

Beyond the Bookshelf

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October / 2025

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
OF SAGINAW



Weekly Events:

Toddler Storytime

Zauel
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.

Chair Exercise

Zauel
Tuesdays – 1:30 p.m.

Miss Beth's Boombox

Zauel
Thursdays – 10:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime

Butman-Fish
Fridays – 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Butman-Fish
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

Zauel
Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.

Events:

Crafty Kids Hour

Zauel
Wednesday, Oct. 1 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Computer Basics

Hoyt
Thursday, Oct. 2 – 11 a.m.

Preserved Autumn Leaves

Take & Make
Butman-Fish
Saturday, Oct. 4 – All Day

Banned Books Week Bag Charm Take & Make

Hoyt
Monday, Oct. 6 – All Day

Color Me Calm for Adults

Wickes
Tuesday, Oct. 7 – 2-4 p.m.

◆ Harmony Hangout: Teen Music

Zauel
Wednesday, Oct. 8 – 6:30 p.m.

Ask the Tech!

Zauel
Thursday, Oct. 9 – 3:30 p.m.

◆ Happy Little Paintalong

Butman-Fish
Thursday, Oct. 9 – 6 p.m.

◆ The Untold Story of Burt Lake

Band Ottawa & Chippewa Indians
Hoyt
Thursday, Oct. 9 – 6 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, Oct. 10 – 2 p.m.

Spice Up Your Month

Hoyt
Saturday, Oct. 11 – All Day

Spooky Terrarium Take & Make

Hoyt
Saturday, Oct. 11 – All Day

Needle Arts Club

Hoyt
Saturday, Oct. 11 – 10 a.m.-Noon

◆ Ghost Tours at Hoyt Library

Please register for one tour only
Hoyt
Saturday, Oct. 11 – 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 15 – 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 16 – 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 23 – 6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 25 – 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 29 – 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30 – 6 p.m.

Make it Monday Take & Make

Zauel
Monday, Oct. 13 – All Day

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, Oct. 13 – By Appt.

Book Pumpkins

Butman-Fish
Monday, Oct. 13 – 5 p.m.

◆ Murder Club

Hoyt
Tuesday, Oct. 14 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Continental Knitting

Zauel
Tuesday, Oct. 14 – 6:30 p.m.

Stranger Than Fiction Book Club

Barnes & Noble Café
Tuesday, Oct. 14 – 7 p.m.

◆ Memoir Reading & Writing Club

Hoyt
Wednesday, Oct. 15 – 2:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club

Oracle Brewing Co.
Wednesday, Oct. 15 – 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Story Stroll

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Oct. 18 – Friday, Oct. 31

Read to a Therapy Dog

Zauel
Saturday, Oct. 18 – 11:30-12:30

◆ Graham Cracker

Haunted Houses
Butman-Fish
Saturday, Oct. 18 – 12:30 p.m.

◆ Cookbook Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Oct. 18 – 3 p.m.

Pages of History Book Club

Castle Museum
Tuesday, Oct. 21 – Noon

Butman-Fish Book Club

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, Oct. 21 – 5 p.m.

◆ Adult Pour Painting: Pumpkins

Wickes
Tuesday, Oct. 21 – 4:30 p.m.

Demystifying Disability Book Club

Hoyt
Tuesday, Oct. 21 – 5:30 p.m.

Spooky Science STEAM Night

Hoyt
Tuesday, Oct. 21 – 6 p.m.

◆ Ghost Portraits

Hoyt
Wednesday, Oct. 22 – 6 p.m.

Series Starters Book Club

Butman-Fish
Thursday, Oct. 23 – 11 a.m.

Mythology Book Club

Hoyt
Thursday, Oct. 23 – 6:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, Oct. 24 – 2 p.m.

Pumpkin Decorating

Zauel
Friday, Oct. 24 – 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Book Club Soiree

w/ PFLAG Great Lakes Bay
First United Methodist Church
Friday, Oct. 24 – 6 p.m.

◆ Teen Book Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Oct. 25 – 2 p.m.

Silent Book Club

Red Eye Coffee + Tea
Saturday, Oct. 25 – 3:30-4:45 p.m.

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, Oct. 27 – By Appt.

◆ Glass Bottle Painting

Zauel
Monday, Oct. 27 – 2 p.m.

◆ Cursive 101

Butman-Fish
Monday, Oct. 27 – 5:30 p.m.

Kids' Favorites Book Club

Zauel
Monday, Oct. 27 – 6:30 p.m.

Family Puzzle Night

Zauel
Tuesday, Oct. 28 – 5:30-8:30 p.m.

◆ Halloween Drag Story Hour

Hoyt
Wednesday, Oct. 29 – 6:30 p.m.

Ask the Tech

Zauel
Thursday, Oct. 30 – 3:30 p.m.

Movie Night at Zauel

Zauel
Thursday, Oct. 30 – 6:30 p.m.

Take & Make Sugar Skull

Butman-Fish
Friday, Oct. 31 – All Day

Save the Date!



Hoyt Library's
135th Anniversary
Celebration is coming
November 1st!

From the Pages

The Ladies Road Guide to Utter Ruin

By Alison Goodman
Adult Fiction

This story picks up right where Alison Goodman's fantastic 2023 novel *The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies* left off. So, it's best if you've read that one first. Twin sisters Gus and Julia Colebrook are still busy trying to better the lives of women and children living on the outskirts of English Regency society.

The Colebrooks are women of means. Although their more conventional younger brother would love to rein them in, they have achieved spinsterhood and a degree of independence, which they use to get into all kinds of good trouble. Don't let the flowery pastel book cover fool you – this is no Jane Austen-inspired cozy mystery. These ladies have been known to steal underage girls away from brothels and to break into insane asylums to rescue mistreated inmates.

The sisters have several allies in their adventures, including their butler, Weatherly; an upright lawman named Mr. Kent; and Lord Evan, an old acquaintance who was wrongly accused of murder and transported to Australia twenty years ago.

Evan was once a spoilt young man, but his years living as a convict matured him. Due to a family crisis, he illegally returned to England and must stay one step ahead of a sadistic thief taker working for someone who wants him out of the way. Despite the danger, Evan always shows up to help Gus in her latest escapade, and she is determined to clear his name so they might someday have a future together.

This series has a lot going on: adventure, misogyny, shadowy conspiracies of the darkest sort, and middle-aged romance in an era when unmarried women over the age of 30 were all but invisible. I am now impatiently awaiting Book #3!

Reviewed by Lynn Heitkamp
Zauel Library



Learn the Tragic Story of the Burt Lake Band

On October 15, 1900, a Native American village at Burt Lake in Brutus, Michigan, was tragically razed to the ground, displacing families and stripping them of their ancestral lands and treaty rights. The 2023 book *A Cloud Over the Land* by Richard A. Wiles chronicles the events leading to this fateful day, detailing a series of actions that left the village in ruins.

Join us in the **Hoyt Auditorium** on **Thursday, October 9 at 6 p.m.** for a presentation by Burt Lake Band Historian and Author **Deborah Richmond** on **The Untold Story of the Burt Lake Band Ottawa & Chippewa Indians**. She will discuss the book, this untold history and a narrative that is truly a significant Michigan tale.

Please register for this event at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call (989) 755-0904.



Pumpkins, Ghost Portraits & Books – Oh My!

- **Crafty Kids Hour**
Zauel – Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Drop in and make family-friendly fall and Halloween crafts!
- **Preserved Autumn Leaves Take & Make Kit**
Butman-Fish – Saturday, October 4, while supplies last
By using glycerin to preserve fallen leaves, they stay colorful and flexible! Take a kit to prolong the season's beauty!
- **Spooky Terrarium Take & Make (pictured, bottom)**
Hoyt – Saturday, October 11, while supplies last
Each kit contains all you need to make your own!
- **Book Pumpkins for Teens & Adults**
Butman-Fish – Monday, October 13 at 5 p.m.
Make paper pumpkins from discarded books.
- ♦ **Graham Cracker Haunted Houses (pictured, top)**
Butman-Fish – Saturday, October 18 at 12:30 p.m.
Join us at this fun, family decorating event.
- ♦ **Adult Pour Painting: Pumpkins**
Wickes – Tuesday, October 21 at 4:30 p.m.
We will be pour painting pumpkins on top of a canvas to create two unique pieces of art.
- **Spooky Science STEAM Night**
Hoyt – Tuesday, October 21 at 6 p.m.
Children and teens are invited for spooky science fun!
- ♦ **Ghost Portraits for Teens & Adults**
Hoyt – Wednesday, October 22 at 6 p.m.
Craft a cute and spooky ghost portrait with us.
- **Pumpkin Decorating for Children & Families**
Zauel – Friday, October 24 between 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Stop in to use our paint, markers, stickers, glue and more to decorate for Halloween. (No carving!) Bring your own pumpkin or use one of ours.
- **Take & Make Sugar Skull**
Butman-Fish – Friday, October 31, while supplies last
Celebrate Día de los Muertos with this craft kit!



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Banned Books Take & Make

Stop by **Hoyt** on **Monday, October 6** to pick up a **Banned Books Week Bag Charm Take & Make** kit while supplies last from the reference desk. Each kit includes everything you need to make a dangling charm that reminds you to "Read Banned Books"! **Banned Books Week**, taking place October 5-11 this year, is an annual event that highlights the value of free and open access to information. Find out more at bannedbooksweek.org.

**BANNED
BOOKS
WEEK**

OCT. 5-11, 2025



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ALA American Library Association



Take a Guided Tour of Hoyt's Haunted History

Get into spooky season with a guided **Ghost Tour at Hoyt**. Walk the ghostly basement halls and hear haunted stories of librarians past. Who knows? Maybe you'll leave with a story of your own...

Registration for each tour will open one week early on www.saginawlibrary.org/events. You can also call (989) 755-0904. Please register for one tour only. These programs are popular and always fill up quickly!

- **Saturday, October 11 – 2 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, October 15 – 6 p.m.**
- **Thursday, October 16 – 6 p.m.**
- **Thursday, October 23 – 6 p.m.**
- **Saturday, October 25 – 2 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, October 29 – 6 p.m.**
- **Thursday, October 30 – 6 p.m.**

Harmony Hangout at Zael



It's **Teen Music Night at Zael** on **Wednesday, October 8** starting at **6:30 p.m.**! At this "Harmony Hangout", guest artists will share the importance of music in their lives and how it fits in with other activities. Then the floor will be open for all to share their musical talents, without judgement. We'll wrap up with musical trivia!

Take an Outdoor Story Stroll



Stop by **Butman-Fish** anytime between **Saturday, October 18** and **Friday, October 31** for a **Halloween Story Stroll**! Take a walk outside as you read the children's picture book *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* by Linda Williams, which will be posted on signs around the library grounds.

Learn to Write at Cursive 101



Sign up to learn the basics of reading and writing cursive at **Butman-Fish's Cursive 101** class on **Monday, October 27** at **5:30 p.m.** At this program for teens and adults, we'll work on improving your current handwriting through practice, practice, practice! All skill levels are welcome. Please register at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call (989) 799-9160.

Kids Can Read to a Therapy Dog



What better way to improve your reading than by reading to a therapy dog? Children can read to Marvel, Moon Pie and Boulder in the **Zael Story Room** on **Saturday, October 18** from **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Dog-themed crafts and activities will be provided while you wait your turn. This program is for children and their families. Children under 7 will need an adult helper.

Bottle Painting with Markers



Adults: let's have a relaxing and fun time using glass paint markers to create a masterpiece! Join us for **Glass Bottle Painting at Zael** on **Monday, October 27** at **2 p.m.** Paint markers will be provided, but please bring your own clear glass bottle with any labels removed. To set the paint, you will need to bake your art in your own oven. Registration is required. Go to saginawlibrary.org/events or call (989) 799-2771 to register.

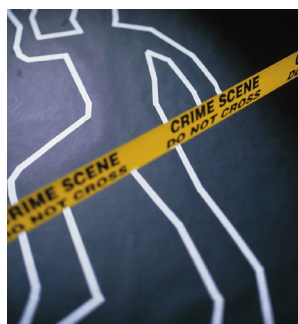
Halloween Drag Story Hour



Join us at **Hoyt** for a family-friendly night of stories with drag performer extraordinaire **Miss Dahlia Rivers** on **Wednesday, October 29** at **6:30 p.m.** Dahlia will read spooky stories and have some fun activities for all ages. Registration is required. Children under 7 will need an adult helper.

True Crime Stories

Murder Club at Hoyt is for all the lovers of true crime and murder most foul. On **Tuesday, October 14** at **6:30 p.m.**, we will be exploring another forgotten murder from Saginaw's past. Please join us. Adults can register for this program at www.saginawlibrary.org/events, or by calling (989) 755-9827.



See www.saginawlibrary.org/events for our full schedule of book clubs, tech classes, craft projects, Bookmobile stops & more!



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Branch Hours**Butman-Fish Library**Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm**Hoyt Library**Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm**Wickes Library**

Monday-Thursday Noon-6pm

Zael LibraryMonday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am-9pm
Wednesday Noon-9pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pmwww.saginawlibrary.org

Together We Inspire . . .

We are celebrating the Friends of the Public Libraries of Saginaw this October 19-25 during the 20th annual National Friends of Libraries week!

Friends are wonderful, supportive, helpful, and altogether indispensable volunteers who care about our library. The Friends are people who advocate for the library and work to support our services. Friends organize and operate the spring and fall book sales at Butman-Fish and Zael – which are also happening this month. These annual sales are the group's primary fundraiser, with the money raised going to support library programming and services throughout the year.

Visit www.saginawlibrary.org/about/friends-library, www.facebook.com/supportsaginawlibraries, or call (989) 755-9833 to find out more about how to get involved with this amazing group of volunteers!



Friends of Butman-Fish Library Fall Book Sale

Friends Members' Presale:

Wednesday, October 1: 4 to 7:30 p.m. (Memberships available at door)

Public Sale:

Thursday, October 2: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, October 3: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$3 Bag Sale:

Saturday, October 4: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (We'll provide the bags)

Friends of Zael Library Fall Book Sale

Friends Members' Presale:

Wednesday, October 15: 5 to 8 p.m. (Memberships available at door)

Public Sale:

Thursday, October 16: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Half-Price Books:

Friday, October 17: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$3 Bag Sale:

Saturday, October 18: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (We'll provide the bags)