in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office, is for those who want to start or own a small business.

Apr 8

CREAM CHEESE WONTONS 2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Make the cream cheese wonton recipe from Maizy Chen's Last Chance. Then eat!



SOAR INTO SCIENCE SATURDAY! 3:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us as we investigate the concepts of Construction through stories and activities. Open to youth and caregivers. Registration preferred so we can prepare enough materials. Please contact Mrivenbark@ypsilibrary.org with questions.



FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: PLASTIC LID ART 6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

In honor of Earth Day, join us to make your own art project using plastic lids.

Explore the YDL website and learn about the databases and streaming services YDL has available.

Apr 19

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: ESSENTIALS OF DIGITAL MARKETING

6:30pm | Virtual

Learn about essential tools of digital marketing. The Small Business Savvy series, in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office, is for those who want to start or own a small business. Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411.

Apr 20

THURSDAY NIGHT CRAFT CLUB (Ages 18+)

7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join us for creative projects fit for adult craft enthusiasts. Pick up coloring materials in advance (starting March 30), then join us at the library to turn them into a variety of items such as coasters, magnets, envelope liners, bookmarks, etc. Once you've registered, you'll be contacted with details about picking up your materials. For questions, contact Sheila at skonen@ypsilibrary.org.

We'll send you the Zoom meeting information a few days before the program date. Presented in Partnership with YpsiWrites.



DIORAMAS

3:00pm | YDL-Superior

Join SCRAP Creative Reuse for a fun hands-on experience. Give new life to unique materials by making dioramas.

Apr 29

EBRU MARBLING: MARBLE A BANDANA

10:30am-5:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Register for ONE time slot (listed below):

- 10:30am-12pm
- 12:15-1:45pm
- 2:15-3:45pm
- 4-5:30pm

Learn about the Turkish art of Ebru Marbling, and marble your own bandana. All supplies provided. For all ages; kids, bring your adults to supervise. Dress to mess.

with snacks and free commemorative t-shirts be postponed to 1pm on Saturday, June 24.



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

No worries about wiggly tots sitting still for a concert-kids 5 and younger can dance and move to live music and stories with musicians from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra.

May 16

FLOWER GARDENING 101 6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn the basics of flower gardening from Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck.

May 17

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: STAGING YOUR PRODUCTS FOR ONLINE SALES 6:30pm | Virtual

Learn the principles of staging your brand and products by using photography and wellwritten descriptions for selling in the online marketplace. The Small Business Savvy series, in partnership with the Ann Arbor area SCORE office, is for those who want to start or own a small business.

May 18-21 FRIENDS OF YDL BOOK SALE

YDL-Whittaker

The Friends of YDL annual book sale is coming again this May! Get \$1 hardcovers, 25 cent paperbacks, and 50 cent oversize paperbacks. On May 21 there will be bags of books available for \$5, and some books will be sold for a reduced price. (See page 12 for more information).

May 18: 6:00-8:00pm (members-only sale) May 19: 11:00am-5:00pm May 20: 11:00am-3:00pm May 21: 1:00-4:00pm

May 20 LIFE LINES

11:00am | YDL-Whittaker

lisa eddy, author of YpsiWrite's first book, *Write Outside: Investigations of the Living Land*, invites participants to explore the natural world through writing, drawing, and photography.

May 20

BIRD WALK WITH WASHTENAW AUDUBON SOCIETY

11:30am | YDL-Superior Explore the natural habitat around the library with experienced birders who can help you spot the Superior branch's feathered neighbors.



May 20

POLLINATOR GARDEN (RE) PLANTING! HELP REBUILD OUR POLLINATOR PLACES 1:30pm YDL-Michigan

Come join us for a day of learning, planting, and digging in the dirt. Work clothes are recommended. No gardening experience is necessary.

May 20

PLANTING DAY 2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker 2:00pm | YDL-Superior 3:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Help us plant our community garden, then watch it grow all summer and share the harvest. You can also make a plastic bottle planter to take home with ScrapBox.

May 20

GET SCRAPpy: PLASTIC BOTTLE PLANTERS

3:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Get SCRAPpy making plastic bottle planters! Join SCRAP Creative Reuse for a fun hands-on experience, giving new life to unique materials. Garden planting celebration follows at 4:00pm.

May 24

SPRING ALL AGES CLOTHING SWAP 5:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Looking for cool new threads? Join us for a spring clothing swap. All ages and sizes are encouraged to attend. Registration is encouraged for those bringing clothing. Leftover clothing will be donated to the Ypsilanti Thrift Shop. Questions? Contact Shoshanna: shoshanna@ypsilibrary.org or Madelynne: mrivenbark@ypsilibrary.org.

May 27

KNITTING NEEDLE WINDCHIMES 3:00pm | YDL-Superior

Join SCRAP Creative Reuse for a fun hands-on experience, giving new life to unique materials.

March 2; Apr 17; May 27

GOOGLE DRIVE - BASICS Mar 2, 7:00pm | YDL-Whittaker Apr 17, 11:30am | YDL-Michigan May 27, 2:00pm | YDL-Whittaker

Explore Google Drive's interface and learn how to create, view, upload/download, organize, modify, share, and remove files/folders. Basic keyboard and mouse skills are required for hands-on training.

Mar 7 & May 16, 2pm; Apr 22, 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.

Mar 8, 10:30am; Apr 1, 2pm; May 4, 6:30pm MICROSOFT EXCEL - BASICS YDL-Whittaker

A basic introduction to spreadsheets. Learn to enter and edit data, select cell ranges, format cells, use the fill handle, and create simple formulas. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Mar 9 & Apr 4, 2pm; May 13, 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.

Mar 11 & May 17 FROM BOOMERS TO ZOOMERS: ZOOM PRACTICE FOR SENIORS (55+)

10:30am | 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.

Mar 11, 2pm; Apr 6, 6:30pm; May 3, 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.

Mar 14 & May 23, 2pm; Apr 29, 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.

Mar 15, 10:30am; Apr 15, 2pm; May 11, 6:30pm MICROSOFT EXCEL - INTERMEDIATE YDL-Whittaker

In this intermediate class, learn to apply functions, filter data, create charts, and print worksheets. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Mar 16 & Apr 11, 2pm; May 27, 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.

Mar 20 CHROMEBOOK - BASICS 11:30am | YDL-Michigan

Explore the basic features of the Chromebook with hands-on practice. Basic keyboard and mouse/touchpad skills are required.

Mar 22, 2pm; Apr 20, 7pm COMPUTER BASICS - GETTING STARTED YDL-Whittaker

Learn the parts and proper use of the computer and Windows basics including opening/closing applications and managing files/folders. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Mar 23, 6:30pm; Apr 5 & May 13, 2pm MICROSOFT POWERPOINT - BASICS YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to create and add graphics and multimedia to a presentation. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Mar 25 & May 24

HOW TO HOST A ZOOM MEETING (Adult) 10:30am | Virtual

Join us to learn the basics for hosting a Zoom meeting from start to finish.

Mar 25, 2pm; Apr 13, 6:30pm; May 10, 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.

Mar 28 & May 25, 2pm; Apr 15, 10:30am 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.

Mar 29, 2pm; Apr 27, 7pm INTERNET BASICS - HOW TO SEARCH THE WEB YDL-Whittaker

This class covers the browser toolbar and menu options, managing your favorite websites, and using search tools and techniques. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Mar 30 & May 2, 6:30pm; Apr 12, 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.

Apr 18, 7pm; May 31, 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 are required.

May 15

GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS: USING CHROMEBOOKS (Adult, In-Person) 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. Chromebooks will be provided for the class.

May 17 GMAIL BASICS: USING CHROMEBOOKS 1:00pm | VDL-Superior

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1:00pm | YDL-Superior Learn how to send and retrieve messages, add attachments, create and manage labels and filters, add contacts, and manage junk

Wednesdays, Mar 15-May 10 LITTLE ONES STORYTIME: BABIES, WALKERS, AND WIGGLY TODDLERS! 10:30am | YDL-Michigan

Each week we will sing and move, read books, and provide toys for open play. We will also offer space for caregivers to create learningextension crafts and explore books to check out for their child.

Mondays at 10:30am; Tuesdays at 1pm JUMPSTART KINDERGARTEN (Ages 4-6) 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.



Tuesdays, Mar 21–May 9 BABY STORYTIME 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.

Mar 21–May 11, 10:30am DISCOVERY TIME (Ages 2–4) Tuesdays & Wednesdays | YDL-Whittaker

Thursdays (YDL-Michigan & YDL-Superior 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 storytimes at Superior to receive a free book, thanks to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor.

Mar 22–May 11, 10:30am

READ, SING, PLAY (Walkers through age 3) Wednesdays | YDL-Superior Thursdays | YDL-Whittaker

Learn colors, shapes, and numbers through music and movement. We'll read a book and sing lots of songs, then parents can stay and chat while kids play nearby. All attendees at Superior will receive a free book, thanks to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor.

Thursdays, Mar 23–May 11 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.





COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKDAY 4:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Help us get the garden going by planting, weeding, and watering!

TECH HELP

Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP FOR SENIORS (55+) Call 734-482-4110 x1384 or email

brigitte@ypsilibrary.org to schedule a onehour in-person, phone, or virtual session.

Mar 1, 2pm; Apr 1, 10:30am; May 9, 6:30pm GMAIL - BASICS YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to send and retrieve messages, add attachments, create and manage labels and filters, add contacts, and manage junk email. Participants may sign up for a Gmail account at the end of class. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Chromebooks will be provided for the class.

Mar 20 DROP-IN TECH HELP 7:00pm | YDL-Superior

Do you have a specific computer question or need overall basic computer training? Drop in for one-on-one help.



Mar 21 & May 18, 6:30pm; Apr 29, 2pm MICROSOFT EXCEL - PIVOT TABLES (Intermediate) YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to perform simple data analysis using Excel's PivotTable feature. Reorganize and summarize selected columns and rows of data in a spreadsheet to extract desired information. Participants should have basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills and an understanding of creating formulas and how cells are referenced within Excel.

STORYTIMES

Mar 11, Apr 15, May 13 SATURDAY STORYTIME!

12:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Explore a different theme each month. Registration is appreciated so we can prepare enough materials.

March: Celebrate National Reading Month by learning more about libraries, books, and reading with storytime, songs and rhymes, and a book-themed craft.

April: Collage Art. Explore collage art, using bits of paper, pictures, paintings, and other items in an artwork, and read books featuring collage art. We will then make our own collage pieces!

May: Fruits and Veggies. Read books about farms, gardens, community plots, and all the helpers it takes to make growing food possible. We will then use some fruits and veggies to make some printed tote bags that can be used to carry books, produce, and any other treasures.

Mar 24 & 25; Apr 28 & 29

TUMMY TIME - PRE-WALKER PLAY AND SOCIAL TIME

11am | YDL-Whittaker

Meet other parents and caregivers in a safe play space for pre-walkers. Make an interactive sensory toy to take home for more play. Attend Friday or Saturday for the same take-home activity.

3/24 and 3/25: Make a colorful shaker toy 4/28 and 4/29: Make a tactile sensory bag toy

Fridays, Apr 7 & May 5 FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIMES AT YDL

5:00pm | YDL-Michigan

Join YDL staff for an all-ages family event during First Fridays! Families will enjoy books and stories, space to make art or crafts together, and music and songs to get you excited for the weekend. Make a rain stick in April and craft paper flowers in May.

Apr 8 MUSIC STORYTIME 11:00am | YDL-Whittaker

Make percussion shakers with the ScrapBox, then use them at a sing along storytime.

Spring 2023

CALLING ALL TEENS

re you a teen interested in getting involved in your community or finding a fun way to log community service hours? There are now even more TAG options at YDL! The Teen Advisory Group has had active advisories at the Michigan and Whittaker branches for many years. Now, with the new Superior branch, we're adding another advisory group.

Teens learn how to make pitches and write grants that help the library serve its community. In previous years, advisories have developed a Mental Health Rally and Teen Subscription Packs.

This past year, TAG helped rework YDL's teen volunteering opportunities. Beyond TAG, teens can help at bigger library events, serve as a weekly teen library assistant, or lead a teen meetup. Learn more at www.ypsilibrary.org/youth-volunteers.

YCS Annual **Realtor Breakfast**

Ypsilanti Community Schools will host this year's Realtor Breakfast at the YCS Administration Building on Thursday, March 16th at 9:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for local realtors, buyer or renter families, and community members to learn about the programs YCS offers and about purchasing a home in the community. Along with information about YCS, the FREE event includes a hot breakfast and guest speakers. Registration is required. Visit www.ycschools.us for registration information or email twillis3@ycschools.us.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

- March 3: Elementary ¹/₂ day (LCS)
- March 10: Early Release day (LCS)
- March 16: Elementary ¹/₂ day (LCS)
- **March 17:** ¹/₂ day (YCS)
- March 22 & 23: 1/2 day (YCS) March 27-31: No School, Spring Break (Both)

WONDER WHAT TAG IS WORKING **ON THIS SEASON?**

- YDL-Superior finally has a space dedicated to teens, including lounge chairs, a growing manga collection, and computers. Now, TAG members will have the opportunity to shape teen programming at Superior. On the first Tuesday of the month, TAG will offer an ecofriendly creative activity with Remix.
- YDL-Michigan TAG planning cool programs for the spring, including an after-hours Escape Room on April 1st. Meet other teens after the library is closed and see if you have what it takes



to Escape the Library! In May, there will also be a Dungeons and Dragons meetup and an Ebru Marbling event.

YDL-Whittaker TAG is continuing to focus on ways for teens to connect with each other in informal spaces. This season, you'll find monthly youth-led Anime Club and Gaming Meetups along with a Tea Party, where you can make and sample a variety of teas from around the world.



ENGAGE WITH YCS

Find career resources and get ready for preschool and kindergarten

VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

nterview with innovative and dynamic district and building leaders from Ypsilanti Community Schools and secure a spot on their enterprising educational team.

May 11, 2023 from 3-6 pm Interested persons should register here: forms.gle/zPetDgPChs67mKXo8

APPLYING FOR PRESCHOOL

Now's the time to enroll your child in preschool. YCS is looking forward to the enrollment season. Fill out the preschool interest form at michiganpreschool.org/index.php.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Parents interested in Kindergarten should:

1. Sign up with Registration Gateway if your student plans to attend Ford or Perry Early Learning Centers.

Register here: rg.ycschools.us/login. You must register before making an appointment.

- 2. Use the Ford and Perry ELC Students **Kindergarten Interest Form** Visit ycschools.us to sign up for an in-person appointment.
- 3. Attend your appointment. Please bring:

ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YCS AND ITS SCHOOLS:

Perry, Ford, and YC2S

- (YC2S is the online, live instruction program): March 22–23: 3 pm–4 pm
- April 27: 4–5 pm
- May 24: 5–6 pm
- August 17: 10 am-12 pm and 2-4 pm

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- May 24: 4:45–5:45 pm
- August 17: 10 am–12 pm and 2–4 pm



- April 7: No School (LCS), ¹/₂ day (YCS)
- April 10: No School (YCS)
- April 11 & 12: PSAT/SAT day, High School ½ day (LCS)
- **April 21:** Early Release day (LCS)
- May 5: Early Release day (LCS)
- May 26: 1/2 day (Both)
- May 29: Memorial Day, No School (Both)

- - Birth certificate Parent ID
- Immunization records
 Your child
- Proof of residency

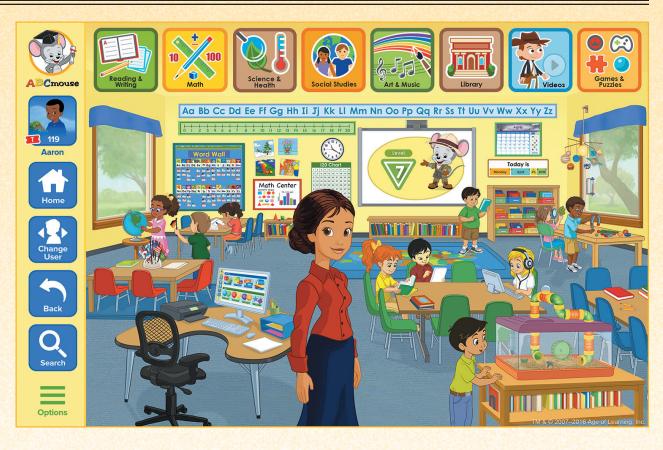
PRISMS OF REALITY

incoln High School and Middle School students are experiencing the real-life applications of math through Prisms of Reality, a new-world spatial learning platform that enables learners to grasp abstract math concepts in a delightful, meaningful, and effective way.

Using virtual reality hardware along with Prisms' learning modules, students gain a deeper understanding of important problems in our world today, while accelerating proficiencies in core concepts across middle school math, geometry, and algebra I/II courses.

THERE'S A MOUSE IN THE HOUSE!

B ABCmouse from home with your library card! ABCmouse offers over 10,000 learning activities across the academic spectrum, including books, educational games, puzzles, art activities, songs, music videos, and more. Over 2,000 books are accessible by age, guided reading level, or Lexile level. Children can create a personalized profile and track their learning progress. In addition, a built-in Assessment Center creates customized lessons that are targeted to help a child improve specific skills. Preschoolers through second-graders will enjoy this digital learning platform that builds real school readiness skills. Visit ypsilibrary.org/research to sign up.



YDL GARDENS ARE GROWING

hew garden is coming to the Superior branch, built with a grant from the Ann Arbor Farm and Garden Club. In this learning garden, we'll hold fair-weather programs, learn together about horticulture, and taste the results of gardening efforts. This accessible space, with raised beds at three different heights, will host a variety of vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers that will be used in library programs throughout the growing season. The plants chosen for the garden will guide this year's Garden-To-Table programs.



Seed Library round-up

The YDL Seed Library could use your help. If you have seeds left over from last year's planting, we'd love to add them to the Seed Library. Whether you've saved them from your plants or you've purchased them, your donations help create a culture of sharing and abundance. The Seed Library accepts seeds from:

- non-hybrid fruits
- vegetables
- culinary herbs
- flowers

Place your seeds in envelopes with the contents written on the outside and drop them off at any YDL branch.

Additionally, YDL will once again participate in the One Seed, One State program. This year's seed is Grand Rapids Lettuce, a frilly, non-bitter leaf lettuce that is easy to grow and may be eaten as baby lettuce just 28 days after planting. A limited number of seeds will be available in the Seed Library.

Want to know the latest news on the Seed Library? Visit **ypsilibrary.org/seed-library** to learn more. Also, sign up for the Seed Library newsletter, delivered quarterly to your email inbox.



Need tools to plant your garden this spring?

Our Library of Things collection includes many garden items, including hand tools, a soil meter, and seed planters that can be checked out with your YDL card.

You'll also find a number of programs to help build your green thumb. Advanced master gardener Carol Brodbeck will present Seed Starting 101 and offer drop-in garden advice at the Whittaker branch this spring. See the events calendar for details.

YDL PARAPROFESSIONAL REPRESENTS EQUITY IN ACTION!

DL Youth Paraprofessional Kallista Walker received Washtenaw Community College's Equity in Action Award during its MLK Day Celebration in January.

The award honors those who make "outstanding contributions in the areas of equity and inclusion for WCC and the greater community." Nominees must represent the legacy and values of Dr. King's work.

Walker received the honor for her work with Our Community Reads, an organization "committed to showing an accurate representation of our community, planting seeds of possibilities, and inspiring a love of reading."

"I was so honored to be chosen by WCC and especially for doing the work that my Our $% \left({\left[{{{\rm{T}}_{\rm{T}}} \right]_{\rm{T}}} \right)$

Community Reads team and I are doing. It is truly a heart project and it began for me growing up seeing my mother, Topaze Taharaja, have such passion and love for young people," Walker said of the award.



Kallista, second from right, receives her WCC Equity in Action Award.

Walker's nomination was based on her work for "Queens Club" and "Pharaoh's Club," two programs that Our Community Reads offers. The goal of the programs is to empower Black girls and boys to celebrate their culture and grow into confident leaders of tomorrow.

"My way of [helping] others is to help create what I needed as a little girl, to feel seen for who I was, celebrated, valued, and empowered," Walker said. "I felt that in my mother's presence, but far too often in school and in the world, I didn't. It is so very important to create safe spaces for children that look like me to feel those things consistently.... A strong community takes all of us to create and maintain."

Spring 2023



NEW YDL TRUSTEE

DL welcomed Terrence Williams II to the Board of Trustees February 1. Mr. Williams, who grew up in Ypsilanti, is the Community Engagement & Program Manager at the Washtenaw County Racial Equity Office. He has also acted as an advisor for many churches and youth sports programs in the area.

Williams said the library was a space where he could be productive after school and that it "has always been a great place for our family to enrich our lives." He replaces Trustee Kay Williams, who has stepped down after serving on the board in a number of roles since 2009. His appointment will run through the end of 2024.

Mr. Williams said this work on YDL's Board would be a natural extension of his work at the Equity Office. "My interest in being a part of this team is rooted in creating opportunity and identity for boys and young men of color," he said. "I believe YDL will be a great resource for that."

AND THE AWARD GOES TO?



f you're as excited about the Oscars as we are, participate in our annual Oscars Awards Contest! This year, we're adding the Razzie Awards to our contest. The Razzies, known formally as the Golden Raspberry Awards, "celebrate" the worst movies of the year.

Pick the winner in the most award categories in both award shows to win a movie prize pack!

Ballots are available and are due by 6pm on March 10. Enter online or at any YDL branch. To qualify, you must live within YDL's service area and be able to pick up your prize from a YDL location. Limit one entry per person.

GET YOUR OSCAR MOVIE FIX

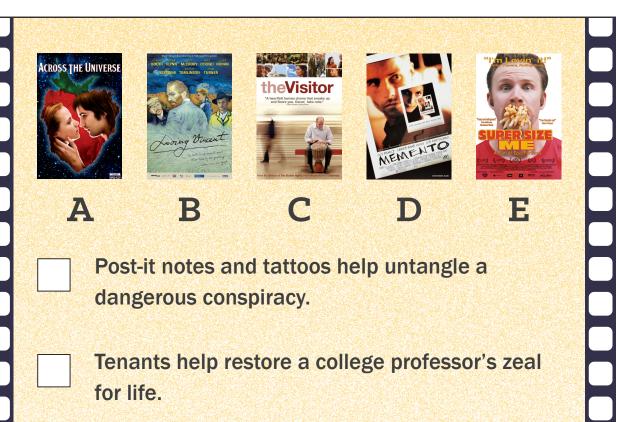
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On Kanopy, find popular Oscar winners and



nominees like Moonlight, Parasite, Lady Bird, The King's Speech, Charade, Road to Perdition, and more.



Vibrant paintings come to life to tell the story of one our most celebrated artists.

Are we what we eat?

Live action, painting, and 3-D animation come together in a musical celebration of a formative decade.



GROWING HOPE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

rowing Hope is celebrating its 20th year of social responsibility. While the organization's birthday is on May 23, they'll be celebrating and remembering throughout the year.

In 2003, Growing Hope was established with a mission of providing education through school gardens. Their core belief: if Growing Hope could teach a child how to grow their food, they could feed themselves for a lifetime. Through this work, Growing Hope has blossomed into a cornerstone of our community.

Today, Growing Hope hosts a robust program that welcomes youth of all ages to learn and lead, distributes resources to access fresh produce from a one-and-a-half acre farm, provides space for an affordable and collaborative commercial kitchen, and stewards the Ypsilanti Farmers Market.

Executive Director Julius Buzzard says of the anniversary: "Planting a seed is an act of love. For twenty years, Growing Hope has been planting seeds in the soil and minds of our beloved community. We continue along this journey not only because we believe in the power of getting your hands in the dirt—but in the hope that these seeds will grow, build roots, and model a more just and sovereign food system. Let's grow together!"

Growing Hope will host a community celebration on Sunday, May 21, that will feature a visual walkthrough of the last twenty years glittered with news articles, pictures, and letters from past employees, board members, and volunteers.

SUPERIOR STORYTIME BOOST



hanks to a generous grant from the Vera and Joseph Dresner Foundation, 2023 programming at the Superior Branch will be more enriching. Programs such as Lunch, Listen and Learn; Intergenerational Learning; and Garden to Table will be offered at the branch, as well as programs in partnership with other community organizations, such as Black Men Read, Black and Brown Theatre, and the Leslie Science and Nature Center. "The library is hugely important as an educational site, a job and computer center, a meeting place, and a hub of community building," says Superior Branch Manager Mary Garboden. "New and expanded programming will strengthen the community and serve as a catalyst for greater opportunities for underserved residents." This accompanies a grant of more than \$5,000 from the Ann Arbor Rotary Club that allows everyone attending a spring storytime at Superior to take home a free book.

HEALTH AND HOME TIPS

Bat in your home? Check it out before you let it out!

Bats are amazing when they're outside. But if you find one in your home, talk to the Health Department before you let it out. Bats can and do carry rabies and bat bites are so small, you might not notice them. Call 734-544-6700 to talk with the Health Department about animal bites, rabies risk, animal testing, and rabies vaccine (post-exposure prophylaxis).

WishYouKnew Washtenaw

The Washtenaw County Health Department and YpsiWrites are teaming up this year to support mental wellness through writing.

Writing is a powerful tool for engaging our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. As part of the WishYouKnew campaign, YpsiWrites is providing writing prompts and worksheets and developing writing workshops. Find prompts on YpsiWrites' social media and look for worksheets at YDL and various local businesses. Workshops will be available on topics such as meditation and

SUMMIT TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE

he Washtenaw County Community Violence Intervention Team is hosting a Spring Summit on Monday, May 1st, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community

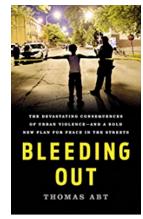


journaling.

YpsiWrites is also looking for teens to serve on its publications committee. The committee aims to collect community writing for a publication that highlights Ypsilanti's conversation on personal growth and community mental wellness. Visit **ypsiwrites.com** to get involved.



College. Author Thomas Abt will be a keynote speaker.



YDL supports the efforts of the CVIT to bring an end to gun violence in our community. Abt's book, Bleeding Out: The Devastating Consequences of Urban Violence—and a Bold New Plan for Peace in the Streets, is available to borrow from all YDL

locations. Participants are encouraged to read the book prior to the Summit.

For more information on the Spring Summit, and the work and recommendations of the CVIT, visit WashtenawMBK.org.

hat do you love most about Ypsilanti? What is a fond memory you have from living in Ypsi? What are some of your favorite Ypsilanti businesses, restaurants, and attractions?

The city of Ypsilanti is celebrating its Bicentennial this year, and YpsiWrites is helping by collecting letters from members of the Ypsilanti community. If you've visited any of the YDL branches, you've seen boxes and postcards for our Love Letters to Ypsilanti project. YpsiWrites invites every member of the Ypsilanti community to pick up a postcard and write – or draw – a love letter to the city. Submit your love letter at one of our collection boxes or use the form on YpsiWrites' website (www.ypsiwrites.com).



YPSIWRITES YCUA CONSTRUCTION COMING TO MICHIGAN AVENUE

he Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Г (YCUA) is continuing to improve water and wastewater utilities in Ypsilanti. Starting in March, those repairs will include the eastbound block of Michigan Avenue between Adams and Washington, where the Michigan

Avenue Branch lies. A detour is expected for this side of the road, however, pedestrian access to the branch should not be impacted.

Visit the YCUA website at www.ycua.org for construction updates and closures.



THE FRIENDS OF YDL BIG BOOK SALE IS BACK!

ook sale prices are \$1 for hardcovers. 25¢ for paperbacks, and 50¢ for oversize paperbacks. On May 21 there will be bags of books available for \$5, 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.



BOOK SALE DATES:

May 18: 6-8pm (members-only sale) May 19: 11am-5pm May 20: 11am-3pm May 21: 1-4pm

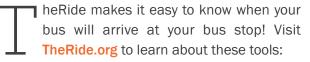
BOOK SHOP HOURS:

Book Shop hours will change in April. Visit ypsilibrary.org/friends for the most current schedule.

- 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.

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

Visit ypsilibrary.org/contact-us or 734-482-4110

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