Weekly Events:

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Zauel
Mondays – 9:30 a.m.

**Tales for Two Storytime**
Zauel
Tuesday – 10:30 a.m.

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Butman-Fish
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All Branches
Feb. 1-29

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Butman-Fish
Friday, Feb. 2 – 2 p.m.

**Tackling Tech**
Hoyt
Wednesday, Feb. 7 – 10 a.m.

**Space Slime**
Butman-Fish
Saturday, Feb. 3 – 1 p.m.

**Tech Tutoring**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Feb. 5 – by appt.

**Great Reads Book Club**
Zauel
Monday, Feb. 5 – 2:15 p.m.

**Beginner’s Computer Class**
Hoyt
Saturday, Feb. 10 – 10-Noon

**Books at Hoyt Storytime**
Hoyt
Monday, Feb. 5 – 7 p.m.

**Hoops at Hoyt Storytime**
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Monday, Feb. 5 – 7 p.m.

**Stranger Than Fiction**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Feb. 5 – 7 p.m.

**Buton and Magnet Making**
Butman-Fish
Tuesday, Feb. 6 – 4-6 p.m.

**Tackling Tech**
Hoyt
Wednesday, Feb. 7 – 10 a.m.

**Summer of Soul (2021, PG-13)**
Zauel
Thursday, Feb. 8 – 6:30 p.m.

**Headed Heart Wand Take & Make**
Hoyt
Saturday, Feb. 10 – All Day

**Spice Up Your Month**
Hoyt
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**Book Ends Book Club**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Feb. 13 – 6:30 p.m.

**Continental Knitting**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Feb. 13 – 6:30 p.m.

**Teen Night: Candy Olympics**
Zauel
Wednesday, Feb. 14 – 6:30 p.m.

**Book Ends Book Club**
Zauel
Saturday, Feb. 10 – All Day

**Tech Tips for Beginners**
Zauel
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**The Mystery Book Club**
Hoyt
Wednesday, Feb. 21 – 5:30 p.m.

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Butman-Fish
Friday, Feb. 23 – 2 p.m.

**Drive-in Movie for Kids**
Butman-Fish
Saturday, Feb. 24 – 2 p.m.

**Board Game Night**
Zauel
Tuesday, Feb. 27 – 5-8:30

**Browsing Basics for Beginners**
Zauel
Thursday, Feb. 29 – 3 p.m.

**Medicine Wheel Teaching & Craft w/ Ziibiwing Center**
Butman-Fish
Thursday, Feb. 29 – 5-8:30

**Adult Winter Reading Program**
All Branches
Ends Saturday, March 2

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**Blind Date with a Book**

The popular Blind Date with a Book program returns to the Public Libraries of Saginaw this month!

During February, you’ll be seeing displays of wrapped books in the adult collections of our branches. We’ll give you a few hints of what each book is about, but you won’t be able to see the cover, title or author before you decide to check it out. To participate, simply select an item, check it out and take it home with you to unwrap and read. Return the included “Rate Your Date” card when you bring back the book to be entered into a prize drawing.

Be adventurous and read something outside the box this month. Who knows? you might even find a book to help you complete a square on your Adult Winter Reading “LIBRARY-OPOLY” board! (Remember, you have until March 2 to complete that reading challenge and return it to the library to be entered into the grand prize drawing for a gift card from Meijer!)

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**Beyond the Bookshelf**

February / 2024

- **Learn How to Use Ravelry**
  Hoyt
  Saturday, Feb. 17 – 10 a.m.

- **Series Storics Book Club**
  Creation Coffee
  Saturday, Feb. 17 – 10 a.m.

- **Together We Read**
  Hoyt
  Saturday, Feb. 17 – 2 p.m.

- **Tech Tutoring**
  Butman-Fish
  Monday, Feb. 19 – by appt.

- **Pages of History Book Club**
  Castle Museum
  Tuesday, Feb. 20 – Noon

- **Butman-Fish Book Club**
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  Monday, Feb. 20 – 5-5:30 p.m.

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  Hoyt
  Wednesday, Feb. 21 – 5:30 p.m.

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Butman-Fish Library
Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-4pm
Hoyt Library
Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-4pm
Wickes Library
Monday-Thursday Noon-8pm
Zauel Library
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am-9pm
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**Hurt You**

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Georgia finds camaraderie among a group of students who are not socially privileged. She falls for the gorgeous Zeus, who stands out for his deep compassion for others and his love of working with his hands. Zeus finds a way to use Leo’s love for crafts and “aping” to help him make wallets. Just when Georgia thinks she has found someone to help care for Leo and maybe, just maybe, can start thinking about her own future and going to college, a shocking act of violence occurs. At this point, the novel abruptly ends.

The ending feels like a bucket of paint suddenly thrown on what has been a skillfully painted masterpiece. **Hurt You** has been described as a modern *Of Mice and Men*, and the parallels are obvious. However, I wish the retooling could have been less literal, and there could have been a more hopeful ending. At the very least, I wish there could have been an additional chapter or two of follow-up.

There are so many things left unknown. The disappointing ending aside, **Hurt You** is definitely worth your time. Your compassion will be deepened for neurodivergent individuals and for those that love them. You will learn much about Korean culture. Finally, your heart will expand for those who are victim to labels and belong to a social class not in power.

Reviewed by Bryan Latimer

**Zauel Library**

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**Faster – Higher – Sweeter**

It’s time for the *Candy Olympics*, our special Valentine’s Day edition of Teen Night at Zauel! Join us Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m. We’ll be competing for prizes in Olympic-style events – but all the games will be using candy! Register at www.saginawlibrary.org/events, or call (989) 799-2771.

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**Fun Science Can Be!**

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