



ADVENTURE AWAITS!

 This year's Summer Challenge has "wild" new graphics created by local artist Yen Azzaro. Along with the traditional shield, you'll see colorful new images with green forests, local wildlife, and our library branches.

"I wanted to draw a Michigan and Ypsilanti-centric campaign that makes families proud to have such a wonderful library system," Azzaro said. "I hope the animals become recognizable 'friends' to kids, and we can build on the Summer Challenge for years to come."

The Summer Challenge begins June 6 at YDL-Superior. You'll find fun for all ages, including STEM activities from the Leslie Science and Nature Center (sponsored by Toyota), high-energy movement with G.A.S. It Up Fitness, a bounce house, and refreshments.

"The YDL-Superior staff is thrilled to host the Summer Challenge Kickoff for the second time at the new branch," said Superior Branch Manager Kathryn Takach. "We look forward to launching the Summer Challenge together with you!"

As always, the Summer Challenge encourages everyone to read and explore Ypsilanti. From June 6 to August 23, earn digital badges when you read, learn at library programs, and explore the library and

community on your own. Afterward, collect prizes and enter raffles with the badges you earn.

During the summer months, we offer free STEM, art, dance, sports, gardening, and cooking for kids and families to help curb the learning dip that often happens when school is out. Kids and teens need hands-on activities that make them want to learn and discover more. This summer, they can craft, build, play life-size board games, trade Pokémon cards, and stay active.

YDL envisions a thriving community that connects over a shared love of learning. Our Outreach team visits camps that are part of our Summer Challenge Champions program, participates in community events, and offers storytimes across the district. We collaborate with local experts on events, and organizations from across the community provide funds and grants that help us offer even more.

We're offering more STEM activities thanks to our continuing grant from Toyota. This year's Summer Challenge will also include a special Moving Together series for seniors—sponsored by Molina Healthcare of Michigan—which includes health & fitness, cornhole, art, and Bingo (learn more on page 2).

Visit [ypsilibrary.org/summer](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/summer) to sign up or reactivate your Summer Challenge account, then take advantage of all the fun!

HOW TO PLAY

1

Reactivate your account (or create a new one if you haven't played before) by visiting [ypsilibrary.org/summer](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/summer). Once you've signed up, visit any YDL branch to pick up your first prize.

2

Log activities between June 6 and August 23. Earn a digital badge every time you read a book, complete a challenge, or attend a library program.

3

Win prizes! Every badge gives you a chance to win the grand prize of your choice, and kids can collect additional prizes for every 10 badges they earn.



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MOVING TOGETHER IN THE SUMMER CHALLENGE

With a grant from Molina Healthcare of Michigan, YDL is expanding programming to help seniors stay active and engaged this summer. Molina's \$5,000 of support is helping YDL add our new "Moving Together" series for seniors to the Summer Challenge.

"By providing our seniors with expanded resources that help them stay active and engaged, we can reinforce the significance of YDL as a place they can build community," said YDL Paraprofessional Susana Adame-Goff. "They're meeting new friends, trying new things, and building a new relationship with themselves and their health."

The Moving Together series will feature fun events for seniors, like cornhole, Bingo, and special health and art classes to boost physical, mental, and emotional health, and help promote camaraderie. See pages 4-7 for details.

"Lifelong learning and helping seniors move together is a way they can push back against loneliness," Adame-Goff said. "It will boost their physical, mental, and emotional health together in community and out of isolation."



NEW FACES AT YDL

MEET OUR NEW HEAD OF ACQUISITIONS



In May, **Brandon Bolek-Toubeaux** became YDL's new Acquisitions Services Head. He will manage ordering, cataloging, and processing all of the new materials that hit the library shelves. He'll be in charge of making sure

we're stocked with materials that YDL patrons need, and that the materials are found easily in our catalog.

"Libraries have always been a part of my life," he said. "Both of my parents worked in medical and public libraries, so I grew up around the profession."

Bolek-Toubeaux has almost 25 years of experience working in libraries. Prior to joining YDL, he helped manage the technical services department at the Baldwin Public Library, where he had worked since 2002. He started as a clerical assistant and moved through several roles, including maintaining their acquisitions database, collaborating on collection development, and working with vendors to manage orders.

Outside of his new role at YDL, he's also beefing up his knowledge in the area of IT and technology.

"I'm most excited about joining a district library, collaborating with new colleagues, and continuing to learn and grow while serving the community," Bolek-Toubeaux said.

MEET OUR NEW SOCIAL WORKER



In May, **Tommy Anderson** became YDL's new Library Social Worker. He will help connect patrons with vital community resources and provide support to library staff as part of our Library Care Coordination initiative.

"I couldn't be more excited to be here," he said. "I am proud to serve the community where my family and I live and put down roots."

Anderson holds a Bachelor's in Social Work from Western Michigan University and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan. He has previously worked in private practice, school social work, and child welfare.

The social worker position is funded through the Washtenaw County Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage. YDL has partnered with the EMU School of Social Work to support and evaluate the program's impact.

Anderson will engage with our community across all three YDL locations to help connect patrons to resources like mental health services, substance use disorder support, housing assistance, food resources, education, and other social services. Drop-in hours and other information about our Library Care Coordination program are available at ypsilibrary.org/library-care-coordination.

"Ypsilanti is a community full of brilliant, creative, and resilient people," Anderson said. "My dream is that our library becomes an even stronger community hub and place where neighbors can exchange ideas, find support, and lift one another up."

MEET OUR NEW LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE



Paul Leighton, a Professor of Criminology at EMU, is the newest member of the YDL Board of Trustees. He was selected to fill a vacancy after a longtime trustee resigned. Leighton will serve through the end of the year. In November

the position will be up for a public vote to decide who will serve the remainder of the term.

"My twin daughters loved the books and events at YDL, and I appreciate how the library supported my aging mother," Leighton said. "I'm pleased to bring my other community board experience to YDL ... so the library can be helpful, safe, fun and strong for our community."

Leighton has taught at EMU for 30 years. He is a co-author of *The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison* and is a founding author of *Class, Race, Gender and Crime*, which has been in print for 25 years. He has given keynote talks in the U.S., Canada, and Norway.

Leighton also reviews academic books for *Choice*. He is a past President of the Board of SafeHouse, where he was involved with volunteer training for more than 10 years. He served on the Executive Committee for the American Society of Criminology's Division on Critical Criminology and was an editor of their journal. He served on the Executive Committee of EMU's faculty union (including a term as Vice President) and participated in three collective bargaining contract negotiations. Paul is currently Chair of the advisory board of EMU's food pantry.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD LEADS TO YPSILANTI

Washtenaw Literacy just celebrated 55 years of service with its inaugural Emerald Awards, and YDL was among the honorees! The event celebrated community champions of learning, growth, and connection. At the event, styled after the *Wizard of Oz's* Emerald City, YDL accepted the Gateway Award, presented to an educational institution that helps dismantle barriers and foster inclusive learning environments. "YDL has made the library a vital 'third space,' hosting our digital tutoring and providing our community with essential resources that bridge the educational divide," said Neal Steichen, Senior Program Coordinator with Washtenaw Literacy.



YDL Director Lisa Hoenig accepts the Gateway Award from Washtenaw Literacy on behalf of YDL.

Emerald Award Honorees

Senator Jeff Irwin | *Compass Award*, recognizing a public servant whose leadership has championed literacy and elevated community well-being.

Johnny Walker from A Brighter Way | *Community Catalyst Award*, honoring a grassroots, community-led effort that strengthens the social fabric to allow everyone to thrive.

University of Michigan Credit Union | *Cornerstone Award*, recognizing a business that invests in the community, supports equitable hiring, and commits to workforce development.

Donna DeButts | *Literacy Luminary Award*, honoring an individual whose leadership and advocacy have expanded literacy access and educational equity in our community.

Blair Kraft | *Trailblazer Award*, celebrating a Washtenaw Literacy Learner who has transformed their personal growth into community leadership.

"The green gala was Washtenaw Literacy's evening to recognize the sponsors who've made our work possible, including the Ypsilanti District Library," said Steichen. "Washtenaw Literacy also wouldn't be possible without all of our wonderful volunteers and learners."

If you are interested in volunteering with Washtenaw Literacy or need help setting math, reading, or other literacy goals call 734-337-3338 or stop by the Washtenaw Literacy office inside YDL-Whittaker.

DON'T MISS THESE YDL EVENTS



SECOND SATURDAY CINEMA

Join us this summer for outdoor movie nights under the stars at YDL-Whittaker. Bring a blanket or chair, and enjoy your favorite films with friends and neighbors. These events are free, fun, and open to all.

"With rising costs — everything from gas to child care — free events like these allow us to join together as families and a community without the burden of admission or entrance fees," said YDL Assistant Director Julianne Smith. "Our new 13-foot movie screen was purchased with funds raised by the Friends of YDL and is the perfect way to celebrate this amazing group of volunteers and our wonderful Ypsilanti community."

We'll have a children's activity or craft starting at 8:30pm, and fun, family-friendly movies will begin at 9pm on our giant blow-up screen.

The Friends will also be selling popcorn for a nominal rate, or feel free to bring your own snacks (no alcohol, please). "Popcorn tastes better outside," said Smith.

"A new summer tradition starts here."

JOIN US:
8:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

WHAT'S PLAYING:
June 13: *Ratatouille*
Jul 11: *National Treasure*
Aug 8: *A League of Their Own*



ITALIAN KEYS

Hear internationally-recognized pianists Jacopo and Maddalena Giacomuzzi perform solo and four-hand piano in this two-part event, hosted with the Chelsea District Library. The Giacomuzzi siblings will perform a morning concert in Ypsilanti, and an afternoon concert in Chelsea that are sure to inspire and amaze.

As a soloist and chamber musician, Jacopo Giacomuzzi has performed throughout the United States and Europe and has won 14 international competitions, including the International Piano Competition Citta de San Donà di Piave, Ibiza International Piano Competition, and the Los Angeles International Liszt competition. He has performed under the direction of world-renowned conductors like Dian Tchobanov and Robert Wills.

Maddalena Giacomuzzi began studying piano at the age of 5 and has also won several national and international competitions. She has performed as a soloist with multiple orchestras, including the Orchestra of the Arena in Verona, Orchestra Monteverdi of Bozen, Italy, the Haydn Orchestra of Bozen and Trento, and the Symphony Orchestra of Milano G. Verdi, among others. She serves on the Piano faculty of the Conservatorio "G. Paisiello" in Taranto, Italy.

WHEN
11am - 12pm
Saturday, Aug 1

WHERE
YDL-Whittaker
Community Room

EVENTS

Adult

Tuesdays | Jun 2, 16 & 30

SHARED HOUSING PROGRAM - WHA DROP-IN HOURS

10:30am-1:30pm | YDL-Michigan
A Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA) Shared Housing Program coordinator will share information about the program, complete intakes for home providers and home seekers (people seeking housing must be ages 55+), help match participants, and provide referrals and information about community resources.

Fridays | Jun 5 - Aug 21

DIGITAL LITERACY TUTORING WITH WASHTENAW LITERACY

12-2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn how to use devices, Internet safety, social media etiquette, Zoom, and more. For more information, contact steichen@washtenawliteracy.org or call 734-337-3370. No session July 10.

Jun 5 & 13 | Jul 17 & 25 | Aug 8 & 28

DOWNTOWN REPAIR CLINIC

See description for times | YDL-Michigan
Get help with mending or other sewing repairs! Have special skills you want to lend at a future Repair Clinic? Email smorrison@ypsilibrary.org or asmith@ypsilibrary.org.
Jun 5 | Jul 17 | Aug 28: 10:30am-12pm
Jun 13 | Jul 25 | Aug 8: 2-3:30pm



Monday | Jun 8

CITY OFFICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM - PRIMARY ELECTION

6-9pm | Growing Hope Ypsilanti Farmers Marketplace (16 S. Washington St)
YDL, the League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County, and the Ypsilanti Senior Center will hold an in-person candidates forum where residents can learn about the political positions and ask questions of the candidates running for mayor and city council of Ypsilanti in the August primary: Learn more on page XX.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | Jun 9 - Aug 6

FREE SUMMER LUNCHES FROM FEDUP MINISTRIES!

12-1pm | YDL-Michigan or YDL-Superior
Enjoy a free, delicious meal, courtesy of FedUp. Each week will alternate between a food truck and a table at each location.

Wednesdays | Jun 10 | Jul 15 | Aug 12

MICHIGAN WORKS! SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY OUTREACH

12-2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Visit MICHIGAN WORKS! Southeast at YDL. A representative will answer your questions and provide assistance on job leads, employment, job fairs, and career guidance. For more information, visit MWSE.org.

Wednesday | Jun 10

CHILDBIRTH BASICS WITH WRAPPED IN LOVE

6:30-8pm | YDL-Superior
Wrapped in Love Doula & Lactation Support will guide you through what to expect as you welcome your new baby. Childcare will be provided by Wrapped in Love Doula & Lactation Support.

Wednesdays | Jun 10 | Jul 8 | Aug 12

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

6:30-9pm | YDL-Whittaker
Watch some classic movies.
Jun 10: *The Drowning Pool* (1975) directed by Stuart Rosenberg
Jul 8: *Gaslight* (1944) directed by George Cukor
Aug 12: *The Strange Love of Martha Ivers* (1946) directed by Lewis Milestone

Fridays | Jun 12 | July 10

GET FIT WHILE YOU SIT WITH SHERRY HAWKINS

10:30-11:30am | YDL-Superior
A total body workout suitable for all ages. It includes seated cardio, arm reaches, and core twists to improve mobility, flexibility, and strength, while also increasing energy levels.

Fridays | Jun 12 | Jul 10 | Aug 14

MICHIGAN WORKS! SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY OUTREACH

11am-1pm | YDL-Michigan
See Jun 10 description.

Fridays | Jun 12 | July 31 | Aug 14

CRAFTERNOONS

2-4pm | YDL-Michigan
Join us for a lighthearted afternoon working on a craft project where the goals are to engage your mind, connect with others, and build new brain pathways. Register for each session individually at [ypsilibrary.org/events](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/events).
Jun 12: Lantern making
Jul 31 & Aug 14: TBD

Saturdays | Jun 13 | Jul 11 | Aug 8

SECOND SATURDAY CINEMA

8:30-11:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join us on the YDL-Whittaker lawn for a children's activity or craft starting at 8:30pm. Fun, family-friendly movies will begin at 9pm on our giant blow-up screen. See page 3 for more details.
Jun 13: *Ratatouille*
Jul 11: *National Treasure*
Aug 8: *A League of Their Own*



Wednesdays | Jun 17 | Jul 22 | Aug 26*

YDL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

6:30-8:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Public participation is welcomed at the beginning of each Library Board meeting. To request a special accommodation to attend, please contact Library Director Lisa Hoenig at 734-482-4110 x1300 at least five business days prior to the meeting.
***Meeting at YDL-Superior.**

Thursday | Jun 18

PROTECTING MY COMMUNITY: ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS WORKSHOP (Ages 55+)

1-3pm | YDL-Whittaker
This presentation will shine a light on why our elders are exposed to abuse and things we can do to protect elders in our community. Intended for caregivers ages 55+, this presentation is in honor of Elder Abuse Month. Register at [ypsilibrary.org/events](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/events).



Friday | Jun 19

JUNETEENTH JAZZ AND POETRY!

3-5pm | YDL-Michigan
Michigan Poet Laureate Melba Joyce Boyd returns, this time with award-winning jazz bassist Marion Hayden's Legacy Ensemble, featuring pianist Ian Finkelstein and drummer Tariq Gardner.



Saturday | Jun 20

INK DRINKER READING SERIES: DWIGHT WILSON

11am-12:30pm | YDL-Michigan Library Plaza
Author Dwight Wilson is a Quaker who has been an educator, administrator, religious leader, and social activist. He will discuss his carefully researched historical fiction series *Esi Was My Mother* follows the lives of an enslaved Black family from being kidnapped in 18th century Africa to the American Civil War.

Wednesdays | Jun 24 | Aug 12

BREASTFEEDING BASICS WITH WRAPPED IN LOVE

6:30-8pm | YDL-Superior
Learn the benefits of breastfeeding, how to advocate for yourself and your baby, breastfeeding tips and tricks, and how your partner can support you on this journey. Childcare will be provided by Wrapped in Love Doula & Lactation Support.

Thursday | Jun 25

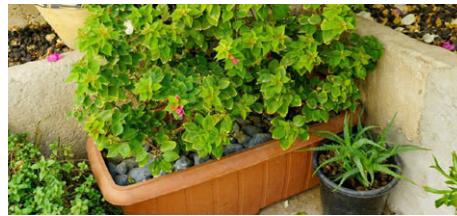
INTRO TO THE SEWING MACHINE (Ages 12+)

2-3:45pm or 4-4:45pm | YDL-Michigan
Barbara Keys of Sewing Crazy will teach you how a sewing machine works and how to keep it working. Register at [ypsilibrary.org/events](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/events).

Sunday | Jun 28

CONTAINER GARDENING 101 (Ages 12+)

2-4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn to create a variety of containers, from traditional to zany, with one plant or a combination of compatible plants, with Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck and learn the basics for designing/planning, planting, and maintaining them.



Saturday | Jul 4

YPSILANTI 4TH OF JULY PARADE WITH THE YDL BOOKMOBILE!

11am-1pm | External location
Celebrate the 96th Annual Ypsilanti 4th of July Parade with the YDL Bookmobile! Bring your bike, wagon, or your walking shoes to help showcase the Bookmobile along the parade route. See page 8 for more details.

Wednesday | Jul 8

WHAT IS A DOULA?

6:30-8pm | YDL-Superior
Join Wrapped in Love Doula & Lactation Support to learn about birth doulas, what they do, the different types, how they could benefit you, and even how to become one. Childcare will be provided by Wrapped in Love Doula & Lactation Support.

Thursday | Jul 9

POETRY: THE PRINCE AND THE PROTÉGÉ

5-6pm | YDL-Michigan
Local writer and mental health advocate Ronald D. Henderson will tell his personal story and read from his poetry collection *The Prince and the Protégé*. Ron is affiliated with the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network who work to support mental health across all ages.

Saturdays | Jul 11 & 25

CAR SEAT SAFETY WITH WASHTENAW SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

12-3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Officer Toneka Smith will provide instructional materials, equipment, and resources to ensure you know how to install your car seat safely.



Saturday | Jul 11

YPSIWITES WRITERS' OPEN MIC

3-5pm | YDL-Michigan
Share your writing, in whatever stage it's in, with supportive members of the YpsiWrites community. All are welcome to attend, read, listen, and encourage the writers. Sign up at [ypsilibrary.org/events](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/events).

Friday | Jul 17

BLACK ARTS, BLACK PRIDE!

1-5pm | YDL-Michigan
Listen to a panel conversation including Aaron Foley, members of Black Pride Ypsi, and several other local artists and enjoy Black Pride trivia and other art-oriented activities.

Wednesday | Jul 22

BOOBIE CLUB WITH WRAPPED IN LOVE

6:30-7:30pm | YDL-Superior
This is a safe space for anyone planning to, or currently breastfeeding, to meet other parents and get support from lactation experts. Childcare will be provided by Wrapped in Love Doula & Lactation Support.

Sunday | Jul 26

GOOD BUGS, BAD BUGS (Ages 15+)

2-4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn the differences between some good and bad bug species from Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck so you don't eliminate beneficial insects from your garden.

Saturday | Aug 1

ITALIAN KEYS: THE GIACOPUZZI SIBLINGS ON THE PIANO

11am-12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Hear internationally recognized pianists Jacopo and Maddalena Giacomuzzi perform solo and four-hand piano at a morning concert that is sure to inspire and amaze. Learn more on page 3.

Saturday | Aug 1

BREATHE THE NEW LIFE INTO YOUR OLD LAPTOP

2-5pm | YDL-Michigan
Do you have an old laptop gathering dust? Local tech volunteers will help you install a user-friendly, and highly secure alternative operating system (GNU / Linux) that runs beautifully on older hardware. Leave with a computer that is safe, fast, and ready to go. Interested in volunteering as an installer? Contact Shoshanna at shoshanna@ypsilibrary.org.

Saturday | Aug 8

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

10am-1pm | YDL-Whittaker
Residents of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township, join us for a free community shredding day! A shredding truck will be on hand to safely dispose of documents. This event is supported by the Friends of the Library. See page 12 for more information.

Monday | Aug 10

INTRODUCTION TO RAIN GARDENS

6-7pm | YDL-Superior
Learn about rain gardens and how you can solve local water problems by installing one. Register at [ypsilibrary.org/events](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/events).
This project has been funded wholly or in part through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Nonpoint Source Program from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.



Saturday | Aug 15

AUTHOR TALK: GRINNELL BROTHERS MUSIC HOUSE, 1879-1981.

4:30-5:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join author Hugh Grinnell, a descendent of the Grinnell brothers, for a discussion of his book about the history of the Grinnell music company, which had beginnings and storefronts locally in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. Copies will be available for sale after the discussion. Register at [ypsilibrary.org/events](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/events).



Sunday | Aug 23

VEGETABLE SUCCESSION PLANTING AND SEASON EXTENDERS (Ages 15+)

2-4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Want to have fresh vegetables throughout the growing season? Learn techniques for successive plantings and season extenders from Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck.

ADULT MEETUPS

Mondays | Jun 1 - Aug 31

MAHJONG MEETUP

1-3pm | YDL-Whittaker
Weekly Mahjong group for new and experienced players. American and Chinese-style sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Mondays | Jun 1 | Jul 6 | Aug 10

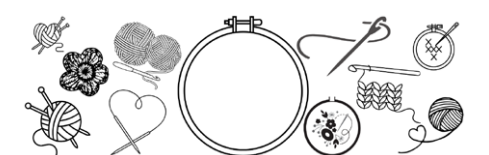
READ IT & EAT IT: COOKBOOK CLUB

6-7:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Each month, participants will choose a recipe from a specific book or theme, prepare it, and bring the dish to share and discuss.
Jun 1: *Nothing Fancy* by Alison Roman
Jul 6: *Six Seasons: A New Way with Vegetables* by Joshua McFadden with Martha Holmberg
Aug 3: *Good Things* by Samin Nosrat

Mondays | Jun 1 | Jul 6

SEW SOCIAL

7-8pm | YDL-Superior
Whether you cross-stitch, embroider, knit or crochet, get inspired, share project ideas, seek advice, and work on your projects with fellow crafters. All skill levels are welcome.



Tuesdays | Jun 2 - 30 | Jul 14-28 | Aug 11 & 18
ESL COMMUNITY TUTORING WITH WASHTENAW LITERACY
 4-5:30pm | YDL-Superior
 Practice English language skills in an informal, relaxed setting. *No class 7/7 or 8/4.*

Tuesdays | Jun 2 - Aug 25
FELLOWSHIP OF THE FIBER
 6-8pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Knitting, crochet, embroidery and needlecraft, spinners, lacemakers, and more, join us with any craft you can carry.

Tuesdays | Jun 2 - Jul 28 | Aug 11 & 18
MEDITATION WITH EASE: GUIDED IN-PERSON MEDITATION
 6:30-7:30pm | YDL-Superior
 Drop in for simple, guided, non-religious awareness practices.

Wednesdays | Jun 3 - Jul 8
ESL BOOK CLUB
 11am-12:30pm | YDL-Michigan
 For intermediate to advanced readers. Meet weekly to talk about the language, grammar, and cultural aspects of a book. To register, contact Washtenaw Literacy at (734) 337-3338.

Wednesdays | Jun 3-24
FITNESS WITH THE LIBRARY
 1-2pm | Virtual
 SEAT is a specialized low-impact, chair-based aerobic fitness program for adults, seniors, and those with mobility challenges to improve, maintain, and increase physical strength, balance, and cognitive function. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.



Wednesdays | Jun 3 - Jul 1 | Jul 15 - Aug 19
BASIC LITERACY COMMUNITY TUTORING WITH WASHTENAW LITERACY
 4-5:30pm | YDL-Superior
 Drop-in tutoring for adults in reading, writing, and more. *No class 7/8*

Wednesdays | Jun 3 - Aug 26
MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE WITH THE ANN ARBOR YMCA
 4-5pm | YDL-Whittaker
 This falls-prevention program uses the principles and movements of Tai Chi to help older adults increase their strength, improve their balance, and increase their confidence.

Wednesdays | Jun 3 & 17 | Jul 1 & 15 | Aug 5 & 19
CROCHET CLUB (Ages 18+)
 6-9pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Gather with other crocheters to share projects, get ideas, and crochet. Adults only, open to all skill levels.

Thursday | Jun 4
THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP
 10:30am-12pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Discuss a variety of fiction and nonfiction books! There will be a pause in July and August for summer break.
Jun. 4: *Whose Names Are Unknown* by Sanora Babb

Thursdays | Jun 4 | Jul 2 | Aug 6
YDL FILM CLUB
 7-8pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Join fellow cinephiles for an evening of film discussion. We will review important scenes and learn fun facts and background info about the films' productions. All films are free for YDL cardholders on the Kanopy platform. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Fridays | Jun 5 & 19 | Jul 3 & 17 | Aug 7 & 21
FRIDAY WALKING CLUB (55+)
 10:30-11:30am | 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! We'll meet at 10:30am. If the heat index is over 90 degrees, call (734) 482-4110 x2411 to confirm that we will be walking.



Jun 6 & 21 | Jul 10 | Aug 7
ART AT THE LIBRARY
 See description for times and locations
 Join local artist Mani Brito for a variety of art projects throughout the summer. See page 2 for more information.
Jun 6 | YDL-Superior | 2-4pm: Community Paper Quilt and Moving Together series signup (see page 2 for more information)
Jun 21 | 1:30-3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker: Memory Zine
Jul 10 | 10am-12pm | YDL-Whittaker: Pysanky - Ukrainian Easter Eggs
Aug 7 | 11am-1pm | Rolling Hills Park: Watercolor Part of our *Moving Together* series sponsored by Molina Healthcare of Michigan.

Mondays | Jun 8 | Jul 13 | Aug 10
DOWNTOWN QUEER CRAFTING GROUP (Ages 18+)
 6-8pm | YDL-Michigan
 LGBTQIA+ folks are invited to bring projects to work on and build a creative community.

Tuesdays | June 9 | Jul 14 | Aug 11
SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB
 7-8pm | YDL-Whittaker
 An adult book discussion group. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.
Jun 9: TBD
July 14: *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov
Aug 11: *Rosewater* by Tade Thompson

Thursdays | Jun 11 | Jul 9 | Aug 13
YPSILANTI ZINE CLUB
 6-8pm | YDL-Michigan
 Work on zines together, share techniques and ideas, and make zine-making friends. Basic art materials provided. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Thursdays | Jun 11 | Jul 9 | Aug 13
BOARD GAME MEET UP (Ages 13+)
 6:30-8:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
 The library will provide a rotating selection of board games, but you can bring your own to play, share, or teach. Each session, a staff member will teach and play a highlighted game for anyone interested.

Fridays | Jun 12 | Jul 17 | Aug 14
BINGO AT THE LIBRARY (55+)
 3:30-5:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
 If bingo's your bop, the library's your stop! We'll play multiple rounds and have small prizes for the winners, plus light snacks. Part of our *Moving Together* series sponsored by Molina Healthcare of Michigan.

Saturdays | Jun 13 & 27 | Jul 11 & 25 | Aug 8 & 22
YDL GUITAR CLUB
 10am-12pm | YDL-Michigan
 Practice your skills, learn new songs, and play in a group.

Saturdays | Jun 13 | Jul 18 | Aug 15
CORNHOLE AT THE LIBRARY (55+)
 12-2pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Trying not to scroll? Come play some cornhole! Visit ypsilibrary.org/events to register for each tournament as a team, and at least one person on the team must be a senior (55+). Part of our *Moving Together* series sponsored by Molina Healthcare of Michigan.

Mondays | Jun 15 - Aug 17
LOW KEY D&D FOR ADULTS
 6:30-8:30pm | YDL-Michigan
 Join us for a mini-campaign! This series is open to all levels of D&D experience. Our special guest DM is Terance Gordon. This will be a "chill" intro to D&D game mechanics, character building, and world exploration. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events. Questions or comments? Email asmith@ypsilibrary.org. *No session July 13*

Tuesdays | Jun 16 - Aug 25
NATION OUTSIDE: DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOP SERIES
 6-8pm | YDL-Michigan
 Join us for weekly workshops on digital literacy taught by Nation Outside, a Michigan organization focused on teaching technology skills to folks impacted by the justice system. PLEASE NOTE: This program does NOT give away free devices—it simply offers access to learn and practice these skills.

Wednesdays | Jun 17 | Jul 15 | Aug 19
RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP (WASHTENAW FACES RACE) (Ages 16+)
 7-8:30pm | YDL-Michigan or Virtual
 Join Washtenaw Faces Race to discuss nonfiction books, articles, and reports exploring racism, privilege, discrimination, social justice, and our democracy. To register, email Joy Cichewicz at worksofjoy@gmail.com.

Thursdays | Jun 18 | Jul 16 | Aug 20
EUCHRE CLUB
 6:30-8:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Play tournament-style euchre at YDL. Players will be shuffled after each game. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events to ensure a spot.

Thursdays | Jun 18 | Jul 16 | Aug 20
QUEER BOOK GROUP
 6:30-8pm YDL-Michigan
 Read and discuss literature written by diverse queer writers. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.
Jun 18: *Here We Go Again* by Alison Cochrun
Jul 16: *How to Live Free in a Dangerous World* by Shayla Lawson
Aug 20: *This is Our Place* by Vitor Martins

Thursdays | Jun 18 | Jul 16 | Aug 20
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
 1-2pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Join us each month as we work to address the needs of older adults at the library.

Wednesdays | Jun 24 | Jul 29 | Aug 26
PARANORMAL CLUB
 6:30-8:30pm | YDL-Michigan
 Each month, we gather to discuss intriguing topics, share personal experiences, and engage with expert guest speakers who bring their knowledge of the supernatural.

Mondays | Jun 29 | Jul 27 | Aug 31
BANNED BOOK CLUB (Ages 16+)
 7-8:30pm | YDL-Superior
 Discuss books that have sparked controversy and inspired change. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.
Jun 29: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
Jul 27: *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong
Aug 31: *Normal People* by Sally Rooney

Tuesdays | Jun 30 | Jul 28 | Aug 25
VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
 7-9pm | Virtual
 Join us for lively discussions of books by African American authors.
Jun 30: *Positive Obsession: The Life and Times of Octavia E. Butler* by Susana E. Morris
Jul 28: TBD
Aug 25: TBD

TEEN/TWEEN

Fridays | Jun 5 | Jul 3 & 31
WRAPPED IN LOVE TEEN PARENT & CAREGIVER MEET UP - L.O.V.E.
 5-6pm | YDL-Michigan
 Join us for a supportive and judgment-free space created just for teen parents and caregivers. Our L.O.V.E. sessions are centered on Lifting young parents; Offering real support; Valuing every journey; and Educating with care. Food will be provided and each session includes a special take-home craft.

Thursday | Jun 11 | 6:30pm
SHAKES AND STORIES
 6:30-7:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Bring a favorite book and share with others why you love it. Trade books if you like. Enjoy snacks and a milkshake bar, with vegan ingredient options at a casual gathering to talk about books.

Wednesday | Jun 17
BEADED SUNCATCHERS (Ages 10-16)
 3-4pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Drop in to make a beautiful beaded suncatcher that looks like a tiny plant.

Saturday | Jun 27
TEEN WATER PARTY (Ages 12-18)
 5-8pm | YDL-Whittaker
 The Teen Advisory Group has planned a special after-hours event with a bounce house, slip and slide, water balloons, crafts, and lawn games. Enjoy hot dogs (halal and veggie), chips, s'mores, a juice bar, and dessert!



Saturday | Jul 18
FAIRY GARDEN TERRARIUMS
 (Ages 10-16)
 12-1pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Make a terrarium by layering rocks, soil, tiny succulents, and seeds in a jar. Then add fanciful elements to turn it into a garden for fairies.

Friday | Aug 7
NOISE PERMIT CONCERT
 6-8pm | YDL-Michigan
 Enjoy an evening of music, short films, poetry readings, and more from young performers! Teens will perform songs, poems, spoken-word, short films, and more.

TEEN/TWEEN MEETUPS

Thursdays | Jun 4 | Jul 2 | Aug 6
TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6-8)
 6:30-7:30pm | YDL-Michigan
 Join us for a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. Registration required: email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org.
Jun 4: *Loot* by Jude Watson
Jul 2: *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
Aug 6: *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

Mondays & Wednesdays | Jun 8 - Aug 5
NOISE PERMIT SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES (Ages 10-24)
 4-6pm | YDL-Michigan
 Dante Dorsey and Joel Stralnic teach videography, music creation, audio recording, and live performance techniques to help teens produce a finished song, poem, or creative video piece they can show off on stage at our Noise Permit Concert. Questions? Email Stephanie at smorrison@ypsilibrary.org.
Mondays: Videography, Storytelling, and Lyrics
Wednesdays: Beat Creation, Recording, and Editing



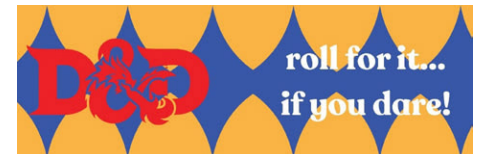
Tuesdays | Jun 9 & 23 | Jul 14 & 28 | Aug 11 & 25
TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (Ages 14-18)
 4:30-5:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
 Plan and lead library programs, design new services and spaces, write grants, earn service hours, and meet new friends. Apply at ypsilibrary.org/TAG.

Wednesdays | Jun 10 - Jul 29
NOISE PERMIT TABLE TALK: CONVERSATIONS WITH CREATIVES (Ages 10-24)
 6-7pm | YDL-Michigan
 New to Noise Permit this year! Guest artists will share a meal with our participants while talking through what sustains them as an artist, what role their art plays in their life, and how they balance networking and visibility on social media while protecting their peace.



Fridays | Jun 12 | Jul 24 | Aug 14
TEEN STEAM CAFE (Ages 12-18)
 6-8pm | YDL-Michigan
 Dinner, activities, and learning! Each month join our teen leaders and a STEAM expert to explore STEAM career opportunities. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.
Jun 12: Sound Creation with Dante Dorsey of Music Means More, Inc.
Jul 24: Native Plants and Keystone Species: Ecology in Our Backyard
Aug 14: Public Health and Wellbeing with the Trinity Health Injury Prevention Education Team

Saturdays | Jun 13 & 27 | Jul 11 & 25 | Aug 8 & 22
DROP-IN D&D: ONE SHOT ADVENTURES
 1-3pm | YDL-Michigan
 Practice your hand at running a game, make new friends, and maybe do a little D&D related arts and crafts. D&D newbies, oldbies, and wannabes are all invited!



KIDS & PARENTS

Wednesday | Jun 3
MAKE IT, TAKE IT READING KIT (Ages 4+)
 3:30-4:30pm | YDL-Michigan
 In collaboration with VT Seva Club, you'll hear a story, do some activities, then make your own reading kit to take home.

Saturday | Jun 6

SUMMER CHALLENGE KICKOFF PARTY AT SUPERIOR

2-4pm | YDL-Superior

Join us for fun STEM activities provided by the Leslie Science Center, high-energy movement with G.A.S It Up Fitness, a bounce house, and refreshments. Sign up for the Summer Challenge, log activities, and earn prizes all summer long.



Thursdays | Jun 11 & 25 | Jul 9 & 23 | Aug 13

READ TO THE LIBRARY DOG

5:30-7:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Reading to a Therapaws-certified dog helps children develop confidence and become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot by emailing mitchell@ypsilibrary.org.

Saturday | Jun 13

SUPERIOR DAY

11am-2pm | Oakbrook Park (6460 Berkshire Dr)

Enjoy games, pony rides, Kona-Ice, a petting farm, face painting, and more. Lunch provided.

Saturday | Jun 13

I SPY SCIENCE: ECOLOGY SAFARI

(Ages 5+)

2-3:30pm | YDL-Superior

Join us for an outdoor nature hunt, including an ecological survey with hula hoops. Then, hear a live story from Black Men Read.



Thursdays | Jun 18 | Jul 9 | Aug 20

READ TO BAMBI THE LIBRARY DOG

6-7:30pm | YDL-Superior

Reading to a Therapaws dog helps children build confidence and become better readers. Email nrussell@ypsilibrary.org to reserve a 10-minute slot with Bambi.

Saturday | Jun 20

JUNETEENTH DROP-IN CRAFTS

1-4pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us for some low-stress Juneteenth crafting in the Library Plaza.



Monday | Jun 22

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: ALCOHOL INK LIGHT SWITCH COVERS (Ages 5+)

7-8:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Are your light switch covers at home just a boring white? Figure out what style of cover you have, and let's decorate a new one with alcohol inks. Two covers per person; kids, bring a parent to help. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Friday | Jun 26

SAFE, HAPPY, AND HEALTHY: YOU, ME, AND THE WHOLE WORLD, TOO!

2-3pm | YDL-Michigan

Examine clues to discover what all animals (including people!) need to be safe, happy and healthy. Tailored for grades K-2. A live animal will be present. Presented by the Humane Society of Huron Valley.



Thursday | Jul 9 | 5:30pm & Saturday | Aug 8 | 1pm

BEYOND PLAY WITH G.A.S. IT UP FITNESS

YDL-Superior

A fun, high-energy program where kids stay active and discover how movement, numbers, and simple science come to life through games and challenges.

Thursday | Jul 16

MAKING A WAY POETRY WORKSHOP (Ages 9-14)

5:30-7pm | YDL-Superior

Children will learn a fun and accessible style of poetry they can create, personalize, and perform to develop their voice while building confidence, self-pride, and creative self-expression. Hosted by Bigdripp734. Space is limited.

Saturday | Jul 18

CANDY SUSHI FOR KIDS

2-4pm | YDL-Michigan

Use gummy candies, rice crispy treats, and other delicious sweets to make (and eat) your own sushi-inspired masterpieces.



Saturday | Jul 18

MOVIES ON THE GREEN

8:30pm | Dixboro Village Green (5221 Short St.)

Playground games and a family-friendly movie. Bring your blankets, snacks, and coolers. No alcohol allowed.

Monday | Jul 20

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: GELLI PLATE PRINTING (Ages 5+)

7-8:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Gelli plates are just like they sound: gelatinous-but-firm slabs of gelatin & glycerin. We'll explore layered and single layer prints using leaves, plants, found items, and paint. All supplies provided, but bring leaves if you have some you love. Kids, bring an adult to help. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Friday | Jul 24

LIFE-SIZED BOARD GAME (Ages 5+)

1:30-2:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Bring some classic board games to life with a twist! Are you down for the challenge?

Thursday | Aug 6

MAKING A WAY PRESENTS KICKS & LAUGHS (Ages 8-12)

5:30-7:30pm | YDL-Superior

Enjoy live music, light snacks, interactive games, and exciting prizes!

Saturday | Aug 8

GARDEN TEA PARTY

12-1pm | YDL-Whittaker

Enjoy iced tea, including a blend picked fresh from the garden, and snacks made from our harvest. Play outdoor games and do a special garden scavenger hunt. You can even make a fancy hat to show off in our hat fashion show!



Saturday | Aug 15

MESSTIVAL!

11am-1pm | YDL-Michigan

Come dressed to get dirty and enjoy exploring messy art processes like painting and clay, a special science lab, and other messy stations!

Monday | Aug 17

FAMILY MAKER NIGHT: FLOWER POUNDING

7-8:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Stress release with flowers? Heck yes. We'll supply the paper, flowers, leaves, and hammers. You bring your creativity, and leave with less stress and some new art. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Saturday | Aug 22

BUG HUNT

11am | Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (6255 Chery Hill Rd)

Take a hike and catch bugs with sweep nets, examine them up close, and learn about their habits.

KIDS & PARENTS MEETUPS

Mondays | Jun 8 - Jul 27

EXPLORE, DESIGN, CREATE

1-2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Enjoy challenges each week to help kids build creativity, perseverance, and STEAM skills.

Jun 8: Vibrobots

Jun 15: Roll-a-Picasso with artist Namrata Gupta Khemka

Jun 22: Nature Play on the Way with UM Gaffield Children's Garden

Jun 29: Cardboard Construction

Jul 6: Painting Party

Jul 13: Rube Goldberg Machines

Jul 20: Junk Journals

Jul 27: Paper Cityscapes

Mondays | Jun 8 - Aug 10

CHEF CAMP WITH FEDUP MINISTRIES (Ages 8-18)

1:30-3pm | YDL-Michigan

Join FedUp Ministries for a chef boot camp where you decide the skills you want to work on. Learn to cook for a crowd, dice any veggie, or innovate with basic ingredients to create something new and mouth-watering.



Tuesdays | Jun 9 - Jul 28

GARDEN-TO-TABLE

2-3pm | YDL-Superior

Cook tasty snacks and foods made with vegetables and herbs from our Learning Garden. Participants must be 8 years of age or older, or accompanied by an adult.

Tuesdays | Jun 9 - Aug 11

POKÉMON CLUB (Ages 6-16)

3:30-4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Drop in to play the Pokémon trading card game with other trainers! We'll offer basic instruction, lots of boards and cards, and a safe, non-competitive space. Some weeks we'll have a special scavenger hunt or craft, too. Sponsored by the American Library Association and the Pokémon Company International.



Wednesdays* | Jun 10 - Aug 19

THE STEAM SCENE

1:30-3pm | YDL-Michigan

Discover, play, explore, and tinker with new STEAM themes each week.

Jun 9-10: Computational Thinking and the Pokémon Trading Card Game*

Jun 17: Leslie Nature Center: Cold Blooded Classification

Jun 24: Music, Art, and Science

Jun 30 - Jul 1: Barbershop Computing: Clippers and Physical Computing*

Jul 8: Science of Sewing

Jul 15: Explore STEAM tools

Jul 21-23: Intro to 3D Printing Miniseries*

Jul 29: EMU STEMED Institute presents a weather phenomenon- Tornado!

Aug 5: LEGO SPIKE

Aug 12: Natural Science exploration

Aug 19: Kam Comics Workshop

* Multi-day workshop. Visit ypsilibrary.org/events to register. Part of Project STEM @ YDL sponsored by Toyota.



Wednesdays | Jun 10 - Aug 5

WEDNESDAY SUMMER STEM

2-3pm | YDL-Superior

Join us for hands on, weekly STEM activities for youth and their families. Part of Project STEM @ YDL, sponsored by Toyota.

Wednesdays | Jun 10 - Aug 12

YOUTH CHESS CLUB

4:30-5:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Drop in for casual chess play this summer. Play with friends or a teen volunteer. Designed for youth grades K-12 and their families. If you're new to chess, you can learn using a YDL iPad.

Wednesdays | Jun 10 | Jul 8 | Aug 12

READING READINESS BOOK CLUB

(Ages 3-6)

5:30-6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Caregivers and kiddos will work together to understand pre-reading skills, how they support reading readiness, and how to practice them. Each family unit will leave with a book and age-appropriate tips and tricks for practicing pre-reading skills. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.



Thursdays | Jun 11 - Aug 6

LIBRARY PLAYDATE: OPEN PLAY

(Ages 0-10)

10:30am-12pm | YDL-Michigan

Each week we will themed open play, and some weeks we will have special guests!

Jun 11: Nature-Play-on-the-Way from Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Jun 18: Black Musical Excellence Storytime

Jun 25: Create-A-Dough

Jul 2: Shells, Scales, and Pollywog Tales With Huron-Clinton Metroparks

Jul 9: Nature-Play-on-the-Way from Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Jul 16: Roads, Ramps, and Races

Jul 23: Nature Explorers

Jul 30: Dress-Up and Costumes

Aug 6: Water Play

Aug 13: Cardboard Creations

Aug 20: Back to School Crafts

Thursdays | Jun 11 - Jul 30

STEM DAYS

1-2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn STEM skills through fun, hands-on activities and guest presenters. Part of Project STEM @ YDL sponsored by Toyota.

Jun 11: Roller Coaster design with Challenge Island STEM

Jun 18: Make music with DJ the Silent Echo and make an instrument to take home

Jun 25: Amazing Air-Make objects float, fly, and launch with Nutty Scientists

Jul 2: Work math puzzles with Josh Jetton and make an infinity cube

Jul 9: Test your dinosaur knowledge, build a skeleton, dig for fossils, and more

Jul 16: Make several varieties of slime

Jul 23: Make paper rockets to launch, code with Vincibots, and make a model of the solar system

Jul 30: Lego free play and coding with Lego Spike sets

Thursdays | Jun 11 & 18 | Jul 9 & 16 | Aug 13 & 20

SUN AND SPROUTS: GARDEN RECIPES!

1:30-3pm | YDL-Michigan

Join Library Gardeners Jenny and Stephanie to try simple recipes featuring garden ingredients while learning gardening and harvesting tips and tricks

Thursdays | Jun 11 - Aug 6

THURSDAY SUMMER ART

2-3pm | YDL-Superior

Enjoy weekly afternoon art activities focused on variety and accessibility.

Fridays | Jun 12 - Jul 31

LET'S MOVE!

1-2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Stay active and healthy this summer!

Jun 12: Obstacle Course Challenge

Jun 19: K-Pop Demon Hunters Dance Class with Ms. Lisa of Dance and Grow

Jun 26: Play sports on the lawn with the YMCA

Jul 3: Sing and Dance-a-long with music educator Kat Steih

Jul 10: Taekwondo with North American Taekwondo and Hoijeon Moosool Academy of Ypsilanti

Jul 17: SportsPlay with KidoKinetics

Jul 24: Wacky Foam Party facilitated by Joel Tacey

Jul 31: Water Play Day

Thursdays | Jun 18 | Jul 16 | Aug 20

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3-5)

6:30-7:30pm | YDL-Michigan

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

Jun 18: Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott

Jul 16: The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

Aug 20: The Cardboard Kingdom: Snow and Sorcery by Chad Sell

Tuesdays | Jul 7 - Aug 18

SUMMER WRITING LAB WITH 826MICHIGAN (Ages 8-14)

5:30-6:30pm | YDL-Michigan

Students work in small groups with volunteers to complete collaborative writing exercises to draft an original story for publication. Register at 826michigan.org/programs/summer-programs.

Saturdays | Jul 11 - Aug 22

WEE-WRITE (Ages 5-8)

10:15-11:15am | YDL-Michigan

Hear a book read aloud each week and pay attention to one special thing the writer does. Then work on activities inspired by that idea.



STORIES AND FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

Fridays | Jun 12 - Aug 14

OUTDOOR SENSORY PLAY (Ages 2-7) 11am-12pm | YDL-Whittaker

Explore, discover, and build a love of the outdoors as you engage with supplies at sensory play areas near the garden.

Jun 12: Fairy Clothes Wash

Jun 19: Mermaids

Jun 26: Worms

Jul 3: Mud Kitchen Pizzeria

Jul 10: Nature Play on the Way with the Gaffield Children's Garden at UM's Matthaei Botanical Garden

Jul 17: Outdoor Sensory Adventure

Jul 24: Clay Play

Jul 31: Car Wash

Aug 7: Waterworks

Aug 14: Free Play

Jul 11 | Jul 15 | Jul 18 | Jul 23 | Aug 15

STORYTIME OUT AND ABOUT

See description for times and locations

Join YDL staff for an hour of stories, songs, and play to build early literacy skills.

Jul 11 | 11am | LeFurge Nature Preserve

Jul 15 | 6pm | Appleridge Park

Jul 18 | 10am | Ypsi Farmers Market

Jul 23 | 6pm | Nancy Park

Aug 15 | 1pm | Rutherford Pool



Saturday | Aug 1

ADOPT A PET STORYTIME

11:30am-1:30pm | YDL-Michigan

A storytime about adopting a pet. We will have a variety of stuffed animals for you to choose from and take home. Decorate a pet house, make a collar, visit the vet clinic, and take home a picture of you with your new "pet" and your adoption certificate.

MONDAY

Mondays | Jun 8 - Aug 3

DOWNTOWN STORYTIME: ALL AGES FUN!

10:30am-11:30am | YDL-Michigan

This storytime will have something for everyone and dedicated space for infants to enjoy the fun. Each week we will explore a new theme, like fairytales, engineering, or creating art, while we sing, dance, read, and play together!

Mondays | Jun 8 - Aug 3

JUMPSTART STORYTIME

10:30am-11:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Jumpstart is an engaging blend of stories, movement, arts and crafts, early literacy, and STEM activities. This storytime is geared for 4-6.

TUESDAY

Tuesdays | Jun 9 - Jul 28

BABY TIME AT SUPERIOR

10:30am-11:30am | YDL-Superior

Enjoy a few books, sing fun songs during our short lap-sit storytime, and chat with other caregivers while your little one plays.



Tuesdays | Jun 9 - Aug 4

DISCOVERY TIME AT WHITTAKER

10:30am-11:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Learn about numbers, colors, feelings, kindness, and how to follow instructions using music, books, movement, and parachute play. Then parents can chat while kids engage in small and large motor skill exploratory play nearby.

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday | Jun 10 - Aug 5

BABY TIME AT WHITTAKER

10:30am-11:30am | YDL-Whittaker

See Tuesday description.

Wednesdays | Jun 10 - Aug 5

READ, SING, PLAY AT SUPERIOR

10:30am-11:30am | YDL-Superior

Little ones learn colors, shapes, and numbers through books, music, and movement. Build early literacy, social-emotional skills, and physical skills through play.



THURSDAY

Thursdays | Jun 11 - Aug 6

DISCOVERY TIME AT SUPERIOR

10:30am-11:30am | YDL-Superior

This fast-paced storytime is filled with music, movement, fingerplays, and books paired with exploratory learning and play.

Thursdays | Jun 11 - Aug 6

READ, SING, PLAY AT WHITTAKER

10:30am-11:30am | YDL-Whittaker

See Wednesday description.

Tech Help

Register at [ypsilibrary.org/events](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/events) or call 734-482-4110 X2411.

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

YDL-Whittaker & YDL-Superior

Call 734-482-4110 x1384 or email

brigitte@ypsilibrary.org to schedule a one

hour in-person, phone, or virtual session at

YDL-Whittaker. To schedule a session at

YDL-Superior, call 734-482-4110 x2431 or

email mgeiman@ypsilibrary.org.

Tues, Jun 2 at 7pm | Sat, Aug 15 at 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.

Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Wed, Jun 3 at 2pm | Tues, Jul 7 at 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. Register online or call 734-482-4110

x2411.

Thurs, Jun 4 at 6:30pm | Sat, Jul 11 at 2pm

EMAIL - 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. Register online or call 734-

482-4110 x2411.

Tues, Jun 9 at 6:30pm | Wed, Aug 12 at 2pm

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to create and add graphics and

multimedia to a presentation. Register online or

call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Wed, Jun 10 at 2pm | Tues, Jul 14 at 6:30pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL - INTERMEDIATE

YDL-Whittaker

In this intermediate class, learn to apply

functions, filter data, create charts, and print

worksheets. Register online or call 734-482-

4110 x2411.

Thurs, Jun 11 at 7pm | Wed, Aug 5 at 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.

Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Thurs, Jun 11 at 2pm | Sat, Aug 29 at 2pm

GOOGLE SLIDES FOR BEGINNERS

YDL-Whittaker

Learn to create and deliver a presentation,

add graphics and multimedia, and share and

collaborate on a presentation. Register online

or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Sat, Jun 13 at 11am | Thurs, Jul 9 at 6:30pm

CANVA 101: INTRO TO CANVA

Saturday: YDL-Superior

Thursday: YDL-Whittaker

Explore Canva, a free graphic design tool for creating flyers, social media posts, presentations, and more. In this introductory class, create a flyer and learn the basics of Canva's interface, tools, and features. No design experience needed—beginners welcome. Registration required.



Sat, Jun 13 at 10:30am | Thurs, Aug 6 at 6:30pm

GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS

YDL-Whittaker

Learn to format, select, copy, paste, and edit

text. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a

document. Register online or call 734-482-

4110 x2411.

Tues, Jun 16 at 7pm | Wed, Jul 8 at 10:30am

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.

Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Wed, Jun 17 at 2pm | Tues, Jul 21 at 6:30pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL - PIVOT TABLES

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 an understanding of

creating formulas and how cells are referenced

within Excel. Register online or call 734-482-

4110 x2411.

Tues, Jun 23 at 7pm | Wed, Jul 15 at 10:30am

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. Register

online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Thurs, Jul 2 at 7pm | Wed, Aug 19 at 2pm

VEGA DISCOVER - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker

An introduction to YDL's online public access

catalog, Vega Discover. Learn how to find,

request, and renew items. Understand the tools

for managing lists and account information,

including checkouts and hold requests.

Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Sat, Jul 11 at 11am | Thurs, Jul 16 at 6:30pm

CANVA 201: TIPS & TRICKS

Saturday: YDL-Superior

Thursday: YDL-Whittaker

Ready to level up your Canva skills? This

intermediate class will focus on more advanced

editing tools, like text effects, photo editing,

working with apps, color palettes, and Canva AI.

Registration required.

Sat, Jul 11 at 10:30am | Tues, Aug 4 at 6:30pm

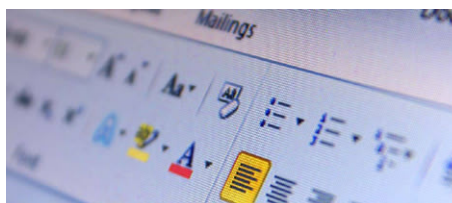
MICROSOFT WORD - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker

An introduction to word processing. Learn to

enter, format, select, copy, paste, and edit text.

Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.



Wed, Jul 22 at 10:30am | Thurs, Aug 20 at 2pm

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

Virtual/Online

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.

Thursday | Jul 23 at 6:30pm

CANVA BY DESIGN: BUSINESS CARDS AND FLYERS

YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to use Canva's free collection of editable templates to make personalized business cards and eye-catching flyers. No prior design knowledge is needed. Registration required.

Sat, Jul 25 at 10:30am | Tues, Aug 11 at 6:30pm

MICROSOFT WORD - INTERMEDIATE

YDL-Whittaker

Add visual interest to your documents. Learn to

create and format tables, insert images, create

bulleted and numbered lists, and insert tabs.

Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Sat, Jul 25 at 2pm | Tues, Aug 18 at 6:30pm

MICROSOFT WORD - TIPS, TRICKS, AND HACKS

YDL-Whittaker

Think you know everything about Microsoft

Word? Learn a few tips, hidden tricks, and

time-saving hacks to get the most out of this

word processing program. Learn to modify

page numbers, recover a corrupted file, add

screenshots, reduce eye strain, use the Go To

command, change ribbon tab order, and more.

Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Tues, Jul 28 at 6:30pm | Sat, Aug 15 at 10:30am

GOOGLE SHEETS FOR BEGINNERS

YDL-Whittaker

Learn to enter and edit data, format cells, and

create simple formulas. Also, learn to share and

collaborate on a spreadsheet. Register online

or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Wednesday | Jul 29 | 10:30am

HOW TO HOST A ZOOM MEETING (Adult-Virtual)

Virtual/Online

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-

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CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY WITH THE BOOKMOBILE



Celebrate the 96th Annual Ypsilanti Fourth of July Parade with the YDL Bookmobile! Saturday, July 4th, bring your bike, wagon, or walking shoes to help showcase the Bookmobile along the parade route.

We'll meet on the north side of Cross Street (use the Water Tower as a guide), between Mansfield and Oakwood. Enter from the Mansfield end. Please arrive between 10 and 10:30am. We'll have supplies

for you to decorate your set of wheels with plenty of red, white, and blue flags and streamers.

The parade begins at 11am on the corner of Oakwood and Cross Streets and ends at Rice Street in Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town.

Participants in the Summer Challenge can also earn an extra point by taking a look around the Bookmobile for a special code.

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPLORE FUTURE CAREERS

Staff at Lincoln Middle School worked with the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) to bring real-world skills and career exploration into the classroom.

During the spring semester, Lincoln Middle School students explored future careers through WISD's *From Curiosity to Career* program, a ten-week experience that introduced a wide range of Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways. Each week, students explored CTE pathways like design and engineering, manufacturing, welding, robotics, automotive technology, electric vehicles, drone aviation, and more.

High school student ambassadors led the lessons alongside CTE teachers from across the county, guiding hands-on activities such as 3D design, laser engraving, robotics coding, and drone flight while sharing their technical knowledge and experiences in CTE pathways. This brought a higher level of real experience to the lessons.

"Even with access to the same equipment, it would be difficult to replicate the level of expertise and real-world insight that the CTE teachers and student ambassadors brought," said Lincoln teacher Steve Mientkiewicz.

The program culminated in field trip experiences, where all 100 participating students selected an industry partner site to visit. Selected partner sites included Liebherr, Toyota, Kalitta Air, Hatch Stamping, and Zoller. During these visits, students saw firsthand what day-to-day careers in these industries look like.

For many, the experience sparked new ambitions. After successfully landing a Boeing 747 in a flight simulator at Kalitta Air, one eighth-grade student shared, "My dad is a pilot, so I was thinking about it. Now I really want to do it!"

Following the program, Lincoln Middle School hosted a showcase where students shared what they learned with families and the community. Each



student created a capstone poster highlighting the pathway that interested them most, the skills they learned, and potential career connections. Highlights included a live drone demonstration and other interactive components.

From Curiosity to Career will continue next year, with expanded opportunities already being explored.

"LAUNCHING" A NEW ITEM IN YDL'S COLLECTION

YDL has significantly expanded our collection of Launchpads, providing more accessible digital learning to bridge the digital divide.

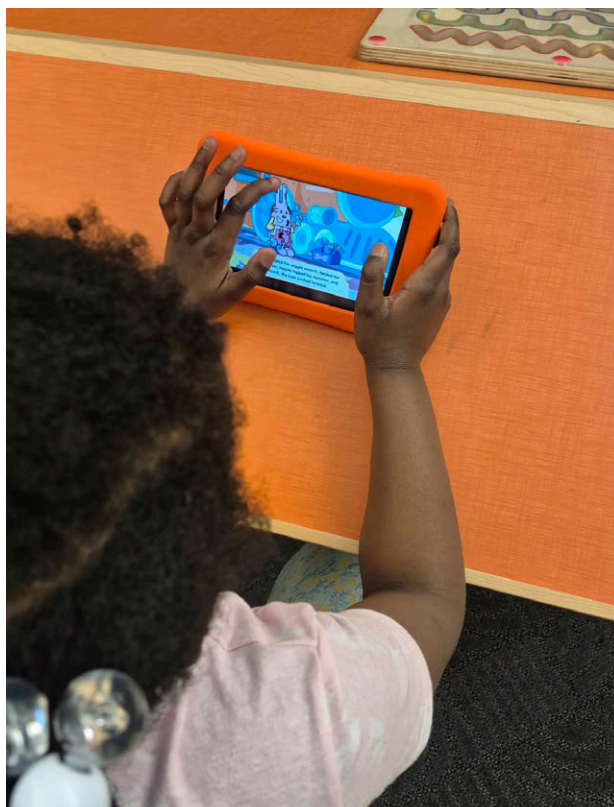
Launchpad tablets come pre-loaded with content and games centered around a specific theme and don't require a Wi-Fi connection, which can be vital for families without access to the internet or mobile data plans.

YDL now has 10 Launchpads in our collection:

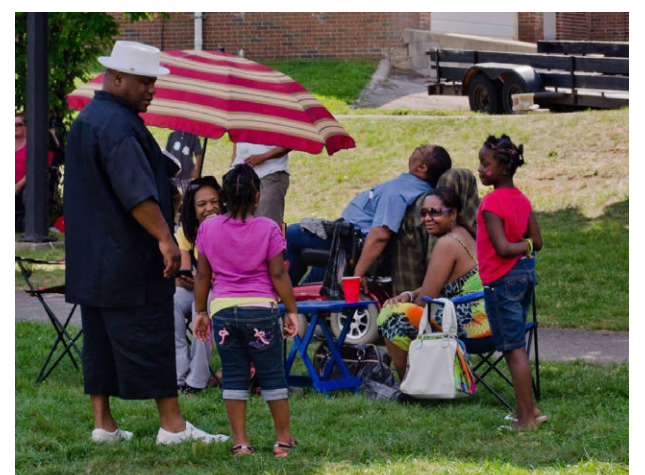
- Planes & Trains! Machines SuperPack (Ages 3+)
- Jurassic Smart! Dinosaurs (Ages 3+)
- Rainforest Adventure! Nature Explorers (Ages 5+)
- Princess Adventure! Adventure Begins at Your Library: Summer Reading (Ages 5+)
- Phonics Power! English Language Arts (Ages 3+)
- Full STEAM Ahead! STEAM SuperPack (Ages 5+)
- Pizza Party! Food (Ages 5+)
- All About Animals! (Ages 3-5)
- Lots & Lots of Cars & Trucks (Ages 3-5)
- Phonics Fun Zone! English Language Arts (Ages 5+)

"Launchpads are an interactive and engaging way to learn," said YDL Youth Librarian Liz Pietila. "Kids

can focus on learning without being distracted by advertisements, and since they don't require Wi-Fi, anyone can use one."



SUMMERFEST AND JOE DULIN COMMUNITY DAY!



Get ready for a day filled with music, activities, food, and fun! The 16th Annual Parkridge Summerfest and Joe Dulin Community Day is August 22. From 11am-6pm, there will be activities for people of all ages, with food and merchandise vendors throughout.

From 12-3pm, local organizations will share what programs and resources they have to help the community. Details are subject to change. A full lineup of events is available at [facebook.com/celebratingourcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/celebratingourcommunity).

MACC HELPS YDL UPLIFT TEEN VOICES

Noise Permit—the annual summer staple put on by Ozone House and Ypsilanti District Library—is expanding the way teens can explore their creative interests this summer. The Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC) increased its funding to more than \$15,000 this year, which helped purchase new equipment and bring more programs to Noise Permit.

Traditionally, teens can create beats, write and edit lyrics, and record, edit, and mix audio. They can now work on videography, visual storytelling, and video editing. With the increased funding, YDL purchased four new Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs) so young people learn more about the technology needed to create this art form.

Participants can use the DAWs at the library or at the Ozone House Drop-in Center during the Noise Permit workshop season. A digital camera and other videography equipment will also be available, along with new recording accessories.

This popular workshop series is aimed at young people ages 10-24 who are interested in working with local artists to learn videography, music creation, audio recording, poetry/spoken word, and live performance techniques. The workshop series will culminate in a live concert with stage performances on Friday, August 7 at YDL's downtown Library Plaza (229 W. Michigan Ave.) from 6-8pm.



“We really wanted to focus on increasing our capacity for teaching and providing access to the technology and materials,” said YDL Librarian Stephanie Pocsi-Morrison. “With access to our own set of DAWs and videography equipment, we can invite teen and young adult participants to record at the library or Ozone House whenever they are free.”

Mondays and Wednesdays from June 8 to August 5, young artists will learn and develop their skills at

special workshops to help them explore and amplify their creative voices. Mondays will focus on writing and videography, and Wednesdays will focus on beat creation and audio production.

Led by Dante Dorsey, founder of Music Means More, Inc., and Joel Stralnic, co-founder of SkyRat Productions, these workshops will build upon each other as teens engage with their mentors to produce the final concert on August 7, where live performances and debuting videos will grace the stage.

Another new component to Noise Permit this year is Wednesday Night Table Talk. Once a week, a guest artist will share a meal with our young artists. These guest artists will answer questions and share insights into creative practices, the role art plays in their lives, navigating the business side of being a creative artist, and using social media to promote creative work.

“Learning how to use your voice in writing is the key to advocacy,” said YDL Paraprofessional Shayla Card-Nowlin. “Learning how to collaborate is how we learn how to ask for help, and being in a community is how we learn to create a safe space for all.”

The 2026 Noise Permit series is also sponsored in part by TRUE Community Credit Union. For more information on the 2026 Noise Permit workshops, please contact smorrison@ypsilibrary.org.

JOYFUL, JAZZY YPSI JUNETEENTH

YDL is teaming up with the Ypsilanti Juneteenth organizers to bring an award-winning jazz musician to Ypsilanti.

Juneteenth Celebration Coordinator Trische' Duckworth partnered with YDL Librarian Aaron Smith to bring Jazz bassist Marion Hayden to the YDL-Michigan Library Plaza as part of the city's Juneteenth Celebration. Hayden will perform with her Legacy Ensemble, featuring pianist Ian Finkelstein and drummer Tariq Gardner, alongside Michigan Poet Laureate Melba Joyce Boyd for an afternoon of jazz and poetry on Friday, June 19.

Among other accolades, Hayden has won a Kresge Artist Fellowship and the Jazz Hero Award from the Jazz Journalists Association.

Ypsilanti's Juneteenth Celebration will run from June 19-21, and will feature vendors, performers, and activities in the parking lot on the corner of

Michigan Avenue and Hamilton Street. Stop by YDL-Michigan (across Adams Street) for more library activities that shed light on Juneteenth throughout the weekend.

- Thursday | Jun 18 | 11am: Juneteenth musical storytime building on the 2026 Black History Month theme, *A Century of Black History Commemorations*.
- Friday | Jun 19 | 3pm: Michigan Poet Laureate Melba Joyce Boyd returns alongside award-winning jazz bassist Marion Hayden.
- Saturday | Jun 20 | 1-4pm: Drop-in crafts. At the City's celebration, don't miss Lady Sunshine and the X Band with special guest Marcus Cole and MCs Big Dooley and Valerie Kelley-Bonner on June



Left: Jazz bassist Marion Hayden. Right: Michigan Poet Laureate Melba Joyce Boyd.

20. Kids Korner is from 11am-4pm June 20, and the YDL Bookmobile will be there with library cards and other swag and activities.

On June 21, hear Tyra Hill, from Tyra Hill Ministries, gospel music from Min. David Whitfield & DWP, Joy Quartet Ministries, and special guest Bam Travis.

Find more information about the scheduled events at bit.ly/YpsilantiJUNETEENTHCelebration.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FOUNDING DOCUMENTS

In celebration of the 250th Anniversary of America's founding, the Washtenaw County Historical Consortium has developed an exhibit that introduces the five seminal documents from our nation's history, which will be on display at the Ypsilanti Historical Society from July 4 - August 22.



The featured documents include:

- **The Declaration of Independence:** Announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain.
- **The Federalist Papers:** A series of essays written to persuade citizens to ratify the newly proposed Constitution.
- **The Bill of Rights:** The first ten amendments to the Constitution, guaranteeing fundamental individual rights and freedoms.
- **The Northwest Ordinances:** A series of laws by the Confederation Congress that created a government for the new territory, including provisions for admitting new states.
- **The U.S. Constitution:** Establishing the framework of the federal government.

This summer, the exhibit is also on display at the following nearby locations:

Jun 6-10: Webster Township Historical Society (near Dexter)

Jun 19 - Jul 4: Cobblestone Farm (Ann Arbor)

Jul 18 - Aug 17: Pittsfield Township Historical Society

For more information about dates and locations of this exhibit, visit wchconsortium.org/the-american-founding-documents-exhibit.

The Washtenaw County Historical Consortium is a collaborative group of historical organizations and institutions across Washtenaw County, Michigan. Its purpose is to share information and raise public awareness about the value of local history.

NEW SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOUSING INSECURITY

—From a Washtenaw County Community and Economic Development press release



The Washtenaw County Continuum of Care (CoC) is using \$4.2 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding to address youth homelessness by launching the

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project. This renewable funding will provide services and housing for youth and young adults under 25.

Informed by youth who experienced homelessness, Ozone House and Our House will open much-needed housing programs for youth ages 18-24.

“With dozens of young people on our waiting list living without housing, I am looking forward to expanding our ability to meet their needs and get everyone the safety and care they deserve,” said Ozone House Associate Director Danielle Zochowski.

The new programming will allow Ozone House to address youth homelessness with both homelessness prevention and permanent housing resources.

Our House, which provides comprehensive support for foster youth transitioning to adulthood, will expand their housing program to serve pregnant and parenting young adults up to age 25, instead of the current cutoff of age 19. Our House will also

provide specialized care and resources for young mothers, including parenting coaching and skill-building.

The Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA) will provide housing counseling services, including landlord engagement, tenant education, and coordination of available housing units to support youth in accessing stable housing, with a focus on matching young people to housing opportunities that best fit their needs. The Corner Health Center will also contribute wrap-around services like physical and mental health support.

Programs are expected to be available soon, and the CoC hopes this additional funding will help make youth homelessness “rare, brief, and one-time in our community.”

Youth in need of resources can contact OCED’s Housing Access for Washtenaw County Call Center at 734-961-1999 or the Ozone House Crisis line at 734-662-2222.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CANDIDATES



The Ypsilanti District Library, the League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County, and Growing Hope will hold an in-person candidates' forum this summer. Residents can learn about the political positions and ask questions of the candidates running for mayor and city council of Ypsilanti in the August primary.

The forum will be held Monday, June 8 at the Growing Hope Ypsilanti Farmers Marketplace (16 S. Washington St.) and recorded for later viewing. The 90-minute city council forum will start at 6pm, and the 60-minute mayoral forum will begin around 7:30pm.

Over the years, YDL has partnered with the League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County and various venues to make sure that citizens of Ypsilanti can learn from a non-partisan source about the views and positions of those seeking to represent them.

“When I started helping with candidates' forums in Ypsilanti in 2014, there was no coverage over the races that determined the living conditions for Ypsilantians,” said YDL Adult Services Librarian Shoshanna Wechter. “This service is fundamental for a functioning representative democracy.”

Visit ypsilibrary.org/events to find out how to submit questions ahead of the event.

IS YOUR HOME TOO HOT THIS SUMMER?

The Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development is offering FREE weatherization services to county homeowners and renters. The program aims to help residents lower their utility bills through home improvements.

Services include:

- Energy audits to help decide what work needs to be done
- Insulation, ventilation, furnace replacements, and HVAC safety checks
- Air sealing and weather stripping

To qualify, you must have a before-tax income of 80% of the HUD Area Median Income. You automatically qualify for the program if a member of the household receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI), State Disability Assistance (SDA), or cash benefits through the Family Independence Program (FIP) within three months of application.



Income must be at or below 80% area median income (AMI) to qualify:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Income Limit 80% AMI	\$70,500	\$80,600	\$90,650	\$100,700	\$108,800	\$116,850

Homeowners and renters can apply!

*Income before taxes

To apply, visit washtenaw.org/weatherization or call 734-544-3008 if you have any questions.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FEEDBACK

YDL is working on our next strategic plan, and we want your help! Informed by your feedback, the 2023-26 plan resulted in a new catalog system, the introduction of a Library Social Work program, the growth of our Library of Things collection, and much more.

Scan the QR code to participate in a community survey that will help shape the next 3-5 years of YDL initiatives. Your feedback is invaluable!



YPSI FOOD FEST RETURNS



Growing Hope is once again throwing open the doors on one of Ypsilanti's most joyful celebrations of local food.

The Second Annual Ypsi Food Fest is Saturday, August 15, at the University Bank Commerce Center (301 W. Michigan Ave.) from 12-7pm, and it is free! Walk in and stay all day if you'd like. Bring your friends, families, and neighbors who need a good excuse to get outside.

"Last year's inaugural event reminded us that Ypsilanti's incredibly innovative food entrepreneurs deserve a stage," said Growing Hope's Executive Director Julius Buzzard. "As folks stayed through the hours, though the heat, it reminded us that our community hungers for connection as much as it does for good food."

This year, you'll find local flavors that tell the story of Ypsilanti's pride and Southeast Michigan's creativity. There will be a magician, live reptiles, yard games, and activities that give kids something fun to do.

"We're sure this will be the type of afternoon where three hours will have passed, and you barely notice," Buzzard said.

The event is free to attend, and the money spent at food stations supports the local food community. Visit growinghope.net for more details.

Ypsi Food Fest is organized by Growing Hope, an Ypsilanti-based nonprofit whose mission is to foster an equitable and sustainable local food system where all people are empowered to grow, sell, buy, prepare, and eat nourishing food.

WEEKDAY FARMERS MARKET RETURNS

This summer, you can visit the Ypsilanti Farmers Market two days a week:

Saturdays | May 16 - Oct 31 | 9am-1pm

Tuesdays | Jun 2 - Aug 25 | 3-7pm



DON'T LET A TICK MAKE YOU SICK!

Warmer weather means more bugs, including ticks.



Some ticks in Michigan can spread illnesses, including Lyme disease, when they bite, and cases of Lyme disease in Washtenaw County have been increasing. Last year, there were 237 reported cases, up from only 18 in 2020.

"The best way to avoid tick-related illnesses is to prevent tick bites," says Kristen Schweighoefer, Environmental Health Director for the Washtenaw County Health Department. "Anyone spending time outside in our community can be exposed to Lyme disease."

The Health Department recommends using EPA-approved insect repellents and checking for ticks attached to your body after being outside. If you find a tick:

- Don't panic! Grab some tweezers, grip the tick's body firmly, and pull it straight out of the skin. Do not twist the tick.
- After removing the tick, clean the bite area and wash your hands.

Removing a tick right away is important, as your risk for Lyme disease is very low if a tick has been attached for fewer than 24 hours.

"It isn't always easy to diagnose Lyme disease, but early detection and treatment with antibiotics can prevent severe illness," continues Schweighoefer. "If you develop symptoms like a rash, fever, headache, fatigue, muscle pain, or joint stiffness after spending time outside or having a tick on you, contact a health care provider right away."

Learn more at washtenaw.org/lyme. Want to stay updated on local public health information in Washtenaw County? Sign up for the Health Department's email newsletter at bit.ly/WCHD555.

BECOME A FOSTER GRANDPARENT

Seniors 55+: Want to be a role model for young people in our community? In the Foster Grandparent Program, you can help children learn to read, provide one-on-one tutoring, and guide children at a critical time in their lives.

Grandparents earn a \$320 monthly tax-free stipend, meals, and transportation assistance. Foster Grandparents serve 20 hours a week and are matched with volunteer stations according to their interests, community needs, and proximity to



the volunteer station.

Once the location is set, Grandparents engage their "grandkids" in activities that develop literacy, provide emotional support, and serve as a role model.

Foster Grandparents have been serving in Washtenaw County for 58 years. Applications are currently being accepted. For more information, visit bit.ly/washtenawfgp, call (734) 544-3040, or email bowers@washtenaw.org.

SHRED OLD DOCUMENTS AND SUPPORT YOUR FRIENDS



The Friends of YDL will be accepting donations during YDL's summer paper shredding event. Funds collected support library programs throughout the year, such as youth events, equipment, and concerts.

On Saturday, August 8 from 10am-1pm, residents of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township can bring up to four copy paper boxes or grocery bags of documents to the YDL-Whittaker Parking Lot to be shredded for free.

Staples, paper clips, and rubber bands are OK, but no 3-ring binders, spiral notebooks, large binder clips, photographs, magazines, newspapers, hanging files, plastic bags, or water-damaged materials.

Donations will be accepted by the Friends of YDL to help offset the cost of this event, which is funded in part by a Washtenaw County Waste Reduction Sponsorship.

Note: This event may end earlier if the truck fills up.

WHITTAKER BOOK SHOP HOURS:

Monday	10am-6pm
Tuesday	10am-6pm
Wednesday	10am-6pm
Thursday	10am-6pm
Friday	10am-4pm
Saturday	10am-4pm
Sunday	2-4pm

FREE RIDES FROM AAATA + TRANSIT CENTER CLOSURE

TheRide is once again offering free weekend bus rides as part of the YDL Summer Challenge! Each Saturday and Sunday from June 13 - August 30, show your valid Ypsilanti District Library or Ann Arbor District Library card to the driver when boarding the bus and you can ride for free.

BLAKE TRANSIT CENTER CLOSURE

If traveling to downtown Ann Arbor, please be aware that the Blake Transit Center is temporarily closed due to a major construction project on Fourth Ave. All boarding locations at the Blake Transit Center and on Fourth Ave. have been moved to Fifth Ave. and Washington St. A temporary sales location for passes, tokens and A-Ride scrip books is open at 314 E. Washington St. To stay up to date on this project, visit TheRide.org/BTC.

GETTING TO YDL ON THE BUS:

YDL-Whittaker: Accessible on the 46 line

YDL-Michigan: Accessible on the 6 line, or 5-minute walk from the Ypsilanti Transit Center

YDL-Superior: Accessible on the 42 line

NEW BIKE STATION AT MICH AV



Take advantage of our new bike repair station at YDL-Michigan! You can find it on Adams Street near the library garden. We now have bike repair stations at each YDL branch you can use to inflate tires or make other quick repairs.



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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 W. 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 call 734-482-4110 for assistance.

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