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Weekly Events:

- Tales for Tots Storytime at Zuel on Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.
- Tai Chi at Butman-Fish on Tuesdays – 1 p.m.
- Movie Night at Butman-Fish on Fridays – 10:30 a.m.
- preschool Storytime at Zuel on Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.

Events:

- Dungorion & Dragon Slaying Saturdays at Butman-Fish on Aug. 3 – 9:30 a.m.
- The Great Reads Book Club at Hoyt on Mondays, Aug. 5 – 2:15 p.m.
- Summer Reading Wrap-Up Family Carnival at Butman-Fish on Aug. 7 – 5:30 p.m.
- Stranger Than Fiction Book Club at Butman-Fish on Aug. 7 – 10:30 a.m.

**Indicates registration required**

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Learn What’s in the Local History Collection

Join us at Butman-Fish on Wednesday, August 7 at 5:30 p.m. for a fascinating lesson about Saginaw’s past.

At From the Archives: Saginaw History, Grant, the Public Libraries of Saginaw’s Local History and Genealogy Librarian, will be showcasing items from the library’s extensive archival collection. This will give you a rare up-close and personal encounter with the artifacts of Saginaw and a chance to hear their stories.

For more information, or to register, call Butman-Fish at (899) 799-9160, or visit www.saginawlibrary.org/events.

3 Chances to Learn from Author & Herbalist

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  Zauel – Tuesday, August 6 @ 6 p.m.
  Have you ever wanted to save seeds, but didn’t know where to start? At this fun and informative presentation, Bevin will highlight the importance of saving and sharing our garden seeds and how to successfully do it at home through a blend of hands-on demonstration and lecture.

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Cat Day Tissue Paper Painting

Stop in to Hoyt Reference Desk on Saturday, August 17 to pick up a Feline Mosaic Kit while supplies last. Each kit will include everything you need to make your own world’s most well-known feline friend! It doesn’t matter if you’re a master cat painter or not, this craft is suitable for all ages, but younger children will need an adult helper.

Make Your Own Disco Ball Vase

Create a Disco Ball Vase at Butman-Fish on Saturday, August 17 at 2:30 p.m. We’ll be using plastic fishbowls and recycled CD’s to create this fun recepticle for your favorite faux florals and plants! This craft is suitable for teens and adults. Please register at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call (899) 799-9160.
Icarus: A Unique and Consequential Fall

Icarus is a character from Greek mythology, known for his attempt to fly with wings made of wax and feathers. The story of Icarus is a cautionary tale about ambition and the consequences of exceeding one's limits. Icarus, the son of Daedalus, the inventor of the flying machine, is pulled to the sun (Helios) by his eagerness to get a closer look. His wings melt, and he falls into the sea, making his last words, “Icarus is pulled to the sun.”

In the story, Icarus’s fall from the sky to the sea is a metaphor for the inescapable consequences of his actions. It serves as a warning against the dangers of hubris and the importance of knowing one’s place.

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Bring Your Children to Storytime at the Library!

For ages 3-5 and their caregivers, all are welcome. Meets weekly on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Travel Across Michigan

Did you know you can use your library card to “check out” many of Michigan’s cultural attractions, State Parks and recreation areas? Before your next vacation, visit www.micactivitypass.org, or click on the Michigan Activity Pass link on our website to see offers for free and discounted passes from a wide variety of tourist attractions across the state!
Beyond the Bookshelf

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