

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY

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YOUR LIBRARY



WHO IS LEARNING
AT YOUR LIBRARY?

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

When I was a child, learning at the library was reading books to support schoolwork, and completing research for class papers and projects. My public library was the key to a great life. I cannot remember going to the library when it was not a joy for me. I would breathe in deeply when I walked into the lobby and would feel so glad to be there. I still feel that lift and rush when I come to work, and I learn something new every day at the library.

While schoolchildren still read and research at the library, learning at the library starts before a baby crawls and never ends. Learning at the library doesn't require being in the library, or even on this continent. There is certainly still joy here, and there is also determination, conviction, hope, pleasure, and pride in learning. I am grateful every day for those who love to learn. AADL welcomes you.

What are you learning at your Library?

Josie

EVERYON



Taylor Roberts, Tutor, U-M Circle K:

"Out of the hundreds of service projects Circle K takes part in, the tutoring program established at the AADL is certainly my favorite! I speak for all of the Circle K tutors when I say that this project means a great deal to us. The opportunity to work with young students in order to enhance their understanding is incredibly rewarding. Each tutoring session is filled with so much learning and laughter."

Cristhian Espinoza-Pino, PALMA Faculty Adviser, Residential College, U-M:

"PALMA (Proyecto Avance: Latino Mentoring Association) is an amazing organization, but the Library makes PALMA better. This is the ideal place for us to be, not only for materials and resources, but also for the people from the Library who help us. Libraries like this don't exist in Latin America, so coming to the library isn't something they automatically want to do. Now, Latinos largely use the Library in our community to read books, check out movies, attend programs, and meet new people."

Babies	Preschool	Elementary School	
	Preschool storytimes	Downloadable kids non-fiction	
Sensation Stations: touching textures	Tours and events offered to area preschools	Drop-in homework help	
	Annual Preschool Expo	Second Grade Roundup: every second-grader in the district gets a library card on a field trip to AADL	Brainfuse: live online homework
Baby Playgroups: stories and songs			Storytelling workshops in classrooms
		Hands-on science experiences	
Dancing Babies: music and movement	Kinder Concerts with the Ann Arbor Symphony	Library Songsters: songwriting program featuring local musician	
		PALMA: tutoring for Latino families by U-M students	
	Drop-in hands-on art activities	Creative and skill-building craft workshops, access to new tools	
	Age-appropriate computer games at all Library locations		Weekly game-based programming

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Janet T, Homeschooling Parent:

“As soon as we started homeschooling, one of the first things we implemented was Library Day. All my children loved it! We filled the stroller with books. The Library played a huge role in my children’s education.

To this day, whenever there is free time, the first place they want to go is the Library. We are very grateful for AADL!”

Joe DeMarsh, Teacher & Orchestra Director, Tappan Middle School:

“I have been using the AADL’s Music Tools in my 6th grade Exploratory Music class over the last school year and plan to continue this year. These small, interesting instruments are fun for my students to use and provide a high tech but simple option for composition. The students are quick to experiment and find their capabilities, and the Library staff has been wonderful in preparing classroom sets and arranging for checkout.”

Monique Uzelac, Program Director, WAVE:

“Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education is a flexible and collaborative environment for staff and students offering a path to a high school diploma for students with diverse life experiences. Our partnership with AADL has allowed us to extend our reach and introduce students to the resources available in the community and at the Library.”

Peter Pasque, Instructional Technologist, Skyline iCommons:

“We are in awe of the level of innovation at AADL. Every public teacher in America should be so lucky to collaborate with such a library on a regular basis.”

Sister Rabia Kahn, Teacher, Michigan Islamic Academy:

“My 2nd grade class had an awesome trip to the AADL. The Library has so much to offer and the kids just loved it! They had an amazing time and we will be visiting again soon. Also the staff were all extremely helpful and very friendly. Students especially enjoyed story time.”

Middle School

High School

Adults

Downloadable music, books, videos, podcasts, and craft patterns

Author presentations

GED classes with Ann Arbor Public Schools

Workshop help for grade 3–adult

Space and support for non-traditional school groups

Genealogy and local history research

Annual High School Expo

Lectures

Online practice tests

Health and wellness presentations and panels

English as a Second Language conversation groups

Workshop techniques

GED classes with GameStart School

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PARTNERS IN LEARNING

Your Library works with many community organizations to create learning opportunities, unique experiences, and collaborative events. Do you have an idea for a community-based partnership? Contact us at aadl.org/contactus.

PALMA

Proyecto Avance, Latino Mentoring Association (PALMA) is a twice-weekly Latino family tutoring program. The whole family can work with University of Michigan student tutors on homework, school subjects, and English skills.

GAMESTART SCHOOL

GameStart School is an Ann Arbor-based start up that teaches concepts of computer programming and design through video game-based classes. Weekly classes are offered at the Library for grades 3 and up.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Young Rembrandts is a national organization that offers classes for kids, laying the foundation for all visual arts. AADL partners with Young Rembrandts to offer directed drawing lessons to build skills and try new techniques.

CIRCLE K

Circle K is a University of Michigan branch of Kiwanis International. Local college students provide drop-in afterschool homework help at the Downtown Library while gaining fellowship and leadership experience.

WAVE

The Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education (WAVE) is an alternative public high school program for Washtenaw County students. WAVE meets at AADL several times a week.



Little Dog Laughed by Jim Pallas, now on display in the Downtown Library garden.

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