




2022



YPSILANTI
DISTRICT
LIBRARY

— ask Why —

ANNUAL REPORT

COMING TOGETHER



Our library is the best place in the community, and has been the envy of every visitor I've taken there.

--Anne Evans

2022 was a remarkable year for the Ypsilanti District Library. In January, the long-awaited new Superior library's roof went up, with excitement building each month through the Grand Opening in November. Despite the lingering impact of the pandemic on the supply chain and the budget, we were undeterred.

Nothing symbolized the work of opening the new branch like the October 8th Book Brigade. The whole community turned out to literally lend a hand. Our human chain of library lovers passed books from the single room library in the fire station the quarter mile to the new building. It made national news, and made us all very proud. Thank you for supporting your library and coming along for the ride!

Lisa Hoenig, Library Director



A woman with dark hair, wearing a black jacket and a black beanie, is sitting in a blue folding chair on a grassy area. She is holding a large, colorful book titled "Maisy's Rainbow Dream" by Lucy Cousins. Two young children are sitting on a white blanket on the grass in front of her. One child is wearing a white jacket with black polka dots, and the other is wearing a light blue jacket. A pink bicycle is parked behind them. In the background, there is a brick building and some trees. The scene is outdoors on a grassy area.

REMOVING BARRIERS

Thank you times 1000 for being a remarkable organization and for being there for me and my community.

--Trey Allen

Tasked by YDL's strategic plan, a staff Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Work Group made recommendations for the Board's consideration. To allow more equitable access and encourage library use, YDL became fine-free in June. We also conducted a compensation study to better reward staff prior to hiring new faces for the district's expansion.

As normalcy returned post-pandemic, patrons were allowed back on the YDL bookmobile in April. The small branch in Superior remained curbside and locker pick-up only, but staff held pop-up library sessions outside at Sycamore Meadows thanks to a grant from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation.

OUR NEW BRANCH

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It was a long wait, but now we have a beautiful, colorful, welcoming library for the folks in the area who need it most.

--Kay Williams

On November 14th YDL cut the ribbon to open its new Superior branch on Harris Road. More than a decade in the making, the facility puts everyone in the YDL service area within a 10-minute drive of a full-service library. Thanks to the efforts of the Next Chapter Capital Campaign Committee, nearly \$2M was raised to augment the construction budget.



SUPERIOR SNAPSHOT

- **7,800 square feet**
- **22 public computers**
- **Large meeting room**
- **2 group study rooms**
- **15,000+ items in collection**
- **46kW solar array**
- **Bird-friendly glass**
- **Motawi tile fireplace**
- **Drive-up book return and after-hours lockers**

An aerial photograph of a new fire station building under construction. A long, single-file line of people, including children and adults, is walking along a paved path that curves around a circular area. They appear to be passing books. The building is a large, modern structure with a grey roof and blue siding. There's a pond and trees in the background.

BOOK BRIGADE

“
We hear so much negativity in the world today... to see a community of diverse individuals from diverse backgrounds come together, that's really what community is all about.

--Jackie Hickmon

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At a time when books are dividing a growing number of communities in Michigan and beyond, they did just the opposite [at the Book Brigade].

--Chandra Fleming, Detroit Free Press

On October 8, more than 400 people helped move over 2,000 books from the little library in the MacArthur Boulevard fire station to their new home down the street. A camera attached to the first book captured footage of the enthusiastic participants as it was passed along the human chain. Staff later received, unboxed, checked-in and shelved over 12,000 additional new items for the collection.

LIBRARY OF THINGS

YDL's Library of Things collection launched in June. In addition to existing items like puzzles and magnifiers, we've put more useful or fun items from a variety of categories all under the same LOT umbrella. Now you'll find:

- Tech
- Fitness
- Kitchen
- Tools
- Yard Games
- Office
- Crafts
- Gardening
- Sports
- Board Games

2022 Stats

- More than 80 different items (plus jigsaw puzzles)
- 468 check outs

UPGRADES DOWNTOWN

Generous gifts from the estates of Grace Sweeney and David C. Boyd totaling over \$80,000 made big improvements possible at YDL-Michigan, including:

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

By the Numbers

Up more than 87,000 from 2021

Up almost 200,000 from 2021

58,669
at YDL-
Michigan

Bookmobile
10,131

186,177
Patron
Visits

Total
Circulation
626,380

120,468
YDL-
Whittaker

YDL-
Whittaker
365,882

1,849
Bookmobile
Visits

5,191
YDL-Superior
(Opened
Nov. 14)

154,857
E-products

YDL-
Superior
12,443

YDL-
Michigan
83,067

21,601
people attended 1,243
virtual and
in-person events

4,015
new library cards issued
(2,677 issued in 2021)

16,008
digital items
added to the collection



FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE	FY 2021-2022	% of total
Property Taxes	\$5,690,773	94%
Penal Fines	\$83,080	1.4%
State Aid	\$86,510	1.4%
Interest & Other	\$51,642	0.8%
Grants, Donations, Friends of YDL	\$143,367	2.4%
Total Revenue	\$6,055,372 *	100%
EXPENDITURES	FY 2021-2022	% of total
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,973,506	65.8%
Library Materials	\$496,097	11.0%
Contractual	\$173,687	3.8%
Automation & Capital Outlay	\$234,902	5.2%
Utilities & Repairs	\$347,313	7.7%
Other	\$293,938	6.5%
Total Expenditures	\$4,519,443	100%

* \$1M designated to Superior Library Building Fund