

A CALL TO ARTISTS

YDL has long held the belief that in addition to enhancing our public spaces, art can be a teacher, a mirror, and an inspiration. Now that our new Superior branch library is complete, we've assembled a committee to select the finishing touches. We seek vibrant art that fits the space, depicts our community and its culture, and tells its stories.

Anyone can nominate an artist or their own work for consideration. For selection criteria and other information, please visit ypsilibrary.org/calltoartists2023. This call for submissions will be open June 12–September 15.

We plan for the first round of pieces to be selected and acquired by November 30, with additional selection cycles in 2024 and 2025. As works are installed, YDL will celebrate with public artist receptions, workshops for all ages, and discussions about art in our society. We can't wait to see what this adventure brings!

– Lisa Hoenig, Director



READ, LEARN, EXPLORE...WIN!

The Summer Challenge is back and better than ever with new badges to earn. Starting June 10, hunt for Ypsi Bicentennial-themed geocaches, take pictures in front of wing murals at each YDL branch, go on storywalks, and take part in a fairy door scavenger hunt. You can even ride the bus for free on the

weekends (see page 12). Earn 10 badges to win a prize. Kids and teens can also get a coupon for a free Insomnia cookie or an additional prize out of the treasure box every time they earn 10 or more badges.

The Summer Challenge encourages everyone to read and explore what's happening in our

community. It's a great way to motivate kids to engage with learning and be ready for school in the fall, but players of all ages will enjoy the wide range of activities you can do outdoors, at the library, and at home.

Here's a challenge to earn your first Summer Challenge badge: sign up! *CONTINUED ON PAGE 2*



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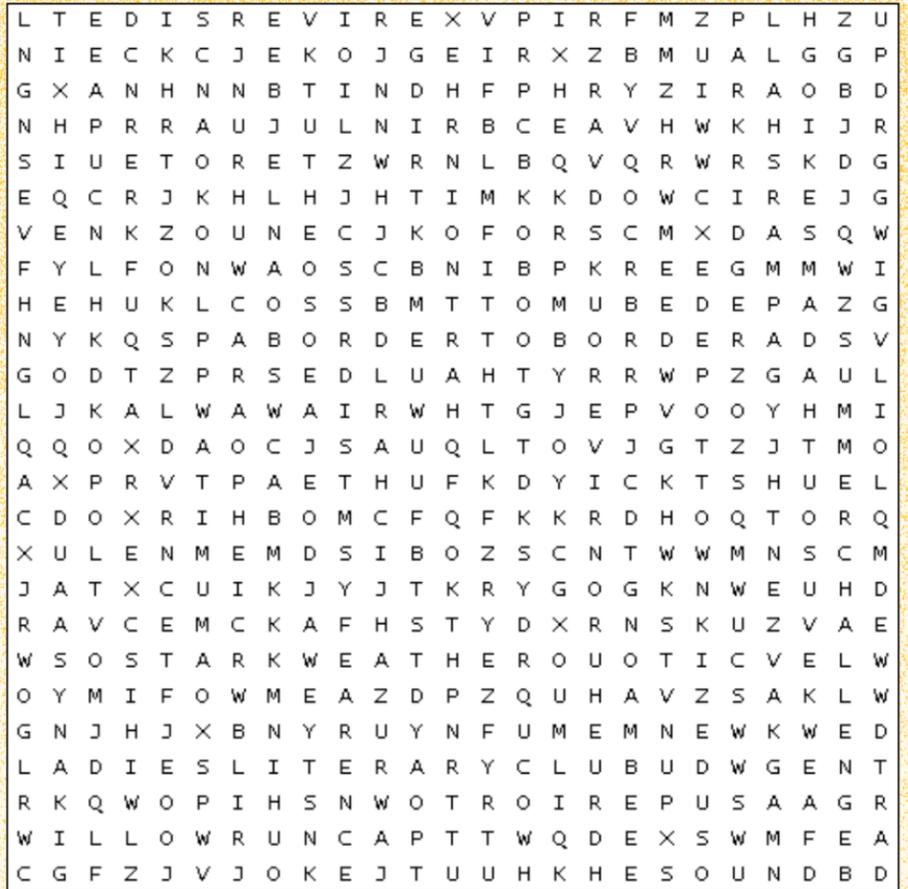
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How to play

1. **Reactivate your account, or create a new one if you haven't played before**, by visiting ypsilibrary.org/summer. Once you've signed up, visit any branch to pick up your first prize. Little ones get a shaker or sidewalk chalk, youth 3–18 get a day pass to Rutherford Pool, and adults get to pick from a selection of prizes.
2. **Log activities between June 10–August 27**. Earn a digital badge every time you read a book, complete a challenge, or attend a library program. Log online, or download the free ReadSquared app in Google Play or the App Store. Choose Ypsi Library, then log in once with your username and password.
3. **Win prizes!** Every time you earn 10 badges, stop by a YDL library for a prize. Kids and teens can pick out a free book to keep and get a coupon to Aubree's; adults get a YDL tote. Every digital badge you earn is worth a chance at winning the grand prize of your choice. There are weekly drawings so keep logging all summer!



Ypsi History Word Search



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SUMMER LUNCH COMES TO SUPERIOR

Free meals for kids & teens will be offered at all three YDL branches this summer



Food insecurity is a significant challenge in the summer months, since families lose access to school breakfast and lunch programs. To help fill that gap, YDL is partnering again with Food Gatherers to bring free lunches to kids and teens 18 years old and younger, and individuals aged 26 or younger who are enrolled in educational programs for those with disabilities.

Thanks to generous grants from the Children's Foundation and Mullick Foundation, the Superior

branch will participate in Lunch, Listen, and Learn for the first time this summer, addressing an important need within the community.

"We are excited to add the new Superior library as a full-service location, making lunch access convenient for people across our district," said Superior Branch Manager Mary Garboden. "We know that rising food costs are putting a strain on families, and we hope that getting a free lunch in the library will help alleviate that stress."

The foundation grants funded the kitchenette that enables the Superior branch to host the program.

"The Children's Foundation is proud to support construction of the community hub kitchenette and the Lunch, Listen, and Learn program for disadvantaged youth at Ypsilanti District Library," said The Children's Foundation's President & CEO, Lawrence J. Burns. "These important initiatives align with our Nutritional Wellness Focus Area and fulfill an essential need in the surrounding community."

All three YDL branches will offer free meals Monday through Friday from June 26 to August

4. There's even a special BBQ kickoff with Food Gatherers on June 15 at Superior to learn more about the program. See the Lunch, Listen, and Learn listing on page 5 for more information. For the full list of Summer Meal sites from Food Gatherers, visit foodgatherers.org/find-help/summer-food-service-program.

TEENS: Want to make a positive impact on your community? Receive volunteer credit while helping with our Lunch, Listen, and Learn program. Volunteer at any branch for 2–4 hours each week.

To apply, visit ypsilibrary.org/interests/teens/youth-volunteers and sign up to be a part of the Summer Youth Volunteer Corps.

HELP US CREATE A JUNETEENTH MURAL!

Help with a group Juneteenth art project at the Superior branch! Between June 12–19, stop by the reference desk to pick up part of a large mural to color and put up on the wall. The art project will be on display in the meeting room through the month of June.

Don't miss Ypsilanti's Annual Juneteenth Celebration, either. Visit the downtown area June 16–18 for music, food, and friends. You'll find YDL Librarians there too!

The Bookmobile will share resources, a storytime about the history of Juneteenth, library card signup, and much more. The Michigan Avenue branch will also be a part of the Kid's Corner again this year.

Headlining musical acts for the celebration weekend include: Raydio (feat. Arnell Carmichael), David Banks' Enchantment, Lord Yancy, Dames Brown, and John E. Lawrence. Get more information about the scheduled events at bit.ly/YpsilantiJUNETEENTHCelebration.



BUILDING COMMUNITY WITH YDL'S NEXT STRATEGIC PLAN



On March 22, the Library's Board of Trustees officially adopted a 2023–25 strategic plan, along with new mission and vision statements for YDL. The new plan focuses on four strategic areas: dynamic resources; optimized facilities; advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion; and an engaged community. YDL developed the new plan using research conducted by ReThinking Libraries LLC, who collected feedback from our community and staff.

The new initiatives will be shaped through the lens of YDL's new mission statement: *The Ypsilanti District Library builds community through discovery, education, and partnerships.*

You can expect to see projects that focus on improving our collections, reaching underserved communities, combating misinformation, and improving library spaces.

"Thank you to everyone across the community who gave us their feedback," said Library Director Lisa Hoenig. "We're thrilled with the new roadmap you helped develop, and to be getting underway!"

Keep your eye on ypsilibrary.org, social media pages, and future issues of *The Loop* for exciting projects we develop over the next 3 years to meet those goals.

A MORE INCLUSIVE ONLINE EXPERIENCE

In keeping with our values of equal access and diversity, we've refreshed ypsilibrary.org and added new tools to make it easier to access YDL's services and resources. The homepage has been reorganized to make it easier to find what you need, and we've installed Recite Me, an accessibility software, to create a more inclusive online experience.

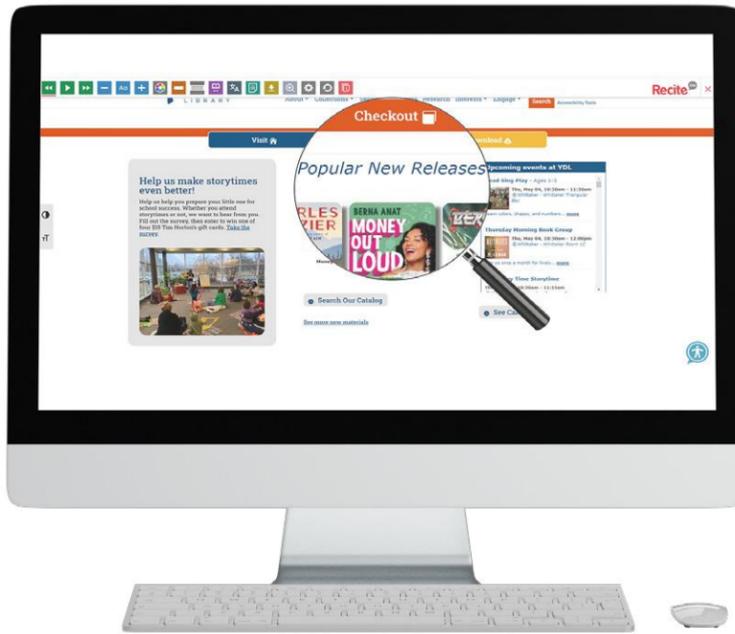
USING RECITE ME

Recite Me offers a screen reader; translations into over 100 languages; color, font, and size customization; and reading aids.

"We're excited to offer this service to make our website more accessible to all," said Sam Killian, YDL Community Relations Coordinator. "With magnification and language aids, along with screen reader and display tools, there's truly something for everyone."

To use Recite Me, click on the blue, person-shaped icon in the bottom right of any YDL web

page. Then, at the top of your screen, a toolbar will appear. You can use its functions to improve your experience on YDL's website. Learn more at ypsilibrary.org/introducing-recite-me.



WHAT'S NEW WITH THE HOMEPAGE?

We've redesigned the homepage to make it easier to find important information on our website. See popular new releases, preview upcoming events, and find out about important initiatives—all without scrolling!

The new homepage also makes it easier to find library news and updates, and puts the latest edition of *The Loop* in front of you with one click.

The menu bar has been updated to be more readable, with a more streamlined look and better organization. Explore interests, find resources, view collections, and more with increased ease.

Comments about the new tools? Visit ypsilibrary.org/contact-us to send your feedback.

THE BOOKMOBILE GOES TO LANSING!

The Bookmobile took to the highway in April to celebrate Michigan Library Advocacy Day! On April 25, library representatives from around Michigan came to the state capital to represent our public, school, academic, tribal, and special libraries.

YDL's Bookmobile was one of a handful of bookmobiles from around the state invited by the Michigan Library Association to park outside the Capitol Building during the event. Our Outreach

staff met state legislators and shared the roles bookmobiles have reaching residents who experience barriers to visiting the library.

"Bookmobiles...are pillars in our communities," said Monica Porter, YDL's Head of Outreach Services. "The Outreach team are mentors, advocates, [and] the gatekeepers to literacy...They are celebrities in the community!"

Enjoy pictures from the visit below.

Join YDL in the 4th of July Parade

TIME: 11am on Tuesday, July 4

PLACE: Cross Street
(near the Water Tower)

The Bookmobile and YDL's new Ford Explorer will participate in Ypsilanti's 4th of July Parade. Don't miss this Bicentennial year parade. Meet us on Cross Street near Oakwood between 10:30 and 10:45 to walk with us (and perhaps decorate your own bike or scooter).



Jun – Aug Events

Jun 1

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Join us on the first Thursday of the month for discussion of a variety of books. (No meeting in July or August). 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.

6/1: *An Immense World* by Ed Yong

Jun 1; Jul 6; Aug 3

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.

6/1: *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Choksi

7/6: *Storm Runner* by Jennifer Cervantes

8/3: *Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs

Jun 3

TELLING OUR STORIES FRED HART WILLIAMS BOOK SIGNING EVENT

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Do you enjoy family stories? Are you a history buff? Join us for a reading of narratives and a book signing by some of the authors of *Telling Our Stories: A Collection of Family History Narratives*, created by members of the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society in honor of the organization's 40th anniversary.

Jun 3; Jul 1; Aug 5

SUPERIOR TAG (TEEN ADVISORY GROUP)

2pm | YDL-Superior

A collaborative teen leadership meet-up: activities might include event planning or facilitating, library promotion, graphic design, or work with our library collections. *Volunteer hours available.*

Jun 5; Jul 17; Aug 14

BUILDING A COMMUNITY CONNECTION THROUGH DANCE

6pm | YDL-Whittaker

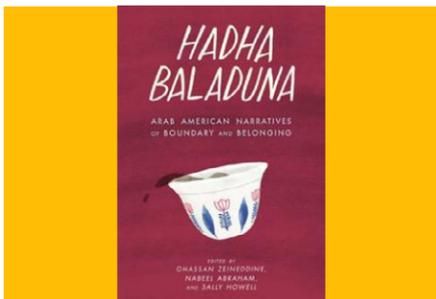
This class is a dementia-friendly monthly introduction to dance. Seated movement and variations to accommodate different abilities will be provided. This program is for individuals with any stage of dementia. A care partner/caregiver must attend with the person living with dementia. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Jun 5

MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOK TALK

6pm | YDL-Michigan

The Michigan Avenue branch is a stop on the 2023 Michigan Notable Books tour! Ghassan Zeineddine and Sally Howell, two of the editors for *Hadha Baladuna: Arab American Narratives of Boundary and Belonging*, will read and discuss their work. As described on the publisher's website: *Hadha Baladuna* ("this is our country") is the first work of creative nonfiction in the field of Arab American literature that focuses entirely on the Arab diaspora in Metro Detroit, an area with the highest concentration of Arab Americans in the US. This event will be live inside the Michigan Avenue branch, streamed on the library's Facebook page, and archived afterward on the library's YouTube page. Questions? Contact librarian Aaron Smith at asmith@ypsilibrary.org. Made possible with support from the Library of Michigan.



Tuesdays, Jun 6–Aug 22

ESL COMMUNITY TUTORING - WASHTENAW LITERACY

4pm | YDL-Superior

Washtenaw Literacy presents English as a Second Language (ESL) community tutoring—a place to 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.

Jun 6

GROW YOUR GARDEN SERIES: GREENS, HERBS, AND EDIBLE FLOWERS

4:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Learn how to use greens and herbs to make new salads or add flavor to new dishes. We will also learn more about edible flowers, how they can be used, and what science can teach us about plants and their properties. All the lessons can be learned and used in our community garden. Part of our "Grow Your Garden" series. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.



Tuesdays, Jun 6–Aug 29

KNITTING PLUS

6pm | YDL-Michigan

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

Tuesdays, Jun 6–Aug 29

MEDITATION WITH EASE: GUIDED IN-PERSON MEDITATION

7pm | YDL-Superior

Meditation is known to have so many benefits for our health and wellbeing. Drop in and be guided in simple non-religious awareness practices, in the company of friends. There will be two short practice sessions and a break during the hour.

Wednesdays, Jun 7–July 26

A MATTER OF BALANCE

10am | YDL-Whittaker

Get practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels for seniors. This class will incorporate exercise; please wear comfortable clothing. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events. There is a limit of 15 participants.

Wednesdays, Jun 7–Aug 30

WASHTENAW LITERACY TUTORING

4pm | YDL-Superior

Washtenaw Literacy is offering free drop-in tutoring for adults! Get help with reading, writing, computer skills, work skills, and GED prep. There will be no session on July 5.

Wednesdays, Jun 7–Aug 16

WALKING WEDNESDAYS: INTERGENERATIONAL SERIES

7pm | 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. *Group will not meet July 5.*

Thursdays, Jun 8; Jul 13; Aug 10 & 24

READ TO MOON THE LIBRARY DOG

5:30pm–7:30pm | 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.



Fridays, Jun 9–Jul 28

CHAIR YOGA

10:30am | YDL-Superior

For all levels, this class is done both seated in the chair and standing alongside the chair. Incorporating slow, mindful movements to support brain health, muscle strength, balance, and flexibility.

Fridays, Jun 9 & 23; Jul 7 & 21; Aug 4 & 18

FRIDAY WALKING CLUB (55+)

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Join us for a 30-minute walk along a path near the library and enjoy each other's company while getting some exercise! Meet in the Whittaker lobby. Call (734) 482-4110 x2411 with questions, or to confirm whether walk will happen during hot weather.

Jun 9; Jul 14; Aug 11

LNGO CRAFTERNOONS

2:30pm | YDL-Michigan

6/9: Garden butterflies from drink cans
7/14: Bisquitware glazing (Meet at Glaze Studio at 54 N. Huron St.)

8/11: Garden "flowers" made from colorful plates, saucers, cups, and candle holders
Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Jun 10; Jul 8; Aug 12

YPSIWITES WRITERS' ROOM: WRITE WITH US!

6/10: 10am | YDL-Whittaker

7/8: 10am | YDL-Superior

8/12: 10am | YDL-Michigan

Join other writers for open writing time in YpsiWrites's Writers' Room. There will be prompts for inspiration and time for writers wishing to share their work and get feedback. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Jun 10 & 24; Jul 8 & 22; Aug 12 & 26

YDL ADULT GUITAR CLUB: DOM'S & JAMS (18+)

10am | YDL-Michigan

Meet up, trade licks, and share riffs. Players pass around sheets with chords and lyrics so we can strum and sing along. Learn new material or workshop your musical projects while sharing your own musical knowledge. All stringed instruments are welcome (except for lyres and zithers; autoharps have been approved).

Jun 10

SUPERIOR DAY

11am–2pm | Oakbrook Park, 8460 Berkshire Dr.

Superior Day (hosted by Superior Township) will have a petting farm, free books, face painting, and more. Lunch provided.

Jun 10

SUMMER CHALLENGE KICKOFF SAZANAMI TAIKO DRUMMING AND STEM STATIONS

1pm–4pm | YDL-Superior

Get your summer started right by signing up for the Summer Challenge, watching an exciting drum performance by the Sazanami 漣 Taiko Arts Ensemble, and doing hands-on STEM activities hosted by Michigan Science Center. Supported by the Vera & Joseph Dresner Foundation and Toyota.



Jun 11

NATIVE PLANT SWAP

1pm–2:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commission's Office, with support from the Washtenaw County Conservation District, for a free native plant swap. Learn more about native plants, practice your identification skills, help others select appropriate plants for their sites, or socialize with native plant enthusiasts. If you would like to help weed and/or install leftover plants (starting at 2:15 pm) along the edges of the detention basin and/or pollinator garden at the library, please bring gloves and a trowel.



Jun 11

SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

A hybrid event, we will screen and discuss a presentation *Forty Acres in the 21st Century: Black Reparations Today* by authors Kirsten Mullen and William A. Darity. Local storyteller and peace activist La'Ron Williams will lead discussion. See ypsilibrary.org/events for Zoom link.

Jun 11

WEEDS IN YOUR GARDEN? IDENTIFY AND CONTROL THEM WITHOUT USING CHEMICALS

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck to get useful information on dealing with garden weeds without using herbicides that could be harmful. We'll look at some common weeds and how they grow. You may also find it interesting to learn how beneficial weeds can be.

Mondays, Jun 12–Aug 21

SUN AND SPROUTS: STEM IN THE GARDEN!

1:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us in the garden for some all ages learning and playing! Lesson plan topics include: composting, the plant life cycle, upcycling and garden crafts, the water cycle, and garden design. A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.



Jun 12

ENCOURAGING BACKYARD BIRDS

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

April Campbell, founder of BIPOC Birders of Michigan, will go over ways to help local urban birds, such as installing rain gardens, planting native plants, restoring habitats, and making your windows bird-safe.

Jun 13 & 27; Jul 11 & 25 (Whittaker only); Aug 8 & 22

TAG (TEEN ADVISORY GROUP)

4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker / YDL-Michigan

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.

Jun 14

HEALTHY AGING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY

1pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn what research has shown about lifestyle choices that may help keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Hear practical ways you can incorporate changes into a plan for healthy aging.

Jun 14

ZOO TO YOU WITH THE CREATURE CONSERVANCY

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Kick off our STEM series with an active presentation about wildlife. See an opossum, a blue-tongued skink, a sloth, and more. An active presentation about wildlife with the Creature Conservancy from Saline. Next in the STEM Play series:

6/21: Play with sound and make instruments to take home

6/28: Make a variety of slime recipes

7/5: Visit mystery and puzzle stations to test your logic skills

7/12: Water play day!

7/19: Design and build button and balloon racers, then test them on ramps and a zip line

7/26: Learn about light as you make sun prints and kaleidoscopes

8/2: Learn about simple circuits

A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.

Jun 14

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: FAIRY DOORS

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Did you know pixies live in Ypsi? Gnomes and fairies too. Paint a door, bring it home, and see if they appear for you. All supplies provided. Registration required.



Thursdays, Jun 15–Aug 3

LITTLE ONES NATURE PLAY (Ages 2–6)

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Enjoy outdoor sensory stations near the garden with your little one. We'll move inside in case of rain.

6/15: Shells, Scales, and Pollywog Tails

- Presented with live animals by the Huron-Clinton Metroparks

6/22: Make mud cakes

6/29: Water and Orbeez play

7/6: Fairies and folklore

7/13: Nature painting

7/20: Birds

7/27: Small worlds pretend play

8/3: Garden potions

Jun 15; Jul 20; Aug 17

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

1pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

Thursdays, Jun 15–Aug 3

MOVE!

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Stay healthy this summer with weekly movement activities.

6/15: World Dance

6/22: Panda Fit: Cross fit for kids

6/29: Ring of Steel: Learn stunts and sword play

7/6: Summer Camp: Make treasure totes, perler-bead necklaces, and run races on the lawn

7/13: Capoeira: Learn the basics with Mestre Lobhino

7/20: Big scavenger hunt around the library grounds

7/27: Bubble Play: Bubbles, movement, Orbeez and more

8/3: Field day: Play lawn games and celebrate the end of summer programs with cool treats

Jun 15; Jul 20; Aug 17

READ TO HUGO THE LIBRARY DOG

4:30pm–5:30pm | 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.

Jun 15

BARBEQUE WITH FOOD GATHERERS

5pm | YDL-Superior

Celebrate the new Superior library's first year of Lunch, Listen, and Learn! While the program officially starts June 26, join us for a free all-ages barbecue to celebrate. Enjoy yard games and get information from Food Gatherers.

Jun 15; Jul 20; Aug 17

YPSILANTI ZINE CLUB: WORK ON ZINES, MAKE FRIENDS, ADD TO YDL'S ZINE COLLECTION

6pm–8pm | YDL-Michigan

A space to work on zines together, share techniques and ideas, and make zine friends. Basic art materials provided. Find out how you can contribute your own zine to YDL's growing zine collection!

Jun 15; Jul 20; Aug 17

ADULT QUEER BOOK GROUP

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

This monthly book group will read through literature written by queer-identifying writers of diverse backgrounds. Books include fiction, poetry, and graphic novel selections. Registration required.

6/15: *An Unkindness of Ghosts* by Rivers Solomon

7/20: *M is for Monster* by Talia Dutton

8/17: *Born Both* by Hida Viloria

Jun 15

"BAND BOOKS" AT THE YPSI ALE HOUSE

7pm–9pm | Ypsi Ale House

Members of YDL's own Guitar Club, "Band Books," will be performing at the Ypsi Alehouse (124 Pearl St.). Have a beverage, grab a snack, and enjoy the show!

Fridays, Jun 16–Aug 4

SUMMER STEM SPONSORED BY TOYOTA

1:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us every Friday for a fun STEM project.

6/16: DIY pop-up books

6/23: Nature crowns and wands

6/30: Thaumatrope

7/7: 3D pens

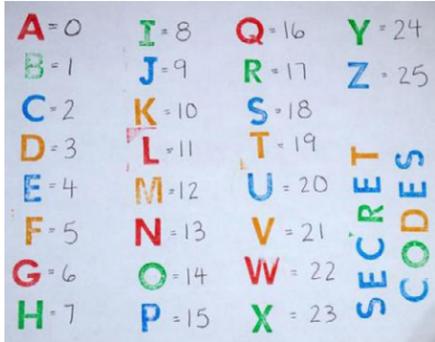
7/14: Cryptography

7/21: Marshmallow structures

7/28: Make a book safe

8/4: Ozobots

A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota



Fridays, Jun 16–Aug 4

NATURE STEAM SPONSORED BY TOYOTA

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Hands-on STEAM outside near the garden!

6/16: Embryology and chickens with Washtenaw County 4-H

6/23: Design and build fairy houses with nature objects

6/30: Learn about food webs and ecosystems with Matthaei Botanical Gardens

7/7: Make bread and add your favorite herbs from our garden

7/14: Net insects and learn about pollinators with Washtenaw County Parks

7/21: Make a field journal and learn to observe, describe, and draw what you see

7/28: Learn about composting with Washtenaw County Waste Management and make a compost bottle

8/4: Learn perspective and ratios while engaging in plein air landscape painting

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Jun 16; Jul 21; Aug 18

GARDENING WITH GROWING HOPE

2:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Join Growing Hope gardener Esha and library gardener Stephanie as they explore the natural world and dive into ways to use your garden. A program for all ages wanting to get hands-on with plants and processes that you can do at home.

6/16: What is a seed?

7/21: Quick pickles

8/18: Natural dyes

Jun 17

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION - KIDS CORNER

11am | S. Washington St

Bring a friend and celebrate Black Joy at Juneteenth's Kids' Corner! Join YDL, the Bookmobile, and many other organizations providing fun kids activities on S. Washington. Juneteenth Celebration events take place from 6/17–6/19 behind Puffer Reds.

Jun 17

GABRIELLE HICKMON - A JUNETEENTH PRESENTATION HOW YOU PLAY SPADES IS HOW YOU PLAY LIFE

3pm | YDL-Michigan

Gabrielle Ione Hickmon is an Ypsilanti-based writer and artist who is nationally and globally recognized for her creative works in connecting history, information research, and creativity. In honor of Juneteenth, Gabrielle presents her ethnographic research project, *How You Play Spades is How You Play Life*, which received an Information is Beautiful award in 2022 from the Data Visualization Society. We will also have packs of playing cards out for folks who want to play Spades as we listen and learn. Any questions or comments? Contact librarian Aaron Smith at asmith@ypsilibrary.org to learn more.



Jun 17

TEENS: PRETZEL DIPPING

4pm | YDL-Superior

This teen-created event is a chance to dip and decorate pretzels. Sprinkles, frosting, melted chocolate, and cookie crumbs will be available to make something delicious.

Mondays, Jun 19–Jul 31

SUPERIOR STEM SPONSORED BY TOYOTA (Ages 5–12)

2:30pm | YDL-Superior

Learn all summer long with weekly STEM activities for kids.

6/19: Fur, Feathers, and Scales presented by Leslie Science and Nature Center

6/26: Water Play

7/3: Marshmallow Molecules

7/10: Magnets

7/17: Exploring the Soil Beneath Our Feet

7/24: Circuits with guests from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

7/31: STEM Writing with 826michigan. Special guest: former NASA staffer Jim Ottaviani

(Register for this session by calling 734-879-1318 or emailing maryg@ypsilibrary.org)

A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.

Jun 19

YDL WEBSITE & DIGITAL RESOURCES

7pm | YDL-Superior

Get the most out of your library card! Explore the YDL website and gain insight into YDL's databases and streaming services. Plus, learn how to participate in YDL's Summer Challenge online.

Tuesdays, Jun 20–Jul 25

READING BUDDIES - WHITTAKER

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Beginning readers: drop in and read with a teen reading buddy, then visit stations each week to build reading skills. Teens, sign up at ypsilibrary.org/youth-volunteers to be a reading buddy. Check the events calendar for weekly details.

Tuesdays, Jun 20–Aug 1

HEALTHY HABITS START NOW

2:30pm | YDL-Superior

Experience how physical activity and nutrition work together to keep our bodies healthy and happy. Healthy Habits Start Now (HHSN) is a health education program offered through USDA SNAP-Ed grant funds and provided by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. School-aged kids can join the weekly program for a game-based physical activity lesson and a healthy food tasting.

Jun 20

CROSS STITCH (Ages 12–18)

3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn the basics of cross stitch and pick out a kit to make yourself! Each participant will get a kit with all the supplies they'll need to start a handmade panel here and finish it at home.



Jun 20; Jul 18; Aug 15

PARANORMAL CLUB: EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

7pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us for monthly presentations, discussions, and investigations into various confounding and mystifying phenomenon.

Jun 21

YOU'RE NOT ALONE: DEMYSTIFYING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

1pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, Alzheimer's stages and risk factors, current research and available treatments, and ways the Alzheimer's Association can help.

Wednesdays, Jun 21–Aug 2

STEM PLAY - SPONSORED BY TOYOTA

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Build STEM skills through fun, hands-on activities. New themes each week!

6/21: Play with sound and make instruments to take home

6/28: Make a variety of slime recipes

7/5: Visit mystery and puzzle stations to test your logic skills

7/12: Water play day! Can you build a Lego boat that floats and move water beads between the waterworks?

7/19: Design and build button and balloon racers, then test them on ramps and a zip line

7/26: Learn coding and circuitry and build a bristle bot to take home and code with our Ozobots

8/2: Learn about simple circuits when you create glowing flowers and light up wands

A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.

Wednesdays, Jun 21–Aug 16

YOUTH ARTS ALLIANCE CREATIVE SUMMER WORKSHOPS

2:30pm | YDL-Superior

Create, make, and explore different arts activities. All supplies are provided. Explore a different type of art each week and create something to take home! *This series is designed for children in elementary and middle school.* Made possible through Superior Township Parks and Recreation and ARPA funding From Superior Township.

Jun 21; Jul 19; Aug 16

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

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

Jun 21: *No Talking* by Andrew Clements

Jul 19: *The BFG* by Roald Dahl

Aug 16: *Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo

Thursdays, Jun 22–Aug 3

GARDEN-TO-TABLE: SUPERIOR LEARNING GARDEN

2:30pm | YDL-Superior

We will use freshly picked produce from our Learning Garden to cook tasty snacks and treats. This series is designed for elementary and middle school-aged children. Younger children will need supervision due to the use of cooking utensils and kitchen materials. For details call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2432.

Jun 22; Jul 27; Aug 24

GARDEN QUESTIONS? ASK THE MASTER GARDENER!

5pm–7pm | YDL-Whittaker

How does your garden grow? Not as well as you hoped? Get help from Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck on the 4th Thursday of the month. Carol will be in the Whittaker lobby to answer your garden questions about flowers, vegetables, fertilizer, pest control, and more! No appointment needed.

Fridays, Jun 23–Aug 4

READING BUDDIES - SUPERIOR

2:30pm | YDL-Superior

Beginning readers: drop in and read with a teen reading buddy, then visit stations each week to build reading skills. Teens, sign up at ypsilibrary.org/youth-volunteers to be a reading buddy. Check the events calendar for weekly details.

Jun 23

SUMMER PICNIC PARTY (Teens)

5pm–8pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate the beginning of summer with the Teen Advisory Group. Play lawn games, throw water balloons, tie dye shirts, and make friendship bracelets. Bring a blanket to sit on the lawn and relax with friends. We'll have snacks and grill veggie and beef hotdogs.

Jun 24

KITE & ROCKET DAY

11am | Fireman's Park, 8795 MacArthur Blvd.

Build and fly kites and air rocket launchers. Free snacks and kites provided. Organized by Superior Township.

Jun 24; Jul 22; Aug 26

YPSIWITES DROP-IN WRITING CONSULTING

6/24: YDL-Whittaker | 11am–1pm

7/22: YDL-Superior | 11am–1pm

8/26: YDL-Michigan | 11am–1pm

Looking for one-to-one writing support? Join YpsiWrites for drop-in writing consulting to meet with trained volunteers to help you elevate your writing projects. All forms of writing can be reviewed and discussed - resumes, college essays, cover letters, fiction chapters, poetry, and so much more.

Jun 24

THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA: BLACK AND BROWN THEATRE

3pm | YDL-Superior

Black and Brown Theatre returns to the Superior branch to tell the story of The Princess and the Pea. This timeless Hans Christian Anderson fairytale gets a new adaptation from Black and Brown Theatre that's got all the magic and laughs for a perfect family story told entirely in rhyming verse couplets. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Weekdays, Jun 26–Aug 4

LUNCH, LISTEN & LEARN

12:30pm–1:30pm | YDL-Michigan

1pm–2pm | YDL-Whittaker

1:30–2:30pm | YDL-Superior

Kids ages 0–18, join us for lunch and a daily read-aloud, followed by hands-on learning activities. Sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education and Food Gatherers.

Jun 26

INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE WITH OPEN SPOT

2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join Open Spot Theatre for a fun hour of theatre. We'll introduce singing, acting, and dancing through a series of fun activities. At the end of our time together students will put on a short play that they themselves wrote.

Mondays, Jun 26–Jul 31

MANGA DRAWING (Ages 9–14)

3pm | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and draw with Kam Reynolds. Hone your skills in a friendly environment while you chat with other artists.



Tuesdays, Jun 27–Aug 1

FAIRYTALE THEATER GROUP

1:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Join us while we read some fairytale favorites and sing and play! Children will learn about some common fairytales, play a theater game, and sing songs. Each week we will read stories from a different fairytale and learn ways to act, sing, and rhyme. This activity is intended for children ages 5–9 and will take place directly after our summer lunches program.

Jun 27; Jul 25; Aug 29

VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

7pm | Virtual
Join us for lively discussions of books by African American Authors.
6/27: *The Supremes Sing the Happy Heartache Blues* by Edward Moore
7/25: *Uphill: A Memoir* by Jemele Hill
8/29: TBD

Wednesdays, Jun 28–Aug 9

OUTDOOR FUN! WITH HEALTHY HABITS START NOW

1:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Join HHSN at the library this summer to get moving and grooving and try some tasty treats! Each lesson will feature a breakdown of nutrition information that kids can then apply to the foods they eat, a physical activity to get the heart pumping and a taste test of a recipe (hopefully with items from our Community Garden!)

Jun 28; Jul 26; Aug 30

MYSTERY LOVER'S BOOK GROUP

2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Mystery lovers: Check out a new mystery title each month. We will be meeting outside at Whittaker Road; camp chairs and water will be provided. We'll meet in the lobby.
Jun 28: *The Word is Murder* by Anthony Horowitz
Jul 26: *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley
Aug 30: *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
For more information, please contact Paula Drummond: drummond@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

Thursdays, Jun 29–Aug 3

READING BUDDIES - MICHIGAN AVE.

1:30pm | YDL Michigan
Beginning readers: drop in and read with a teen reading buddy, then visit stations each week to build reading skills. Teens, sign up at ypsilibrary.org/youth-volunteers to be a reading buddy. Check the events calendar for weekly details. Registration required; email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org.

Jun 30

AFTER-HOURS TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

6pm | YDL-Michigan
Come beat the heat this summer and hang out in the library after hours with other teens while watching a movie and enjoying an ice cream sundae!

Jul 1

KELSEY RONAN READS AT YDL-MICHIGAN

3pm | YDL-Michigan
Kelsey Ronan will read from her debut novel, *Chey in the Hole*, which has already been honored by the Library of Michigan as one of its 2023 Michigan Notable Books. The novel follows multiple generations of two families making their homes in Flint, with a "stunning contemporary love story at its center." There will be open time for Q&A. This event will be live-streamed on YDL's public Facebook page and be posted on our YouTube channel afterward.

Jul 8

BLUEY BIRTHDAY PARTY!

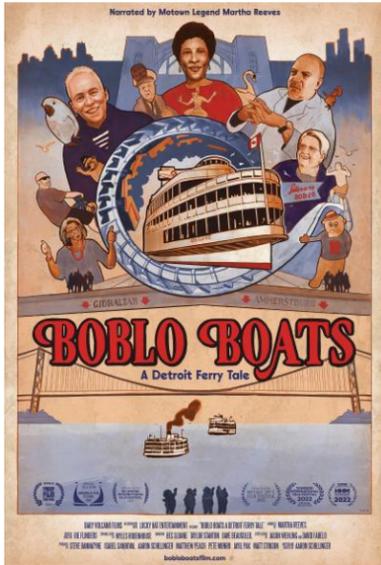
11am–1:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Looking for some adventure and fun with a birthday twist? Join us for one big birthday celebration with the Heeler family! Play all your favorite games that Bluey and Bingo have dreamed up, earn prizes and treats, and have some fun in the sun. We will celebrate everyone's birthday in style at this giant birthday party.



Jul 8

BOBLO BOATS: A DETROIT FERRY TALE

2pm–5pm | YDL-Superior
Boblo Island, one of America's earliest amusement parks, sparked the imaginations of Detroiters and Ontarians for more than 85 years. Mirroring Detroit's decline and resurgence, two teams of people doggedly attempted the restoration of the steamships that ferried people to the island. Join us for a screening of this incredible and insightful film, featuring a Q&A with director Aaron Schlinger after the viewing.



Jul 8

MOVIES ON THE GREEN

8pm | Dixboro Village Green, 5221 Church Rd. Superior Twp.
Family event with playground games followed by a current family-friendly movie shown on a 20' screen. Sponsored by Dixboro Village Green & Dixboro United Methodist Church. Bring your blankets, snacks, and coolers.

Jul 9

WATER CONSERVATION FOR GARDENERS

2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn how you can still have beautiful gardens while using less water from Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck.

Jul 10

STORYTELLING THROUGH MUSIC

2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Students from Center Stage Strings, an MPulse program at the University of Michigan, will show how classical music conveys stories and emotion at this performance for families featuring the violin, viola, and cello.

Jul 10

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC BAG FREE DAY

6pm | YDL-Whittaker
Come celebrate International Plastic Bag Free Day by decorating a canvas bag. Materials are supplied and registration is required. For questions, contact Robert at neil@ypsilibrary.org.

Jul 11

SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB

7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join us every other month for this new adult discussion group for fans of science fiction books. Copies of the book are available at the Whittaker Road branch Circulation Desk one month before the discussion date. Questions? Contact Marianne at vandenbergen@ypsilibrary.org or Sheila at skonen@ypsilibrary.org.
July 11: *Mistborn: The Final Empire* by Brandon Sanderson

Jul 12

COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE HAS DEMENTIA

1pm | 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 of the disease.

Jul 12

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: HULA HOOPS

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Make and decorate your own hula hoop and learn how to keep it rotating on your hips (maybe!). All supplies provided. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Jul 14

TEEN OBSTACLE COURSE

5pm–7pm | YDL-Michigan
Test your agility with our teen-only obstacle course in the Michigan Avenue Library Plaza. The winner will receive a special prize!



Jul 15; Aug 12

ANIME CLUB (Ages 12+)

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



Jul 17

STAYING SAFE ONLINE: HOW TO AVOID SCAMS & SPAM

7pm | YDL-Superior
We do a number of things online these days, including banking, social interactions, shopping, and more. Learn basic tips for staying safe online.

Jul 18

PAINT BY NUMBER (Ages 12–18)

3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Choose a simple pattern on canvas. Start painting at the library while you chat with others and listen to calming music. Take your work home to finish if needed. All supplies provided.



Jul 18

GATHERING FAMILY STORIES

5:30pm–7pm | YDL-Michigan
Celebrate World Listening Day with us! Learn more about interviewing family members so you can start building your own family history. Local archivists, historians, and librarians share ways to gather these stories, keep them safe, and share them with others. You may even be interviewed yourself for the library's oral history project.



Jul 28

WRITERS WORKSHOP: WORLD BUILDING WITH 826MICHIGAN

2:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Join YDL and 826michigan for our first writers workshop! Explore ways of building a world that is believable and fits perfectly with characters you make up. All attendees will work on creating characters, world-building, and plotting out a story line with help from local authors, 826michigan writers, and YDL staff members.

Jul 28

LIVE THE ADVENTURE! AFTER HOURS ONE-SHOT D&D EVENT

6pm–8pm | YDL-Michigan
Groups of kids will play games dreamed up by their peers at our writer's workshop earlier in the day. Participants will pick their characters, get themselves outfitted, and learn the mechanics of the game. Then we will begin adventuring through worlds and learn more about the settings that our young writers have built. Snacks, drinks, and magic will be provided!



Aug 1

READING AND WRITING CELEBRATION WITH 826MICHIGAN

2pm–3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
The last day of Reading Buddies will be a celebration for readers and families. Write together at 826michigan writing stations, eat snacks, and celebrate what you've accomplished this summer!

Aug 1

GROW YOUR GARDEN SERIES CUT FLOWERS

4:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Interested in learning how to make the sweetest bouquets, fanciest centerpieces, or how to do something else with flowers? Join other flower fanatics as we explore interesting ways to make flower arrangements using fresh cut flowers, along with other natural materials.

Aug 1

MANDALA ART (Ages 12–18)

4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Spend a relaxing time near the garden gathering and creating mandala art. Supplies will be on hand to free draw and color mandala patterns too.



Aug 1

YPSILANTI EMANCIPATION DAY

7pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Join local historian Matthew Siegfried and discover Ypsilanti's rich history celebrating Emancipation Day. From the 1850s until the 1930s Ypsilanti's August 1 Emancipation Day Celebration was considered the oldest celebration of the ending of slavery in North America.

Aug 5

BLACK MEN READ STORYTIME

10:30am–11:30am | [YDL-Superior](#)

Join members of BMR for books featuring stories from the African diaspora and a hands-on art activity in this family book party. Visit bmrkids.org or follow [@BMRKIDSClub](#) on social media for more information on this local non-profit.

Aug 5

WILD SUPER POWERS LIVE ANIMALS WITH HOWELL NATURE CENTER

3pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

What do Batman, Spiderman, and Cat Woman have in common? They base their powers on amazing wildlife adaptations and abilities! Learn about wildlife "super powers" that help them survive in the wild. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Aug 6

VEGETABLE SUCCESSION PLANTING: PLANTING INTO FALL

2pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Who says your vegetable garden has to be put to bed at the end of summer? Keep your vegetable garden producing well into fall by using succession planning and late-season extender methods. Yes, it may be possible to have fresh produce from your garden on your Thanksgiving table!

Aug 9

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: POUNDED FLOWERS

6:30pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Make a flower petal design and pound the petals' pigments into fabric. We'll use flowers from the library garden, but feel free to bring your own too. All supplies provided. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Aug 12

MOVIES IN THE PARK

8pm | [Oakbrook Park, 8460 Berkshire Dr.](#)

Family kickball starts at 8pm, followed by a current family-friendly movie on a 20' screen. Bring your picnic blankets, snacks, and coolers.

Aug 15

PLANT-BASED VEGAN MADE EASY!

6:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join us for a live cooking demonstration with samples presented by Vicki Brett-Gach, a Certified Personal Chef, Master-Certified Vegan Lifestyle Coach, Plant-Based Culinary Instructor, and author.

Aug 18

VIRAL ART TRENDS FOR TEENS

5pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Come to the library and create something based on the latest viral art trend!

Aug 24

LIVE! HERE! NOW! POP-UP CONCERT

4pm–8pm | [Fireman's Park, 8795 MacArthur Blvd.](#)

Family-friendly music, snacks, and games presented by Ann Arbor Summer Festival, Superior Township Parks & Recreation, Ypsilanti Community Schools, and YDL.

Aug 26

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

10am–1pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Bring up to four copy paper boxes or grocery bags of documents per person. Staples, paper clips, and rubber bands are OK. Donations will be accepted by the Friends of YDL to help offset the cost of this event. Limited to residents of the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township. Funded in part by a Washtenaw County Waste Reduction Sponsorship. Note: This event may end earlier if the truck fills up!

Aug 28

MEDITATING AS A SENIOR

10am | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Studies show that as we age, setting aside time for a regular meditation practice greatly improves overall well being. The class will introduce seniors to meditation basics like how to do it and why.

TECH HELP

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP FOR SENIORS (55+)

Call 734-482-4110 x1384 or email brigitte@ypsilibrary.org to schedule a one-hour in-person, phone, or virtual session.

Jun 3, 10:30am; Aug 1, 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.

Jun 3, 2pm; Jul 11, 6:30pm; Aug 2, 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.

Jun 6, 2pm; Jul 1, 10:30am; Aug 3, 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.

Jun 7, 10:30am; Jul 1, 2pm; Aug 3, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL – BASICS

[YDL-Whittaker](#)
A basic introduction to spreadsheets. Learn to enter and edit data, select cell ranges, format cells, use the fill handle, and create simple formulas. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Jun 8, 7pm; Aug 9, 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.

Jun 8, 2pm; Jul 12 & Aug 12, 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.

Jun 13, 2pm; Jul 15 & Aug 16, 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.

Jun 14, 10:30am; Jul 15, 2pm; Aug 10, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL – INTERMEDIATE

[YDL-Whittaker](#)
In this intermediate class, learn to apply functions, filter data, create charts, and print worksheets. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Jun 15, 2pm; Jul 19 & Aug 26, 10:30am

GOOGLE DOCS TIPS & TRICKS (Adult)

Virtual
Explore more advanced features of Google Docs: 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.

Jun 17, 10:30am; Aug 8, 2pm

HOW TO HOST A ZOOM MEETING (Adult)

Virtual
Join us to learn the basics for hosting a Zoom meeting from start to finish. Topics include scheduling, securing, and starting your meeting; inviting participants; using host controls; Zoom etiquette; and basic troubleshooting.

Jun 17, 2pm; Jul 18, 6:30pm; Aug 9, 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.

Jun 20, 7pm; Jul 29, 2pm

GOOGLE DRIVE - BASICS

[YDL-Whittaker](#)
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.

Jun 20, 2pm; Jul 29 & Aug 23, 10:30am

GOOGLE SHEETS TIPS & TRICKS

(Adult)
Virtual
Explore more advanced features of Google Sheets: 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.

Jun 21, 2pm; Jul 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 are required.

Jun 21, 10:30am; Jul 22, 2pm; Aug 17, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL – PIVOT TABLES

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

Jun 22, 6:30pm; Aug 26, 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.

Jun 28, 2pm; Jul 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.

Jun 29, 6:30pm; Aug 12, 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.

Jul 26, 2pm; Aug 15, 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.

Aug 10, 2pm

CHROMEBOOK BASICS

[YDL-Superior](#)
Explore the basic features of the Chromebook with hands-on practice.

Storytimes

Jun 12 - Aug 4

MONDAYS

JUMPSTART KINDERGARTEN (Ages 4–6)

[10:30am | YDL-Whittaker](#)
Learning is fun at Jumpstart Kindergarten! Find an engaging blend of activities and stories designed to help prepare preschoolers for school success. Designed for listeners ready for longer stories and more independence. Each session builds school readiness skills including listening, scissor skills, and STEM concepts.

TUESDAYS

BABY STORYTIME

[10:30am | YDL-Superior](#)
Hear a book and sing fun songs during a short lap-sit storytime designed for pre-walkers, then stay to chat with other parents and caregivers while your little one plays.

DISCOVERY TIME (Ages 2–4)

[10:30am | YDL-Whittaker](#)
Learn a variety of preschool-readiness skills, from ABCs to kindness, at fast-paced storytimes filled with music, movement, fingerplays, and books. Hear stories and sing along, then engage in play-based learning activities. We'll be outside when it's not raining, with outdoor play near the sandbox or garden.

WEDNESDAYS

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 connect with each other, learn more about learning extension devices, and explore books to check out for their child. Some of our sessions may take place outside in the Library Plaza when we have good weather. Please bring anything you may need to be outside, but we will also have sunscreen and some extra sunhats for the kiddos!

READ, SING, PLAY (Walkers to Age 3)

[10:30am | YDL-Superior](#)
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.

THURSDAYS

DISCOVERY TIME (Ages 2–4)

[10:30am | YDL-Superior & YDL-Michigan](#)
Learn a variety of preschool readiness skills, from ABCs to kindness, at this fast-paced storytime filled with music, movement, fingerplays, and books paired with exploratory learning and play.

FRIDAYS

READ SING PLAY (Ages 1–3)

[10:30am | 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. We'll be outside when weather permits, with play near the sandbox or garden. There will be a blanket area for safe play for pre-walkers, too.

Jun 2; Jul 7; Aug 4

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME AT YDL!

[5pm | YDL-Michigan](#)
Join YDL for an all-ages family event during First Fridays! Families will enjoy books and stories, space to make arts and crafts together, and music and songs to get you excited for the weekend. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

SATURDAYS

Jun 24; Jul 22; Aug 19

MARKET STORYTIME

[10am–12pm | Depot Town Farmer's Market](#)
Find us at the Ypsi Depot Town Farmer's Market for stories, songs, and play!

Jul 8 & 15; Aug 5 & 12

STORYTIME AT THE PARK

[11am–12pm](#)
Enjoy storytime outside, then play at the park! Offered in partnership with Downtown Development Association, City of Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti Township Parks.
[Jul 8:](#) Ford Heritage Park
[Jul 15:](#) Riverside Park
[Aug 5:](#) Riverside Park
[Aug 12:](#) Ford Heritage Park



LCS SPREADS READING OUTSIDE SCHOOL WALLS

Summer break lets children unwind and enjoy time away from the structured routine of school. However, research has shown that students who do not read during the summer months can experience a significant loss of reading skills, which can have a lasting impact. To combat this problem, Lincoln Consolidated Schools is joining many area schools and libraries to offer summer programs designed to engage students in reading and prevent the summer slide.



Lincoln Elementary PTOs are once again hosting Pre-K-5 Summer Reading in the Park. Children can enjoy snacks while YDL librarians and other teachers will be on hand to help facilitate reading activities and crafts, with special visitors planned throughout the summer. A schedule of events is available on the district website at www.lincolnk12.org.

Stay in touch with YCS over the summer by attending these great events

JAZZ IN THE PARKING LOT

Saturday, July 22 at 7pm at Shadford Field

Attend the vendor fair and hear saxophonist Shelby Brown perform.

YCS BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Saturday, August 19 from 12pm-3pm at Prospect Park

Find a food truck, community vendors, face painting, live music, and more!

YCS IS HIRING!

YCS is looking for school bus drivers and monitors, as well as bilingual teachers and paraprofessionals for the upcoming school year.

To apply for the position of bilingual paraprofessional, applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be a bilingual Spanish speaker. Applicants must have effective language, technical, mathematical, and interpersonal skills.

TO APPLY AS A SCHOOL BUS MONITOR OR DRIVER, APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Have a class B CDL with Passenger & SB endorsements
- Be 21 years of age or older
- Able to pass a background check
- Able to pass DOT/MDOT drug screen
- Drivers and monitors will enjoy flexible hours and competitive pay. No experience is required to apply, and training is provided.

To learn more and apply, visit ycschools.us/employment.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

- **May 25:** YCHS Graduation (EMU Convocation Center)
- **June 2:** High School Commencement (LCS)
- **June 9:** ½ day (Both)
- **June 12:** Last Day of School (YCS), ½ day Grades 6-11, ½ day (LCS)
- **June 13:** Last Day of School (LCS), ½ day



YDL IDEAS FOR SUMMER

Michigan Activity Pass

Is the nicer weather making you want to get outside more? Your library card can help! The Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) provides discounted or free admission to parks and outdoor events all over Michigan.

Visit any of the 13 metroparks in Southeast Michigan for FREE by reserving a park pass through MAP. Play disc golf, go for a walk, go canoeing, and more. You can even rent a boat and spend a day at the beach at some of the locations.

Or spend time at a state park, such as Maybury State Park, where you can fish, bike, hike, play on the playground, and more.

If you want to step out of the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area, you can visit the Outdoor Adventure Center, Belle Isle, or LegoLand, to name a few.

Access your Michigan Activity Pass at ypsilibrary.org/michigan-activity-pass. Input your zip code, preferred distance, home library, and the types of activities you'd like to participate in. Then, you'll find more than 450 destinations to visit. Whether you like parks, museums, theaters, or festivals, you'll find something in MAP.

Games, Gardening Tools, and more!

Have fun in the sun using gardening tools and outdoor games from YDL's Library of Things collection!

You can bring home bocce ball, cornhole, jumbo-size board games, or a pickleball set. If you're hoping to get gardening, check out a pruner, a five-piece garden hand tool set, a meter that detects soil moisture and PH, and more. Want to birdwatch? Check out a pair of binoculars.

Find these and more, at ypsilibrary.org/lot.



5 WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE YPSILANTI BICENTENNIAL

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Congratulations Ypsilanti on 200 years since incorporation in 1823!



1

Major Events

- **July 4:** Ypsilanti Sesquicentennial Time Capsule Opening
- **July 16:** Book Release Party: *Ypsilanti Histories: A Look Back at the Last Fifty Years*
- **August 19:** Official 2023 Bicentennial Celebration
- **Ongoing:** YpsiWrites: Love Letters to Ypsilanti

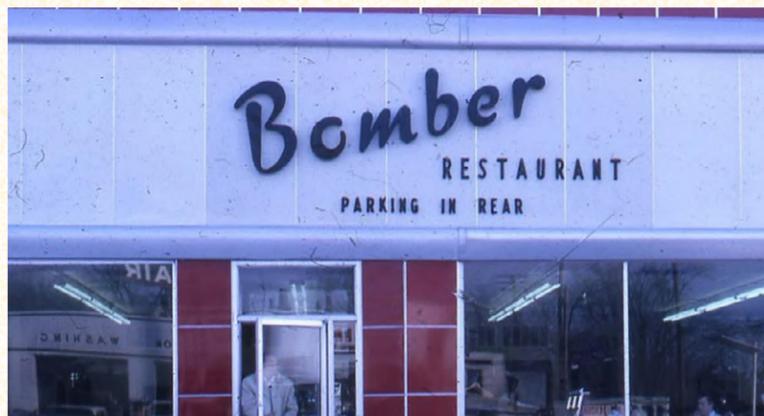
Each of these is part of YDL's Summer Challenge, and you can earn badges by attending. Visit Ypsi200.com for full event details.

2

History-Inspired Dining

Restaurants in Ypsilanti honor its past in several ways.

- Popular breakfast spot The Bomber is decorated with WWII-themed memorabilia paying tribute to the nearby Willow Run Bomber Plant. The diner is also known as the home of Rosie the Riveter.
- Both Sidetrack and Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill have served the community for decades in historic Depot Town, a popular train stop between Detroit and Chicago until the mid-1980s.
- C. King & Co. Café downtown is named after a family business that dates to 1837. This themed architectural gem serves classic American cuisine with a nod to Ypsilanti's heritage.



3

Visit Historic Sites & Landmarks

Ypsilanti's historic district is one of the oldest and largest in Michigan, featuring architectural landmarks like the colorful Depot Town buildings and the iconic Water Tower. Thompson Block once served as a war barracks during the Civil War, and Eastern Michigan University celebrates 174 years in 2023. Several buildings date back to the 1800s, including the Ladies Library (what has now grown into the Ypsilanti District Library), First Presbyterian Church, Gilbert Mansion, Brown Chapel AME Church, and Towner House. Learn more through the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation (yhf.org).



4

Explore Museums & Attractions

- The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum, once a barrel-making shop, steel press, then dealership, now showcases Hudsons, Corvairs, and Kaiser-Frazers, preserving an important era in American history.
- Formerly the Willow Run Bomber Plant built by Ford Motor Company, the Yankee Air Museum showcases preserved WWII aircraft and artifacts. Learn more at yankeeairmuseum.org.
- Explore over 26,000 square feet at the Michigan Firehouse Museum. Just two blocks away at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum, visitors can view featured Bicentennial displays and more from Ypsi's past.



5

Experience Historic Tours

Gain new perspectives on the city's rich history with guided monthly events. All ages and abilities are welcome. Tours are led by Stefan Szumko, an enthusiast of nature and history.

- *Monthly Riverside Rambles:* Explore Ypsilanti's past outdoors along the Huron River. Meet at the pavilion at Waterworks Park at 10:00 AM every second Monday of the month.
- *History Walking Tours:* Take a new monthly guided tour exploring Ypsilanti historic neighborhoods, business districts, and more areas of Ypsilanti.

Find details about the guided tours at Ypsi200.com.



YDL RECEIVES \$30,000 FROM TOYOTA TO BOOST STEM LEARNING

Get ready for more STEM at the Ypsilanti District Library! A \$30,000 grant from Toyota will fund Project STEM@YDL which will bring more kits, activities, and talks from experts in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math. The grant, which will cover a year of programming and tools, is designed to make STEM learning accessible to everyone, and will help enhance YDL's STEM programming across all three branches.

"The library is thrilled to partner with Toyota to augment our STEM offerings," said YDL's Director, Lisa Hoenig. "Through this grant we'll acquire equipment we otherwise couldn't afford, and our talented and creative staff will make the most of it!"

The programming is especially targeted to reach K-12 students in the YDL service area (Ypsilanti Community Schools, Lincoln Consolidated Schools, and WISD). Over the year, the grant will fund:

- Nearly 40 programs (happening multiple times a week throughout the summer) with hands-on family STEM activities, covering topics like chemical reactions, robotics, sustainability, and more.
- After-school programs throughout the school year.

PROJECT STEM @ YDL



Presented by

TOYOTA



- Monthly teen STEAM Cafes throughout the school year.
- Large STEM equipment designed for exploratory learning to rotate between YDL branches, including a wind tunnel, magnet wall with accessories, and dino bones.

- Four new STEM kits for each location, to be in circulation by March 2024.
- Several large STEM programs per month, presented by community experts.

"We're already known for our outstanding youth activities, and many more unique learning experiences are now on the way," Hoenig said.

You can look for the new Toyota STEM logo that will mark STEM grant-funded programming throughout the year, and keep an eye on YDL's website and social media for more information as programs and tools are finalized. You'll see exciting STEM programming during the Summer Challenge Kickoff June 10 at the Superior branch. Michigan Science Center will be there with 10 different STEM stations to try.

"Building strong collaborations with local organizations focused on STEM education is a key part of our commitment to preparing the careers of tomorrow," said Jeff Makarewicz, Group Vice President of Technical Resources at Toyota Motor North America - Research and Development. "The Ypsilanti District Library can help us inspire and empower young minds to become the future leaders of innovation and progress."

MICHIGAN NOTABLE AUTHORS VISIT

This year, the Michigan Avenue branch is a stop on the 2023 Michigan Notable Books tour!



On June 5 Ghassan Zeineddine and Sally Howell, two of the editors for *Hadha Baladuna: Arab American Narratives of Boundary and Belonging*, will join us to read and discuss their work.

"*Hadha Baladuna* is a very unique and important book that shines light on our Arab American community in Michigan," said Michigan Avenue branch Librarian Aaron Smith. "It is an honor for the Michigan Avenue branch to collaborate with organizations like The Library of Michigan, The Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Humanities, and the Michigan Center for the Book to bring the 2023 Michigan Notable Books Author Tour here to Ypsilanti."

As described on the publisher's website: "*Hadha Baladuna* ('this is our country') is the first work of creative nonfiction in the field of Arab American literature that focuses entirely on the Arab diaspora in Metro Detroit, an area with the highest concentration of Arab Americans in the US.

Editors Ghassan Zeineddine, Nabeel Abraham, and Sally Howell have assembled a cast of emerging and established writers from a wide array of communities, including cultural heritages originating from Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, and Yemen."

The Michigan Notable Books Tour is facilitated by the Library of Michigan. Each year, up to 20 titles are selected that are written by Michigan authors or that honor Michigan or the Great Lakes.

Event Details

WHEN:

June 5, 6-8pm

WHERE:

YDL-Michigan
(229 W. Michigan Ave.)

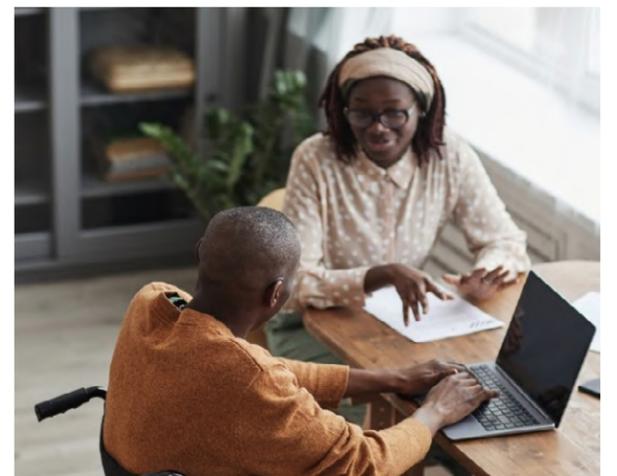
This event will also be streamed on the library's Facebook page and archived on the library's YouTube channel.

This event is made possible with support from The Library of Michigan, The Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Humanities, and the Michigan Center for the Book.

LEARNING NEVER GETS OLD

YDL has many resources that allow older adults to more easily navigate the library. Did you know there's a wheelchair for use at Whittaker and Michigan Avenue?

Browse our large print collection, use our low vision tools, check out a Tools for Living kit, and more. You can also attend one of our dozens of 55+ events this summer. Attend favorites such as Friday Walking Club, or LINGO Crafternoons. Or, try one of our new events, including Chair Yoga and Healthy Aging for your Brain and Body. YDL is also expanding its dementia-friendly events. Stop by for Building a Community Through Dance, a monthly dance class where participants learn new forms of dance in a dementia-friendly environment. To find these resources and events, visit ypsilibrary.org/interests/seniors-caregivers.



BEAT THE BUGS THIS SUMMER

From the Washtenaw County Health Department

Don't wait, vaccinate

Many kids in Washtenaw County have fallen behind on their vaccines. Routine vaccines protect kids from serious illnesses like measles, whooping cough, and polio. According to the CDC, among children born from 1994–2018, vaccines will prevent an estimated 936,000 early deaths, 8 million hospitalizations, and 419 million illnesses!

Your pediatrician can answer any questions you have and make sure your child stays on track with all recommended immunizations. The Health Department can also provide vaccines. Call 734-544-6700 to schedule an appointment or learn more at washtenaw.org/1135/Immunizations.

Fight the Bite

Get out, get active, and enjoy the outdoors! When you do, make sure you take steps to prevent tick and mosquito bites.

TICKS

Lyme disease, which can be spread by the bite of an infected blacklegged (deer) tick, can be transmitted in Washtenaw County.

To avoid ticks, walk in the center of trails and wear long sleeves, pants, shoes, and socks.

Always remember to check for ticks when coming in from the outdoors. Removing a tick within 24 hours can prevent risk of disease.

Transmission season for Lyme disease is usually May–August, with a peak in June. Symptoms of infection may include fever, headache, fatigue, and a bull's-eye skin rash.

Need help identifying a tick? Send a picture to MDHHS-Bugs@michigan.gov or visit michigan.gov/lyme.

MOSQUITOS

Nobody likes mosquito bites. The most common bite reactions are itching and swelling. However, some mosquito bites can spread germs that can make you sick.

To prevent bites:

- Wear long sleeves, pants, shoes, and socks. Use a repellent with active ingredients approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Use screens in windows and doors. Repair any holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Get rid of standing water around your home and yard, since mosquitoes need water to lay eggs.

Learn more about how to Fight the Bite at www.washtenaw.org/2458/Fight-the-Bite.

Follow the Health Department on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or NextDoor to stay up to date on health in Washtenaw County (@wcpublichealth). You can also sign up for regular email updates from the Health Department at bit.ly/WCHD555.



FEEL FINANCIALLY EMPOWERED



Need help managing your finances? The Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development has launched their Financial Empowerment Center (FEC)! Through the FEC, Washtenaw County residents can get professional, one-on-one financial counseling and coaching. FEC counselors can help individuals and families with low and moderate incomes manage their finances, pay down debt, increase savings, establish and build credit, and access safe and affordable mainstream banking products.

The FEC has four in-person locations, and also offers virtual appointments:

- OCED office located at 415 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti
- EMU's Career Services Department in McKenny Hall located at 878 Cross St., Ypsilanti
- Faith in Action located at 7275 Joy Rd., Dexter
- Jewish Family Services located at 2245 S. State St., Ann Arbor

To make an appointment for any location, please call (734) 544-6748.

MICHIGAN AVENUE ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Improvements continue on the water and wastewater utilities within the M-17 and US-12 corridors in Ypsilanti

The final phase of YCUA's project, which spans W. Michigan Avenue from Ballard Street to N. Huron Street, started in early May. Most properties along the south side of Michigan Avenue between Huron Street and Washington Street, including the Michigan Avenue branch, will have their water services relocated to an existing water main in the parking lot south of the buildings.

Properties along the north side of Michigan Avenue between Washington Street and Adams Street will have their water services connected to an improved water main in the alley and parking lot north of the buildings. Properties along the south side of Michigan Avenue between Washington Street and Adams Street will be reconnected to a new water main installed under the eastbound lanes of Michigan Avenue. The revised scope of

work will lessen disruption to traffic flow along Michigan Avenue.

Access to the Michigan Avenue branch and other buildings will be maintained during the project. Although every effort will be made to minimize disruptions caused by the water and wastewater system improvements, the construction work will invariably result in some inconveniences.

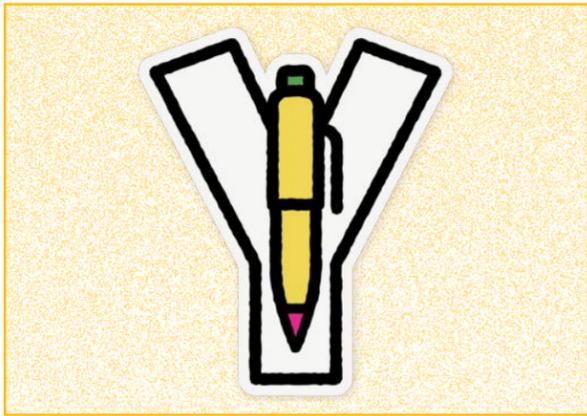
The Michigan Department of Transportation will be following up YCUA's infrastructure work with road repairs and resurfacing. The work is expected to be completed by September 2023.

Want to stay up to date about service interruptions during this project? Sign up by visiting www.washtenaw.org/alerts.

Questions regarding this project can be directed to YCUA at (734) 484-4600 or custserv@ycua.org.



NOMINATE A 2023 WRITER OF YPSILANTI



Do you know someone who uses writing to make a difference in the community? YpsiWrites is seeking nominations for the 2023 Writers of Ypsilanti. Writers of Ypsilanti are writers of all ages and genres with connections to our community whose works demonstrate why writing matters. They can be published or unpublished; what matters is their passion for writing.

In particular, YpsiWrites is looking for writers who embody the theme of “Writ[ing] for Change,”

whether that change is personal, local, national, or global.

Honorees benefit from increased exposure for their writing as well as opportunities to collaborate with YpsiWrites and its engaged community of writers. Similar to previous years, YpsiWrites will select up to 10 writers to showcase and honor for the upcoming year.

Nominations will be open until June 30th. Submit yours at forms.gle/8hVbkACyD7t1UQY88.

FRIENDS OF YDL NEWS

With the addition of a Friends book cart at the Superior branch, you can browse and buy books from the Friends at any YDL location! The main book shop is located in the Whittaker branch, but at Michigan Avenue and Superior, you can find book carts with a cash box where you can browse books and purchase them to take home.

Whittaker Book Shop Hours:

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

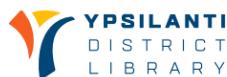
CATCH A FREE RIDE THIS SUMMER!

Whether you're running your weekend errands, going out to eat, or planning a fun day out with the family, take a trip on the bus to earn points you can spend on the Summer Challenge prize of your choice! Enjoy free rides on TheRide every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer with your valid Ypsilanti District Library card. Free weekend rides are available June 10–August 27. Just show your YDL card to the driver. You can also ride free with a valid Ann Arbor District Library card.

Need help navigating your trip? Each bus stop has a Text My Bus sign with easy to follow directions on how to text your bus to find out when it will arrive at your bus stop. Visit [TheRide.org](https://theride.org) for rider tools that make it easy to plan your trip.



WWW.YPSILIBRARY.ORG



LOCATIONS & HOURS

YDL-WHITTAKER

5577 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 9am–9pm
Fri and Sat: 10am–6pm
Sun: 1–5pm

YDL-MICHIGAN

229 West Michigan Avenue
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

HOURS

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

YDL-SUPERIOR

1900 Harris Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

HOURS

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

YDL-BOOKMOBILE

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

HOURS

Mon–Thurs: 4–8pm

Neighborhood route and schedule:
ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile

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

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

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