



**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

**June 2025**

### Discover The **Colorful** World Of Books

**Summer Reading For Kids: newborn to 12th grade**

**June 9 - August 7**

#### 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.

**June 4 at 5:30**

*The Women*

Kristin Hannah

**July 2 at 5:30**

*Still Life*

Louise Penny



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#### Sanilac District Library

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**CLOSED: July 4 & 5**

#### Library Hours

Monday: 11-5

Tuesday: 11- 5

Wednesday: 11-7

Thursday: 11-5

Friday: 11-5

Saturday: 11-2

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## New Fiction

- Abduction of a Slave*—Dana Stabenow In ancient Egypt, Tetisheri is sent to Cyrenaica to investigate a communication breakdown with a master trader. As she navigates a landscape filled with spies, Tetisheri uncovers a web of intrigue linked to impending war and a local murder.
- Bad Lands: a Nora Kelly novel #5*—Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child. The skeleton of a woman is found. She had apparently walked into the desert, shedding clothes as she went and died of heatstroke and thirst. Rare artifacts are found clutched in her hands, lightning stones used by the ancient Chaco people to summon the gods. Is it suicide or... sacrifice?
- Beach House Rules*—Kristy Woodson Harvey. A mother-daughter duo learn to lean on their community of women--and each other--after their world is turned upside down.
- Busybody Book Club*—Freya Sampson. Nova starts a book club at the community center in a seaside Cornish village but it's a disaster. The members disagree on everything. Money is stolen and there is a murder. Agatha Christie superfan
- Children of Eve: a Charlie Parker novel*—John Connolly. Charlie is hired to uncover a sinister web involving the abduction of children linked to killers and a cartel boss.
- Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie: a Holland Family novel*—James Lee Burke. Bessie finds a and mentor in a tormented suffragette teacher who inspires her to fight to defend her home & family from being destroyed by an oil company.
- Famine Orphans*—Patricia Falvey. 1848 Ireland: Workhouse girls are sent to Australia for employment as servants with the unstated purpose to civilize men sent as convicts, so that settlements can be built.
- Fever Beach*—Carl Hiaasen. Dale picks up a hitchhiker who reminds him of Danny DeVito and his messy life is about to get complicated.
- First Gentleman*—James Patterson & Bill Clinton

- Food Person*—Adam Roberts. In the wake of a disastrous live soufflé demonstration, Isabella is fired from her job at a digital food magazine and must find a way to keep herself in anchovy paste. Offered a job to ghostwrite a cookbook for a once-beloved actress mired in scandal, Isabella accepts. Will the cookbook and their careers go up in flames?
- Going Home In the Dark*—Dean Koontz. Outcasts Rebecca, Bobby, Spencer and Ernie were inseparable friends as kids. Three left to pursue lofty dreams but Ernie never left. When he falls into a coma, his three amigos return home and remember a hulking, murderous figure and weirdness piled on mystery that they were made to forget...
- Hidden Nature*—Nora Roberts
- Jacob's Room*—Virginia Woolf
- Language of the Birds*—K.A. Merson In order to find her kidnapped mother, a brilliant but solitary teenager must unlock ciphers, buried clues, and reckon with the outside world as she pursues an ancient secret in this brainteasing, puzzle-filled thriller that will leave readers wondering where the truth ends and fiction begins.
- The Love Haters*—Katherine Center
- Marble Hall Murders: Magpie Murders/Susan Ryeland series #3*—Anthony Horowitz
- Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club*—Martha Hall Kelly
- Memory Collectors*—Dete Meserve Aeon Expeditions allows clients to spend an hour in their past, even though technology ensures that they can't alter the future, 4 clients yearn to revisit the hour that changed their lives forever.
- My Friends*—Fredrik Backman. The friendship of four teenagers creates a bond so powerful that it changes a stranger's life 25 years later.
- Never Flinch*—Stephen King
- Nightshade*—Michael Connelly
- Parents Weekend*—Alex Finlay. Celebrating their children's first year of college, 5 sets of parents stay out past their bedtimes, their kids never show up. As the hours click by panic ensues.

- The Red House*—Mary Morris. 30 years after her mother disappears, Laura goes to uncover the past her mother refused to speak about.
- Retirement Plan*—Sue Hincenbergs Three middle-aged friends turn to murder in order to collect on their husbands' life insurance policies unaware that their husbands have a devious plan of their own.
- The River Is Waiting*—Wally Lamb. The heart wrenching story of a young father who, after a tragedy, reckons with the possibility of atonement for the unforgivable.
- The Second Sun*—P. T. Deutermann 1945: Did Japan test an atomic weapon? Did America know about it in advance of its own decision to drop two nuclear bombs?
- The Star of Camp Greene*—Joy Callaway
- The Tainted Khan: The Soulbound Saga #2*—Taran Matharu. Continues the harrowing journey of Jai as he returns to his own people, grows in his magic and as a warrior bonding with his dragon.
- Three Men In A Boat*—Jerome K. Jerome. Complaining of overwork, 3 men and a dog go on a boating holiday on the Thames. Camping and cooking mishaps are interspersed with descriptions of landmarks, pubs and villages along the way.
- When Will there Be Good News?*—Kate Atkinson. On a hot summer day, Joanna's life is changed forever 30 years later, ex-detective Jackson Brodie is on a late train. Lost in his thoughts, he hears a shocking sound. 16-year-old Reggie is watching TV. A terrifying noise shatters the peace. Luckily, Reggie makes it a point to be prepared for an emergency...
- Where The Rivers Merge*—Mary Alice Monroe (and Large Print). At 88, Eliza has fought a lifetime to save her beloved home and is too independent and committed to quietly retire and leave the fate of the estate to her greedy son.
- Whistle*—Linwood Barclay. Chilling horror journey of a mother & son into a new town, haunted trains and unsettling nightmares.

## New Nonfiction

- *Autism For Dummies*
- *Backyard Guide to Edible Wild Plants*—Mim Hernandez
- *The Buried city: Unearthing the Real Pompeii*—Gabriel Zuchtriegel
- *The Collected English Cottage*—Bethany Adams
- *Go Forth And Forage: a guide to foraging over 50 of the most common edible & medicinal North American mushrooms*—Whitney Johnson
- *Into The Ice: the Northwest Passage, the Polar Sun and a 175-year old mystery*—Mark Synnott
- *Narcissistic Abuse: a therapist's guide to identifying, escaping and healing from toxic and manipulative people*—Vanessa Reiser

## SDL Bark Shanty Branch

The Village of Port Sanilac and Sanilac District Library have 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 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 to legally enable SDL to provide movie licenses. A win-win for both entities.

SDL is moving one step at a time to implement new possibilities. Traditional library services continue at SDL's main facility.

### SDL Bark Shanty Services

**Adult Programs:** arts & crafts, author talks, cooking, gardening, music. And more this fall!

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

**Children's Programs:** see page 6  
**Family Movie Night At The Bark:**

July 14 & August 11 at 6

**Library of Things:** → → →

## New DVDs

- *The Alto Knights:* Follows two of New York's most notorious organized crime bosses, Frank Costello and Vito Genovese, and how their separate paths to power place them on a deadly collision course.
- *Captain America: Brave New World* As he takes on the mantle of Captain America, Sam finds himself in the middle of an international incident. And must unravel a nefarious global plot before the true mastermind has the entire world seeing red.
- *Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy:* Bridget, now a widowed single mother, juggles work, parenthood and romance. Bridget has awkward interactions younger man and her son's science teacher as she strives to forge a new path in life and love.
- *The Last Supper:* Captures the pivotal night before Jesus' betrayal from the perspective of those who walked beside Jesus. Fueled by ambition, fear and a sinister influence, Judas begins to conspire, while Peter pledges loyalty, unaware of the emotional turmoil about to ensue.
- *Mickey 17:* Mickey works for an employer who demands the ultimate commitment to the job... to die, for a living. Based on books by Edward Ashton.
- *Miss Austen:* In 1830, Cassandra searches for letters from her late novelist sister Jane. As she renews acquaintances with old friends and becomes involved in their intrigues, she reflects on life with Jane and why destroying the letters is critical.
- *Paddington In Peru:* Paddington, the marmalade-loving bear, gets lost in the jungle on an exciting, high-stakes adventure when he returns to visit his Aunt Lucy. With the Brown Family in tow, a thrilling journey ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected escapade through the Amazon rainforest and up to the mountain peaks of Peru.
- *Ordinary Angels:* Sharon, a fierce but struggling hairdresser, discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets Ed, a widower working hard to make ends meet for his two daughters. With his youngest daughter waiting for a liver transplant, Sharon sets her mind to helping the family and will move mountains to do it. What unfolds is the inspiring tale of faith and everyday miracles.
- *Unbreakable Boy:* When Scott and Teresa learn that their son is autistic and has brittle bone disease, they worry about his future. However, with Austin's incredible spirit, they become unbreakable as they find joy, gratitude and courage in the most trying times.



## Library of Things

## Help LOTs Grow Donate Things

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 suggested items on SDL's website.

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



## New Books For Kids Elementary

- *Alien Next Door: A Fishy Adventure*—A. I. Newton
- *Lucy Lancaster*—Willow Coven
  1. *Lucy Lancaster Has A Secret*
  2. *Lucy Lancaster and the Stormy Day*
  3. *Lucy Lancaster Is Totally In Control*
- *The Oregon Trail: Choose your own trail series*—Jesse Wiley
  3. *The Search For Snake River*
  4. *The Road To Oregon City*
  5. *Alone In the Wild*
  6. *The Wagon Train Trek*
  7. *Gold rush!*
  8. *Calamity In the Cold*
- *Ratnip: Lost and Found In the City*—Cam Higgins

## Graphic Novels

- *Bad Kitty*—Nick Bruel
  - *Goes On Vacation*
  - *Party Animal*
- *Evil Spy School*—Stuart Gibbs
- *Spy Camp*—Stuart Gibbs

## Books For Tweens

- *All Ears*—Stuart Gibbs. Resident sleuth Teddy is on the case to find a missing African elephant and clear his friend from false accusation of vandalizing a bulldozer in protest of a builder ruining a beloved piece of land they call Turtle Town.
- *Chronicles of Whetherwhy: The Age of Enchantment*—Anna James. In Whetherwhy, a rare few are born with magic in their bones. Juniper discovers she is an Enchanter and studies at Thistledown Academy. Twin brother, Rafferty, apprentices with a bookbinder. As Juniper learns how to wield enchantment and hone her magic, Rafferty becomes involved with a mysterious secret society. Juniper's and Rafferty's paths are brought together again when dangerous monsters attack.

## Middle School

- *Elephant Secret*—Eric Walters
- *The King of Jam Sandwiches*—Eric Walters. Robbie leads a double life. His dad is mentally ill. Robbie is scared of telling anyone in case he is put into foster care. One day when Robbie shows the tough new girl, Harmony, around school, they realize that they have a lot in common. Can Robbie's new friend be trusted to keep his secret?

## Teens

- *Before You Leap: a frog's-eye view of life's greatest lessons*—Kermit The Frog
- *The Brothers Hawthorne*—Jennifer Barnes. Jameson and Grayson are each pulled into a different high-stakes game, where they must decide who they want to be and what they will sacrifice to win.
- *Dating and Dragons*—Kristy Boyce Quinn joins a D&D group hoping to make friends at her new school. She is torn between her feelings for a charming yet annoying teammate and the drama stirred up by ex-friends from a previous campaign.



## Self Defense For Women

July 22 6 -7:30

### At The Bark Shanty

The class is intended for adults & teens

The instructor, Andrea Moon, is a 4th Degree Black Belt in Japanese Shotokan Karate.

#### What Participants Will Learn

- Practical self-defense techniques against various types of attacks
- Environmental awareness strategies to avoid dangerous situations
- Confidence-building exercises in a supportive, women-focused environment
- Techniques adaptable to different body types and physical abilities

#### What to Expect

Participants will engage in hands-on practice of evasion and defense techniques. Handouts with details about all techniques covered for continued practice at home will be given.

#### What to Wear

- Comfortable, loose-fitting clothes
- No jewelry
- Long hair tied back

## Book signing with local author

P. A. White

### *Until I Come Back For You*

Saturday, July 19 from 12 to 2

At SDL's Bark Shanty Branch

Trisha is a typical eight-year-old. Youngest of five, she has a pony, a BFF, sticky fingers and a big secret. After she does her homework and chores, she sneaks off to visit a dead body in the woods...Right where she left it.



## 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.



# Discover The **Colorful** World of Books

## Summer Reading

June 9 ~ August 7

For CPS & SDL Students: K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Taking part is as simple as 1, 2, 3, 4

1. Register at Sanilac District Library
2. Read 5 Sanilac District Library books to earn a prize
3. Record: write the titles of the books on your reading record at SDL
4. Reward: collect your prize!

## Read-To-Me Program For Pre-Readers

Babies & prereaders may join SDL's Summer Reading Program by having a parent, sibling or grandparent read Sanilac District Library books aloud to them.



# Thursday Is Kids Day

## At SDL's Bark Shanty Library Branch

### June 12 - August 7

### Baby Time

Newborn to 24 months  
Thursdays at 10



### Toddler Time

Preschoolers: 2 - 4 years old  
Thursdays at 10:30

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

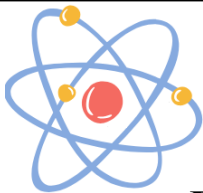
*All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver*

Baby Time and Toddler Time are early literacy programs that introduce children to the joy of reading and teach parents activities that stimulate brain development and encourage lifelong reading skills in their children.



### Story Time

Thursdays at 11:30 For K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Each program is planned with age appropriate  
Activities, Books, Crafts, Games & Fun!



### STREAM Club

Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, Music  
Thursdays at 2 For 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Experiments, Facts, Games, Projects & Fun!



June

Discover Art: color & the stroop  
effect & more!

June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Life cycle of a chicken: from egg to chick

July 17 - August 7

Be a space detective with NASA  
And more!

### LEGO® Club

Thursdays At 3 For School-Aged Kids  
Challenges, Group Activities & Creative Building  
Bricks are provided.

All kids need to bring is their imagination.



### Summer Reading Party

## Tuesday July 29 at 7

Wacky stunts, incredible magic and LAUGH like crazy!

Fun for the whole family!

At the Bark Shanty Community Center