

# Book Talk Newsletter

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# Grab & Go Inside Library Service Curb Service Plus By Appointment Only

Call: 810.622.8623

Email: sdlcircdesk@yahoo.com

The Sanilac District Library Board is opening SDL for inside service. Grab and Go service is intended for quick browsing. As a government entity, SDL is required to follow MDHHS and MiOSHA restrictions. Only two households may be gathered in the library space at the same time.

#### Patron + employee = 2 households. Masks and Social Distancing Are Required

- •Appointments are required and are limited to SDL residents. One thirty-minute appointment per household per day. Only members of the same household (1-5 people) may share an appointment.
- •Please do not visit SDL if you or someone in your household is ill or has been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 within the last two weeks.
- •All returning items are quarantined for one week before being checked out to another patron.

## **Sanilac District Library**

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

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

# Holiday Closing Friday, April 2

## **Library Hours**

Monday: 11-5 Tuesday 11-5 Wednesday 11-5:30 Thursday 11-5 Friday 11-5

Saturday CLOSED

## Masks Are Required

A mask or face shield that provides a barrier from the top of the bridge of the nose to the chin is required to be worn by anyone inside SDL. Persons without a mask will not be allowed to enter. Children under the age of 3 are exempt. No contact Curb Service is available for patrons without a mask and those who are unable to wear a mask for medical reasons. Patrons who do not comply will be considered in violation of SDL Policy. Thank you for your cooperation and helping to protect the health of our staff and patrons!

## **Safety Measures**

SDL's first priority is employee safety. Services cannot be offered if library staff cannot report to work. The safety of our patrons is equally important. Every effort is being made to mitigate contamination between staff, staff to patron, patron to staff and patron to patron. However, as a public space, SDL cannot guarantee a germ-free environment. SDL encourages anyone with an underlying health condition to use SDL's no contact Curb Service. In addition:

- •Public seating is not be available at this time.
- •SDL may be closed at any time without notice for cleaning between users.
- •Book donations are not accepted as this time.

See back issues of Book Talk for lists of new books purchased since March 2020 at:

www.sanilacdistrictlibrary.lib.mi.us or sanilac.ploud.net

## New Fiction

- The Affair—Danielle Steel
- Annie and the Wolves—Andromeda Romano-Lax. Annie Oakley's Wild West Americana and time travel come together in this genre-defying novel that explores trauma and the cost of female revenge.
- •Band of Sisters-Lauren Willig Shunned by her wealthy Smith College classmates, a scholarship student travels to Europe to help World War I desperate families in villages decimated by German bombs.
- Calder Brand—Janet Dailey
- •A Captain For Caroline Gray: A Proper Romance—Julie Wright
- •A Court Of Silver Flames: Court of Thorns and Roses #5—Sarah Maas
- •Crimson Phoenix: Victoria Emerson thriller—John Gilstrap. Victoria Emerson, a West Virginia congresswoman and single mother, becomes the last hope of a nation brought to the brink of destruction in the wake of nuclear war.
- •Dark Sky: a Joe Pickett novel—C. J. Box
- •Death By Chocolate Snickerdoodle—Sarah Graves. Begged to prove the innocence of a sweet-natured neighbor accused of murdering an unscrupulous curmudgeon, Jake and Ellie race to identify the killer in the face of a wildfire that cuts off their mainland access.
- •Destined For You: Ladies of the Lake #1—Tracie Peterson. After smallpox kills her mother and siblings, Gloriana Womack is dedicated to holding together what's left of her fractured family. Luke Carson arrives in Duluth to shepherd the arrival of the railroad and reunite with his brother. When tragedy strikes, Gloriana and Luke must help each other through their grief and soon find their lives inextricably linked.
- English Wife—Adrienne Chinn
- A Fatal Lie: Inspector Ian Rutledge series—Charles Todd
- •Guild at the Garage: a Feathering Mystery—Simon Brett
- •Infinite—Brian Freeman. Surviving the accident that killed his wife, Dylan begins experiencing bizarre hallucinations of himself before encountering a psychiatrist who claims they have been engaging in parallel-universe hypnotherapy treatments.
- The Kaiser's Web—Steve Berry. Cotton Malone discovers the truth about the fates of Hitler, Braun, and Bormann that could transform Europe.
- The Keepsake Sisters—Lori Wilde. A woman who was never told that she was separated from her identical twin at birth faces an impossible choice in the wake of a devastating medical diagnosis.

- •The Key To Love—Betsy St. Amant
- The Kitchen Front—Jennifer Ryan. In WWII Britain, the Blitz has destroyed cities and U-boats have cut off the supply of food. In an effort to help housewives ration food, a BBC radio program sponsors a cooking contest. The grand prize is a job as the program's first-ever female co-host. Four very different women compete for a chance to change their lives.
- •Ladies of the House: a modern retelling of Sense & Sensibility--Laruen Edmondson
- The Lost Apothecary-Saran Penner Secretly dispensing poisons to liberate women from the men who have wronged them, a London apothecary triggers unintended consequences across centuries.
- •Missing and Endangered: Joanna Brady—J. A. Jance
- •Moonlight School-Suzanne Woods Fisher
- •The Nightmare Feast: Another Kingdom #2—Andrew Klavan
- •Much Ado About You—Samantha Young. The cozy comforts of an English village bookstore open up a world of new possibilities for Evie.
- •Never Far Away—Michael Koryta Placed in witness protection, Leah risks exposing herself to dangerous forces from her past when her homesick children run away.
- The Paris Library—Janet Charles. When the Nazis march into Paris, Odile stands to lose everything she holds dear, including her dream job at the American Library. Together with her fellow librarians, Odile joins the Resistance with the best weapons she has: books. When the war finally ends, instead of freedom, Odile faces an unspeakable betrayal. Fans of The Lilac Girls and The Paris Wife may enjoy this.
- The Power Couple-Alex Berenson When their college-aged daughter is abducted on a family vacation, Brian and Rebecca, both U.S. intelligence staffers, race to find the kidnappers and keep their fragile marriage intact.
- •The Russian Cage: Gunnie Rose series #3—Charlaine Harris
- •A Simple Murder: a Kate Burkholder short story collection —Linda Castillo
- The Sowing Season-Katie Powner Forced to sell his family farm, Gerrit no longer knows what to do. 15-year-old Rae doubts "The Life Plan" set by her parents. When their paths cross, their lives change in unexpected ways.

- The Summer House—Lauren Denton. Lily is devastated when she wakes up one morning to find divorce papers from her husband on the kitchen counter. Rose's husband ran off with his assistant. Rose keeps everyone at arm's length, including her own family. But when Lily shows up asking for a job and a place to live, Rose's cold exterior begins to thaw.
- •Those Who Are Saved—Alexis Landau
- •Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Mystery: a Hannah Swensen mystery with recipes—Joanne Fluke
- •The Vineyard At Painted Moon— Susan Mallery
- •While Paris Slept—Ruth Druart. Herded onto a train bound for Auschwitz, a desperate Jewish woman entrusts her most precious possession to a stranger.
- •Whispers of Shadow & Flame: Earth -singer Chronicles #2—L. Penelope

## Romance Paperbacks

• Fairy-Tale Forever-Debbie Macomber

#### Western

•A Quiet, Little Town: a Red Ryan western—William Johnstone

## **New Nonfiction**

- •Unmasked: inside Antifa's radical plan to destroy democracy-Andy Ngo
- •Viruses, Pandemics and Immunity— Arup Chakraborty
- •The Young Crusaders: the untold story of the children and teenagers who galvanized the Civil Rights Movement—V. P. Franklin

## New DVDs

- •Fear of Rain
- •Greenland
- •*Half Brothers*
- •Monster Hunter

## **PBS** Series

- •All Creatures Great & Small— Watch the DVDs and read the books by James Herriot
- •Call the Midwife: Season 9
- The Long Song—based on the novel by Andrea Levy (coming soon)
- •Miss Scarlet & The Duke

## **Curb Service Plus Continues**

- Order & Pick Up Books, Magazines & Movies
- Copy / Fax / Print Service
- WiFi is available outside of the library building from the comfort of your vehicle from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

SDL's no contact 'book valet' service is a safe and convenient option during this national health emergency.

## **How To Place Your Order**

- •Call 622-8623 during open hours
- •Email slcircdesk@yahoo.com
- •Identify yourself by name, address & library card number.

## **Request Materials**

- •Request titles & authors or ask SDL staff to choose items for you
- •Library staff will gather your items and notify you when your order is ready.
- •Library staff will schedule an appointment for you to pick up your order.
- •Your items will be placed in a *new* shopping bag.

#### No Contact Pick-Up Instructions By car: please remain inside your vehicle

- •Call SDL when you arrive at the parking lot or in front of the building.
- •Inform library staff where to deposit your items. And open the window or trunk
- •If renting a movie, please have the exact amount: \$1 per movie.

# By bike, motorcycle or walking: please, do NOT approach library staff.

Library staff will place your order on the sidewalk six feet away from you. Collect your order after library staff retreat.

## **Returning Items**

Please put returning items in a bag and place outside your vehicle for staff to pick up. Or return items to the drop box at any time.

## Search For New Books Using SDL's Website

- 1. **SDL's Online Catalog:** Check the home page to see a showcase of new books. Click on a jacket cover image for more information. Scroll down the details page to see Good-Reads Reviews. Click the book picture on the details page to see information about the book on Amazon.
- 2. **Book Talk Newsletter:** Click on the Book Talk icon to see back issues for list of books purchased since March 2020. month.

## **SDL Virtual Services**

www.sanilacdistrictlibrary.lib.mi.us Or sanilac.ploud.net

**NEW:** FREE online classes.

**NEW:** Virtual vacations & Virtual classes Click on the Virtual Events Menu on SDL's website

**NEW:** Book Talk back issues with lists of new books purchased since March 2020.

**NEW:** Online Book Sale. See lists of books & DVDs available "for sale" by donation.

- •Access SDL's online catalog 24/7/365
- •Set up "My Account" to check due dates for materials you have borrowed, renew books (1 time per item), reserve items and receive weekly reminders. See page 4 for directions.
- •Links to reliable information about COVID.
- •Read reviews and see cover art for new books on SDL's catalog home page.
- •Check out OverDrive audio books and ebooks for free!
- •Download free eMagazines to your device from RBDigital.
- •Find links to recommended websites.
- •Interloan books through MelCat.
- •Search MeL databases and get homework help.
- •Search genealogy and local history documents from SDL and other libraries.
- •Check SDL's Reader's Advisory page, a matchmaking service to connect readers with books.
- •Search CPS Elementary and High School library catalogs.
- •View a PDF version of SDL's Book Talk newsletter.
- •Find information about SDL.

## How To Access Your Account In SDL's Online Catalog (updated)

- 1. Go to SDL's website at: www.sanilacdistrictlibrary.lib.mi.us or sanilac.ploud.net
- 2. Click on the CATALOG icon.
- 3. Click Please Login in the upper right corner. A new window will appear.
- 4. Type in your 14 digit barcode number found on your library card. Do not type in the \* asterisks.
- 5. The default password is *userpass*. The system requires you to make a new password the first time you login. Remember your password! Library staff *do not* have access to it but are able to reset the password to *userpass* if you forget it. You must create a new password.
- 6. Click ☑ Remember Me if you are using Your Account from home.
- 7. The right side of the blue title bar will now display "Hello, Your Name (Log Out)".

#### Your Account Navigation Pane Your Items

- Items From Other Libraries
- Items Out will display the details of materials currently checked out to you: Title, Author, Call Number, Date checked out, Due date, Fines (if any) and Status. You may renew items one time using My Account. The new due date will be listed and any items not renewed. Movies and items on reserve may not be renewed.
- Items on Hold lists titles that you have placed on Reserve/Hold. You may also cancel a Reserve/Hold here.
- Lost Items: list of titles that have been lost that were checked out to you.
- Checkout History displays a list of items you have borrowed in the past. You may Download ans Save or Print the list. *Please*, do **NOT** click Deactivate History.
- Active Alerts: choose which day of the week to receive a system generated email reminder with titles and due dates.
- Fine and Lost Item Payment: a history of transactions.

#### **Your Settings**

- Your Profile: Information from your library record is protected by the MI Right To Privacy Act.
  - Enter or edit your email address
  - Choose the day of the week to receive system generated reminders from SDL that list items currently checked out to you with due dates and fines (if owed).
  - Enter a question to remind you of your password.
  - Click the **SAVE** button.
- Your Preferences: Use library defaults.
- Your Favorite Resources: Use library defaults.

#### Create A List and Add Items

Your Lists: Create your own lists, such as "What To Read Next" or "My Favorites", using the blue box on the left side. Enter the Name and SAVE. Items may be moved from list to list or deleted. You may Reserve/Hold items using Your List.

- Add items to your list: While logged into your account, search for an item in the catalog by typing in the title or author. Press Enter.
  - The Results Screen will appear with matches to your search.
  - Click on the desired item. The next page displays details.
  - On the left side of the screen, click on Add To Your List.
  - A message will appear at the top of the screen confirming the addition.

#### **How To Reserve / Hold Items**

- •While logged into My Account, search for the item in the catalog.
- •Review the titles in the Results Pane. Click on the picture of the item. The next screen displays more information. Use the icons beneath the item picture to: 1) Place Hold 2) Save to a list 3) View details.
- •Click on the **Place Hold** button on the left side of the screen.
- •In the next window, Enter a date to Cancel if not filled by.
- •Click **Place Hold** button at the bottom of the window. A confirmation message will appear.
- Library staff will notify you when the item is available for pick-up.

## Book Sale & CD Book Sale & DVD Sale

- ♣Items are *sold* by donation
- ♣ No Contact Shopping & Curb Pick Up
- Check out the lists on SDL's website
  - ♣ Books have been quarantined.
- ♣ Books are in good or excellent condition
- ♣ Call 622-8623 or email sdlcircdesk@yahoo.com
- ♣ Stock up and keep an extra pile of books in your house—just in case you can't make it to the library.

**Grab Bags \$5** 

6 hardcover or 10 paperback books by the same author or genre are packed in new cloth book bags. See list on SDL's website.



## Listen To An Audio Book In Your Car

by Kelly Edwards

Items needed: Computer (or use a public computer at SDL) with Windows Media Player or iTunes audio book: downloaded or on CD. (Check-out a CD book from SDL); MP3 Player with USB Cord or a smartphone.

**Step 1:** Transfer the audio book (CD format) to your computer:

•You will need software (iTunes or Windows Media Player:

- •Open iTunes or WMP.
- •Insert the CDs one at a time into the CD drive on the computer. iTunes or WMP usually rips the CD automatically.

WMP) capable of ripping (copying) the CD to a computer hard drive.

Step 2: After all CDs are downloaded:

- •Connect your MP3 player, iPhone or other device (iPad, Nano, etc.) to a USB port on the computer using the USB cable that came with your device. The computer will recognize your device as a portable storage and it will be listed within iTunes or WMP.
- •Click on the name of your device to select it. In iTunes, your device should be listed on the left with the folders that are available.
- •Select the CDs, click on them and drag them to your phone and into the file labeled "audiobooks".

**Step 3:** After the file transfer process is complete:

- •Remove your device from the computer and disconnect the USB cable.
- •The audio book is now accessible on your device in the directory to which it was transferred, usually an icon of the same name on the player's display.
- •Plug in your headphones and enjoy!
- After verifying that the audio book has been transferred to your device, delete it the file from the computer.

#### Use Bluetooth and Your Car Radio

If your car is equipped with Bluetooth technology and your MP3 player or phone has Bluetooth, you can pair the phone to your car radio and listen to the book through your car radio.

## **FREE Online Classes**

## **For Seniors By Seniors**

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

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are partnering with GetSetup-Michigan to offer older adults free, live interactive online classes.

The classes focus on the use of digital devices such as computers, smartphones and tablets as well as services such as Zoom, social media and more. Digital literacy is a need in the senior community. During the pandemic there are virtual services available but some people don't know how to use them. These classes teach the skills and knowledge necessary for technology use as well as help create social connections for many that may feel isolated at this time.

Classes focus on supporting the use of digital devices such as:

- Computers
- Smartphones: Androids & iPhones
- Tablets
- And more!

#### AND online services

- Email
- iCloud
- Social Media: FaceBook, Instagram
- Zoom with family & friends
- And more!

#### AND classes for special interests:

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

#### Examples of classes:

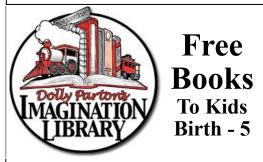
- Use Zoom to connect with others
- Take fitness classes to stay healthy
- Join a social hour to talk about your interests & hobbies
- Getting to know your device
- Stay independent by learning about Apps
- And more!

## New Picture Books

- •Pig The Pug series —Aaron Blabey
  - •Pig The Elf
  - •Pig The Fibber
  - •Pig The Pug
  - •Pig The Slob
  - •Pig The Star
  - •Pig The Stinker
  - •Pig The Tourist
  - •Pig The Winner

## New Middle School

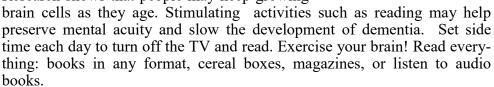
•Alex Rider Never Day Die—Anthony Horowitz. MI6 agent Alex Rider travels around the world on a dangerous mission to destroy the deadly terrorist organization, Scorpia.



## March Is Reading Month

Reading is important for everyone. The joy of sharing books is a gift you can give your children from birth. Most avid readers acquire their love of reading at home from their parents. The best readers are those who love to read. Encourage your child to form a habit of lifelong reading by sharing books together.

Reading is equally important for adults. Research shows that people may keep growing



- ♣Expectant mommies can read aloud to their tummies.
- Read out loud, even if little children only "read the pictures."
- \*Reduce stress by having a peaceful silent reading time.
- \*Listen to an audio book during dinner, chores or in the car.
- Read and record a favorite book to share with your grandkids. .
- \*Visit the library! Get a library card, your passport to explore the world through books.

The value of the creativity, enrichment, enjoyment, history, information, knowledge and wisdom contained within the walls of the library is worth far more than the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow...its priceless!

Every child in Sanilac County, from birth to 5 years old, may receive a FREE age-appropriate book mailed directly to their home every month. This FREE GIFT is sponsored by the Sanilac County Community Foundation. There is no cost. Parents may fill out the registration form available on SDL's website. The child must be a resident of Sanilac County. The first book should be received 8 - 10 weeks after registration. Books will continue to be mailed until the child turns five or moves out of Sanilac County. **Spark imagination through a love of reading!** 

## March Is Reading Month ~ Raise A Lifelong Reader Play ~ Read ~ Sing ~ Talk ~ Write With Your Child

- © Make reading fun: songs, nursery rhymes and finger plays foster a love of words.
- © Read aloud. Reading to your child increases attention span, improves listening skills and develops vocabulary.
- © Listening to books read aloud benefits every age, not just young children.
- © Read it again and again. Children need and enjoy repetition, which builds word recall. It also helps children feel secure and confident.
- © Surround your child with books: offer many age appropriate books to encourage reading.
- © Let your child see you reading. Be a reading role model!
- © Read every day: Plan 10 to 30 minutes a day to snuggle with books.
- © Visit your library often. Borrow books for FREE! Let your child choose books and let their imaginations soar.
- © Check out Kid Pages on SDL's website for more early literacy tips.
- © Register your newborn to five year old child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to receive free books every month.
- © "Make 'em laugh, make 'em laugh, Don't you know ev'ry one wants to laugh?" The lyrics of this song have the right idea about learning. This works for adults too!
  - © Laughter increases white blood cell activity and changes the chemical balance of the blood. This is believed to boost the body's production of the chemicals needed for alertness and memory.
  - © Laughter reduces stress and low stress enhances the brain's receptivity to learning.
  - © According to researcher's, laughter (having fun) also boosts the body's immune system for three days. The day of fun plus the next two. From: START SMART!: Building Brain Power In The Early Years by Pam Schiller.

