



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

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Basic Watercolor Technique Workshop Series

With Joyce Knight-Coyne

Thursdays at 6

April 16, 23 & 30 and May 7, 14, & 21

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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.

March 4 at 5:30

Project Hail Mary
Andy Weir

April 1 at 5:30

The Measure
Nikki Erlick

May 6 at 5:30

News of the World
Paulette Jiles



Artist of the Month

Julienne Jaworski

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 development of dementia. Exercise your brain! Read books in print, ebooks or listen to audio books. It doesn't matter if you read with your eyes, ears or fingers, **READ!**

♣ 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 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!



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

- *Anne Of A Different Island*—Virginia Kantra. Anne has the same impulsive charm, wild imagination and red hair (dyed, but still) as her namesake, Anne Shirley. And follows her fictional footsteps, teaching and writing. When the sudden death of her beloved father pulls her back to Mackinac Island, Anne is forced to face a truth, life doesn't follow a script.
- *Cold Zero*—Brad Thor. Flight 777 disappears over the North Pole. Crippled by sabotage, it crash-lands on the ice, stranding the surviving passengers in a wasteland of frigid cold. Hidden inside the wreckage is the prototype for a piece of technology that could upend the balance of world power. Now Washington, Moscow, and Beijing are racing to be the first on scene to retrieve it—at any cost.
- *The Crossroads*—C. J. Box. Game warden Joe Pickett fights for his life as his daughters try to uncover who shot him and left him for dead.
- *The Dogwalkers' Detective Agency*—Michael Hogan. When Charlie and Ruby find a corpse in the woods, the town of Framstone is rocked by the discovery that the pub landlord has been murdered. Charlie and his fellow dogwalkers sniff out clues to help police investigate.
- *The Elsewhere Express*—Samantha Sotto Yambao. One day on the subway, Raya is swept off to a train full of wonders where passengers picnic on lily pads and whales swim through pink clouds. She meets Q, an intriguing artist and discovers a stowaway threatening to destroy the train.
- *Everybody Wants To Rule The World*—Ace Atkins. It's 1985. 14-year-old Peter is convinced his mom's boyfriend, Gary, is a Russian agent who only wants to get close to his mom because she works at Scientific Atlanta, a lab with government contracts. But who is going to believe him?
- *How To Get Away With Murder*—Rebecca Philipson. A Scotland Yard detective tries to find the author of a self-help book that promises quite literally to teach readers how to get away with murder, which seems to have inspired London's newest murderer.
- *The Hunter*—Tana French
- *In Her Defense*—Philippa Malicka. The country is riveted by the trial of TV star Anna Finbow accusing her daughter's therapist Jean Guest of brainwashing her daughter Mary for her own financial gain. Jean insists Mary's traumatic memories arise from her upbringing and her time studying at an art school in Rome. But as the trial unfolds, a former employee holds the key to unraveling the tangled web of lies and deceit.

- *It's Not Her*—Mary Kubica. Courtney's vacation turns into a nightmare when she discovers her brother and sister-in-law dead in their lakeside cottage. Her niece Reese is missing. Her nephew Wyatt is asleep—unharmful. As police swarm the resort, truths about Courtney's family and the town begin to surface. Is Reese a victim or the killer?
- *Jigsaw*—Jonathan Kellerman
- *Mass Mothering*—Sarah Bruni. A. cares for a young boy who is not her own. She meets N. who wrote a book about a town of disappearing boys, transfixed by the mothers' grief, strength and care for each other. After an assault, A. takes off for the city where the book was written, in search of its author and the end of his story.
- *The Method*—Matthew Quirk. Actress Anna Vaughn plays doomed brunettes with a badass streak. She has learned how to fight, shoot and drive like a pro. When her friend disappears, the signs point to foul play and a circle of spies. Anna uses all the tricks she's learned for her roles to hunt for her missing friend. She crosses paths with an FBI agent who is tracking a powerful clique of oligarchs. He acts as her handler as she prepares for the greatest performance of her life—going undercover.
- *Mudflats Murder Club*—Brian Thiem. Former homicide detective Sean has settled into Spartina Island's private retirement community, hoping to find solace after his wife's death. He is into an enthusiastic group of retired detectives and forensic experts who are engrossed in cold cases. When Sean's neighbor is found dead in her home, the club jumps into the fray, much to the annoyance of Sergeant Charlotte "Charlie" Nash, the lead detective spearheading the murder investigation.
- *The Mysterious Death of Junetta Plum*—Valerie Wesley. After her father's death in 1926, Harriet, an educated black woman & her foster sister are invited to live in her cousin's boarding-house for single women in Harlem. Harriet has never met Junetta. The day after moving in, she finds Junetta dead at the foot of the stairs.
- *Nightwatching*—Tracy Sierra. In the middle of the night during a blizzard, a mother hears a noise—footsteps coming up the stairs. She sees a man. Terrified, she wakes her children and hustles them into a tiny, secret room behind a wall. There they hide as the man searches for them, trying to tempt the children out with promises. In the suffocating darkness, the mother struggles to remain calm, to plan. Should she search for a weapon or attempt escape?
- *Not Exactly Mr. Darcy: The Silver Teapot series #1*—Carolyn Miller
- *Pendergast: The Beginning*—Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child.

- *One & Only*—Maurene Goo. For centuries, Cassia's family has peered into clients' past lives to find their true love. 100% guaranteed for everyone but Cassia.
- *Ruby Falls*—Gin Phillips. During the Great Depression, in a PR ploy to save the falls, a mystic tries to locate a hatpin hidden in the caves using only his psychic abilities. He is joined by 5 others. Ada and a guide follow at a distance in case of injury or busted flashlights. One of them will be dead before the end of the day.
- *Shoot or Cut Bait: a Catfish Charlie western*—William Johnstone
- *Stolen in Death*—J. D. Robb
- *The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau*—Kristin Harmel. In Paris during WWII Colette and her mother, Annabel stole jewels to fund the resistance. Annabel was executed by the Germans and her 4-year-old sister disappeared with a diamond bracelet sewn into her nightgown. Liliane's body was found but the bracelet was missing. 70 years later, Colette's life unravels when the bracelet turns up in a museum exhibit in Boston
- *Theo of Golden*—Allen Levi. Theo visits a coffee shop where 92 portraits are on display. He purchases them one at a time and bestows them on their 'rightful owners.' Friendships are born & lives changed.
- *This Book Made Me Think Of You*—Libby Page. Five months after her husband's death, Tilly gets a call from the local bookshop telling her there's a birthday gift from her husband waiting for her. Alfie, the kind bookshop owner, explains the gift: 12 carefully chosen books from Joe, one for each month, to help her during her first year without him. Her monthly trips to the bookstore and heartfelt conversations with Alfie give Tilly the comfort she craves and the courage to set out on a series of reading-inspired adventures.
- *To Kill A Cook*—W. M. Akers. BB Black, a feisty food critic in 1972 NY, finds her chef friend murdered and realizes she might be the only one to find the killer.
- *Trust No One*—James Rollins. Prior to a British professor's murder, he entrusted his student Sharyn with the encrypted diary of an 18th century mystic whose opening words are: *Herein lies the secret to my immortality. Come find me, if you dare.*
- *When We Were Brilliant*—Lynn Cullen. In 1951, Norma Jean Baker made Marilyn Monroe to be photographed and she wants documentary photographer Eve Arnold to do it. Skeptical, Eve declines. But the women come to recognize something in each other: nothing will get in the way of what they want. When Marilyn's star takes off, neither will ever be the same
- *Witching Hour*—Heather Graham

New Nonfiction

- *100 Best Great Lakes Shipwrecks Vol. II* ~ Chris Kohl
- *Backyard Cutting Garden: small-space blooms to grow, harvest and arrange in every season: 20 step-by-step projects: wreaths, bouquets, sprays and more*—Trisha Snyder
- *Complete America's Test Kitchen TV Show Cookbook 2001-2006*
- *MAHA: Make America Healthy Again: a blueprint for a thriving nation*—Chauncey Crandall, M.D.
- *My Parents Are Dead: What Now? A panic-free guide to the practicalities of death*—Becky Robison
- *Stop in the Name of God: Why Honoring the Sabbath Will Transform your Life*—Charlie Kirk

National Library Week
April 20 - 25
Check SDL's website for events

Thursday Afternoon At The Bark

Fun Programs For Grown-Ups

Rotating activities every week: crafts, games, movies, puzzlepaloozas, speakers & more!

March 5: Open table crafts

March 12: Roadside Attractions

March 19: Diamond Painting Coaster

March 26: Puzzlepalooza



Library of Things

Check out SDL Things!

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

Basic Watercolor Technique Workshop Series With Joyce Knight-Coyne

The six week course will meet Thursdays at 6 at SDL's Bark Shanty Library Branch

April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 and May 7

Joyce is a retired art teacher who loves to paint portraits of pets, children and houses. Students will be introduced to different techniques to practice and build upon at each workshop.

Registration is required
Instructor fee: \$60 for the entire series

Classes are limited to 15
Prepay to reserve your spot

Sign-up at SDL in person, call 810-622-8623 or email sdlcircdesk@yahoo.com

Supplies To Bring

You do not need to purchase new supplies if you already have your own.

- **Paint:** Daniel Smith Primary Watercolor Set which includes 15ml tubes of Hansa Yellow Medium, French Ultra Blue and Perlene Red. Optional: Burnt Umber or Raw Sienna. Or any red, yellow or blue tubes
- **Brushes:** Princeton Real Value Brush Set (9146) Golden Taklon, short handle, set of 4 (contains round 4 & 6 and flat Wash 1/2" & 1")
- **Paper Pad:** 2 Canson XL Watercolor pads 9"x12" with 30 sheets. Or 140lb cold press watercolor paper tablets
- **Palette** or a plastic plate, tray or recycled food container or lid
- **Drawing pencil & gray kneaded eraser**
- **Roll 3/4' masking tape**
- **Two quart size plastic water containers**

Items for use later in the series

- Watercolor sponge
- Saran Wrap
- Watercolor pencils
- Windsor & Newton watercolor masking fluid or Daniel Smith masking fluid with applicator
- Spray bottle
- Roll of paper towels
- Kosher salt

March Is Reading Month

Raise A Lifelong Reader

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



- ☺ Reading aloud to your child increases attention span, improves listening skills and develops vocabulary.
- ☺ Make reading fun. Songs & nursery rhymes foster a love of words.
- ☺ Listening to books read aloud benefits every age, not just young children.
- ☺ Read books again and again. Kids need and enjoy repetition which builds word recall and 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 snuggle time with books.
- ☺ Visit your library often. Borrow books for FREE! Let your child choose books and watch their imagination soar.
- ☺ Attend early literacy programs sponsored by SDL.
- ☺ See more early literacy tips on SDL's website under the KIDS tab.

Early Literacy Programs At SDL's Bark Shanty Branch

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

Baby Time

Thursday at 10

Planned for children:

newborn to 24 months old



Toddler Time

Thursday at 10:30

Planned for children:

2 to 4 years old

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

Programs are cancelled if CPs is closed.

After School Club

Thursdays: 3:30 to 4:45 For 1st - 8th Graders

At SDL's Bark Shanty Library Branch

Something FUN and different every week

Activities, Crafts, Games, LEGOs, Movies, STEM and more!

March 5: STEM Volcanoes

March 19: Lego[®] Challenges

March 12: Craft Cars

March 26: Puzzles & Games

Note To Parents

1. Snacks will be served. Please send a letter to notify SDL staff if your child has a food allergy.
2. Parents are not required to remain during the program, unless your child is younger than 6 years old.
3. Children MUST be picked up at the end time.

Programs are canceled if CPS is closed.