FORGING A ROAD AHEAD

2019 was both productive and exciting. Following an overwhelming show of support at the ballot box in November 2018, new millage funding allowed the staff and Board to implement many important changes.

Because top-notch service to patrons is what makes YDL truly special, the Board granted long-overdue staff raises. Hearing a desire for more local news and information, we expanded The Loop newsletter to 12 pages with more community content. We installed all new public computers, increased the events budget substantially, and added more physical and electronic materials. We conducted a space utilization study that will bring our buildings into the modern era, and perhaps most importantly, work on a new, larger library in Superior Township finally got underway.

The Library is a community anchor, and we’re constantly listening to your needs and tailoring our offerings to meet them. We’re proud of the promises kept in 2019. Watch for more!

Lisa Hoenig, Director
We took concrete steps to ensure the new Superior Library opens with the features the community needs. We held multiple input sessions to learn what you would most like to see. After collecting a great deal of feedback, we incorporated patrons’ key priorities into the design. As the project got bigger, so did the budget. We have launched a capital campaign to raise an additional $2 million to help fund the project.

**Community Priorities:**
- A drive-up book return
- A large meeting room
- An accessible learning garden
- Group study rooms
- Triple the number of computers
- Dedicated youth & teen areas
- Additional restroom near youth area
- A cozy popular reading area with a fireplace
- Full-service hours

Groundbreaking is scheduled for Spring 2021.

Updates are posted at ypsilibrary.org/our-new-library.

The community can direct donations to the new Superior branch at ypsilibrary.org/donate.
The way people use library spaces has changed dramatically, and continues to evolve. krM Architecture led a space utilization study for YDL in 2019 to reimagine the Michigan Avenue and Whittaker Road libraries for the future. With community feedback and ideas gleaned from other libraries, we unveiled bold ideas that will eventually inform improvements. Michigan Avenue could get a glassed-in stairway, modern elevator, and new third floor that would solve space issues for our beloved downtown location.

Another option for the Michigan Avenue design includes a new space for children and teens and a new program room/maker space.
CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

YPSIWRITES
We were proud to form Ypsi Writes with our partners at the EMU Office of Campus and Community Writing and 826michigan. This popular initiative kicked off with a celebration in October at all YDL locations. Trained writing coaches provide feedback and inspiration for any kind of writing. YDL hosts Ypsi Writes drop-in tutoring hours, as well as regular events focused on writing.

MOM POWER
This program offers mothers of young children a safe space to learn parenting skills and acquire stress relief tools. Seven YDL youth staff are trained to host the workshops or use Mom Power principles working with children at the library. With support from WISD's Success By 6, Michigan Medicine, Great Start, and Zero to Thrive, YDL has already received rave reviews for Mom Power from grateful families.
58,181 people attended 3,378 events and classes

41,885 library card holders More than 50% of our service population

363,052 items in collection including 57,773 eBooks

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**HOW WE'RE USING THE LIBRARY**

- Program Attendance: 58,181
- Reference Questions: 117,342
- Computer Sessions: 113,705
- Library Visits: 391,784
- Items Checked Out: 659,350

**Circulation**

- Whittaker: 89,368
- Michigan Ave: 20,488
- Bookmobile: 17,145
- eProducts: 115,948
- Superior: 416,401

eProduct usage was up more than 16,000 from 2018

Patron visits were up almost 20,000 from last year
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* $1.3M designated to Superior Library building Fund
** Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100%