

Sanilac District Library



Books & Beyond

# Book Talk

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## Seasons Readings!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

### 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.

**December 6**

*All The Children Are Home*

Patry Francis

&

*Dancing In the Rain*

Anne Friedle

**January 3**

*Clock Dance*

Anne Tyler

### Santa Story Time

Saturday,  
December 9 at 11:30



### Holiday Closings

**Christmas Day:**  
Monday, December 25

**New Year's Day:**  
Monday, January 1, 2024



### 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

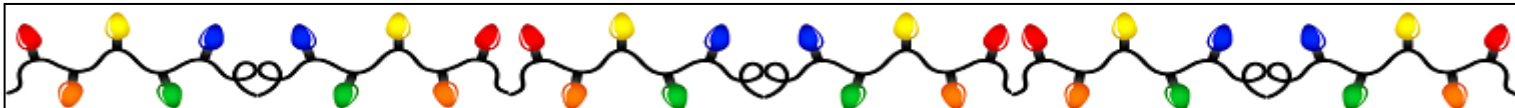


### Year End Donations To SDL

Contributions are greatly appreciated and are a necessary part of SDL's budget. Donations not only provide library materials (books, magazines and movies) but also computers, furniture, improvements to the facility & garden and special projects that are not financed by normal revenue sources.

Gifts are recognized on SDL's website and The *Giving Tree* or *Book Of Remembrance* unless the giver wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you!

[www.sanilacdistrictlibrary.lib.mi.us](http://www.sanilacdistrictlibrary.lib.mi.us)



## New Fiction

• *Alaska Wild* series—Paige Shelton.  
Beth, a thriller writer finds herself on a real-life adventure. Suffering from a severe head injury and memory loss after escaping from a crazed super-fan, she disappears to a remote town in Alaska.

3. *Dark Night*

4. *Winter's End*

• *Alex Cross Must Die*—James Patterson  
• *Ball At Versailles*—Danielle Steel  
• *Bangalore Detectives Club*—Harini Nagendra

• *Betrayal: a Robin Lockwood novel*—Phillip Margolin

• *Book Club Hotel*—Sarah Morgan

• *Bright Lights, Big Christmas*—Mary Kay Andrews

• *Broken Trust*—Robert B. Parker

• *Catfish Charlie*—William Johnstone  
A former Texas Ranger, Charlie spent most of his life catching outlaws. Now retired, he's content catching fish. Frank Thorson's gang rides into town, busts Frank's brother out of the slammer and kills the marshal, whose daughter is kidnapped. The townsfolk ask that drunken old coot Catfish Charlie go after the bloodthirsty gang.

• *Christmas Bookshop*—Jenny Colgan

• *The Christmas Café*—Eliza Evans

• *Christmas In Painted Pony Creek*—Linda Lael Miller

• *A Christmas Vanishing*—Anne Perry

• *Christmas Wager*—Holly Cassidy

• *The Corsican Shadow*—Dirk Cussler

• *Dark Night of the Mountain Man*—William Johnstone

• *A December To Remember*—Jenny Bayliss

• *The Edge: A 6:20 Man thriller*—David Baldacci. Sent to a small coastal town in Maine to solve the murder of a CIA operative, ex-Army ranger Travis Devine, must unravel a long history of secrets while evading those who want him dead.

• *The Frontier Overland Company*—William Johnstone

• *The Ghost Illusion*—Kat Martin

• *The General and Julia*—Jon Clinch  
Unable to walk and speak due to cancer, Ulysses S. Grant is desperate to complete his memoirs before his death to provide financial security for his family. And redemption. He was once the savior of the Union, the general to whom Lee surrendered, a twice-elected president who fought for civil rights and against the Ku Klux Klan.

• *Girl In The Vault*—Michael Ledwidge  
When betrayal ruins her chances for a job at a bank, Faye uses her gift for numbers and nerves of steel for a new plan.

• *Good Taste*—Caroline Scott. In 1932, an author is commissioned to write a history of food in England to lift spirits during the Depression and interviews housewives for hidden culinary gems.

• *Just Once*—Karen Kingsbury

• *Kinfolk*—Sean Dietrich. Nub is given a second chance to make a difference when a teenager shows up in his life. He learns that family, forgiveness and kindness can be found in the most unlikely of places.

• *The Little Liar*—Mitch Album. A trustworthy boy, duped by a Nazi officer into leading his family and Jewish residents to their doom, becomes a pathological liar, in a story that explores honesty, devotion and revenge-and the power of love.

• *Love, Holly*—Emily Stone

• *Midnight at the Christmas Bookshop*—Jenny Colgan

• *Murder On The Christmas Express*—Alexandra Benedict. All aboard, but beware! Passengers who sleep on this train may never wake up.

• *Murphy Shepherd* series—Charles Martin

1. *The Water Keeper*

2. *The Letter Keeper*

3. *The Record Keeper*

• *National Parks mystery* series—Claire Kells. A former FBI agent takes her skills off the grid. Working for ISB, Felicity tackles crimes on National Park lands: unexplained falls, domestic disputes and murder. Bad things happen in the wilderness. Sometimes they're not accidents.

1. *Vanishing Edge*

2. *An Unforgiving Place*

3. *Forgotten Trail*

• *Next-Door Nemesis*—Alexa Martin

• *Obsession: a Teddy Fay novel featuring Stone Barrington*—Stuart Woods

• *On The Way To The End Of The World*—Adrianne Harun

• *Past Lying: a Karen Pirie novel*—Val McDermid.

• *The Porcelain Maker*—Sarah Freethy  
In 1929, Max is sent to Dachau where his talent making porcelain figures keeps him from death. Bettina risks everything to rescue him from Nazi Germany. Survival depends on strength, loyalty and knowing true friend from foe.

• *Resurrection Walk: a Lincoln Lawyer novel*—Michael Connelly

• *Santa & Company*—Fern Michaels

• *The Secret Life of Sunflowers*—Marta Molnar. Auctioneer Emsley finds the diary of Johanna, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law who inherited his paintings which weren't worth anything. She was a widow with a baby in the 1800s, without any means of supporting herself, living in Paris where she barely spoke the language. Yet she managed to introduce Vincent's legacy to the world.

• *Someone Always Nearby*—Susan Wittig Albert

• *A True Account: Hannah Masury's Sojourn Amongst the Pyrates, Written by Herself*—Katherine Howe  
When a man is hanged for piracy in 1726, whispers spread of hidden treasure. Bond servant Hannah flees for her life disguising herself as a cabin boy in the pitiless crew of the notorious pirate "Ned" Low. Hannah hunts for the treasure to earn her freedom. In 1930, professor Marian Beresford pieces Hannah's story together, seeing her own lack of freedom reflected back at her. Marian is determined to solve a centuries-old mystery just as Hannah may have been determined to take it to her grave.

• *'Twas The Bite Before Christmas: an Andy Carpenter mystery*—David Rosenfelt

• *The Twelve Days of Murder*—Andreina Cordanì

• *The Twelve Dogs of Christmas*—Susan Wiggs

• *Unleashed For A Holiday*—Victoria Schade

• *Unnatural Death: a Kay Scarpetta novel*—Patricia Cornwell

• *Up On The Woof Top: a Chet & Bernie mystery*—Spencer Quinn

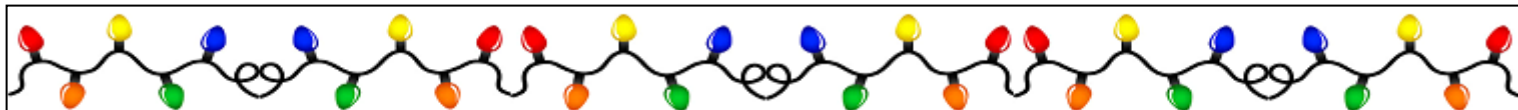
• *A Very Inconvenient Scandal*—Jacquelyn Mitchard

• *The Watchmaker's Hand: Lincoln Rhyme*—Jeffrey Deaver

• *We Must Not Think Of Ourselves*—Lauren Grodstein. Adam, a prisoner in the Warsaw Ghetto, works with a secret group of archivists to preserve the truth of what is happening. He takes testimonies from his students, friends, and neighbors. When Adam discovers a possible escape, he is faced with an unbearable choice: whom can he save and at what cost?

• *A Winter By The Sea*—Julie Klassen

• *A Winter In New York*—Josie Silver



## Large Print

- *The Edge: A 6:20 Man thriller*—David Baldacci
- *Resurrection Walk: Lincoln Lawyer*—Michael Connelly

## New Nonfiction

- *1,000 Hours Outside: activities to match screen time with green time*—Ginny Yurich
- *Black Writers of the Founding Era*—James Basker, editor.
- *Clanland In New Zealand: Kiwis, kilts and an adventure down under*—Sam Heughan & Graham McTavish
- *Ghosts of Honolulu: a Japanese spy, a Japanese American spy hunters and the untold story of Pearl Harbor*—Mark Harmon
- *Herbal: 100 herbs from the world's healing traditions*—Mimi Hernandez
- *The Lost Tomb and Other Stories of Bones, Burials and Murder*—Douglas Preston
- *My Name Is Barbra*—Barbra Streisand
- *The Rebellious CEO: 12 leaders who did it right*—Ralph Nader
- *Round Here and Over Yonder: a front-porch travel guide by two progressive hillbillies (yes, that's a thing)*—Trae Crowder
- *Shipwrecked!: diving for hidden time capsules on the ocean floor*—Martin Sandler
- *Smashing Stigma: dismantling stereo-types, prejudice and discrimination*—Connie Goldsmith
- *Soldier of destiny: slavery, secession and the redemption of Ulysses S. Grant*—John Reeves
- *Space Shuttle Stories: firsthand astronaut accounts from all 135 missions*—Tom Jones
- *Taste of Home Copycat Favorites*
- *Until The Streetlights Come On: how a return to play brightens our present and prepares kids for an uncertain future*—Ginny Yurich, MED

## How To Access Your SDL Account

1. Go to SDL's website. Click on the CATALOG icon.
2. Click **Please Login** in the right corner of the blue title bar.
3. Enter your 14 digit library card number.
4. The default password is *userpass*
5. After you login, you're required to make a new password. Remember it! Library staff do not have access to your password. But, if you forget, library staff are able to reset the password to *userpass* and you can create a new password.
6. Click ☒ **Remember Me** if you are using My Account from home.

## New DVDs

- *Golda*: During the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir faces overwhelming odds as millions of lives hang in the balance.
- *Oppenheimer*: A physicist's landmark work on the Manhattan Project.
- *Sound of Freedom*: Based on a true story. After rescuing a boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and risks his life on a dangerous mission to save her. With time running out, he quits his job and journeys deep into the Colombian jungle.

## Libby: FREE Audio Books, eBooks & eMagazines

Libby accounts have been set-up for all SDL patrons.

Go to SDL's website and click on the Libby icon to download the Libby App. Access your account:

- 1) Choose SDL as your home library.
- 2) Enter your 14 digit library card number.
- 3) Enter your PIN (your last name in lower case letters).



SDL is a member of White Pine Library Cooperative's digital consortium, Fuel Your Mind. SDL patrons may borrow items from the collections of these partner library systems:

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| • Download Destination          | • Midwest Collaborative for Library Services |
| • Great Lakes Digital Libraries | • Suburban Library Cooperative               |
| • Lakeland Digital Library      | • Up North Digital Collection                |
| • Metro Net Library Consortium  | • Woodlands Downloadable Library             |

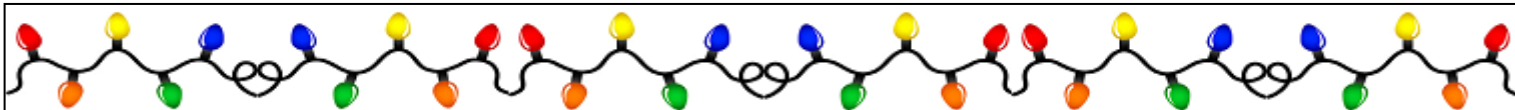
## Add Other Content Groups To Your SDL Libby Account

Log into your Libby account and select "Menu" (the center button) on the toolbar at the bottom of the screen.

1. Under "Your Libraries" click "Add Library"
2. In the text box asking for Library Name, City, or Zip, begin typing the name of one of the above content groups
3. Click on the library card icon next to the name of the content group you wish to add to your account
4. Click "Sign In With My Card"
5. Click on Sanilac District Library
6. Enter your library card number and PIN. Click "Sign In"
7. Repeat steps 1 - 6 until each Content Group is added to your account.
8. Content groups only have to added to your account *one time*.

**Libby automatically searches all Content Groups in your account.**





## New Books For Kids

### Picture Books

- *Great And Small Christmas* (Board Book)
- *How Does Santa Go Down The Chimney?*—Mac Barnett
- *Just Because*—Matthew McConaughey

### Easy Reader

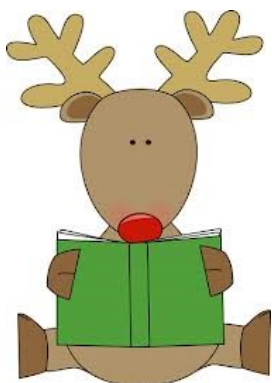
- *Cat Sees Snow*—Laura Gehl

### New Graphic Novels

- *Cat Kid Comic Club: Influencers*—Dav Pilkey

### New Nonfiction

- *Star Wars: The Padawan Cookbook: kid-friendly recipes from a galaxy far, far away*—Jenn Fujikawa



## Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:30  
December 7 & 14  
at 10:30

Age appropriate activities,  
books, crafts and FUN!

For preschool children  
2 to 4 years old  
with an adult caregiver.

*Toddler Time will **not** meet  
December 21 & 28*

## Tweens

- *Last Kids On Earth...Max Brallier*  
8. *and the Forbidden Fortress*  
the Last Kids are happily reunited but are faced with a monstrous new mission. Inside an other-dimensional fortress, the evil Thrull is carrying out a sinister plan. The Kids must infiltrate the stronghold before Thrull completes the mysterious Tower, a structure that could ultimately spell doom for this dimension.
- 9. *and the Monster Dimension*  
Thrull has what he needs to complete the Tower, Rezzoch will most certainly come to Earth and the world as they know it will cease to exist. Jack's Cosmic Hand is more powerful than he realized and it might be able to stop the inevitable from happening. To get the answers he seeks, he'll need to travel farther than he's ever been. He must go to the monster dimension!

## Middle School

- *15 Secrets To Survival*—Natalie Richards. After their instructor disappears, four classmates on a team building weekend in wilderness only have a few pages from a survival guide to help them. The woods are full of surprises. Will they discover a way to work together to find their teacher and overcome the dangers of winter in the mountains?
- *Shadow Bruja*—J. C. Cervantes  
Renata, a bruja, can control time and manipulate shadows. She thinks there is a connection between aliens and the Mayan civilization. After receiving an email about an alien sighting in Kansas, she finds herself on a quest to prevent cinco renegades from awakening the Aztec Lords of Night.
  1. *The Lords of the Night*
  2. *Dawn of the Jaguar*

## Teens

- *Defiant: Skyward Book Four*—Brandon Sanderson. Spensa needs all the knowledge she gathered in the Nowhere to end the Superiority's quest for galactic dominance, but first she must determine how far she is willing to go for victory.
- *Murtagh*—Christopher Paolini  
The world is no longer safe for Dragon Rider Murtagh and his dragon, Thorn. An evil king has been toppled, and they are left to face the consequences of the reluctant role they played in his reign of terror. Now they are hated and alone, exiled to the outskirts of society. Throughout the land, hushed voices whisper of brittle ground and a faint scent of brimstone in the air and Murtagh senses something wicked lurks in the shadows of Alagaësia. So begins an epic journey into lands both familiar and untraveled, where Murtagh and Thorn must use every weapon in their arsenal, from brains to brawn, to find and outwit a mysterious witch who is much more than she seems.
- *Rule*—Rowenna Miller. The epic conclusion of the French Revolution inspired historical fantasy series, *The Unraveled Kingdom*. In an enchanted world of sorcery, court intrigue, and revolutionary royals, a magical seamstress joins forces with her brother in a deadly bid to change history.
- *Stolen By Night*—Steve Watkins  
When the Nazis invade France, Nicolette joins the French Resistance. It's a deadly secret she has to keep from everyone. Her father works for law enforcement, under Nazi control. One night, she is taken by Nazis to a concentration camp where she is a witness not just to the atrocities, but also the courage, bravery and hope that can emerge in even the darkest times. Nicolette realizes her greatest weapon against the Nazis is to live so she can tell the world the truth of what happened.