

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

The evening of July 1, downtown Ypsilanti experienced a torrential rain storm. It left streets flooded and damaged numerous businesses. YDL's Michigan Avenue branch suffered a catastrophic flood as the historic building's roof drains were overrun with water. Although we lost fewer than 100 books, extensive demolition has been required to dry the internal structures of walls, floors, and ceilings. Buried layers of lead paint meant the remediation had to be conducted with great care. As of this writing we still await the all-clear that the building is safe and completely dry.

The temporary closure of YDL-Michigan is heartbreaking. Everyone recognizes the branch as a vital resource and downtown hub. I will post regular progress reports as more is known. Please visit [ypsilibrary.org/michigan-avenue-branch-closure](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/michigan-avenue-branch-closure) for photos and updates. Thank you for your concern, your patience, and your dedication to YDL. We are determined to restore service as soon as possible, and build back better than before.

– Lisa Hoenig, Director



EXPLORE “A COLORFUL DREAM”

A *Colorful Dream* is a family-friendly exhibition by contemporary fine art photographer Adrien Broom. Designed to evoke and capture a sense of childhood fantasy, Broom's work is deeply rooted in fairy tales and mythology, and takes the viewer on a journey through the entire spectrum of the rainbow.

The exhibit will run at YDL-Whittaker from September 1 through October 20. During that time many family-friendly events will be held, including a screening of *La La Land*, a Mad Hatter Tea Party, a Tiny Art Show, and more! There will also be ongoing activities you can do anytime you stop by the library, as well as activities you can do at home (see pages 2–3).

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About the Artist

Over three years in her studio, Broom constructed eight individual sets composed of objects evoking the essence of each respective color. She then photographed a young girl exploring and traveling through each world, passing through small portals that lead her on a journey through a red world, then orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and lastly a rainbow world encompassing all the colors. Encountering creatures, characters, and vivid landscapes, Broom's protagonist finds worlds lush, joyful, and sometimes startling.

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ANY-TIME ACTIVITIES AT YDL
September 1–October 20
See below.

LA LA LAND SCREENING
ON THE LIBRARY LAWN
September 8 | 8pm
See below.



SENSORY STATIONS
September 15 & 16 | 11am
Let the exhibit inspire your little ones to make colorful art with a variety of media.

EXPLORE THE FAIRY TALE WORLD,
THEN MAKE YOUR OWN!
October 7 & 14 | 2pm
The Doodles Academy team will help you brainstorm settings, characters, and magical elements that could come from a fairy tale.
See page 6 for details.



FAIRY WINGS & CROWNS
September 23 | 2pm
Decorate fairy wings and crowns, then wear them (along with other props and costumes we’ll have on hand) for digital photo ops in enchanted lands.

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY (Ages 4+)
September 24 | 2pm
See below.



COLORFUL ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE “COLORFUL DREAM”

To celebrate the exhibit, check out these big events, ongoing activities, and things you can do from home!

RAFFLE

Guess the number of colored gumballs and win the whole jar, plus a free copy of *The Secret Lives of Colour*.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Put on wings and have a woodland tea party on mushroom stools, play with our new fairy dollhouse, build your own woodland scene with Duplos, and tell a story with fantasy-themed puppets. Or, you can play I Spy through the Colorful Dream exhibit and then claim a sticker at the Youth Desk.

ENJOY FROM HOME

You can experience the joy of this exhibit from home using your Kanopy and Hoopla accounts. On Kanopy, watch *Cracking the Colour Code*, a three-part series examining the science behind color. On Hoopla, listen to our custom playlist and revisit classic favorites, such as *Purple Rain*, *Yellow Submarine*, *Red Red Wine*, and more!

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

LA LA LAND SCREENING
ON THE LIBRARY LAWN
September 8 | 8pm

Bring a blanket and join us on the lawn for a huge outdoor screening of the award-winning film *La La Land*, starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. Winner of six Academy Awards and seven Golden Globes, this music-filled masterpiece follows the story of an aspiring actress and a musician determined to follow their dreams. With cinematography reminiscent of “a dreamscape grounded in an old Hollywood Technicolor fantasy,” *La La Land* is a vibrant celebration of hope, dreams, and love. Rated PG-13. Popcorn and Sno-cones available while supplies last.



MAD HATTER TEA PARTY (Ages 4+)

September 24 | 2pm

Join your mad friends for an Alice-in-Wonderland-themed tea party outside! Decorate your Mad Hatter hat and then enjoy “tea” and cookies served by your Wonderland librarians.





TINY ART SHOW (Ages 12+)
September 21 | 7pm

Register for supplies at the Whittaker Road branch starting Aug 31 to make your own work, or join us Sep 21 to work with a group to create your masterpiece. Return your creation by Sep 28 to include in our Tiny Art Show in the Whittaker Adult area from Sep 30–Oct 15.

**THE STRANGE AND WONDERFUL
WORLD OF DREAMS**
October 4 | 7pm

Join Dr. Alan Eiser from Michigan Medicine as he delves into the research and explores how and why humans dream, the meaning of dreams, and how they affect creativity and inspiration.

FANCIFUL CAKES
October 7 | 4pm

Teens, use your imagination to make and decorate colorful, fanciful mini layered cakes.



**UNLEASH YOUR INNER PHOTOGRAPHER
WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE**
October 15 | 2pm

This workshop by Jeffrey Smith will teach anyone—regardless of age, experience, or tech skills—how to capture stunning photos using only their everyday smartphone camera.



**ALICE IN WONDERLAND
BOOK DISCUSSION**
October 1 | 2pm

Originally published in 1865, this beloved Victorian classic has captured the hearts and imaginations of readers of all ages for generations. In this enchanting book, the curious and adventurous Alice falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a whimsical and surreal world filled with talking animals, bizarre creatures, and fantastical landscapes.

With its clever wordplay, vivid imagery, and playful storytelling, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* remains a timeless classic that continues to inspire and delight readers of all ages.

All attendees will receive a free copy of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.



NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



Libraries are an essential *element* of our daily lives! Did you know there are over 123,000 libraries in the U.S.? Over 9,000 of those are public libraries.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Discover the resources available to everyone with a YDL card at ypsilibrary.org!

BEYOND THE BOOKS

Use your library card to access more than just books and movies:

- **Michigan Activity Pass:** Whether you're looking for an educational experience or a brain break, find a fun activity and get free or discounted activities using MAP!
- **Research Resources:** Access powerful databases with your library card. For kids, ABCmouse and Britannica School are great tools. Teens and adults, use Academic Search Complete, Learning Library Express, Masterfile Complete, and Opposing Viewpoints in Context for your academic research needs. Find more research resources at ypsilibrary.org/research.
- **The Library of Things Collection:** Need a sewing machine, game, or gardening tool? Check one out from our LOT at ypsilibrary.org/lot.

YDL EMAILS TAILORED TO YOU!

Get information about the specific library events and resources that you want to hear about.

Along with a monthly email featuring our upcoming notable events, we'll be sending more regular emails with library events, news, and resources related to specific interests. Want to hear more about YDL crafting activities or resources for seniors? What about gardening or teen programs? Visit ypsilibrary.org to change your preferences and select all the categories that appeal to you.

Select from any (or many!) of the following categories:

- Kids & Parents (Weekly)
- Teens (Monthly)
- Seniors (Monthly)
- Creatives & Crafters (Monthly): For anyone who loves art, books, movies or crafting.
- Community (Monthly): Use this email to stay up-to-date about civic engagement, community assistance, and business and entrepreneurship.
- Gardening & Sustainable Living (Quarterly): Sign up for our Seed Library email, which features gardening tips and book selections.



If you have questions or feedback, please contact Community Relations Coordinator Sam Killian at 734-879-1303 or skillian@ypsilibrary.org.

ADULT

Sep 1–Oct 20

A COLORFUL DREAM: PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT BY ADRIEN BROOM
YDL-Whittaker

A *Colorful Dream* is a family-friendly exhibition by contemporary fine art photographer Adrien Broom. Designed to evoke and capture a sense of childhood fantasy, Broom's work is deeply rooted in fairy tales and mythology, taking the viewer on a journey through the entire spectrum of the rainbow. See pages 1–3 for more details.

Sep 6

CSSW ELDER ABUSE TRAINING - COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

This training discusses the different types of abuse, signs to look out for, and actionable steps we can all take to prevent elder abuse in our community.

Sep 8

LA LA LAND SCREENING

8pm | YDL-Whittaker

Bring a blanket and join us on the lawn for a huge outdoor, after-hours screening of the award-winning film *La La Land*, starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. Rated PG-13.

Sep 10

HOUSEPLANTS, HERBS, AND CUTTINGS: BRINGING THEM INDOORS

2pm–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck will discuss and demo two methods of herb and houseplant stem cutting to bring them indoors. Attendees will received a handout of instructions to take home for reference.



Sep 10

SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM: LOWNDES COUNTY AND THE ROAD TO BLACK POWER

2pm–5pm | YDL-Whittaker

A hybrid event; we will view *Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power*. Local storyteller and peace activist La'Ron Williams will lead discussion. This series screens films that provide the needed opportunity to safely engage and understand the ways racism has functioned historically and continues to impact the present. **October 8 session:** Racially-based educational law and curriculum threats.

Sep 13

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: THE ROMANCE OF FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

6:30pm–8pm | Virtual

Learn basic financial concepts and how to understand basic financial reports to help you analyze and run your business. For those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411.

Sep 15–16

FRIENDS OF YDL POP-UP SALE

11am–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join the Friends of YDL in the Whittaker Road Lobby for a pop-up sale of gently used books, DVDs, and music CDs. Treasure awaits!

Sep 16

YPSIWITES FALL “CAMPFIRE” 1: PLANNING A POETIC PROJECT

11am–12:30pm | Virtual

Learn about different types of poetic projects by reading examples (a series, a long poem, a suite, and an occasional poem), and plan out a poetic project to work on across and beyond the season's poetry events.



Sep 17

NATIVE PLANT SWAP

1pm–2:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn more about native plants, practice your identification skills, help others select appropriate plants for their sites, and socialize with native plant enthusiasts! Then, bring gloves and a trowel to help weed and install leftover plants in the detention basin and pollinator garden.

Sep 19

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY: REGISTER TO VOTE

11:30am–2:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Get information, forms for voter registration, absentee ballot applications, and information on Vote411.org, the online, personalized, non-partisan voter's guide run by the League of Women Voters.

Sep 21

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CREDIT REPORT & HOW TO IMPROVE IT

6:30pm–8:30pm | YDL-Superior

Join Eboney Byrne of Liberty Financial Services and gain a better understanding of how credit scores work, what you can do to improve them, and ways to diminish debt.

Sep 21

TINY ART SHOW (Ages 12+)

7pm–8:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

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Sep 23

A CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH

11am–2pm | YDL-Whittaker

The League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County will share information and forms for voter registration and absentee ballot applications, as well as information about their website, Vote411.org.

Sep 24

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY (Ages 4+)

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join your mad friends for an Alice-in-Wonderland-themed tea party outside! See page 2 for details.

Sep 25

YDL WEBSITE & RESOURCES

7pm–8pm | YDL-Superior

Get the most out of your library card! Explore the YDL website and gain insight into the databases and streaming services YDL has available.

Oct 1

ALICE IN WONDERLAND BOOK DISCUSSION

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Discuss the book *Alice in Wonderland*! Whether you are revisiting Alice from your childhood, going down the rabbit hole for the first time, or bringing your child to experience the book, we will discuss themes, characters, and plot points (including spoilers!). All participants will receive a free copy of the book.

Oct 4

THE STRANGE AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF DREAMS

7pm–8pm | YDL-Whittaker

The mystery of dreaming has been examined for years. Join Dr. Alan Eiser from Michigan Medicine as he delves into the research and explores how and why humans dream, the meaning of dreams, and how they affect creativity and inspiration. Part of the *A Colorful Dream* exhibit programming.



Oct 5

BANNED BOOKS WEEK BOOK DISCUSSION: THEY CALLED US ENEMY

6:30pm–7:30pm | YDL-Superior

George Takei's powerful and eye-opening graphic memoir offers a personal account of a Japanese American internment camp during WWII. Join us for this important discussion about a frequently-forgotten time in US history, and what it means to be an American. Participants will receive a free copy of the book. Registration is required, as space is limited.

Oct 7

YPSIWITES FALL “CAMPFIRE” 2: EXPLORING POETIC DEVICES

11am–12:30pm | Virtual

Explore poetic devices and forms, and use those devices and forms to write lines that keep the fire burning. The 2nd of 3 “campfires.” Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Oct 8

WILLY WONKA & CHOCOLATE PRETZELS: NATIONAL CHOCOLATE COVERED PRETZEL DAY

1pm–5pm | YDL-Whittaker

Celebrate National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day by making your own chocolate pretzel and watching the Willy Wonka films. Stop and watch a little of either or stay for both films while enjoying a handmade chocolate pretzel. Supplies limited.

Oct 8

SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACE & RACISM: EDUCATIONAL THREATS

2pm | Virtual & YDL-Whittaker

A hybrid event, this month we will screen a variety of short videos drawing attention to recent changes in educational laws and curriculums that threaten a factually-based education about African-American history.

Oct 11

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: AI FOR SMALL BUSINESS MARKETING

6:30pm–8pm | Virtual

Get overviews of AI tools such as Chat GPT that may help reduce the amount of time, energy, and frustration experienced in marketing your products or services. For those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411.

Oct 15

UNLEASH YOUR INNER PHOTOGRAPHER WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE!

2pm–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn to capture stunning photos using only your smartphone camera. University of Michigan photographer and video producer Jeffrey Smith provides hands-on lessons on photography basics and simple tips for camera settings. Bring your (fully charged) phone. Presented in support of A Colorful Dream traveling photography exhibit.



Oct 18

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: DON'T GET HACKED! PRACTICAL CYBERSECURITY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

6:30pm–8pm | Virtual

Look at practical steps to reduce your risk of a hack such as a customer data breach. For those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411.

Oct 21

WRITE FOR CHANGE: YPSIWITES CELEBRATES FOUR YEARS

11am–12:30pm | Virtual

Join YpsiWrites and our leaders, volunteers, and 2023 Writers of Ypsilanti on Zoom to celebrate YpsiWrites' fourth anniversary (along with the National Day on Writing).

Oct 22

GARDEN DEMO/HOW TO MAKE IT: TROPICAL PLANTER, DISH GARDEN, OR TERRARIUM

2pm–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck will demonstrate how to assemble 3 different plant displays: a tropical planter, a dish garden, and a terrarium. Attendees will receive a handout to guide them on how to create these displays at home.



Oct 23

GRIEVE WELL: UNDERSTANDING GRIEF WEBINAR

7pm–8:30pm | Virtual

Learn about grief and the effects it has on one's physical and emotional health. You will receive information and resources to help you move through your grief journey in a way that leads toward healing. Registration information available at GrieveWell.com/calendar.

Oct 28

BEVERLY JENKINS AUTHOR TALK

1pm–3pm | Spark East 215 W Michigan Ave

Beverly Jenkins, prolific author of over 30 African American historical romances, will be reading from her newest book, *A Christmas Blessing*, Book 11 of The Blessing series. We will also hear from additional authors Elle Wright, Zig Zag Claybourne, Marsalis Higgs, and Aliza Mann.

Nov 1

10 SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S AND WHAT TO DO IF YOU NOTICE THEM

11am–12pm | Whittaker

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking, and behavior changes that interfere with daily living. Learn about common warning signs of Alzheimer's and what symptoms to look for in yourself and others.

Nov 1

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: SOMEWHAT SIMPLE STEPS TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

6:30pm–8pm | Virtual

Learn about the fundamental steps and techniques you need to potentially obtain federal contracts. For those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411.

Thursdays, Nov 2–16

LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S: FOR CAREGIVERS - EARLY STAGE

11am | YDL-Whittaker

In the early stage of Alzheimer's disease, families face new questions as they adjust. This three-part program created for caregivers provides practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage.

Nov 4

YPSIWITES FALL “CAMPFIRE” 3: WORKSHOPPING AND REVISING YOUR POETIC PROJECT

11am–12:30pm | Virtual

In this final “campfire,” explore devices and forms to think about radical revision (significant changes in form) and basic editing (to strengthen poetic images or lines).

Nov 4

EDMUND FITZGERALD: THE STORIES, THE SONG - GORDON LIGHTFOOT TRIBUTE

1pm | Spark East 215 W Michigan Ave

Hear the stories of the crew members, their families, and the ironies of a doomed ship in one of the worst storms in Great Lakes history. Learn how the hit song *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald* was written, recorded, and performed by Gordon Lightfoot. The mesmerizing song will be played live by Mike Fornes, who performs as Lightfoot in concert. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ypsilanti District Library.

Nov 8

UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIORS

11am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn about some of the common triggers for behaviors associated with dementia, how to assess the person's needs, and how to intervene effectively.

Nov 9

GENEALOGY AND U.S. NEWSPAPERS
10:30am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join professional genealogists Karina Robinson and Kiersten Gawronski to learn skills for searching U.S. newspapers to fill out the stories of your ancestors. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.



Nov 12

GARDEN DEMO/HOW TO MAKE IT: CREATING A THANKSGIVING FLORAL CENTERPIECE
2pm–4pm | YDL-Whittaker
See how Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck creates a festive centerpiece using flowers and some green leaves purchased from a grocery store.

Nov 15

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: DIGITAL MARKETING UPDATED
6:30pm–8:30pm | Virtual
Learn about essential tools of digital marketing and see what's new. For those who want to start or own a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office. Join these virtual classes on Zoom to help establish and improve your business skills and services. Register online or call 482-4110 x 2411.

Nov 16

GENEALOGY AND NEWSPAPERS BEYOND THE U.S.
10:30am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join professional genealogists Karina Robinson and Kiersten Gawronski to learn tips for searching non-U.S. and non-English newspapers to extend your family research. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Nov 18

CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
11am–12:30pm | Virtual
Celebrate Native American Indian Heritage Month with YpsiWrites! With Ypsi Yaqui poet, Michelle Lietz, this workshop will explore ways of ethically engaging in cultural exchange while giving participants a chance to try out poetic and fiction forms and devices that make use of repetition.

Nov. 18

FRIENDS OF YDL HOLIDAY SALE
11am–3pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for the Friends Holiday Book Sale and knock out some of your tricky holiday shopping.

Nov 18

THANKSGIVING GRATITUDE TREE
2pm–4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Create a Thanksgiving tree display with blank leaves so that on Thanksgiving, your family and loved ones can write down all the people, places, and things that they're grateful for. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events. Contact Robert at 734-482-4110 x1353 with any questions.

Dec. 3

PAUL KELLER ENSEMBLE HOLIDAY JAZZ CONCERT
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
The Paul Keller Ensemble is back! Celebrate the holiday season with good cheer and swinging jazz.

ADULT MEETUPS

Sep 1 & 15; Oct 6 & 20; Nov 3 & 17

FRIDAY WALKING CLUB (55+)
10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Exercise and socialize with a 30-minute walk along a path near the Whittaker Road Library. Questions? Call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Tuesdays, Sep 5–Nov 28

MEDITATION WITH EASE: GUIDED IN-PERSON MEDITATION
7pm–8pm | YDL-Superior
Drop in and be guided in simple, non-religious awareness practices, in the company of friends you may just have not yet met.

Wednesdays, Sep 6–Nov 29

BASIC LITERACY COMMUNITY TUTORING
4pm–5:30pm | YDL-Superior
Washtenaw Literacy is offering free drop-in tutoring for adults! Get help with reading, writing, computer skills, work skills, and GED prep.

Thursdays, Sep 7; Oct 5; Nov 2

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP
10:30am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join us on the first Thursday of the month for discussion of a variety of books.
Sep 7: *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi
Oct 5: *So Big* by Edna Ferber
Nov 2: *Ancestor Trouble* by Maud Newton
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.

Thursdays, Sep 7–Oct 12

LNGO FITNESS WITH GERALDINE POWELL
12pm–1pm | Virtual
Join fitness instructor Jerry Powell each week for a mid-day workout. Designed for ages 55+, but open to all adults who would enjoy a gentler workout. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Fridays, Sep 8; Oct 13; Nov 10

LNGO CRAFTERNOONS
2:30pm–4:30pm | YDL-Superior
Join us for a lighthearted afternoon working on a project where the goals are to engage your mind and connect with others. Ages 55+. NOTE: Register for each Crafternoon workshop individually at ypsilibrary.org/events.
Sep 8: Teacup minis with Amy Balzer Pemberton
Oct 13: Light up 3D shadow boxes
Nov 10: Basket weaving



Saturdays, Sep 9; Oct 14; Nov 11

WRITERS ROOM & DROP-IN CONSULTING
Sep 9, 10am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Oct 14, 10am–11:30am | YDL-Superior
Nov 11, 10am–11:30am | Virtual
Join other writers for open writing time in an YpsiWrites Writers Room. Get prompts to inspire your writing or feedback on a piece you're working on.

Saturdays, Sep 9 & 23; Oct 14 & 28; Nov 25

YDL ADULT GUITAR CLUB: DOM'S & JAMS (Ages 18+)
10am–12pm | YDL-Superior
Jam and trade licks with other like-minded folks on the world's most popular instrument! All stringed instruments are welcome (except for lyres and zithers; autoharps have been approved). Oct. 14 session will be at Whittaker.

Tuesdays, Sep 12–Nov 28

ESL COMMUNITY TUTORING: WASHTENAW LITERACY
1pm–2:30pm | YDL-Superior
Washtenaw Literacy presents English as a Second Language (ESL) community tutoring. ESL community tutoring is a place to practice English language skills in an informal, relaxed setting. All levels of English are welcome. Please arrive 5 minutes before the start time for each group.

Tuesdays, Sep 12; Nov 14

SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB
7pm–8pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join us every other month for this new adult discussion group for fans of science fiction books.
Sep 12: *Foundation Trilogy* by Isaac Asimov
Nov 14: *Leviathan Wakes* by James S.A. Corey
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.

Wednesdays, Sep 13–Nov 29

ESL BOOK CLUB
11:00am–12:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Read one book per season and talk and learn about language, grammar, and cultural aspects of the book. Members will be expected to read approximately 45 pages in advance of each session. To register, contact Washtenaw Literacy at (734) 337-3338. PLEASE NOTE: sessions are at the Whittaker Road branch until further notice.

Fridays, Sept 15–Nov 3

CHAIR YOGA
10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Superior
For all levels. This class is done both seated in the chair and standing alongside the chair. We'll use slow, mindful movements to support brain health, muscle strength, balance, and flexibility.

Sep 16; Oct 21; Nov 18

WAAGS MEETING
10:30am | Virtual
Learn how to use the tools that will unlock the treasures vital to successfully navigate the complex resources of African American ancestry. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged. For more information email ccollier@ypsilibrary.org.

Tuesdays, Sep 19; Oct 17; Nov 21

PARANORMAL CLUB - EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN
7pm–9pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for monthly presentations, discussions, and investigations into various confounding and mystifying phenomenon.

Thursdays, Sep 21; Oct 19; Nov 16

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
1pm–2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Participants contribute to the library by sharing resources. For more information, call 734-879-1316.

Thursdays, Sep 21; Oct 19; Nov 16

QUEER BOOK GROUP (Adult)
6:30pm–8pm | YDL-Whittaker
This monthly book group will read through literature written by queer-identifying writers of diverse backgrounds. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events. Books will be available for pickup one month in advance of the group meeting.
Sep 21: *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson
Oct 19: *Freshwater* by Akwaeke Emezi
Nov 16: *Fairest* by Meredith Talusan

Tuesdays, Sep 26; Oct 31, Nov 28

VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
7pm–9pm | Virtual
Join us for lively discussions of books by African American Authors.
Sep 26: *The Mother of Black Hollywood* by Jennifer Lewis
Oct 31: *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez
Nov 28: *Alex Paradise and Domino: a crime novel* by Heather Neff

Wednesdays, Sep 27; Oct 25; Dec 6

MYSTERY LOVER'S BOOK GROUP
2pm–3:30pm | Virtual
Calling all mystery lovers! Check out a new mystery title each month.
Sep 27: *The Maid* by Nita Prose (will meet outside on the Whittaker patio)
Oct 25: *The Stranger Diaries* by Elly Griffiths
Dec 6: (replaces Nov meeting due to Thanksgiving holiday): *Christmas Mourning* by Margaret Maron
For more information or help using Zoom, please contact Paula Drummond: drummond@ypsilibrary.org or call 734-482-4110 x 1306.

Wednesdays, Oct 18–Nov 29

LNGO CHAIR YOGA WITH KAITLYN JOHNSON
1pm–2pm | YDL-Virtual
Join yoga instructor Kaitlyn Johnson each week for a refreshing and gentle mid-day chair yoga session. This class will require a chair and comfortable clothing. Sessions are designed for ages 55+ but open to all adults who would enjoy a gentler workout. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

INTERGEN EVENTS

Saturdays, Sep 16; Oct 21; Nov 18

INTERGENERATIONAL CHESS: TEENS & SENIORS
2pm–4pm | Ypsilanti Senior Center
Friendly chess meetup. Teens from Mentor 2 Youth—with other teens—will match up with our local wise elders.



Sep 26 & 28

INTERGENERATIONAL ART SERIES: LYNNE SETTLES
5:30pm–7pm | YDL-Superior
Lynne Settles, a retired art teacher from Ypsilanti High School, will lead a 2-part workshop where participants create designs on large puzzle-shaped paper, each representing an individual story. During session #2 (on Thursday, Sep. 28), there will be a continuation of the work in session #1 and an installation of the collective pieces in a display at the Superior branch. As an intergenerational program, we welcome all participants ages 8 & up to share this learning experience together.



Mondays, Oct 2–Nov 6

INTERGENERATIONAL ART SERIES: EMBROIDERY FOR EVERYONE
7pm–8:30pm | YDL-Superior
Learn embroidery with basic stitch instruction and ongoing projects. As an intergenerational program, we welcome all participants ages 10 & up to share this learning experience together.

Oct 14 & 21

INTERGENERATIONAL ART SERIES: PALOMA NÚÑEZ-REGUEIRO
2pm–4pm | YDL-Superior
Learn linocut-printmaking and get an in-depth explanation about image transfer, printmaking papers, carving tools, registration, inking, and printing. Then, return Oct. 21 to carve a mini print to be shared with the rest of the class. No previous experience needed. Participants must be age 10 or older.

Thursdays, Nov 2 & 9

INTERGENERATIONAL ART SERIES: CURTIS WALLACE
6pm–7pm | YDL-Superior
Painters will explore colors and how organic objects, such as a tree growing, can be used as a metaphor in life. Then on Nov. 9, explore colors, shapes, and how pictures can speak a thousand words. Positive affirmations will be used to boost self-esteem and inspire peers to dare to be different and still be supportive of one another. As an intergenerational program, we welcome all participants ages 8 & up to share this learning experience together.



TEENS

Sep 22

GARDENING WITH GROWING HOPE: TEENS-ONLY HOT SAUCE COMPETITION!
5pm–8pm | Growing Hope Marketplace
Using peppers, tomatoes, and other garden ingredients from the library's community garden and from the Growing Hope farm, teens will learn how different hot sauces are made, create their own hot sauce blend, and then have their hot sauces judged in a fiery battle to the finish! Participants will walk over to the marketplace together after meeting at the library. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Oct 7

FANCIFUL CAKES
4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Use your imagination to make and decorate colorful, fanciful mini layered cakes.

Nov 4

UPSIDE DOWN PASTRIES

3:30pm–4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn to use puff pastry to make sweet and savory upside down pastries.



TEEN MEETUPS

Sep 2; Oct 7; Nov 4

SUPERIOR TAG - TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

2:00pm–3:30pm | 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. Want to join TAG? Fill out the application at ypsilibrary.org/tag.

Saturdays, Sep 9; Oct 14

NATURAL 20!

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Join local DM K.C. Dixon for a one-shot adventure once a month! For experienced adventurers aged 14–18.

Tuesdays, Sep 12 & 26; Oct 10 & 24; Nov 28

TAG: TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

4:30pm–5:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Meet twice each month to help the library best serve Ypsi teens. Plan and lead library programs, design new services and spaces, look for funding opportunities and write grants, earn service hours, and meet new friends! Apply at ypsilibrary.org/tag to participate.

Fridays, Sep 29; Oct 20; Nov 10

TEEN STEAM CAFE: AFTER HOURS TEEN ONLY EVENT

6pm–8pm | YDL-Superior

Join us for interactive, lively discussions on STEM careers with professionals in various fields that you may have never heard about! Dinner and activities will be incorporated into our TEEN ONLY cafes.

Saturdays, Sep 30; Oct 28

ADVENTURING PARTY! TEEN AND TWEEN D&D

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Join a drop-in D&D game with fellow adventurers! Bring your own character, roll a new one, or be a total newbie to the RPG experience. All levels of players are welcome.

Saturdays, Sep 30; Oct 28; Nov 18

ANIME CLUB (Ages 12 and up)

1pm–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Meet other fans to watch anime, chat, and try anime-inspired food.



Tuesdays, Oct 3 & 17; Nov 7 & 21

TEEN GREAT STORIES BOOK CLUB: DEEPER THAN OUR SKINS & FINDING YOUR INNER VOICE

4:30pm–5:30pm | Spark East 215 W Michigan Ave

As part of the Great Stories Club, we will be exploring questions of race, equity, identity, and history while enjoying friends, snacks, free books, and raffles! For more details about the Great Stories Book Club, see page 10.

Thursdays, Oct 19 & Nov 16

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

6pm–8pm | YDL-Superior

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! For adults and teens.

KIDS & PARENTS

Sep 2 & Oct 7

GROW YOUR GARDEN

10:30am–12pm | YDL-Michigan Plaza

Get hands-on experience with different gardening techniques, time to practice a new skill, and take-home supplies. Registration is encouraged so that we can prepare enough materials.

Sep 2: Saving seeds

Oct 7: Fall planting and prep

Saturdays, Sep 9; Nov 4

SOAR INTO SCIENCE

12:30pm–1:30pm | YDL-Superior

Investigate the concepts of Space (Sep 9) & Volcanoes (Nov 4) through stories and activities. Registration encouraged, so we can have enough seats prepared. Call or ask at a service desk for help registering. Please contact mrivenbark@ypsilibrary.org for more information.

Sep 13

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: CALDER MOBILE—HANGING KINETIC SCULPTURES

6:30pm–8pm | Ypsilanti Senior Center

Join us to make your own Alexander Calder-inspired hanging mobile. All supplies provided. Kids, bring an adult to help with the hot glue. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Thursdays, Sep 14 & 28; Oct 12 & 26; Nov 9

READ TO MOON THE LIBRARY DOG

5:30pm–7:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

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.

Sep 16

HARVEST FEST

2pm–3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Fall is upon us! Join us as we celebrate another successful garden season. Try out seasonal recipes and natural garden dyes to enjoy the fall harvest.

Thursdays, Sep 21; Oct 19; Nov 16

READ TO HUGO THE LIBRARY DOG

5:30pm–6:30pm | 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.

Sep 23

FAIRY WINGS AND CROWNS

2pm–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Get inspired by *A Colorful Dream* exhibit! Then, decorate fairy wings and crowns and wear them (along with other props and costumes we'll have on hand) for digital photo ops in enchanted lands.

Sep 23

PROJECT STEM: WIND—SPONSORED BY TOYOTA

3pm–4:30pm | YDL-Superior

Learn about the science of wind with different hands-on activities, including a chance to try out YDL's wind tunnel. A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.

Sep 30

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.



Sep 30

HEWENS CREEK FAMILY BIRDING WALK - WITH THE WASHTENAW AUDUBON SOCIETY

11am | Hewens Creek Park

Explore Hewens Creek Park with Victor Chen from the Washtenaw Audubon Society. Take a walk and look for migrating bird species.

Sep 30

STEM FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA

12pm–2:30pm | Parkridge Community Center

Join the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, Toyota engineers, and other community members as we do a wide variety of interactive science, technology, engineering, and math activities. While you're having fun, also play with some of YDL's cool new science equipment. A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.

Sep 30

LESLIE SCIENCE AND NATURE CENTER - LIFE CYCLE STRATEGIES

2pm–3pm | YDL-Superior

Meet and learn about different species of insects in this interactive workshop.

Oct 7

FAMILY ART WALK: LOOKING AT A COLORFUL DREAM AND WRITING FAIRYTALES

2pm–3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Kids and families are invited to join Doodles Academy for a gallery walk and discussion in the *A Colorful Dream* exhibit. Then visit writing stations where you can write a fairy tale and imagine jumping into one of the worlds you saw in the exhibit with the help of 826michigan and YpsiWrites. Participate in a collaborative brainstorm of fairy tale elements that will be used at the Enchanted Land session on October 14. Attendance at both sessions is not required, but the experiences build on one another, allowing for a deeper, more nuanced experience.

Oct 7

JUAN BOBO PRESENTED BY BLACK AND BROWN THEATRE

3pm–4pm | YDL-Superior

Black and Brown Theatre's newest show will give a fresh twist to the classic Puerto Rican tale of Juan Bobo, the loveable boy who is a bit too silly for his own good. This bilingual show will use both English and Spanish, creating a fun, culturally-enriching experience for audiences that is still able to be understood by everyone through the larger-than-life physical comedy.

Oct 11

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: FRANKENTOYS - MAKE YOUR OWN MODIFIED STUFFED ANIMAL

6:30pm–8pm | Ypsilanti Senior Center

Frankenstein's Monster isn't real—but you'll turn stuffed animals into new characters tonight. No lightning required! All stuffed animals & supplies provided. Kids, bring an adult to help. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Oct 14

MAKE AN ENCHANTED LAND

2pm–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

The Doodles Academy team will help you brainstorm settings, characters, and magical elements that could come from a fairy tale. Learn how artists use backgrounds, middle-grounds, and foregrounds to create space in their artworks, then use paint sticks and collage techniques to build your own enchanted land.

Oct 21

STEMFEST

2pm–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Cayman Chemical scientists and Huron Valley ACS members will offer hands-on science demonstrations, including some you can take home!

Oct 27

HALLOWEEN DOWNTOWN

5:30pm–7pm | YDL-Michigan Plaza

Trick or treat in the Library Plaza with the BooMobile, music, costume contest, sweet treats, and more! At 6:45 join us in a costume procession through downtown. This event is generously sponsored by Spark East, Ypsi Real, and the Downtown Development Association.

Oct 28

DIY HALLOWEEN MAKE-UP

2pm–4pm | Riverside Arts Center

Always wanted to know how to do weird and wild Halloween make-up? Come learn some tips and tricks on how to make yourself into a mermaid, a zombie, or even a bug!

Oct 28

PROJECT STEM: DINO BUILD SPONSORED BY TOYOTA

3pm–4:30pm | YDL-Superior

Learn about dinosaurs and work as a group to build a giant dinosaur skeleton out of our dino bone collection. A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.

Nov 4

FROSTOLOGY WITH THE MICHIGAN SCIENCE CENTER SPONSORED BY TOYOTA

3pm–4pm | YDL-Superior

Investigate how temperature relates to the movement of atoms and molecules in this exciting presentation. Utilizing liquid nitrogen (LN2) we'll see some "cool" effects on solids, liquids, and gases! A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.

Nov 8

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: INFINITY MIRRORS BUILD AN OPTICAL ILLUSION

6:30pm–8pm | Ypsilanti Senior Center

Create an infinity mirror by taking a light strip and sandwiching it between two mirrors, causing light to bounce back and forth. All supplies provided. Kids, bring an adult to help. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Nov 18

PROJECT STEM: LEGO CODING SPONSORED BY TOYOTA

3pm–4:30pm | YDL-Superior

Learn about coding while you build and program a Lego robot. For ages 8 and up. A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.

KIDS & PARENTS MEETUPS

Sep 1; Oct 6; Nov 3

FIRST FRIDAYS AT YDL

5pm–6:30pm | YDL-Michigan Plaza

Join us for our First Friday Storytimes in the Michigan Avenue Plaza!

Sep 1: Festival of the Pollinators

Oct 6 & Nov 3: All ages storytime with activities, music, and movement

Thursdays, Sep 7; Oct 5; Nov 2

TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6–8)

6:30pm–7:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

Sep 7: *Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs

Oct 5: *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman

Nov 2: *The Stars Beneath Our Feet* by David Barclay Moore

Wednesdays, Sep 20–Nov 29

KIDS CHESS CLUB

4:30pm–5:30pm | 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 7–13 and their families.

Wednesdays, Sep 20; Oct 18; Nov 15

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)

6:30pm–7:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

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

Sep 20: *The Great Treehouse War* by Lisa Graff

Oct 18: *Stella Diaz Never Gives Up* by Angela Dominguez

Nov 15: *Planet Omar, Incredible Rescue Mission* by Zanib Mian

Thursdays, Sep 21–Nov 30

LOVE OF LEARNING CLUB

1pm–2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Calling all homeschoolers and anyone that feels at home in the library! Connect with other families while engaging in themed activities each week inspired by a nonfiction or picture book.

Thursdays, Sep 21–Oct 12

AFTER SCHOOL STEM: CODING

5pm–6pm | YDL-Whittaker

Kids and families will practice computational skills like pattern recognition and algorithm design in this introduction to basic coding skills with board games, toys, and online programs. A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.

Tuesdays, Sep 26–Nov 14

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

(Grades 2–5)
5pm–6pm | YDL-Whittaker
This after-school reading club is for fans of graphic novels. Over the course of several weeks, you will have the book read aloud to you, then discuss your favorite parts while making art. We will start with reading *The Legend of Brightblade* by Ethan M. Aldridge, then choose the next book together.

Mondays, Oct 2–Nov 27

AFTER-SCHOOL WRITERS LAB WITH 826MICHIGAN

5:30pm–6:30pm | YDL-Superior
Students in 3rd–5th grade: get creative and stretch your writing muscles with this weekly, small-group writing program. For meeting times and more information, go to 826michigan.org/programs/after-school-writing-lab.

Thursdays, Oct 19–Nov 9

AFTER SCHOOL STEM: RAMPS AND RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINES

5pm–6pm | YDL-Whittaker
Kids and families: drop in and practice creative problem solving as you design, build, and test constructions you will create with our STEM supplies. A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.

Thursdays, Nov 16 & 30

AFTER SCHOOL STEM: LEGOS

5pm–6pm | YDL-Whittaker
Free build or use our new Lego Spike coding sets. Kids and parents can learn STEM skills together through play! A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.



STORIES & FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sep 11

KINDERCONCERT

10 & 11am | YDL-Superior
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.

Sep 23

JAZZ STORYTIME

11am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Bassist Kurt Krahnke joins YDL Librarian Jodi for a jazz-themed storytime with movement, songs, and a book.

Oct 13

RADICAL REPTILES WITH LESLIE SCIENCE AND NATURE CENTER

11am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Through a story, visit from live reptiles, and up-close investigations of shells, scales, and specimens preschoolers will discover what makes these often misunderstood animals unique.



Oct 21

MOVEMENT STORYTIME

11am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Don't sit still! Join us for an active expression of story time with yoga and movement games.

Nov 4

LITTLE ONES DANCE WITH CHRISTINA SEARS-ETTER

11am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Dancers will enjoy delightful music, fun motor activities, and creative play with props and pathways, all while building strength, balance, and flexibility and sparking problem-solving and imagination.

Nov 18

SPANISH/ENGLISH STORYTIME

11am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Hear stories and songs in Spanish with an English translation followed by art and sensory activities. All are welcome.

WEEKLY

Fridays & Saturdays, Sept 15–16; Oct 6–7

Oct 27–28; Nov 10

SENSORY STATIONS (Ages 2–6)

11am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Explore different themed sensory and art stations each session. Attend Friday or Saturday for the same set of stations.
Sep 15 & 16: Colors - Get inspired by the exhibit in the community room to make colorful art with a variety of media
Oct 6 & 7: Solar STEM - Make sun catchers and use color-changing beads
Oct 27 & 28: Harvest Time - Have fun on the farm with harvest-themed activities
Nov 9: Small Worlds - Pretend play with a variety of small make-believe worlds

Mondays & Tuesdays, Sep 18–Nov 14

JUMPSTART KINDERGARTEN (Ages 4–6)

Mondays: 10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Tuesdays: 1pm–2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Designed for listeners ready for longer stories and more independence. Each session builds school readiness skills from listening to scissor skills to STEM concepts.

Tuesdays, Sep 19– Nov 14

BABY STORYTIME

10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Superior
Hear a book and learn 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.

Tuesdays, Sep 19–Nov 14

DISCOVERY TIME (Ages 2–4)

10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Learn a variety of preschool-readiness skills at fast-paced storytimes filled with music, movement, fingerplays, and books, paired with exploratory learning and play. We'll be outside on nice days!

Wednesdays, Sep 20–Nov 15

BABY TIME

10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker
See description for Tuesdays at Superior.

Wednesdays, Sep 20–Nov 15

LITTLE ONES STORYTIME BABIES, WALKERS, AND WIGGLY TODDLERS

10:30am–11:30am | Bridge Community Café
A time for caregivers and kiddos to read, sing, play, and learn together! Space for wiggly toddlers and tummy-time babies will be available, along with tips and tricks for extending learning at home.

Wednesdays, Sep 20–Nov 15

READ, SING, PLAY (Walkers through age 3)

10:30am–11:30am | 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, Sep 21– Nov 16

DISCOVERY TIME (Ages 2–4)

10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Superior
10:30am–11:30am | Bridge Community Cafe
See description for Tuesdays at Whittaker.

Thursdays, Sep 21–Nov 16

READ SING PLAY (Ages 1–3)

10:30am–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker
See description for Tuesdays at Whittaker.

Thursdays, Sep 21–Nov 16

BEDTIME STORYTIME (All ages)

6pm–7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Build early learning skills and wind down for bedtime with stories, songs, and movement for the whole family.



TECH HELP

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

YDL-Whittaker and **YDL-Superior**
Call 734-482-4110 x1384 or email brigitte@ypsilibrary.org to schedule a one-hour in-person, phone, or virtual session at Whittaker. To schedule a session at Superior, call 734-482-4110 x2431.

Sep 2, 10:30am; Oct 10 & Nov 2, 2pm

GOOGLE SHEETS FOR BEGINNERS (Adult)

Virtual
Learn to enter and edit data, format cells, and create simple formulas. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a spreadsheet. A Google (or Gmail) account is required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 5, 7pm; Oct 4, 10:30am

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. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 6, 10:30am; Nov 7, 2pm

FROM BOOMERS TO ZOOMERS: ZOOM PRACTICE FOR SENIORS (55+)

Virtual
Learn the basics of navigating the Zoom meeting interface. While working with other seniors, you can see yourself on camera, test your microphone, learn to chat, and more. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 7, 2pm; Oct 14 & Nov 15, 10:30am

GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS (Adult)

Virtual
Learn to format, select, copy, paste, and edit text. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a document. A Google (or Gmail) account is required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 9, 10:30am; Oct 17 & Nov 9, 2pm

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. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 9, 2pm; Oct 5, 6:30pm; Nov 1, 10:30am

MICROSOFT WORD - BASICS

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

Sep 12, 2pm; Oct 25 & Nov 18, 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. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 12 & Nov 9, 6:30pm; Oct 14, 2pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker
A basic introduction to spreadsheets. Learn to enter and edit data, select cell ranges, format cells, use the fill handle, and create simple formulas. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2411.

Sep 13, 10:30am; Nov 14, 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. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 14, 2pm; Oct 28 & Nov 29, 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. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 14, 7pm; Oct 3, 2pm; Nov 25, 10:30am

GOOGLE DRIVE - BASICS

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. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 19 & Nov 16, 6:30pm; Oct 28, 2pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL - INTERMEDIATE

YDL-Whittaker
In this intermediate class, learn to apply functions, filter data, create charts, and print worksheets. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2411.

Sep 20, 2pm; Oct 19 & Nov 28, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker
Learn how to create and add graphics and multimedia to a presentation. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2411.

Sep 21, 7pm; Oct 11, 2pm

COMPUTER BASICS - GETTING STARTED

YDL-Whittaker
Learn the parts and proper use of the computer and Windows basics, including opening/closing applications and managing files/folders. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 23, 10:30am; Oct 26, 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. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Sep 23, 2pm; Oct 12, 6:30pm; Nov 8, 10:30am

MICROSOFT WORD - INTERMEDIATE

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

Sep 26 & Oct 31, 6:30pm; Nov 25, 2pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL - PIVOT TABLES (INTERMEDIATE)

YDL-Whittaker
Learn how to perform simple data analysis using Excel's PivotTable feature. Participants should have basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills and an understanding of creating formulas and how cells are referenced within Excel. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 ext. 2411.

Sep 27, 2pm; Oct 24, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT PUBLISHER - BASICS

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

Sep 28, 7pm; Oct 25, 2pm

INTERNET BASICS - HOW TO SEARCH THE WEB

YDL-Whittaker
This class covers the browser toolbar and menu options, managing your favorite websites, and using search tools and techniques. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required. Register online or call (734) 482-4110 x2411.



LINCOLN AND YPSILANTI SCHOOLS, TOYOTA, EMU COLLABORATE TO LAUNCH DRIVING POSSIBILITIES IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN



Lincoln Consolidated and Ypsilanti Community Schools are collaborating with Toyota and Eastern Michigan University (EMU) to prepare youth for the careers of tomorrow.

As part of a \$110 million initiative dedicated to Toyota’s *Driving Possibilities*, the Toyota USA Foundation is granting nearly \$10 million over the next five years in southeast Michigan. Earlier this year, YDL received \$30,000 as part of this initiative to offer more STEM programming and purchase more STEM equipment.

For the school districts, most of the *Driving Possibilities* funding will be directed to a community-focused STEM Institute with both Ypsilanti Community and Lincoln Consolidated districts for elementary, middle, and high school students and their families. The Institute will be led by EMU and governed by the partners. It will provide support services, curriculum, and activities to integrate STEM into the daily experiences of children and families.

“STEM education and programs like *Driving Possibilities* in Michigan are crucial for preparing our students for success in the rapidly evolving job market,” said Alena Zachary-Ross, Superintendent of Ypsilanti Community Schools. “By fostering skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, we are equipping our students with the tools to not only thrive but also drive innovation in their chosen fields.”

The proposed general programming to be offered by the STEM Institute includes both classroom curriculum and field trips, speakers,

campus, and exploration of Career Technical Education for the next generation entering STEM careers.

Driving Possibilities is designed to be an equitable collaboration to increase STEM awareness, excitement, and interest in a promising career in a STEM-related field. It aims to simultaneously address current and emerging needs and community interests as the program grows and evolves.

To better understand the needs for these programs, Toyota USA Foundation is funding a transportation study with Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA). The study will help provide future mobility solutions, including for the communities near the Ypsilanti and Lincoln schools.

“With the generous support of *Driving Possibilities* and support from other local partners, our LCS community is not only fostering excellence in STEM education but also advancing our collective efforts as a community towards realizing the competencies outlined in our Portrait of a Graduate,” said Robert Jansen, of Lincoln Consolidated Schools. “Together with our amazing partners, we are building a strong foundation in STEM education, empowering every child in the Lincoln Consolidated Schools community to not only meet but surpass their full potential.”

To learn more about Toyota’s \$110 million dollar commitment to *Driving Possibilities*, visit ToyotaEffect.com for the latest information.

NEW YCS START TIMES

Using information from a recent transportation survey, YCS has implemented staggered start times for its students. This will help ensure everyone has the transportation they need to get to school. See the graphic below for details.

BELL SCHEDULE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
7:30 AM to 2:30 PM	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	9:20 AM to 4:20 PM
YCMS YCHS WIMA/WIHI	Beatty Ford Perry	Erickson Estabrook Holmes YES

No Transportation for
 YC2S 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 ACCE 8:00 AM to 2:55 PM

Questions? Contact us at (734) 221-1210.



September 1-4:
No School, Labor Day Recess (YCS and LCS)

October 4:
Count Day (YCS)

October 10:
1/2 day, Records Day (YCS)

October 16:
No School (LCS)

October 25:
1/2 day, Conferences (YCS)

October 26:
1/2 day; Parent/Teacher Conferences (YCS and LCS)

October 27:
No School (LCS)

November 7:
No School, Election Day (YCS)

November 22–24:
No School, Thanksgiving Break (YCS and LCS)

LET FREEDOM READ

A letter from Julianne Smith, Assistant Director - smith@ypsilibrary.org



October 1–7 is Banned Books Week! This year’s theme is “Let Freedom Read,” with a focus on overcoming censorship and protecting the right to read.

Each year, libraries across the country celebrate Banned Books Week to raise awareness about the dangers of censorship. The American Library Association reported that 2022 saw the highest number yet of recorded attempts to remove books from our country's libraries. Headlines across the nation's newspapers published dramatic and alarming stories about the “censorship wars,” librarians being attacked and vilified, and de-funding public libraries.

Our profession—known for its welcoming and inclusive approach to helping people access information—has been targeted and disparaged, with librarians being called “pedophiles” and “groomers,” among other names. Librarians have long served as both the keepers of information and the protectors of our right to privately access that information. We select, organize, and make available information in its many formats, and, without bias, allow citizens to arrive at their own informed conclusions. In short, our libraries are the places where our residents can freely become informed. Love it or hate it, if you can't access it, you don't have an opportunity to form an opinion. Censorship thus happens when some people or groups succeed in imposing their personal, political, or moral values on others. Protecting the freedom to read is a core tenet of librarianship, and we are prepared to continue this fight every day. For as Pericles wrote in c. 425 BC, “Freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it.” Your YDL librarians have that courage.

- Want to know the most challenged books of 2022? Look no further:**
- *Gender Queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe
 - *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson
 - *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
 - *Flamer* by Mike Curato
 - (tie) *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
 - (tie) *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky
 - *Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison
 - *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
 - *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Perez
 - (tie) *A Court of Mist and Fury* by Sarah J. Maas
 - (tie) *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins
 - (tie) *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews
 - (tie) *This Book Is Gay* by Juno Dawson

CREATIVE WRITING MAKES CREATIVE KIDS

Molding kids into adaptable problem solvers can be as easy as giving them a writing prompt! YDL works with organizations like 826michigan to help kids access their creative sides, and the benefits could be far reaching.

“Writing is a process of discovery and engagement. It connects us to the world and to each other,” said 826michigan’s Amy Sumerton. “The confidence young writers develop enables them to reach their goals, encourages them to dream outrageously, and empowers them to build a better world.”

YDL and 826michigan will host an after-school writing lab this fall and continue to support the YpsiWrites’ Writer’s Room. These spaces allow children (and adults) to get feedback, freewrite, and make friends. In July, YDL and 826michigan even joined forces to host a Dungeons and Dragons-style game and writing extravaganza.

These opportunities are increasingly needed in the community. When 826 National surveyed hundreds of teachers in 2022, they graded the writing education system in their schools a D- and

said that 70 percent of the writing they did with students was to convey or explain information; only 30 percent was creative.

A recent Gallup poll found that creativity can benefit students in many ways, including promoting adaptability and problem-solving, building confidence, and creating lifelong learners. The poll found that 87 percent of teachers and 77 percent of parents agree: teaching that incorporates creativity has the biggest impact.

“Equal access to quality writing education is the best way to give students the tools they need to understand themselves, authentically connect with one another, and access the power within themselves to build a better world,” Sumerton said.

826michigan’s after-school writing lab is a community-built writing space for students ages 8–16. Students meet regularly with 826michigan staff and volunteers to write and publish their own original stories and build their own toolkit of writing habits and strategies. At the end of their time, students' work will be published in a book. The program runs Mondays at the Superior Branch beginning in October. Students should plan to

attend weekly. Learn more at 826michigan.org/programs/after-school-writing-lab.

“Young people who write build confidence, and writing programs like ours give them a safe place to experiment, surrounded by peers and adults who support them expressing their own ideas in their own unique way,” Sumerton said. “It can be a place to sort out your innermost thoughts and feelings, and it can also be a place to feel free and to create new universes.”

“My favorite part of writing is when I feel confident about writing stories and I finally finish and I feel good about it. I like that you can write whatever you want and get creative. For example, I could write a story about a dog that meets a dragon princess.

And the princess was raised by dragons. My advice to other writers is: Don't try to add details other people do. Be yourself.”

—Moslee Vandeventer
8 years old, Ypsilanti International Elementary School (YIES)



YDL RECEIVES ALA GREAT STORIES CLUB GRANT

Grant will allow librarians to lead book clubs with underserved teens

YDL has been selected as one of 58 libraries nationwide to take part in the Great Stories Club, a program providing the opportunity for historically underserved youth to read, reflect, and share ideas on topics that resonate with them. This competitive grant is offered by the American Library Association (ALA) with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

“We are very excited to make this program available to Ypsilanti youth who are facing challenges,” said YDL Teen Librarian Kelly Scott, who managed the grant application.

As part of the Great Stories Club, staff from YDL will work with a small group of teens to read and discuss stories that explore questions of race, equity, identity, and history. Book discussions will be led by experienced YDL teen librarians in cooperation with staff from Ozone House. YDL has worked with Ozone House in the past on programs like PrideZone.

There are two themes for the book clubs. The books curated for the theme “Finding Your Voice: Speaking Truth to Power” will include *The*



Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo; *I Am Alfonso Jones* by Tony Medina; *American Street* by Ibi Zoboi; and *Anger Is a Gift* by Mark Oshiro.

The books curated for the theme “Deeper than Our Skins: The Present Is a Conversation with the Past” will include *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates; *Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native American Voices*, edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale; *Mother of the Sea* by Zetta Elliott; and *Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A.* by Luis J. Rodriguez.

“The selected titles thoughtfully align with the themes of the Great Stories Book Club and will provide thought-provoking conversations that are

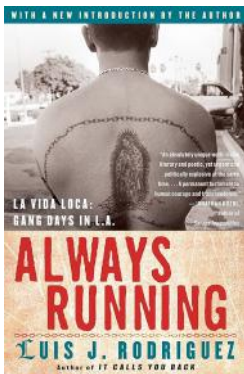
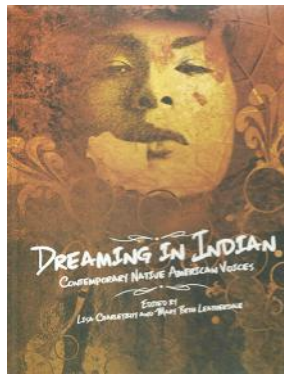
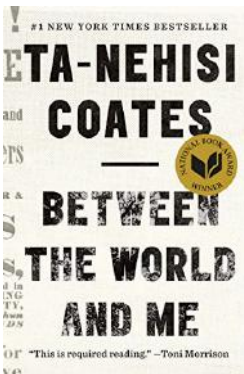
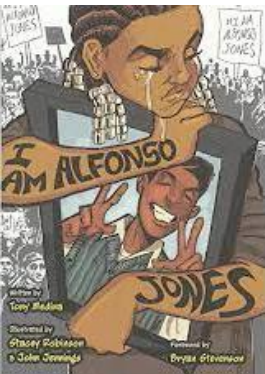
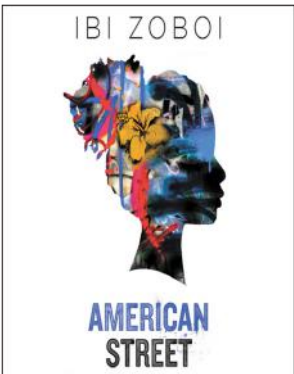
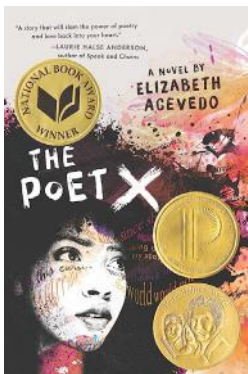
extremely relevant to today's teens,” Scott said, “Hopefully this will empower positive change and growth not only for the young adults involved, but for the community at large.”

The titles were selected to inspire young people—especially those facing difficult circumstances or challenges—to consider “big questions” about the world around them and their place in it.

YDL received two \$500 programming stipends, one per theme, and 11 copies of each of the selected books, which will be gifted to the book club participants. YDL will also receive online training and an array of program resources and support throughout the grant term.

Gatherings of the Great Stories Club at YDL will begin October 3. More information, including how to register and participate, will be available at ypsilibrary.org or by contacting 734-482-4110 x 1329.

Since 2006, ALA’s Great Stories Club has helped libraries engage young adults with accessible, thought-provoking literature. To learn more about the Great Stories Club, please visit ala.org/greatstories.



GETTING ALZHEIMER’S HELP



Did you know that the FDA has fully approved the first drug shown to slow down Alzheimer's disease? This means the drug, Leqembi, is now covered by Medicare, making it easier to get and much more affordable for seniors.

Because the drug slows down the progression of the disease rather than reversing it, it's still important to recognize the signs of Alzheimer's. The earlier a person is diagnosed, the better. That's why the library is working in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association to help make information about recognizing signs of Alzheimer's and living with an Alzheimer's or dementia diagnosis more easily accessible.

Fall programs dealing with these topics:

See pages 4–7 for more details

Nov. 1
10 SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER’S AND WHAT TO DO IF YOU NOTICE THEM
11am | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Nov. 2, 9 & 16
LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S: FOR CAREGIVERS - EARLY STAGE
11am | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

In the early stage of Alzheimer's disease, families face new questions as they adjust. This three-part program provides practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage.

Nov. 8
UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIORS
11am | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn about some of the common triggers for behaviors associated with dementia, how to assess the person's needs, and how to intervene effectively.

Did you know?

YDL offers accessibility resources for older adults, people with mobility issues or vision impairments, and other unique needs. The library provides home delivery service, magnifier tools, an on-site wheelchair, an accessibility toolbar on our website, and other useful tools. Visit ypsilibrary.org/seniors-caregivers or ask us!



CATCH UP WASHTENAW: DON'T WAIT, VACCINATE!

A message from the Health Department

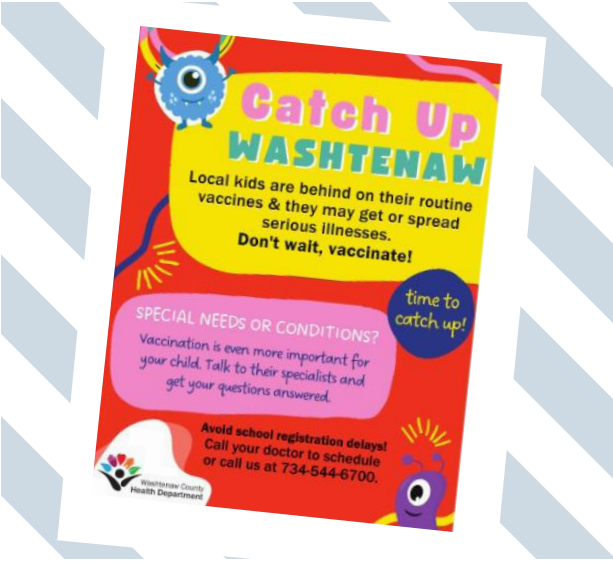
According to the Washtenaw County Health Department, vaccination rates have fallen locally, leaving children and our community at risk for preventable diseases and outbreaks.

Statewide, the number of toddlers current on their vaccinations has fallen by about 5% in the last two years, which leaves roughly 52,000 children vulnerable to vaccine-preventable illnesses. In Washtenaw County, the percentage of toddlers current on their recommended vaccinations dropped about 4% from 2019–2022. Among adolescents in Washtenaw County, coverage is down 9%.

Preventing illness with vaccines is especially important for children and families with special health needs or conditions.

Working together, we can protect health and prevent unnecessary illness and outbreaks in Washtenaw County. Get vaccinated at your doctor's office, pharmacy, or call the Health Department at 734-544-6700, visit www.washtenaw.org/health or email health@washtenaw.org.

Need a ride? Free transportation is available to anyone needing a ride to a vaccine appointment. Call 844-900-4892 and use the code "Vaccinate Washtenaw."



Follow the Health Department on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or NextDoor to stay up to date on health in Washtenaw (@wcpublichealth)! Sign up for email updates at <http://bit.ly/WCHD555>.

YPSI STORIES LATEST

Hear about the local fight for LGBTQ rights



Episode 20 of the Ypsi Stories podcast shares conversations with prominent LGBTQ activists.

From 1997 through 2002, the LGBTQ community in Ypsilanti fought for their rights in the form of a Non-Discrimination Ordinance for the City. The result of this struggle was one of the first Non-Discrimination Ordinances in Michigan, with protections for LGBTQ Ypsilantians.

In 2019, Ypsilanti teenager Miriam Berman Stidd interviewed campaign veterans, and Normal Park neighbors, Lisa Bashert, Beth Bashert, and Lisa Zuber, for a podcast project in her communications class at Washtenaw International High School. Hear that episode in its entirety, as well as a new discussion with those activists about how things have changed.

The newest episode of Ypsi Stories is available wherever you get your podcasts, and at ypsilibrary.org/ypsistories.

GET READY TO VOTE!

Keep your eye out for members of the The League of Women Voters Washtenaw County, who will visit YDL-Whittaker in September to provide voting information. Tuesday, Sept. 19th (National Voter Registration Day), and Saturday Sept. 23, LWV volunteers at the Whittaker branch will offer contact information for elected officials and voter registration.

They'll also have information about the implementation of Proposal 2, which voters approved last November. Changes include 9 days of in-person voting before election day; permanent and automatic receipt of an absentee ballot,

with postage paid in both directions; minimum required number of absentee ballot return boxes; and more.

If you've moved recently, haven't voted in several years, or need to verify that your voter registration is up to date, visit vote411.org to find out.

More information about LWVWC is at my.lwv.org/michigan/washtenaw-county.



MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS FACELIFT

MAP's website has gotten a makeover and is definitely worth checking out! In addition to the redesign, the website is now more mobile-friendly and easier to navigate. You can still get the same free and discounted tickets from miactivitypass.org to museums,

parks, and other activities across Michigan. For some fall fun, visit one of the 13 Huron-Clinton Metroparks for free, or get free admission to the Yankee Air Museum. Through MAP, you can also access discounted tickets to LEGOLAND Discovery Center or the Michigan Renaissance Festival.



EARN MONEY ON A YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



The Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health (MOASH) seeks youth ages 13–24 to join their youth advisory councils (YACs)!

MOASH is a 501c3 non-partisan organization that provides services to educators, health professionals, parents, administrators, youth, and community organizations to advance sexual health, identities, and rights.

The YACs are groups of young people working together to advance adolescent sexual health in Michigan while building personal and professional knowledge and skills. YACs are youth-driven, with support from adult MOASH staff facilitators and youth co-facilitators. Youth are paid \$20/hour for their involvement.



Scan the QR code to apply, or find more information at moash.org/youth-advisory-councils

NEW AT YDL



YDL RECEIVES GUITAR DONATION FOR LIBRARY OF THINGS

YDL-Superior received a 3/4 scale Yamaha guitar to include in the Library of Things, thanks to Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity.

Available to any YDL cardholder, the guitar comes with a tuner and capo. The smaller size is perfect for beginners and young people. You can check it out, along with our other instruments, to enjoy the power of music to energize, heal, and inspire. Visit ypsilibrary.org to explore the catalog.

NEW VEHICLE ON THE ROAD

See if you can spot the Library's new Ford Explorer on your next drive! Thanks to the generosity of Gene Butman Ford, it's got YDL's distinctive look. Library staff use the Explorer every day to run errands and deliver holds to our branches. It also serves as our new Books on Wheels vehicle. If you are unable to get to the library due to physical limitations, you may qualify for this FREE home delivery service. Learn more at ypsilibrary.org/home-delivery.



FRIENDS OF YDL BOOK SALES

Mark your calendars for September 15–16 to shop the Friends of YDL pop-up book sale in the Whittaker branch lobby! Find great deals on gently used books, DVDs, and music CDs. See what the Friends have in store for you!

On Saturday, November 18, the Friends will hold a special Holiday Sale from 11am–3pm. Stop by for great deals on gifts for those hard-to-shop-for loved ones on your holiday list.



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



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THERIDE GIVES YOU THE FREEDOM TO GO WHERE YOU WANT TO GO!

Get ready for an improved experience when you visit the Ypsilanti Transit Center. Information Specialists are available on site to help you plan your route. You can also buy tokens and passes while at the Center.

TheRide has other features that can help you get where you need to go more easily. 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. There are bus stops located near every YDL branch! Visit TheRide.org to access more rider tools. While you're there, sign up for the MyAlerts system to get details on your route delivered directly to your email, and sign up for TheRide's monthly e-newsletter.

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

TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Visit ypsilibrary.org/michigan-avenue-branch-closure for more information and updates.

YDL-SUPERIOR

1900 Harris Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

HOURS

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

YDL-BOOKMOBILE

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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Mon–Thurs: 4–8pm

Neighborhood route and schedule:
ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile

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

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