



Books & Beyond

SDL Book Talk

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and the Bark Shanty Library Branch

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Summer Reading Challenge

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.

June 3 at 5:30

Before You Know Kindness
Chris Bohjalian

July 1 at 5:30

Rise To Rebellion
Jeff Shaara

August 5 at 5:30

After Annie
Anna Quindlen



June 8 - August 8

For kids: K to 12th grade

As Simple As 1, 2, 3, 4

1. **Register** at Sanilac District Library
2. **Read** 5 or more SDL books over the summer.
3. **Record** the titles of the SDL books that are read.
4. **Reward:** Earn a prize for every 5 SDL books that are read.

READ TO ME

Summer Reading Challenge For Pre-Readers



Babies and preschoolers may take part in SDL's Summer Reading Challenge by having a parent, caregiver, sibling or grandparent read SDL books aloud to them. Reading books to kids introduces literacy skills, encourages a love of books & reading and starts children on the road to life-long learning. Reading together is an effective way to help children become readers.

Sanilac District Library

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

Closed: July 4

Library Hours

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

Summer Reading Party

Tuesday, July 28 at 7

With Paleo Joe



Fun For The Whole Family!

New Fiction

- *26 beauties: A Women's Murder Club thriller*—James Patterson
- *Book of Lost Hours*—Hayley Gelfuso
A WWII-era girl grows up trapped in the "time space," a library featuring books that house memories. While government agents burn memories they wish to erase, she saves them, until an affair with a CIA agent changes her life.
- *Booked: a Sunny Randall novel*—Robert B. Parker
- *Cat On A Hot Tin Woof: a Chet & Bernie mystery*—Spencer Quinn
- *Girl's Trip*—Ally Condie. Hope, Ash, and Caro met at an online book club. Over the past two years, they've been there for each other in every way-except in person. When each of their lives reach a crossroads, they decide to meet in real life at Sonnet Resort in Eden National Park. None of them are telling each other the full story
- *Golden Boy*—Patricia Finn. After retirement from his Hollywood career, Stafford and wife Agnes retreat to a luxury estate on Maui. A letter arrives with shocking news. Stafford has been named guardian of 4 children: the grandchildren of his late childhood friend, Bobby, whose ghost Stafford can no longer ignore. Returning to both the hardscrabble farming town and the dark secret he'd tried to forget for decades, Stafford is forced to confront his past in order to rebuild his future and to redirect the fates of his family and the four young people suddenly in his care.
- *Hamnet*—Maggie O'Farrell. England, 1580: The Black Death creeps across the land. A young Latin tutor--penniless and bullied by a violent father--falls in love with an eccentric young woman. Agnes is a wild creature who is known for her unusual gifts as a healer, understanding plants and potions better than she does people. She is a fiercely protective mother as her husband's career on the London stage is taking off and their beloved son succumbs to sudden fever
- *I See You've Called In Dead*—John Kenney. Bud Stanley is an obituary writer who is afraid to live. His wife left him for a 'far more interesting' man. He has too many glasses of Scotch one night and proceeds to pen and publish his own obituary. The newspaper wants to fire him. But now the company's system has him listed as dead. And the company can't fire a dead person. The ensuing fallout forces him to realize that life may be actually worth living. As Bud awaits his fate at work, his life hangs in the balance. Given another shot by his boss and encouraged by his best friend, Tim, a worldly and wise former art dealer who is now confined to a wheelchair, Bud starts to attend the wakes and funerals of strangers to learn how to live.

- *Ironwood: a Catalina novel #2*—Michael Connelly. Detective Sergeant Stilwell Stilwell begins an investigation to find out who brought deadly violence to his island and the drug deal gone wrong.
- *Kindness of Strangers*—Emma Garmann. London, 1953. Jimmy lies dying on the drawing room floor while his housemates look on, their lives about to change forever. In a house built on lies, the truth will get you killed.
- *The Last Mandarin*—Louise Penny & Melissa Fung. Alice Li, a first-generation Chinese-American who has lived in the shadow of her mother, Vivien, a Chinese dissident who escaped China after Tiananmen Square, Vivien is a globally recognized human rights activist. When security and fire alarms go off all around the world, the signal is traced to China. As world leaders scramble to respond, Vivien and Alice are called to the White House in hopes Madame Li can decode the Chinese intentions. What isn't clear is why they'd want to talk to Alice.
- *May House*—Jillian Cantor. The May sisters see each other for one week each year while staying at their grandmother's beachside home in gorgeous Coronado. As adults, Julia, Emily, and Nora aren't close, but their promise to Grandma Vera keeps them anchored together. One year Julia, the oldest and most dependable sister, doesn't show. And suddenly Nora and Emily start to question how much they truly know about their sister's life.
- *Murder At The Hotel Orient*—Alessandra Ranelli. In modern Vienna, Sterling is the Concierge at the infamous Hotel Orient, where cameras are banned, aliases are required, and every guest has something to hide. After the double murder of two guests, Sterling must turn detective. But finding the truth will require breaking the Orient's sacred code of secrecy, while keeping a few secrets of her own.
- *No One Was Supposed To Die At This Wedding*—Catherine Mack
- *Parisian Chapter*—Janet Skeslien Charles. Paris, 1995: Lily gets a job as a programs manager at the American Library in Paris, following in the footsteps of Odile, her French neighbor in Montana who told her stories of heroic WW II librarians. At work, Lily discovers a box of archives that may link to Odile.
- *Phoenix Pencil Company*—Allison King. Monica's grandmother survived 2 wars in China before coming to the States. Yun rarely speaks of her past. Monica is determined to find the long-lost cousin she was separated from years ago. The digital program that Monica is building connects her to a young woman whose gift of a single pencil holds a surprising clue.

- *Players Club*—Rachel Mills. The Players will get you to the right place at the right time, in the right outfit, so that you can experience life as a person you might have been. There are only three rules: one day only, no repeats, and no harming a civilian.
- *Potting Shed Murder*—Paula Sutton
- *The River Is Waiting*—Wally Lamb
Corby is struggling. New fatherhood, the loss of his job, and an addiction have thrown his marriage to his beloved Emily into a tailspin. And that's before he causes the tragedy that tears the family apart. Sentenced to prison, Corby struggles to survive life on the inside, where he bears witness to frightful acts of brutality but also experiences small acts of kindness and elemental kinship with a prison librarian who sees his light and some of his fellow offenders, including a tender-hearted cellmate and a troubled teen desperate for a role model. , Corby begins to transcend the boundaries of his confinement, sustained by his hope that mercy and reconciliation might be possible. Can his crimes ever be forgiven by those he loves?
- *Robert B. Parker's Booked: a Sunny Randall novel*—Alison Gaylin
- *Seek The Traitor's Son*—Veronica Roth. Elegy Ahn is a soldier, defending her small country from the Talusar, a powerful nation who worships a deadly Fever that blesses half of its victims with mysterious gifts. But then she's summoned to hear a prophecy and in just one day, Elegy's old life--her job, her purpose, and her future--is forever changed.
- *So Far Gone*—Jess Walter. A reclusive journalist is suddenly thrown into a wild, suspenseful journey to rescue his kidnapped grandchildren
- *Summer State of Mind*—Kristy Woodson Harvey. Burnt-out NICU nurse Daisy looks for a new life and a new romance. Baseball coach Mason finds an abandoned baby. Mason is struggling to reconcile the injury that kept him out of the big leagues, stuck in his hometown, and searching for a way out. Daisy and the baby they've saved together might be just the motivation he needs to stay put.
- *Trials of Gabriel Ward*—Sally Smith
 1. *Case of Mice & Murder*
 2. *Case of Life and Limb*
- *That Last Carolina Summer*—Karen White. Phoebe returns home to help her sister care for their mother. But the longer she spends in her childhood home, the more her recurring nightmares intensify--bringing her closer to a shocking truth that will change everything.
- *World's Greatest Detective and Her Just Okay Assistant*—Liza Tully

New Nonfiction

- *An Inconvenient Widow: torment, trial, and triumph of Mary Todd Lincoln*—Lois Romano
- *The Case For America: an argument on behalf of our nation*—Bret Bair
- *Creative Container Garden: grow a vibrant year-round mix of flowers, food, herbs and more*—Anders Royneberg
- *Kate! The courage, grace and power of the woman who will be queen*—Christopher Anderson
- *Meet The Presidents: the fun, educational guide to the United States President's Lives*—Walter Eckman
- *Perfect Coincidence: the extraordinary friendship and astonishing deaths of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson*—Jim Rasenberger
- *Squirrel: how a backyard forager shapes our world*—Nancy Castaldo
- *Take Me To Your Leader: perspectives on your first alien encounter*—Neil Tyson

New Movies

- *Avatar: Fire and Ash*: Return to Pandora in an immersive new adventure with Marine turned Na'vi leader Jake Sully, Na'vi warrior Neytiri, and the Sully family.
- *The Bride*: Lonely Frankenstein travels to 1930s Chicago where he and scientist Dr. Euphronious revive a murdered young woman to create a companion for him.
- *Call The Midwife: Season 15*
- *GOAT*: A small goat with big dreams gets a once-in-a-lifetime shot to join the pros and play roball, a high-intensity, co-ed, full-contact sport dominated by the fastest, fiercest animals in the world.
- *I Can Only Imagine 2*: Bart Millard has it all until fame starts to cost him what matters most. When hopeful newcomer Tim Timmons joins the band for their biggest tour yet, he unknowingly brings renewed gratitude to Bart's life.
- *Reminders of Him*: Kenna makes an unbearable mistake that sends her to prison. 7 years later, she returns to her hometown hoping to rebuild her life and reunite with her young daughter, Diem, whom she has never known.
- *Solo Mio*: A wedding disaster leaves Matt stranded in Rome: alone, heartbroken and facing a honeymoon meant for two. He meets Gia, a coffee shop owner who helps him see Rome and his situation through a different lens.
- *Wuthering Heights*: Cathy and Heathcliff's forbidden passion spirals from yearning to obsession and the destructive force of love pushed to its limits.
- *Youngblood*: Dean leaves Detroit to join Canada's Hamilton Mustangs. His skill turns heads, but his arrogance earns enemies and keeps him benched. After a clash with rival goon Carl Racki, Dean finds guidance from team captain Sutton and unexpected love with the coach's daughter. When Racki brutally injures Sutton, Dean faces a defining playoff showdown and a choice between rage and maturity.



MAP: MI Activity Pass

Use Your SDL Card To Redeem FREE or Discounted Tickets to MI Attractions

Use your SDL card to redeem passes to hundreds of art, cultural & historical institutions PLUS recreational areas, state parks & tourist attractions. FREE or reduced admission, discounts to gift shops and other exclusive offers are available. Search by location and venue. Print tickets or save tickets to your phone. Click on the MAP Logo on SDL's homepage to get more info, a list of venues and to print tickets. Or go to: www.miactivitypass.org

SDL's Summer Reading Mission

- Enable children to maintain reading proficiency. Kids need to read at least 10 minutes a day during summer vacation to retain the skills they learned during the school year. Children need to read longer to improve skills.
- Encourage parents to develop early literacy skills with their children from birth and throughout their school years.
- Create positive attitudes about reading & books.
- Motivate *everyone* at *every* age to read.
- Encourage regular use of Sanilac District Library.
- Promote Sanilac District Library's services.
- Attract new library users to Sanilac District Library.

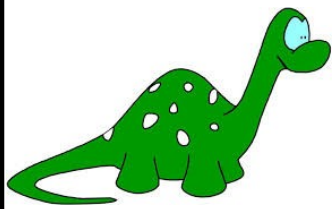
Prevent "The Summer Slide"

Most children who don't participate in learning activities over the summer forget things or fall behind their peers once the new school year begins. Summer learning loss or "the summer slide" is the phenomenon that occurs when children forget academic material after taking long breaks from school. Research regarding summer learning loss suggests that:

- On average, students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in math and reading.
- Teachers spend the first four to six weeks of the new school year re-teaching material from the previous year.
- Summer learning loss has a greater impact on low-income students, contributing substantially to the achievement gap in reading when compared with higher income peers.

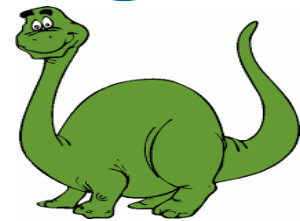
Summer learning loss is cumulative; over time it can create a gap of two to five years by the time students reach high school. Help prevent the summer slide by having your children participate in SDL programs and Summer Reading Challenge.

SDL Summer Programs



Thursday is Kids Day

June 11 - August 13



At SDL's Bark Shanty Library Branch

Age appropriate activities, books, crafts, songs and FUN!

Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult

Baby Time

Thursdays
at 10



For infants: NB &
Babies up to 24 months

Toddler Time

Thursdays at
10:30



For children:
2 to 4 year olds

Story Time

Thursdays at
11:30



For K - 3rd Graders

STREAM Club

Science, Technology, Reading,
Engineering, Art, Music
Experiments & Projects

Thursdays at 2
For 4th - 8th Graders



LEGO® Club

Thursdays At 3
For School-Aged Kids

Challenges
Group Activities
Creative Building
LEGO bricks provided



Summer Reading Party July 28 at 7

At SDL's Bark Shanty Branch

