2022
ANNUAL REPORT
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
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

“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
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

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.
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
- Tools
- Crafts
- Fitness
- Yard Games
- Gardening
- Kitchen
- Office
- 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

186,177 Patron Visits

- 186,177 Total Patron Visits
- 58,669 at YDL-Michigan
- 120,468 YDL-Whittaker
- 1,849 Bookmobile Visits
- 5,191 YDL-Superior (Opened Nov. 14)

Total Circulation 626,380

- 365,882 YDL-Whittaker
- 154,857 E-products
- 83,067 YDL-Michigan
- 12,443 YDL-Superior
- 10,131 Bookmobile

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
**REVENUE**

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* $1M designated to Superior Library Building Fund

**EXPENDITURES**

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