Sanilac District Library
Books & Beyond

# Book Talk Newsletter

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# March Is Reading Month



# SDL Book Club

SDL's book discussion group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30.

### March 2

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

### April 6

The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys

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# **Library Hours**

Monday: 11-5 Tuesday 11-5 Wednesday 11-5:30 Thursday 11-5 Friday 11-5 Saturday CLOSED Reading is important for everyone. The joy of sharing books is a gift you can give yourself and your children from the time they are born. 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. See page 4.

Reading is equally important for adults. Research shows that people may keep growing brain cells as they age. Stimulating activities such as reading may help preserve mental acuity and slow the development of dementia. Set aside time each day to turn off the TV and read. Exercise your brain! Read books in print, ebooks or large print. Listen to audio books.

- ♣Turn off the TV & turn on to books.
- Read out loud to your family, 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 grandchildren.
- ♣ "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 also boosts the body's immune system for three days. The day of fun plus the next two. This quote is from: START SMART!: Building Brain Power In The Early Years by Pam Schiller.
- \*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!

### **BOOKPAGE** Online

Book Page is a selection guide for new books. BookPage editors review books published in a variety of categories and share special reading lists and their personal favorites. Check out current and past issues on SDL's website.

# **New Fiction**

- Abandoned In Death—J. D. Robb
- •All The Little Hopes—Leah Weiss. . 13-year-old Lucy and Allie believe they can solve crimes just like Nancy Drew. Their quiet town, becomes home to a Nazi prisoner -of-war camp and men go missing. The pair set out to answer the big question: do we ever really know who the enemy is?
- The Berlin Exchange—Joseph Kanon Berlin. 1963. The Communists are trading 2 American students caught helping people to escape over the wall and a low level CIA operative. On the other side: Martin Keller, a physicist. Who negotiated the deal? The KGB? They must want him for something and the game is afoot.
- The Book of Otto and Liam—Paul Griner. May and Ottos' perfect life is shattered when their son is wounded in a school shooting and his friend killed. While Liam fights for life, hoaxers try to force Otto to admit the shooting never happened.
- The Cage—Bonnie Kistler. Two coworkers at an international fashion conglomerate enter an elevator but only one woman is alive when the doors open in the lobby.
- •Caramel Pecan Roll Murder: a Hannah Swensen mystery—Joanne Fluke
- The Christie Affair—Nina de Gramont The re-imagining of one of the most talked-about unsolved mysteries of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The greatest mystery wasn't Agatha Christie's disappearance. It's what she discovered. London, 1925: Nan O'Dea became Archie Christie's mistress, luring him away from his devoted wife, Agatha Christie. Why hatch a plot years in the making and why murder?
- •City Of The Dead: an Alex Delaware novel—Jonathan Kellerman
- Courting Misfortune: the Joplin Chronicles-Regina Jennings. Assigned to find the kidnapped daughter of a mob boss, Pinkerton operative Calista York is sent to a rowdy mining town. Matthew Cook is determined to stop a local baby raffle and the reckless Miss York whose bad judgement puts her in harm's way.
- •Dark Horse: an Orphan X novel— Gregg Hurwitz
- •Death of a Green-Eyed Monster: a Hamish Macbeth murder mystery— M. C. Beaton
- •Diablo Mesa: Nora Kelly series—Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child. With a promise of a hefty donation from an eccentric billionaire with space travel ambitions, the Santa Fe Archaeological Institute excavates the site of the 1947 Roswell incident and uncovers two murder victims.
- •Ever Constant: The Treasures of Nome #3—Tracie Peterson

- A Game Of Fear: an Inspector Ian Rutledge mystery—Charles Todd. Scotland Yard's Ian Rutledge is faced with his most perplexing case yet: a murder with no body, and a killer who can only be a ghost.
- Grantchester series by James Runcie. Books are usually better than their film adaptations.

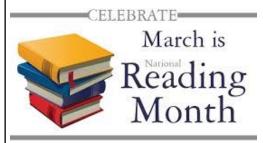
Prequel: The Road To Grantchester Sidney Chambers and the

- 1. Shadow of Death
- 2. Perils of the Night
- 3. Forgiveness of Sins
- 4. Dangers of Temptation
- 5. Persistence of Love
- •The Goodbye Coast: a Philip Marlowe novel—Joe Ide. Against his better judgement, Marlowe, accepts two missing person cases, the first a daughter of a faded, tyrannical Hollywood starlet, and the second, a British child stolen from his mother by his father. At the center of is Marlowe's troubled relationship with his father.
- •*Harbor Hills* series-Elizabeth Bromke
  - 3. The House Around The Corner
  - 4. The House That Christmas Made
- •Her Here—Amanda Dennis. Struggling with memory loss, Elena accepts a bizarre proposition from a friend to search for a young woman, who went missing six years earlier in Southeast Asia, by rewriting her journals.
- •Her Hidden Genius—Marie Benedict Rosalind Franklin unlocks the building blocks of life, the double helix structure of DNA. But her contribution was suppressed by the men around her.
- •Hook, Line and Sinker—Tessa Bailey
- •In Search of a Prince—Toni Smith
- •Lies and Other Acts of Love— Kristy Woodson Harvey
- •Love & Saffron: a novel of friendship, food and love—Kim Fay. This witty and tender novel follows two women in 1960s America as they discover that food really does connect us all and that friendship and laughter are the best medicine.
- The Mystery of Mrs. Christie— Marie Benedict. December 1926: England unleashes the largest manhunt in its history. The object of the search is not an escaped convict or a war criminal, but the missing wife of a WWI hero, mystery author Agatha Christie. When her car is found wrecked, empty, and abandoned near a natural spring, the country is in a frenzy. Eleven days later, Agatha reappears, claiming amnesia.

- •Nothing to Lose—J. A. Jance
- •The Paris Apartment—Lucy Foley. Arriving in Paris to stay with her brother Ben, Jess learns that he has gone missing. Realizing that even though she has come to the City of Lights to escape her past, it's his future hanging in the balance.
- The Second Life of Mirielle West—Amanda Skenandore. Based on the true story of America's only leper colony where thousands of people were stripped of their civil rights, branded as lepers and forcibly quarantined. For Mirielle, a 1920's socialite married to a silent film star, the isolation and powerlessness of the Louisiana Leper Home is an unimaginable fall from her chic life of star-studded Hollywood parties.
- The Second Mrs. Astor: a novel of the Titanic—Shana Abe. After losing her husband on the RMS Titanic, Madeleine who is constantly surrounded by scandal, finds her status elevated to that of a virtuous, tragic heroine and must decide whether to accept the role assigned to her or carve out her own extraordinary path.
- •Steal—James Patterson
- Text For You—Sofie Cramer
- The Unsinkable Greta James— Jennifer Smith. After the sudden death of her mother, rock star Greta James falls apart on stage. The footage goes viral and she stops playing, her career in jeopardy just as her father always predicted. Greta goes with him on the Alaskan cruise her parents had booked to celebrate their 40th anniversary. It may be their last chance to heal old wounds in the wake of shared loss.
- The War Nurse—Tracy Enerson Wood. Based on a true story, Superintendent of Nurses Julia Stimson and 65 inexperienced nurses arrive on the front lines of WWI to find chaos. With 1,300 soldiers stuffed into a facility built for 500, providing even the most basic care is challenging. The male doctors see her as a threat to their authority.
- What Only We Know-Catherine Hokin
- •What The Fireflies Knew-Kai Harris. A coming-of-age novel told from the perspective of an 11-year-old over the course of a single summer, as she tries to make sense of her new life with her estranged grand-father after the death of her father and disappearance of her mother.
- •With Love From London—Sarah Jio. Valentina inherits a bookshop from her estranged mother, leading her halfway across the world on a journey of self-discovery.
- Wish You Were Gone—Kieran Scott. A dead husband with an alcohol problem, an angry, betrayed wife and the friends whose talent for keeping secrets might lead to everyone's undoing.

# **New Nonfiction**

- •All Thirteen: the incredible cave rescue of the Thai Boy's Soccer Team—Christina Soontornvat
- •COPD: answers to your most pressing questions about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease—Donald Mahler, MD
- •How To Be A Genius: your brilliant brain and how to train it. Making a complex subject fun, accessible and exciting, this exploration of the brain and how it works features mindbending puzzles, games, and optical illusions to sharpen the wits.
- •How To Be A Math Genius: your brilliant brain and how to train it. Filled with challenging quizzes, puzzles, codes, and geometrical illustrations, this guide shows kids how to expand on the math skills they already use in daily life, while learning new ones.
- •The House Built By Slaves: African American visitors to the Lincoln White House—Jonathan White. Lincoln's unprecedented welcome of African Americans to the White House transformed the trajectory of race relations in the United States. The Great Emancipator used the White House as the stage to empower black voices in our country's most divisive era.
- •Miss Independent: a simple 12-step plan to start investing and grow your own wealth—Nicole Lapin
- •The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, big pharma and the global war on democracy and public health—Robert Kennedy, Jr.
- •Three Ordinary Girls: the remarkable story of three Dutch teenagers who became spies, saboteurs, Nazi assassins and WWII heroes—Tim Brady





# MiLibraryQuest Mystery

A thief is on the loose!!!

### Teen Sleuths Are Needed To Crack The Case

# Hurry! The Quest ends March 15

The notorious master thief Lupin has struck again! He pilfered the laptop of a best selling Michigan author which contains the only copy of his latest novel.

Lupin is over confident and has sent taunting notes about the laptop's secret location to Michigan libraries.

CPS and SDL students, 6<sup>th</sup> to12<sup>th</sup> grades, are asked to put their wits to the test and help Inspector Skirmish find where Lupin has stashed the stolen laptop.

Visit SDL's website and click on the MiLibraryQuest logo to fill out the entry form.

Use the Michigan Travel Guide to find clues on library websites and decode Lupin's messages to solve the case!

#### New DVDs

- American Underdog: Kurt Warner was undrafted after college but went on to become an NFL MVP, Super Bowl MVP & Hall of Fame quarterback
- Coming To America: A pampered African prince comes to Queens in search of a bride.
- Encanto: When a magical hidden town in the Colombian mountains is in danger of losing its magic, Mirabel Madrigal, the only member of her family without a magical gift, sets out to save her family and home
- Eternals: a group of superpowered immortals living secretly on Earth for thousands of years protecting the human race, face the mission of stopping a cataclysmic event that will result in Earth's destruction.
- *Ghostbusters:* A group of parapsychologists start a ghost removal service.
- King Richard: The story of tennis players Venus & Serena's father, whose dedication helped his daughters achieve tremendous success.
- Mercy Street Seasons: a Civil War Drama (Seasons 1 & 2) In Union-occupied Virginia, Mary, an abolitionist and Emma, a Confederate belle whose mansion has been transformed into a Union Army hospital, volunteer as nurses and discover that blood is not gray or blue. The series is based on real people and real events.

### New Audio Books

- •End Of Days—Brad Taylor. Mossad agents request assistance in finding the terrorists responsible for an attack that killed government officials.
- •The Ex-Husband—Karen Hamilton. Taking a personal assistant position on board a superyacht, former con artist Charlotte is trapped. Someone who knows her past and is hell-bent on making her pay for it.
- •Overnight Guest-Heather Gudenkauf Wylie Lark, snowed in at an isolated farmhouse, finds a child in the snow and bringing him inside for warmth and safety, learns that the farmhouse isn't as isolated as she thought.

### New Books For Kids Picture Books

- •Bathe The Cat—Alice McGinty
- •Not Quite Narwhal—Jessie Sima
- •Not That Pet—Smriti Prasadam-Halls

### Elementary

- •Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and other illustrated classis—Roald Dahl
- •The Complete Tales of Winnie The Pooh —A. A. Milne
- •The Wonderful Wizard of Oz / The Marvelous Land of Oz — L. Frank Baum

### **Graphic Novels**

•Apple Of My Pie—Mika Song. When local park fixture (and spy-master) Pops gets squirrel-napped, it's up to Norma, Belly, and their friend little B to save him!

### **New Nonfiction**

- •10 Minute:
  - Crafty Projects
  - Kitchen Science Projects
  - Nature Projects
  - No-Sew Projects
- •All Thirteen: the incredible cave rescue of the Thai Boy's Soccer Team—Christina Soontornvat
- •Almanac 2022
- •Eyewitness: Titanic
- •How To Be A Genius: your brilliant brain and how to train it
- •How To Be A Math Genius: your brilliant brain and how to train it
- •Signs of Survival: a memoir of the Holocaust—Renee Hartman and Joshua Greene. Two sisters: one deaf and one hearing. This is there true story.

#### Tweens

- •Heidi—Johanna Spyri
- •Northwind—Gary Paulsen. When sickness decimates his fishing village, an orphan named Leif flees north in a cedar canoe.

### Middle School

- •Snow Struck—Nick Courage. Three kids get stuck in a blizzard of epic proportions when they travel to New York City for Christmas.
- Tangled Up In Lucy—Merrill Wyatt Sloane and Amelia are devastated to be paired for a research project about long-lost jewels. When they find clues hidden for a century, they realize they are being used.



# Free Books To Children Birth - 5

Spark imagination through a love of reading!

Every child in Sanilac County, from birth to 5 years old, may receive a FREE age-appropriate book mailed directly to your home every month. This FREE GIFT is sponsored by the Sanilac County Community Foundation. There is no cost to your family. Fill out the registration form available on SDL's website.

You must be a resident of Sanilac County. You should receive the first book 8 - 10 weeks after registration. Books will continue to be mailed until your child turns five or you move out of Sanilac County.

Read with your child and have fun!

# March Is Reading Month: Raise A Lifelong Reader

Talk ~ Sing ~ Read ~ Write ~ Play With Your Child

- © Make reading fun: Songs & nursery rhymes 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.
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