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Illuminated by the UFO phenomenon? Find out about unusual and well-documented UFO sightings from the Great Lakes State at UFOs Over Michigan at Butman-Fish on Saturday, January 6 at 2 p.m. Bill Konkolicky, Director of the Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, will present this fascinating program. He is a consultant to Netflix's Unsolved Mysteries, the History Channel's Hangar 1 and UFO Hunters, National Geographic Channel's The Truth Behind and the Science Channel's Uncovering Aliens and Close Encounters.

Register online at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call Butman-Fish at (989) 799-9160.

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Preschool Playtime

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Learn About UFO Sightings in Michigan

Remarkably Bright Creatures

By Shelby Van Pelt
Adult Fiction

This debut novel from Shelby Van Pelt is a beautiful story, full of feel-good moments and a whole lot of life lessons. The story is alluringly sensitive, building on your heart connections in your life.

The narration is partially given from a giant Pacific octopus named Marcellus McSquiddles. Through his perspective we see real human feeling, emotion and even some mischief (the octopus can pick locks, sneak out of his tank, and go for late night snack runs… all amazing and hilarious).

In another central perspective, we see Tova Sullivan, a 70-year-old woman who is recently widowed and volunteers as the night janitor at the local aquarium where Marcellus resides. Tova’s life is quiet, despite her years-long attempt at solving the disappearance of her 18-year-old son. Marcellus and Tova have an understanding, a connection that is both warming and profound. With Marcellus’s help and the weaving of other characters, Tova makes a discovery she never would have imagined.

With wonderfully crafted characters, a never-boring plot, and a dash of mystery, Remarkably Bright Creatures is a charming and nourishing read; a reminder to give thanks and appreciate the connections in your life.

Reviewed by Carrie Pung
Hoyt Library

Introduction to Yoga Nidra, Also Known as Non-Sleep Deep Rest

We all have experienced stress in our lives, but it seems the past few years have really increased our stress levels. One way to feel calmer and sleep better is through a practice called Yoga Nidra.

Come learn about and experience this guided meditation, also known as Non-Sleep Deep Rest or yogic sleep, at Zuel on Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. There is no bending involved. Terrie Ahlers, a certified Yoga Nidra instructor, will guide you through breathing exercises and body scans to help you get the most benefit from the practice. In this passive but alert state, our bodies can rest deeply and reset.

Due to limited space, registration is required. Register online at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call (989) 799-2771. Please bring portable items that will help you to be able to sit or lie comfortably. Some items might include a mat, a small pillow, a blanket, or an eye covering. After the session, participants should have a good understanding of what Yoga Nidra is all about.

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Murder Club at Hoyt

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Use Website to Access Account

Unfortunately, our Saginaw Library mobile app has had limited functionality over the last few weeks due to an ongoing issue between two software vendors. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please be assured that we are doing what we can to provide you with a working app as soon as possible.

The good news is you can still access our catalog and your library account functions on our website – even on your mobile devices. Log in to www.saginawlibrary.org with your library card barcode number and PIN to manage your preferences, search the catalog, renew items and place holds.

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Zauel, Monday, Jan. 8 – 7 p.m.
Zauel
Tech Tutoring
Butman-Fish, Monday, Jan. 8 – by appt.
Butman-Fish
Great Reads! Book Club
Hoyt, Monday, Jan. 8 – 2:15 p.m.
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Beginner’s Computer Class
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Hoyt
Hoots at Hoyt Storytime
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Play LIBRARY-OPOLY!

Our 2024 Adult Winter Reading Program, “LIBRARY-OPOLY,” kicks off this month! Beginning January 2, any library branch to pick up a game board-style reading record. Or, download one from our website.

Keep track of what books you read and challenges you complete on the back of the card. To earn a prize mug and one entry into the grand prize drawing, complete all the squares in at least two color groups on the board. Each additional color group you complete will earn you another entry. Grand prize gift cards are supplied by our program sponsor, Meijer!

You’ll have until March 2 to complete your board and return it to the library. Happy Reading!

Crime Scene Investigations

Come to Butman-Fish on Thursday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m. for CSI Saginaw, a look at how the Michigan State Police approach a crime scene investigation.

Keith LaMont, director at the Bridgeport Crime Lab will be sharing his expertise on body fluid identification, controlled substances, crime scene response, firearms and toolmarks, latent prints and trace evidence.

This program is part of our exploration of the themes of this year’s Great Lakes Bay Read, Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley. Registration is required. Please call (989) 799-5160 or register online at www.saginawlibrary.org/events.

Want more Firekeeper’s Daughter? The Book Ends Book Club at Zauel and the MBC@H (Mystery Book Club at Hoyt) will both be discussing the book this month. See the schedule on the front page, contact the host library, or visit www.saginawlibrary.org/events for more information.

Play with Puppets at Zauel!

Join us for the latest Teen Night at Zauel on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. We’ll be Playing with Puppets. With a small group, choose your puppets, choose a script (or write your own) and put on a show! Please register online or call (989) 799-2771 to let us know you plan to come!