



Books & Beyond

SDL Book Talk

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

August 2025

A&W Jukebox Concert

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.

August 6 at 5:30
The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County
Clair Swinarski

September 3 at 5:30
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane
Lisa See

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**Closed Labor Day
September 1**

Library Hours

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

Monday, August 18 at 7

At the Bark Shanty Gym

Adrienne & Walt sing to raise your spirits
and make you laugh!

You pick the music, sing along,
tap your feet, dance!

Let's have some fun!!!



FREE Movie at the Bark

135 Church Street

Monday, August 11 at 7

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Auggie, a 10-year-old boy (Jacob Tremblay) with a facial deformity attends school for the first time when he begins the 5th grade. With the support of his parents (Julia Roberts & Owen Wilson), he learns how to make friends and adjust to his new environment. Those around him learn not to judge a book by its cover. Rated: PG

Children under 7 must be with an adult

Optional: bring a lawn chair for more comfortable seating.

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New Fiction

- All the Words We Know*—Bruce Nash. Rose may be in her eighties and suffering from dementia, but she's not done with life just yet. Alternately sharp as a tack and spectacularly forgetful, she spends her days roaming the corridors of her assisted living facility. When her friend is found dead after an apparent fall from a window, Rose embarks on an investigation to discover the truth and uncover all manner of secrets . . . even some from her own past.
- An Inside Job: Gabriel Allon #25*—Daniel Silva. Gabriel is commissioned to restore one of the most important paintings in Venice. But when he discovers the body of a mysterious woman, he finds himself in a desperate race to recover a lost masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci.
- Austen At Sea*—Natalie Jenner. Two pairs of siblings find their lives transformed by a visit to England and Jane Austin's last surviving brother, keeper of a secret legacy.
- The Boomerang*—Robert Bailey. The President has terminal cancer. Chief of Staff, Eli's daughter has cancer too. Eli turns to Big Pharmas for advice, but finds more questions than answers. He discovers a devastating cover-up worth billions of dollars and millions of lives.
- Broken Country*—Clare Leslie Hall. Reconnected her with a former love whose son eerily resembles her deceased child, Beth's life unravels as secrets resurface, leading to deadly consequences.
- Can You Solve This Murder?*—Antony Johnston. Step into the shoes of a detective & investigate a mysterious crime. Gather the evidence and examine the clues. Choose who to interview and who to accuse as your prime suspect. Remember that every decision you make may have fatal consequences.
- Coded Justice*—Stacey Abrams. Avery Keene has a new position at a high-end law firm in D.C., where she is about to earn real money and get her life in order after a tumultuous run working as a clerk on the Supreme Court. Her client, Camasca, is a mega-tech firm developing an AI to improve health care to veterans. But some disturbing anomalies have occurred.
- Dead Line*—Marc Cameron. Deputy U.S. Marshals Arliss Cutter & Lola Teariki are finally nearing their prey, a killer-for-hire wanted for the murder of a 25-year-old pregnant woman. A cruel hit orchestrated by the victim's husband, a former member of the St. Louis Metro PD and on the run too. Arliss and Lola realize there's more to this manhunt than they ever imagined.
- Dogged Pursuit: a prequel to the Andy Carpenter mysteries*—David Rosenfelt

- Edge of Honor*—Brad Thor. After six months abroad, elite spy Scot returns to a shifting political landscape in America, where a powerful secret cabal threatens to destabilize the nation.
- The Enchanted Greenhouse*—Sarah Beth Durst. After breaking the law, Terlu he was turned into a wooden statue and wakes in the winter on a nearly-deserted island full of hundreds of magical greenhouses. The only other human is a grumpy gardener. When she learns that the magic sustaining the greenhouse failing, she knows she must help. Even if that means breaking the law again. This time, though, she isn't alone.
- The Frozen People*—Elly Griffiths. Ali, a police officer working on a cold case team, travels back in time to find evidence about a murder. She arrives to find a dead woman at her feet. When Ali tries to return home, she is trapped in 1850.
- The Hampton's Lawyer: a Jane Smith thriller*—James Patterson
- Hotel Ukraine: the final Arkady Renko novel*—Martin Cruz Smith
- Letter Carrier*—Francesca Giannone. A woman arrives at a small Italian town in the 1930s with her husband and baby, and is the permanent outsider. She becomes the town postmistress, the first female to hold that position.
- Maid For Each Other*—Lynn Painter
- Michael Without Apology*—Catherine Ryan Hyde. A film student struggling with a traumatic past embarks on a documentary project uncovering truths that push him to confront the painful question of why his birth parents let him go.
- Mrs. Plansky Goes Roque*—Spencer Quinn. After winning a senior tennis championship, her doubles partner, Kev goes missing. Her suspicion gets the better of her and leads her to break into his house, only to find it ransacked. Kev isn't the only person Mrs. Plansky has to worry about. Her son is missing, too.
- Our Last Vineyard Summer*—Brooke Lea Foster
- Overruled*—Lana Ferguson
- Rage: Kate Burkholder #17*—Linda Castillo
- The Red Queen*—Martha Grimes. After a businessman is shot off his barstool at a pub, Superintendent Richard Jury sees a newspaper photo of a man who is a dead ringer for the victim. Two investigations converge. Funny, eccentric, and fueled by clues in the most unlikely places.
- Peculiar Gift of July*—Ashley Ream. When 14-year-old July arrives in an island town, her uncanny ability to sense what people need begins quietly transforming the community.

- Runner 13*—Amy McCulloch. An exhilarating thriller set against a 250-mile foot race across the Sahara Desert.
- Sandy Page Bookshop*—Hannah McKinnon
- Satisfaction Café*—Kathy Wang
- Second Chance At Sunshine Inn*—Amy Clipston
- Shards of Light: Academia #1*—Michelle Sagara
- Skin and Bones and other Mike Bowditch short stories*—Paul Doiron
- Syndicate*—Felix Francis. Someone tries to take over one of Chester's racehorse syndicates by threats of serious harm to his family. It's not just a horse race or money at stake-it's the lives of his loved ones.
- Them Bones*—David Housewright. A stolen dinosaur skull is at the center of a complex mystery laid at the feet of P.I. Rushmore McKenzie.
- Total Dreamboat*—Katelyn Doyle. A cruise ship romance goes...overboard.
- Typewriter Beach*—Meg Clayton. The unforgettable story of an unlikely friendship between an Oscar-nominated screenwriter and a young actress hoping to be Alfred Hitchcock's new star.
- Undercutting of Rosie and Adam*—Megan Bannen
- Unraveling of Julia*—Lisa Scottoline
- Until I Come Back For You*—P.A. White. Trisha is a typical eight-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.
- The View From Lake Como*—Adriana Trigiani
- Where You're Planted*—Melanie Sweeney
- Wild Dark Shore*—Charlotte McConaghy. Dominic and his children are caretakers of a tiny island near Antarctica, home to the world's largest seed bank. During the worst storm the island has ever seen, a woman mysteriously washes ashore. Isolation has taken its toll on the Salts, but as they nurse the woman back to strength, it begins to feel like she might just be what they need. As the sea rises, they all must decide if they can trust each other enough to protect the precious seeds in their care before it's too late.
- The Woman In Suite 11*—Ruth Ware. Journalist Lo Blacklock travels to a luxury Swiss hotel hoping to revive her career, but when a mysterious woman draws her into a dangerous chase across Europe, she must weigh ambition against survival in a world of wealth and shifting alliances.

New DVDs

- *The Amateur*: When the wife of a CIA decoder is killed in a terrorist attack, he embarks on a dangerous trek to take down those responsible, his intelligence being his ultimate weapon.
- *ASH*: Riya wakes on a mysterious planet to discover her crewmates have been slaughtered. When a man arrives to rescue her, an ordeal of psychological and physical terror ensues.
- *Call the Midwife: Season 14*
- *Conclave*: Follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events--selecting a new pope. The Church's most powerful leaders gathered from around the world, locked together in the Vatican halls. Tasked with running this covert process, Cardinal Lawrence finds himself at the center of a conspiracy and discovers a secret that could shake the very foundation of The Church.
- *Death of a Unicorn*: A father and daughter accidentally hit and kill a unicorn enroute to a weekend retreat, where his billionaire boss seeks to exploit the creature's miraculous curative properties.
- *Fight or Flight*: A mercenary takes on the job of tracking a high-value asset known as "The Ghost" on an international flight. The plane is filled with assassins assigned to kill them both & the pair must work together in a fight for their lives.
- *The Legend of Ochi*: In a village on the island of Carpathia, a shy farm girl is raised to fear an elusive animal species known as ochi. When she finds a wounded baby ochi, she goes on a quest to bring him home.
- *A Minecraft Movie*: 4 misfits are pulled through a mysterious portal into the Overworld: a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they embark on a magical quest with an expert crafter, Steve. Together, they are challenged to reconnect with the qualities that make each of them uniquely creative.
- *Rust*: An orphaned boy of 13 left to fend for himself and his younger brother in 1880s Wyoming is sentenced to hang for the accidental murder of a local rancher. His estranged grandfather breaks him out of jail and they go on the run to Mexico.
- *Thunderbolts*: After being ensnared in a death trap, a team of antiheroes embarks on a dangerous mission. Forced to confront the darkest corners of their pasts, will they tear themselves apart, or find redemption?
- *Whale Rider*: A Maori village faces a crisis when the heir to the chief dies at birth and is only survived by his twin sister, Pai. Disregarded by her grandfather and shunned by the people of her village, Pai trains herself in the ways and customs of her people. Pai summons the strength to challenge a thousand years of tradition in order to fulfill her destiny.



Libby: NEW Content Controls

Free AudioBooks, eBooks & eMagazines



Libby is introducing an optional new feature called Content Controls in the Settings sections of the Menu allowing users to decide how “mature content” is displayed. Choices include whether it appears in deep search results, whether it can be sampled or borrowed, and whether cover images are visible. Users can simply select a preset:

- Default: "Mature content" titles won't appear unless added to an account.
- Libby for Everyone works just like Libby does today, with no restrictions by audience except those users manually choose to apply.
- Libby for Kids only displays titles for juvenile & young adult audiences. Users can apply deep search, sample, and circulation restrictions to young adult titles, if they wish.
- Libby for Grown-ups is for people who borrow “general content” and “mature content” titles only. It prevents kids' titles from appearing. Users who enjoy young adult titles can re-enable that content using a toggle within the preset.
- Users may choose to lock Content Controls with a passkey on a specific device.
- Libby Help features articles and a training video.

SDL is a member of White Pine Library Cooperative's Fuel Your Mind Digital Collection. SDL patrons may also borrow items from the digital collections of these partner library systems:

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Lakeland Digital Library
Metro Net Library Consortium
Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Midwest Collaborative for Library Services - **NEW**
Southwest Michigan Digital Library—**NEW**
St. Clair County Library System
Suburban Library Cooperative
Traverse Area District Library
Up North Digital Collection
Woodlands Library Cooperative



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New Books For Kids

Picture Books

- *Camp Grandma and Grandpa*—Gina Bellisario
- *Flat Cat: The Class Pet*—Tara Lazar
- *Goats Afloat*—Lezlie Evans

New for Elementary

- *Against The Odds: Pompeii*—Eleanor Cardell
- *Good Dog #13: How To Spy A Spy*—Cam Higgins
- *The Great Mouse Escape*—James Patterson
- *Henry Heckelbeck and the Not-So-Dark Day*—Wando Coven
- *Mouse and Spoon*—Cynthia Rylant
 - *The Elephant's Birthday*
 - *Owlets and Tarts*
- *Owl Diaries*—Rebecca Elliott
 - *The Nature Club*
 - *The Owllympic Games*
- *Pete The Cat's Mars Mission*—James Dean
- *Ratnip #3: Right On Your Tail!*—Cam Higgins
- *Sea Otter Sunrise: Magic Tree House #40*—Mary Pope Osborne

New Graphic Novels

- *Pablo & Splash: Frozen In Time*—Sheena Dempsey

Books For Tweens

- *Ben Braver and the Vortex of Doom*—Marcus Emerson. When the baddest of bad guys threatens the world with a giant black hole, Ben learns what it really means to be a hero.
- *FunJungle* series—Stuart Gibbs
 1. *Belly Up*
 2. *Poached*
 3. *Big Game*
 4. *Panda-monium*
 5. *Lion down*
 6. *Tyrannosaurus Wrecks*
 7. *Bear Bottom*
 8. *Whale Done*
 9. *All Ears*
- *Into The Rapids*—Ann Braden. Addy prefers to rely only on herself, but when a super-storm hits her remote mountain town, she will need to muster the courage to ask for help.
- *Junius Leak & The Spiraling Vortex of Doom*—Allan Wolf. When Junius steps foot on Uncle Spot's rickety dock, the truth hits him: he may love waterbodies, but that doesn't mean they love him back. Junius Leaks is doomed to ten days of awkwardness and boredom on a houseboat with a relative he doesn't know. The lake has plans for him tied to a 100-year-old family feud and a swash-buckling mystery
- *The Library of Curiosities*—Jennie Lundquist. Rowan discovers a magical library at her grandfather's, where she must clear her name, outwit a vengeful enemy, and uncover a long-lost artifact that holds the key to her family's mysterious past.

New Books For Teens

- *Beautiful Maddening*—Shea Ernsshaw. In 1636, Lark's ancestor stole the last Dutch tulip bulbs. and fled to America. When the tulips bloomed on American soil, madness sprouted from their snowy white petals. Now, generations later, the Goodes remain cursed, the tulips causing locals to fall helplessly in love with anyone carrying Goode blood in their veins. While her brother embraces the strange power, Lark wants nothing more than to be free. When she meets a boy who seems unaffected by the curse, Lark falls headlong into a feeling she's spent her whole life avoiding. But, all curses and magic come with a price. To save the town from a dangerous sickness,, Lark will need to sacrifice everything—even true love—to break the spell.
- *Climate of Chaos*—Cassandra Newbould. In the post-apocalyptic domed city of Seattle, disabled Fox navigated a ruthless society where healthcare is currency in search of her sister, Rabbit.
- *Custom sneakers: everything you need to personalize your kicks*—KNZ. Easy techniques: painting, stenciling dyeing, stitching, and more to change your shoes to reflect your unique personality.
- *Grandest Game series*—Jennifer Lynn Barnes.
 1. A life-changing competition of riddles where players compete for millions. Orchestrated by the Hawthorne brother and Avery...but not everyone is playing by the rules.
 2. *Glorious Rivals*. Players move into the next round of the Grandest Game, where millions of dollars in prize money are on the line & new motivations, and threats come to light.
- *Wendy's Ever After*—Julie Wright. Wendy Darling embarks on a new journey where her past in Neverland collides with her future hopes for love, only to discover the adventure never truly ended.

Baby Time

Newborn to 24 months
Thursday, August 7
at 10



Toddler Time

2-4 year olds
Thursday, August 7
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.

NO PROGRAMS: August 14, 21, 28 & September 4

**The new season for Baby Time and Toddler Time
begins Thursday, September 11**