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Painterly Pottery is coming to Butman-Fish on Monday, July 11, for two ceramics workshops. We'll provide all the supplies. All you need to do is flex your creativity and then wait patiently for the final product. Items will be taken back to Painterly Pottery to be fired in the store's kiln and then returned to the library for pick-up at a later date.

The 3 p.m. session is for children 12 and under only. Teens and adults can register for the 5 p.m. session. Call the library at (888) 799-9160 or visit www.saginawlibrary.org/events for more information or to register.

Kids: Register for 4-H Fun

Our friends from MSU Extension 4-H will be at Hoyt for two children's programs this month. Do you like to make your own food? Join us on Wednesday, July 10 at 3 p.m. for Food Science Quests! We'll be learning how to make ice cream and exploring the science that turns basic ingredients into delicious food that you can eat!

4-H will be back Monday, July 15 at 3 p.m. for Gyotaku Print Art Adventures. We'll create amazing fish prints using paint and replica fish molds. Please register for these programs online, or call (989) 755-0904.

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Map Your Next Adventure at Hoyt Library & Share to Win!

Don't forget we want to see where everyone is going on adventures this summer! When you're at Hoyt, fill out an entry slip to sign up for our Summer Reading Program. Slips will also serve as entry to a prize drawing. Last day to enter will be August 3. One random winner will be drawn in August.

In the meantime, get adventurous with these map-based crafts at Hoyt:

• Take & Make Map Greeting Cards – Friday, July 1, supplies last
• Make a Rock Hunt – Saturday, July 13 @ 2 p.m.
• Make a Miniature Globe – Wednesday, July 17 @ 3:30 p.m.
• Travel Adventure Memory Boards – Wednesday, July 31 @ 6 p.m.

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Dinosaur Adventures Begin

Join us at Zueli on Thursday, July 11 at 3 p.m. for an adventure with paleontologist, children’s book author, storyteller and real dinosaur digger Paleo Jeff! He’ll be bringing dinosaur casts and models to tell stories that will keep you on the edge of your seat!

Mark Rosenthal’s Animal Magic

Meet some amazing animals on Monday, July 15 at 3 p.m. with Mark Rosenthal at Butman-Fish! Mark Rosenthal brings his award-winning exotic Animal Magic show to Butman-Fish! Mark has been educating and entertaining people all over the United States with this memorable show for years. Don’t miss this adventure!

An Out-of-this World Experience

Explore the solar system while making a solar energy detector, a beautiful moon rock, and the marvelous melodies of the mockingbirds.

Family History for Beginners

Did you know that people from all over the world use our Local History and Genealogy collection to track down their family history? If you’ve ever wanted to learn how to start searching for your family, join Lime Zauel on “Getting Started with Genealogy Basics for Beginners at Butman-Fish” on Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. Our genealogy experts will show you both traditional and online resources to help get you started.

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I invite you to immerse yourself within the realms of Mother Nature, easing up the tension placed upon your shoulders and the marvelous melodies of the mockingbirds.

Get Ready for Kindergarten

Starting July 12, Butman-Fish’s regular 10:30 a.m. Friday storytimes will add a few new building activities to the mix to support kids that will be starting Kindergarten in the fall. All ages will still be welcome! Get Ready for Kindergarten is only one of many storytimes offered at the Public Libraries of Saginaw. Check www.saginawlibrary.org/events for the full schedule.

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### Summer Reading 2024
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  - July / 2024

**Indicates registration required**