

Sanilac District Library



Books & Beyond

Book Talk

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Managing CPS Elementary & High School Libraries

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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 at 5:30.

February 7

All The Light We Cannot See
Anthony Doerr

March 6

The Monogram Murders:
A New Hercule Poirot Mystery
Sophie Hannah
&
The Mysterious Affair at Styles
Agatha Christie

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. Choose a book without knowing the title or seeing the cover art. Select your "date" from the display of wrapped books. Check it out and unwrap it! Surprise! Hopefully, it will be love at first line. But, don't judge a book by it's 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. It's feelings won't be hurt. Just give the book a chance, you may find the match of your library dreams. Share the details of your date with library staff and fill out the Rate Your Date Form in the book.

Try something new and have fun! ♥♥♥

Sanilac District Library

7130 Main Street
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Port Sanilac, MI 48469
810.622.8623

Library Hours

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



Crafty Thursday

February 22 at 2

Make a craft for St. Patrick's Day
Please RSVP at 810.622.8623

\$5 for supplies

Class is limited to 10



New Fiction

- *All My Secrets*—Lynn Austin.
- *Artifice*—Sharon Cameron. In 1943 Amsterdam, Isa survives by selling fake paintings to the Nazis while helping smuggle Jewish babies to safety.
- *Bad Weather Friend*—Dean Koontz
- *Blizzard*—Marie Vingtras. Several unsavory characters with dark secrets search for a lost boy in a terrible snow storm in Alaska.
- *Burma Sahib*—Paul Theroux. An Eton graduate is conscripted as a servant of the British Empire to oversea police in Burma, forcing him to navigate social, racial and class politics.
- *The Bright Spot*—Jill Shalvis. When the owner of Apple Ridge Farm passes away Luna's farm-to-table cafe and menagerie of rescued animals are threatened. She must find strength and the real meaning of love and family.
- *Canadian Boyfriend*—Jenny Holiday
- *Death By Demo: a Home Renovation mystery*—Callie Carpenter
- *The Devine Proverb of Streusel*—Sara Brunsvold
- *Easter Basket Murder*—Leslie Meier
A collection of mysteries set in coastal Maine features sleuths from three mystery series: Lucy Stone, Hayley Powell and Julia Snowden, who investigate a deadly art theft and a body that mysteriously vanishes after being discovered.
- *Everyone On This Train Is A Suspect*—Benjamin Stevenson
- *Expectant Detectives*—Kat Ailes. A group of pregnant women meet at a prenatal class and team up to solve the murder of someone in their village.
- *Fourteen Days*—edited by Margaret Atwood & Douglas Preston
- *The Friendship Club*—Robyn Carr. After a series of terrible dates, Marni, the host of a TV cooking show, forms a bond with her best friend Ellen as well as a young intern on the show and her pregnant daughter Bella as they navigate the challenges and celebrate the joys of life.
- *Front Sight*—Stephen Hunter. Three generations of the Swagger family, Charles, Earl and Bob Lee, in interconnected novellas describe hunting for a notorious gangster in Chicago, uncovering corruption & returning from the Vietnam War.
- *Harbor Lights*—James Lee Burke
- *Hedging Your Bets*—Jayne Denker
- *Hercule Poirot's Silent Night*—Sophie Hannah
- *Held*—Anne Michaels. After WWI, John reopens his photography business. Ghosts begin to surface in his pictures with messages he cannot understand.
- *Hero*—Thomas Perry. After stopping a robbery at the Beverly Hills home of her client, a security guard to the stars is celebrated in the media as a hero, but draws the attention of the crime kingpin.
- *House of Flame and Shadow: a Crescent City novel*—Sarah Maas
- *House of Lincoln*—Nancy Horan
14 year-old Portuguese immigrant Ana gets a job in the Lincoln household. She witnesses Lincoln's views on equality. Ana confronts racial prejudice her black friends encounter, and sees the inner workings of the Underground Railroad.
- *Last Night*—Luanne Rice
- *The Last Summer At Chelsea Beach*—Pam Jenoff. Fleeing fascist Italy for America, Adelia falls for Charlie but war erupts and tragedy comes with it.
- *Lew Ferris mystery series*—Victoria Houston. The fish are biting in Loon Lake, WI. But walleye's not the only thing on the hook. There are rumors that a precious vein of copper is buried on the property of wealthy Grace McDonough. Drilling is about to begin. But not if environmentalist Pete Ferris can stop it.
 1. *Wolf Hollow*
 2. *Hidden In The Pines*
- *Library For The War-Wounded*—Monika Helfer. Josef returns from WWII an amputee, manages a home for the war-wounded and becomes obsessed with the home's remarkable library.
- *Love, Naturally*—Sophie Sullivan
- *Midnight*—Amy McCulloch. On a dream cruise to Antarctica, Olivia is plunged into a desperate battle against a killer determined to stop the ship from reaching its final destination.
- *Missing Persons*—James Patterson
- *Mockingbird Summer*—Lynda Rutledge
In 1964 Texas, 13-year-old Corky crosses the color line and befriends the daughter of her family's Haitian housekeeper, setting off a firestorm of changes that last a lifetime.
- *Moon Of The Crusted Snow*—Waubgeshig Rice. When power fails, panic builds as food supplies dwindle. An Anishinaabeg community returns to tradition. Guided by an unlikely leader, they endeavor to restore order while grappling with a grave decision.
- *Not Bad For A Girl*—Anastasia Ryan
- *Olivia Strauss Is Running Out Of Time*—Angela Brown. When her friend gives her a genetic test that can predict the date of one's death, Olivia realizes she's got a lot of living to do, setting in motion a hilarious chain of events.
- *One In A Million*—Janet Dailey
- *Orbital*—Samantha Harvey
- *The Queen Of Sugar Hill: A novel Hattie McDaniel*—ReShonda Tate
- *Radiant Heat*—Sarah-Jane Collins. When a catastrophic wildfire rips through a woman's hometown, she thinks she is lucky to survive...until she finds a dead woman in her driveway, clutching a piece of paper with her name on it. But why? As Alison searches for answers across Australia's scorched bushlands, she learns that the fire isn't the only threat she's facing.
- *Random In Death*—J. D. Robb
- *Sanctuary of the Shadow: Elemental Emergence series #1*—Aurora Ascher
- *Seamstress of Acadie*—Laura Frantz
- *The Search Party*—Hannah Richell
- *Sniffing Our Murder: A Bailey the Bloodhound mystery*—Kallie Benjamin
- *Sun Seekers*—Rachel McRady. Helping her beloved grandfather, who suffers from dementia, break out of his nursing home, 6-year-old Gracie Lynn joins him on a quest to chase the sun while her estranged parents frantically try to locate them before something bad happens.
- *True North*—Andrew Graff. Sam and Swami Brecht roll into Thunderwater, WI with a Winnebago, three kids, and the deed to Woodchuck Rafting Company which needs a serious overhaul. Amid tumultuous currents both on and off the river, they must learn to face floodwaters together in order to create a sustainable future.
- *Unsinkable*—Jenni Walsh. A connection between Violet, a stewardess aboard the Titanic and Daphne, a spy during WWII, reshapes both their lives forever.
- *Upside Down*—Danielle Steel
- *The Vacation*—John Marrs
- *When the Jessamine Grows*—Donna Everhart. Joetta and her husband, Ennis, have built a happy life on their small farm. They don't support the Confederacy's position on slavery. Joetta's father-in-law, tells her sons stories about the glory of the Southern cause until her son runs off to join the war. Ennis leaves to find their son. Weeks pass with no word until one act of kindness brings her family to the edge of disaster.
- *Wild and Distant Seas*—Tara Roberts. In 1849, Nantucket feels the decline of the whaling industry. After her husband is lost at sea, Evangeline keeps his inn by using her gift to re-form the memories of those who would cast her out. One night, a sailor appears on her doorstep asking her to call him Ishmael. He seeks only a warm bed and a bowl of chowder. He sails with Ahab to hunt an infamous white whale and Evangeline is left to forge a new life that ripple through the generations.
- *The Women*—Kristin Hannah

Readers Advisory



A matchmaking service for readers



There are so many great books at SDL to read but 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.



♥ Books !

Courtesy Renewals

For your convenience, active checkouts of eligible books and magazines automatically renew **ONE TIME** on the item's due date.

Exceptions:

- The item has been renewed once already.
- Items are reserved for another patron.
- Your library card expires prior to the renewal due date.

Not Eligible:

Movies and items borrowed from another library.

You will receive an automatic confirmation notice if your email address is entered into your library account.

How To Access Your SDL Account

Use your account to see the items currently checked out to you, due dates, renew (one time per item except movies), reserve, set-up reminder notices, view circulation history, make reading lists and more.

1. Go to SDL's website. Click on the CATALOG button.
2. Click **Please Login** in the upper right corner of the blue title bar. A window will appear.
3. Type in your 14 digit barcode number, found on your library card. *Do not type in * asterisks.*
4. The default password is *userpass*. After you login, you are required to make a new password. Remember it! Library staff *do not* have access to your password. If you do forget, library staff are able to reset the password to *userpass*. You must then create a new password.
5. Click ✓ **Remember Me** if you are using My Account from home.



Sanilac County Library Millage RENEWAL February 27

2/10ths of a mill has been levied since 1984 and is distributed per capita to the libraries that serve Sanilac County residents. The purpose of the millage is to supplement declining revenue and offset the rising costs of operating expenses. This millage is renewable every four years.

Sanilac County Libraries depend on this revenue which provides the following budget percentages to each library.

Sanilac District Library

The Sanilac County Library Millage provides approximately 21% of SDL's revenue, the equivalent of SDL's entire book and materials budget.

Aitken Memorial District Library Croswell

18% of their income: one quarter of this is used for their technology needs.

Brown City District Library

33% of their budget.

Deckerville Public Library

47.5% of their budget.

Elk Township Library - Peck

40% of their budget.

Marlette District Library
21% of their revenue & used for their magazines, print & audiobook budget.

Moore Public Library - Lexington

22% of their budget

Sandusky District Library
15 - 20%. Their entire book budget.





MeL Kids

www.mel.org/kids

Learning is FUN!

MeL Kids provides activities, games, music, puzzles and read-aloud stories planned for children pre-school through the 8th grade.

Lesson plans give homeschool families, parents and teachers a path to follow child development.

School Readiness

Children need reading and writing skills that will help them succeed in school and become lifelong readers.

Learn

- Britannica Fundamentals K-2nd
- Britannica Elementary School 3rd – 4th
- Britannica Middle School 5th – 7th
- eBooks K—8th grade
- Spanish
- Explora for Elementary School
- NoveList K-8 Plus
- PebbleGo
- World Book Early Learning
- World Book Kids

Play

- ABCya: PreK - 5th grade
- BedTime Math
- Fun Brain
- PBS Kids

Read Along

- ABCya
- Starfall
- Storyline Online
- World Book Early Learning

Readit!
Readit!



New Middle School

- A Royal Conundrum: The Misfits #1*—Lisa Yee. Olive has issues which aren't her fault. Mostly. Really! Though she often slips under the radar, problems have a knack for finding her. So, imagine her doubts when she's suddenly dropped off at the strangest boarding school ever: a former castle turned prison that's now a "reforming arts school"! But nothing could've prepared Olive for RASCH (not "rash"). There, she's lumped with a team of other kids who never quite fit in, and discovers that the academy isn't what it seems—and neither is she. In fact, RASCH is a cover for an elite group of misfits who fight crime and Olive has arrived just in time. Turns out that RASCH is in danger of closing, unless Olive's class can stop the heist of the century. And as Olive falls in love with this wacky school, she realizes it's up to her new team to save the only home that's ever welcomed them.
- Slugfest*—Gordon Korman. Forced to take the Physical Education Equivalency tests, also know as "Slugfest," in summer school so he can maintain his spot on the football team, Yash recruits his fellow PE rejects to train with him and pass this course, and turns into a summer he'll never forget.

New Graphic Novels

- Winter Turning: Wings of Fire #7*—Tui Sutherland. Winter has been a disappointment to his royal Ice Wing family. Searching for his sister, Icicle, who has run away from Jade Mountain Academy, Winter and his clawmates enter the Ice Kingdom after escaping Queen Scarlet's vicious talons, where he'll have to face the greatest threat of all: his own family.

New Teen Books

- Above The Black: Sky's End #1* —Marc Gregson. Exiled to live as a Low, Conrad refuses to become heir to his murderous uncle. Meritocracy is a harsh and unforgiving rule on the floating island of Holmstead, and when his mother is killed by monstrous gorgantauns, Conrad cuts a deal to save the only family he has left. To rescue his sister from his uncle's clutches, Conrad must enter the Selection of the Twelve Trades. Hunter, the deadliest of all the Trades, gains a fresh recruit with Conrad. Now he must endure vigorous training, manipulative peers, and the Gauntlet—a brutal test that yields riches and status to whichever skyship crew kills the most gorgantauns. Forced to serve in the lowest of stations and unseen by all, Conrad overhears whispers of rebellion in the dark. Conrad never knew anything existed below the toxic black clouds of the Skylands . . . until now.



- The Dark Fable*—Katherine Harbour. Evie is an orphan who has gone unnoticed through most of her life...until she's caught up in a dramatic heist and captures the attention of the Dark Fable. They have chosen her for a reason: she can turn invisible. This skill makes Evie a treasured asset to the legendary group of thieves known for spiriting away obscure and occult artifacts. Evie cannot resist their allure and is eager to join this newfound family. But she discovers secrets that might be the answer to her own tragic past. No one is who they seem to be and the price of uncovering the Dark Fable's cryptic history just might be fatal . . .