



**Books & Beyond**

# SDL Book Talk

Sanilac District Library Newsletter

Volume 30 Issue 4

**Serving Our Community Since 1936**  
Managing CPS Elementary & High School Libraries  
and the Bark Shanty Library Branch

April 2025



**FREE Movie At The Bark**  
**Monday, April 14 at 6**  
**Disney® Moana 2**



## 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.

**April 2 at 5:30**

*House of Eve*  
Sadeqa Johnson

**May 7 at 5:30**

*The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*  
Anna Johnston

**June 4 at 5:30**

*The Women*  
Kristin Hannah

## Sanilac District Library

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

**CLOSED: Friday April 18**

## Library Hours

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

## National Library Week Events

**At SDL's Bark Shanty Library Branch**



**Monday, April 7 at 2**

**Stacy Norman ~ Sowing Seeds Flower Farm**

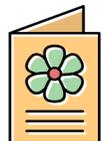
Stacy will give a history of her business and talk about the difference between growing mass flowers for selling versus a backyard garden. She will discuss the process from starting seeds to harvesting and bouquet making. Everyone will plant seeds in cells and go home with a mini greenhouse. Free.

**Wednesday, April 9 at 2**

**FREE Classic Movie Matinee: Desk Set®**



Bunny (Katherine Hepburn) is a reference librarian stuck in a dead-end relationship with a handsome TV exec (Gig Young). Sparks fly when a computer expert (Spencer Tracy) is assigned to automate her department. Bunny fears that the new technology will take over her job. She despises him at first, but eventually, they fall for each other's charms. *Twentieth Century Fox Corporation®. Swank Movie Licensing.*



**Thursday, April 10 at 2**

**Greeting Cards with Cindy Anglin-Davis**

Create four cards using a variety of easy techniques with coloring, inks and paper folding. Delight your family and friends with homemade cards!

**There is a \$10 fee for supplies.**

**Please RSVP by calling 810-622-8623**

## New Fiction

- **33 Place Brugman**—Alice Austen  
During the Nazi occupation of Brussels, the residents of an apartment building discover they are not the person they believed themselves to be. Confronted by a cruel choice, submit to the Nazi regime or risk their lives to resist, each will discover the truth about what, and who, matters to them the most.
- **Antidote**—Karen Russell. A gripping Dust Bowl epic about five characters whose fates become entangled after a storm ravages their small Nebraska town.
- **Beach Vibes**—Susan Mallery
- **The Big Fix**—Holly James. When Penny lets her sister drag her to an estate sale, she's hoping to rummage through dusty antiques. She squabbles over candlesticks with the deceased owner's nephew, right before a body tumbles out of a closet.
- **Blood Moon**—Sandra Brown
- **Boxcar Librarian**—Brianna Labuskes  
Inspired by true events, a Depression-era novel about a woman's quest to uncover a mystery surrounding a local librarian and the Boxcar Library, a converted mining train that brought books to isolated rural towns in Montana.
- **Bridal Shower Murder**—Leslie Meier
- **Cold As Hell: a Haven's Rock novel**—Kelley Armstrong
- **Count My Lies**—Sophie Stava. When Sloane lies about being a nurse to meet an attractive single father, she becomes his children's nanny, entering a seemingly perfect world that hides dangerous secrets and forces her to confront the consequences of her deceptions.
- **Dragon of Black Glass: Moon Fall 3**—James Rollins
- **The Expert of Subtle Revisions**—Kirsten Menger-Anderson. 2016: A woman and her father have agreed to meet on this day and time. If he does not arrive, she to go to the library, find a certain book and follow the instructions. 1933 Vienna: a group of intellectuals debate if there is a machine which can transport someone through time. No one can confirm if it's true. The only people who know firsthand are not talking. Years of history could be erased unless old secrets are unraveled.
- **Fight or Flight**—Fern Michaels
- **Four Queens of Crime**—Rosanne Limincelli. In 1938 London, Detective Chief Inspector Lilian Wyles enlists Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers, Ngaio Marsh, and Margery Allingham to unravel the mystery of a baronet's murder during a high-society gala, navigating a web of suspects with personal and political motives.
- **Hard Men To Kill**—William Johnstone

- **Lethal Prey: a Lucan Davenport & Vergil Flowers novel**—John Sandford
- **The Library of Lost Dollhouses**—Elise Hooper. Finding clues inside two exquisite never-before-seen dollhouses, a librarian sets out to decipher their secret history aiming to salvage her cherished library.
- **Life Hacks for A Little Alien**—Alice Franklin. A lonely girl who doesn't understand the world the way other children so thinks of herself as Little Alien. When a TV special introduces her to the mysterious Voynich Manuscript, an ancient tome written in an indecipherable language, Little Alien experiences hope. Could there be others like her, who feel like they're from another planet?
- **Lucky Night**—Eliza Kennedy
- **Jackal's Mistress**—Chris Bohjalian  
The wife of a missing Confederate soldier discovers a wounded Yankee officer and must decide what she's willing to risk for the life of a stranger.
- **Karen & Frida: a novel of friendship, food and books**—Kim Fay
- **The Maid's Secret: a Maid novel**—Nita Prose. Head maid Molly's discovery of a priceless artifact sparks a media frenzy, a daring heist, and revelations from her grandmother's hidden diary, intertwining a present-day mystery with a long-lost tale of forbidden love and family secrets.
- **Nemesis: an Orphan X novel**—Gregg Hurwitz
- **Nesting**—Roisin O'Donnell
- **Nobody's Fool**—Harlan Coben.  
Backpacking in Spain, Sami wakes up covered in blood, his girlfriend Anna dead, and he runs. Years later he sees Anna in his night school classroom, she bolts, and he must find her to solve the mystery that has haunted him.
- **One Sharp Stitch: a Nimble Needle mystery**—Allie Pleiter. Shelby manages the family needlepoint shop during her parents' RV vacation. It's just a month. It's not as if they're retiring. When Shelby hosts a show with local vendors, she discovers the body of a competitor trying to take over the shop. Shelby can't believe the death was an accident. She must move quickly to stop the crafty culprit before her maybe not-so-temporary new life in Gwen Lake comes apart at the seams . .
- **Overkill: an Ali Reynolds mystery**—J. A. Jance
- **Pomona Afton Can So Solve A Murder**—Bellamy Rose. Heiress Pomona's paranoid grandmother is murdered. Her will mandates freezing her assets. Pomona and Gabe, son of Pomona's nanny, must solve the murder so his mom gets her retirement money and Pomona can return to luxury.

- **Queens Of Crime**—Marie Benedict  
London, 1930. The 5 greatest women crime writers, Margery Allingham, Agatha Christie, Ngaio Marsh, Baroness Emma Orczy and Dorothy Sayers band together to form a secret society with a single goal: to show they are no longer willing to be treated as second class citizens by their male counterparts in the legendary Detection Club. Their plan? Solve an actual murder.
- **The Railway Conspiracy: a Dee and Lao mystery**—John Shen Yen Nee & SJ Rozen. Judge Dee and Lao She use all their powers of deduction-and kung fu skills-to take down a sinister conspiracy between Imperial Russia, Japan, and China in 1920s London.
- **A Reluctant Sheriff: a Mick Hardin novel**—Chris Offutt
- **Spring Fling**—Annie Noblin
- **Summer Guests**—Tess Gerritsen
- **The Tides of Time**—Sarah Eden
- **Tilt**—Emma Pattee. Annie, nine months pregnant, is shopping for a crib when an earthquake hits. With no way to reach her husband, no phone or money, and a city in chaos, there's nothing to do but walk. Making her way across the wreckage, she experiences human desperation and kindness. As she walks, Annie reflects on her marriage, her disappointing career, and her anxiety about having a baby. If she can just make it home...
- **Unromance**—Erin Connor
- **Usual Family Mayhem**—Helenkay Dimon. Kasey Nottingham returns to her grandmother's small-town dessert business to secure a corporate deal, but as mysterious deaths of abusive men coincide with their pie deliveries, she teams up with her crush, Jackson, to uncover secrets while navigating love, danger and family loyalty.
- **Vanishing Kind: Alex Carter #4**—Alice Henderson
- **Vera Wong's Guide To Snooping (On A Dead Man)**—Jesse Sutanto
- **The World's Fair Quilt: an Elm Creek novel**—Jennifer Chiaverini  
Sylvia is determined to keep her family's legacy through financial difficulties. As she remembers the story of the quilt she and her sister entered in the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, she makes an unexpected discovery, one that restores some of her faith in this unique work of art, and helps shine light on a way forward for Elm Creek Quilts.
- **The Writer**—James Patterson. When the husband of bestselling true-crime author is found dead in their luxury apartment, NYPD Detective Declan Shaw must unravel whether she is a target, a victim, or the mastermind behind a chilling plot.

## New Nonfiction

- *50 Projects For Building Your Own Backyard Homestead: a hands-on, step-by-step sustainable living guide*—David Toht
  - Create planters, pens, coops & sheds
  - Aquaponics & hydroponics
  - Add wind & solar power
- *All New Square Foot Gardening*
- *Allergy For Dummies: understand allergies & asthma; allergic manage skin conditions; control food, drug & insect sting reactions*
- *Backyard Bird Chronicles*—Amy Tan
- *Beginners Guide To Self Sufficiency Projects For The Home: grow edibles, raise animals, live off the grid & DIY*
- *Cupcakes For Any Occasion: 50 clever creations anyone can make*—Rachel Lindsay
- *The Everything Restaurant Copycat Recipes Cookbook: 200 easy recipes to re-create your favorite dishes at home*—Kelly Jagers
- *Four Red Sweaters: powerful true stories of women and the Holocaust*—Lucy Adlington
- *Living With Roses*
- *Military History Book: big ideas simply explained*
- *Paris Express*—Emma Donaghue
- *The Practical Guide To Postpartum Self-Care*—Ava Wells
- *Praisesong for the Kitchen Ghosts: stories & recipes from 5 generations of black country cooks*—Crystal Wilkinson
- *The Prosecutor: one man's battle to bring Nazis to justice*—Jack Fairweather
- *Public Relations For Dummies*
- *Spell Freedom: the underground schools that buildt the Civil Rights Movement*—Elaine Weiss

## SDL Bark Shanty Branch

The Village of Port Sanilac and Sanilac District Library have entered into a partnership to increase awareness and usage of the Bark Shanty Community Center and to provide extra library services. 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 these new possibilities. Traditional library services will not be duplicated.

### SDL Bark Shanty Services

**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:** Baby Time, Toddler Time, Summer Story Time, STREAM Club (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art & Music), LEGO® Club and more begin in June.

**Library of Things (LOTS):** Patrons will be able to borrow useful items 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.

**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.

**Help the Library of Things grow by donating “Things” in new or very good condition to include in the collection. Or donate money to purchase new items.**

A list of desirable things is posted on SDL’s website.

## New DVDs

- *All Creatures Great & Small 5*
- *Average Joe:* Football coach Joe is a fighter but a childhood spent in foster care and twenty years in the Marines is nothing compared to his biggest battle: his commitment to stand for God by taking a knee in prayer after each game--no matter the cost.
- *The Count of Monte Cristo:* Edmund Dantes escapes from prison and vows to search for justice and vengeance upon his enemies.
- *Dog Man:* Dag Man, half dog and half man, is sworn to protect and serve as he doggedly pursues the feline supervillain Petey the Cat.
- *Gladiator II:* Years after witnessing the death of Maximus, Lucius enters the Colosseum when the powerful emperors of Rome conquer his home. With rage in his heart and the future of the empire at stake, he looks to the past to find the strength and honor needed to return the glory of Rome to its people.
- *Juror #2:* While serving as a juror in a high-profile murder trial, family man Justin finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma...one he could use to sway the jury verdict and potentially convict or free the accused killer.
- *Moana 2:* (available April 15) Moana and Maui reunite for a new voyage into long-lost waters with a crew of unlikely seafarers.
- *Mufasa: The Lion King:* Orphaned Mufasa is lost and alone until he meets Taka, heir to a royal bloodline. This launches an epic journey that tests the pair's bonds as they evade a deadly foe.
- *Red One:* After Santa Claus, Code Name: RED ONE, is kidnapped, the North Pole's Head of Security teams up with an infamous bounty hunter in a globe-trotting, action-packed mission to save Christmas.
- *White Bird: A Wonder Story:* After being expelled for bullying Auggie, Julian is transformed by his grandmother’s heroic story of her attempts to escape Nazi-occupied France during WWII.

## Libby By OverDrive NEW Features

**Filters:** See most recent additions by filtering searches by date added.

**Holds:** When a Hold becomes available, you have the option to borrow the title AND delete Holds placed in other content groups for the same title. This frees up copies for others.

**Tag It:** Save a title to read later by tagging it.

1. Find the title.
2. Tap Tag. 
3. Create New Tag.
4. Name your tag, such as “To Read”
5. Tap Create.
6. Find your Tags by tapping on the Tag icon in the footer.

## New Books For Kids

### Picture Books

- *Lost and Found In History: a search-and-find book*—Clara Booth
- *So Tortoise Dug*—Emmy Kastner
- *The Torto-Saurus*—Katie Cottle

### I Can Read!

- *Here Come The Bears*—Mike Berenstain
- *Pete The Kitty and the Mermaid's Sandcastle*—Kimberly & James Dean

### New for Elementary

- *Against All Odds:*
  - *Animal Attacks:* A captivating collection of short stories inspired by true events that bring to life some of the world's deadliest animal attacks and how three young people beat the odds to survive them.
  - *San Francisco Earthquake 1906* Chen finds himself in the middle of the deadliest earthquake in US history.
- *Good Dog: The Little Pup Who Went To The Market*—Cam Higgins
- *Stella & Marigold*—Annie Barrows 2 sisters do all the regular things but they also share adventures, both real and imagined.



## Toddler Time

**Thursdays at 10:30**

**For children 2-4 years old  
with an adult caregiver.**

**Age appropriate activities,  
books crafts & FUN!**

April 3: *No program: CPS Spring Break*

April 10: Rainy Days

April 17: Bunnies

April 24: Chasing Rainbows

## New Tweens

- *Ticket To Ride: An Unexpected Journey*—Alan Moon. Teddy is obsessed with trains. When he wins a ticket on the Excelsior Express, it's a dream come true or is it?

### New Graphic Novels

- *Agents of S.U.I.T. Wild Good Chase*—John Patrick Green
- *I Survived The Great Molasses Flood, 1919*—Lauren Tarshis
- *Baby-Sitters Club: Mallory and the Trouble with Twins*—Ann Martin
- *Spy Ski School*—Stuart Gibbs
- *Warriors: The Prophecies Begin*—Erin Hunter

### Middle School

- *Keeper of the Lost Cities* series—Shannon Messenger. Sophie learns that her remarkable abilities identify her as an elf. Going to Eternalia to hone her skills, she discovers some would kill to get the secrets buried in her memory.

1. *Keeper of the Lost Cities*
2. *Exile*
3. *Everblaze*
4. *Neverseen*
5. *Lodestar*
6. *Nightfall*
7. *Flashback*
8. *Legacy*
- 8.5 *Unlocked*
9. *Stellarlune*
- 9.5 *Unraveled*

- *Old School*—Gordon Korman Dexter lives at the Pines Retirement Village with his grandmother and was homeschooled by the residents until he's forced to attend school, where he sticks out like a sore thumb.

- *Rebellion 1776*—Laurie Anderson. Elspeth, alone in a city ravaged by the smallpox epidemic, finds work taking care of a wealthy family. As she waits for inoculation, she tries to find her father who went missing during the Siege of Boston.

- *Resist: a story of D-Day*—Alan Gratz When Samira's mother is arrested by the Nazis, Samira journeys through Nazi-occupied France to save her before it is too late...on the same day the Allies invade Normandy.

## Books For Teens

- *Beyonders* series—Brandon Mull. Jason and Rachel are transported to a strange world called Lyrian, where they join a few rebels to find the Word that can destroy the wicked wizard emperor, Surroth.

1. *A World Without Heroes*
2. *Seeds of Rebellion*
3. *Chasing the Prophecy*

- *Powerless Trilogy*—Lauren Roberts. In a kingdom divided by extraordinary powers and a strict caste system, Paedyn, a girl with no abilities, must hide her ordinary nature as she navigates a forbidden romance with a powerful prince and participates in the perilous Purging Trials that could reveal her true identity.

1. *Powerless*
2. *Reckless*
3. *Fearless*

- *Skyfall #3: Let The Wind Rise*—Shannon Messenger. When Audra is imprisoned by Raiden and the Stormers, she is forced to sever the bond between her and Vane, while Vane, frantic that he is losing her, can only turn to former enemies to rescue Audra.

- *Sunrise On The Reaping: a Hunger Games novel*—Suzanne Collins. As the day dawns on the 50<sup>th</sup> Hunger Games, fear grips the districts of Panem. In honor of the Quarter Quell, twice as many tributes will be taken from their homes. Back in District 12, Haymitch Abernathy is trying not to think too hard about his chances. All he cares about is making it through the day and being with the girl he loves. When Haymitch's name is called, he can feel all his dreams break. He's torn from everything he loves, shuttled to the Capitol with the three other District 12 tributes: a young friend who's nearly a sister to him, a compulsive oddsmaker and the most stuck-up girl in town. As the Games begin, Haymitch understands he's been set up to fail. But there's something in him that wants to fight . . . and have that fight reverberate far beyond the deadly arena.