



Books & Beyond

SDL Book Talk

Sanilac District Library Newsletter

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Managing CPS Elementary & High School Libraries
and the Bark Shanty Library Branch

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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.

May 6 at 5:30

News of the World
Paulette Jiles

June 3 at 5:30

Before You Know Kindness
Chris Bohjalian

July 1 at 5:30

Rise To Rebellion
Jeff Shaara



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, document scanner, games, food dehydrator, Instant Pot, hand held mixer, laser level & stud finder, metal detector, puzzles, portable CD player for use in car, yooper light and waffle iron. Items check out for one week for FREE.

The Library of Things closes 30 minutes prior to SDL's regular closing time.

Sanilac District Library

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Closed
Memorial Day: May 25

Library Hours

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

Thursday Afternoon At The Bark

135 Church Street

Fun Programs For Grown-Ups

September through May

Rotating activities every week: crafts, games, movies, puzzle-paloozas, speakers & more!

May 7: Open Craft Time

May 14: Beginning Genealogy

May 21: Craft

May 28: Puzzle-palooza

Artists of the Month

Joyce Knight-Coyne's
Watercolor Techniques Students

New Fiction

- *After The Fall*—Edward Ashton. After an alien invasion, the grays pulled humans out of the wreckage for pets who must be silent, obedient and good.
- *Alibi By Accident*—Kayleigh Suggett
- *All Booked Up*—Melody Carlson
- *Alphabet Sleuths*—Laura J Walker
- *Ambush of the Heart*—Mary Connealy
- *American Han*—Lisa Lee
- *And the Crowd Went Wild*—Susan Elizabeth Phillips
- *And Now, Back to You*—B.K. Borison
- *Astral Library*—Kate Quinn
- *Bad Blood*—Jennifer Lynne Barnes
- *A Better Life*—Lionel Shriver. Gloria living with her son Nico participates in a new city program that would pay her to take in a migrant as a boarder. Gloria is thrilled when Martine arrives. But Nico is skeptical and resents any interruption of his "hovercraft repose." Martine endears herself into Gloria's heart. As Martine's disturbing compatriots begin to show up, Nico is hostile to both his mother's altruism and the "migrant crisis" and turns out to be anything but a reliable narrator himself.
- *Blade*—Wendy Walker
- *Bloodlust*—Sandra Brown
- *Bookstore Diaries*—Susan Mallery
- *Calamity Club*—Katheryne Stockett
- *Chasing The Clouds Away*—Debbie Macomber
- *Cherry Baby*—Rainbow Rowell
- *Claire Holloway Is Winging It*—Angela Ruth Strong
- *Cross & Sampson*—James Patterson
- *Cruise To Die For*—Heather Graham
- *Daughter of Egypt*—Marie Benedict
- *Day of Judgement*—Charles Todd
- *Deadly Episode*—Anthony Horowitz
- *Death of a Groom*—M.C. Beaton
- *Death Times Seven*—Anne Perry
- *A Defiant Woman*—Karen E. Olson
- *The Devil's Bible*—Steve Berry
- *Everyone In this Bank Is A Thief*—Benjamin Stevenson
- *The Ending Writes Itself*—Evelyn Clarke
- *Faithful of Heart*—Tracie Peterson
- *Felicia's Favorites*—Danielle Steel
- *The Final Storm*—Fern Michaels
- *Gardeners' Club*—Marnie Riches. When a corpse turns up in the community greenhouse, the Bromley Botanists must dig up the truth before someone else is left pushing up the daisies?

- *Gift Before Dying*—Malcolm Kempt
- *Hadacol Boogie*—James Lee Burke
- *Harvey Girl*—Dana Stabenow
- *Hired Man*—Sandra Dallas. The Dust Bowl sweeps hobo Otis Hobbs into town who saves a local boy from a vicious storm. When Martha's mother insists they take in the drifter, suspicion and prejudice grip their neighbors. After a girl is murdered, Martha is forced to reconcile the difference between the law and justice.
- *Hope Rises*—David Baldacci
- *The House of Hidden Letters*—Izzy Broom. Skye wins a lottery to buy a run-down cottage on a Greek island for only one euro and jumps at the chance to get out of England and start over. She and the other lottery winners are the first residents in these houses since the 1940s. When Skye and local contractor Andreas discover a set of mysterious letters, they begin to unravel the history of the prior residents and the truth about life during the WWII.
- *I Did Not Kill My Husband*—Linda Keir
- *In the Spirit of French Murder: An American in Paris*—Colleen Cambridge
- *Insomniacs*—Allison Scotch. Four strangers. Two secrets. One missing person. In the city that never sleeps.
- *It Should Have Been You*—Andrea Mara
- *Judge Stone*—Viola Davis & James Patterson
- *The Keeper*—Tana French
- *Kill for a Million*—Janet Dailey
- *A Killer in the Cordgrass*—Brian Thiem
- *Killing Me Softly*—Sandie Jones
- *Last Letters of Sally and Walter*—Cammie McGovern
- *Locked Door*—Freida McFadden
- *The Lost Book of Elizabeth Barton*—Jennifer N. Brown
- *Meadows of Murder*—Paul Doherty. Brother Athelstan investigates a string of murders in 1383 London after a fugitive dies mysteriously inside a locked church. As more victims fall, the search leads to a shocking truth beyond the killings.
- *Moonlight Runner*—Karen Robards
- *The Mother-Daughter Book Club*—Susan Patterson & James Patterson
- *My Grandfather the Master Detective*—Masateru Konishi
- *No Good Deed*—Katherine Kovacic
- *No Place Like You*—Jillian Meadows
- *Paradox*—Douglas & Aletheia Preston
- *The Paris Match*—Kate Clayborn
- *The Patchwork Players*—Jennifer Chiaverini

- *The Pie & Mash Detective Agency*—J.D. Brinkworth. Oddball couple Jane Pye and Simon Mash take a class for private detectives and must use their (admittedly limited) skills to solve a series of mysterious disappearances.
- *The Primrose Murder Society*—Stacy Hackney
- *Revenge Prey*—John Sanford
- *Robert B. Parker's Big Shot*—Christopher Farnsworth
- *Second Chance Duet*—Ana Holguin
- *Served Him Right*—Lisa Unger
- *Six Little Words*—Sally Page
- *Son of Nobody*—Yann Martel
- *Stakeouts & Strollers*—Rob Phillips
- *Storm Warning*—Alice Henderson
- *The Survivor*—Andrew Reid Getting on the subway, Ben receives texts from an anonymous killer. People are murdered to ensure that he follows orders. Kelly, a NYPD detective is first on the scene. Switching rapidly between Ben and Kelly on the hijacked train, the secret to the killer lies in Ben's own history.
- *There is No Antimemetics Division*—QNTM. They're all around us, hiding in plain sight. One could be in the room with you now. But from this second to the next, you'll forget. These entities feed on your most cherished memories, the things that make you you--and you'll never even know anything changed. They're predators. They're invading. How do you fight an enemy when you never even know that you're at war? Welcome to the Division. No, this is not your first day.
- *This Is Not About Us*—Allegra Goodman
- *This Weekend Doesn't End Well for Anyone*—Catherine Mack
- *The Tree of Light and Flowers*—Thomas Perry. After a car crash triggers the premature birth of her long-awaited child, Jane hopes to settle into a quiet life. But the calm is short-lived. Enemies and desperate strangers begin moving toward her home--some seeking protection, others intent on exposing the woman known for making people disappear. As danger closes in Jane must protect her clients and her own family.
- *Upward Bound*—Woody Brown
- *Vanished in the Crowd*—Rhys Bowen
- *Want To Know A Secret*—Freida McFadden
- *A Woman's Place*—Danielle Steel
- *Yesteryear*—Caro Claire Burke. A social media celebrity who sells her fantasy pioneer lifestyle to millions of followers wakes up cold, dirty, and hungry in the year 1805. Is this a reality show, a hoax or time travel???

New Nonfiction

- *All about Allergies: everything you need to know about asthma, food allergies, hay fever, and more*—Zachary Rubin, MD
- *The Anatomy of Awakening: the 5 hidden codes to activate self-healing, unlock your higher consciousness, and live your divine destiny*—Dr. Sue Morter
- *From Seed to Table: A comprehensive guide to gardening, preserving, and cooking for sustainable living*—Diane Devereaux
- *Handmade Happiness: Yarn Crafts: easy instructions for 30 bright & beautiful DIY projects including wreaths, tassels, rainbows, pom-pom garlands and more*—Sarah Freeman
- *Herbal Gut Health: natural therapies to promote healthy digestion, boost your microbiome, and support gut repair*—Maria Noel Groves, RH
- *How to AI: cut through the hype. Master the basics. Transform your work*—Christopher Mims
- *MAHA: Make America Healthy Again: a blueprint for a thriving nation*—Chauncey Crandall, M.D.
- *Plant This, Not That: over 200 native plant swaps for a more sustainable, pollinator-friendly garden*—Elise Howard
- *Right Wing Revolution: how to beat the woke and save the west*—Charlie Kirk
- *The Well Educated Child: how the principles and practices of quality thinking, agency & ethical purpose cultivate deeper learning*—Deborah Kenny, M.D.

New Movies

- *28 Years Later: he Bone Temple*: In a continuation of the epic story, Dr. Kelson finds himself in a shocking new relationship with consequences that could change the world as they know it. Spike's encounter with Jimmy Crystal becomes a nightmare he can't escape. In the world of The Bone Temple, the infected are no longer the greatest threat to survival. The inhumanity of the survivors can be more terrifying.
- *The Count of Monte Cristo*: On the eve of his wedding, Edmond Dantes' future is snatched away by 3 selfish men. Edmond is wrongly accused of being a Bonapartist and is incarcerated in the island prison of the Castle d'If. 15 years pass by before he encounters a fellow inmate who imparts his vast knowledge including the location of hidden treasure. Edmond escapes and goes on a mission to wreak revenge of the men who betrayed him.
- *David*: In a kingdom ruled by fear, a young shepherd dares to face a giant. His courage will awaken a nation and prove that true strength comes from trust, not power.
- *Ella McCay*: An idealistic young woman juggles her family and work life in a comedy about the people you love and how to survive them.
- *Greenland 2: Migration*: In the aftermath of a comet strike that devastates most of the earth, a family is forced to leave the safety of their bunker in Greenland to search for a new home in a shattered world. It's a journey against the odds that will test the family's deepest sense of love, sacrifice, and instinct to survive.
- *Hamnet*: William Shakespeare falls for the free-spirited Agnes. Their whirlwind romance leads to marriage and 3 children, but as Will's theatrical ambitions draw him to London, Agnes remains behind to manage the household. When tragedy strikes, their bond is deeply tested-but through grief and resilience, their journey inspires the creation of Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece, Hamlet.
- *The Housemaid*: Based on the bestselling book by Freid McFadden. Trying to escape her past, Millie accepts a job as a live-in housemaid for the wealthy Nina and Andrew Winchester. But what begins as a dream job quickly unravels into something far more dangerous—a sexy, seductive game of secrets, scandal, and power. Behind the Winchesters' closed doors lies a world of shocking twists that leaves you guessing until the very end.
- *Karate Kid Legends*: Kung Fu prodigy Li Fong moves to New York and befriends a classmate and her father, only to face a powerful local karate champion. With guidance from his teacher, Mr. Han and Daniel LaRusso, Li combines their techniques to compete in the ultimate martial arts tournament and defend his honor.
- *Killers of the Flower Moon*: in 1920s Oklahoma, the discovery of oil brings extraordinary wealth to the Osage people. An army veteran joins his uncle in a horrifying scheme to rob the Osage of their money and land.
- *Mercy*: In the near future, a detective stands on trial accused of murdering his wife. He has 90 minutes to prove his innocence to the advanced A.I. Judge he once championed, before it determines his fate.
- *The Running Man*: In a near-future dystopia, contestants compete against professional killers in a televised, 30-day survival game. Desperate to save his sick daughter, working-class Ben Richards enters the deadly competition, manipulated by the ruthless producer Dan Killian, where every move is broadcast for the bloodthirsty public and escalating rewards.

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New Books For Kids

Picture Books

- *It's my bird-day!*—Mo Willems
- *Rainbow Fish and the Great Escape*—Marcus Pfister
- *Tic, Tac and Toe*—Sheri Dillard

New Graphic Novels

- *Bluey: The Sign*
- *Dog Man: Big Jim Believes*—Dav Pilkey

New Nonfiction

- *Dinosaurs Are WOW!: a Roaring Thunder of Prehistoric Wonder*—Mindy Thomas
- *How to Survive and Apocalypse*—Cameron Hardy & Coby Coonrad
- *I Want to be a Scientist*—Stepanka Sekaninova
- *Left Handed: Getting a Grip on Handedness*—Maria Birmingham

Books For Tweens

- *The Case of the Scarlet Snakebite*—Christyne Morrell. When the wealthy Willoughby family arrives at her mom's bed-and-breakfast, Amber is convinced that one of their guests is up to no good. When a priceless ruby vanishes, her mom is framed for the theft! Amber puts her detective skills to the test to find the thief.
- *Roohi and Nate Are Not On The Same Page*—Supriya Kelkar. Nate thinks Roohi is a snobby know-it-all, and Roohi thinks Nate is nothing but a slacker. But that changes when they both join The Lunch Bunch reading club that meets at their school library. Roohi opens up about feeling disconnected from her friends on the track team. Nate, who has always struggled in school, shares how tired he is of constantly being compared to his genius older brother. When the kids learn that their beloved librarian's job may be cut due to budget cuts, they band together to find a solution.

New Middle School

- *King of Nothing*—Nathanael Lesore. An unlikely connection forms between two very different teen boys as they grapple with crushes, toxic friendships and the meaning of masculinity.

Books For Teens

- *Follow the Water*—Ellen Cochrane. The true story of a girl who fell out of a plane over the Amazon and survived in the jungle for 11 days.
- *What We Did To Survive*—Megan Lally. Hannah is sharing spring break at a resort in Mexico with her friend Emmy and her family. A guy they meet at the surf invites them on a chartered private sailboat to make the most of their last day in paradise. Their boat is the only one leaving the marina. A storm is brewing onboard that's as deadly as the one racing toward them. Forget surviving graduation. Who will make it back to land alive?

Early Literacy Programs At SDL's Bark Shanty Branch

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

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

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.

Thursdays: 3:30 to 4:45

After School Club

For 1st - 8th Graders

At SDL's Bark Shanty Library Branch

After School Club goes on summer vacation on June through August

Something FUN and different every week

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

Coming in June
Summer Reading Club

UNEARTH A STORY™

