

A VISUAL EXPERIENCE OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

They left during the middle of the night, often with little more than the knowledge that moss grows on the north side of trees. They moved in constant fear of being killed or recaptured. Occasionally, they were guided from one secret, safe location to the next by an ever-changing, clandestine network known as the Underground Railroad.

While many books have been written on the subject, there is little visual documentation of the Underground Railroad because of its secretive nature.

From September 1-October 20, an exhibit featuring photography by Jeanine Michna-Bales will be on display at YDL-Whittaker. *Through Darkness to Light: Photographs Along the Underground Railroad* is the culmination of over a decade of research into the way “fugitive” enslaved people escaped to freedom, featuring photographs that encompass roughly 2,000 miles of actual sites, cities, and places.

“Michigan has over 20 sites highlighting the people and places that were part of the Underground Railroad, including several here in Washtenaw County,” said YDL Assistant Director Julianne Smith. “They illustrate not only our area's role in helping people reach freedom in the north, but they are a very early and powerful expression of civil rights.”

Michna-Bales’ stunning photographs help visitors imagine how the long road to freedom may have looked through the eyes of those who made this epic journey.

“In addition to the exhibit, we are offering insightful and artistic programs that support the theme of darkness to light and invite you to go deeper and ask questions,” said Smith.



Renowned Colorado sculptor Jane DeDecker's statue of Harriet Tubman in the YDL-Michigan Avenue Library Plaza.



Jeanine Michna-Bales

Events Exploring *Through Darkness to Light*

Star navigation, a Harriet Tubman reenactment, a performance by award-winning folk singer Reggie Harris, and more will be offered free of charge to the community during the exhibit. See details on pages 2-3.

Through Darkness to Light will be open during regular library hours. For more information, visit www.ypsilibrary.org/exhibit.

YDL exhibits and programs are made possible with generous support from the Friends of YDL.

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Events

Exploring Through Darkness to Light

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SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 20

IN-BUILDING ACTIVITIES



Complete an "I Spy" activity and return it to the Youth Department for a sticker. Enter a raffle to win a commemorative Harriet Tubman half-dollar with an attractive display case.

LET'S DANCE WITH SHERRY HAWKINS

Sept 13: 6pm | YDL-Superior
Sept. 27: 6pm | YDL-Michigan



Learn a few hustle/line dances in this after-hours event with a phenomenal, fun, and energetic dance instructor.

SEPTEMBER 14

HARRIET TUBMAN HERSELF: A PERFORMANCE BY CHRISTINE DIXON

2pm | YDL-Whittaker



Celebrated singer and actress Christine Dixon gives a fascinating and moving performance celebrating American icon Harriet Tubman.

SEPTEMBER 17

AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILT HISTORY IN MICHIGAN

7pm | Virtual



Quilt scholar Marsha McDowell highlights stories of quilting in Michigan—from Idlewild to Detroit, from the time of slavery to today, from individual expressions to community collective work.

SEPTEMBER 19

TRAUMA-SENSITIVE YOGA WITH DOMINIQUE THEOPHILUS

7pm | YDL-Superior



Breath and movement are used to align participants in all areas and bring an understanding of how trauma may feel in their bodies.

SEPTEMBER 21

REGGIE HARRIS: MUSIC AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

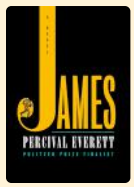


Award-winning singer-songwriter and storyteller Reggie Harris performs an interactive concert of songs, stories, and narratives about slavery and the quest for freedom.

SEPTEMBER 24

VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION - JAMES BY PERCIVAL EVERETT

7pm | Virtual



A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of the *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

SEPTEMBER 26

BLACK MEN READ BOOK PARTY

6pm | 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. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

SAY HELLO TO A NEW PLAY AREA

Coming Soon to Superior

Starting in mid September, you'll find a new play kitchen, magnets, and more in the youth area at the Superior branch! The new play installation will be located near the patio door. We talked with youth staff Nicole Russell, Kallista Walker, and Liz Getty about the process of bringing the new equipment to the library.

WHAT ELEMENT DO YOU THINK PATRONS WILL BE MOST EXCITED ABOUT?

LG: Play kitchens are always a hit. I can't wait to say, "om nom nom..." while trying more creations.
NR: Whenever there are pots and pans or play food, the kids gravitate towards the imaginary play that they provide.
KW: We've [already] witnessed some truly heartwarming moments. Looking forward to expanding this area for our young, blossoming scholars.

WHY WAS THIS IMPORTANT TO ADD TO THE NEW SUPERIOR BUILDING?

LG: Play has meaningful effects on how kids' brains develop.
KW: Our library has become a vibrant hub that is within walking distance for families and children of all ages and provides easy access for little ones to explore, learn, and play.
NR: Children thrive on familiarity. Our little ones will be able to come into the building and play in an area that they recognize and feel as though it belongs to them.

HOW WAS THE PROCESS OF PLANNING AND PUTTING ALL OF THIS TOGETHER?

LG: The only challenge I can think of is our space constraints, which is why you'll see a lot of vertical components. YDL's youth department is really innovative, so sharing ideas together is fun.
KW: It was an opportunity to explore a variety of themes and experiences that [the kids] may or may not have encountered before.

ANYTHING IN HERE THAT'S A SPECIFIC NOD TO THE SUPERIOR AREA?

LG: Superior has so many nature preserves and parks close by. We have big, bird-safe glass windows here already and have enjoyed watching turtles, ducks, crayfish, muskrats, and deer move in alongside us. We included the decorative birds as a nod to that.

WHY DID YOU INCLUDE THE THINGS YOU INCLUDED?

KW: Playtime is big and serious business! That's why we [chose items that could] withstand the intense adventures our children embark on.
LG: We wanted a mix of fixed and flexible play styles. We also thought about accessibility and scale because children of a broad range of ages use that space. [For example] cubby shelving is still low enough that kids can pull out and put away toys themselves.
NR: We wanted to have permanent structures that would be familiar to anyone using the space regularly, but also be able to rotate thematic toys to keep imagination fresh and interesting.



SEPTEMBER 28

NAVIGATING BY STARS

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn about star navigation and make your own simple device to predict which stars will be visible at what time of night/year.



OCTOBER 1

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD & ME

7pm | YDL-Whittaker



Join Freedom Trail Commissioner Adelaide Lancaster for an opportunity to reflect on your personal relationship to the Underground Railroad—past, present, and future.



OCTOBER 3

YOUTH BOOK DISCUSSION - IF I JUST HAD TWO WINGS BY VIRGINIA FRANCES SCHWARTZ

6:30pm | YDL-Michigan



Freedom means more to thirteen-year-old Phoebe than anything, and when she meets Liney, a strong young woman who picks cotton next to her, they form a plan to escape slavery together.

OCTOBER 5

DOORWAYS TO FREEDOM: THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN DETROIT & WASHTENAW COUNTY

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

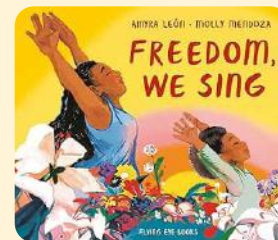


Join official Detroit Historian Jamon Jordan for a family -and youth-oriented presentation about the people, events, and places around Washtenaw County that were part of the fight for freedom.

OCTOBER 12

FREEDOM STORIES - FAMILY STORYTIME

11am | YDL-Whittaker



Join us for a family storytime featuring stories, songs, and movement celebrating freedom.

OCTOBER 12

DARK AND LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

2pm | YDL-Whittaker



Join photographer Jeffrey Smith to learn skills and tips on capturing light and shadow with your smartphone.

OCTOBER 13

JOURNEY TO FREEDOM: A LOCAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD CHARTER BUS TOUR

2-5pm | Meet at YDL-Whittaker

Explore some of the most important African American historical sites in Washtenaw County. Space is limited, registration required. See page 5 for details.

OCTOBER 20

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join your fellow community members for a final celebration of the Darkness to Light exhibit with an inspiring performance by the Ypsilanti Community Middle School Choir.

YDL SEED LIBRARY ADDITIONS

ACCESSIBILITY ADDRESSED IN THE SEED LIBRARY

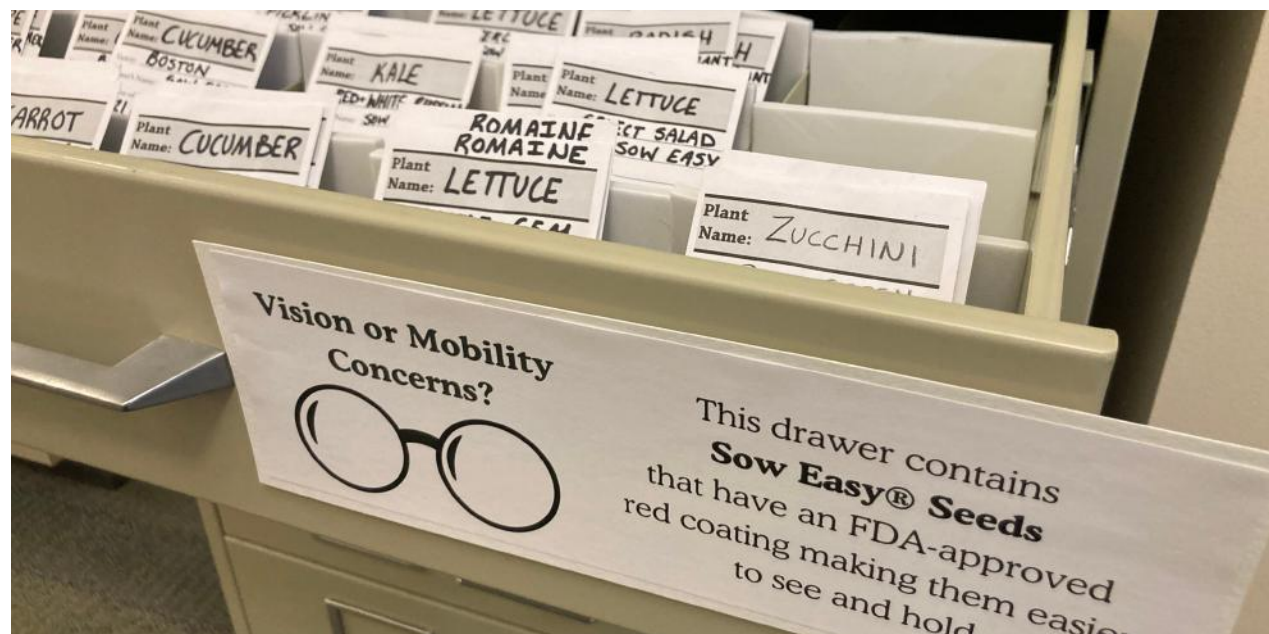
Your Seed Library at the Whittaker branch is now even more accessible! YDL's free resource for obtaining and sharing seeds now features Sow Easy® Seeds in a dedicated section of the Seed Library. These seeds come in large-print envelopes for easier reading and are coated with an FDA-approved red layer for better visibility and handling.

This accessibility improvement was made possible through a generous donation from Growing Hope, a community-based garden education site in Ypsilanti.

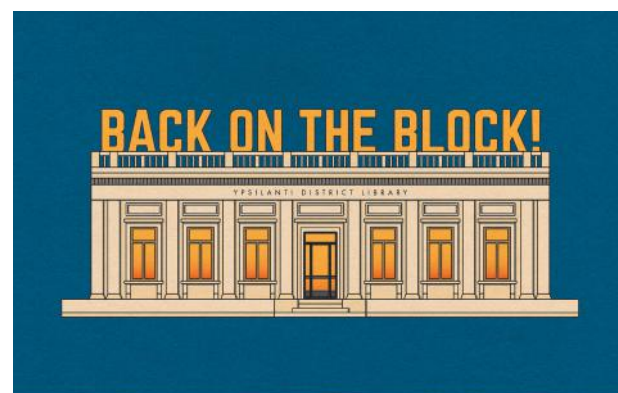
GET READY FOR FALL

In preparation for fall, you'll find YDL's traditional seed library sections restocked with vegetable seeds suited for late summer (August-September) and herb seeds for indoor container planting, along with related planting guides. Please note that flower seeds have been temporarily removed as they are out of season but will return in March.

To explore these new resources at the Whittaker branch, visit the Seed Library cabinet on the 2nd floor.



MICHIGAN AVENUE IS...



Finally, the Michigan Avenue library's reconstruction is nearing completion, so the postponed welcome back celebration is back on! Join us Saturday, October 12 from 11-4 for a ribbon cutting, live music, light refreshments, and fun for all ages. The morning will feature a dazzling show for kids by Cirque Amongus, followed by activities for all ages later in the day.

Come get a look at the post-flood renovation, meet the architect, and let our staff welcome you back to the beautiful "new" Michigan Avenue branch!

Watch for a detailed schedule of events at ypsilibrary.org as plans are firmed up!

EVENTS

Adult

Sept 3-14

UNDERGROUND QUILT

YDL-Whittaker

Sew a quilting block that will be added to an Underground Railroad throw quilt. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events for a kit and arrange a time to pick up the precut fabric pieces and sewing instructions (while supplies last). Local Quilter Kathy Henderson will sew all of the pieces together for a raffle of the finished quilt. Return your block by September 30 to be entered. Kits must be picked up between September 3 - 14. Questions? Contact Paula Drummond at drummond@ypsilibrary.org.



Sept 11; Oct 9; Nov 13

MICHIGAN WORKS! SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY OUTREACH

11am-1pm | YDL-Whittaker

Visit with a MICHIGAN WORKS! Southeast representative at the Whittaker Road branch. Find information and assistance on job leads, employment, job fairs, and career guidance. For more information, visit [MWSE.org](https://mwse.org).

Sept 12, 11am; Sept 18, 6pm

MEDICARE 101: FROM CONFUSION TO CLARITY

YDL-Whittaker

Attend a session on Sept. 12 OR Sept. 18 for the same information on what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, tips on choosing the right plan, and more. Presented by the Michigan Medicare Assistance Program (MMAP), a program sponsored by AgeWays.

Sept 12

BACK ON THE BLOCK

11am-4pm | YDL-Michigan

The Michigan Avenue branch is reopening after catastrophic flooding in July 2023! See how your library has improved and enjoy circus and musical entertainment and other activities! See page 3.

Sept 12

VACCINE CLINIC (19+)

1-5pm | YDL-Superior

Adults, stop by for a free flu vaccine. COVID vaccines may also be available; call 734-482-4110, x2431 for updated information. No insurance or appointment required. Provided by Michigan Medicine.

LET'S DANCE WITH SHERRY HAWKINS

Sept 13: 6pm | YDL-Superior

Sept 27: 6pm | YDL-Michigan Plaza

Adults, join Sherry Hawkins of Dance With Elegance to learn fun hustle/line dances. Sherry's classes are designed to be fun, energetic, and inclusive for dancers of all levels.

Sept 14

FINDING THE VOICE FOR YOUR MEMOIR OR PERSONAL ESSAY

11am-12:30pm | Virtual

Join Georgia Kreiger Nickerson, PhD, for this workshop on how to create a narrative persona when writing memoirs or personal essays. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Sept 15

DIGGING AND STORING TENDER GEOPHYTES

2-4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn how to dig up and store common flowers such as cannas, dahlias, and begonias before winter so you can plant them again next summer.



SAFELY TALK ABOUT RACISM

Sept 15: 2pm | YDL-Whittaker

Oct 20: 2pm | YDL-Michigan

Local storyteller and peace activist La'Ron Williams will lead a discussion about how the 2024 election and Project 2025 can impact racial justice. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events to get the Zoom link and attend virtually.

Sept 16; Oct 14; Nov 18

CLASSIC NOIR MOVIES

6-8pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join us to watch some classic Noir movies. Showtimes at 6:30pm.

Sept. 16: *Murder, My Sweet* (1944) directed by Edward Dmytryk

Oct. 14: *Out of the Past* (1947) directed by Jacques Tourneur

Nov. 18: *Nightmare Alley* (1947) directed by Edmund Goulding

Sept 16

HIGH TECH FOR 55 AND UP: AARP SMART DRIVERTEK COURSE

10-11:30am | YDL-Whittaker

Have a new car, but confused by the technology? This is the class for you! You will get tips on driver safety while becoming familiar with the latest vehicle technologies. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Sept 17

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

11:30am-2:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

4-7pm | YDL-Superior

Representatives from the League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County will be on hand with voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications, and information about Vote411.org, the LMV's online, personalized, non-partisan voter's guide.

Sept 17

AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILT HISTORY IN MICHIGAN

7-8:30pm | Virtual

Quilt scholar Marsha McDowell will highlight stories of quilting in Michigan — from Idlewild to Detroit, from the time of slavery to today. Email smith@ypsilibrary.org for the Zoom link.

Sept 18

FALL BULBS FOR SPRING FLOWERS

7pm | YDL-Superior

Learn more about what you can plant this fall for spring blooms from Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck.



Sept 18

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: HOW TO START/GROW YOUR SMALL BUSINESS WITH HELP FROM THE SBA

6:30-8pm | Virtual

Learn about the many programs from the Small Business Association that can help your small business thrive! Register at ypsilibrary.org/events. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office and the Belleville Area District Library.

Sept 18

WRITERS ROOM & DROP-IN CONSULTING

6:30-8pm | Virtual

Join other writers for open writing time in an YpsiWrites Writers Room. Bring a work in progress or start something new with prompts for inspiration. Trained volunteers will also be available for one-to-one support on all forms of writing. Register online at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Sept 19

TRAUMA SENSITIVE YOGA WITH DOMINIQUE THEOPHILUS

7pm | YDL-Superior

Dominique will guide participants through movements to help individuals feel connected to every aspect of themselves and understand their body's sensations and rhythms. Bring a yoga mat if you have one; a limited number will be provided. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Sept 21

FACEBOOK 101

11am | YDL-Superior

Learn the ins and outs of Facebook, from posting updates to understanding privacy settings. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Sept 21

MEET THE ARTIST: RECEPTION WITH ANGELICA ESQUIVEL

3pm | YDL-Superior

Meet Angelica Esquivel, the artist who created *Earth, You Have Returned to Me*, displayed in YDL-Superior's reading area. Enjoy light refreshments and participate in a Q&A session with the artist, facilitated by Jen Eastridge. Read more about Angelica at angelicaesquivel.com.

Sept 23

GRIEVE WELL: UNDERSTANDING GRIEF WEBINAR

7pm | Virtual

Join YDL and GrieveWell for this interactive workshop to learn about grief and its effects on one's physical and emotional health. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Sept 24 & Oct 29

ELEVATING YOUR WRITING CRAFT

6:30-8pm | Virtual

Dive into literary craft techniques in this 4-part workshop with author Jeannette Matthews. Learn about point of view, description, and character development.

Sept 24 - Session 1: Get introduced to the reading material and learn about what's in store.

Oct 29 - Session 2: Bring a piece of your own writing that illustrates a use of a chosen point of view.

Sessions 3 and 4 will take place in early 2025. Register at tinyurl.com/ywcraft24.

Sept 26

HOME SAFETY FOR 55 AND UP: BURNS & FALLS

10am-12pm | YDL-Whittaker

This is an NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Steps to Safety course on older adult burn/fire and fall prevention. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.



Sept 28 & Nov 23

COFFEE HOUR WITH REPRESENTATIVE JIMMIE WILSON, JR.

11am | YDL-Superior

Representative Jimmie Wilson, Jr. (D-32), will share updates on legislation he is working on in Lansing and host a Q&A session with attendees. To attend this event virtually or in person, call Rep. Wilson's office at 517-373-8931 or email JimmieWilson@house.mi.gov.

Sept 28; Oct 26

SENIOR GAME TIME AT YPSILANTI FARMERS MARKET

9am-1pm | Ypsilanti Farmer's Market

Join us at the market for senior game time! Each month we'll play a new game or puzzle and have lots of library resources available.



Sept 29

LOCAL AUTHOR READING WITH HEATHER NEFF

2-4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Hear Ypsilanti author and EMU Professor Emerita Heather Neff read from her latest works. Neff will discuss her writing process and share tips on how to begin writing projects and see them through to completion. Copies of Heather's books will be available for purchase.

Oct 1-31

THE HALLOWEEN SHORT STORY COMPETITION!

YDL-Michigan

Submit your chilling short horror story (2 sentences max) online or fill out an entry form at our Michigan Avenue location for a chance to be featured on our Instagram! See page 10 for details.

Oct 1

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD & ME

7pm | YDL-Whittaker

Explore Michigan history, dispel myths, and learn present day opportunities to deepen your connection to these important people and stories. Presenter Adelaide Lancaster is a state commissioner for the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission.

Oct 2

BREASTFEEDING BASICS WITH WRAPPED IN LOVE

6:30-8pm | YDL-Superior

Learn the benefits of breastfeeding, how to advocate for you and your baby, tips and tricks to meet your breastfeeding goals, and how your partner can support you. Grab your support team and come out for a great conversation with childcare, snacks, and prizes.

Oct 5

INTRO TO NEEDLE FELTING: GNOMES

2-4pm | YDL-Superior

Gain a basic understanding of needle felting by creating your very own adorable gnome! Register at ypsilibrary.org/events or call 482-4110 x2431.



Oct 6

FALL PLANT SWAP

1-2:30pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join the Washtenaw County Conservation District for a free native plant swap. Any non-invasive plants are welcome. Please consider bringing an extra plant to donate to our rain garden. If you would like to help install leftover plants around the library gardens, please bring gloves and a trowel.

Oct 12

THE ART OF FLOWER PRESSING

10:30am | YDL-Superior

Local Master Gardener Deanna White will teach attendees how she presses flowers and bring in a large batch of finished pressed flowers participants can use to decorate a card. Intergenerational attendance is encouraged!

Oct 12

BACK ON THE BLOCK

11am-4pm | YDL-Michigan

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Oct 12

ART INSPIRED BY ART WITH ANGELICA ESQUIVEL

2-3:30pm | YDL-Superior

Learn about the tradition of ekphrasis and create your own poetry-inspired painting with local artist Angelica Esquivel. Angelica's work *Earth, You Have Returned to Me*, a triptych, is on permanent display at YDL-Superior. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Oct 12

DARK & LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

2-4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Hobby and professional photographers alike are invited to join photographer Jeff Smith as he teaches skills and tips for capturing light and shadow using a smartphone.



Oct 13

JOURNEY TO FREEDOM: A LOCAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TOUR

2-5pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Discover the role Washtenaw County played in the Underground Railroad on a bus tour offered jointly by YDL and the African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events to reserve a seat on the bus.



Oct 16

PARENTING & SUPPORTING MULTIRACIAL KIDS

6-8pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Therapist Raina LaGrand will guide parents, teachers, and others who interact with multiracial youth on how to develop relationships and create environments where multiracial children feel understood and supported.

Oct 16

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY: 2025 SMALL BUSINESS MARKETING TRENDS AND THEIR IMPACT ON YOU

6:30-8pm | Virtual

Small business marketing continues to evolve as marketing channels, social media, and internet search engines evolve. Stay on top of the changes with these updated tips. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office and the Belleville Area District Library.

Oct 19

UFOS OVER MICHIGAN

2-3:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Explore the intriguing history and fascinating stories of unidentified flying objects over Michigan. Presented by Bill Konkolesky, State Director for the Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network.

Oct 19

WRITERS OF YPSILANTI 2024 CELEBRATION

11am-12:30pm | Virtual

Join YpsiWrites and the 2024 Writers of Ypsilanti to celebrate the National Day on Writing. We will highlight our 2024-25 YpsiWrites' theme, Writing Our Stories, by having our new Writers of Ypsilanti cohort share stories of their writing journeys. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Oct 21

HOW TO SAVE MONEY ON ALMOST EVERYTHING

7-8:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Get effective strategies for saving money every day by cutting the cord on traditional cable, exploring cost-effective streaming options, optimizing phone plans, smart grocery shopping, or budget-friendly travel tips. Enter a drawing to win prizes. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.



Oct 23

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY - TRANSFORM YOUR WEBSITE INTO A POWERFUL BUSINESS TOOL

6:30-8pm | Virtual

Transform your website into a powerful tool for your small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office and the Belleville Area District Library.

Oct 23; Nov 20

WRAPPED IN LOVE BOOBIE CLUB—BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT

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

Stop in to share your journey, ask questions, get lactation support, or hang out with other parents. This is a safe space for a lactivist—anyone planning to breastfeed, or currently breastfeeding—to meet other parents and to get support from lactation experts.

Oct 26

YPSIWOTES' FIFTH BIRTHDAY PARTY!

1-4pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join us to celebrate YpsiWrites' fifth birthday! There will be an open mic session and space to engage in writing activities, and learn more about upcoming YpsiWrites' initiatives. RSVP for the birthday celebration and sign up for an open mic slot at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Oct 26

JUNK MAIL COLLAGE

2-3:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Turn your junk mail into unique, earth-friendly art with Xicana writer and artist Angelica Esquivel. Her work *Earth, You Have Returned to Me*, is a triptych made from junk mail and acrylic paint on permanent display at YDL-Superior. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Oct 27

SPRING-FLOWERING GEOPHYTES

2-4pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn about different hardy geophytes (bulbs) that grow and flower in the spring, such as tulips, daffodils, crocuses, and hyacinths. Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck will discuss when and how to plant them this fall and care for them next year.

Saturdays, Nov 2-30

YPSIWOTES NANOWRIMO SUPPORT

10am-12pm | See description for location

YpsiWrites will hold write-ins to support anyone participating in NaNoWriMo or anyone who wants to start writing a novel.

Nov. 2, 16 & 30: [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Nov 9 & 23: [Vertex Coffee House \(307 N. River Street\)](#)

See page 12 for more information about YpsiWrites' plans for NaNoWriMo.



National Novel Writing Month

Wednesdays, Nov 6-20

YPSIWOTES NANOWRIMO SUPPORT

7pm | Virtual

See previous description. Visit ypsiwrites.com for the Zoom links.

Nov 6

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

6:30-8pm | Virtual

We'll look at practical steps to reduce your risk of a hack, such as a customer data breach. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office and the Belleville Area District Library.

Nov 16

CANVA 101

11am | [YDL-Superior](#)

Explore Canva, a free graphic design tool. Learn to create flyers, social media content, and more with this intuitive, free website. No design experience needed. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events. Space is limited.

Nov 20

SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY - EVERY PERSON'S GUIDE TO THE BUSINESS PLAN

6:30pm | Virtual

Learn a practical approach to creating a business plan. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area SCORE office and the Belleville Area District Library.

Nov 23

THANKSGIVING WIRE LEAF PLACEHOLDERS

2:30-4:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Make wire leaf placeholders and placeholder cards for your Thanksgiving get-together. We'll supply you with all the materials and note tags to write and create. Open to all.



Dec 1

PAUL KELLER ENSEMBLE HOLIDAY JAZZ CONCERT

2pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Paul Keller and his merry band of musicians joyfully celebrate the holiday season with good cheer and swinging jazz. All ages welcome! Sponsored by the Friends of YDL.

Adult Meetups

Sept 3; Oct 1; Nov 5

GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY BUNCH

7pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Share stories, research techniques, deal with old photos, and hang out with people interested in genealogy. Group members can help each other stay on track in research and encourage each other to organize and record what has already been found.

Tuesdays, Sept 3-Nov 26

KNITTING PLUS

6-8:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

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

Tuesdays, Sept 3-Nov 26

MEDITATION WITH EASE

6pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Meditation has many benefits for our health and well-being. Drop in for simple, guided, non-religious awareness practices in the company of friends you may not have met yet!

Sept 5; Oct 3; Nov 7

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

10:30am-12pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join us on the first Thursday of the month to discuss a variety of books.

Sept 5: *Trust* by Hernan Diaz

Oct 3: *Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships* by Nina Totenberg

Nov 7: *Bloomsbury Girls* by Natalie Jenner

Copies are available at the Whittaker branch Circulation Desk one month before the discussion date. Questions? Contact Nicole at nwalley@ypsilibrary.org.

Sept 6 & 20; Oct 4 & 18; Nov 1 & 15

FRIDAY WALKING CLUB (55+)

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

Join us for a 30-minute walk along a path near the library and enjoy each other's company while getting some exercise! Questions? Call 734-482-4110 x2411.

Sept 7 & Sept 21; Oct 5 & 19; Nov 2, 16 & 30

YDL GUITAR CLUB

10am-12pm | See ypsilibrary.org for locations

Bring your acoustic or electric guitar, pick a favorite song to share, and practice some tunes with a group!



Sept 9; Oct 14; Nov 11

DOWNTOWN QUEER CRAFTING GROUP

6-8pm | See ypsilibrary.org/events for location
Folks of the LGBTQIA+ community (ages 18+) are invited to bring projects to work on and build a creative community in a shared space. Contact Aaron Smith at asmith@ypsilibrary.org or 734-482-4110 x1335 for more information.

Mondays, Sept 9-Nov 25

MAHJONG MEETUP

1-3pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

A weekly Mahjong group for new and experienced players. American and Chinese-style sets will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. All experience levels welcome. Questions? Contact Paula Drummond at 734-482-4110 x1306. **No Meeting on Nov 11th (Veterans Day).**

Tuesdays, Sept 10-Nov 26

ESL COMMUNITY TUTORING

1-2:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Washtenaw Literacy presents English as a Second Language (ESL) community tutoring. Free and open to the public. All levels of English are welcome. Please arrive 5 minutes before the start time for each group.

Sept 10; Nov 12

SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB

7pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join us every other month to discuss science fiction books. Copies are available at the Whittaker Road branch Circulation Desk one month before the discussion date.

Sept. 10: *Termination Shock* by Neal Stephenson

Nov. 12: *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells
Questions? Contact Marianne at vandenbergen@ypsilibrary.org. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Wednesdays, Sept 11-Nov 20

BASIC LITERACY COMMUNITY TUTORING

4-5:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Washtenaw Literacy is offering free drop-in tutoring for adults! Get help with reading, writing, computer skills, work skills, and GED prep.

Sept 11; Oct 9; Nov 13

CROCHET CLUB

6:30-8:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Gather with other crocheters on the second Wednesday of every month to crochet, share projects, get ideas, and more. Adults only.

Thursdays, Sept 12-Oct 17

LNGO FITNESS WITH GERALDINE POWELL

12pm | Virtual

This is a general gentle fitness class that will demonstrate multiple styles of exercises (dance, aerobic, etc.) with different types of modifications. Designed for ages 55 up, but open to all adults who would enjoy a gentler workout. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events for the Zoom link.

Sept 12; Oct 10; Nov 14

YPSILANTI ZINE CLUB

6-8pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Work on zines with other zine enthusiasts and share techniques and ideas. Basic art materials provided. Find out how you can contribute your own zine to YDL's growing zine collection.

Fridays, Sept 13-Nov 22

DIGITAL LITERACY TUTORING

12-2pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

FREE sessions for adults on building digital literacy skills with staff and volunteers from Washtenaw Literacy. Personal devices welcome. For more information, email steichen@washtenawliteracy.org or call (734) 337-3370. **No Meeting on November 29th.**

Sept 13; Oct 11; Nov 8

LNGO CRAFTAFTERNOONS

2:30-4:30pm | See ypsilibrary.org for locations

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. All materials will be provided. Ages 55+. Register for each workshop individually at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Sept. 13: Neurographic Art (registration opens 8/2)

Oct. 11: Fall Silk Leaf Bowl (registration opens 9/6)

Nov. 8: Decorative Book Page Ball (registration opens 10/4)

Wednesdays, Sept 18-Nov 27

MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE WITH THE ANN ARBOR YMCA

10am | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

The Ann Arbor YMCA is bringing some of its classes to Ypsilanti! Come to this FREE falls-prevention program that uses the principles and movements of Tai Chi to help older adults increase their strength, improve their balance, and increase their confidence.

Sept 19; Oct 17; Nov 21

ADULT QUEER BOOK GROUP

6:30-8pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

The Adult Queer Book Group reads and discusses literature written by queer-identifying writers with diverse backgrounds. Selected books include fiction, poetry, and graphic novels.

Sept 19: *My Policeman* by Bethan Roberts

Oct 17: *My Dear Henry* by Kalynn Bayron

Nov 21: *Disoriental* by Negar Djavadi

Sept 19; Oct 17; Nov 21

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

1pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join us each month as we work to represent and give voice to the needs of older adults.

Sept 21; Oct 19; Nov 16

WASHTENAW AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

10:30am | Virtual

Washtenaw African American Genealogical Society (WAAGS) helps those interested in African American genealogy research.

Sept 23; Nov 25

BANNED BOOK CLUB (Ages 16+)
7pm | YDL-Superior
Read, discuss, and celebrate stories that have sparked controversy and inspired change. Copies of the book are available at the Superior branch one month before the discussion date.
Sept. 23: *Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler
Nov. 25: *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell
Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Sept 24; Oct 29; Nov 26

VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
7-9pm | Virtual
Join us for lively discussions of books by African American authors.
Sept. 24: *James* by Percival Everett
Oct. 29: *Medgar and Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story That Awakened America* by Joy-Ann Reid
Nov. 26: *Yellow Wife* by Sadeqa Johnson

PARANORMAL CLUB

Sept 26: 6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Oct 24: 6:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Join our Paranormal Club at the library! Explore UFOs, ghosts, and more through discussions, investigations, and guest speakers. All are welcome, whether you're a skeptic or a believer.

Thursdays, Oct 24-Nov 21

LNGO CHAIR YOGA
12pm | Virtual
Join yoga instructor Kaitlyn Johnson each week for a refreshing and gentle mid-day chair yoga session. Sessions are designed for ages 55+ but open to all adults who would enjoy a gentler workout. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Teens

Sept 24

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION SERVICE PROJECT (Ages 12-18)
4:30pm | Rolling Hills County Park
Hike with Washtenaw County Parks Naturalist Shawn Severance and the YDL Teen Advisory Group to learn to identify and remove invasive species and talk about environmental justice and the impact of inequities in green space. Earn service hours.



Oct 12

RAMEN 101 (Ages 12-18)
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn to make ramen broth, then add noodles and toppings from vegetables and eggs to narutomaki and nori. Vegan and gluten-free options available. If you like to watch anime, stay for Anime Club!



Oct 22

COMMUNICATING WITH ANIMALS (Ages 10-16)
5:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn to identify animal body language so you can interact safely with them. Meet and pet a dog, too! Presented by the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Oct 29

PRIDEZONE POP UP (Ages 12-18)
4:30-6pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join Pridezone Coordinator Brie Nikora for a fun arts and crafts activity making zines (mini magazines) about identity and self-expression. Learn about Ozone House, chat, snack, and create!

Nov 2

SIPPING SELF-CARE: HOMEMADE HERBAL TEAS (Ages 12-18)
3:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Make and take home your own tea bags with the Growing Hope Teen Leadership Team. Deepen your connection to plants, land, and medicinal sovereignty as you learn to be more aware and mindful of your surroundings and what grows around you.

Nov 16

BENTO BOXES (Ages 12-18)
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Make maki rolls, tamago, and onigiri. Then arrange them with fruits and vegetables in a bento box you can take home. If you like to watch anime, stay for Anime Club!

Teen Meetups

Sept 3 & 17; Oct 1 & 15; Nov 5 & 19

TEEN GREAT STORIES BOOK CLUB
4:30pm | Ozone House*
Join us for a fun-filled book club featuring friends, snacks, free books, and a gift card raffle! To register, please email Kelly at kscott@ypsilibrary.org. *The Book Club will be temporarily meeting at the Ozone House Drop-In Center at 102 N. Hamilton Street.

Sept 10 & 24; Oct 8 & 22; Nov 12 & 26

TAG (TEEN ADVISORY GROUP)
4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Plan and lead library programs, design new services and spaces, look for funding opportunities and write grants, earn service hours, and meet new friends! Teens in grades 8-12 can apply at ypsilibrary.org/teens.

Oct 11; Nov 22

TEEN STEAM CAFE
6-8pm | YDL-Michigan
Join us for interactive, lively discussions with professionals in various STEAM fields that you may have never heard about! Dinner, a gift card raffle, and fun activities will be incorporated in these teen-only after-hours cafes. Part of Project STEM @ YDL sponsored by Toyota.

Oct 12; Nov 16

ANIME CLUB (Ages 12+)
3-4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Watch anime with other fans, chat about what you watch and what manga you read at home, and use our drawing supplies to sketch. If you like to cook, come early to learn new recipes. We'll make ramen on October 12 and bento boxes on November 16.

Kids & Parents

Sept 11

MAKER NIGHT: FRANKENTOYS!
6-7:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Use toys, craft supplies, and your imagination to create your spin on a beloved childhood friend, or just have fun mixing and matching toy parts to create something new! Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Sept 12 & 26; Oct 10 & 24; Nov 14

READ TO MOON THE LIBRARY DOG
5:30-7:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Reading to a Therapaws dog helps children develop confidence and become better readers. Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org to sign up for a 10-minute slot with Moon.

Sept 14

MOVIES IN THE PARK
7:30pm | Fireman's Park | 8795 MacArthur Blvd
Playground games followed by a family-friendly movie on a 20' screen. Bring your picnic blankets, snacks, and coolers.

Sept 21

REGGIE HARRIS: MUSIC AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
This interactive concert of songs, stories, and narratives about slavery and the quest for freedom reveals the hope, power, and triumph that was accomplished by a network of multicultural allies.

Sept 26

BLACK MEN READ BOOK PARTY
6pm | YDL-Superior or Virtual
Get your little ones excited about reading through the art of stories. Join us in partnership with Black Men Read to hear stories from across the African diaspora read aloud by local Black male role models. This event will be held in person and through Zoom. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events to receive the Zoom link.

Sept 28

NAVIGATING BY STARS
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join Buddy Stark, Planetarium Manager at U of M's Museum of Natural History, to learn about star navigation. Then make your very own planisphere, a simple device used to predict which stars will be visible at what time of night and/or year.

Oct 5

FOREST FORENSICS
1pm | Cherry Hill Nature Preserve | 6255 Cherry Hill Rd
Take an easy family hike where you'll learn how to search for signs of birds, insects, and animals.

Oct 5

DOORWAYS TO FREEDOM: THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN DETROIT & WASHTENAW COUNTY
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Jamon Jordan, official Detroit Historian, will share the history of Detroit as a center of the abolitionist movement and an important site of the Underground Railroad at this family and youth-centered program. He'll discuss the numerous Underground Railroad leaders and sites in the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor areas.

Oct 7 & Nov 4

DRAW WITH KAM
4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Want to learn the fundamentals of cartooning and comic book/manga drawing? Local comic book artist Kamron Reynolds will show you how.

Oct 8

MAKER NIGHT: BEE PRESENT HONEY
6-7:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Join Bee Present Honey for a presentation on honey bees, educational hands-on activities, crafts, and a honey taste test in this bee-themed maker night! Get resources from YDL on ways to support local pollinators in your own yards. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Oct 19

3D MARSHMALLOW BLIND BAGS
(Ages 8-12)
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Create your own 3D marshmallow style surprise blind bags with a fall or Halloween theme. All supplies provided.

Oct 25

HALLOWEEN DOWNTOWN
5:30-7pm | YDL-Michigan Plaza
Trick or treat in the Library Plaza with the "Boo"Mobile, petting farm, costume contest, DJ, and more! At 6:45 join us in a costume procession through downtown.

Oct 26

PUMPKIN CARVING ARTS & CRAFTS
11am-2pm | Norfolk Park | 1815 Norfolk Ave
Pumpkin carving, arts, and crafts, and snacks.

Oct 26

FRANKENWALNUT: AUTHOR VISIT AND STEM STATIONS
2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Meet the local father/son duo who co-authored *Frankenwalnut* for a read aloud, Q&A session, and book signing, then visit STEM stations to build your own Frankentoy and experiment with electricity. Copies will be available for purchase. 20% of all book proceeds will be donated to anti-bullying campaigns.



Nov 2

OWL PROWL
6:30pm | Cherry Hill Nature Preserve | 6255 Cherry Hill Rd
Learn about local owls and how they nest and hunt, followed by a hike into the preserve to listen for owl calls.

Nov 9

STEMFEST
2-4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Cayman Chemical scientists and Huron Valley American Chemical Society members will offer hands-on science demonstrations, including some you can take home!

Nov 9

STORYTIME WITH GREAT LAKES TAIKO DRUMMING
11am | YDL-Superior
Hear stories read by Kallista Marie and music by Larry An and Eileen S. Ho of Great Lakes Taiko Drumming. Taiko Drumming is rooted in Japanese music traditions and a global cultural arts movement that amplifies imagination, uplifts spirits, and builds community.

Nov 13

MAKER NIGHT: STAINED GLASS MOSAICS
6-7:30pm | YDL-Michigan
Create your own stained glass panel that can be hung in a window. All ages are welcome; safety materials will be provided and guidance given by Joy Cichewicz, Michigan Avenue Library Branch Manager and stained glass artist. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Nov 19

LOOM WEAVINGS
12-6pm | YDL-Michigan
A loom will be set up in the youth area for children and caregivers. Patrons can use open materials to add to the loom during visiting time at the library. The product from the day will be framed and set up for display inside the library.

Kids & Parents Meetups

Sept 5; Oct 3; Nov 7

TWEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6-8)
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org to register.
Sept. 5: *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
Oct. 3: *If I Stood Under Two Wings* by Virginia Frances Schwartz
Nov. 7: *The Grave Thief* by Dee Hahn

Sept 18; Oct 17; Nov 21

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3-5)
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org to register.
Sept. 18: *InvestiGators* by John Patrick Green
Oct. 17: *Bunnlicula* by Deborah and James Howe
Nov. 21: *Comics Squad: Recess* by Jennifer L. Holm, et al.

Thursdays, Sept 26-Nov 21

AFTER SCHOOL STEM
4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Sept. 26-Oct. 17: Explore geometry, engineering, and the other sciences behind your favorite sport.
Oct. 24-Nov. 21: Explore urban design and sustainability through hands-on, play-based activities with Legos, graph paper, and more.
No session Oct. 31.
Part of the Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.



Thursdays, Sept 26-Nov 14

LOVE OF LEARNING CLUB (Ages 6-9)
1pm | YDL-Whittaker
Calling all homeschoolers and anyone that feels at home in the library! Connect with other families while engaging in themed activities inspired by a nonfiction or picture book.

Wednesdays, Oct 2-Nov 20

KIDS CHESS CLUB
4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Drop in and learn chess with Jenny Skidmore Smith. All skill levels are welcome, but instruction will target beginners up to USCF 1500. Designed for ages 7-13 and their families.



Saturdays, Oct 5 - Nov 23

DROP-IN WRITING FOR WEE-BOTS

(Ages 5-8)
12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Each week we read a book aloud and pay attention to one special thing the writer does (like using rhyme to impact the reader, or how the writer shows a character's feelings). Then, we work on activities inspired by that idea. Families will be asked to fill out a registration form on their student's first day. You can complete the form in advance at 826michigan.org.

Mondays, Oct 7 - Nov 25

AFTER-SCHOOL WRITING LAB

(Grades 3-5)
5:30pm | YDL-Superior
Get creative and stretch your writing muscles with volunteers from 826michigan. For meeting times and more information, go to 826michigan.org/programs/after-school-writing-lab. No sessions on 11/4 or 11/11.

Tuesdays, Oct 22 - Nov 19

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

(Grades 2-5)
4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Listen to *Warriors Graphic Novel: The Prophecies Begin* read aloud, followed by a themed craft activity each week. Connect with fellow graphic novel lovers!

Stories and Fun for Little Ones

Sept 7

STORYTIME: ZIORA'S QUEST

11am | YDL-Whittaker
Celebrate La Semana de la Lactancia Latina, or Latino Breastfeeding Week, with a storytime hosted by Washtenaw County WIC. Learn about the kids' Spanish language collection at the library, too.

Sept 14

ASL-FRIENDLY SENSORY STORYTIME

(Toddlers to Age 5)
11am | YDL-Superior
Join a storytime fully interpreted in American Sign Language with hearing-sensitive activities. Whole-group portion will last 20-25 minutes, then kids can play for the rest of the hour with age-appropriate toys while families interact.

Sept 16

KINDERCONCERT

10am & 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.

Sept 27 & 28; Oct 25 & 26; Nov 15 & 16

SENSORY STATIONS

(Ages 2-6)
11am | YDL-Whittaker
Explore different themed sensory and art stations each session to help your child develop fine motor skills and learn about the world through play. Attend Friday OR Saturday for the same set of stations.
Sept. 27-28: Five senses fun with Orbeez, a tasting station, scented markers, rainbows, instruments, and more.
Oct. 25-26: Giddy up with horse-themed sensory bins, mine for gold, and play with clothespin horses.
Nov. 15-16: Play with water density and explore the science of buoyancy while you build and design.



Oct 5

FALL STORYTIME

11am | YDL-Whittaker
Welcome Fall with this Saturday family storytime that wraps up with a painting craft. All ages welcome.

Oct 12

FREEDOM STORIES: FAMILY STORYTIME

11am | YDL-Whittaker
Join us for a family storytime featuring stories, songs, and movement celebrating freedom.

Oct 18

TODDLER OBSTACLE COURSE

11am | YDL-Whittaker
Help your little one get their wiggles out by making their way through an obstacle course focused on gross motor skills and problem solving.



Oct 19

MUSICAL STORYTIME

11am | YDL-Superior
We will be sharing a lovely storytime with Mr. Noah T. Haile, a sophomore at Stanford University. The self-taught piano player will play songs over Zoom to accompany the stories.

Nov 1

TODDLER MOVEMENT

11am | YDL-Whittaker
Explore movement through play and imagination using shakers, scarves, and stuffed animals to move, groove, and get those wiggles out! Hosted by Miss Sam from Joy Dance Company.

Nov 8

SILENT FEATHERED FRIENDS: FAMILY STORYTIME

11am | YDL-Whittaker
Let your imaginations take flight as we spin an owl tale. After the story, enjoy hands-on experiences all about owls and meet a native Michigan owl. Presented by the Leslie Science and Nature Center.



MONDAYS (NO SESSIONS ON 11/11)

Mondays, Sept 23-Nov 18

JUMPSTART STORYTIME

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Learning is fun at Jumpstart Kindergarten! Find an engaging blend of activities and stories designed to help prepare preschoolers for school success, from scissor skills to STEM.

Mondays, Sept 30-Nov 18

LITTLE ONES STORYTIME

10:30am | YDL-Michigan
A time for caregivers and kiddos to read, sing, play, and learn together!

Mondays, Oct 7-28

BEDTIME STORYTIME

(All ages)
6:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Build early learning skills and wind down for bedtime with stories, songs, and movement followed by a hands-on project.

TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, Sept 24-Nov 19

BABY STORYTIME

10:30am | YDL-Superior
Hear a book or two and sing fun songs during a short lap sit storytime designed for pre-walkers. Then, stay to chat while building community with other parents and caregivers while your little one plays.

Tuesdays, Sept 24-Nov 19

DISCOVERY TIME

(Ages 2-4)
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Learn a variety of preschool-readiness skills, from ABCs to kindness, through music, parachute, and books, followed by exploratory play.

Tuesdays, Sept 24-Nov 19

JUMPSTART STORYTIME

1pm | YDL-Whittaker
See Monday description.

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays, Sept 25 - Nov 20

BABY TIME

10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
See Tuesday description.

Wednesdays, Sept 25-Nov 20

READ, SING, PLAY

(Walkers through age 3)
10:30am | YDL-Superior
Learn colors, shapes, and numbers through music and movement. Build early literacy, social emotional skills, and physical skills through play!

THURSDAYS

Thursdays, Sept 26-Nov 21

DISCOVERY TIME

(Ages 2-4)
10:30am | YDL-Superior
See Tuesday description.

Thursdays, Sept 26- Nov 21

READ, SING, PLAY

(Ages 1-3)
10:30am | YDL-Whittaker
See Wednesday description.

FRIDAYS

Oct 4-Nov 22

DOWNTOWN STORYTIME

10:30am | YDL-Michigan
Little ones will hone early literacy skills while engaging in song, dance, and lots of fun.

Tech Help (Adults)

Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

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 or email mgeiman@ypsilibrary.org.

Sept 4: 2pm; Nov 26: 6:30pm

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker
Learn how to create and add graphics and multimedia to a presentation.

Sept 5: 7pm; Oct 12: 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.

Sept 10 & Nov 14: 6:30pm; Oct 12: 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.

Sept 11: 2pm; Oct 22: 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.

Sept 12: 7pm; Oct 26: 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.

Sept 14: 10:30am; Oct 15: 6:30pm

GMAIL - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker
Learn how to send and retrieve messages, add attachments, create and manage labels and filters, add contacts, and manage junk email. Participants may sign up for a Gmail account at the end of class.

Sept 14: 2pm; Oct 3: 6:30pm

MICROSOFT WORD - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker
An introduction to word processing. Learn to enter, format, select, copy, paste, and edit text.

Sept 17 & Nov 21: 6:30pm; Oct 26: 2pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL - INTERMEDIATE

YDL-Whittaker
Learn to apply functions, filter data, create charts, and print worksheets in this intermediate class.

Sept 18 & Nov 9: 10:30am

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.

Sept 18: 2pm; Oct 17: 6:30pm

MICROSOFT WORD - TIPS, TRICKS, AND HACKS

YDL-Whittaker
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.

Sept 19: 7pm; Oct 2 & Nov 9: 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.

Sept 24 & Oct 29: 6:30pm; Nov 23: 2pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL - PIVOT TABLES

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

Sept 25 & Nov 23: 10:30am

HOW TO HOST A ZOOM MEETING

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
• Basic troubleshooting

Sept 26: 7pm; Oct 9: 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.

Sept 28: 2pm; Oct 10: 6:30pm

MICROSOFT WORD - INTERMEDIATE

YDL-Whittaker
Learn how to add visual interest to your documents using tables, images, lists, and tabs.

Sept 28: 10:30am; Oct 24: 7pm

VEGA DISCOVER - BASICS

YDL-Whittaker
An introduction to YDL's new 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.

Oct 1: 6:30pm; Nov 13: 10:30am

GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS

YDL-Whittaker
Learn to format, select, copy, paste, and edit text. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a document.

Oct 8: 6:30pm; Nov 20: 10:30am

GOOGLE DOCS TIPS & TRICKS

YDL-Whittaker
Explore more advanced features of Google Docs: headers and footers, tabs and indents, inserting breaks (page, section, and column) and finding & replacing text.

Oct 16: 2pm; Nov 5: 6:30pm

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.

Oct 23: 2pm; Nov 12: 6:30pm

GOOGLE SHEETS TIPS & TRICKS

YDL-Whittaker
Explore more advanced features of Google Sheets like using formulas, conditional functions and formatting, sorting, filtering and linking data, and defining a print area.

Oct 30: 2pm; Nov 19: 6:30pm

GOOGLE SLIDES FOR BEGINNERS

YDL-Whittaker
Learn to create and deliver a presentation and add graphics and multimedia. Also learn to share and collaborate on a presentation.

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS TURNS 100

The 2024-25 school year is the 100th anniversary of Lincoln Consolidated Schools. To mark the occasion, LCS has planned a series of events to honor their past, celebrate the present, and inspire the future.

HOMECOMING: SEPT. 27

Celebrations kick off with the traditional Homecoming parade, where students, staff, and alumni showcase floats, marching bands, and vintage vehicles. Get ready for the Homecoming football game at the Splitterfest Tailgate. A Memorabilia Gallery will be set up at the LAB, where you can explore artifacts, photos, and stories from the district's past. There will also be an All Class Reunion to reconnect with classmates from any graduating class.

GUIDED TOURS: SEPT. 28

Get guided tours of historic Brick Elementary and the Lowden one-room schoolhouse.

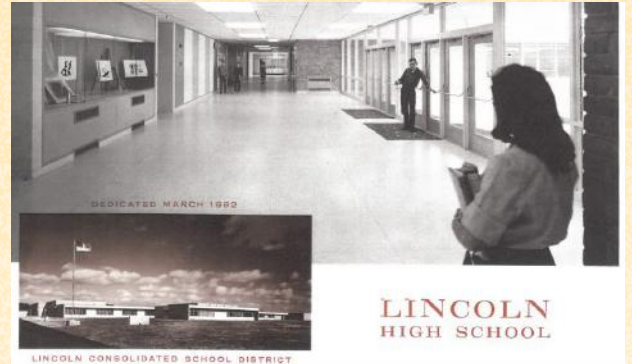


ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: OCT. 31

The Lincoln Historical Gallery will be officially unveiled in the Performing Arts Center lobby with distinguished guests in attendance. The gallery will feature panels and photos of Lincoln Consolidated Schools that capture the history and milestones of the district over the past century.

DISTRICT ART SHOW: MAY 7, 2025

View paintings, sculptures, digital art, and more by students from all grade levels.



CENTENNIAL SOCIAL: MAY 7, 2025

Help compile a district-wide time capsule. Each school within the district will contribute items that represent their current experiences and community spirit. The time capsule will be a historical artifact for future generations of students, staff, and community members to unveil.

Official times and additional details will be released closer to the events at lincolnk12.org/100-celebration.

YOU CAN STILL 'SAY YES TO YCS'

The 2024-25 school year has started, but it's not too late to enroll in Ypsilanti Community Schools. There are several initiatives at YCS to give the new year a boost.

- **The inauguration of four Magnet School programs:** These programs offer students across the district access to high-quality, specialized educational opportunities focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and the prestigious International Baccalaureate curriculum. At YCS, the programs are available at Ford STEAM Early Learning Center, Holmes STEAM Elementary School, and the International Baccalaureate Magnet Programs at Ypsilanti Community Middle School and Ypsilanti Community High School.
- **The district's partnership with Toyota:** This initiative further enhances STEAM-related learning for K-12 students. The collaboration includes career exploration activities, hands-on project-based learning, and field trips that allow students to witness STEM concepts in action.



- **The Spanish immersion program:** One of only two of its kind in Washtenaw County, this program allows fluent English speakers and fluent Spanish speakers to develop high levels of proficiency in both languages. Students are enrolled in the same classrooms, where they are taught in both Spanish and English.



- **The Career and Technical Education (CTE) program:** CTE programs prepare students for success after graduation and support their academic, social, and emotional growth.
- **Ypsilanti Community Middle School moves to a renovated building:** This fall, students at YCMS will attend classes in the former Willow Run Middle School at 235 Spencer Lane. The School Board approved the move at its December 4, 2023 meeting.

For more information, visit: ycschools.us/enrollment.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

- 8/30 & 9/2:** No school (Labor Day) (LCS & YCS)
- 9/3:** 1st day of school for Preschool (YCS)
- 10/2:** Count Day (YCS)
- 10/7:** No school (Records Day) (LCS)
- 10/16:** Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences (LCS)
- 10/17:** ½ Day Parent/Teacher Conferences (LCS)
- 10/18:** ½ Day Records Day (YCS)
- 10/18:** No school (LCS)
- 10/23 & 10/24:** ½ Days (Parent/Teacher Conferences) (YCS)
- 10/31:** ½ Day (Professional Development) (YCS)
- 11/1 & 11/4:** No school (Fall break) (YCS)
- 11/5:** No school (Election day) (YCS)
- 11/27-11/29:** No school (Thanksgiving break) (LCS & YCS)

FREE TUITION AT WCC

Before time runs out

Applications for Washtenaw Community College's Michigan Reconnect21 Scholarship are due by November 15, 2024.

The state-funded scholarship offers free tuition for those students who:

- Are 21-24 years of age
- Have lived in Michigan for at least a year
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent or certificate of completion
- Have not yet completed a college degree

To receive the free tuition:

- Apply on the State of Michigan website for the Reconnect21 Scholarship
- Apply to WCC if you aren't already enrolled
- Submit your FAFSA application

- Register for classes at WCC and stay enrolled through graduation

WCC offers more than 100 programs to choose from, with more than 60 online classes. A Student Success team can also provide childcare, language, or mental health support.

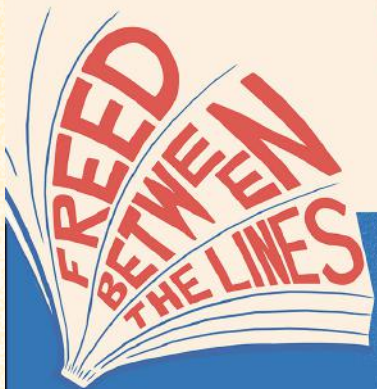
Learn more at wccnet.edu/reconnect21.



READING WITHOUT RESTRAINTS

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Sept. 22-28, 2024



ALA.ORG/BBOOKS
ALA American Library Association

September 22-28 is Banned Books Week! This year's theme is "Freed Between the Lines," reminding us that we can find freedom in the pages of a book, but bans and censorship threaten that freedom.

Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a surge in challenges to books in schools, bookstores, and libraries. Since then, it has grown into an annual celebration of the right to access free information and the freedom to seek and express ideas – even those considered unorthodox or unpopular.

In a time of intense political polarization, libraries across the country are confronting a record-breaking number of attempts to ban books.

In 2023, the American Library Association documented the highest number of demands to censor library books in more than 20 years of tracking. Last year, 4,240 unique book titles were targeted for removal from schools and libraries,

topping the previous high from 2022. Books that represent the lived experiences of people of color and LGBTQ+ individuals made up 47% of the targeted titles.

Banned Books Week raises awareness about ongoing attempts to restrict access to books and information. It encourages open discussions about controversial topics and diverse viewpoints, and reaffirms the importance of the First Amendment and the right to access a full spectrum of ideas and perspectives. Banned Books Week also provides an opportunity to celebrate great works of literature that have faced challenges or bans.

By shining a light on censorship attempts, Banned Books Week reminds us that the freedom to read is essential for a well-rounded education and a healthy democracy. It encourages readers to seek out challenged books and form their own opinions, fostering a society that values critical thinking and open discourse.

WASHTENAW COUNTY'S DIGITAL DIVIDE

Digital inclusion is about more than just finding an internet provider. It's also about having the skills to access information on the internet once you are connected. The digital divide leaves thousands of Washtenaw County residents without the skills and information they need to do online banking, learn about candidates and ballot initiatives, or make a mental health appointment.

YDL and Washtenaw Literacy are partnering this Fall to provide weekly drop-in digital skills tutoring on Fridays from 12-2pm (see page 5). Tutoring will run from September 13 through December 20. Washtenaw Literacy will recruit and train volunteer tutors to work with adult literacy learners and YDL will host the events in the computer lab on the second floor of the Whittaker branch. This collaboration is meant to increase equity and accessibility in the community.

To learn more about becoming a tutor, attend an ABCs of Washtenaw Literacy session, visit www.washtenawliteracy.org/get-involved, or call 734-337-3338. For more information, contact Washtenaw Literacy's Program Director Alison Austin at austin@washtenawliteracy.org or call 734-337-3375.



ACCESS GRANTED: IT'S LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Patrons...roll out! Optimus Prime from the TRANSFORMERS is the special ambassador for this year's National Library Card Sign-up Month, highlighting that there's more to libraries than meets the eye.

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, an initiative aimed at encouraging you (yes, you!) to discover the wealth of resources available at your local library. A library card may look like a small piece of plastic, but it holds the power to transform lives and strengthen communities.

Whether you're looking to enhance your skills, find information you need, or connect with others, a library card unlocks a world of possibilities. With your YDL card, you can access streaming services, music, magazines, newspapers, eBooks, audiobooks, TV & movies, museum passes, online tutors, internet access, our Library of Things, and more.

A YDL card can also be your ticket to diverse programs, job search assistance, homework help, book clubs, author talks, storytimes, and other events and services. Connect with your neighbors at fitness and mindfulness events, pick up new

creative skills, take computer classes, get career advice, and attend workshops that run the gamut from coding to cooking.

Whether you're a student, a parent, a job seeker, or simply curious about the world, take advantage of National Library Card Sign-up Month. If you don't

have a card, stop by YDL today or visit ypsilibrary.org/library-cards to sign up for one. Explore the wealth of resources available to you. Your next adventure in learning awaits, and it all starts with your library card.



OTHERWORLDLY PURSUITS AT THE DAWN OF FUTURE HORIZONS

This fall, 826michigan will release a new publication featuring the work of young Ypsilanti writers. In *Otherworldly Pursuits at the Dawn of Future Horizons*, stories brim with eccentric characters, whimsical worlds, and a fantastical swirl of emotions.

These tales are the result of many dedicated hours in the After-School Writing Lab hosted at YDL-Superior (see page 7 for details). Copies will be available for purchase on onwardrobots.com and in circulation for checkout at YDL. Enjoy this sneak peek of some of the story openings, and learn more at 826michigan.org/programs.



Ethan Adkins

Ypsilanti Community Middle School

Zack realized he had powers this whole time. He had just unlocked them . . .

Aaliyah Williams

Ypsilanti International Elementary School

The weekend can be pretty hard without a schedule. If you have a schedule, you can follow it and have the best weekend. Thinking of a schedule can be a little bit hard because you want to do so much. In this guide, you will see many ways you can relax on the weekend . . .

Riya Choudhary

South Arbor Charter Academy

He had landed somewhere new. He was excited and tried to explore the island, but he soon met a cat. A cat named Annie . . .

Sonia Bialk

Homeschool

Sania turned and jumped down the tunnel. It was a long fall, and she was not prepared for the shock of cold water that went up her mouth and nose. Waves lapped at her ears. She struggled to keep from running into the rock wall. When the tunnel finally ended in the bright sunlight, Sania noticed things were different . . .



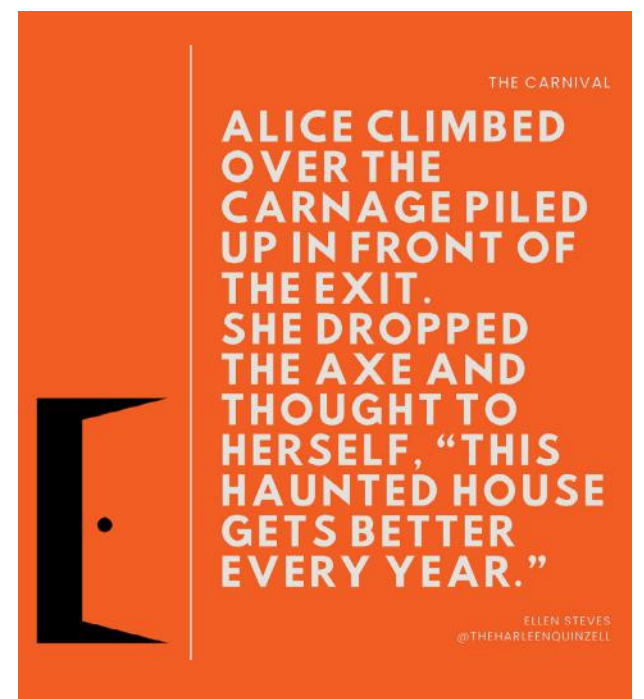
A MACABRE CHALLENGE WITH YDL

Gather, brave souls, for an eerie writing competition! In honor of Halloween, we're looking for the scariest two-sentence horror stories you can muster.

The two-sentence horror story is a time-honored tradition. These bite-sized fever dreams can ignite the senses and reverberate inside a reader's mind for years. With so few words, writers must make every detail count, leaving readers to imagine the worst.

Starting October 1, submit your entries throughout the month at a YDL branch or online at ypsilibrary.org. Entries will be chosen each week and featured on YDL's social media where you can vote for your favorites.

On October 29, the three stories with the most votes will be displayed in the Michigan Avenue lobby for a last vote. The final winner will be announced on October 31.



IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

Do you have questions about elections, candidates, proposals, voter information, or early voting? The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Washtenaw County has you covered!

You can find comprehensive voter information at the Washtenaw County Information for Voters website

(washtenaw.org/2753/Information-for-Voters) and the Michigan State Department (mvic.sos.state.mi.us).

The LWV has also compiled non-partisan information about what is on your ballot, candidate information, proposals, at VOTE411.org. VOTE411 also provides a link to the Michigan State Department site, where voters can check their registration status and find polling places for early and election day voting, as well as drop box locations for absentee voting.

There are three spots for the YDL Board on the November ballot, with three candidates running: incumbents Brian Steimel and Jean Winborn, and Chris Tebbens.

For links to videos of non-partisan candidate forums for contested races in Washtenaw County, visit lww.washtenaw.org. You can also watch candidates answer questions posed by League moderators on the LWV YouTube page.



HEAR FROM LOCAL CANDIDATES

YDL and the League of Women Voters - Washtenaw County will hold an in-person candidates forum where residents can learn about the political positions and submit questions for the candidates running for Ypsilanti City Council and for Ypsilanti Community Schools Board in the November general election.

The forum will be held 6-8:30pm on Monday, September 16. You can attend in person at the Ypsilanti Senior Center, or watch a livestream. Submit candidate questions at ypsilibrary.org/events.



SEASONAL SELF CARE

DON'T WAIT, VACCINATE!

According to the Washtenaw County Health Department, too many local kids are behind on their routine vaccinations. This leaves children and our community at risk for preventable diseases and outbreaks.

According to the Health Department, making sure kids are caught up on recommended vaccinations is the best way to protect them from serious diseases like measles and whooping cough (pertussis).

Preventing illness with vaccines is especially important for children and families with special health needs or conditions. You can schedule vaccinations at your doctor's office or local pharmacy, or call the Health Department at 734-544-6700 for more information on how to schedule.

SEXUAL HEALTH IS HEALTH

Scheduling a sexual health check-up is a great way to care for yourself and your partner(s)! The Health Department has free and low-cost services to help you stay healthy, including:

- Birth control counseling and options (including Plan B)
- Pregnancy, STI, and HIV testing (plus Pap smears for anyone whose insurance is accepted)
- Medications like PrEP (a prevention option for people at high risk of getting HIV), PEP (for after a possible HIV exposure), and DoxyPEP (to lower the risk of getting chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis after unprotected sex)
- A vending machine with free condoms and lube located at 555 Towner Street, accessible Monday-Friday from 8:30am-5pm.



To make an appointment, call 734-544-6700 or email health@washtenaw.org. No one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. Visit washtenaw.org/sexualhealth for more information.

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT LEAD IN DRINKING WATER?

Is the health and safety of our drinking water important to you? Consider applying to join a team of community advocates working on plans to increase public awareness concerning lead in our drinking water.

The Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) is looking to fill multiple open positions on their Water System Advisory Council. The Council develops plans for continuing public awareness about lead in drinking water and more.

Additional information on YCUA's Water System Advisory Council can be found at www.ycua.org. Interested applicants should email Luther Blackburn, YCUA's Executive Director, at lblackburn@ycua.org or call 734-484-4600 Ext.116.



PARKRIDGE HISTORY

Episode 25 of the Ypsi Stories podcast drops in September! Hear all about the Parkridge Community Center, which opened in 1945 as a rec center for Southside residents. Architectural historian Lee Azus shares the forgotten story of how the Community Center relocated to Harriet Street as a segregated facility for African American Families.

Visit ypsibrary.org/ypsistories for all the episodes.



EMAILS TAILORED TO YOU COMING SOON!

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

This fall, along with the weekly email featuring our upcoming notable events, we'll be sending more regular emails with library events, news,

and resources catered to your specific interests. Want to hear more about YDL crafting activities or resources for seniors? What about gardening or teen programs? Visit ypsibrary.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): Stay up-to-date about civic engagement, community assistance, business, and entrepreneurship.

GARDENING AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING (quarterly): Our Seed Library email 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@ypsibrary.org.



DO YOU WANT TO WRITE A NOVEL?

By Angela Knight
NaNoWriMo novelist since 2004

If you've ever said to yourself, "I'd like to write a novel," have you taken steps to write one? National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is an annual challenge to write 50,000 words of fiction in the thirty days of November. That equals 1,667 words per day. The average typist can do this in about an hour, or you can accelerate it by using voice-to-text software to talk your novel into your device. If Lin-Manuel Miranda can compose *Hamilton* lyrics this way, so can this year's NaNoWriMo novelists! Do you have a daily hour of television, email, social media, or socializing that you can redirect to write your novel this November?

Since 2004, I have drafted seventeen novels. My ideas came from my imagination, fictionalizing my life, my travels, Atlas Obscura (atlasobscura.com), and, in three cases, my partner. I've now been working on the same novel idea since 2021. Some years, I have easily written fifty-thousand words, and some years, I haven't come close. I keep writing because my characters move into my subconscious and live there—continuing on with their lives while I'm driving to work or brushing my teeth—so when I sit down to write, I'm recording the adventures that they've already had.

Sometimes during NaNoWriMo, I've padded my word count and described things in excessive detail; other times I've eavesdropped on conversations in coffee shops to collect potential character dialogue. Some years, I can't wait to record my characters' thoughts and actions. Other years, I'm excited to



reread what I've written that month and immediately start revising after reaching the end of the story. There are also years when I close the document on November 30 and don't think about it again. But other years, I have revised and edited, recruited beta readers, and self-published.

YpsiWrites and nanowrimo.org can encourage and support you during the novel-writing process this year. YpsiWrites can help writers through every stage of the novel-writing process: idea generation, world-building, character development, plot development, motivation, and even camaraderie. If you have ever been on a competitive team and enjoyed practicing together, NaNoWriMo is your novel-writing team! We look forward to you joining our team this year! Remember, the only measure of success is quantity, and everyone can win.

Visit ypsiwrites.org for more information and to get in touch.

THE RIDE INTRODUCES NEW IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVICE

In August, TheRide introduced longer, more frequent, and expanded service. These improvements were part of its Long Range Plan and approved millage.

This fall, you'll see expanded weekday and weekend service, increased frequency on the weekends, and the expansion of FlexRide Night and Holiday hours to serve the entire City of Ypsilanti and all of Ypsilanti Township north of Textile Road. Additionally, FlexRide has more booking capacity.

Copies of TheRide's RideGuide—with route and schedule information on your specific route or routes—are available at YDL branches as well as on buses and the transit centers. New to riding? You can watch TheRide's helpful "How to Ride" video at TheRide.org/how-ride, which gives you all the details you need to know about taking TheRide.

Current news about TheRide—including the Ypsilanti Transit Center project—are available at TheRide.org. You can plan your trip online with Rider Tools or call 734-996-0400 and speak to an information specialist for assistance.



FRIENDS OF YDL FALL BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars for September 19-22 to shop the Friends of YDL book sale at YDL-Whittaker! Pay \$1 for hardcovers, 25¢ for paperbacks, and 50¢ for oversize paperbacks, with even more special deals available during the sale.

September 19 from 6-8pm is a members-only preview. Memberships start at just \$10, and will be available for purchase at the door. It's the perfect time to join the Friends and help make library events possible! On September 22, bags of books will be just \$5, and some books will be sold for a reduced price.

BOOK SALE HOURS:

Thursday, 9/19: 6-8pm
(Members-only preview sale)
Friday, 9/20: 11am-5pm
Saturday, 9/21: 11am-3pm
Sunday, 9/22: 1-4pm



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

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

REOPENING THIS FALL

229 W. Michigan Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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

HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 4-8pm
Fri: 1-5pm (outside YDL-Michigan)

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

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