



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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**Your Library Card Is The Smartest
Back-To-School Supply!**

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.

September 3 at 5:30

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane
by Lisa See

October 1 at 5:30

Rolling Toward Clear Skies
by Catherine Ryan Hyde

November 5

Kate & Frida
by Kim Fay

**Artist of the Month
Joyce Knight-Coyne**



Tuesday, October 28 at 7
GORDON THE MAGICIAN'S
SPOOKY MONSTER
MAGIC SHOW
Fun For All Ages! At The Bark Shanty

Sanilac District Library

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

CLOSED: Labor Day

Library Hours

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

Thursdays At The Bark

Starting September 11

Baby Time at 10
Toddler Time at 10:30
See page 4

After School Club

3:30 - 4:45
Beginning October 2
For Kids Grades 1 to 8
Rotating each week:
activities, crafts, Legos, movies,
STEM and more!

Beginning October 2
Adult Programs 12 to 3

Alternating crafts, games,
movies, puzzle-paloozas,
speakers & more!

Library of Things

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something for a one-time project?
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Thing to borrow! See page 3

New Fiction

- *The Art of a Lie*—Laura Robinson
- *Best of Enemies*—William Johnstone
- *Billion Dollar Ransom*—James Patterson
- *The Break-In*—Katherine Faulkner
Alice is hosting a playdate with friends at her home when a disturbed man breaks in. With her child in the next room, she panics and kills him, an act ruled as self-defense. Alice digs into the identity of the man and discovers a trail of dark secrets.
- *Dear Miss Lake: Emmy Lake Chronicles #4*—AJ Pearce
- *Death At An Irish Village*—Ellie Brannigan
- *Death In The Countryside*—Maria Malone. Sergeant Ali Wren returned to her charming Yorkshire hometown with Officer PD Wilson, a Springer Spaniel with a nose for trouble.
- *Everybody Has A Gun*—William Johnstone
- *Father Gabriel mystery series*—Fiorella De Maria
 1. *The Sleeping Witness*
 2. *The Vanishing Woman*
 3. *See No Evil*
 4. *Death of a Scholar*
- *For Richer For Poorer*—Danielle Steel
- *Forty-Niners*—William Johnstone
- *French Kitchen*—Kristy Cambron
As Paris rebuilds in the aftermath of WWII, an ex-pat uses the skills she learned in French kitchens during the war to bring long-held secrets to light.
- *The Game Is Murder*—Hazell Ward
- *A Ghostwriter's Guide To Murder*—Milinda Mullet
- *The Girl With Ice In Her Veins*—Karin Smirnoff. A twisty, hard-hitting thriller that breathes new life into Stieg Larsson's epic series and unforgettable characters.
- *Gracie Is Under Construction*—Kate Hash
- *The Harvey Girls*—Juliette Fay. 1926: Charlotte, a socialite, is running from a brutal husband, desperate to disappear. Billie, the oldest of 9 children, quits school to help with her mother's washing business, but that isn't enough. Desperate, both women join the Harvey Girls, waitresses who serve on the Santa Fe railroad. Hired on the same day, they share three things: a room, a dislike of each other and a secret that will get them fired.
- *Heat Lightning*—William Johnstone
- *History Lessons*—Zoe Wallbrook

- *The Incredible Kindness of Paper*—Evelyn Skye. Decades after a mysterious childhood bond is severed, Chloe & Oliver navigate loneliness and trauma until a trail of yellow origami roses rekindles hope, and the possibility of reconnection.
- *Jenny Cooper Has A Secret*—Joy Fielding
- *Jessie Madison series*—Terry Shames
Jessie fled to the Bahamas when she made a terrifying discovery and was dismissed from the FBI training program. Jessie and a friend are attacked during a boat ride and thrown overboard, with devastating consequences. She is determined to bring their attackers to justice.
 1. *Perilous Waters*
 2. *Deep Dive*
- *King of Ashes*—S. A. Cosby. When eldest son Roman is summoned home after his father's car accident he finds his brother is in debt to dangerous criminals. To save his brother, Roman, a financial whiz works for the gangsters. But he is not the pushover they think he is.
- *Kiss Her Goodbye*—Lisa Gardner
- *The List*—Steve Berry
- *The Lost Baker of Vienna*—Sharon Kurtzman
- *The Magician of Tiger Castle*—Louis Sachar
- *Maybe Someday*—Colleen Hoover
- *A Moment's Shadow: a Verity Kent mystery*—Anna Lee Huber
- *Mona's Eyes*—Thomas Schlessner. 10-year-old Mona and her grandfather have only fifty-two Wednesdays to visit fifty-two works of art and commit to memory "all that is beautiful in the world" before Mona loses her sight forever.
- *Murder By The Book*—Amie Schaumberg
- *My Big Fat Fake Marriage*—Charlotte Stein
- *My Other Heart*—Emma Strenner
- *Nobody's Fool*—Harlan Coben
- *Sandy Beach Bookshop*—Hannah McKinnin
- *The Second Chance Bus Stop*—Ally Zetterberg
- *A Senior's Guide To Life On The Run*—Gwen Florio
- *Smuggler's Cove*—Fern Michaels
- *Something To Look Forward To*—Fannie Fag
- *That Missing Piece is Killing Me: an Alice Pepper Lonely Hearts and Puzzle Club mystery*—Roz Noonan
- *That Last Carolina Summer*—Karen White
- *This Here Is Love*—Princess Joy L. Perry

- *Tomlinson's Wake: Doc Ford #28*—Randy White
- *Tuscan Mystery series*—Camilla Trinchieri. Mourning the loss of his wife former NYPD homicide detective Nico Doyle moves to her hometown in the wine-soaked region of Chianti. He isn't sure if it's peace he's seeking, but it isn't what he finds. He discovers a dead body in the woods. A small white dog at the scene won't leave Nico alone, so he lies to the police and claims to be its owner. The local police enlist Nico's help with the murder case. With a small pool of suspects, including his own in-laws, Nico digs up painful secret to get to the truth.
 1. *Murder In Chianti*
 2. *The Bitter Taste of Murder*
 3. *Murder On The Vine*
 4. *Road To Murder*
 5. *Murder in Pitigliano*
- *Under The Stars*—Beatriz Williams
- *Vianne*—Joanne Harris
- *The Violet Hour*—Victoria Benton
Frank. After a personal tragedy, Violet questions her identity while navigating life with her vibrant family on Sullivan's Island.
- *We Are All Guilty Here*—Karin Slaughter. In a small town, two teenage girls vanish. Officer Emmy Clifton combs through the puzzle the girls left behind and realizes she never really knew them. Nobody did. Every teenage girl has secrets. But who would kill for them?
- *The Winds From Further West*—Alexander McCall Smith

Oldies but Goodies

If you like books set in small towns with quirky characters...try the *Fairacre* series by Miss Read.

1. *Village school*
2. *Village diary*
3. *Storm in the village*
4. *Miss Clare remembers*
5. *Over the gate*
6. *Village Christmas*
7. *The Fairacre festival*
8. *Emily Davis*
9. *Tyler's row*
10. *The Christmas mouse*
11. *Farther afield*
12. *No holly for Miss Quinn*
13. *Village affairs*
14. *The white robin*
15. *Village centenary*
16. *Summer at Fairacre*
17. *Mrs. Pringle*
18. *Changes at Fairacre*
19. *Farewell to Fairacre*
20. *A peaceful retirement*

New Nonfiction

- *The Anxiety & Phobia Workbook: a practical self-help guide to coping with panic, mastering phobias, overcoming worry & more*—Edmund Bourne, PhD
- *Bookkeeping For Dummies: grasp the components of a financial cycle, use QuickBooks online to manage your bookkeeping; track and balance business transactions*
- *Clint: the man and the movies*—Shawn Levy
- *Diet, Drugs and Dopamine: the new science of achieving a healthy weight*—David Kessler, MD
- *Freeing Your Child From Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder: powerful strategies to take charge of intrusive thoughts, eliminate rituals and guide children and teens through OCD*—Tamar Chansky, PhD.
- *Goodbye To Inflammation: your all-natural plan to reclaim health, lose weight and feel better than ever*—Sandra Monino
- *The Hiroshima Men: the quest to build the atomic bomb and the fateful decision to use it*—Iain MacGregor
- *Is This Really Love? Recognizing when you're in a coercive, controlling and emotionally abusive relationship and how to break free*—Leah Aguirre
- *A Light In the Northern Sea: Denmark's incredible rescue of their Jewish citizens during WWII*—Tim Brady
- *The Perfect Mile: three athletes, one goal and less than 4 minutes to achieve it*—Neal Bascomb
- *Vintage Farmhouse Garden*—Rhonda Kaiser
- *Vitamins & Supplements For Dummies: understand the basic facts, optimize metabolism and support wellness, supplement your diet with a personalized plan*
- *Windows 11 For Senior: for PCs, laptops and touch devices*
- *The Whispered Shout: hear God's secrets in your story*—David Pontzer (local author)

New Books About Michigan

- *The Insiders Michigan Bucket List 2025*—Noah Williams
- *Michigan Bucket List Guide 2025: your complete guide to exploring Michigan's lakes, towns and hidden treasures*—Crystal Richard
- *Michigan Day Trips By Theme*—Kathryn Houghton
- *Michigan Travel Guide 2025-2026*—Robert Cox
- *Petoskey Stone: finding, identifying and collecting Michigan's most storied fossil*—Dan Lynch



SDL's new Library of Things (LOTs) will be open on Thursdays from 1 to 5 beginning October 2 at SDL's Bark Shanty Branch.

LOTs is a collection of items such as cake pans for special occasions, cookware, craft supplies, crock pot, electronics, games, puzzles, sports equipment, tools and more.

Residents of SDL's service area (Sanilac Township & CPS School District) will be able to borrow these useful things from LOTs with your SDL Card.

Want to try before you buy? Need something for a one-time project? Explore the LOTs collection and find a Thing to borrow!

Available Things

- Document scanner
- Film to digital converter
- Food dehydrator
- InstantPot
- Metal Detector
- Puzzles
- And more soon.

Donations Are Requested

Help SDL's Library of Things grow by donating "Things" that are new or in very good condition to be included in the collection. A list of suggested items is posted on SDL's website.

Monetary donations to purchase new items are appreciated!

New DVDs

- *1923: Season Two: a Yellowstone Origin Story.* The Dutton family guard their ranch against enemies and deal with social changes.
- *The Accountant 2:* Christian Wolff is compelled to solve the case when an old acquaintance is murdered, leaving behind a cryptic message to 'find the accountant,' Uncovering a deadly conspiracy, he & his brother become targets of a ruthless network of killers.
- *The Actor:* New York actor Paul Cole finds himself stranded in a mysterious small town with no memory of who he is or how he got here. Without a sense of identity or purpose, he starts from scratch and begins courting a local costume designer Edna. As bits and pieces of his past slowly emerge, he attempts to find his way home.
- *How To Train Your Dragon:* On the isle of Berk, Vikings and dragons have battled for generations, but that won't stop Hiccup, the son of Chief Stoick, from building an unlikely bond with the dragon, Toothless. With an ancient evil threatening their worlds, it's up to Hiccup, Toothless, and their courageous companion Astrid to make the realm realize they're stronger together, and only through friendship and bravery can they overcome the challenges of a high-flying adventure.
- *Juliet & Romeo:* A pop musical that reimagines the story of the star-crossed lovers. Set in 1301. Inspired by the real-life story that inspired Shakespeare.
- *Neighborhood Watch:* Simon, a young man grappling with mental illness, witnesses an abduction. When he reports it to the police and they refuse to believe him, he seeks the help of his neighbor Ed, a retired security guard with his own troubled past. Their pursuit of the truth forces them to confront the dark secrets surrounding the disappearance and the wounds that haunt them both.

New For Tweens

- *Big Game: Fun Jungle #3*—Stuart Gibbs. Someone is hunting FunJungle's Asian rhinoceros. But never fear, Teddy Fitzroy is on the case!

New Middle School

- *On The Rocks*—Eric Walters. Dylan is sent to live with his estranged grandfather, Angus. Basically strangers, the two avoid each other as best they can. One day Dylan discovers a young orca stranded on the rocky beach. Dylan runs to tell his grandfather. There's nothing that can be done, says Angus. The sun is coming up, and soon the orca will die of exposure. But Dylan knows he has to try to save the whale. He collects towels to cover the delicate skin of the orca and begins transporting buckets of water from the ocean to keep it hydrated. It's grueling work, and it will be hours before the tide comes back in and the water is high enough for the orca to swim free. Moved by his grandson's determination, Angus helps as best he can. They both desperately hope that the orca will be able to join its family, who have been calling out to it just offshore.
- *One Big Open Sky*—Lesa Cline-Ransome. 1879, Mississippi. Lettie has her head in the stars but her body is on a covered wagon heading west. Her father promises that Nebraska will have everything they need: independence and their own plot of land. With few supplies and even less money, the only thing that feels certain is danger.
- *Skandar* series by A. F. Steadman. Skandar Smith has always wanted to be a Unicorn rider. When the mysterious Weaver steals the most powerful unicorn in the world, Skandar faces sky battles, ancient secrets and blood-thirsty unicorns in order to save his island.
 1. *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*
 2. *Skandar and the Phantom rider*
 3. *Skandar and the Chaos Trials*
 4. *Skandar and the Skeleton Curse*
 5. *Skandar and the Spirit War*
- *Snoop*—Gordon Korman. If Carter hadn't been checking his phone, he might have seen his brother coming down the ski slopes in his direction. And if Carter had seen his brother in time and avoided the crash, he might not have two broken legs right now. Oops. Now Carter is stuck at home for weeks, with both his legs in casts. Bored, he starts checking out the live feeds from police cams around his town. Before he knows it, he's obsessed--watching his classmates when they don't know he's looking, and discovering some other very strange things going on that no one else is noticing. But what happens when Carter is found out... and the people he's watching know where he lives?

Books For Teens

- *Emma On Fire*—James Patterson & Emily Raymond. Everyone at Ridgemont Academy knows what to expect from Emma. Perfect grades. Perfect record. Perfect life. Then she stands up in class and commits an act so shocking her reputation will never recover. And that's exactly what Emma wants.
- *A Mastery of Monsters*—Liselle Sambury. After August's brother disappears, she is attacked by a ten-foot-tall creature with fur and claws. The only person with a connection to the mysterious creature is the bookish Virgil. He knows about them because he is one. If he doesn't find a partner to help control his true nature, he'll lose his humanity and become a mindless beast. Virgil makes her a proposition: join his society and in return, he'll help her find her brother. August is plunged into a deadly competition to win one of the few coveted candidate spots, all while trying to accept a frightening reality: monsters are real and she has to learn to master them if she's to have any hope of saving her brother.
- *Songlight: Torch Trilogy #1*—Moiré Buffini. In Brightland, those with songlight are called Unhuman. Elsa hides her gift and shares a bond with Rye, the only other person she knows with songlight. When her world falls apart, she doesn't know what to do until she sees a girl who isn't really there, whose songlight was drawn to Elsa's frantic grief. Nightingale lives hundreds of miles away with her father, a government official responsible for hunting Unhumans. When the two realize their power, they are plunged into a war that threatens their existence.
- *The Summer I Turned Pretty*—Jenny Han. Belly spends the summer at the beach just like every other summer of her life, but this time things are very different.
 1. *The Summer I Turned Pretty*
 2. *It's Not Summer Without You*
 3. *We'll always Have Summer*

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!

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.

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

All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver