

# Sanilac District Library Newsletter



**Books & Beyond**

## BOOK TALK

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## HAUNT THE LIBRARY & TREAT YOURSELF TO SPOOKTACULAR BOOKS!



### SDL Book Club

Share your love of books with others who enjoy reading. SDL's book discussion group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30.

**October 2 at 5:30**

*Mockingbird Summer*

Lynda Rutledge

AND

*To Kill A Mockingbird*

Harper Lee

Read the book & watch the DVD

**November 6 at 5:30**

*The Help*

Kathryn Stockett

Read the book & watch the DVD



### Fall Into Autumn

**Tuesday, October 15 at 2**

Make a beautiful 16" wreath to decorate your home for the fall season. Choose from a variety of embellishments. Bridgette will also demonstrate how to make two different styles of decorative bows. *There is a \$25 fee for supplies.*  
Register in person or call 810-622-8623. The class is limited to 10.

### Find Your Next Favorite Book

**Try SDL's Reader's Advisory Page**

Located on the Resources menu on SDL's website

**Check out these SDL exclusive resources:**

- *Cross The Age Barrier* for page turning, can't-put-it-down, gotta-find-out-what-happens-next books that will keep you up all night reading.
- *If You Like This...Read This...*: suggestions that compare with your favorites. If you like books by one author, you may enjoy another author who writes in the same style, uses the same setting or has similar characters. Search by author, title, subject, genre or movie.
- *SDL Book Club Selections*.
- *Thumbs Up Book List* for recommendations by patrons and staff.

### Other helpful sites:

- *1,000 Books To Read Before You Die*
- *All About Romance*
- *Books and Authors*
- *Criminal Element*: mysteries, thrillers & all things killer
- *Fresh Fiction*
- *GoodReads*
- *Great American Read*: top 100 list
- *MeL*: MI Electronic Library recommended sites about books & reading
- *Monster Librarian: Recommended horror*
- *Stop You're Killing Me*: a website to die for mystery lovers
- *What's Next*: find the order of books in a series. By Kent District Library
- *Whichbook*: search for books by mood and emotion

### Sanilac District Library

7130 Main Street

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### Library Hours

Monday: 11-5

Tuesday: 11- 5

Wednesday: 11-7

Thursday: 11-5

Friday: 11-5

Saturday: 11-2

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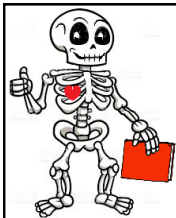
## New Fiction



- Agony Hill*—Sarah Stewart Taylor  
In 1965, Franklin Warren arrives in Vermont, as a police detective. He's barely unpacked when he's called to a remote farm where a man seems to have set fire to his barn and himself. But things aren't adding up. People have secrets.
- An Eye For An Eye*—Jeffrey Archer
- Bad Liar*—Tami Hoag
- The Boyfriend*—Freida McFadden
- Buzz Kill: a Sunny Randall novel*—Robert B. Parker (Alison Gaylin)
- Blue Graffiti*—Calahan Skoginan.  
Living in the home he inherited from his mother, painter and construction worker Cash has never known anything beyond the fields of WI. But when Rose blows into town, everything changes. It's love at first sight. For Cash, anyway.
- The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*—Anna Johnston. Fred was born with an extra helping of kindness in his heart. At 82, he's desperately lonely, broke and homeless. In a bizarre case of mistaken identity, he takes Bernard's place at the local nursing home. Now he has a roof over his head, three meals a day, and the chance to be part of a family again. He hopes his poker face is in better shape than his prostate and that his look-alike never turns up. As Fred navigates life in Bernard's shoes, he learns about the man's past and what it might take to return a life in better condition than he found it.
- The Cold Light of Day: a Verity Kent mystery*—Anna Lee Huber
- Counting Miracles*—Nicholas Sparks
- Den of Iniquity: a J.P. Beaumont novel*—J. A. Jance
- Farewell To Arfs: a Chet & Bernie mystery*—Spencer Quinn. Chet the dog and his partner PI Bernie Little's neighbor, Mr. Parsons, loaned his ne'er do well son, Billy, some money to help get himself settled. But days later, Mr. Parsons discovered that his entire life savings is gone. It's up to Chet and Bernie to track Billy down and get to the bottom of things before it's too late.

- Fire In The Sky*—Sophie Jordan.  
Treated as part of the royal family but also as the lowliest servant, Tamsyn fits nowhere. To save the a pampered princesses from a fate worse than death, Tamsyn is commanded to marry the Beast of the Borderlands. Rather than start a war, Fell accepts Tamsyn as his bride. But can he accept the dark secrets she harbors, secrets buried so deep even she doesn't know they exist? Tamsyn is more than a royal whipping girl, more than the false wife of a man who sees her as his enemy. Magic is not dead, it is only sleeping. And it will take one ordinary girl with an extraordinary destiny to awaken it.
- Forest of Lost Souls*—Dean Koontz
- Glass Houses*—Madeline Ashby.  
A group of employees and their CEO crash onto a not-quite-deserted tropical island. Those who survive find a fully-stocked private palace with the latest technological updates (though one without connection to the outside world). The house has secrets and a dark reason for being built & abandoned.
- Grave In The Woods*—Martin Walker
- Hard Winter: Montana Yesterday & Today*—William Johnstone
- Haunted*—Kat Martin. 1898: in the mining city of Jerome, AZ., a brutal murder sets the stage for a series of strange events that echo into the future. 2024: A brutal murder at the Copper Star Saloon, and ghostly sightings bring hotel owners, Jenny & Cain, together to solve the mystery. Cain vows not to let anything or anyone living or dead stand between him and the woman he has come to love.
- Here One Moment*—Liane Moriarty  
A woman stands up on a plane, and predicts when everyone will die. The passengers laugh it off until it starts to come true.

- Hitchcock Hotel*—Stephanie Wrobel  
Alfred Smettle is not your average Hitchcock fan. He is the founder, owner, and manager of the Hitchcock Hotel, a sprawling Victorian house in the White Mountains dedicated to the master of suspense. There, Alfred offers his guests round-the-clock film screenings, movie props and memorabilia in every room, plus an aviary with fifty crows. To celebrate the hotel's first anniversary, he invites his former best friends from his college film club for a reunion. He hasn't spoken to any of them in sixteen years, not after what happened. But who better to appreciate Alfred's creation? And to help him finish it. After all, no Hitchcock set is complete without a body.
- The House At Watch Hill*—Karen Marie Monig. After the sudden death of her mother, Zo Grey receives a call from an attorney in Louisiana with the news the she the sole beneficiary of a cousin's huge fortune and a monstrosity of a house. But, she must live in it, alone, for three years before the house, or the money, is hers. The house is full of secrets. What Zo doesn't know is that her own roots lie in this house and in order to discover her true identity and awaken her dormant powers, she will have to face off against sinister forces she doesn't quite comprehend.
- The Housemaid's Secret*—Freida McFadden
- Legacy of Blood: The Blackbird Files*—Heather Graham
- Triangle*—Danielle Steel
- We Solve Murders*—Richard Osman  
Steve is enjoying retired life. He does the odd bit of investigation work, but prefers his familiar routines. His days of adventure are over. Adrenaline is daughter-in-law Amy's business. As a private security officer, she's on a remote island keeping a world-famous author alive., which was meant to be an easy job. Then a dead body, a bag of money and a killer have Amy sending an SOS to the only person she trusts. A race around the world begins, but can Amy and Steve stay one step ahead of a lethal enemy?



# SPOOK-ARIFIC SCARY MOVIES

Check Out These Classic Favorites

Check SDL's Catalog for More



- Arachnophobia:** A doctor, deathly afraid of spiders, moves his family to a town where the disgusting arachnids are attacking the townspeople. He must overcome his fear to save the community, but it may be too late!
- Bell, Book & Candle:** A witch casts a spell to make a mortal fall in love with her.
- Beetle Juice:** After Barbara and Adam Maitland are killed in a car crash, they are trapped as ghosts in their farmhouse. Their peaceful 'existence' is disrupted when a yuppie family buys their house. The Maitland's are harmless as ghosts and their efforts to scare the Deetz's away are unsuccessful. They call Beetlejuice, a people-exorcizing ghost, for help.
- Blithe Spirit:** When a novelist suffering from writer's block, in hopes of inspiration, invite an eccentric medium to their house, the séance brings back the novelist's deceased first wife who is ready to pick up her life right where she left off.
- Casper:** Determined to get her hands on her father's hidden fortune, Carrigan hires an afterlife therapist to exercise the ghosts that keep frightening her away. When Dr. Harvey & Kat move in and meet Casper, the friendly ghost, Casper's uncles are determined to drive all the "fleshies" away.
- Fun Size:** While taking her little brother trick-or-treating, Wren's brother goes missing and she and her friends must find him before their mom finds out.
- The Ghost & Mr. Chicken:** when a reporter visits the old Simmon's mansion at midnight, he is certain he sees a ghost. His story makes front page news and brings on a libel suit. When the trial judge orders an investigation and no apparition appears, Luther is branded a fraud until he and his girlfriend team up to uncover the mystery.
- The Ghost & Mrs. Muir:** At the turn of the century a young widow and her daughter move into a cottage on the English coast which is haunted by the ghost of its former owner, a sea captain. When he finds he can't scare her away, they soon fall into a most unlikely love affair!
- Ghostbusters:** A group of parapsychologists start a ghost removal service.
- Goonies:** Two kids find a treasure map just as they're about to lose their house. They and their friends go on a search for the treasure, with trouble from a few ne'er-do-wells.
- Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween :** Two friends find a magical book that brings a ventriloquist's dummy to life.
- Haunted Mansion:** Jim is a real estate agent trying to find a buyer for a dilapidated old house in New Orleans. When he visits the property before a family vacation, he discovers it's inhabited by 999 ghosts, none of whom are interested in sharing the space. As the spirits make their displeasure known, Jim and his family, with the help of an eccentric medium Madame Leota, try to get the ghosts to leave.
- Hotel Transylvania** is a unique resort catering to the finest monsters and their families with Dracula as the host.
- Hocus Pocus:** When 3 wild witches are accidentally conjured up by pranksters, they return from 17th century Salem and set out to cast a spell on the town, but first they must outwit 3 kids and a talking cat.
- The Invisible:** Nick is brutally attacked and left for dead. But he is really not dead, yet. He is trapped in a ghostly limbo where no one can see or hear him except Annie who may be the one person able to save him. They work together to solve the mystery of his murder before it is too late and Nick's chance to live is lost forever.
- It:** A group of bullied kids band together when a monster clown begins hunting children.
- Lego Scooby-Doo!:** Scooby and friends try to save an old movie studio threatened by developers and monsters.
- ParaNorman:** Norman is a boy who must use his special powers to save his town from a curse. He fights spooky zombies, unpredictable ghosts, wily witches and worst of all, clueless grown-ups. But this young ghoul whisperer will soon find his paranormal activities pushed to their otherworldly limits.
- Portrait of Jenny:** An artist meets a girl in Central Park who has a mysterious air about her. What follows is an unforgettable love story.
- Something Wicked This Way Comes:** Terrible things happen when the Pandemonium Carnival comes to town.
- Trick or Treat Scooby-Doo!** Scooby and his pals have to save Halloween from menacing foes.
- The Turn of the Screw:** A naïve young governess is hired by a charming bachelor to look after his two children. At first, the house is beautiful, the housekeeper is friendly, the children are lovely and the job is perfect. But then she sees the ghosts and everything changes. She is convinced that the children communicate with the ghosts and that their very souls are in danger. She alone can save them from a horrifying fate.
- Winchester:** Believing her house is haunted, firearms heiress Sarah Winchester decides to keep building onto her home in order to appease the spirits of people killed by the Winchester rifle.



## New Books For Kids

### Picture Books

- *The Gray City*—Torben Luhlmann
- *Hornbeam All In*—Cynthia Rylant
- *Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks & the Three Bears*—Paulette Bourgeois
- *Wheels on the Bus at Halloween*—Sarah Keiley

### New for Elementary

- *Wild Krats: Creature Powers: The Biggest*—Martine & Chris Kratt

### New Nonfiction

- *Mysterious Marvelous Octopus*—Paige Towler

### New Graphic Novels

- *Big Nate: Remain Calm!*—Lincoln Pierce



**Thursday Mornings at 10:30**  
For preschool children aged 2 to 4.

Stories, activities, crafts, games,  
rhymes and FUN!

### Fall Schedule

**October 3: Things That Go**

**October 10: Crayons**

**October 17: Fall Leaves**

**October 24: Pumpkins**

**October 31: Monsters (but not scary ones!)**

All children must be accompanied  
by an adult caregiver.

## Books For Tweens

- *Out Of My Dreams*—Sharon Draper  
Chosen to be a U.S. spokesperson at a symposium for kids with different abilities, Melody arrives in London where she meets like-minded kids who want to make the world more equal, no matter the unusual challenges they face and hopes her words make an impact.
- *Spy School Goes Wild*—Stuart Gibbs. On another harrowing mission, survival training comes in handy when Ben Ripley is stranded in the wilderness with his nemesis, Murray Hill.
- *Shark Night*—R. L. Stein. When helping his mom film a documentary for the Danger Channel, Liam will be in a water tank with a hammerhead shark. Don't worry, the shark is old and toothless. But as Liam waits, he sees it is the wrong shark!

### New Graphic Novels

- *InvestiGators: Class Action*—John Patrick Green
- *The House of Hades: The Heroes of Olympus*—Rick Riordan

## Middle School

- *Long Way Around*—Anne Nesbet  
Hiking in the mountains, 3 cousins camp on their own. When an earthquake blocks their path, the only way back is through a wilderness filled with wild animals, raging rivers, storms and high passes. They face their deepest fears in order to bring each other safely home.
- *MK's Detective Club*—James Patterson. Minerva forms a detective club to uncover who is poisoning residents of her Chicago apartment building, knowing that one of her neighbors could be the poisoner or the next victim.
- *On A Wing and a Tear*—Cynthia Smith. Melanie and Ray may be from different Indigenous Nations, but they have become like siblings. A rematch of the legendary Great Ball Game is coming up. Grampa Charlie Halfmoon, Mel and Ray set off on a road trip—facing adventure, danger, and a hair-raising mystery—on the way to the historic game.

## Books For Teens

- *Dashed*—Amanda Quain. Margaret is excited about her summer cruise until her heartbroken sister crashes her vacation. Coping with Marianne's romantic yearnings, she tries to deal with her own new feelings for the charming crew member, Gabe.



- *Hearts Overboard*—Becky Dean. Healing from heartbreak, Savannah goes with her mom on a cruise to Alaska where she is trapped onboard with her nemesis, Tanner.
- *My Lady Jane* series Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton & Jody Meadows
  1. *My Lady Jane*: On the eve of her marriage to a stranger, Lady Jane Grey is swept into a conspiracy to usurp the throne from her cousin.
  2. *My Plain Jane*: Refusing a job with the Society for the Relocation of Wayward Spirits, Jane Eyre goes to Thornfield Hall to work as a governess.
  3. *My Calamity Jane*: Calamity Jane, along with the stars of Wild Bill's Traveling Show hunt werewolves. Jane finds a suspicious bite on her arm. The gang better hightail it after her before they're a day late and a Jane short.
- *Percy Jackson and The Olympians: Wrath of the Triple Goddess: The Senior Year Adventures*—Rick Riordan
- *When We Flew Away: a novel of Anne Frank before the diary*—Alice Hoffman. In May 1940, Anne Frank is a young girl not quite eleven with all the ordinary problems of a little sister, but then Amsterdam is invaded by Nazis and everything changes.