



# Book Talk

## Sanilac District Library Newsletter

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### 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.

#### March 6

*The Monogram Murders:*  
*A New Hercule Poirot Mystery*  
Sophie Hannah  
&  
*The Mysterious Affair at Styles*  
Agatha Christie

#### April 3

*The Bookish Life of Nina Hill*  
Abbi Waxman

#### May 1

*The Only Woman In The Room*  
Marie Benedict

## March Is Reading Month



**Reading is important for everyone.** The joy of sharing books is a gift you can give yourself and your children from the time they are born. Most avid readers acquire their love of reading at home from their parents. The best readers are those who love to read. Encourage your child to form a habit of lifelong reading. See page 4.

Reading is equally important for adults. Research shows that people may keep growing brain cells as they age. Stimulating activities such as reading may help preserve mental acuity and slow the development of dementia. Exercise your brain! Read books in print, ebooks or listen to audio books.

- ♣ Set aside time each day to turn off the TV & turn on to books.
- ♣ Read out loud to your family, even if little children only "read the pictures."
- ♣ Reduce stress by having a peaceful silent reading time.
- ♣ Listen to an audio book during dinner, chores or in the car.
- ♣ Read and record a favorite book to share with your grandchildren.
- ♣ Read humorous books.

- ♣ Laughter increases white blood cell activity and changes the chemical balance of the blood boosting the body's production of the chemicals needed for alertness and memory.
- ♣ Laughter reduces stress and low stress enhances the brain's receptivity to learning.
- ♣ According to researcher's, laughter boosts the body's immune system for three days. Information from: *START SMART!: Building Brain Power In The Early Years* by Pam Schiller.

#### ♣ Visit the library!

- ♣ Apply for a library card, your passport to explore the world through books.
- ♣ Browse SDL's shelves. Rediscover forgotten treasures.
- ♣ The value of the creativity, enrichment, enjoyment, history, information, knowledge & wisdom contained within the walls of the library is worth far more than the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow...its priceless!



### Sanilac District Library

7130 Main Street  
PO Box 525  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469  
810.622.8623

### Library Hours

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

**SDL CLOSED**  
**Friday, March 29**

## New Fiction

- *After Annie*—Anna Quindlen. When Annie dies, her husband, children & best friend struggle after the loss of the woman who was the center of their lives.
- *All Your Perfects*—Colleen Hoover
- *American Daughters*—Maurice Ruffin
- *Antique Hunters Guide To Murder*—C. L. Miller. Freya, a former hunter of stolen artifacts, investigates the suspicious death of her mentor. She follows her instincts to an antique enthusiast's weekend. But not all is as it seems. The antiques are all fakes and the guests are menacing. Freya discover the truth before the killer strikes again?
- *The Atlas Maneuver: Cotton Malone*—Steve Berry
- *The Boy Who Called Bear: Haven's Rock #2*—Kelley Armstrong
- *The Book of Doors*—Gareth Brown. When her favorite customer, a lonely charming old man, dies right in front of her, Cassie holds on to the last book he was reading, which turns out to be a rare volume that has great power. She must protect it from those who will do evil.
- *Busy Body*—Kemper Donovan. After a very public defeat, Senator Dorothy Gibson retreats to her home inviting her ghostwriter to join her. Soon the two women are drawn into a mystery when a neighbor dies under suspicious circumstances and find their investigation unfolding in a way no one could've ever expected.
- *Chaos Agent: a Gray Man novel*—Mark Greaney
- *Chasing the Horizon: A Western Light #1*—Mary Connealy.
- *Crosshairs: a Michael Bennett thriller*—James Patterson
- *Death And Fromage: Follet Valley mystery #2*—Ian Moore
- *Death of a Spy: a Hamish MacBeth murder mystery*—M. C. Beaton
- *Embers In the Sky*—Sarah Sundin. After fleeing the Nazi invasion, Aleida's search for her missing son sets her on a collision course with Hugh, a BBC radio correspondent. During the London Blitz, they risk their lives to discover the truth.
- *End of Story*—A. J. Finn
- *Every single Secret*—Christina Dodd
- *The Excitements*—CJ Wray
- *Foxhole Victory Tour*—Amy Green
- *The Ghost Orchid: an Alex Delaware novel*—Jonathan Kellerman
- *The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson*—Ellen Baker. At 94, the results of a DNA test reveal the tragic love story that Cecily's kept hidden and questions everything about the family she's raised & claimed as her own.

- *Girls We Sent Away*—Meagan Church
- *Great Divide*—Christina Henriquez
- *Hidden Yellow Stars*—Rebecca Connolly. Based on the true story of two WWII heroines who risked everything to save Jewish children from the Gestapo by hiding them in Belgium.
- *House of Sky and Breath: a Crescent City novel*—Sarah Maas
- *The Kamogawa Food Detectives*—Hisashi Kashiwai. A special restaurant exists in Kyoto that run by a father-daughter duo. Through ingenious investigations, they recreate dishes from a person's treasured memories, dishes that hold the keys to their forgotten past and future happiness.
- *Kilt Trip*—Alexandria Kiley
- *A Ladies Guide To Marvels and Misadventure*—Angela Bell
- *Layla*—Colleen Hoover
- *The Last Word: a Deadly Deadlines mystery*—Gerri Lewis
- *Leave No Trace*—A. J. Landau
- *Lone Wolf: An Orphan X novel*—Gregg Hurwitz
- *The Lost Dresses Of Italy*—M. A. McLaughlin
- *Moon Of The Turning Leaves*—Waubgeshig Rice
- *Murder At An Irish Chipper: an Irish Village mystery #10*—Carlene O'Connor
- *Never Never*—Colleen Hoover
- *Night Train To Marrakech*—Dinah Jeffries. In 1960s, Vicky and Bea throw themselves into Morocco's wild scene until a murder takes place and Bea disappears. Vicky looks for help from her mysterious grandmother, who has secrets of her own.
- *No Better Time: a novel of the spirited women of the Swix Triple Eight Central Postal Directory Battalion*—Sheila Williams
- *One Wrong Word*—Hank Phillippi Ryan. Crisis management expert Arden takes the case of a Boston real estate mogul acquitted in a fatal drunk driving accident and discovers she is protecting a murderer. One wrong word can kill...
- *The Other Valley*—Scott Howard
- *Pelican Girls*—Julia Malye. based on a true story about 3 of the 88 women who were deported to colonial Louisiana Territory as brides.
- *The Perfect Passion*—Alexander McCall Smith
- *The Phoenix Crown*—Kate Quinn

- The lives of two wronged women, span the chaos of the San Francisco earthquake to the glittering palaces of Versailles.
- *Pie To Die For: Lucky Pie mystery*—Gretchen Rue. Este is owner of Lucky Pie Diner in Northern Michigan, where some customers are granted wishes upon eating her magical pies. She investigates when a new produce vendor is murdered on his boat.
- *Regretting You*—Colleen Hoover
- *Reminder of Him*—Colleen Hoover
- *The Rumor Game*—Thomas Mullen
- *Season Of Harvest: Leah's Garden #4*—Lauraine Snelling
- *Sign Of Her Own*—Sarah Marsh Ellen is deaf and was Alexander Graham Bell's student learning visible speech. Bell confided his dream of producing a device that would transmit the human voice along a wire. Now, Bell wants Ellen to support his claim to the patent of the telephone, which is being challenged by rival inventors. But she has a different story to tell: Bell betrayed his deaf pupils in pursuit of his own ambition.
- *Sisters of Fortune: a novel of the Titanic*—Anna Huber
- *Summer Book Club*—Susan Mallery
- *Three-Inch Teeth: a Joe Pickett novel*—C. J. Box
- *Till There Was You*—Lindsay Hameroff
- *Too Late*—Colleen Hoover
- *Trouble With You*—Ellen Feldman
- *Turtle House*—Amanda Churchill. When Lia's grandmother Mineko moves into an assisted living community, they devise a plan to bring a beloved lost place to life.
- *The Uncharted Flight of Olivia West*—Sara Ackerman. 1927. Livy, a pilot with a love of adventure tries to qualify for a 2,400 mile air race crossing the Pacific to Hawai'i. Only men make the cut but she is picked as a navigator. 1987. Wren inherits land on the Big Island and finds clues to a tragic piece of aviation history lost to time. Determined to find out what happened, Wren enlists the help of residents at a retirement home.
- *The Unquiet Bones*—Loreth White
- *Verity*—Colleen Hoover
- *The Waters*—Bonnie Jo Campbell
- *When Grumpy Met Sunshine*—Charlotte Stein. When ex-footballer Alfie is badgered into selling his memoirs, he knows he's never going to be able to write them. And so in walks curvy, cheery, cute as heck ghostwriter Mabel. They banter and bicker their way to writing his life story.
- *When Twilight Breaks*—Sarah Sundin 1938, two Americans meet in Nazi Germany. Their efforts to expose oppression attract attention, pulling them deeper into danger as the world marches toward war.
- *Woman With No Name*—Audrey Blake

## New Nonfiction

- *The Deerfield Massacre: a surprise attack, a forced march and the fight for survival in early America*—James Swanson
- *Magnolia Table: a collection of recipes for gathering volume 3*
- *The Making of a King: King Charles III and the modern monarchy*—Robert Hardman
- *Normal Women: nine hundred years of making history*—Phillippa Gregory  
A history of England from the Norman Conquest through the 20<sup>th</sup> century, told through the stories of ordinary women.



**March is Reading Month**

## New DVDs

- *The Holdovers: Discomfort and Joy*: A curmudgeonly instructor at a prep school who is forced to remain on campus during Christmas break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go. he forms an unlikely bond with a damaged, brainy troublemaker and with the school's head cook, who lost a son in Vietnam.
- *The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes*: Young Coriolanus Snow, decades before becoming President of Panem, battles his instincts between good & evil as he mentors Lucy Baird in the 10th Hunger Games.
- *Journey To Bethlehem*: A young woman carries an unimaginable responsibility. A young man torn between love and honor. A jealous king who will stop at nothing to keep his crown. This Christmas musical celebration tells the timeless story of Mary, Joseph and the birth of Jesus.
- *The Marvels*: Carol Danvers (Captain Marvel) is sent to a wormhole where her powers are tangled with superfan Kamala Khan & Carol's niece, astronaut Captain Monica Rambeau who team up to save the universe.
- *The Miracle Club*: In 1967 Dublin, three generations of friends win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes, a place of miracles. Before their trip, Chrissie arrives for her mother's funeral. The women set out on the journey that they hope will change their lives, with Chrissie joining in place of her mother. On the way, old wounds are opened forcing the women to confront their pasts.
- *Miss Scarlet & The Duke: Season 4*
- *Wonka*: The wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate maker became the beloved Willy Wonka.

*Crafty Thursday*

**March 21 at 2**

Please RSVP at 810-622-8623

Class size is limited to 10

\$10 fee for supplies



## Vintage Easter Collectibles

Display by Marie Willis

Alli Bar & ReMarkables



Free Books To Children Birth - 5

Spark imagination through a love of reading!

Every child in Sanilac County, from birth to 5 years old, may receive a FREE age-appropriate book mailed directly to your home every month.

This FREE GIFT is sponsored by the Sanilac County Community Foundation. There is no cost to your family. Fill out the registration form on SDL's website. You must be a resident of Sanilac County. The first book should arrive 8 - 10 weeks after registration. Books will continue to be mailed until your child turns five or you move out of Sanilac County.

**Read with your child and have fun!**

## Libby By OverDrive

Free Audiobooks, eBooks & eMagazines

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

SDL is a member of White Pine Library Cooperative's digital consortium, Fuel Your Mind, to provide digital services. Go to SDL's website and click on the Libby icon to download the Libby App. To 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).

You may now also borrow items from these partner content groups:

- Download Destination
- Great Lakes Digital Libraries
- Lakeland Digital Library
- Metro Net Library Consortium
- Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
- Suburban Library Cooperative
- NEW: Traverse Area Library
- Up North Digital Collection
- 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 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.
8. Content groups only have to be added to your account *one time*. Once added, Libby automatically searches all the Content Groups in your account.



## New Books For Kids

### Picture Books

- *Hedgehog and the Log*—Pam Fong
- *Hornbeam All In*—Cynthia Rylant
- *Knight Owl*—Christopher Denise
- *Lucky Duck*—Greg Pizzoli

### New for Elementary

- *Bear and Bird: The Picnic and other stories*—Jarvis
- *Detective Duck; The Case of the Strange Splash*—Henry Winkler.
- *Lucky Duck*—Chris Kurtz. When a fox threatens the ducks on their pond, Frank ventures into the dangerous forest on a quest to save his home, discovering courage along the way.
- *Rosie Woods in Little Red Writing Hood*—Maya Myers. Rosie is a good writer. So how come she can't come up with a single good story idea when her friend Wolfie has a million ideas? Rosie knows all the elements needed for a great story, but she wants her story for a class assignment to be really great—and that means giving it a surprise twist. Then Wolfie himself unwittingly inspires the perfect idea for the "twist" Rosie's been looking for. But will using it make her story better or ruin her friendship with Wolfie?

## Books For Tweens

- *Heroes*—Alan Gratz. Aboard the battleship, USS Utah with their Navy pilot fathers during WWII when the ship is attacked by the Japanese, Frank and Stanley find their friendship and dreams in jeopardy when Stanley is seen as the "enemy" because his mother is Japanese American.
- *The Thirteenth Circle*—Marcykate Connolly. Cat know aliens are real and is determined to prove it. She partners with Dani to study crop circles. But Dani secretly aims to disprove Cat's theory. During their investigations they discover something strange and dangerous rivals who will stop at nothing to achieve their goal.

## Middle School

- *First State of Being*—Erin Kelly. When Ridge, a time-traveling teenager from the future, gets trapped in 1999, he befriends Michael, a lonely boy, changing the course of their lives forever.
- *Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone*—Tae Keller. Mallory knows middle school rules. The most important one? You have to fit in to survive. Then Jennifer moves across the street and that rule doesn't seem to apply. Jennifer doesn't care what other kids think. She believes in aliens and thinks she can find them. Then she goes missing. Mallory goes searching. But she has to confront why Jennifer might have run away and face the truth within herself.

## Books For Teens

- *Above The Black: Sky's End #1* — Marc Gregson. Exiled to live as a Low, Conrad never knew anything existed below the toxic black clouds of the Skylands... until now. He endures the Gauntlet, a brutal test that yields riches to the skyship crew that kills the most gorgantauns.
- *The Atlas of Us*—Kristin Dwyer. Atlas has lost her way. In an effort to pull her life together, she's working on a community service program rehabbing trails in the Western Sierras. The days are so exhausting that Atlas is tired enough to forget that this was one of her dad's favorite places in the world. Before cancer stole him from her. As she sheds the lies she's built up as walls to protect herself, she realizes that these strangers on her team know her better than anyone.
- *Hamlet Is Not OK*—R. A. Spratt. Selby would do anything to escape the tedium of school, her parents' bookshop and busybodies. She didn't plan to read Hamlet. She is transported into the cold crime-ridden play where she meets Hamlet heavy with grief. In her world, Selby is used to feeling overlooked. But in the bloody backstabbing world of Shakespeare, Selby's good conscience and courage might save lives. Hopefully before Hamlet stabs one of her classmates.
- *Lady of Disguise*—Melanie Dickerson. A young maiden undergoes a journey to save her sister and herself. Will the chivalrous knight, Sir Charles, help her find the treasure she seeks before her uncle can marry her off?
- *The Light In Hidden Places*—Sharon Cameron. Catholic Stefania works in a Jewish family's grocery store. When the Nazis invade, the Diamants are sent to the ghetto. Stefania hides Jews in her attic, cares for her sister and tries to keep everything secret from the Nazi officers who are living in her house.
- *Snowglobe*—Soyoung Park. Chobahm discovers reality is a lie when she is given the opportunity to enter Snowglobe, the last place on Earth that's warm. In exchange for fame, fortune and safety the residents broadcast their lives 24/7 to the less fortunate outside.

## March Is Reading Month: Raise A Lifelong Reader

### Talk ~ Sing ~ Read ~ Write & Play With Your Child

- ☺ Make reading fun. Songs & nursery rhymes foster a love of words.
- ☺ Reading aloud to your child increases attention span, improves listening skills & develops vocabulary. Listening to books read aloud benefits every age, not just young children.
- ☺ Read it again and again. Children need and enjoy repetition, which builds word recall and also helps children feel secure and confident.
- ☺ Surround your child with books to encourage reading. Let your child see you reading. Be a reading role model!
- ☺ Read every day: Plan a time to snuggle with books.
- ☺ Visit your library often. Borrow books for FREE! Let your child choose books and watch their imagination soar.
- ☺ Check out the Kids tab on SDL's website for more early literacy tips.