

SDG READS 2026 AUTHOR ANNOUNCED



From left to right: Rebecca Luck, Director of Library Services; Jason Broad, Mayor of South Dundas; Lachlan McDonald, Mayor of South Glengarry; Margaret MacDonald, Chair of the Library Board; Tony Fraser, Mayor of North Dundas; Emily Andrews (front), Community Librarian; François Landry, Warden/Mayor of North Stormont. Councillors Broad, McDonald, Fraser, and Landry are also members of the SDG Library Board.

The SDG Library was thrilled to announce Shari Lapena as the SDG Reads 2026 author at the May SDG County Council meeting (pictured above). SDG Reads is a “One Book, One Community” program that encourages all residents across SDG Counties to read the same title before coming together for an evening with the author. SDG Reads selects Canadian authors to highlight the diverse talent of our country.

Shari Lapena is the #1 internationally bestselling author of nine (9) suspense novels. Readers are invited to revisit Lapena’s breakout novel, *The Couple Next Door*, in its special 10th anniversary edition. This modern classic continues to captivate audiences with its tense, twist-filled narrative. The program will also highlight her recent release, *She Didn’t See It Coming*, along with her highly anticipated summer 2026 title, *Getting Away with Murder*. This is a collection that showcases her signature suspenseful storytelling. The SDG Reads 2026 author event will take place on Monday, October 5, 2026, at North Stormont Place in Avonmore, where attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Lapena about her work and writing process.

Stay up to date on SDG Reads at <https://www.sdglibrary.ca/sdg-reads/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community outreach continues to be an important way the SDG Library connects with residents across the Counties. This summer we will be attending a wide range of community events showcasing Library services and resources. We are encouraging visitors to stop by, say hello and check out what is on offer at the Library.

Upcoming events include:

- June 6** Art On the Waterfront, Chesterville
- June 27** Maxville Fair
- July 11** It’s All About the River, Morrisburg
- July 12** Chrysler Community Fun Fair

CHRYSLER EXPANSION UPDATE

The Board reviewed a revised floor plan based on feedback from the community survey. An updated version will be presented at the September Board meeting, incorporating the Board’s input as well as insights gathered through consultations with external partners.

POLICY APPROVALS

The Board has approved **The Program Policy** which provides a framework for the planning, delivery, and evaluation of programs offered by the SDG Library, ensuring they align with the Library’s mission, strategic priorities, and commitment to equitable, inclusive, and accessible service.

All policies can be viewed on the SDG Library website: <https://www.sdglibrary.ca/library-policies/>



The Board has their own book club! Their latest book is **Once There Were Wolves** by Charlotte McConaghy.

