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Ann Arbor-based tutoring non-profit 826Michigan expanding to Detroit

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826Michigan, the non-profit tutoring center with a “[Robot Supply and Repair Shop](#)” storefront on East Liberty Street in downtown **Ann Arbor**, is expanding to **Detroit**.

The expansion was announced by executive director **Amanda Uhle** at the **TEDxDetroit** conference, according to a [report from MLive Detroit](#).

The move to Detroit comes after previous 826Michigan efforts to expand its footprint that have included offering [workshops at Ypsilanti District Library](#) locations and [after-school tutoring at Ypsilanti Middle School](#).

Students work with writing tutors at 826Michigan

Courtesy of 826Michigan

MLive reported that the Detroit efforts will be made possible thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the **DTE Energy Foundation**.

The organization is a chapter of **826 National**, founded by author **David Eggers** at 826 Valencia St. in San Francisco. The original location has a pirate-themed storefront and has inspired chapters in New York City, Los Angeles, and Chicago among other locations.

Students participating in 826Michigan programs have [produced plays](#) and [collaborated on books](#) and poetry collections. The organization also rocks out every winter as the **Mittenfest music festival** raises thousands of dollars for programming.

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