Who are our partners?
YCI brings teens, youth, teachers, youth leaders, librarians, and academics together in communities across Illinois. We build on the assets of both the university and the community to foster youth and community development.

What do we do?
Learning activities are supported by inquiry units that engage youth in topics such as community asset mapping and community journalism. The technologies used to support these activities include GIS/GPS geospatial tools, video, podcasts and the Internet.

Reaching out to rural, urban, and suburban communities, YCI is meeting the land-grant mission of the University of Illinois. We are committed to working within and with these communities to enhance future career opportunities for under-served youth.

What is Youth Community Informatics?
Youth Community Informatics (YCI) engages under-served youth as leaders in using cutting-edge technologies to address local community issues.

Our work is based on an assumption that the field of Library and Information Science stands to be enriched by the perspectives and experiences that these youth bring.

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