



Books & Beyond

SDL Book Talk

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Managing CPS Elementary & High School Libraries
and the Bark Shanty Library Branch

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Gobble Up A Good Book!

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.

November 5 at 5:30

Kate & Frida
by Kim Fay

December 3 at 5:30

Christmas Bells
by Jennifer Chiaverini

Thursday Afternoon at the Bark Paint a Thankful Gnome with Joyce Knight-Coyne

November 6th from 1 to 3

\$15 fee for supplies.

The class is limited to 15.

RSVP REQUIRED

Call 810-622-8623

or email: sdlcircdesk@yahoo.com

The class will be at the Bark Shanty
135 Church Street



Sanilac District Library

7130 Main Street
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Port Sanilac, MI 48469
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Holiday Closings

November 26 at 5
November 27
November 28

Library Hours

Monday: 11-5
Tuesday: 11-5
Wednesday: 11-7
Thursday: 11-5
Friday: 11-5
Saturday: 11-2



Library of Things

**NEW Service at
Sanilac District Library**

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

Light Up The Holidays

This community project is requesting donations that will be distributed to families, senior citizens & special needs residents for Christmas. Giving Trees will have tags with specific gift item needs. The project also focuses on essential items that food assistant programs do not supply: shampoo, TP, laundry detergent and personal care or household necessities. Check FaceBook for a list of participating businesses.

Sanilac District Library is collecting *new* books for children of all ages, cash, gift cards or checks made payable to Port Sanilac Area Business Association (PSABA) with Light Up The Holidays as a memo.



New Fiction

- *Banners of Hell*—Paul Doherty
- *Battle of the Bookshops*—Poppy Alexander
- *Behind The Waterline*—Kionna Lemalle. Eric & his grandmother take refuge in his 2nd floor bedroom during Hurricane Katrina. After days of heat, dwindling supplies and relentless rising water, neighbors begin to disappear and Eric's grandmother weakens. Eric—in a dream, a hallucination, or something else—discovers a room beyond his closet wall.
- *Calder Strong*—Janet Dailey
- *Circle of Days*—Ken Follett
- *The Correspondent*—Virginia Evans Sybil is 73 years old, in the winter of her life. She has always made sense of the world through writing letters and through this epistolary novel we see how she comes to terms with her past and present and learns forgiveness.
- *Dark Horse*—Felix Francis
- *Dead Man Blues*—S. D. House. Dave Hendricks was once a respected man. After his wife leaves him for his best friend, he loses his job and his reputation. With nothing but his houseboat and his dog left, he works odd jobs and listens to the blues. When murder strikes their peaceful town, Dave teams up with Sheriff Victor Burns, the man who betrayed him and took his wife, to find the killer. Two bodies are found and both murders strike fear in the tight-knit community. Old friends and foes are drawn back into Dave's life and he's forced to come to terms with what is and what was or see justice die in the process.
- *Death On A Scottish Train: Scottish Isle mystery #4*—Lucy Connelly
- *Deepest Cut: Monkeywrench series*—P.J. Tracy. Detectives Leo Magozzi and Gino Rolseth arrest a sadistic pair of killers with the help of Monkeewrench, their eccentric cyber-sleuth partners. One of the killers dies and the other, Mauer, is sent to a maximum security mental hospital where he plots his escape and vengeance with the help of his mother, a former militia leader and assassin. When Mauer escapes, an inexperienced sheriff leads a massive manhunt. She finds 3 bodies and discovers that Mauer has kidnapped a young boy. With lives on the line, Magozzi, Gino, and Monkeewrench join in the desperate search.
- *A Dog In Georgia*—Lauren Grodstein In the Republic of Georgia, Amy is on a mission to find a lost dog named Angel & to confront what she really wants in life.
- *Dream By the Shadows*—Logan Karlie In a kingdom plagued with a curse spread by dreaming, Esmer has the ability to enter the dream realm where she falls in love with the wicked Shadow Bringer.

- *Dying Cry: A Timber Creek K-9 mystery*—Margaret Mizushima
- *End Game*—Jeffrey Archer
- *Ethan Brand mystery*—Nolan Chase Before Ethan starts his first shift as Chief of Police, he finds a threat on his porch and a gruesome souvenir, a bloody heart.
 1. *A Lonesome Place For Dying*
 2. *A Lonesome Place For Murder*
- *Five Found Dead*—Sulari Gentill. Crime fiction author Joe and his twin sister, are boarding the Orient Express in Paris, hoping for some much-needed rest. They are shocked to witness that the cabin next door has become a crime scene.
- *Framed In Death*—J. D. Robb
- *The Ghostwriter*—Julie Clark
- *Girl From Devil's Lake*—J. A. Jance
- *The Grave Artist*—Jeffery Deaver
- *Happy People Don't Live Here*—Amber Sparks
- *A Hole In The Sky*—Daniel Wilson. , A strange atmospheric disturbance is seen in the Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma. At NASA's headquarters in Houston, an astrophysicist observes an interaction with the Voyager 1 spacecraft on the far side of the solar system. And concludes that something enormous is heading directly for Earth. In an undisclosed bunker, an American threat forecaster intercepts a cryptic message: First contact imminent.
- *Hunter's Heart Ridge*—Sarah Taylor
- *I Think I'm In Love With An Alien*—Ann Aguirre
- *The Impossible Fortune: a Thursday Murder Club mystery # 5*—Richard Osman
- *The Intruder*—Frieda McFadden. As a hurricane rages outside her remote cabin, Casey discovers a blood-covered girl hiding near her kitchen. The girl refuses to speak or drop her knife, and as the storm worsens, Casey uncovers a chilling secret.
- *Jilted*—Vi Keeland
- *Just Another Dead Author*—Katarina Bivald. When Berit attends a writer's conference in France, her vacation takes a dark turn when the keynote speaker drops dead.
- *A Killer Wedding*—Joan O'Leary
- *Killing Stones: a Detective Jimmy Perez novel*—Anne Cleeves.
- *Lightning In A Mason Jar*—Catherine Mann. Armed with her aunt's personal cookbook, Bailey plans to buy a food truck with an ocean view. Everything goes awry when a distraught young mother arrives in town clutching a copy of that same cookbook. Embedded inside is a code that promises a safe place for desperate women on the run.

- *Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure*—Rhys Bowen. Surrey, England, 1938. After 30 years of marriage, Ellie is blindsided by her husband's appeal for divorce. But it's Ellie's opportunity for change, too. The unfaithful cad can have the house. She's taking the Bentley. Ellie, her housekeeper Mavis, and her elderly friend Dora impulsively head for parts unknown in the South of France.
- *My Beloved: a Mitford novel*—Jan Karon.
- *No Stone Unturned*—Jenelle Hovde
- *Peter Pulaski Must Pay*—Jen Lancaster
- *Porter Beck series*—Bruce Bogos
 1. *The Bitter Past*
 2. *Blue Horse*
 3. *Shades of Mercy*
- *The Portrait*—Danielle Steel
- *The Proving Ground: a Lincoln Lawyer novel*—Michael Connelly
- *Sharp Force: a Scarpetta novel*—Patricia Cornwell.
- *A Slowly Dying Cause: a Lynley novel*—Elizabeth George
- *A Matter of Pedigree: a Carole and Pooopsie mystery*—Leslie Meier. Carole and her husband are making serious money, thanks to Frank's newly patented Bye-Bye Toilet. When their bid on a luxury co-op is flushed and the owner is killed, Carole sets out to clear Frank's name armed with her beloved, if quirky, Pooopsie.
- *Savvy Summers and the Sweet Potato Crimes*—Sandra Jackson-Opoku When a notorious flirt dies after eating at her soul food cafe, Savvy Summers is the center of a murder scandal. With her business faltering, an ex-husband reappearing, and a pushy investor circling, Savvy and her assistant Penny must solve the crime before everything crumbles.
- *Sisters Before Mistfers: Finch Sisters #2*—Amelia Coombs
- *The Secret of Secrets*—Dan Brown. Robert Langdon, professor of symbology, travels to Prague to attend a lecture by a prominent noetic scientist with whom he has recently begun a relationship. Katherine is on the verge of publishing a book that threatens to disrupt centuries of established belief. But a brutal murder catapults the trip into chaos...
- *Sugar and Spite: an Agatha Raisin mystery*—M. C. Beaton
- *Surrogate Mother*—Freida McFadden The woman carrying Abby's child has an unspeakable secret. And she will stop at nothing to get what she wants.

New Nonfiction

- *107 Days*—Kamala Harris
- *Disrupt Everything and Win: Take control of your future: the proven and effective way to harness change into a force for success*—James Patterson
- *Every Weapon I Had: a Vietnam Vet's long road to the Medal Of Honor*—Paris Davis
- *The Sewing Guide To Cancer or other unwanted long term illnesses: 20+ useful projects for patients and caregivers*—Heather Grant

Thursday Afternoon At The Bark Fun Programs For Grown-Ups

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

November 6: Paint a gnome with Joyce. RSVP required, see details on page 1.

November 13: Hoax or History: the controversy surrounding the Michigan Relics explained.

November 20: try new craft: magazine art

November 27: No program. Happy Thanksgiving.

Library of Things A New Service At SDL



Explore SDL's NEW Library of Things and find a Thing to borrow!

Available Things

- blood pressure monitor
- butterfly shaped cake pan
- CD player for use in a vehicle
- film to digital converter
- food dehydrator
- games
- magnifying glasses
- Instant Pot
- metal detector
- puzzles
- scanner
- UV flashlight
- Vinyl record to digital converter
- 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. Or donate funds to purchase new items.

New DVDs

• *The Bad Guys 2:* The Bad Guys are struggling to find trust and acceptance in their newly minted lives as Good Guys, when they are pulled out of retirement and forced to do "one last job" by an all-female squad of criminals. Everyone, including The Crimson Paw, is being blackmailed by the girls, and their only way out may be an old nemesis.

• *Elio,* a space fanatic with an active imagination, finds himself on a cosmic misadventure where he must form friendships with alien lifeforms, navigate a crisis of intergalactic proportions, and somehow discover who he is truly meant to be.

• *F1:* Sonny Hayes was the most promising phenom in the 1990s in Formula 1 until an accident on the track. 30 years later, a former teammate convinces him to come back and drive alongside a hotshot rookie for one last shot at being the best in the world. Sonny's past catches up with him, and he finds that the road to redemption is not something you can travel alone.

• *Fantastic 4: First Steps:* Mister Fantastic, Invisible Woman, Human Torch and the Thing face their most daunting challenge yet as they defend Earth from Galactus & Silver Surfer.

• *Lilo & Stich:* When a lonely girl adopts Stich, a rambunctious alien 'puppy,' Stich helps mend Lilo's broken family wreaking hilarious havoc and mischievous fun on the Hawaiian Islands.

• *Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning:* Ethan and the IMF face the Entity, a rogue AI capable of ending the world by launching every nuclear weapon on earth. How far will Ethan go to stop it?

• *Superman:* Superman reconciles his alien Kryptonian heritage with his human upbringing as reporter Clark Kent. As the embodiment of truth, justice and the human way he soon finds himself in a world that views these attributes as old-fashioned.

FREE Services for the Visually Impaired

The MI Braille and Talking Book Library provides free reading materials & equipment including: books in Braille, described videos, large print books, and magazines, magazines in Braille or audio format, picture/Braille books to be shared with sighted individuals and talking books in audio format. Free equipment includes: audio book machine and special adaptive equipment. Materials and equipment are mailed to your home and returned postage free. Children and adults who meet any of the following criteria are eligible: deaf, difficulty reading standard size print, legally blind or visually impaired, learning disability, reading disability or physical handicap: either a permanent or temporary condition. A free mobile APP may be downloaded to receive books directly on a personal devices.

Applications are available at SDL or online. Doctors, reading specialists, teachers, librarians and school psychologists may certify the eligibility of applicants. Learn more at: www.michigan.gov/BTBL

New Books For Kids

Picture Books

- *Gray Squirrel Loses It!*—Cassandra Federman

New for Elementary

- *Diary of a Roblox: Haunted House*—Ari Avatar
- *Owl Diaries: Eva and the New Teacher*—Rebecca Eliott

New Graphic Novels

- *The Adventures of Super Diaper Baby*—Dav Pilkey
- *The Bad Guys in the Furball Strikes Back*—Aaron Blabey
- *Junie B. Jones and a little Monkey Business*—Barbara Park
- *Snoopy, the story of my life: the myth, the legend, the beagle!*—Andrew Farago
- *Space Case*—Stuart Gibbs

Nonfiction

- *Dinosaurs: exploring prehistoric life and geological time*—Rachel Ignatofsky
- *Understanding AI*

Early Literacy Programs

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 introduce children to the joy of reading and teach parents activities that stimulate brain development and encourage lifelong reading skills in their children.

Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver

Books For Tweens

- *New Dragon City*—Mari Mancusi. Lucas watches his neighbor Noah over the summer. Going outside is dangerous, thanks to mysterious fires making the air unsafe to breathe. Fires that Noah claims are caused by dragons. At first Lucas laughs it off, but when the family suddenly flees town and strange rumors start spreading, he realizes he needs to find out for sure.

1. *Dawn of the Dragons*

2. *New Dragon City*

- *Spark*—Chris Baron. A devastating wild-fire tests the hope resilience of two friends and their community.
- *Spy School Blackout*—Stuart Gibbs. Superspys Ben Ripley and his friends go off the grid to eliminate a cybersecurity threat.
- *Where Only Storms Grow*—Alyssa Colman. Twins, Howe and Joanna must work together to save their farm from ruin during the Dust Bowl.

New Graphic Novels

- *I Survived The Japanese Tsunami, 2011*—Lauren Tarshis
- *Tuck Everlasting*—Natalie Babbitt

Middle School

- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Party-pooper*—Jeff Kinney
- *Minecraft: One Last Quest*—Brandon Hoang
- *Tuck Everlasting*—Natalie Babbitt. The Tuck family discovers that a malicious stranger shares their secret about a spring whose water prevents them from aging.
- *War Games: a novel of 1936 Berlin*—Alan Gratz. Evie travels to Germany for the Olympics where she witnesses Nazi terror.

Books For Teens

- *Dream By the Shadows*—Logan Karlie. The Kingdom of Noctis is plagued by Corruption: a curse that spreads through dreaming. But for some, the allure of the Dream Realm is too strong. Enticed by the prospect of ending her kingdom's curse and avenging her family, Esmer follows the Shadow Bringer into the Dream Realm. The prince of darkness has a haunted past, one that might change the fate of Esmer's kingdom—and her heart—forever.
- *A Guide To Falling Off The Map*—Zanni Arnot. Two teens fall in love on the precipice of things falling apart when Vinnie & Roo hit the road across Australia.
- *Infinite Glade: Maze Cutter 3*—Jame Dashner. The group of descendants are forced to choose between risking their lives to share the truth of the maze trials with the world or escape the chaos with their lives and let the darkest secrets of the maze stay buried in the glade forever.
- *Of Flame and Fury*—Mikayla Bridge. When Kel Varra and her phoenix, Savita, join the Crimson Howlers racing team, they navigate fierce rivalries, a mysterious tech mogul with his own hidden agenda, and a dangerous romance with Kel's arrogant rival, Warren "Coup" Coupers.
- *Scorched Earth*—Danielle Jensen. As a deadly blight spreads and the Empire tightens its grip, Lydia and Killian must escape the Corrupter's influence. Teriana and Marcus confront their inner demons as each makes heartbreaking choices to save their world.
- *Tiger's Trek*—Colleen Houck. Five unlikely companions are thrust into a dreamworld teeming with monsters and mysteries. They must confront their deepest fears to save their empire. Their intentions are noble but heroes aren't remembered for their intentions, they're remembered for their sacrifices.

After School Club Thursdays: 3:30 to 4:45

At SDL's Bark Shanty Library Branch
for 1st - 8th graders

Miss Cyndi is planning something FUN and different every week
Activities, Crafts, Games, LEGOs, Movies, STEM and more!

November 6: STREAM Activities and experiments.

November 13: Crafts

November 20: LEGOs

November 27 No program. Happy Thanksgiving!

Snacks will be served. Parents, please send a letter if your child has a food allergy.
Parents are not required to remain during the program.
Children MUST be picked up at the end time.

*NOTE: The time may be changed to 4 - 5:30 if that works better for parents.