



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

March 2025

FREE Movie At The Bark Shanty Community Center March 10 at 6

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 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

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Library Hours

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

DreamWorks Animation Presents

The Wild Robot[©]

Sponsored by SDL & the Village of Port Sanilac

FREE admission! Fun for the whole family!

Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Next Movie: April 14

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

♣ 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. 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!



♣ Your library card is 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!

National Library Week April 7-11

Watch SDL's website for events

www.sanilacdistrictlibrary.lib.mi.us

New Fiction

- *As Sure As The Sea*—Jamie Ogle Roman Empire, AD 310. In the shadow of Emperor Diocletian's anti-Christian edicts, Demitria makes a meager living harvesting coral and pearls for a merchant who turns a blind eye to her faith.
- *Battle Mountain: a Joe Pickett novel*—C. J. Box
- *Beijing Betrayal: a Marcus Ryker novel*—Joel Rosenberg
- *Black Woods Blue Sky*—Eowyn Ivey Caring for her 6-year-old daughter, Birdie is a waitress at a lodge in Alaska. Arthur, a recluse who lives off the grid, shows up one day and as she serves him tea, the two fall in love. Life in Arthur's remote cabin seems idyllic. But as days shorten, she realizes that she may have put her daughter's life in danger.
- *Bonded In Death*—J. D. Robb
- *The Café With No Name*—Robert Seethaler. Raised in a home for war orphans, Robert is a warm-hearted, hard working man. When the corner café closes he sees a chance to realize a dream.
- *Close Your Eyes and Count To 10*—Lisa Unger. A single mother joins a deadly island game set up by a charismatic daredevil adventurer, but a monstrous storm and an unseen menace transform the social media stunt into a fight for survival.
- *A Cold, Cold World*—Elena Taylor. A family of tourists finds a teen injured in a snowmobile accident on a mountain ridge. Sheriff Bet Rivers braves a massive storm to investigate.
- *The Dead We Honor*—William Johnstone
- *Death of a Smuggler: a Hamish MacBeth mystery*—M. C. Beaton
- *DragonLance Chronicles*—Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman
 1. *Dragon of Autumn Twilight*
 2. *Dragons of Winter Night*
 3. *Dragons of Spring Dawning*
- *Dressmakers of London*—Julia Kelly After their mother's unexpected death, Isabelle and her estranged sister Sylvia inherit the family dressmaking shop, prompting Izzie to reluctantly seek Sylvia's help to save it while aiming to buy her out, leading to letters that explore old wounds and the possibility of reconciliation within their shared legacy.
- *Every Tom, Dick & Harry*—Elinor Lipman. Taking over her parents' estate-sale business, Emma is not prepared for her biggest sale, a house of ill repute masquerading as a beddable B&B. Should she turn down clients in need of decluttering just because they are shady and proud of it? But a girl has to make a living.

- *Famous Last Words*—Gillian McAllister A new mother's world is upended when her husband commits a terrifying crime and then disappears. How well does she truly know the man she loves?
- *Far From Home*—Danielle Steel
- *First Time Caller*—B. L. Borison
- *Girl From Greenwich Street: a novel of Hamilton, Burr and America's first murder trial*—Lauren Willig
- *Halfway To Hell: a Slick Parker western*—William Johnstone
- *Harlem Rhapsody*—Victoria Murray In 1919, as civil and social unrest grips the country, there is a little corner of America called Harlem where something special is stirring. Jessie, the first black literary editor of the magazine, The Crisis, is charged with discovering young writers whose words will change the world. But she has a secret that jeopardize it all.
- *Isola*—Allegra Goodman. France, 1531. Orphan Marguerite inherits a chateau which her guardian sells to fund a voyage to New France, taking her and her maid. Aboard ship, her guardian is furious when she befriends his servant. As punishment, he maroons them on a small island. Marguerite, the man she considers to be her husband and her servant make a home in a cave. When the island is blanketed in ice, survival becomes nearly impossible and she is soon the only one left alive.
- *Kills Well With Others*—Deanna Raybourn. When a mole in the assassin organization, the Museum, leaks names to an Eastern European gangster who is murdering agents, assassins Billie, Helen, Mary Alice and Natalie, senior in status and age, must root out the organization's mole and hunt down their new nemesis.
- *The Last Visitor*—Martin Griffin In the middle of the Atlantic Ocean lies a tiny island that was abandoned 50 years ago Tess and a team of researchers are to film everything. When a body is found, everyone on the team is a suspect. With 5 days until they are returned to the mainland, Tess must be careful—or hers might be the next body.
- *Librarians of Lisbon*—Suzanne Nelson 1943 Lisbon is a glamorous city on the brink of chaos, harboring spies. Among them are Selene and Beatrice, officially enlisted to collect banned books, both women are undercover agents tasked with infiltrating the Axis spy network.
- *Loose Lips: a ghostwriter mystery*—Kemper Donovan A successful ghostwriter reluctantly joins the "Get Lit Cruise" hosted by her frenemy. The event turns deadly when an attendee is murdered and others fall ill, prompting her to navigate a web of motives and suspects.

- *The Medici Return: a Cotton Malone novel*—Steve Berry
- *Mick Hardin series*—Chris Offutt Mick, a combat veteran is now working as an Army CID agent and assists his sister, a new sheriff, with a homicide investigation.
 1. *The Killing Hills*
 2. *Shifty's Boys*
 3. *Code of the Hills*
- *Murder In An Irish Garden: An Irish Village mystery*—Carlene O'Connor
- *Murder Of A Recluse: an Oak Park Village mystery*—Jeanne Dams
- *Murder's Share: a Brother Athelstan mystery*—Paul Doherty
- *No Comfort For The Dead: An Irish Library mystery*—R. P. O'Donnell
- *One Good Thing*—Georgia Hunter. Best friends Lili and Esti are as close as sisters. When Germany invades Italy, they flee first to a villa to help hide war orphans and then to a convent where they pose as nuns and forge identification papers for the Underground. When Esti is wounded, she asks Lili to take her son to safety. Terrified to travel on her own, Lili journeys toward Allied territory through Nazi-occupied villages and bombed-out cities.
- *Paranoia: a Michael Bennett thriller*—James Patterson
- *The Pharisee's Wife*—Janette Oke. Like most young women in ancient Israel, Mary has little control over her life. When a rising Pharisee determines to make her his wife, her fate is sealed. His exorbitant bride price is the only hope her parents have of escaping abject poverty. Chosen a girl of her station must be a sign of blessing.
- *Some Other Time*—Angela Brown The next step in Ellie's marriage is divorce. Until the extraordinary morning Ellie wakes up to an alternate version of the present day—one in which she and a passing stranger never married. Ellie sees how the world of everyone she loves unfolded through a different course in time.
- *Three Days In June*—Anne Tyler
- *We All Live Here*—JoJo Moyes. Lila has a broken marriage, wayward daughters, a house that is falling apart and an elderly stepfather. Her career is in freefall and her love life is complicated. So when her real dad, who ran off to Hollywood 35 years ago appears on her doorstep, it's the final straw.
- *White Out*—R. S. Burnett. Glaciologist Rachael left her husband and daughter to join a research trip to a field station in the Antarctic. After losing all communication with her crew at base camp, she's trapped, alone and running out of supplies. An emergency radio broadcast messages say that nuclear war has broken out. She might be the last survivor on Earth.

New DVDs

- Here*: A generational story about families and the special place they inhabit, sharing in love, loss, laughter, and life. Starring Tom Hanks.
- The Last Rifleman*: A WWII veteran escapes his care home in Northern Ireland and embarks on an arduous but inspirational journey to France to attend the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings, finding the courage to face the ghosts of his past. Starring Pierce Brosnan
- The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim*: Tells the fate of the House of Helm Hammerhand, the legendary King of Rohan. A sudden attack by Wulf, a clever and ruthless Dunlending lord seeking vengeance for the death of his father, forces Helm and his people to make a daring last stand in the ancient stronghold of the Hornburg--a mighty fortress that will later come to be known as Helm's Deep. Finding herself in an increasingly desperate situation, Håera, the daughter of Helm, must summon the will to lead the resistance against a deadly enemy intent on their total destruction.
- Miss Scarlet Season 5*

New Nonfiction

- Artificial Intelligence for Dummies*
- Ask Not: The Kennedys and the women they destroyed*—Maureen Callahan
- Attainable Sustainable Pantry: a back-to-basics guide to stocking your kitchen*
- Betty Crocker Found Recipes*
- A Few Of My Favorite Things: recipes inspired by family-friendly musicals*—Veeda Bybee
- First Time Pregnancy For Modern Moms: from planning to delivery*—Naomi Knight
- Happy Mama Postpartum Self-Care*—Robyn Weller
- How To Get Along With Anyone: the playbook for predicting and preventing conflict at work and at home*
- Our Hearts Are In Scotland*—Melissa Lester
- Source Code: my beginnings*—Bill Gates
- Vanishing Treasures: a bestiary of extraordinary endangered creatures*—Katherine Rundell
- What To Expect The First Year: month-by-month baby care*—Heidi Murkoff

NEW: SDL Bark Shanty Branch

The Village of Port Sanilac and Sanilac District Library entered into 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 restrictive and 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 licensing. A win-win for both entities!

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

Plans for the Bark Shanty Library Branch include:

Adult Programs such as arts & crafts, cooking, gardening, music and more!

Book Sale: a selection of audio books, books in print and DVDs will be available "for sale" by donation.

Children's Programs: beginning this summer, SDL's 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.

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.

Movies: SDL is scheduling a monthly family movie night. The date and time may be adjusted as audience preference is determined. Summer matinees may be offered.

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.

New Books For Kids

Picture Books

- *Peppa Pig*—Courtney Carbone
 - *Peppa's BIG Feelings*
 - *Peppa Goes Apple Picking*
 - *Peppa Goes Ice Skating*
 - *Peppa's Perfect Day*
 - *Movie Night*
 - *Thankful Fall Fun*
- *A Pocket Full Of Rocks*—Kristin Mahoney
- *Will the Pigeon Graduate?*—Mo Willems

New for Elementary

- *Good Dog: Barnyard Buddies*—Cam Higgins
- *Makeda Makes A Mountain*—Olubemisola Rhuday-Perkovich
- *Minecraft: Welcome To The Over-world*
- *Mr. Putter & Tabby Walk The Dog*—Cynthia Rylant
- *Nick and Nack Puzzle Reader Collection*

Middle School

- *Ali Cross: The Secret Detective*—James Patterson
- *Ali Cross Like Father, Like Son*—James Patterson
- *Away*—Megan Freeman. Sequel to *Alone*. Four kids relocated to the same evacuation camp investigate the mysterious threat that forced a large-scale exodus.

March Is Reading Month

Raise A Lifelong Reader

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

- ☺ Make reading fun. Songs and nursery rhymes foster a love of words.
- ☺ Reading aloud to your child increases attention span, improves listening skills and develops vocabulary.
- ☺ Listening to books read aloud benefits every age, not just young children.
- ☺ Read it again and again. Kids need and enjoy repetition, which builds word recall and also helps children feel secure and confident.
- ☺ Surround your child with books to encourage reading.
- ☺ Be a reading role model! Let your child see you reading.
- ☺ 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.

Books For Teens

- *God Stones* series—Otto Schafer. Oak Island, Nova Scotia. When Breanne's archaeologist father is invited on an exciting new dig, she's determined to tag along. As they spend hours sifting through buried bones, she dreams of a boy she's never met...and flaming carnage. In Petersburg, Illinois. Garrett is a leader of outcasts. Grappling with a volatile relationship with his step-father, he avoids home by helping restore a historic Victorian house. When he finds a crusty journal in the basement, Garrett uncovers a dead president's key to a secret world-saving society. As Breanne and her dad seek clues to a treasure hidden beneath the surface, they trigger a dangerous magic that should have stayed forever dormant. And when Garrett closes in on the truth, he'll be thrown into the ring with a girl from far away to battle a dangerously dark foe. Can the two would-be heroes fulfill a powerful prophecy and save the planet from destruction?

1. *The Secret Journal*
2. *The Keepers of the Light*
3. *The Days of Myth*
4. *The World's End*
5. *The Last Gift*



Toddler Time ~ Thursdays at 10:30

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

Age appropriate activities, books, crafts & FUN!

March 6: Lions & Tigers (but no bears) Oh My!

March 13: Green Day

March 20: Surprise

March 27: It's A Breeze! (Windy)

