

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Clearing hurdles

The ongoing repair and renovation of YDL-Michigan Avenue dominated our focus in 2024. Several times we were on the verge of reopening, but construction delays intervened. Despite the frustration, our loyal supporters were very understanding. That's true library love – thank you!



avivangelion We love you! We'll be here when the doors are open ❤️ 📖

After using the same library catalog for many years, in late August we migrated our data to a more robust integrated library system. This huge undertaking was well worth it, with greater functionality benefitting both patrons and staff.

YDL also deepened its partnership with Eastern Michigan University's School of Social Work, welcoming our first student field placements. The interns paved the way for a full-time Library Social Worker coming in 2025 thanks to a year-end grant award.

We're pushing past challenges and working to continually improve service to our community.

Lisa Hoenig

Library Director





Sprucing up our spaces

New Superior artwork

Local artist Julia Lubas created a mural for the Superior Meeting Room kitchen, and new art is on display throughout the library.

Superior play area

In September, we installed a play area with a kitchen, magnets, and legos at YDL-Superior. It's a hit!

Whittaker doll house

Youth Librarian Liz Pitcher spent a year refurbishing a large dollhouse, donated by the Beal family, for the Whittaker youth department.

Whittaker pavement work

In August, we replaced the front sidewalk at YDL-Whittaker to make it safer, more level, lovely, and built to last.



Planning Strategically



Social Work interns arrive

In August, YDL brought aboard our first Social Work Interns. Cynthia Wilson and Anna Lyon, students from EMU's School of Social Work, did a needs assessment, developed a resource list, and laid groundwork for future field placements.



New-look catalog

In August, YDL migrated to a new catalog system for an improved patron experience. Robust new features include an improved search and better record displays.



New home for TALK

The Midwest Collaborative for Library Services started managing TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten after YDL's National Leadership Grant period concluded in the summer. YDL launched the program in 2017 with the help of many local partners. TALK is now a nationwide service.



Welcoming new residents


We began sending a mailer each quarter to people who have recently moved to the area. The postcard features library information and incentives for getting a library card.


Strengthening partnerships


Grants, donations, and other strategic partnerships helped YDL expand a number of services and programs that impact the community.



 YDL was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) to purchase USCF memberships, game timers, online tools, and more to expand our Chess Club and attract more young women and others from underrepresented groups to the game.

 We replaced the checkerboard tabletops in YDL-Michigan's Library Plaza thanks to a wonderful donor.

 Using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding from Washtenaw County, we installed new after hours pick-up lockers at YDL-Whittaker.

 Toyota granted a second year of funding for new equipment and programs in our Project STEM @ YDL initiative.



Community Love

We couldn't
have done
2024 without
you... Thanks
for your
support!

*I've rarely seen examples of the
good in people lately, but you
folks go so far beyond, it brings
me hope & brightens my day.
- Note from an admiring patron*

We can't help you return
a book on time to
Ypsilanti District Library.

But we can help support
300+ local nonprofits.

bank of
ann arbor

Member FDIC



bigsablept You guys are the greatest.

15w 1 like Reply



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I love the Ypsi library
2024-7... Reply

Ashley Renee

We are so thankful to have this wonderful library and resource in our community!



mariah_papaya_28 The superior branch is such
a gem . . . Always so cozy and entertaining and
with such warm and creative librarians. Thank
you for what you create!!!! 🥰



By the Numbers

YDL-
Michigan
(Closed for
renovations)

Up 13,350
from 2023

239,321
Patron
Visits

163,572
YDL-
Whittaker

5,216
Bookmobile
Visits

70,533
YDL-
Superior

YDL-
Whittaker
384,731

232,388
E-products

Total
Circulation
738,064

Up 40%
from 2023

Bookmobile
18,313

YDL-
Superior
73,520

YDL-
Michigan
29,652

43,803
people attended 2,075
events
(5,500 more than 2023)

4,509
new library cards
issued



FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE

FY 2023-2024 % of total

Property Taxes	\$6,411,147	91.1%
Penal Fines	\$79,549	1.1%
State Aid	\$89,831	1.3%
Interest & Other	\$257,377	3.6%
Grants, Donations, Friends of YDL	\$203,386	2.9%
Total Revenue	\$7,041,290	100%*

EXPENDITURES

FY 2023-2024 % of total

Salaries & Benefits	\$3,895,765	65.5%
Library Materials	\$623,743	10.5%
Contractual	\$363,238	6.1%
Automation & Capital Outlay	\$355,156	6.0%
Utilities & Repairs	\$447,447	7.5%
Other	\$260,225	4.4%
Total Expenditures	\$5,945,574	100%*

* Due to rounding, percentages may not add up to 100.