

Beyond the Bookshelf

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
OF SAGINAW



◆ Indicates registration required

May / 2025

Weekly Events:

Afterschool LEGO Club

Hoyt
Mondays – 4 p.m.
Except for May 26

Toddler Storytime

Zauel
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for May 27

Chair Exercise

Zauel
Tuesdays – 1:30 p.m.
Starts May 20

Miss Beth's Boombox

Zauel
Thursdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for May 29

Preschool Storytime

Butman-Fish
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

Zauel
Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for May 24 & 31

Together We Read! Storytime

Hoyt
Saturdays – 2 p.m.
Except for May 24

Events:

Make Your Own Kite!

Butman-Fish
Saturday, May 3 – 2 p.m.

Kids Zone Craft Night: Cinco de Mayo!

Zauel
Monday, May 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Color Me Calm for Adults

Wickes
Tuesday, May 6 – 2 p.m.

◆ The History of Islam in Michigan

Hoyt
Thursday, May 7 – 6:30 p.m.

Great Books Book Club

Hoyt
Thursday, May 8 – 2:30 p.m.

Ask the Tech

Zauel
Thursday, May 8 – 3:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, May 9 – 2 p.m.

Spice Up Your Month

Hoyt
Saturday, May 10 – All Day

Origami Earring Take & Make

Hoyt
Saturday, May 10 – All Day

Book to Movie Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, May 10 – 10 a.m.

Needle Arts Club

Hoyt
Saturday, May 10 – 10 a.m.–Noon

Series Starters Book Club

Creation Coffee
Saturday, May 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Studio Storytime

Saginaw Art Museum
Saturday, May 10 – 12:15 p.m.

Cookbook Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, May 10 – 3 p.m.

Make it Monday Take & Make

Zauel
Monday, May 12 – All Day

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, May 12 – By Appt.

Books Beyond Binaries

Hoyt
Monday, May 12 – 3:30 p.m.

Kids Zone: Outdoor Games!

Zauel
Monday, May 12 – 6:30 p.m.

Stranger Than Fiction Book Club

Barnes & Noble Café
Monday, May 12 – 7 p.m.

◆ Adult Pour Painting

Wickes
Tuesday, May 13 – 4:30 p.m.

◆ Continental Knitting

Zauel
Tuesday, May 13 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Resume Assistance

Hoyt
Wednesday, May 14 – 4 p.m.

◆ How to Start Your Own Business

Hoyt
Wednesday, May 14 – 6:30 p.m.

Glitz, Glamour, and Scandals Biography Book Club

Zauel
Saturday, May 17 – 11 a.m.

Kids Zone Year-End Grand Finale: Dog Man Party

Zauel
Monday, May 19 – 6:30 p.m.

Pages of History Book Club

Castle Museum
Tuesday, May 20 – Noon

Pressed Flower Bookmarks

Wickes
Tuesday, May 20 – 4 p.m.

Friends of PLOS Annual Meeting

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, May 20 – 5 p.m.

Engineering Design Night

Hoyt
Tuesday, May 20 – 6 p.m.

◆ Memoir Reading & Writing Club

Hoyt
Wednesday, May 21 – 2:30 p.m.

◆ Teen Night:

Dungeons and Dragons 101
Zauel
Wednesday, May 21 – 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club

Oracle Brewing Co.
Wednesday, May 21 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Clay Tic Tac Toe Kits

Hoyt
Thursday, May 22 – 2:30 p.m.

Ask the Tech!

Zauel
Thursday, May 22 – 3:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, May 23 – 2 p.m.

Book Club Soiree w/ PFLAG Great Lakes Bay

First United Methodist Church
Friday, May 23 – 6 p.m.

**Happy Memorial Day!
All Branches Closed**

**Saturday, May 24
through
Monday, May 26**

Butman-Fish Book Club

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, May 27 – 5:30 p.m.

Board Game Night

Zauel
Tuesday, May 27 – 5:30 p.m.

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Wednesday, May 28 – By Appt.

◆ Resume Assistance

Hoyt
Wednesday, May 28 – 4 p.m.

Mythology Book Club

Hoyt
Thursday, May 29 – 6:30 p.m.

Mid Michigan Model Makers Youth Model Make-It Take It

Zauel
Saturday, May 31: 9 a.m.–Noon

Summer Reading Program Starts Monday, June 2!

Everyone is welcome to participate in our age-appropriate reading challenges and special events. Visit our website to find out what fun is going on all summer long!



From the Pages

Honeysuckle and Bone

By Trisha Tobias
Young Adult Fiction

18-year-old Celia arrives at the Blackbeard mansion in Jamaica. She has taken a temporary job to be nanny for the children of the wealthy Hall family. It is not long before Celia receives signs, one being the cloying scent of honeysuckle (even though there is no honeysuckle on the property) that something or someone in the mansion wants her gone.

The reader learns that Celia is there under false pretenses. The job was supposed to have belonged to her best friend, Joy. We do not know the exact nature of how Celia came to take her friend's job, or what exactly happened to Joy, although we know Celia bears a great deal of guilt over the situation.

Another source of tension is the supernatural occurrences that seem to be telling Celia to leave. At first, Celia assumes it is her friend Joy punishing her for whatever has occurred. But as she learns secrets about the Hall family, she starts to think the spirit has something to do with Ian Hall's past misdeeds. Celia's sleuthing into the true nature of the paranormal phenomenon and the Hall family's past is another thing that propels the reader forward and also leads to an incredible plot twist near the end.

Delectable bits of lightness are added through the vivid descriptions of Jamaica. Levity is added by the lighthearted banter and friendship shared among Celia and the other workers at the mansion. To top it off, there is just the right dash of romance between Celia and Aaron, one of the mansion gardeners, that only blossoms near the end of the novel after all secrets have been revealed. In the end, the reader is left with a message about wrong choices, guilt, and learning to rise about guilt to truly live again.

Reviewed by Bryan Latimer
Zauel Library



Kids Zone Fun at Zauel

Kids Zone is **Zauel's** weekly program for elementary school-aged children and their families. Join us for the last three weeks of fun and games before we take the summer off! Meets **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.**

- **May 5: Craft Night** – We'll be celebrating Cinco de Mayo!
- **May 12: Game Night** – Weather permitting, we'll set up some outside games from our Library of Things!
- **May 19: Dog Man Party** – We'll be talking about Dav Pilkey's books, making **Dog Man** crafts and art, playing games and enjoying some awesome snacks at the **GRAND FINALE** of this year's Kid Zone program!



Take & Make Crafts & More

Stop by **Hoyt** on **Saturday May 10** to pick up an **Origami Earring Take & Make kit** from the reference desk, while supplies last. Each kit includes everything you need to make your own pair of Origami Earrings (pictured at right).

Herbs de Provence is the flavor of **Hoyt's Spice Up Your Month kit**, which will also be available on **Saturday, May 10**. Each kit includes a spice sample with recipes.

Zauel's Make It Monday kits will be available starting Monday, May 12. Get your flower craft kit while you can, because when they're gone, they're gone!



Learn a New Skill at One of Our Craft Classes

Our craft classes are full of exciting and artistic projects. Try something new this month! (Or, try something fun again!)

- **Adult Pour Painting at Wickes – Tuesday, May 13 at 4:30 p.m.**
We will be pour painting using a swipe technique on canvas. Registration is required.
- **Continental Knitting at Zauel – Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.**
Register for a step-by-step lesson in the Continental knitting technique. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to bring their own projects and socialize.
- **Crafternoons at Wickes – Tuesday, May 20 at 4 p.m.**
We will be using pressed flowers to make beautiful bookmarks. This drop-in craft is available for everyone. Children under 7 will need an adult helper.
- **Clay Tic Tac Toe Kits at Hoyt – Thursday, May 22 at 2:30 p.m.**
Sculpt Tic Tac Toe pieces out of air dry clay! This program is open to children, teens and adults, but registration is required.
- **4M Youth Model Make-It Take-It at Zauel – Saturday, May 31 from 9 a.m.–Noon**
Have fun building a kit model with your child!



Make a Kite With Us!

Summer breezes are the best! Come and **Make Your Own Kite** at **Butman-Fish** on **Saturday, May 3 at 2 p.m.** Then send us pictures of all the places you fly it over the summer!

This program is for ages 4-12. Kids under age 7 will need an adult helper.



Could Your Life Use More Glitz and Glamour? Join us at Book Club!



Zauel's new Glitz, Glamour, and Scandals Biography Book Club will meet for the first time in the library's Quiet Study Room on **Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m.** This book club will read and discuss newer, bestselling biographies about the rich and famous. We already love some of these stars... or love to judge them... or think we know them... but we may find these celebrities have struggles and insecurities that we can relate to. May's book is: ***When Women Ran Fifth Avenue* by Julie Satow.**

Books about celebrities aren't your thing? Try one of the Public Libraries of Saginaw's other discussion groups. The **Great Books Club** at **Hoyt** is discussing ***Light in August* by William Faulkner** on **Thursday, May 8 at 2:30 p.m.**, while the **Book to Movie Club** at **Butman-Fish** will watch ***The Martian* (2015, PG-13)** on **Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m.** and have a short discussion afterwards. (If you have a chance, read the book ***The Martian* by Andy Weir** first, but you are welcome to join us even if you aren't a reader or don't have time to finish the book.) There are no fewer than 14 PLOS book groups meeting this month! See our event calendar for the full slate.

Hands-On Engineering at Hoyt



Can you design and build something taller than you? Try it at **Hoyt's latest STEAM Night** on **Tuesday, May 20 at 6 p.m.** We'll be having some hands-on learning fun as we try Engineering Design! This program is for ages 7-14. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult helper.

Dungeons and Dragons 101



Teens and their family members are invited to **Zauel** on **Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.** for **Dungeons and Dragons 101**. Our resident Dungeon Master will take us through an introduction to the game. Then, you will get a chance to play! Please register **online** or call **989-799-2771**.

We Mean Business. (Or, Helping You Find Out How to Start One)



Have you ever wondered what makes a good business idea? Join **Dr. Izabela Szymanska** for an exciting journey into the world of entrepreneurship at **Hoyt** this summer! **How to Start Your Own Business** on **Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m.** will introduce you to the dynamic landscape of starting and running your own business. We'll explore the essential qualities that make a successful entrepreneur, uncover aspects to consider when developing a unique value proposition and highlight some real-life success stories that inspire. Don't miss this chance to take the first step toward transforming your ideas into reality!

Dr. Szymanska teaches entrepreneurship and management courses at Saginaw Valley State University. As part of her regular work with students, she helps them refine their business ideas and connect them with funding resources. She holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

This is part of a Summer Series on starting your own business. **How to Write a Winning Business Plan** is on **June 4**, and **How to Secure a New Business Loan** is on **July 9**. Attend all three sessions, or just one! Register at www.saginawlibrary.org/events.

Hoyt will also offer **Resume Assistance** on two **Wednesday** afternoons this May. We'll be meeting in Hoyt's Computer Lab to learn some basic skills and how to make your resume stand out to potential employers. Receive assistance with your resume on either **May 14** or **May 28 at 4 p.m.** Register on our website at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call **(989) 755-0904** for more information.



New Chair Exercise Class

Fun and exercise really do go together! **Zauel's** new weekly **Chair Exercise** class will start **Tuesday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m.** Each week, we'll have fun, socialize and rock out to top oldies hits while burning calories. Wear comfortable clothing, bring a water bottle and a friend, and expect to walk out with a glowing smile! This event is designed to be wellness support for adults.

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 11am-7pm
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 . . .

Zael Friends Spring Sale



Shop for deals on used books, media and more at the **Zael Friends annual Spring Book Sale** this **May 14-17!** The **Friends of the Public Libraries of Saginaw** are a group of advocates and volunteers who love our libraries! Money raised by the Friends through memberships,

book sales and other activities helps to fund a wide range of library projects. Find out more by visiting www.saginawlibrary.org/about/friends-library.

Member Presale: May 14: 5 to 8 p.m.
Memberships available at door

Public Sale: May 15: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Half-Price Sale: May 16: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$3 Bag Sale: May 17: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Learn About the Future of the Court Theater at Friends Annual Meeting, May 20



Jordan Dice, the new owner of Saginaw's historic Court Theater, will be the guest speaker at the **Friends of the Public Libraries of Saginaw's annual membership meeting on Tuesday, May 20 at Butman-Fish**, beginning at **5 p.m.**

The public is welcome to attend and learn about the future of the Court Theater, the Friends organization and what is going on at the libraries. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, visit www.saginawlibrary.org/about/friends-library or contact the Public Libraries of Saginaw business office at **(989) 755-9833**. Contributions to the Friends are tax deductible as the law allows. The annual Friends membership year runs July 1 through June 30.