September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time when the Public Libraries of Saginaw join the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind everyone about the valuable resources available with a library card.

We’ll have a special gift for everyone who signs up for a new card during the month, but your real treat will be all the uses you’ll find for your new card. From borrowing books, ebooks, and audiobooks to getting homework help, learning new hobbies, or growing a small business, a library card helps everyone do more of what they enjoy. All without stretching their budget!

The Public Libraries of Saginaw, along with libraries everywhere, continuously adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community. To find out more about signing up for a library card, or to learn more about the library’s resources and programs, please visit www.saginawlibrary.org.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-Up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries work together in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card.
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From the Pages

Ab(Solutely) Normal: Short Stories that Smash Mental Health Stereotypes

Edited by Nora Shalaway Carpenter & Rocky Callen
Young Adult Fiction

A vampire learns that he alone can save his town from destruction, but is not sure he can do so because it would involve being “seen” and he suffers from social anxiety. A girl pursues her heart out in letters to the ex-boyfriend she still loves, explaining that their breakup stemmed from her struggle with PMDD. A boy teased for his uncontrollable crying is befriended by a strong girl who is the victim of bullying in her own right. These are just a few of the memorable and lovely stories from the anthology Ab(Solutely) Normal: Short Stories That Smash Mental Health Stereotypes.

The sixteen short stories (there is also poetry and a story in graphic form for good measure) are tied together in that each protagonist grapples with some aspect of mental health. And in each, there is hope when that person reveals their struggles to a person close to them. Some of these stories will break your heart. Some will make you laugh. All of them will teach you something about what it means to struggle with mental health.

The best part for me was the personal notes from the authors at the end of each story. They are reminders that these stories are written by individuals who have grappled with (or are still grappling with) these issues firsthand and have lived to talk about it. Also, I love that the book concludes with ten pages of resources for those needing help with a range of mental health issues.

It’s hard to imagine a collection that could be more important in the hands of young people today, especially since the Surgeon General has recently issued a warning about a national youth mental health crisis. There is much compassion and hope to be found in the pages of this book.

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Tales for Two at Zauel
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Preschool Storytime at Butman-Fish
Designed for ages 3-5 and their caregivers, but all are welcome. Meets weekly on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime at Zauel
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Saturday Morning Cartoons

Butman-Fish will be hosting a viewing party on Saturday, September 16 at 10 a.m. Kids can join us for an animated adventure or two as we celebrate the weekend and wind down after a long week at school. Children under 7 will need an adult helper.

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• Butman-Fish: October 4-7
• Zuel: October 18-21

Learn about Solar Eclipses

Butman-Fish will host a fun and educational program on Saturday, September 9 at 2 p.m., to get you and your child ready for the Annular Solar Eclipse coming this October. We’ll take an adventure with Moonbear’s Shadow and learn more about how eclipses work. Every person that attends will get a pair of eclipse glasses for viewing the solar eclipse on October 14. This program is meant for kids ages 5-12. Children under 7 will need an adult helper.

Browsing Basics for Beginners at Zauel
Need to know how to surf the web without falling flat on your face? Come learn with us on Thursday, September 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Tech Tutoring at Butman-Fish
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Tackling Tech at Hoyt
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All About 3D Printing at Zauel
Have you wondered what 3D printing is all about? Curious about the applications? Want to know how to get started? Visit Zauel on Thursday, September 14 at 3:30 p.m. to find out.

Beginner’s Computer Class at Hoyt
We’ll go over all the basics of using a mouse and keyboard and how to navigate going online on Monday, September 18 at 3 p.m.

Beginner’s Tech Tips at Zauel
Join us on Thursday, September 21 at 3:30 p.m. for a look at some tips and strategies for making our time with tech less tedious!

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Decorate Your School Supplies

Now that you’re back to school, it’s time to decorate! Butman-Fish will have its button maker, art supplies and lots of inspiration available after school on Tuesday, September 12 from 3-5 p.m. to help students create buttons, magnets for their lockers and backpacks. This is a drop-in program for students in grades 5-8. Registration is not required.

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