

# Book Talk Newsletter

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### Seasons Readings! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



### **SDL Holiday Closings**



Christmas Eve Friday, December 24

New Year's Eve Friday, December 31

### SDL Book Club

SDL's book discussion group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30. Share your love of books with others who enjoy reading.

December 1 at 5:30

Seven Days of Us by Francesca Hornak

January 5, 2022 at 5:30

The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict

**February 2, 2022** 

The Dollmaker by Harriett Arnow

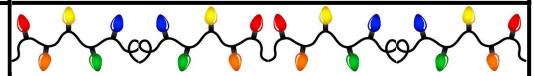
### **Sanilac District Library**

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

Visit SDL's website at sanilaedistrictlibrary.lib.mi.us

### **Library Hours**

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



### **Year End Donations To SDL**

Contributions are greatly appreciated and are a necessary part of SDL's budget. Donations not only provide library materials: books, magazines and movies but also computers, furniture, improvements to the facility and special projects that are not financed by normal revenue sources.

All gifts are recognized on SDL's website and The *Giving Tree* or *Book Of Remembrance*, unless you wish to remain anonymous. Please remember to make your donation before the end of the year for your income tax purposes.

Thank you!

### New Fiction

- Autopsy: a Scarpetta novel—Patricia Cornwell
- •The Becoming: the Dragon Heart Legacy Book 2—Nora Roberts
- •Best In Snow: An Andy Carpenter Mystery—David Rosenfelt. Lawyer Andy and his golden retriever, Tara, are on the beat after a body turns up in the snow. A journalist is the prime suspect..
- •A Blizzard of Polar Bears—Alice Henderson
- Christmas By The Book—Anne Marie Ryan. Two booksellers facing tough times decide to spread Christmas cheer through the magic of anonymous book deliveries.
- A Christmas In The Alps—Melody Carlson
- A Christmas Legacy—Anne Perry
- •The Christmas Promise—Richard Paul Evans
- •The Christmas Wedding Guest-Susan Mallerv
- •Clive Cussler's: The Devil's Sea: a Dirk Pitt novel—Dirk Cussler
- •The Dark Hours: a Renee Ballard and Harry Bosch novel-Michael Connelly. "Has a killer lain dormant for years only to strike again on New Year's Eve? Ballard and Bosch team up to find justice for an innocent victim.
- •Daughters of War—Dinah Jeffries Three sisters who live in the French countryside and have secrets from their past are drawn into the fight against the German occupation when Allied soldiers show up at their village home and ask for help.
- A Day Like This—Kelly McNeil •Dear Santa—Debbie Macomber
- •The Dinner List—Rebecca Serle. If you could choose five people, living or dead, with whom to have dinner., who would you choose? And if that actually happened? When Sabrina arrives at her 30th birthday dinner she finds her best friend, 3 significant people from her past, and Audrey Hepburn. There's a reason these six people have been gathered together.
- •Doctors and Friends—Kimmery Martin. 3 friends since medical school, reunite for a when an outbreak of a virus throws the world into chaos. When Compton returns to her job as an ER doctor in NYC, she finds a city changed beyond recognitionand suffers a personal loss. Hannah, an obgyn, discovers she's pregnant after years of trying. Kira, a doctor at the CDC, must decide whether her children will receive an experimental but potentially life-saving treatment. Written prior to Covid-19.

- Raisin mystery—M. C. Beaton
- •Fear No Evil: Alex Cross thriller —James Patterson
- Flying Angels—Danielle Steel
- •The French Gift: a novel of WWII Paris—Kristy Manning. 1940: A former maid at a luxury villa on the Riviera, Margot finds herself in a prison cell with writer and French Resistance fighter Josephine. They are transferred to a work camp in Germany for four years, where the secrets they share will bind them for generations to come. Today: Present time: Evie lives in Paris with her son above her bookshop. Life would be so sweet if only Evie were not mourning the great love of her life.
- •Game On: Tempting 28—Janet Evanovich
- •Go Tell The Bees That I Am Gone: Outlander series # 9—Diana Gabaldon
- Heard It In A Love Song—Tracey Garvis Gravis. Divorced Layla meets Josh, a newly single dad whose daughter attends the school where Layla teaches music. Equally cautious, they decide to be friends with potential. When 2 people are on the rebound, is it heartbreak or happiness that's a love song away?
- •In All Good Faith—Liza Nash Taylor. In 1932, May struggles to keep her family farm afloat. After the death of her mother, Dorrit goes with her father to a veterans protest in Washington, DC. Dorrit's and May's lives intersect, in ways that neither could have imagined or expected.
- •It's A Wonderful Woof: a Chet & Bernie Mystery—Spencer Quinn. Chet the dog, and his human partner, Bernie of Little Detective Agency refer a potential client doesn't show up at his mom's to light the Hanukkah candles, she hires Chet and Bernie to find him. They soon discover that Victor's client has also vanished. The trail leads to ruins dating back to the earliest Spanish explorers.
- •The Left-Handed Twin: a Jane Whitefield novel—Thomas Perry
- •A Little Christmas Spirit—Sheila Roberts
- •Mercy: an Atlee Pine thriller-David Baldacci
- •The Midnight Lock: a Lincoln *Rhyme novel*—Jeffrey Deaver
- •Miss Eliza's English Kitchen: a novel of Victorian cookery and friendship —Annabel Abbs

- •Down The Hatch: an Agatha •The Mistletoe Matchmaker—Felicity Hayes-McCoy
  - •The Month Of Borrowed Dreams: Finfarran Peninsula #4 —Felicity Hayes-McCoy. A group of women gather together for the first book club of the summer where they'll all face difficult choices and hope to get the happy endings they all deserve.
  - •Mr Cadmus—Peter Ackroyd
  - •Never—Ken Follett. "Every catastrophe begins with a little problem that doesn't get fixed," says Pauline Green, President of the U.S. A shrinking oasis in the Sahara Desert; a stolen Army drone; an uninhabited Japanese island and a stash of deadly poisons all play roles in an escalating crisis. Struggling to prevent a world war are an intelligence officer, a spy working undercover with jihadists, a brilliant spymaster and Pauline.
  - •The Playing Fields: an Alex Duggins Cotswolds mystery—Stella Cameron
  - •Santa Cruise—Fern Michaels
  - The Santa Suit—Mary Kay Andrews. Ivy buys an old farmhouse sight unseen. As she sorts all the stuff left by the previous owner, Ivy finds an old Santa suit. In the pocket she finds a note written by a little girl who has one Christmas wish: for her father to return home from the war. Who wrote the note? Did the man ever come home?
  - •The Secret Of Snow—Viola Shipman. When Sonny, a SoCal meteorologist, is replaced by a virtual meteorologist, the only station willing to give the her a job is her northern Michigan hometown.
  - The Sentence—Louise Erdrich. Over the course of one year, a small independent bookstore in Minneapolis is haunted by its most annoying customer.
  - •*Termination Shock*—Neal Stephenson A billionaire has a Big Idea for reversing the greenhouse effect which has caused a whirling-dervish troposphere of superstorms, rising sea levels, global flooding, merciless heat waves, and virulent, deadly pandemics.
  - •The Way We Weren't—Phoebe Fox. An unlikely friendship between a septuagenarian and a younger woman becomes the unexpected blooming of hope. As they cope with the damage life has wrought, Marcie and Flint have to decide whether to face up to the past they've been running from and find a way to move forward with the people they care about most.
  - •Wish You Were Here—Jodi Picoult
  - •The World Played Chess—Robert Dugoni. As his gets ready to leave for college, Vincent Bianco recalls his final summer before college in 1979, during which he received an education of a lifetime working alongside two Vietnam vets as a laborer on a construction site.

### **New Nonfiction**

- •The Black Man's President: Abraham Lincoln, African Americans & the Pursuit of Racial Equality—Michael Burlingame
- •The Circadian Diabetes Code: discover the right time to eat, sleep and exercise to prevent and reverse prediabetes and diabetes—Satchin Panda, PhD.
- •Irreversible Damage: the transgender craze seducing our daughters—Abigail Shrier
- •The President and the Freedom Fighter: Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and their battle to save America's soul—Brian Kilmeade
- •This Must Be The Place: dispatches & food from the home front—Rachael Ray

### Romance Paperbacks

- •Alaska Reunion—Jennifer Snow
- •Christmas In Peachtree Bluff—Kristy Woodson Harvey
- The House On Sunshine Corner— Phoebe Mills
- •No Ordinary Christmas—Belle Calhoune
- •Rancher's Christmas Storm—Maisey Yates
- •Rodeo Christmas At Evergreen Ranch—Maisey Yates
- •Second Chance Christmas—Lori Wilde
- •A Virgin River Christmas—Robyn Carr

### Western Paperback

• A Death Valley Christmas—William Johnstone

### Large Print

- •The Dark Hours: a Renee Ballard and Harry Bosch novel—Michael Connelly •Daylight: an Atlee Pine thriller—David Baldacci
- •A Gambling Man—David Baldacci
- •The Judge's List—John Grisham
- •The Law of Innocence: a Lincoln Lawyer novel— Michael Connelly

### **Curb Service Continues**

Curb Service is a convenient option for SDL library card holders if you are concerned about entering public places, are not feeling well or have a busy schedule. Call 622-8623 to place your order. Library staff will gather your items and notify you when your order is ready for you to pick up. Call SDL when you arrive and library staff will deliver your order to your vehicle.

### New DVDs

- Agatha Raisin: Series Three: British public relations guru now turned private investigator solves murder mysteries in the Cotswolds.
- Jungle Cruise: A riverboat captain takes a scientist and her brother through a jungle in search of the Tree of Life.
- •Miracle On Christmas: The holiday spirit seems distant for the Boyce family with Jason's medical condition and Mary's emotional trials, until an unexpected guest changes everything on Christmas Day.
- •Mulan: A fearless young woman risks everything out of love for her family and her country to become one of the greatest warriors China has ever known.
- •My Salinger Year: An aspiring writer receives advice from reclusive author J.D. Salinger.
- Reminiscence: Set in the near future, a private investigator (Hugh Jackman), who helps his clients recover their lost memories, takes on a new client and falls in love with her. When she disappears, he tries to find her and uncovers a violent conspiracy.
- **Respect**: Aretha Franklin, the true story of the music icon's journey to find her voice and become the Queen of Soul.

## in a good book!



### **FREE Online Classes For Seniors By Seniors**

Over 150 classes offered. See information and register on SDL's website.

MDHHS is partnering with **GetSetup-Michigan** to offer older adults free, live interactive online classes. Classes focus on the use of digital devices such as computers, smart-phones and tablets as well as services like Zoom and social media. During the pandemic there are virtual services available but some people don't know how to use them. Classes teach technological skills and help create social connections for many who may feel isolated at this time. Use coupon code MICHIGANHEALTH to waive any fees.

Special interest classes are also available:

- Cooking
- Hobbies
- Dancing
- Music
- Genealogy
- Travel
- Health
- And lots more!

- Examples of classes:
- Use Zoom to connect with others
- Take fitness classes to stay healthy
- Get to know your device
- Stay independent by learning about Apps

### New Books For Kids Picture Books

- •Chez Bob—Bob Shea
- •Gladys The Magic Chicken—Adam Rubin
- •What Can You Do With A Rock?— Pat Zietlow Miller

### New Graphic Novels

- •Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives— Dav Pilkey
- •Pepper & Boo: Puddle Trouble— Charise Harper

### Elementary

- •Audrey L & Audrey W: Best Friendsish —Carter Higgins. Because Audrey is not really the best at anything, the other girls leave her out, even her best friend Diego. But things may be getting worse, because she will not even be the only Audrey. Now she must be called Audrey L. But maybe she has more in common with Audrey W than just a
- •The Christmas Pig—J. K. Rowling. Jack loves his stuffie, Dur Pig. But DP is lost. Christmas Eve is a night for miracles, when all things can come to life...even toys. Jack's newest toy, the Christmas Pig (DP's replacement), has a daring plan. Together they'll go on a magical journey to seek something lost, and to save the best friend Jack has ever known...
- •Mina Mistry (sort of) Investigates Angie Lake
  - 1. The Case of the Loathsome School Lunches: School lunches are strange. Chicken nuggets on pizza. Covered in chocolate. Nobody wants to live on broccoli, but kids are losing teeth over this! This needs investigating.
  - 2. The Case Of The Disappearing Pets: Mina doesn't have a pet. This is super inconvenient when it's Pets Week at school. Holly's hamster is missing. Has anyone seen Danny's pet toad?
- •The Pug Who Wanted To Be A Unicorn —Ella Swift. When Peggy the Pug is left at the animal shelter, she is taken in by a foster family. But the situation is just temporary...and their little girl, Chloe, wants a unicorn for Christmas, not a puppy. Peggy decides that she will become a unicorn to make Chloe's wish come true--and hopefully make this her forever home. But all Peggy's attempts to become a unicorn go hilariously wrong.

### **Tweens**

- •Birdie's Bargain—Katherine Paterson. When Birdie's dad is sent back to Iraq, she makes a deal with God to bring him home safely, while dealing with a new school where she finds it hard to make friends.
- •How To Train Your Dad—Gary Paulsen. A puppy-training book turns Carl and his free-thinking father's summer upside down.
- •Long Road To The Circus—Betsy Bird. Suzy dreams of life outside of Burr Oak, Michigan, but when she has the opportunity to learn ostrich-riding her obligations to her family on the farm threaten to derail her dreams.
- Melody series by Shraon Draper
  - 1. Out of My Mind: Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She's the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it. Most people—her teachers, her doctors, her classmates—dismiss her as mentally challenged because she can't tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.
  - 2. Out Of My Heart: Melody, the huge-hearted heroine of Out of My Mind, is a year older, and a year braver. And now with her Medi-talker, she feels nothing's out of her reach, not even summer camp. There must be camps for differently-abled kids like her, and she's going to sleuth one out. A place where she can trek through a forest, fly on a zip line, and even ride on a horse! A place where maybe she really can finally make a real friend, make her own decisions, and even do things on her own—the dream! By the light of flickering campfires and the power of thunderstorms, through the terror of unexpected creatures in cabins and the first sparkle of a crush, Melody's about to discover how brave and strong she really is.
- •The Thirteenth Hour-Quinn Sosna -Spear. When her dying aunt gives her a magical pocket watch, Rosemary enters a fantastical place where each hour of the watch takes her to a different world. The class bully steals the watch and Rosemary must gather the magic from all twelve worlds to rescue a boy she does not even like

### Teens

- •Aurora's End: Aurora Cycle 03—Amie Kaufman. Is this the end? What happens when you ask a bunch of losers and misfits to save the galaxy from an ancient evil? The evil wins, of course. Wait. . . . Not. So. Fast. When we last saw Squad 312, they were working together (freaking out) as an inter-galactic battle raged threatening to obliterate Earth. Everything went horribly wrong. But as it turns out, not all endings are endings, and the team has one last chance to rewrite theirs. Maybe two.
- •Daughter of the Deep—Rick Riordan. In this story inspired by Jules Verne's, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," Ana, a student at a five-year high school that graduates the best marine scientists, naval warriors, navigators and underwater explorers in the world, makes astounding discoveries about her heritage and puts her leadership skills to the test against deadly enemies from a rival school.
- •Gilded—Marissa Meyer. Cursed by the god of lies, a poor miller's daughter spins stories that are fantastical, spellbinding and untrue. Or so everyone believes. When one of Serilda's tales draws the attention of the sinister Erlking and his undead hunters, she finds herself swept away into a grim world where ghouls and phantoms prowl the earth and hollow-eyed ravens track her every move.
- •Pretty Rude For A Girl—Rebecca Elliott. Haylah is a comedic hit on her new YouTube channel, but will her popularity backfire? Life online is one big, colossal mess. And proving she's funny is tougher than she thought it'd be! What better way to vent, than to her newly found audience online? But when friends and family discover Haylah's ranting videos, it turns out she's got quite a lot of explaining to

#### Nonfiction

•It Doesn't Have To Be Awkward: dealing with relationships, consent and other hard-to-talk about stuff— Dr. Drew & Paulina Pinsky