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TEDxYDL Seeks Speakers for April Event

TED talks have spread “Ideas Worth Spreading” across the globe, and have inspired thousands of locally-organized “TEDx” events where local communities gather to share big ideas. Ypsilantians are invited to share their ideas this year at the second annual TEDxYDL, which will be co-hosted by the Ypsilanti District Library and EMU’s Halle Library. The event will feature the best ideas and stories from locals of the Ypsilanti area, shared in 5-10 minute talks.

This year’s event theme is interdependence, and the organizers are looking for talks from a variety of disciplines that touch on how people and ideas can depend on each other. “We encourage people to interpret the theme broadly,” says Gillian Ream Gainsley of the Ypsilanti District Library. “We would love to see speakers who could talk about who or what they depended on to get to where they are in life, or perhaps share the story of disparate organizations or disciplines that become stronger when they work together. There are also scientific interpretations—in an ecosystem, each species relies on others to survive.”

The libraries hope to build on the success of their 2016 event, which brought together 8 speakers to discuss topics that ranged from community policing to user experience design to international aid under the broad theme “Connect, Create, Change.”

TEDxYDL is scheduled for April 13 at 7pm at Halle Library on Eastern Michigan University campus. The event will be free and open to the public, but the first-come, first-served registration will not open until March 1. More information is available at www.TEDxYDL.com.

Those interested in speaking at the event are encouraged to apply before the February 15 deadline. Background information and speaker applications are available on the TEDxYDL.com website.

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About TEDx: In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized.