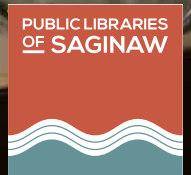


Beyond the Bookshelf

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September / 2025



Weekly Events:

Afterschool LEGO Club
Hoyt
Mondays – 4 p.m.

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.

Together We Read!
Hoyt
Saturdays – 2 p.m.

**All Branches Closed
for Labor Day
Saturday, August 30
through
Monday, September 1**

Events:

Color Me Calm for Adults
Wickes
Tuesday, Sept. 2 – 2 p.m.

Resume & Career Help
Hoyt
Wednesday, Sept. 3 – 4 p.m.

◆ **Drag Bingo Night**
Hoyt
Wednesday, Sept. 3 – 6 p.m.

Crafty Kids Hour
Zauel
Wednesday, Sept. 3 – 6:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks
Butman-Fish
Friday, Sept. 5 – 2 p.m.

Scrap Yarn Bird Take & Make
Hoyt
Saturday, Sept. 6 – All Day

◆ **Tech Tutoring**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Sept. 8 – By Appt.

◆ **Bind a Family History Journal**
Hoyt
Tuesday, Sept. 9 – 5 p.m.

◆ **Continental Knitting**
Zauel
Tuesday, Sept. 9 – 6:30 p.m.

Stranger Than Fiction Book Club
Barnes & Noble Café
Tuesday, Sept. 9 – 7 p.m.

◆ **Resume & Career Help**
Hoyt
Wednesday, Sept. 10 – 4 p.m.

Back to School Vision Boards
Butman-Fish
Wednesday, Sept. 10 – 5 p.m.

◆ **Poetry Slam**
Hoyt
Wednesday, Sept. 10 – 6 p.m.

Ask the Tech!
Zauel
Thursday, Sept. 11 – 3:30 p.m.

◆ **Happy Little Paintalong**
Butman-Fish
Thursday, Sept. 11 – 6 p.m.

Spice Up Your Month
Hoyt
Saturday, Sept. 13 – All Day

Needle Arts Club
Hoyt
Saturday, Sept. 13 – 10 a.m.-Noon

◆ **Hoyt Turns 135:
Stuffed Animal Sleepover Party!**
Hoyt
Drop Off: Monday, Sept. 15 – All Day
Pick Up: Wednesday, Sept. 17 – All Day

Make it Monday Take & Make
Zauel
Monday, Sept. 15 – All Day

◆ **Marbled Paper**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Sept. 15
2 sessions – 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Michigan Rocks & Fossils
Zauel
Monday, Sept. 15 – 6:30 p.m.

Pages of History Book Club
Castle Museum
Tuesday, Sept. 16 – Noon

Zen Doodles: Fall Leaves
Wickes
Tuesday, Sept. 16 – 4 p.m.

Butman-Fish Book Club
Butman-Fish
Tuesday, Sept. 16 – 5:30 p.m.

Demystifying Disability Book Club
Hoyt
Tuesday, Sept. 16 – 5:30 p.m.

◆ **Memoir Reading & Writing Club**
Hoyt
Wednesday, Sept. 17 – 2:30 p.m.

◆ **Dungeons & Dragons One Shot**
Butman-Fish
Wednesday, Sept. 17 – 5:30 p.m.

◆ **Learn About Tattooing
w/ Kyle Dunbar**
Hoyt
Wednesday, Sept. 17 – 6 p.m.

Mystery Book Club
Oracle Brewing Co.
Wednesday, Sept. 17 – 6:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks
Butman-Fish
Friday, Sept. 19 – 2 p.m.

◆ **Landscape in Pastels**
Zauel
Saturday, Sept. 20 – 10 a.m.

◆ **Hammered Copper Jewelry**
Butman-Fish
Saturday, Sept. 20
2 sessions – 2 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

◆ **Tech Tutoring**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Sept. 22 – By Appt.

◆ **Grant Writing Tips and Tricks**
Hoyt
Monday, Sept. 22 – 2:30 p.m.

**Light's Out – Nocturnal Animals
w/ Park Ranger Andrea Martinson**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Sept. 22 – 4 p.m.

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap
Wickes
Monday, Sept. 22 – Thurs. Sept. 25

Kids' Favorites Book Club
Zauel
Monday, Sept. 22 – 6:30 p.m.

Firefighter Phil Storytime
Zauel
Tuesday, Sept. 23 – 10:30 a.m.
Euchre Card Night
Zauel
Tuesday, Sept. 23 – 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Animal Habitat STEAM Night
Hoyt
Tuesday, Sept. 23 – 6 p.m.

◆ **A.I. and Popular Culture
w/ Dr. Erik K. Trump from SVSU**
Hoyt
Wednesday, Sept. 24 – 6:30 p.m.

Series Starters Book Club
Butman-Fish
Thursday, Sept. 25 – 11 a.m.

Ask the Tech
Zauel
Thursday, Sept. 25 – 3:30 p.m.

Mythology Book Club
Hoyt
Thursday, Sept. 25 – 6:30 p.m.

**Book Club Soiree w/
PFLAG Great Lakes Bay**
First United Methodist Church
Friday, Sept. 26 – 6 p.m.

Take & Make Charm Picture Frame
Butman-Fish
Saturday, Sept. 27 – All Day

Silent Book Club
Red Eye Coffee + Tea
Saturday, Sept. 27 – 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Movie Night
Zauel
Monday, Sept. 29 – 6 p.m.



From the Pages

Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant

By Curtis Chin
Adult Memoir

Curtis Chin grew up to a soundtrack of Motown in the '80s on Cass Avenue in Detroit, where his family owned a Cantonese restaurant. Chin's memoir details his process of trying to understand, accept, and establish his own identity by race, class, and sexuality, which he found difficult, especially when these intersections contradicted and collided with one another.

Chin includes descriptions of his multigenerational extended family, which are touching, especially when relating their old Chinese superstitions and wives' tales. Chin fondly remembers homework sessions with his mother, which were among his happiest memories of bonding with her.

In a racially divided Detroit, the diverse clientele at his family's restaurant taught him not to be scared of people who were different from him, and the restaurant became a refuge for him.

Chin first discovers his burgeoning sexuality while looking at dirty magazines with his brother. He discovered he had different tastes than his brother, and coming to terms with this became one of his life-defining struggles. His first crush was Rudy, the "Filipino Fonzie" with slicked back hair and a cute dimple, while he struggled with having no positive role models in music, television, or film.

This is a fun and well-written foodie memoir filled with humor and bravery. Chin overcame his obstacles and realized his dream of becoming a writer. Taking this journey with him is well worth the read. This book is the Great Michigan Read for 2025-26.

Reviewed by E.J. Easlick
Hoyt Library



Butman-Fish Adds Baby Storytime to Schedule

Baby Storytime is coming to **Butman-Fish**, beginning **Friday, September 5!** Share time with your little one while engaging in songs, rhymes and stories that help build a love of books and reading. This weekly storytime will be appropriate for ages birth to 23 months and their caregivers. It will meet **Fridays at 9:30 a.m.**, followed by Butman-Fish's continuing Preschool Storytime at 10:30 a.m.

Zauel offers Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays; Miss Beth's Boombox, a music and movement storytime, on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Family Storytime on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Hoyt hosts Together We Read! storytime on Saturdays at 2 p.m. See the full schedule online.



Monthly Kids Programs Return

Join us at **Zauel** on the **first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.** for **Crafty Kids Hour!** We'll put out a variety of supplies so you can let your creativity flow. On **Wednesday, September 3**, we will be making back-to-school crafts! Drop in any time between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The **Kids' Favorites Book Club** will meet at Zauel on the **fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.** What better way to kick off the school year than with a celebration of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series on **Monday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.**? These programs are for elementary school-aged children and their families. Children under 7 will need a helper.



Try your hand at one of these craft programs this month:

- **Color Me Calm for Adults**
Wickes – Tuesday, September 2 from 2–4 p.m.
- **Scrap Yarn Bird Take & Make (pictured)**
Hoyt – Saturday, September 6, while supplies last
- ♦ **Continental Knitting for Teens & Adults**
Zauel – Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Happy Little Paintalong for Teens & Adults**
Butman-Fish – Thursday, September 11 at 6 p.m.
- **Needle Arts Club for Teens & Adults**
Hoyt – Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m.–Noon
- **Make It Monday Take & Make Craft for Kids**
Zauel – Monday, September 15, while supplies last
- ♦ **Marbled Paper for Teens & Adults**
Butman-Fish – Monday, September 15 – 2 sessions. Please register for one: 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **Zen Doodles: Fall Leaves for Adults**
Wickes – Tuesday, September 16 from 4–5 p.m.
- ♦ **Landscape in Pastels for Adults**
Zauel – Saturday, September 20 at 10 a.m.
- ♦ **Take & Make Charm Picture Frame**
Butman-Fish – Saturday, September 27, while supplies last

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Firefighter Phil Storytime

He's back! Officer Phil Call, better known as **Firefighter Phil**, from the **Saginaw Township Fire Department** will be at **Zauel** on **Tuesday, September 23 at 10:30 a.m.** for a special Toddler Storytime!

After Phil shares some of his favorite picture books with us, there will be a chance to tour a fire truck in the parking lot. You won't want to miss this fun event for the littles!



Have Your Favorite Stuffed Animal Enjoy a Night at the Library



Calling all stuffed animals!

This year, Hoyt Library turns 135 years old! The librarians at Hoyt decided a great way to celebrate this magnificent birthday is to throw a birthday sleepover party for our favorite stuffed animal friends!

Hoyt will be hosting a **Hoyt Turns 135! Stuffed Animal Sleepover Party** this **September 15 through 17**. Drop off your stuffed animal at the reference desk between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday, September 15. Pick up your stuffed animal during open hours on Wednesday, September 17 and find out about their adventures in the library! There will be prizes and more. Please register in advance for this event. Stuffed Animal info forms and nametags will be given on the drop off date and must be filled out.

Bind a Family History Journal



How do we record our family history? Children can find out at **Bind a Family History Journal** at Hoyt on **Tuesday, September 9 at 5 p.m.** Come learn with the Local History and Genealogy Department, look at old Saginaw artifacts and bind your own family history journal! Register online or call (989) 755-9827.

Michigan Rocks & Fossils



Rockhounds of ALL AGES are invited to **Zauel** on **Monday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.** for **Michigan Rocks & Fossils**! Learn about the wide variety of rocks and fossils found in our state, get tips for finding your own and explore Miss Beth's collection of Petoskey stones, various corals, lightning stones, Yooperlites and more! All are invited. Children under 7 will need an adult helper.

Light's Out – Nocturnal Animals



As the sun begins to set earlier, what happens in nature when all the "lights" are out? Join us at **Butman-Fish** on **Monday, September 22 at 4 p.m.** for **Light's Out – Nocturnal Animals**. Andrea Martinson, park ranger with the **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge** will lead us in a storytime and craft about nocturnal animals. No registration is necessary, but children under 7 will need an adult helper.

Back to School Vision Boards



Vision Board. With family and friends to help you along your way, you can accomplish all you set out to do!

It's a new beginning and a new year at school. Release your stress and worry by planning out how you want it to go. Come to **Butman-Fish** on **Wednesday, September 10 at 5 p.m.** Miss Kamilah will lead a presentation on goal setting for children in grades 5-8, followed by a craft to design your own **Back to School**

Hammered Copper Jewelry



enjoy. Please register for either the **2 p.m.** or **3:30 p.m.** session. Class size is limited, so registration is required.

Make your own hand-hammered copper pendant or set of earrings at **Hammered Copper Jewelry** for teens and adults at **Butman-Fish** on **Saturday, September 20**. You will learn the basics of hammering metal, attaching jump rings, and applying a patina to make your design POP! Leave with a finished piece, ready to wear and

Wickes' Jigsaw Puzzle Swap



Wickes is having a **Jigsaw Puzzle Swap** for adults! Begin dropping off puzzles September 15 to receive vouchers to redeem during the event. (Puzzles are also welcome after the exchange begins.) Swap hours will be **Monday, September 22 through Thursday, September 25 from 4-5:45 p.m.**

Join Us for a Poetry Slam!

The first **Hoyt Library Poetry Slam** in collaboration with the **Friends of Roethke** will take place **Wednesday, September 10 at 6 p.m.**! The event is open to everyone. Some prizes have been generously donated by the **Friends of Roethke Foundation**.

Jared Morningstar, Olivia Muñoz and Donny Winter will judge.

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 Library

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am-9pm

Wednesday Noon-9pm

Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

www.saginawlibrary.org

Together We Inspire . . .

A.I. and Popular Culture



From microfiche to ebooks, libraries have long adapted to technological change – but does Artificial Intelligence mark a turning point? In a thought-provoking talk on **A.I. and Popular Culture**, **Dr. Erik K. Trump**, the director of the **Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Saginaw Valley State University**, will explore how generative A.I. is already reshaping the way we

read, write, and conduct research and what that might mean for public knowledge, literacy, and libraries. Please join us at **Hoyt** on **Wednesday, September 24** at **6:30 p.m.** Register at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call Hoyt at **(989) 755-0904**.

Great Lakes Bay READ is Back



Michigan Humanities has announced ***Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant*** by **Curtis Chin** as the **2025-26 Great Michigan Read**.

Chin's memoir about growing up in Detroit in the 1980s touches on themes of identity, class, family, and – of course – food! This year, the Public Libraries of Saginaw will be bringing back our local offshoot program, the **Great Lakes Bay Read**. Over the next few months, watch for book discussions, cultural programming and more centered around the memoir's themes. See inside for a book review by PLOS staff member E.J. Easlick.

Learn About Tattooing & TV



Curious about the world of tattooing? **Kyle Dunbar**, a former ***Ink Master*** contestant and tattooist at **Drunken Monkey Tattoo**, will teach us about his experiences on reality TV and how he developed his artistic style at **Hoyt** on **Wednesday, September 17** at **6 p.m.** Register for **Learn About Tattooing with Kyle Dunbar**. All ages welcome.

Friends of the Libraries Fall Book Sales are Coming!

Butman-Fish: October 1–4

Zael: October 15–18