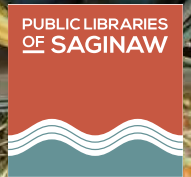


Beyond the Bookshelf

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Weekly Events:

Toddler Storytime

Zauel
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.

Chair Exercise

Zauel
Tuesdays – 1:30 p.m.

Homeschool Hangout Time!

Butman-Fish
Tuesdays – 2 p.m.

Miss Beth's Boombbox

Zauel
Thursdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except Nov. 27

Baby Storytime

Butman-Fish
Fridays – 9:30 a.m.
Except Nov. 28

Preschool Storytime

Butman-Fish
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.
Except Nov. 28

Family Storytime

Zauel
Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except Nov. 29

Events:

Wood Slice Ornament Take & Make

Hoyt
Saturday, Nov. 1 – All Day

Gobble Wobble Children's Yoga

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Nov. 1 – 10:30 a.m.

Hoyt Library's 135th Anniversary Celebration!

Hoyt
Saturday, Nov. 1 – 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

◆ Secret Book Box

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Nov. 1 – 2 p.m.

What Makes the Novel, Novel? A Perspective on the Craft of Ken Follett's Fiction

w/ Dr. Carlos Ramet from SVSU
Hoyt
Wednesday, Nov. 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Crafty Kids Hour

Zauel
Wednesday, Nov. 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Ask the Tech!

Zauel
Thursday, Nov. 6 – 3:30 p.m.

Spice Up Your Month

Hoyt
Saturday, Nov. 8 – All Day

Needle Arts Club

Hoyt
Saturday, Nov. 8 – 10 a.m.-Noon

Studio Storytime

Saginaw Art Museum
Saturday, Nov. 8 – 12:15 p.m.

◆ Mini Beach Zen Garden

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Nov. 8 – 3 p.m.

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, Nov. 10 – By Appt.

◆ Natural Grapevine Wreath

Butman-Fish
Monday, Nov. 10 – 5 p.m.

Decoupage Flower Pots

Wickes
Tuesday, Nov. 11 – 4 p.m.

◆ Continental Knitting

Zauel
Tuesday, Nov. 11 – 6:30 p.m.

Stranger Than Fiction Book Club

Barnes & Noble Café
Tuesday, Nov. 11 – 7 p.m.

Resume & Career Help

Butman-Fish
Wednesday, Nov. 12 – 4:30 p.m.

◆ Hungry Hackers: Teen Appliance Cooking Night

Zauel
Wednesday, Nov. 12 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Happy Little Paintalong

Butman-Fish
Thursday, Nov. 13 – 6 p.m.

Beaded Fox Take & Make

Hoyt
Saturday, Nov. 15 – All Day

Birds of Prey

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Nov. 15
Family Show – 11 a.m.
Adult Show – 1 p.m.

◆ Cook Book Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Nov. 15 – 3 p.m.

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, Nov. 17 – By Appt.

◆ Bracelets!

Zauel
Monday, Nov. 17 – 2 p.m.

◆ Calligraphy – Italic Hand

Butman-Fish
Monday, Nov. 17 – 5:30 p.m.

Fun with Origami

Zauel
Monday, Nov. 17 – 6:30 p.m.

Pages of History Book Club

Castle Museum
Tuesday, Nov. 18 – Noon

Fall Craft Fun!

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, Nov. 18 – 4 p.m.

Butman-Fish Book Club

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, Nov. 18 – 5:30 p.m.

Demystifying Disability Book Club

Hoyt
Tuesday, Nov. 18 – 5:30 p.m.

Coding STEAM Night at Hoyt!

Hoyt
Tuesday, Nov. 18 – 6 p.m.

◆ Memoir Reading & Writing Club

Hoyt
Wednesday, Nov. 19 – 2:30 p.m.

Movie Night at Zauel

Zauel
Wednesday, Nov. 19 – 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club

Oracle Brewing Co.
Wednesday, Nov. 19 – 6:30 p.m.

Series Starters Book Club

Butman-Fish
Thursday, Nov. 20 – 11 a.m.

Ask the Tech

Zauel
Thursday, Nov. 20 – 3:30 p.m.

Mythology Book Club

Hoyt
Thursday, Nov. 20 – 6:30 p.m.

Kids Drive-in Movie!

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Nov. 22 – 11 a.m.

◆ Teen Book Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Nov. 22 – 2 p.m.

Carry It On – Peter, Paul and Mary Tribute Band

Zauel
Saturday, Nov. 22 – 2 p.m.

Silent Book Club

Red Eye Coffee + Tea
Saturday, Nov. 22 – 3:30-4:45

◆ Holiday Decoration Swap

Hoyt
Monday, Nov. 24 – 5:30-7 p.m.

Kids' Favorites Book Club

Zauel
Monday, Nov. 24 – 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Puzzle Wreath

Zauel
Tuesday, Nov. 25 – 5:30 p.m.



**THANKSGIVING
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

**Thursday, Nov. 27
&
Friday, Nov. 28**

Book Club Soiree

w/ PFLAG Great Lakes Bay
First United Methodist Church
Friday, Nov. 28 – 6 p.m.

Holiday Ornaments

Make & Take
Zauel
Saturday, Nov. 29 – 10-4

From the Pages

Dan in Green Gables

By Rey Terciero & Claudia Aguirre
Young Adult Graphic Novel

Dan in Green Gables is a colorful reimagining of *Anne of Green Gables*, the classic novel that has inspired beloved books, movies, and TV shows. Anne's charming and eccentric spirit is channeled through Dan, a queer 14-year-old Dolly Parton diehard whose mom left him with his grandparents in rural Tennessee without even a goodbye. Dan doesn't always get along with everyone, but with stubbornness and a fierce love for the dramatics, he's able to make friends and find a place for himself in Green Gables.

I'm a fan of graphic novels that feel visually full; I read quickly, my eyes need something to do! *Dan in Green Gables* did not disappoint; it's absolutely gorgeous! The colors are vibrant, and its diverse cast of characters are detailed and dynamic. Dan explores the vulnerability of being himself, and like Anne, he's met with positive and negative responses. How do we really fit into a community, especially when it doesn't always accept us? How do we meet someone halfway, without giving up parts of ourselves? While this story does include heavy themes like homelessness, emotional and physical abuse, and homophobia, it stays upbeat and offers happy endings for everyone.

If you're a fan of the rich art style and playful tone of *Pumpkinheads* by Rainbow Rowell, then add this graphic novel to your fall to-reads!

Reviewed by Sam Allen
Hoyt Library



Novel Writing and the Craft of Ken Follett

Dr. Carlos Ramet, the author of two books of literary criticism and interpretation on bestselling novelist Ken Follett, will read from rare, unpublished works by Follett to discuss the writer's career path and "the road untaken" at Hoyt on **Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

Ramet will discuss his own interest in writing, what he's learned about craft from studying Follett, and where his approach and Follett's diverge at "What Makes the Novel, Novel?!", our 2025 National Novel Writing Month program. He will conclude by reading a selection from his recently published novel, *The Quiet Limit of the World*.

Ramet has taught creative writing at the collegiate level and is the author of more than twenty published short stories as well as numerous scholarly and nonfiction articles. A booksigning will follow.



Make a Book Box, a Wreath or a Bracelet

◆ Secret Book Box

Butman-Fish – Saturday, November 1 at 2 p.m.

Transform a discarded book into a secret hiding place on your shelf!

• Needle Arts Club

Hoyt – Saturday, November 8 from 10 a.m.–Noon

Bring a project to work on, or something you need help with.

◆ Natural Grapevine Wreath

Butman-Fish – Monday, November 10 at 5 p.m.

We'll provide grapevine, twine and dried citrus, herbs and spices to make a small wreath for the season!

• Decoupage Flower Pots

Wickes – Tuesday, November 11 at 4 p.m.

Decoupage flower pots with Thanksgiving napkins.

• Beaded Fox Take & Make kits

Hoyt – Saturday, November 15, while supplies last

Use pony beads and plastic lace to create a beaded fox.

◆ Bracelets!

Zael – Monday, November 17 at 2 p.m.

This simple bead bracelet, made using stretch cord, makes a great gift or stocking stuffer.

◆ Calligraphy – Italic Hand

Butman-Fish – Monday, November 17 at 5 p.m.

Learn the basics of the art and practice of beautiful writing. All levels welcome. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own calligraphy pen or marker if you have one.

• Fall Craft Fun!

Butman-Fish – Tuesday, November 18 at 4 p.m.

Children of all ages are welcome to this hour of fun, fall crafts!

• Holiday Puzzle Wreath

Zael – Tuesday, November 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Come join us as we use old puzzles to make beautiful holiday puzzle wreaths!

• Ornament Make & Take

Zael – Saturday, November 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Drop in. A variety of projects and materials will be available for the whole family to make ornaments!



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Join a PLOS Book Club

Do you know that the Public Libraries of Saginaw sponsors over a dozen book clubs? There's one for kids, one for teens, and one for almost every reading interest an adult could have! Some meet in our library buildings, but you can also find PLOS book clubs that meet at other local community organizations and businesses. See our fall book club brochure, or online event calendar for more information.





Birds of Prey Returns to Butman-Fish

Join us for amazing Face-to-Beak interaction with birds at **Butman-Fish** on **Saturday, November 15!** **Birds of Prey** returns to the library with two distinct shows. If you've never felt the rush of a turkey vulture's wings or looked an owl in the eye, here's your chance! Bird expert **Joe Rogers** from the **Wildlife Recovery Association** will give you an up-close look at live birds of prey.

Bring your entire family for feathery fun at 11 a.m. (Please note that the 1 p.m. show is adults only.)

Registration is not required, but these programs can fill up quickly, so plan to arrive early.

This program is generously sponsored by Saginaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.

Gobble Wobble Yoga for Kids



How would a turkey do yoga? Would a turkey do yoga? Come and **Gobble Wobble** at **Butman-Fish** on **Saturday, November 1** at **10:30 a.m.** This yoga session is geared towards children ages 4-10, but all are welcome. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or mat. No registration is necessary. Those under 7 need a helper.

Resume & Career Help at B-F



Bring your resume, cover letter or other career-related work and receive assistance at **Resume & Career Help** at **Butman-Fish** on **Wednesday, November 12** at **4:30 p.m.** Discover tips to make yourself stand out to potential employers! Go to www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call **(989) 799-9160** to register. Open to teens and adults.

Learn to Cook at Teen Night



Hungry teens will have the opportunity to make microwave chocolate mug cakes and air fryer English muffin pizzas at **Hungry Hackers: Teen Appliance Cooking Night** at **Zael** on **Wednesday, November 12** at **6:30 p.m.** Take-out boxes will be provided for those who make more than they can eat! Register online or call **(989) 799-2771**.



PPM Singalong at Zael

Sing along to the songs of Peter, Paul and Mary at **Zael** on **Saturday, November 22** at **2 p.m.** Mid-Michigan-based tribute band **Carry It On**, which is comprised of musicians Johnny Hunt, Lee Anne Whitman and Michael Giffin, will be hosting a singalong of many of your favorite PPM songs. Come to join in or just to listen; you'll have a good time either way!

Create a Mini Beach Zen Garden



Are you missing summer and dreading the upcoming winter? Let's build a traveling beach scene that you can take with you whenever you need a little sunlight! In the **Mini Beach Zen Garden** workshop at **Butman-Fish** on **Saturday, November 8** at **3 p.m.**, teens will create their own beach scene, make designs in the sand, and arrange shells, accessories and aquatic animals to reflect their mood. Registration is required. Register online or call **(989) 799-9160**.

Folding, Flipping, Origami Fun



Join us for an evening of **Fun with Origami** at **Zael** on **Monday, November 17** at **6:30 p.m.** Origami beginners and pros alike will enjoy expert Mark DeWolf-Ott's projects and ideas. This program is for elementary school-aged children and their families. Children under 7 will need an adult helper.

Trade out Your Holiday Decor



Switch up your holiday decorating by swapping with someone else at **Hoyt's Holiday Decoration Swap** on **Monday, November 24** from **5:30 to 7 p.m.** Drop off your decorations early at the Hoyt Reference Desk to get first pick on the day of the swap!

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



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Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

Wickes Library

Monday-Thursday Noon-6pm

Zael Library

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am-9pm
Wednesday Noon-9pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

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Together We Inspire . . .

Celebrate Hoyt Library's 135th Anniversary with us on November 1st

This year marks a remarkable milestone for one of Saginaw's most treasured institutions – Hoyt Library celebrates its 135th anniversary! Since its founding in 1890, Hoyt Library has stood as a beacon of knowledge, community, and architectural beauty in the heart of downtown Saginaw.

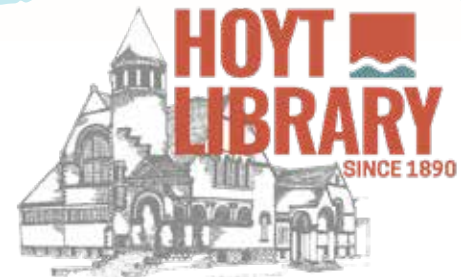
To celebrate, we are gathering together at the library for a community-inspired event! Join us **Saturday, November 1** for a variety of fun programs: a tour of the library with a behind-the-scenes point of view, a historical presentation from the Castle Museum of Saginaw County, a special birthday storytime, crafts and gifts, and more!

Anniversary Event Details and Times:

- **11 a.m. – Hoyt in 1890**
Presentation by Tom Trombley of the Castle Museum
- **11:30 a.m. – Tour of Library**
- **2 p.m. – Happy Birthday, Hoyt! Storytime**
- **3:30 p.m. – Vintage Postcard Making**
- **Wood Slice Ornament Take & Make kits, while supplies last**



While Jesse Hoyt of New York was never a permanent resident of Saginaw, few people did more to promote the city's creation and growth. Hoyt became involved in every aspect of East Saginaw's economy: lumber, railroads, salt, banking, and buildings.



In his 1882 will, he left \$100,000 to build a library on land he owned. The arrangement of the will included that the name of the library always be Hoyt Public Library and that it be for consultation and reference only.

Building construction began in 1887, with the doors opening to the public for the first time on November 1, 1890. Hoyt Library has seen many changes over the years, including additions and renovations, but it continues to stand as a landmark – a visible sign of the strength, endurance, and vision of the people of Saginaw.