



Books & Beyond

SDL Book Talk

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

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Movie At The Bark ~ Monday, July 14 at 7

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Summer Reading Party

Tuesday, July 29 at 7



Joel's Picasso Magic Show

Enjoy wacky stunts, incredible magic &
LAUGH like crazy!

Fun for the whole family!

At the Bark Shanty Community Center, 135 Church Street

Sanilac District Library

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

CLOSED: July 4 & 5

Library Hours

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



Book Signing
with local author
P. A. White
Saturday,
July 19 12-2

At SDL's Bark Shanty Branch
135 Church Street

Until I Come Back For You is an adult novel about Trisha, a typical 8-year-old. The 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.

Self Defense For Women

Tuesday, July 22 6-7:30
At the Bark Shanty
135 Church Street

This class is intended for adults & teens.

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

What to Wear

- Loose-fitting clothes
- No jewelry
- Long hair tied back

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New Fiction

- *An Amateur Sleuth's Guide To Murder: A Bainbridge Island Mystery*—Lynn Cahoon. Meg doesn't just solve crimes, she writes about how to do it . . .
- *Atmosphere*—Taylor Jenkins Reid. Joan has always been obsessed with the stars. Content as a professor until she sees an ad seeking women scientists to join NASA's space shuttle program. Joan burns to be one of the few people to go to space.
- *Beach Reads and Deadly Deeds*—Allison Brennan. Strange notes in a book draw her a bibliophile into a real-life investigation.
- *Beacon In The Night*—David Lewis. 1941: London endured the relentless bombing campaign of the Blitz and emerged, scarred but unbroken. Now the war has entered another phase. Instead of indiscriminate bombing, the Luftwaffe pinpoints cathedrals and ancestral homes and then hospitals and nursing homes are under attack too. As a member of the female 512 counterespionage unit, Caitrin is tasked with rooting out saboteurs who are placing the homing beacons.
- *Before Dorothy*—Hazel Gaynor. Long before Dorothy visits Oz, Aunt Em has her own adventure, leaving Chicago behind for Kansas and a life that utterly changes her.
- *Cat Fight*—Kit Conway. 3 suburban women use the growing hysteria around a wild cat sighting to achieve their own agendas. But is the real predator a big cat on the prowl or is the true threat more of the domestic variety?
- *The Compound*—Aisling Rawle. Bored & beautiful Lily wakes in a remote desert compound with 19 contestants of a reality show. To win, she must outlast her housemates, while competing for rewards and communal necessities like food. As the competition intensifies, lines between the game & survival blurs.
- *Daughter of Montague* series—Christina Dodd. The eldest daughter of Romeo and Juliet rejects the betrothal planned by her parents and

tries to find the groom-to-be a more suitable bride.

1. *A Daughter of Fair Verona*
 2. *Thus with A Kiss I Die*
- *The Death Mask: Eve Duncan #31*—Iris Johansen
 - *Finders Keepers*—Sarah Adler
 - *Finders Keepers: Stone Barrington*—Stuart Woods
 - *Friendship Fling*—Georgia Stone
 - *The Girls Who Grew Big*—Leila Mottley. Adela is 16 and pregnant. Her parents banish her to her grandmother's home in Florida where she meets Emory, who brings her newborn to high school, determined to graduate and a group of outcast young moms who raise their growing brood in the back of a truck. The town thinks the girls have lost their way, but really they are finding it.
 - *Gone Dark: a Matthew Redd thriller*—Ryan Steck. As head of a search and rescue team, Redd drops into a wildfire zone to find that the smoke jumper team and two civilians have been murdered. A terrified young boy is left as witness.
 - *Heir of Light: Academia Chronicles #2*—Michelle Sagara. Robin will inherit great power when he assumes the Gardianno seat as heir. But at what cost? With Teela and Raven, he is ready to battle for his birthright. When the Halls of Law investigate the baffling murder of his parents, the truth could lead Robin right to the heart of danger.
 - *In The Family Way*—Laney Becker. 1960s: a group of women open their suburban households to girls from a home for unwed mothers. The teens, who don't even understand how they got 'in trouble' are sent to help with housework and to be mothered themselves. When they give up their babies, they agree to never contact the "host families" again.
 - *It Happened On The Lake*—Lisa Jackson
 - *Kill Your Darlings*—Peter Swanson. A murder-mystery in reverse, tracing a marriage back in time to uncover the dark secret at its heart.
 - *The Love Fix*—Jill Shalvis
 - *Love Hypothesis*—Ali Hazelwood
 - *A Mind of Her Own*—Danielle Steel

- *A Most Puzzling Murder*—Bianca Marais
- *A Mother's Love*—Danielle Steel
- *Murder Takes A Vacation*—Laura Lippman
- *A Novel Murder*—E. C. Nevin
- *The President's Shadow*—James Patterson
- *Rip Through Time* series—Kelley Armstrong
 3. *Disturbing The Dead*
 4. *Death At A Highland Wedding*
- *The River Knows Your Name*—Kelly Mustian. A lyrical Southern story about memory, family secrets, and fierce love. For nearly thirty years, Nell has kept a childhood promise to never reveal what she and Evie found tucked inside a copy of Jane Eyre in their mother's bookcase, a record of Evie's birth naming a stranger as her mother. But lately, Nell has been haunted by hazy memories of her early life.
- *Shades of Mercy: A Porter Beck mystery*—Bruce Borgos. Beck's investigation of a rancher targeted by a military drone leads to Mercy, a teenager locked up with no computer access at the secure juvenile detention center. When she disappears, Beck understands that she's in danger and time is running out.
- *The Teacher of Auschwitz*—Wendy Holden. Inspired by the true story of a man who risked everything to protect children in Auschwitz. In a hut in the shadows of the smokestacks, the youngest prisoners were kept vermin-free, received better food, and were taught to imagine having full stomachs and a day without fear.
- *The Tenant*—Freida McFadden
- *A Town With Half The Lights On*—Page Getz
- *Welcome To Murder Week*—Karen Dukes. An American woman travels to the English countryside when she discovers tickets her late mother had purchased for a murder mystery simulation in a small town.
- *With A Vengeance*—Riley Sager. One train. No stops. A deadly game of survival and revenge.

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 .

July 2 at 5:30

Still Life

Louise Penny

August 6 at 5:30

The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County

Clair Swinarski

New Nonfiction

- *Deep Listening: transform your relationships with family, friends and foes*—Emily Kasriel
- *Floored: a woman's guide to pelvic floor health at every age and stage*—Dr. Sara Reardon
- *How To Survive Against The Odds: tales & tips for animals attacks and natural disasters*
- *The Mother Next Door: medicine, deception and Munchausen By Proxy*—Andrea Dunlop & Mike Weber
- *The Sisterhood of Ravensbruck: how an intrepid band of Frenchwomen resisted the Nazis in Hitler's all-female concentration camp*—Lynn Olson
- *The Tech Exit: a practical guide to freeing kids and teens from Smartphones*—Clare Morell

Self Defense For Women

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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



Movies at the Bark

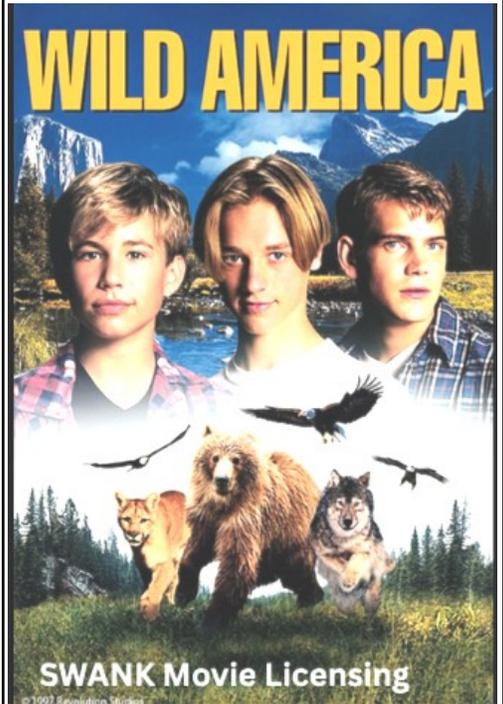
135 Church Street

Monday, July 14 at 7

FREE Admission

Children under 7 must be with an adult

Optional: bring a lawn chair for more comfortable seating.



WILD AMERICA[®] is an awesome journey of courage and adventure starring of three brothers who drive around the country filming endangered wildlife. Adrenaline-pumping and camera-whirling, the boys grapple with a stampede of wild mustangs, fend off a charging moose, and get caught up in a raging river that shows no mercy. Along the way they discover bravery, self-reliance, and how much they can count on each other. Directed by: Irby Smith, Mark Stouffer, William Dear. Starring: Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Devon Sawa, Scott Bairstow, Frances Fisher, Jamey Sheridan. Producers: Mark Stouffer, Irby Smith, James G. Robinson. Rated: PG

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Discover The **Colorful** World Of Books

Summer Reading Program

For Kids: newborn to 12th grade

At Sanilac District Library

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

1. **Register** at Sanilac District Library by August 7
2. **Read** 5 Sanilac District Library books to earn a prize
3. **Record** titles of the books on your reading log at SDL
4. **Reward:** collect your prize!



Thursday Is Kids Day

At SDL's Bark Shanty Library Branch

July-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!

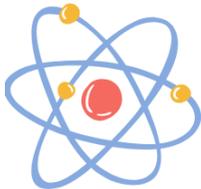
All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver

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 - 3rd 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 4th - 8th Graders

Experiments, Facts, Games, Projects & Fun!



June 19th, June 26th, July 3rd
Life cycle of a chicken: from egg to chick

July 17, July 26 & July 31
Be a space detective with NASA

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.

