



Books & Beyond

BOOK TALK

Sanilac District Library Newsletter

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Serving Our Community Since 1936
Managing CPS Elementary & High School Libraries
and the Bark Shanty Library Branch

October 2025

SPOOKY MONSTER MAGIC SHOW

Tuesday, October 28 at 7

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.

October 1 at 5:30

Rolling Toward Clear Skies
by Catherine Ryan Hyde

November 5 at 5:30

Kate & Frida
by Kim Fay

December 3 at 5:30

Christmas Bells
by Jennifer Chiaverini

Gordon The Magician

At The Bark Shanty

Fun For All Ages!

Prize awarded for funniest costume.



Library of Things



Open Thursdays From 1 to 5
At SDL's Bark Shanty Branch

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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

Thursday Afternoon
At The Bark
Programs For Grown-Ups
From 1 to 3
Activities, Crafts,
Games, Movies, Puzzles,
Speakers & More!

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After School Club
At The Bark
For Kids Grades 1 to 8
3:30 - 4:45
Something different every week
Activities, Crafts, LEGOs,
Movies, STEM and more!

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New Fiction

- *Apostle's Cove*: Cork O'Connor # 21—William Kent Frueger. A few nights before Halloween, Cork reinvestigates a closed case. Someone is willing to commit murder to keep him from finding the truth. Cork's grandson thinks that the Windigo, a mythic cannibal ogre, has come to Tamarack County.
- *Derringer*—William Johnstone. In 1867, the railroad lays a new line to Cheyenne. New residents arrive: good folks and bad. Someone is needed to settle land rights and keep the peace. A reliable man of steely resolve. A concealed weapon...his name is Derringer.
- *Reacher: stories behind the stories*—Lee Child
- *Ryder Creed series*—Alex Kava. Ryder and his dogs make national headlines intercepting major drug stashes smuggled through Atlanta's airport. But their new celebrity also receives some unwanted attention.
 1. *Breaking Creed*
 2. *Silent Creed*
 3. *Reckless Creed*
 4. *Lost Creed*
 5. *Desperate Creed*
 6. *Hidden Creed*
 7. *Fallen Creed*
 8. *Midnight Creed*
- *We Loved To Run*—Stephanie Reents. At Frost, a small liberal arts college in Massachusetts, runners on the women's cross country team have their sights set on the 1992 Championships and will push themselves through every punishing workout and skipped meal to achieve their goal. As the final meet approaches, the girls must transcend their individual circumstances and run the race as a team.

New Nonfiction

- *How Science Works: the facts visually explained*
- *Rocket Dreams: Musk, Bezos and the inside story of the new, trillion-dollar space race*—Christian Davenport
- *Time For A Turning Point: setting the course toward free markets and limited government*—Charlie Kirk
- *The Ups & Down of Physics: the science of gravity, aerodynamics & everyday mishaps*—Judith Weber

New DVDs

- *Ballerina from the world of John Wick*: Eve Macarro is training in the assassin traditions of the Ruska Roma.
- *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*: Based on the book. Juliet, a free-spirited writer, forms a bond with the eccentric members of a book club that was formed during the occupation of Guernsey during WWII.
- *How To Ruin the Holidays*: Michelle is a struggling comedian lured home for the holidays. Her sister Andrea claims it's an emergency, but their doomsday prepping dad and freewheeling brother Mark aren't so sure. As they prepare for a final Christmas together in their family home, she must face a life-changing decision about caring for her brother with disabilities.
- *Joe Pickett: Season 1 & 2*: Based on the series by C. J. Box. Joe is the new game warden of a town as beautiful as it is corrupt and dangerous. Joe investigates when a poacher is brutally murdered, setting off a chain of events that uncovers deceit within the community, putting Joe and his family in mortal danger.
- *Jurassic World: Rebirth*: Dinosaurs exist in isolated equatorial environments. The 3 most colossal creatures hold, in their DNA, the key to a drug to bring miraculous life-saving benefits to humankind.
- *Sovereign*: a father and his teenage son travel across the country delivering self-taught legal seminars and pushing back against systems they believe have failed them. They run into conflict setting off a tragic chain of events that forces a reckoning with power, principle, and the limits of freedom.
- *Unholy Trinity*: A young man seeks to avenge his father's wrongful execution and is caught between a powerful sheriff and a mysterious sharpshooting stranger.



Open Thursdays from 1 to 5 at SDL's Bark Shanty Branch

Do you want to try before you buy? Need something for a project? Explore SDL's NEW Library of Things and find a Thing to borrow!

Available Things

- blood pressure monitor
 - butterfly shaped cake pan
 - film to digital converter
 - food dehydrator
 - games
 - magnifying glasses
 - Instant Pot
 - metal detector
 - puzzles
 - scanner
 - UV flashlight
 - More items will be added
- Residents of SDL's service area (Sanilac Township & CPS School District) may borrow these useful things from LOTs using their SDL Card.
- Donations Are Requested**
Help SDL's Library of Things grow by donating "Things" that are new or in very good condition. A list of suggested items is posted on SDL's website.
Monetary donations to purchase new items are appreciated!

Thursday Afternoon At The Bark Fun Programs For Grown-Ups

Rotating activities every week
crafts, games, movies, puzzle-paloozas,
speakers & more!



- October 2: Make an autumn wreath
- October 9: Remembering Roadside Attractions
- October 16: Diamond painting pumpkin magnets
- October 23: Let's Play! Book BINGO
- October 30 : Movie Matinee



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

- *Bob The Vampire Snail*—Andrea Zuill
- *Chicka Chicka Tricka Treat*—Bill Martin Jr & Julien Chung

New for Elementary

- *Against The Odds: Crashed*—Rachel Smoka-Richardson
- *The Bad Guys in Mission Unpluckable*—Aaron Blabey
- *The Box Car Children: The Sleepy Hollow Mystery*—Gertrude Warner
- *How To Train Your Dragon School: Doom of the Darkwing*—Cressida Cowell
- *Troubling Tonsils: Jasper Rabbit's Creepy Tales*—Aaron Reynolds

New Middle School

- *Death By Exposure: an interactive mystery*—Eric Walters. A brother and sister find a man entombed in ice in a Rocky Mountain glacier. Apparently he's been there for at least 50 years. Who is he? How did he get there? Where was he from? In this clever little whodunit, bestselling children's author Eric Walters joins forces with expert photographer Kevin Spreekmeester to present an unusual combination of intrigue and interaction.
- *The Whale Rider*—Witi Ihimaera. Kahu craves her great-grandfather's love but he is focused on his duties as chief of a Maori tribe that claims descent from the legendary 'whale rider'. In every generation, a male has inherited the title of chief. Now there is only Kahu. She should be the next in line for the title, but her great-grandfather is blinded by tradition and sees no use for a girl. Kahu will not be ignored. She has a unique gift: she has inherited the ability to communicate with whales.

Books For Teens

- *An Embroidery of Souls*—Ruby Martinez. Jade can manipulate souls with the tug of a thread, and it is up to her, and a boy with a soul as bright as the universe, to stop a creature on the loose before it claims its next victim.
- *Falling Like Leaves*—Misty Wilson. When her parents separate, Ellis moves to Bramble Falls to live with her aunt. From past summers, she knows Cooper, her one-time best friend and first kiss, who now wants nothing to do with her. Dragged to every event in the Falling Leaves Festival, Ellis can't help bumping into Cooper...or falling for the quaint town and its quirky residents. As her return to the city is delayed, Ellis finds herself caught between two very different places—and the futures they represent.
- *Warriors: StormClan's Folly*—Erin Hunter. Stripestar has imagined a life beyond the forest, but as leader of ThunderClan, his duty comes first. When tragedy strikes, WindClan's leader, Galestar, offers to be allies. Galestar loves being a WindClan cat, but her relationship with Stripestar makes her question the strict Warrior code that forbids them from being together. Wanting to build a family, she and Stripestar decide to combine their Clans into one. However, StarClan refuses to approve and vows to punish them for breaking Clan tradition. Stripestar and Galestar decide to leave the forest and seek new land for their Clan. But are soon faced with the reality of life without StarClan's guidance, sending them down a path of peril, loss, and despair. Can these cats find the way forward without StarClan, or are they doomed to a fate that will echo for generations?
- *Thorn Season*—Kiera Azar. Teen heiress, Alissa Paine possesses an illegal magic. When summoned to her kingdom's harsh and glittering royal court, she finds herself caught between two dangerous men in a web of hidden intentions.

Thursdays At SDL's Bark Shanty Branch

Baby Time

Newborn to 24 months
Thursday at 10



Toddler Time

2-4 year olds
Thursday at 10:30

Age appropriate activities, books, crafts, songs and FUN!

Baby Time and Toddler Time are early literacy programs that introduce children to the joy of reading and teach parents activities that stimulate brain development and encourage lifelong reading skills in their children.

All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver

After School Club for kids: 1st - 8th grade Thursdays: 3:30 to 4:45*

Something different every week:
activities, crafts, games,
LEGOs, movies, STEM and more!



October 2: STEM: Playing with colors: activities, experiments and FUN!

October 9: Fall crafts

October 16: LEGOs: challenges, games and building time

October 23: Book BINGO and more!

October 30: Funny Halloween movie (G-Rated) Title soon.

Snacks will be served. Parents, please send a letter if your child has a food allergy.

**NOTE: The start time for October 2 is a trial run. If parents are unable to deliver children by 3:30, the program time will be changed to 4 - 5:30.*