



**Books & Beyond**

# SDL 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

December 2025



### 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.

**December 3 at 5:30**

*Christmas Bells*

by Jennifer Chiaverini

**January 7 at 5:30**

*Once We Were Brothers*

Ronald Balson

#### Make A Christmas Gnome With Joyce

**Thursday, December 11 at 1**

**At SDL's Bark Shanty Branch**

Make this adorable 11 inch tall Christmas Gnome! Joyce will provide all the supplies and guide you in the process. Choose from a variety of decorations, so each gnome will be unique!

**\$20 fee for the instructor and supplies**

**Please RSVP at Sanilac District Library**

Register in person at SDL

call 810.622.8623 or email: [sdlcircdesk@yahoo.com](mailto:sdlcircdesk@yahoo.com)

The class is limited to 15 people



#### Sanilac District Library

7130 Main Street

PO Box 525

Port Sanilac, MI 48469

810.622.8623

#### Holiday Closings

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

New Year's Eve

New Year's Day

#### Library Hours

Monday: 11-5

Tuesday: 11- 5

Wednesday: 11-7

Thursday: 11-5

Friday: 11-5

Saturday: 11-2



## Artist of the Month

## Austanne Barney



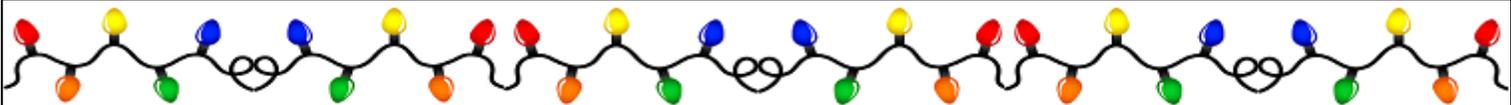
### Library of Things

#### NEW Service At Sanilac District Library

Do you want to try something before you buy?

Explore SDL's NEW Library of Things

and find a Thing to borrow! See page 4.



## New Fiction

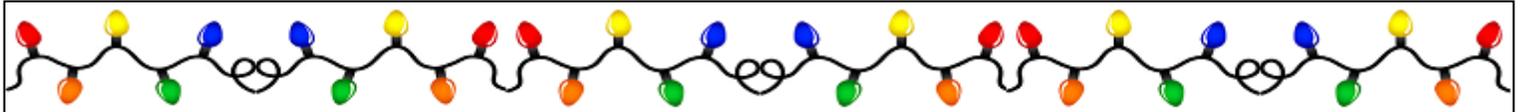
- *Alchemy of Secrets*—Stephanie Garber. It starts with a class in an old movie theater. Folklore 517: Local Legends and Urban Myths, taught by a woman called the Professor. Most students believe the Professor's stories are just fiction, but Holland is convinced that magic is real.
- *All This Could Be Yours*—Hank Phillippi Ryan
- *Black Wolf: Inspector Armand Gamache mystery #20*—Louise Penny
- *Christmas Stranger*—Richard Evans
- *Clementine Crane Prefers Not To*—Kristin Bair
- *The Color Of Hope*—Danielle Steel
- *Code Blue*—Fern Michaels
- *Deadly Trade: an FBI K-9 novel*—Sara Driscoll
- *Exit Strategy: a Reacher novel*—Lee Child
- *Evil Bones: a Temperance Brennan novel*—Kathy Reichs
- *False Witness*—Phillip Margolin. A lawyer who was imprisoned and disbarred, only to be vindicated and reinstated, is determined to find out who set her up.
- *A Ferry Merry Christmas*—Debbie Macomber
- *From Cradle To Grave: A Royal Spyness mystery*—Rhys Bowen
- *How To Talk To Your Dog About Murder*—Emily Soderberg. Nikki is struggling to get her pet behavior business off the ground. The wealthy Mrs. Van Meer wants Nikki to help the family's old hound dog who is grieving the loss of his owner. But then Mrs. Van Meer turns up dead. With a multitude of suspects, Nikki's happy to sit back and let the police will solve the crime. Until she learns that she is left in charge of a sizable amount of money and the police start dogging her every step.
- *I Killed The King*—Rebecca Mix  
After a decade of war, the kingdoms of Avendell and Istellia have finally agreed to peace. As nobles and magic wielders from both countries gather to celebrate, King Costis summons an unlikely group to his chambers. Before he reveals why he has gathered them, the castle goes dark. When the lights come back, the king is dead. Everyone is a suspect. A winter storm seals everyone inside and guests are murdered one by one. The six suspects must work together to discover who killed the king.
- *The Kings Ransom: a Recovery Agent novel*—Janet Evanovich

- *The Lady In Gray: a novel of the Civil War*—Sandra Horn: To save her younger brother from the Confederate army, Lydia disguises herself as a boy and ventures into the Civil War. Her quest becomes a crucible of survival, forcing her onto bloody battlefields & the grim reality of a Union prison camp. She becomes a woman of unbreakable will dedicated to preserving the memory of the soldiers who died.
- *Marigold Cottages Murder Collective*—Jo Nichols. Mrs. B. only rents her bungalows to people she cares about. The tenants live contentedly until their peace is shattered when Anthony, an ex-con moves in. When a body is discovered, Anthony is arrested, the tenants heave sighs of relief. Until Mrs. B, convinced that he's innocent, confesses to the crime herself. The tenants band together to save their beloved landlady. As secrets are revealed, the community of misfits only grows more tight-knit ... until a second body is found.
- *Nash Falls*—David Baldacci
- *One Of Them*—Kitty Zeldis. Anne enjoys college life at Vassar. None of her friends know that she Jewish. She turns a blind eye to the anti-Semitism since it's not directed at her. But her secret is threatened when she befriends sophisticated, brilliant Delia who is unashamedly Jewish. t.
- *The Queen Who Came In From The Cold: Her Majesty The Queen Investigates #5*—S. J. Bennett
- *The Return of The Spider*—James Patterson
- *Remain: a supernatural love story*—Nicholas Sparks
- *Revenge of Odessa*—Frederick Forsyth. Odessa has been replaced by Medusa reaching power greater than Odessa ever achieved: the rise of the far-right in German politics; the spike in violence and terrorism against Germany's immigrant population; and the angry reaction of her citizens. All are symptoms of a man-made danger, fuel for a planned inferno that must be stopped at all costs. All while the children of Odessa play for the highest power of all—a seat in the West Wing.
- *Santa's Holiday Spectacular*—Fern Michaels
- *The Secret Christmas Library*—Jenny Colgan
- *The Seven Rings: the Lost Bride Trilogy Book 3*—Nora Roberts
- *Sword of Light*—Heather Graham
- *Terror on The Train: a Dorothy Martin mystery*—Jeanne Dams

- *The Tin Men*—Nelson DeMille At a top-secret Army training facility, Special Agents Scott Brodie and Maggie Taylor plunge into a web of military suspense, AI technology, and robot soldiers as they unravel the murder of a scientist.
- *Twice*—Mitch Album. At eight, Alfie discovers the magical ability to get a second chance at everything. He can undo any moment and live it again. The one catch: he must accept the consequences of his second try--for better or worse.
- *Two Truths and a Murder: Phyllida Bright mystery*—Colleen Cambridge
- *The Widow*—John Grisham. Simon is a lawyer making just enough to pay his bills while his marriage slowly falls apart. Then into his office walks an elderly widow in need of a new will. After she is in a car accident, Simon realizes that nothing is as it seems, and finds himself on trial for a crime he swears he didn't commit: murder.
- *Weekend Crashers*—Jamie Brenner. Maggie and daughter Piper are at a knitting retreat and end up sharing their charming inn with a rowdy bushcraft bachelor party. Undaunted by the clash of interests and personalities, Maggie suggests a lighthearted battle of crafts.
- *Wild Instinct*—T. Jefferson Parker. Lew, a Sheriff's detective & former sniper, tracks a mountain lion that killed a rich developer but discover that the victim was dead long before the lion got to him.

## New DVDs

- *The King of Kings*: A father tells his son the greatest story ever told, and what begins as a bedtime tale becomes a life-changing journey. Through vivid imagination, the boy walks alongside Jesus, witnessing His miracles, facing His trials, and understanding His ultimate sacrifice.
- *Relay*: A world-class 'fixer' brokers lucrative payoffs between corrupt corporations and the individuals who threaten them. He keeps his identity a secret. When a message arrives from a potential client needing protection, the rules change...
- *Three Wise Men And A Baby*: Three brothers are surprised when they care for a baby during the holidays, while rebuilding their relationships as brothers and rediscovering their love for Christmas.



# Libby By OverDrive

## Free AudioBooks, eBooks & eMagazines

Libby accounts have been set-up for all SDL patrons

### How to access your Libby account

- Go to SDL's website and click on the Libby icon to download the Libby App. Open Libby and
- 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).

### Digital Collection Partners

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

- Bay City Library System **NEW**
- Download Destination
- Genesee District Library
- Great Lakes Digital Libraries
- Lakeland Digital Library
- Metro Net Library Consortium
- Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
- Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
- Southwest Michigan Digital Library
- St. Clair County Library System
- Suburban Library Cooperative
- Traverse Area District Library
- Up North Digital Collection
- Woodlands Library Cooperative

### How To Add Other Content Groups To Your SDL Libby Account

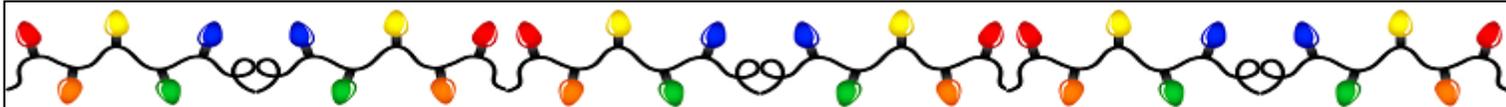
**Content groups only need to be added to your account *one time*. Once added, Libby automatically searches all the Content Groups in your account.** Log into your Libby account and select "Menu" on the toolbar at the bottom of the page.

1. Under "Your Libraries" click "Add Library"
2. In the text box asking for Library Name, 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. Sign In
7. Repeat steps 1-6 until each Content Group is added.

### Content Controls

Libby is introducing an optional new feature called Content Controls in the Settings sections of the Menu allowing users to decide how "mature content" is displayed. Choices include whether it appears in deep search results, whether it can be sampled or borrowed, and whether cover images are visible. Users can simply select a preset:

- Default: "Mature content" titles will not appear unless added to an account.
- Libby for Everyone works without restrictions by audience except those users manually choose to apply.
- Libby for Kids only displays titles for juvenile & young adult audiences. Users can apply deep search, sample, and circulation restrictions to young adult titles, if they wish.
- Libby for Grown-ups is for people who borrow "general content" and "mature content" titles only. It prevents kids' titles from appearing. Users who enjoy young adult titles can re-enable that content using a toggle within the preset.
- Users may choose to lock Content Controls with a passkey on a specific device.
- Libby Help features articles and a training video.



### Early Literacy Programs At SDL's Bark Shanty Branch

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

#### Baby Time

Newborn to 24 months  
Thursday at 10



#### Toddler Time

2-4 year olds  
Thursday at 10:30

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*

Baby Time & Toddler Time are cancelled  
if CPs is closed due to the weather.

### 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!

**December 4: Surprise!**

**December 11: STREAM Activities and experiments.**

**December 18: Crafts**

**December 25: No program. Merry Christmas!**

**January 1: No program. Happy New Year**

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: Programs are canceled if CPS is closed due to the weather.*

### Thursday Afternoon At The Bark Fun Programs For Grown-Ups

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

**December 4:** How Dickens changed Christmas

**December 11:** Make A Christmas Gnome with Joyce. RSVP required, see details on page 1

**December 18:** finger knit a trivet in Christmas colors. Free.

**December 25:** No program. Merry Christmas!

**January 1:** Happy New Year! 2026 programs begin January 8

### Year End Donations To SDL

Contributions are greatly appreciated and are a necessary part of SDL's budget. Donations provide funds for special projects that are not always financed by normal revenue sources such as equipment, furniture, items for the Library of Things, programs and improvements to the facility and garden.

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

Thank you!



## Library of Things

### Check out SDL Things!

Beverage dispenser, binoculars & bird identification guide, blood pressure monitor, butterfly cake pan, digital to film converter, games, food dehydrator, Instant Pot, hand held mixer, laser level & stud finder, metal detector, puzzles, portable CD player for use in car, scanner, yooper light and waffle iron.