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Class for Families of Infants and Toddlers to Start in Fall

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Beyond the Bookshelf

September 2022

Crafts, Art, Puzzles & More

You asked for crafts, and we listened! The results of our Adult Programming Survey are in. Out of the 443 completed surveys we received, over 43% of you told us you were interested in craft programming and learning how to do new things. That’s why we have a card making program, several needle arts opportunities and more crafts on our schedule this month. See above and www.saginawlibrary.org/events for all the details.

Memorial Finds New Home

Ruth Brady Wickes, the namesake of Wickes Library, was the first president of the Visiting Nurse Association of Saginaw. The VNA, which is now part of Covenant HealthCare, is moving to a new building and needed to relocate her memorial sculpture and pedestal. The memorial was delivered to its new home at Wickes Library on July 26. Thank you, VNA!
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**Murder & Mayhem Book Club**

The BoardRoom inside the SVRC Marketplace, 203 S. Washington

Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Library Director Maria McCanville on the fourth Thursday of the month for an evening of good food and drinks with discussion. September’s selection is: **August Snow** by Stephen Mack Jones.

**Send Your Stuffed Animal on a Sleepover**

Kids drop off your stuffed animal at Butman-Fish Library on Friday, September 16th between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. for a Stuffed Animal Sleepover! At the drop-off event, you will make a name tag for your friend and we will luck them in and read them a story. Then, they’ll spend the night at the library under the supervision of Mr. Paws (their stuffed animal, of course!).

You will come back Saturday morning, between 11 a.m. and Noon to pick up your friend from the sleepover. We’ll have pictures of what they did all night at the library. Enjoy a donut as you view all the fun they had! Dolls and other “babies” are welcome. One toy per child, please.

Reviewed by Julie Potter

Butman-Fish Library

Full review available at www.saginawlibrary.org

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The Friends of Zauel Library’s sale runs October 12-22, with Friends’ Night on October 15 and a Bag Sale on October 22.


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**It’s Time to Really Rock!**

Did you know our state of Michigan is a treasure trove of rocks, fossils and minerals? At Let’s Rock! at Butman-Fish on Saturday, September 17 at 3 p.m., we’ll learn all about Michigan’s rocks, find some fossils of your own, and paint your own rock! This program is for children of all ages. Children under 7 need a responsible helper.

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**Local Author Presents at Hoyt**

Before Michal Ramsey Smith was a teacher in the Saginaw Public Schools, she was growing up in her loving, lively Black family in the 1950s. Her new memoir, *The Smell of Lilacs*, tells the stories of the joys of cooking with her mother, watching her father negate customers in his barber shop and so many more moments we’re excited to share with you for a special presentation by the author – whether you’ve read the book or not! – at Hoyt Library on Saturday, September 24 at 1:30 p.m.

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**Learn New Skills**

Hoyt Library is offering tech classes and skill-building workshops this month to make your life easier. Call (989) 755-6094 or register online.

- **Beginner Tech Tips** – Wednesday, September 14 @ 4:00
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Maker Mysteries for Children

Are you ready to be challenged? Mondays in September, pick up a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) activity mystery bag for your 6-12 year-old in the Hoyt Library Children’s Room. Kids will use the materials found in the bag to create and complete a weekly challenge. If your child needs some help to get started, watch for live stream videos each week for tips and ideas.

Due to limited supplies, registration is required. Call (989) 755-6904 or visit www.saginawlibrary.org/events for more information.

It’s Library Card Sign-Up Month

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-Up Month has been held every September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and the Public Libraries of Saginaw unite with other libraries across the nation to ensure that every child signs up for their own library card.

This month, we will have a small gift for every new cardholder – plus all library visitors can enter daily drawings to win gift cards good for free items at Friends of the Library Fall book sales.

Hoyt Library is hosting a Library Card Sign-Up Month Celebration on Saturday, September 10 at 2 p.m. Come learn what the library has to offer. Read books, play games, check out Hoyt’s new Launchpads, browse our diverse collections, craft your own library card holder, and take home some library swag!

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These two new groups join the existing Great Reads!, Pages of History, Kidlit for Grown Ups and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel Discussion groups. See www.saginawlibrary.org/events for more information.

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