

Sanilac District Library



Books & Beyond

# Book Talk

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# Love

♥ Books ♥ Reading  
♥ Libraries

## 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.

**February 1 at 5:30**

*Women of the Copper Country*  
Mary Russell

**March 1 at 5:30**

*How The Penguins Saved*  
*Veronica*  
Hazel Prior

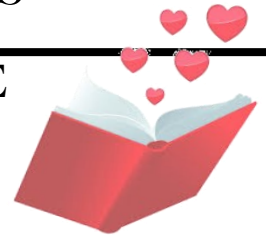
**April 5 at 5:30**

*Harry's Trees*  
Jon Cohen

## February Is The Month For LOVE ...of Reading!

Go on a blind date with a book.  
You may fall in love!

SDL is playing matchmaker February through National Library Week in April. Choose a book without knowing the title. Select your "date" from the display of wrapped books. Check it out and unwrap it! Surprise! Hopefully, it will be love at first sight. But, don't judge a book by its cover. Spend some time with your date. It's a risk, but maybe you'll fall in love. If the book is a dud, simply return it to the library. Its feelings won't be hurt. Just give the book a chance, you may find the match of your library dreams. Let us know all the juicy details by filling out the Rate Your Date Form in the book. Try something new and have fun! ♥♥♥



## Readers Advisory

**A matchmaking service for readers**

There are so many great books to read but there is so little time to try and find them.

Readers Advisory is librarian speak for a matchmaking service for book lovers. If you like books by one author, then maybe you'll enjoy another author who writes in the same style, uses the same setting or has similar characters. Check out the Readers Advisory Page on SDL's website, located under Resources. Search by author, title, subject, genre or movie.

The Reader's Advisory Page also includes links to other helpful websites. Use *What's Next* to find the order of books in a series. SDL's Good Reads Page lists books recommended by patrons. If you enjoy a book, let SDL staff know so that the title may be added to the list for others to check out.

## Sanilac District Library

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### Library Hours

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

## New Fiction

- *All The Broken Places*—John Boyne. 91 year-old Gretel lives a life that is a far cry from her traumatic childhood. When a family moves into the flat below, their son Henry brings back memories she would rather forget. Faced with a choice between her own safety and his, Gretel is taken back to a similar crossroads she encountered long ago in NAZI Germany.
- *All The Dangerous Things*—Stacy Willingham
- *The Backup Plan*—Jill Shalvis
- *The Bullet Garden: an Earl Swagger novel*—Stephen Hunter. During the D-Day invasion, sniper Earl Swagger embarks on a secret mission to find the spy who is reporting American positions to the Germans
- *The Cabinet of Dr. Leng: Pendergast #21*—Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child
- *Code 6*—James Grippando. A screenwriter working on a script about the dark side of Big Data is pulled into a conspiracy after a childhood friend is kidnapped while under investigation by the Justice Department.
- *Dark of Night: an Annie Pederson novel*—Colleen Coble
- *The Devil You Know*—P. J. Tracy. LAPD Detective Margaret Nolan's latest case plunges her into the decay behind the glitter. A famous actor is found in the rubble of a Malibu rockslide, a day after a fake video ruins his career. Is it an accident, suicide or murder?
- *Do I Know You?*—Emily Wibberley
- *Don't Open The Door*—Allison Brennan. Quitting her job and moving after the shocking murder of her son, Regan looks into her former boss's death.
- *The Drift*—C. J. Tudor. 3 people risk everything for a chance at redemption in this gripping novel of catastrophe and survival at the end of the world.
- *Encore In Death*—J. D. Robb
- *Exiles*—Jane Harper. A mother disappears leaving a baby alone in a stroller at a busy festival. A year later, Kim's absence casts a long shadow as her friends gather in Australian wine country. Among them, federal investigator Aaron Falk. But as he soaks up life in the lush valley, he begins to suspect this tight-knit group may be more fractured than it seems.
- *Fashionable Fatality: a Lady and Lady's Maid mystery*—Alyssa Maxwell
- *Fatal Intent*—Tammy Euliano. End-of-life care or assisted death? When her elderly patients die days after minor surgery, anesthesiologist Dr. Kate Downey wants to know why. The surgeon, not so much. Old people die is his response and places the blame squarely on her must prove her innocence.

- *The Forever Family*—Shirley Jump
- *Georgie, All Along*—Kate Clayborn. When an unexpected upheaval sends Georgie away from her hectic job and back to her hometown, she finds her teenage diary, a guidebook for getting started on a new path. An unexpected roommate, a quiet, grouchy man offers to help Georgie with her quest.
- *Hard To Break: Michael Gannon thriller*—Michael Ledwidge. Mike jumps at the chance for a grizzly bear trip to the Klondike. His enemies are in the driver's seat until they realize they overlooked one simple thing. Some men are easy to handle, but there are others who are hard to break.
- *Hideaway At Silver Lake*—Jennifer Greene
- *The House at the End Of The World*—Dean Koontz. Alone on Jacob's Ladder island until two agents arrive in search of someone--or something--they refuse to identify, artist Katie, along with a brave young girl, finds herself in an epic and terrifying battle with a mysterious enemy that could bring about the end of the world.
- *The House of Wolves*—James Patterson & Mike Lupica.
- *How To Sell A Haunted House*—Grady Hendrix. A hilarious and terrifying novel that explores the way your past and your family can haunt you like nothing else. Louise's parents have passed away, and she's returning to the small Southern town where she grew up to get their house ready to sell. It means she'll have to spend time with her younger brother-and their old grudges make that a terrifying prospect. But childhood hurts pale in comparison to the dangers posed by what still lives inside the house
- *In the Upper Country*—Kai Thomas. The fates of two women, one beginning a journey of reckoning and self-discovery and the other completing her last vital act, intertwine at a station of the Underground Railroad.
- *Just The Nicest Couple*—Mary Kubica. When her husband vanishes, Nina will stop at nothing to uncover the truth, which, unbeknownst to her, is linked to their close friends, who may have been the last to see Jake.
- *A Killing Of Innocents*—Deborah Crombie. Detectives Duncan Kincaid and Gemma James race to solve the murder of a young woman stabbed in London's Russell Square.
- *Larch Tree Lane*—Anna Jacobs. In a quiet Wiltshire village, the residents' lives intertwine, relationships bloom and both romance and heartache lie ahead.
- *Love, Clancy: Diary of a Good Dog*—W. Bruce Cameron. A cast of wonderful characters find themselves navigating the challenges of life, love and other pets, including Clancy's "worst enemy", a disdainful cat. When things start to spin hilariously out of control, Clancy shares a valuable perspective on what is really important.
- *Miss Newbury's List: A Proper Romance*—Megan Walker. 1820 England. Rosalind has 13 days before her arranged marriage to the Duke of Marlow. As a child, Ros made a list of ten things to do before her wedding day. She is determined to tackle each item, though she'll have to accomplish them all in secret with the help of her friend, Liza, who brings her cousin, Charlie, a prodigal son. The more time they spend together, the more Ros falls in love with this imperfect man and his good heart.
- *The Mitford Affair*—Marie Benedict. Six Mitford sisters, each beautiful, brilliant, and eccentric dominate English political and social scenes. Diana marries a fascist leader and Unity follows her to Munich, inciting rumors that she is Hitler's mistress. As the Nazis rise in power, Nancy grows suspicious of her sisters and must make excruciating choices between loyalty to her country and allegiance to her family.
- *More Than Meets The Eye*—Iris Johansen
- *Murder Book*—Thomas Perry. When his ex-wife asks him to investigate a sudden crime wave, Harry Duncan quickly finds himself in conflict with a violent syndicate that targets both him and his ex.
- *Nice Guys Finish Dead: Old Cowboys Never Die*—William Johnstone
- *Really Good Actually*—Monica Heisey. Maggie is fine. Sure, she's broke, her graduate thesis is going nowhere and her marriage only lasted 608 days, but at the ripe old age of 29, Maggie is determined to embrace life as she barrels through single life, intermittently dating, occasionally waking up on the floor and asking herself tough questions along the way. Laugh-out-loud funny.
- *Regrets Only*—Kieran Scott. A single mom goes undercover to investigate disturbing secrets of a PTA including embezzlement, bribery and murder.
- *Small World*—Laura Zigman. After her divorce, Joyce's sister moves into her apartment. Temporarily. Just until she finds a place of her own. But their unlikely cohabitation turns out to be the post-divorce rebound relationship Joyce hadn't planned on.
- *Someone Else's Shoes*—JoJo Moyes
- *The Villa*—Rachel Hawkins. When a friend suggests a girls trip to Italy, Emily jumps at the chance to reconnect. Secrets from the past emerge and betrayals from the present. Will the villa will claim another victim?

## New Nonfiction

- *Attention Span: a groundbreaking way to restore balance, happiness and productivity*—Gloria Mark, PhD.
- *In the Garden of the Righteous: the heroes who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust*—Richard Hurowitz
- *Dinner With The President: food, politics and a history of breaking bread at the White House*—Alex Prud'Homme
- *The Nazi Conspiracy: the secret plot to kill Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill*—Brad Meltzer
- *Never Give An Inch: fighting for the America I love*—Mike Pompeo
- *The Official Disney Parks Cookbook: 101 magical recipes from the delicious Disney Vault*—Pam Brandon & Disney Chefs
- *On Freedom Road: bicycle exploration and reckonings on the Underground Railroad*—David Goodrich
- *Revolutionary Roads: searching for the war that made America independent and all the places it could have gone terribly wrong*—Bob Thompson
- *Spare*—Prince Harry
- *The Sun Is A Compass: a 4,000-mile journey into the Alaskan wilds*—Caroline Van Hemert
- *The Tiny But Mighty Farm: cultivating high yields, community and self-sufficiency from a home farm*—Jill Ragan
- *Walk The Blue Line: they walk the line between life and death*—James Patterson

## New DVDs

- *Angry Neighbors*: When he learns his neighbor is building a mansion next door, a grumpy older novelist sets out for revenge.
- *Armageddon Time*: A story of family, friendship, and the generational pursuit of the American Dream in 1980s Queens, New York.
- *Lifemark*: An adopted eighteen-year-old boy sees his world suddenly change when he is contacted by his birthmother.
- *Magpie Murders*: A PBS Masterpiece Mystery based on the book by Anthony Horowitz. A successful author of Agatha Christie-style novels dies under suspicious circumstances, with his last book seemingly unfinished. This leaves two mysteries: What happened to him? And how does his latest potboiler end? The author's book editor, Susan Ryeland, assumes the role of detective in the case. Her investigation parallels the fictional sleuth's case from the incomplete novel.
- *My Life Is Murder*: PBS series. Retired detective, Alexa Crowe helps her former colleague and a young police data analyst solve crimes.
- *Poker Face*: A tech billionaire's elaborate scheme to seek revenge on his friends crumbles and they are forced to band together when a dangerous home invader breaks into his house.
- *Poppy*: a young woman with Down syndrome is determined to take control of her life despite the resistance of her overprotective older brother.
- *Secret Headquarters*: A boy and his friends discover the headquarters of the most powerful superhero, and must defend it against villains in order to save the world.
- *Till*: based on the true story of Mamie Till-Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14-year-old son Emmett Till, who was lynched while visiting relatives in Mississippi in 1955.

## FREE Braille and Talking Book Library Service

Books, magazines, movies and equipment may be mailed to those who are unable to read standard print material due to visual or physical impairment. Materials are returned postage free through the U.S. Mail. *More information and a link to apply for service is available under the Resources tab on SDL's website.*

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides free reading materials and services to people with visual impairments, physical disabilities and children with learning disabilities.

The Michigan Braille & Talking Book Library provides books and magazines in audio and braille, to people who are blind, or have a reading disability that makes it difficult to read regular print.

Children and adults who meet any of the following criteria are eligible for the program. Schools, nursing homes and facilities that have eligible clients or patients are also welcome.

- Deaf
- Difficulty reading standard size print
- Legally blind
- Learning disability
- Physical handicap: either a permanent or temporary condition.
- Reading disability
- Visual handicap

Materials for children and adults include:

- Audio books
- Books in Braille
- Described videos
- Large print books and magazines
- Magazines in Braille or audio
- Picture/Braille books to be shared with sighted individuals

Equipment includes: Audio book machine, Special adaptive equipment such as breath switch, extension levers, remote control units & amplifier headphones and more.

## New Picture Books

- *Arnie The Doughnut*—Laurie Keller
- *Bright Winter Night*—Alli Brydon
- *Every Day's A Holiday: Winnie's Birthday Countdown*—Stef Wade
- *The Gentle Genius of Trees*—Philip Bunting
- *The Library Fish Learns To Read*—Alyssa Capucilli
- *Pig The Rebel*—Aaron Blabey

## New for Elementary

- *Adventures of Arnie The Doughnut: Invasion of the UFONuts*—Laurie Keller. Arnie is shocked when he hears his neighbor Loretta Schmoretta tell reporters that she was the victim of an alien abduction, but when he gets abducted, Arnie must think fast in order to rescue his fellow doughnuts and the townspeople from the alien invaders.

## New Nonfiction

- *To Boldly Go: how Nichelle Nichols and Star Trek helped advance Civil Rights*—Angela Dalton

## New Graphic Novels

- *Bad Kitty: Supercat*—Nick Bruel

## Books For Tweens

- *Fowl Twins Get What They Deserve Book 3*—Eoin Colfer. Myles and Beckett face off against Lord Teddy Bleedham-Drye, the Duke of Scilly, who's been plotting revenge against them since they humiliated him.
- *Rare Birds*—Jeff Miller. While his mother waits for a heart transplant, Graham searches for an endangered Snail Kite in the Everglades.

## Middle School

- *The Lost Year*—Katherine Marsh. During the pandemic, Matthew discovers a shocking secret about his great-grandmother's past.
- *The Superteacher Project*—Gordon Korman. Oliver & Nathan are determined to get to the bottom of their new teacher's fishy behavior, and discover Mr. Aidact is actually an AI robot.

## Books For Teens

- *A Million To One*—Adiba Jaigirdar. A priceless treasure is on the Titanic and 4 girls are about to steal it.
- *The Stranded*—Sarah Daniels. Aboard the Arcadia, once a luxurious cruise ship but now a refugee camp after an apocalyptic war, loyal citizen Esther and rebel Nik are thrown together by events that change their lives and the lives of everyone on the ship forever.
- *WereWorld #6: War of the Werelords*—Curtis Jobling. A Seven Realms war between the Catlords and the Wolf forces Drew to take a stand against Lyssia's deadliest villain and his best friend Boarlord Hector.
- *The Wicked Ones*—Robin Benway. Attending a royal party, their one chance to impress the Prince and live up to their cruel mother's expectations, sisters Drizella and Anastasia get a taste of freedom, pitting them against a mother whose greatest power lies in manipulation.

# MiLibraryQuest ~ A Perilous Journey

## CPS & SDL Teens

**Grab your swords & shields  
Get ready for a *virtual* adventure!  
February 1 - 28, 2023**

**Hear ye, Hear ye,  
Calling all heroes, heroines, treasure hunters,  
and knights-errant!**

A great evil has awakened in the land and your help is needed to restore balance. Embark on a Dungeons and Dragons inspired quest and solve riddles. You will be rewarded with a prize and a copious amount of prestige as well.

If you are interested in joining the quest, meet at the virtual Laughing Gryphon Inn.

Find more information about entering the quest on SDL's website.

