



**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

**May 2025**

## **FREE Family Movie At The Bark** **Monday, May 12 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.

**May 7 at 5:30**

*The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*  
Anna Johnston

**June 4 at 5:30**

*The Women*  
Kristin Hannah

Columbia Pictures Industries Presents

## **Paddington In Peru<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.*

Bring your own lawn chair for more comfortable seating



### **Library of Things**

**Help LOTs Grow**  
**Donate Things**

### **Sanilac District Library**

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

**CLOSED:**  
**Monday, May 26**

### **Library Hours**

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

The Library of Things (LOTs) is a collection of useful items such as cake pans for special occasions, cookware, craft supplies, crock pot, electronics, games, puzzles, small kitchen appliances, sports equipment, tools, toys and more!

Residents of SDL's service area (Sanilac Township & CPS School District) will be able to borrow Things for free using their SDL card. Need something for a one-time project? Want to try before you buy? Check out LOTs. The Library of Things will open at SDL's Bark Shanty Branch as soon as "Things" are acquired.

Help SDL's Library of Things grow by donating "Things" in new or *very good* condition.

Or donate money to purchase new items.

Check out the list of desirable items on SDL's website.

**Thank you for helping SDL Grow To Meet Your Needs!**

## New Fiction

- *25 Alive*—James Patterson
- *Any Trope But You*—Victoria Lavine
- *Bearer of Bad News*—Elizabeth Dini
- *The Book Club for Troublesome Women*—Marie Bostwick. In 1960s Virginia, a book club bonds over personal struggles, feminist ideas and the transformative power of friendship.
- *Cash Blackbear mystery series*—Marcie Rendon
  1. *Murder On The Red River*
  2. *Girl Gone Missing*
  3. *Sinister Graves*
  4. *Broken Fields*
- *Cold Dead Cash*—William Johnstone
- *Colton Gray: Deputy US Marshall*—William Johnstone
- *Crash Landing*—Annie McQuaid
- *Death by Chocolate Pumpkin Muffins*—Sarah Gaves
- *A Death On Corfu*—Emily Sullivan
- *Didn't You Use To Be Queenie Be?* Terri-Lynne DeFino
- *Fair Play*—Louise Hegarty
- *A Fashionably French Murder: an American In Paris mystery*—Colleen Cambridge
- *Fifteen Wild Decembers*—Karen Powell. Isolated from society, Emily Brontë and her siblings spend their days inventing fictional realms or roaming the wild moors. Each of them struggles to adapt when they venture into the world to earn a living, but for Emily the change is catastrophic.
- *Fortunate Harbor*—Davis Bunn
- *Get Lost With You*—Sophie Sullivan
- *The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits*—Jennifer Weiner. Cassie and Zoe, a pop duo, skyrocketed to the top. But fame has a price. After one turbulent year, the band broke up. 20 years later, Zoe is a suburban mom warning her daughter Cherry to avoid the spotlight. Cassie has disappeared from public life. Cherry discovers the truth behind the breakup, forcing all of them to confront their complicated bonds.
- *Heartwood*—Amity Gage. In Maine, an experienced Appalachian Trail hiker goes missing. Alone in the wilderness, she pours her thoughts into letters to her mother as she battles the elements. A determined State Game Warden leads the search on the ground. Meanwhile, Lena, a 76-year-old birdwatcher in a retirement community, becomes an unexpected armchair detective.
- *I'm Here To Kill You*—William Johnstone

- *Insignificant Others*—Sarah Jio
- *Keeper of Lost Art*—Laura Morelli. During WWII, a girl makes an unbreakable connection with a boy sheltering in her family's Tuscan villa, where the treasures of the Uffizi Galleries are hidden. Based on true events.
- *Last Chance to Save The World: Chaotic Orbits #3*—Beth Revis
- *The Maid series*—Nita Prose
  1. *The Maid*: A charmingly eccentric hotel maid discovers a guest murdered in his bed and inspires a motley crew of unexpected allies to band together to solve the mystery.
  2. *The Maid's Secret*: Molly discovers a priceless artifact that 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.
- *Murder By Cheesecake: a Golden Girls Cozy Mystery*—Rachel Ekstrom Courage. When Dorothy's obnoxious date is found dead in a hotel freezer, it not only ruins a gorgeous cheesecake but threatens the St. Olaf wedding Rose is hosting.
- *The Missing Half*—Ashley Flowers
- *Murder Machine*—Heather Graham
- *My Name Is Emilia Del Valle*—Isabel Allende. In 1866 San Francisco, writer Emilia journeys to South America with reporter Eric to cover the civil war in Chili and to discover the truth about her father.
- *The Mysterious Bakery On Rue de Paris*—Evie Woods
- *The Page Turner*—Viola Shipman
- *Road To Tender Hearts*—Annie Hartnett. 63-year-old lottery winner PJ Halliday sets out on a cross-country trip to reunite with his high school sweetheart, with his estranged brother's orphaned grandchildren, his drifting adult daughter and a death-predicting cat.
- *Ruth Run*—Elizabeth Kaufman. An ingeniously twisty cybercrime chase in which the thief, who has stolen several lifetimes worth of money, flees with a slew of men in pursuit.
- *Shadow Of The Solstice: Leephorn, Chee & Manuelito novel*—Anne Hillerman. The Navajo Nation police are on high alert when a U.S. Cabinet Secretary schedules a trip to the little Navajo town. The visit coincides with a plan to resume uranium mining along the Navajo Nation border. Tensions escalate when a body is found in an area restricted for the disposal of radioactive uranium waste. Is the arrival of a cult to celebrate the summer solstice and a propensity for violence a coincidence?

- *Silent As The Grave: Molly Murphy mystery*—Rhys Bowen
- *Sisters Murder Investigations*—James Patterson & Candice Fox
- *South of Nowhere: a Colter Shaw novel*—Jeffrey Deaver. Colter is hired to locate a family swept away by raging water, with mere hours to survive. But is the levee at risk of failing from natural causes or is someone sabotaging it?
- *The Stars and Their Light*—Olivia Hawker. 1947: Sister Mary Agnes arrives in New Mexico to establish a monastery in Roswell, rumored to be the site of an UFO crash. She befriends Betty, a teen marked physically and psychologically by the event. Mary Agnes is drawn to Harvey, a witness to the crash. As Mary Agnes tries to guide her wayward friends, she has her own crisis of doubt.
- *Strangers In Time*—David Baldacci. After surviving the Blitz and mourning the loss of his wife, Ignatius forms a kinship with teens Charlie and Molly. As bombs continue to rain on the city, they learn that while the perils of war rage on, their coming together and trusting one another may be the only way for them to survive.
- *Summer Light On Nantucket*—Nancy Thayer
- *The Summer That Shaped Us*—Lori Wilde
- *Terrestrial History*—Joe Reed. Hannah, a fusion scientist, meets a visitor from a future settlement on Mars, traveling backwards through time to try to make a crucial intervention in the fate of Earth.
- *This Is Not A Game*—Kelly Mullen. Stranded during a blizzard while attending a lavish party at a mansion on Mackinac Island where the host has been murdered, a grandmother and granddaughter must draw on a unique skillset to navigate a dangerous game together.
- *Tough Luck*—Sandra Dallas. In 1863, after escaping an orphanage, Haidie and her brother journey to Colorado encountering treacherous challenges, unlikely allies, and the truth about their father, while Haidie devises a daring plan to claim their future.
- *Wandering Season*—Aimie Runyan. Unraveling the tangled roots of her family takes Veronica places she never expected
- *Ward D*—Freida McFadden. Amy, a medical student, is spending the night on a locked psychiatric ward. As the hours tick by, Amy is convinced something terrible is happening within these secured walls. When patients and staff vanish, it's clear that everyone is in grave danger. Amy's worst nightmare was spending the night on Ward D. And now she might never escape.
- *What If I Never Get Over You*—Paige Toon

## MelCat Celebrates 20 Years!

SDL was the 52<sup>nd</sup> library to join MelCat in 2005. This was a huge project taking years of preparation. All technology decisions were made with a state-wide database as the goal. Now 435 libraries are members of MelCat. SDL patrons have borrowed almost 20,000 items at a value of \$540,000 since 2005 and SDL has lent 12,000 items to other libraries. In 2024 alone, over a million items were shared between MI libraries through MelCat.

**MeL, the MI Electronic Library,** offers databases, electronic articles, journals and other online resources about business, education, history, medicine and other topics that help people make informed decisions. In 2024, students and MI residents accessed 19.2 million resources for homework, research, test preparation and more.

### MelCat Funding

MelCat & MeL have been federally funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the only federal agency for America's libraries. An Executive Order calls for restructuring IMLS. Funding was eliminated but 50% (\$2.4 million) has been reinstated, enough for MelCat to continue. Some MeL databases will need to be cut unless the state can cover the shortfall. MelCat & MeL provides a return on investment of \$27. This means that for every federal tax dollar invested in MI libraries, Michigan residents receive \$27 in value.

## 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. The Village wanted to offer movie nights but licensing is very expensive. Public libraries may contract for movie licensing at a reasonable rate but requirements limit movie showings to one specific library site. SDL needs space for programs but can't afford to expand. Solution: The Village is leasing Room #1 at the Bark Shanty to SDL for \$1 as an exclusive library branch in order to legally enable SDL to provide movie licenses. A win-win for both entities. 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:** arts & crafts, author talks, cooking, gardening, music and more!

**Book Sale:** audio books, books in print and DVDs will be "for sale" by donation.

**Children's Programs:** Baby Time, Toddler Time, Summer Story Time, STREAM Club, LEGO<sup>®</sup> Club and more!

**Library of Things:** LOTs will open as soon as "Things" are acquired. See page 1.

**Family Movie Night At The Bark:** May 12 & June 9. Summer schedule coming soon.

## New DVDs

- Bluey*: Seasons 1-3
- Cleaner*: At a corporate gala, an armed group of radicals take 300 hostages. A lone window cleaner witnesses the crime and, as it turns out, she's a ex-soldier, skilled in hand-to-hand combat and firearms.
- Flight Risk*: Not everyone on board is who they seem when a pilot transports an air marshal and a fugitive to trial. Tension soars as they cross the Alaskan wilderness.
- Good Bad Things*: An entrepreneur with muscular dystrophy knows his marketing business is toast if he doesn't land a dating app account. He signs up & gets a response from cute Madi, who still wants meet after he discloses his disability and continues to surprise him as they form a tender bond.
- Gunner*: Lee Gunner tries to save his sons, Luke and Travis, from a dangerous drug gang
- Lost On A Mountain In Maine*: The true story of a boy who is lost in the wilderness during a storm. He fights to stay alive while hundreds of volunteers search for him.
- September 5*: During the 1972 Munich Summer Olympics, an American Sports broadcasting team adapts from sports reporting to live coverage of the Israeli athletes taken hostage, changing media coverage forever.
- Sonic The Hedgehog 3*: Sonic, Knuckles and Tails reunite to face a formidable foe. Shadow is a mysterious hedgehog, has powers unlike anything they've ever seen. Team Sonic must secure an unexpected alliance if they hope to stop Shadow and save the planet.
- Valiant One*: A routine mission spirals into a fight for survival when an Army helicopter crashes deep within North Korean territory. With communication destroyed, Captain Brockman and Specialist Selby must lead the team through hostile terrain, cut off from US military support as they attempt a daring escape across the treacherous Demilitarized Zone.
- Yellowstone: Season 5*

### 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 Board Book

- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Vegetable Garden*—Eric Carle

## New for Elementary

- *The Alien Next Door #11: A Fishy Adventure*—A.I. Newton

## New Nonfiction

- *Eye Witness: The Civil War*
- *Eye Witness: World War II*
- *Crystals, Rocks and Gemstones: exploring Earth's treasures*—Kelsey Oseid

## Books For Tweens

- *Isle of Ever*—Jen Calonita Everly "Benny" Benedict learns she's the heir to a fortune, but to collect it she must win a game following clues her ancestor left to locate a small island that vanished long ago.
- *Sasquatch of Hawthorne Elementary*—K. B. Jackson A huge, mysterious creature is hiding out in the woods near Jake's home, he's sure of it. When word gets out that Jake is a Sasquatch hunter, will he be mercilessly teased? Or will his new friends Jasmine and Lanny help him track down an elusive Bigfoot?

## Middle School

- *Teen Astronauts*—Eric Walters
  1. *Houston, Is There A Problem?* Houston has the opportunity to attend a prestigious NASA space camp.
  2. *Boldly Go:* Houston is on his way to the International Space Station as part of a secret NASA study.
  3. *Mission to Mars:* After months spent on the International Space Station conducting experiments Houston is surprised to learn that he, Ashley and Teal have been chosen to join a highly political mission to Mars.
- *Survive This Safari*—Natalie Richards Lucy is excited to be selected for the Wildlands Safari Escape Challenge, but her team discovers that Wildlands' beloved baby elephant might be in danger and must tackle a real Wildlands challenge.

## Toddler Time: Thursdays at 10:30

For kids, 2 to 4 years old, with an adult caregiver  
Age appropriate activities, books, crafts, songs and FUN!

- May 1: Bubbles!  
May 8: Hugs for everyone  
May 15: Caterpillars & Butterflies  
May 22: Teddy Bear Picnic  
May 26: No Program. Memorial Day



## Teens

- *9/11 series*—Eric Walters
  1. *We All Fall Down:* Will is spending the day at his father's workplace as part of a school assignment. Will's teacher says, "this might be an experience that changes your entire life." Will isn't excited about it, he'd rather sleep in and do nothing with his friends.
  2. *United We Stand:* New York City is at a standstill: somber, bleak and shocked in the aftermath of the attacks. Will knows he and his father are lucky to have escaped; others, like his best friend James' father are missing and presumed dead.
- *Flight Plan: Rule of Three #5*—Eric Walters. Jamie's flight is just taking off when all technology fails, plunging the world into chaos. After the pilot manages to land the plane safely, Jamie sets out on the perilous 1,200-mile journey home with the flight crew and a small group of determined passengers.

## Summer Programs For Kids Starting In June

**Baby Time:** a 30 minute program for babies and infants: newborns to 24 months old with a parent. Thursday mornings at 10 beginning June 12.

**Toddler Time:** a 30 minute program for 2 to 4 years olds with an adult caregiver. Thursdays at 10:30.

**Story Time:** for kids K—3rd grade.

**STREAM Club:** for 4th -8th graders.

**LEGO® Club**

**Movie At The Bark**  
Monday, June 9 at 6

## Discover The Colorful World of Books

### Summer Reading Club

Registration begins June 9 for all kids: babies through teens.



## 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!**