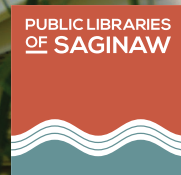


Beyond the Bookshelf

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July / 2025



Weekly Events:

Monday Matinees

Zauel
Mondays – 2 p.m.

Summer LEGO Club

Hoyt
Mondays – 4 p.m.
Wednesdays – 1 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

Zauel
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.

♦ Tai Chi for Better Sleep

Butman-Fish
Tuesdays & Thursdays – 11:30 a.m.

Chair Exercise

Zauel
Tuesdays – 1:30 p.m.

Miss Beth's Boombox

Zauel
Thursdays – 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Butman-Fish
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for July 4 & 25

Parkside Picture Books

Playground next to Zauel
Fridays – 1 p.m.
*Weather permitting
Except for July 4 & 25*

Family Storytime

Zauel
Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.

Together We Read!

Hoyt
Saturdays – 2 p.m.

Events:

Color Me Calm for Adults

Wickes
Tuesday, July 1 – 2 p.m.

Take & Make USA Crown

Butman-Fish
Wednesday, July 2 – All Day

Puppets in the Park

Immerman Park
Wednesday, July 2 – 2 p.m.

Paint Chip Bookmarks

Hoyt
Wednesday, July 2 – 2:30 p.m.

♦ Grant Writing Tips and Tricks

Hoyt
Thursday, July 3 – 11 a.m.



**HOLIDAY
CLOSING:
Friday, July 4**

♦ Cookbook Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, July 5 – 3 p.m.

♦ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, July 7 – By Appt.

Accordion Fans Watercolor Painting

Wickes
Tuesday, July 8 – 2:30 p.m.

♦ Continental Knitting

Zauel
Tuesday, July 8 – 6:30 p.m.

Stranger Than Fiction Book Club

Barnes & Noble Café
Tuesday, July 8 – 7 p.m.

♦ Resume Assistance

Hoyt
Wednesday, July 9 – 4 p.m.

♦ How to Secure a New Business Loan

Hoyt
Wednesday, July 9 – 6:30 p.m.

Great Books Book Club

Hoyt
Thursday, July 10 – 2:30 p.m.

Joel Tacey's Picasso Magic Show

Zauel
Thursday, July 10 – 3 p.m.

♦ Happy Little Paintalong

Butman-Fish
Thursday, July 10 – 6 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, July 11 – 2 p.m.

Spice Up Your Month w/ Parsley

Hoyt
Saturday, July 12 – All Day

Needle Arts Club

Hoyt
Saturday, July 12 – 10 a.m.-Noon

Make it Monday Take & Make

Zauel
Monday, July 14– All Day

Books Beyond Binaries

Hoyt
Monday, July 14 – 4 p.m.

Pages of History Book Club

Castle Museum
Tuesday, July 15 – Noon

♦ Summer Art w/ 4-H!

Hoyt
Tuesday, July 15 – 3 p.m.

Incredible Insects

Wickes
Tuesday, July 15 – 3 p.m.

Butman-Fish Book Club

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, July 15 – 5:30 p.m.

Michigan Rocks & Fossils

Castle Museum
Wednesday, July 16 – 10 a.m.

♦ Memoir Reading & Writing Club

Hoyt
Wednesday, July 16 – 2:30 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons One Shot

Butman-Fish
Wednesday, July 16 – 5:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club

Oracle Brewing Co.
Wednesday, July 16 – 6:30 p.m.

Castle Museum Visit

Butman-Fish
Thursday, July 17 – 3 p.m.

Camouflage Animals

Zauel
Thursday, July 17 – 3 p.m.

Ask the Tech!

Zauel
Thursday, July 17 – 3:30 p.m.

Beaded Suncatcher Take & Make

Hoyt
Saturday, July 19 – All Day

Book to Movie Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, July 19 – 2 p.m.

♦ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, July 21 – By Appt.

Reptarium: Bring the Zoo to You!

Butman-Fish
Monday, July 21 – 3 p.m.

Take & Make Origami

Wickes
Tuesday, July 22 – All Day

♦ Wired Button Flowers

Zauel
Tuesday, July 22 – 5:30 p.m.

Kites and Parachutes STEAM Night

Hoyt
Tuesday, July 22 – 6 p.m.

♦ Electric Art w/Sloan*Longway

Hoyt
Wednesday, July 23 – 3 p.m.

Series Starters Book Club

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, July 24 – 11 a.m.

♦ Painterly Pottery

Zauel
2 sessions:
Thursday, July 24 – 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.

Mythology Book Club:

Hoyt
Thursday, July 24 – 6:30 p.m.

**PLOS CLOSED FOR
STAFF RETREAT:
Friday, July 25**

Book Club Soiree w/

PFLAG Great Lakes Bay
First United Methodist Church
Friday, July 25 – 6 p.m.

Glitz, Glamour, and Scandals Biography Book Club

Zauel
Saturday, July 26 – 11 a.m.

♦ What's in a Color w/ Sloan*Longway

Butman-Fish
Monday, July 28 – 2 p.m.

♦ Cellophane Shadows w/ Sloan*Longway

Butman-Fish
Monday, July 28 – 3:30 p.m.

♦ Alcohol Ink Mugs

Wickes
Tuesday, July 29 – 4:30 p.m.

♦ Mini Canvas Art

Hoyt
Wednesday, July 30 – 4:30 p.m.

Alex Thomas and Friends

Zauel
Thursday, July 31 – 3 p.m.

Ask the Tech

Zauel
Thursday, July 31 – 3:30 p.m.

♦ Candle Making

Butman-Fish
Thursday, July 31 – 6 p.m.

Movie Night at Zauel

Zauel
Thursday, July 31 – 6:00 p.m.

From the Pages

Mr. Mercedes

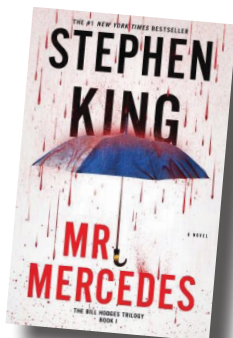
By Stephen King
Adult Fiction

When we see a book by Stephen King, we assume a story full of rabid dogs and scary clowns. But a detective story? Surely not what we would expect.

Mr. Mercedes is a classic tale – the good guy trying to find the bad guy. It is very much an honest detective tale, but packed with King's grit, twist, and amazing character development. We follow Bill Hodges, a retired detective who is still very much haunted by his last major case, the criminal who got away: the Mercedes Killer. When Hodges receives an odd letter from someone claiming to be the killer, he jumps back into action to track him down.

The book's growth is jaw-dropping, and as always with King, bits of humor are thrown in as well. And bonus, it's the first in a trilogy! If you're looking for a quiet, easy-going detective story, *Mr. Mercedes* might not be for you. However, if you're looking for an action-packed thriller but wanting to avoid Stephen King's monster worlds, this is a great one to grab.

Reviewed by Carrie Pung
Branch Head, Hoyt Library



Learn How to Secure a New Business Loan

Hoyt's summer series on starting a small business wraps up on **Wednesday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m.** with **How to Secure a New Business Loan**. **Stephanie Domina, Vice President of Lending Operations at Jolt Credit Union**, will talk about the process of obtaining a loan for a new business. Learn what works and what doesn't, and how to make your application stand out and make your dreams come true!

Hoyt is also offering sessions on **Grant Writing Tips and Tricks** on **Thursday, July 3 at 11 a.m.** and **Resume Assistance** on **Wednesday, July 9 at 4 p.m.** Registration is required for all three programs. Go online or call (989) 755-0904.



Join us at Imerman for Puppets in the Park!

Meet us at **Imerman Park, 3495 Midland Rd.**, for a fun-filled puppet show in collaboration with Saginaw County Parks & Recreation's Playdates series. **Miss Beth** and **Mr. Bryan** from the Zauel Children's Department will put on **Puppets in the Park** on **Wednesday, July 2 at 2 p.m.** at Imerman. After the show, your child can enjoy a craft activity, and there will be a chance to meet the puppets and interact with the library staff. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and get ready for a great time for the whole family!

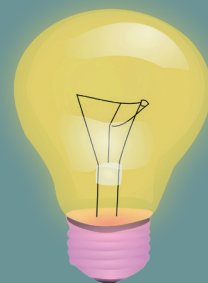


Sloan* Longway + Science = Fun Times

We've teamed up with the Sloan Museum of Discovery and Longway Planetarium for three colorful science programs for kids this month! Registration is required. For more information or to register, go to www.saginawlibrary.org/events or contact the host library.

Electric Art at Hoyt – Wednesday, July 23 at 3 p.m.

For ages 8–12: Are you ready for an electrifying good time? Using various materials, engineer a project combining motion and colors into a beautiful artwork. Learn the basics behind simple circuits while designing a light-up masterpiece.



What's in a Color? at Butman-Fish – Monday, July 28 at 2 p.m.

For ages 4–12: Have you ever wondered what is in a color? Get ready to explore the science behind colors. Create a chromatography butterfly, mix colors, and catch a colorful rainbow. Learn all about colors while creating colorful creations.

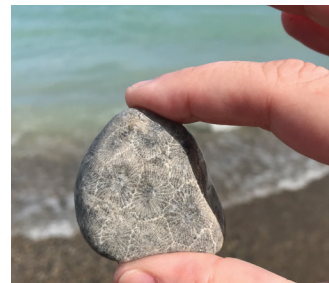


Cellophane Shadows at Butman-Fish – Monday, July 28 at 3:30 p.m.

For ages 4–12: Investigate the science behind light, reflection, and shadows with flashlights, mirrors, and shadow puppets. Use cellophane and cardboard to make your own colorful shadow creation to keep!

Here & There with the Castle

Join **Miss Beth** at the **Castle Museum, 500 Federal Ave.**, on **Wednesday, July 16 at 10 a.m.** for **Michigan Rocks & Fossils!** Learn about the wide variety found in Michigan, get tips for finding your own, and explore Miss Beth's collection of Petoskey stones, various corals, lightning stones, Yooperlites, and more! Also: staff from the Castle will be at **Butman-Fish** the next day, **Thursday, July 17 at 3 p.m.** for a different fun program!



Colorful Crafts to Celebrate Independence Day and More!



Since we're coloring our world during Summer Reading this year, we have lots of bright craft programs to help celebrate! Visit www.saginawlibrary.org/events or your local library to find out more about these and other events!

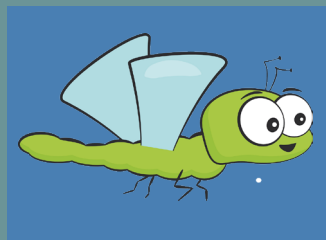
- **Take & Make USA Pipe Cleaner Crown** (pictured) at Butman-Fish – Wednesday, July 2, while supplies last
- **Paint Chip Bookmarks** at Hoyt – Wednesday, July 2 at 2:30 p.m.
- **Accordion Fans Watercolor Painting** at Wickes – Tuesday, July 8 at 2:30 p.m.
- **Happy Little Paintalong** at Butman-Fish – Thursday, July 10 at 6 p.m.
- **Beaded Suncatcher Take & Make** at Hoyt – Saturday, July 19, while supplies last
- **Take & Make Origami** at Wickes – Tuesday, July 22, while supplies last
- **Wired Button Flowers** at Zauel – Tuesday, July 22 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Alcohol Ink Mugs** at Wickes – Tuesday, July 29 at 4:30 p.m.
- **Mini Canvas Art** at Hoyt – Wednesday, July 30 at 4:30 p.m.
- **Candle Making** at Butman-Fish – Thursday, July 31 at 6 p.m.

Joel Tacey's Picasso Magic



Get drawn into reading with Joel Tacey's Picasso Magic Show at Zauel on Thursday, July 10 at 3 p.m.! Art-themed books of all sorts are brought to life with amazing magic, wacky stunts, and lots of audience participation. This program is for kids and their families; children under 7 need a helper.

Find Out About Incredible Insects



Park Ranger Andrea Martinson from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge will be at Wickes on Tuesday, July 15 at 3 p.m. to share information about insects and pollination. This Incredible Insects program is geared towards children in kindergarten through

fourth grade. Those under the age of 7 will need a responsible helper.

Reptarium Brings the Zoo to B-F



Join us for a hands-on, interactive program featuring animals from the Reptarium in Utica! Meet lizards, snakes and more at Butman-Fish on Monday, July 21 at 3 p.m. No registration is required, but space is limited and seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Children under 7 will need a helper.

Celebrate Summer Art with 4-H



Stop by Hoyt for a fun summer program with our friends from MSU Extension 4-H on Tuesday, July 15 at 3 p.m.! We'll be making some art together in celebration of our Summer Reading Program. Registration is required at www.saginawlibrary.org/events, or by calling (989) 755-0904. Children younger than 7 will need a responsible helper.

Colorful, Camouflaged Animals



Dynamic School Assemblies presents: Camouflage Animals at Zauel on Thursday, July 17 at 3 p.m.! At this up-close, hands-on and safe event you'll see animals who display colors for a variety of reasons, like protection or a way to attract mates. This amazing show features a variety of live animals from different countries and diverse ecosystems. This program is for kids and their families; children under 7 need a responsible helper.

Two Painterly Pottery Sessions



Register for an afternoon of painting fun at Zauel with our friends from Painterly Pottery! There will be two identical sessions for children ages 5–12 on Thursday, July 24. Please register for either the 2:30 or 4:30 p.m. program online or call (989) 799-2771. Children under 7 will need an adult helper.



Alex Thomas & Friends

Alex Thomas and Friends is an interactive puppet show where audience members are encouraged to engage with the puppets and become an integral part of the story. Join us at Zauel on Thursday, July 31 at 3 p.m. for an engaging and entertaining experience for kids and their families. Children under 7 will need a responsible helper.

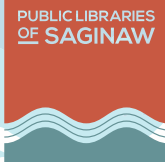
See www.saginawlibrary.org/events for our full schedule of book clubs, how-to tech classes & more for the whole family!



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Branch Hours**Butman-Fish Library****NEW HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm**Hoyt Library**Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm**Wickes Library**

Monday-Thursday Noon-6pm

Zael LibraryMonday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am-9pm
Wednesday Noon-9pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pmwww.saginawlibrary.org

Together We Inspire . . .

Butman-Fish Extended Hours

Butman-Fish is extending its open hours beginning Monday, June 30! Butman-Fish will now be open:

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Book Drops Get a Makeover



Hoyt and **Wickes'** outside book returns got a new look in June when **CONGO**, an urban artist participating in **The Great Mural Project**, painted both drop boxes! CONGO completed Hoyt's owl-themed book return during Jazz on Jefferson on June 4, and painted the floral design on Wickes' box the next day. Be sure to stop by and admire these works of art the next time you return your library materials! Find out more at www.instagram.com/congo.art.



Color Our World Summer Reading Program
continues through Saturday, August 2!

Try Out Dungeons & Dragons



We'll be playing a level 1 adventure that is accessible to players with any amount of experience at **Butman-Fish's D&D One Shot** on **Wednesday, July 16** at **5:30 p.m.** Teens and adults can build their own character using 5th edition rules, or use one of the pre-made characters to play during this short one-session adventure. For ages 12 and up.