



**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

**February 2025**

## SDL Movie Night ~ March 10 at 6

### SDL Book Club

Discuss books others who enjoy reading. SDL's Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month.

**February 5 at 5:30**

*Wade In the Water*  
Nyani Nkrumah

**March 5 at 5:30**

*Miss Morgan's Book Brigade*  
Janet Charles

**April 2 at 5:30**

*House of Eve*  
Sadeqa Johnson

**May 7 at 5:30**

*The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*  
Anna Johnston

**DreamWorks Animation Presents**

## The Wild Robot<sup>©</sup>

**Sponsored by SDL & the Village of Port Sanilac**

**At the Bark Shanty Community Center**

**FREE admission! FREE popcorn! Fun for the whole family!**

*Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.*

### NEW: SDL Bark Shanty Branch

The Village of Port Sanilac and Sanilac District Library created a partnership to increase awareness and usage of the Bark Shanty Community Center and to provide extra library services. Reason #1: The Village wanted to offer movie nights but licensing is very expensive. Reason #2: Public libraries may contract for movie licensing at a reasonable rate but copyright requirements limit movie showings to one specific library site. Reason #3: SDL needs space for programs but can't afford to expand. Solution: The Village is leasing Room #1 at the Bark Shanty Community Center to SDL as an exclusive library branch in order to legally enable SDL to provide movie licenses. A win-win for both entities.

The Bark Shanty Library Branch gives SDL the opportunity to offer programs and services which space constraints prohibited in the past. SDL is moving ahead one step at a time to implement new possibilities. Traditional library services won't be duplicated at the Bark Shanty Branch.

An Open House celebrating the Bark Shanty Library Branch will be held this summer.

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### Sanilac District Library

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### Library Hours

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

## New Fiction

- *Ace, Marvel, Spy*—Jenni Walsh. Tennis champion Alice's world unravels after her husband's death in World War II, but when the U.S. Army recruits her to spy under the guise of tennis exhibitions, she seizes the chance to avenge him and faces her greatest challenge.
- *Beast of the North Woods: Monster Hunter mystery #3*—Annelise Ryan
- *Beg, Borrow or Steal*—Sarah Adams
- *The Big Empty: an Elvis Cole and Joe Pike*—Robert Crais
- *Better Than Friends*—Jill Shalvis
- *Boudicca*—P. C. Cast. In Britain, the Romans launch a devastating attack on the Iceni tribe's stronghold. Boudicca's family barely survive—but they refuse to yield.
- *Chaos At The Lazy Bones Bookshop*—Emmeline Duncan
- *The Crash*—Freida McFadden. Eight months pregnant and abandoned by her baby's father, Tegan embarks on a journey to her brother's house during a storm, only to crash and find herself at the mercy of a couple with potentially sinister intentions.
- *Death In Diamonds: Her Majesty The Queen Investigates*—S. J. Bennett
- *Eddie Winston Is Looking For Love*—Marianne Cronin. At 90, Eddie has never been kissed. Volunteering at a charity shop, he sorts donations & preserves tokens of love. Bella, 24, has lost the love of her life. When she learns that Eddie is yet to have his first kiss, she resolves to help him finally find love, sparking an adventure that will take them to unexpected places.
- *Flirting With Disaster*—Naina Kumar
- *Give Me Butterflies*—Julian Meadows
- *Grave Danger: Jack Swyteck novel*—James Grippando
- *Hanging Tree: A Brother Athelstan medieval mystery*—Paul Doherty
- *Heart of Winter*—Jonathan Evison. Abe and Ruth never meant to be together, yet their catastrophic first date evolved into a 70-year marriage.
- *Hold Strong*—Robert Dugoni. After Pearl Harbor, Sam is sent to the Philippines and captured. Brutalized by the POW camps, Bataan Death March and herded into the cargo hold of a barbaric hell ship, called the Arisan Maru, his survival is doubtful. Determined to use her math skills on the home front, Sam's sweetheart Sarah is recruited into covert code breaking. After intercepting a message about a Japanese convoy, the U.S. Navy's mission is to sink the ships. The lives of the two lovers collide in one of the most shocking acts of WWII.

- *Holmes Is Missing: Holmes, Margaret & Poe mystery*—James Patterson
- *If I Stopped Haunting You*—Colby Wilkens
- *Knife Skills For Beginners*—Orlando Murrin. Substituting for a friend at Chester Square Cookery School in London, Paul enjoys teaching until someone is killed with his knife. Paul must discover the killer before he gets butchered.
- *The Last Room On The Left*—Leah Konen. Kerry, a struggling writer with a crumbling life, takes a caretaker job at a remote Catskills motel to finish her book. When a snowstorm traps her with a frozen corpse, she must unravel a deadly game of survival or risk losing her mind and her life.
- *Last Twilight In Paris*—Pam Jenoff. Adjusting to her postwar role as a housewife, Louise discovers a necklace in a box at a secondhand shop. She is certain she saw the necklace when she worked with the Red Cross in Nazi-occupied Europe—and that it holds the key to the mysterious death of her friend Franny during the war.
- *Let's Call Her Barbie*—Renee Rosen. In 1956, Ruth, cofounder of a budding toy company, creates a controversial doll to empower little girls to be anything. Barbie becomes cultural phenomenon and a legacy that Ruth will do anything to protect.
- *Lie For A Million*—Janet Dailey
- *Locked In Pursuit: an Electra McDonnell novel #4*—Ashley Weaver
- *The Lotus Shoes*—Jane Yang. Tightly bound feet or "golden lilies" are the mark of an honorable woman in China, eclipsing beauty, a rich dowry and even bloodline in the marriage stakes. Little Flower is sold as a maidservant and hopes that one day her golden lilies and embroidery skills will lead her out of slavery. Cast out to the Celibate Sisterhood, Little Flower's artistic prowess catches the eye of a nobleman. His attention threatens her improved status and her life.
- *Mail Man*—Andrew Welsh-Huggins. Mercury Carter has special skills from his former life as a federal agent with the postal inspection service, skills that make him particularly useful for delivering items in dangerous circumstances. Before he can complete an assignment to an attorney, she is kidnapped. With her husband in tow, Carter pursues the kidnapper. Along the way, he uncovers a conspiracy and a powerful crime syndicate, all in service of his main objective: to hand the package over to Rachel. Carter has never missed a delivery and isn't about to start now.
- *Never Say Never*—Danielle Steel
- *The Note*—Alafair Burke
- *Onyx Storm: Empyrean #3*—Rebecca Yarros

- *Open Season: An Alex Delaware novel*—Jonathan Kellerman
- *Our Winter Monster*—Dennis Mahoney. Holly and Brian try to outrun a blizzard and lose control of their car. The storm is getting worse and there is a monster...
- *Peculiar Garden of Harriet Hunt*—Chelsea Iversen
- *Perfect Storm*—Paige Shelton
- *Pony Confidential*—Christina Lynch
- *Presumed Guilty*—Scott Turow. Rusty comes out of retirement to defend his step-son-to-be from a murder charge where the evidence doesn't seem to add up. But regardless of where the truth is pointing, it seems that the odds are stacked against Aaron. It's going to take all of Rusty's knowledge as a lawyer and judge to show the jury that Aaron isn't a murderer
- *Pro Bono*—Thomas Perry. Attorney Charles Warren is helping a young widow find her late husband's missing money when he recognizes a con that targeted his mother years before and becomes entangled in the web of fraud, betrayal, and criminals surrounding the theft.
- *Shattering Dawn*—Jayne Krentz
- *The Stolen Queen*—Fiona Davis
- *Temple of Swoon*—Jo Squire
- *Texas Murders*—James Patterson
- *To Save The Man*—John Sayles. At the Carlisle Indian School in 1890, young Native students are forced to abandon their culture under the brutal hand of Captain Pratt, while whispers of the ghost dance spread across the Plains, offering a glimmer of hope and rebellion against the inevitable bloodshed looming on the horizon.
- *Unexpected Diva*—Tiffany Warren. Born into slavery, Elizabeth was raised in a Quaker community by a wealthy adoptive mother. Eliza's happy childhood included music lessons to nurture her unique gift: a glorious three octave singing voice. When her mother dies, her inheritance is contested by her mother's white cousins. A chance performance on a steamboat leads to an opportunity to tour America, singing to packed houses and igniting controversy. Threatened by slave-catchers and racist crowds, Eliza lives a public life full of risk.
- *Under Loch and Key*—Lana Ferguson
- *The Vanishing Point*—Paul Theroux
- *What The Light Touches*—Xavier Bosch
- *Where The Creek Bends*—Linda Lael Miller
- *White Mulberry*—Rosa Easton
- *Yeonnam-Dong's Smiley Laundromat*—Jiyun Kim. A lost diary brings residents from all walks of life together as customers jot down their own entries.

## Bark Shanty Library Branch

**Children's Programs:** beginning this summer, Baby Time, Toddler Time, Summer Story Time, STREAM Club (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art & Music), and LEGO® Club will take place at the Bark Shanty.

**Adult Programs:** Ideas are in the works such as arts & crafts, cooking and more! If you have a skill, talent or special interest that you could share or teach, please contact the Library Director.

**NEW Service: Library of Things (LOTs):** Patrons will be able to borrow useful items from LOTs such as cake pans, cookware, craft supplies, crock pot, games, puzzles, sports equipment, tools, toys and more. LOTs will open as soon as "Things" are acquired. SDL is requesting donations of "Things" in new & very good condition or monetary donations to purchase items to include in the collection. A list of desirable things will be posted on SDL's website.

The Bark Shanty Library Branch is the fourth location managed by SDL: the main facility at 7130 Main Street in Port Sanilac plus the Carsonville-Port Sanilac Elementary & High School Libraries. Sanilac District Library is Growing To Meet Your Needs.

## New DVDs

- ***Deadpool & Wolverine:*** a listless Wade Wilson toils away in civilian life. But when his home world is threatened, he reluctantly suits up as he tries to convince Wolverine...
- ***The Forge:*** A year out of high school with no plans for his future, Isaiah is challenged by his single mom and a successful businessman to chart a better course for his life. Through the prayers of his mother and biblical discipleship from his new mentor, Isaiah discovers that God's purpose for his life is so much more than he could imagine.
- ***The Way Home:*** Three generations of Landry women reunite and begin to heal from their family's past when their youngest member finds herself on an unexpected journey through time.
- ***Wicked:*** Misunderstood Elphaba hasn't discovered her true power. Glinda hasn't discovered her true heart. The two meet and forge a friendship before their lives take different paths after an encounter with the Wizard of Oz.

## Readers Advisory: A Matchmaking Service For Readers



Readers Advisory is librarian speak for a matchmaking service for book lovers.

There are so many good books to read at SDL but so little time to search for them.

Use SDL's Reader's Advisory Page on SDL's website to help you find a great read. Tools include:

- **If You Like...Read This...** If you like books by one author, then maybe you'll 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.
  - **Cross The Age Barrier:** dystopian, fantasy, futuristic, paranormal, science fiction, steam punk, techno thriller, time travel. Whatever you call them, these page turning can't-put-it-down, gotta-find-out-what-happens-next books will keep you up all night reading.
  - **SDL Book Club Selections**
  - **Thumbs Up Book List:** Recommendations from SDL staff and patrons.
- The Reader's Advisory Page also includes links to other helpful websites.
- **1,000 Books To Read Before You Die**
  - **All About Romance**
  - **Books and Authors**
  - **Criminal Element:** Mysteries, thrillers & all things killer
  - **Fresh Fiction**
  - **GoodReads:** Find your next favorite book.
  - **Great American Read:** Read the top 100 list
  - **MeL:** MI Electronic Library recommended websites about books and reading
  - **Monster Librarian:** Recommended horror books.
  - **NovelList Plus:** see recommended reading lists, find read-a-likes, search by topics and more!
  - **Stop You're Killing Me:** a website to die for, if you love mysteries.
  - **What's Next:** Check the order of your favorite series by author, title or series. This database is developed and maintained by the Kent District Library.
  - **Whichbook:** Use this unique mood and emotion search site to find great books.



## New Books For Kids

### Picture Books

- *Knight Owl and Early Bird*—Christopher Denise
- *Old MacDonald Had a Dragon*—Ken Baker

### Ready To Read

- *Sabrina Sue Loves The Mountains*—Priscilla Burris
- *There Was an Old Lady Who Built a Snowman!*—Lucille Colandro

### New for Elementary

- *Alien Next Door* series—A.I. Newton  
While his scientist-parents study Earth, Zeke tries to fit in but a classmate notices his abilities and sets out to prove Zeke is an alien.

1. *The New Kid*
2. *Aliens For Dinner*
3. *Alien Scout*
4. *Trick or Cheat?*
5. *Baseball Blues*
6. *The Mystery Valentine*
7. *Up, Up and Away!*
8. *A New Planet*
9. *The Marvelous Museum*
10. *The Surprise Sleepover*

- *Good Dog* series—Cam Higgins  
Rambunctious puppy Bo, who lives with his human family on a farm, has many adventures.

1. *Home Is where The Heart Is*
2. *Raised In A Barn*
3. *Herd You Loud and Clear*
4. *Fireworks Night*
5. *The Swimming Hole*
6. *Life Is Good*
7. *Barnyard Buddies*
8. *Puppy Luck*
9. *Sweater Weather*
10. *All You Need Is Mud*
11. *Bo Hatches A Plan*
12. *Beach Paws*
13. *The Bark Park*

### New Graphic Novels

- *Dog Man: Big Jim Begins*—Dav Pilkey

### New Nonfiction

- *George Washington's Spectacular Spectacles: the glasses that saved America*—Selene Castrovilla
- *Who Owns The Moon? And other conundrums of exploring and using space*—Cynthia Levinson

## Books For Tweens

- *The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Mad Science*—Kate McKinnon. Orphaned siblings become the pupils of the mysterious Professor Quibb and enter the world of mad science
- *Second To None*—Destiny Howell
- *Which Way Around The Galaxy*—Cressida Cowell. A tiny and helpless Magical Creature named Bug, lost far from home, leads K2, Theo, Izzabird and Mabel on an adventure across the galaxy to the fiery ice planet where it belongs, proving to their parents that they can be trusted with Magic along the way.

### New Graphic Novels

- *Escaping Peril: Wings of Fire Book Eight*—Tui Sutherland

### Middle School

- *Boy 2.0*—Tracey Baptiste. When Coal discovers that he can become invisible, he searches for answers about his past with the help of his friends and his new foster family.
- *City Spies: London Calling*—James Ponti
- *Michael Vey: The Colony*—Richard Paul Evans
- *Michael Vey: The Traitor*—Richard Paul Evans

## Books For Teens

- *All Roads Lead To Rome*—Sabrina Fedel. When she's in the wrong gelato shop in Rome at the right time, shy Astoria is drawn into a fake dating scheme with a Scottish heartthrob for the sake of protecting his relationship with a pop princess.
- *Games Untold: an Inheritance Games Collection*—Jennifer Barnes  
Short stories set before, during, and after the *Inheritance Games*. Four brothers with an inescapable bond, strengthened by the family they chose, in a house of wonders that promises to always deliver one more secret. Discover their stories of love and loss, power, puzzles, and life-and-death secrets in this romantic collection.
- *The Glass Girl*—Kathleen Glasgow  
When Bella's latest blackout lands her in the hospital, she enters rehab to confront her addiction to alcohol.
- *The Wild Huntress*—Emily Lloyd-Jones. Branwen, Gwydion, and Pryderi, a huntress, a trickster, and a prince, band together in the dangerous tournament, the Wild Hunt, to win a magical wish granted by the Otherking. Unbeknownst to them, winning may cost them more than losing.



## Toddler Time ~ Thursdays at 10:30



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

Age appropriate activities,  
books, crafts & FUN!

February 6: Birds  
February 13: Love Somebody  
February 20: Building Houses  
February 27: Babies