

Beyond the Bookshelf

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
OF SAGINAW

August / 2025

♦ Indicates registration required

Weekly Events:

Summer LEGO Club

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

Toddler Storytime

Zauel
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for August 19 & 26

♦ Tai Chi for Better Sleep

Butman-Fish
Tuesdays & Thursdays – 11:30
Ends August 7

Chair Exercise

Zauel
Tuesdays – 1:30 p.m.

Children's Summer Yoga

Butman-Fish
Tuesdays – 3 p.m.

Miss Beth's Boombox

Zauel
Thursdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for August 21 & 28

Preschool Storytime

Butman-Fish
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

Zauel
Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for August 23 & 30

Together We Read!

Hoyt
Saturdays – 2 p.m.
Except for August 30

Events:

Take & Make Name Flag Pennants

Butman-Fish
Saturday, August 2

Cookbook Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, August 2 – 3 p.m.

SRP Wrap-Up Family Carnival

Butman-Fish
Monday, August 4 – 4–5 p.m.

Color Me Calm for Adults

Wickes
Tuesday, August 5 – 2 p.m.

Puppet Show at the Castle

Castle Museum
Wednesday, August 6 – 10 a.m.

♦ Resume & Career Help

Hoyt
Wednesday, August 6 – 4 p.m.

♦ Computer Basics

Hoyt
Thursday, August 7 – 11 a.m.

♦ Happy Little Paintalong

Butman-Fish
Thursday, August 7 – 6 p.m.

Take & Make Propagation Stations

Butman-Fish
Friday, August 8

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, August 8 – 2 p.m.

Spice Up Your Month

Hoyt
Saturday, August 9

Needle Arts Club

Hoyt
Saturday, August 9 – 10 a.m.–Noon

Make it Monday Take & Make

Zauel
Monday, August 11

♦ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, August 11 – By Appt.

Books Beyond Binaries Book Club

Hoyt
Monday, August 11 – 3:30 p.m.

♦ Continental Knitting

Zauel
Tuesday, August 12 – 6:30 p.m.

Stranger Than Fiction Book Club

Barnes & Noble Café
Tuesday, August 12 – 7 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons One Shot

Butman-Fish
Wednesday, August 13 – 5:30 p.m.

Saginaw County Parks & Recreation Children's FUN Night

Haithco Recreation Area
Wednesday, August 13 – 5:30 p.m.

♦ Intro to Reiki

Hoyt
Wednesday, August 13 – 6 p.m.

Great Books Book Club

Hoyt
Thursday, August 14 – 2:30 p.m.

Ask the Tech!

Zauel
Thursday, August 14 – 3:30 p.m.

Summer Fake-ation

Butman-Fish
Saturday, August 16 – 10 a.m.

Take & Make Fairy House Planter

Butman-Fish
Saturday, August 16

Book to Movie Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, August 16 – 2 p.m.

♦ Canva Course Basics

Hoyt
Monday, August 18 – 10 a.m.

Pages of History Book Club

Castle Museum
Tuesday, August 19 – Noon

Watercolor Doodles

Wickes
Tuesday, August 19 – 4 p.m.

Butman-Fish Book Club

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, August 19 – 5:30 p.m.

Demystifying Disability Book Club

Hoyt
Tuesday, August 19 – 5:30 p.m.

Static Electricity STEAM Night

Hoyt
Tuesday, August 19 – 6–7 p.m.

♦ Memoir Reading & Writing Club

Hoyt
Wednesday, August 20 – 2:30 p.m.

♦ Murder Club

Hoyt
Wednesday, August 20 – 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club

Oracle Brewing Co.
Wednesday, August 20 – 6:30 p.m.

Mythology Book Club

Hoyt
Thursday, August 21 – 6:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, August 22 – 2 p.m.

Cicada Craft Take & Make

Hoyt
Saturday, August 23

Glitz, Glamour, and Scandals Biography Book Club

Zauel
Saturday, August 23 – 11 a.m.

♦ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, August 25 – By Appt.

Adult Coloring Night

Zauel
Tuesday, August 26 – 6:30 p.m.

♦ Resume & Career Help

Hoyt
Wednesday, August 27 – 4 p.m.

Series Starters Book Club

Butman-Fish
Thursday, August 28 – 11 a.m.

Ask the Tech

Zauel
Thursday, August 28 – 3:30 p.m.

Movie Night at Zauel

Zauel
Thursday, August 28 – 6:30 p.m.

Book Club Soiree w/ PFLAG Great Lakes Bay

First United Methodist Church
Friday, August 29 – 6 p.m.

Summer Reading Program ends Saturday, August 2!

Turn in your completed reading
log before 5 p.m. on the 2nd to
collect your prize!



LABOR DAY
HOLIDAY
CLOSINGS:

Saturday, August 30

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Monday, Sept. 1

From the Pages

Tree Table Book

By Lois Lowry

Recommended for Ages 8–12

Sophie's best friend in the world also has the same name as her. Sophie is 11 years old and her best friend is 88. Sophie has never felt like she has fit in and she found a very unlikely friendship with her elderly neighbor. The two Sophies love to share tea and talk about all their strong opinions. The two find joy and comfort in each other's company and young Sophie loves to help her friend whenever it is needed.

But over time young Sophie notices changes in her friend's behavior. Signs of memory loss and confusion. Then young Sophie overhears a conversation that the son of her dear elderly friend has plans to visit and take his mother to the doctor because he also has concerns. This is when young Sophie begins to try everything to help her best friend.

As she begins to help her friend remember things the flood gates open and the stories pour out. Stories of life in Poland before and during World War II. Stories that should be shared and treasured.

If anyone has ever encountered the pain of watching a loved one's cognitive abilities decline, you will understand the ending of this book and sympathize with all involved. Whether or not this story resonates personally it is a beautiful tale of intergenerational friendship and the significance of sharing our stories. An enjoyable book to read together with the youth in your life.

Reviewed by Michelle Zimostrad
Butman-Fish Library



Children's Summer Yoga Series at Butman-Fish

Get ready to have some fun, get a little exercise and gain some skills to help with focus at **Butman-Fish's Children's Summer Yoga Series** running on Tuesday afternoons this month! Come to one, or come to all! These children's yoga classes are like going on a little adventure!

No registration is needed. These classes will run Tuesdays, **August 5–26**, at **3 p.m.** and are open to anyone age 12 and younger. Any kids under the age of 7 will need an adult helper present.



Take a Craft Kit To Go. Choose One, or All!

Ah, summer. It's the perfect time to try a new craft with one of these take & make kits available this month, while supplies last!

- **Name Flag Pennants**

Butman-Fish – Saturday, August 2

Whether you're heading off to a college dorm room or finishing up your high school experience, this DIY felt name pennant is the perfect craft to add a little extra fun to your study space.

- **Propagation Stations**

Butman-Fish – Friday, August 8

Each kit contains one clear test tube, a living Pothos plant cutting and two mini magnets. Once your propagation station is established, you'll have a hydroponic home for a Pothos plant to survive. This kit is suitable for teens and adults.

- **Spice Up Your Month**

Hoyt – Saturday, August 9

This month's take & make kit comes with a spice sample of chili powder and recipes!

- **Make It Monday**

Zauel – Monday, August 11

Grab one more summer-themed take & make children's craft before they're gone!

- **Fairy House Planter**

Butman-Fish – Saturday, August 16

Each kit contains a Terracotta planter (with drainage hole), a handful of Reindeer Moss, a fairy housing structure and decorative stones. All you'll need to provide is a strong glue! These kits are designed for teens and adults and are first come, first serve!

- **Cicada Craft**

Hoyt – Saturday, August 23

This craft is suitable for all ages (even adults!). The kits come with everything you need to make a Cicada out of a plastic spoon, clothespin, pipe cleaners, card stock and beads!



Storytime Schedule Updates

Zauel's storytimes will take an end-of-summer break the weeks of August 18 & 25. So there won't be **Toddler Storytime** on **August 19 & 26**, **Miss Beth's Boombox** on **August 21 & 28**, or **Family Storytime** on **August 23 & 30**. We'll be back after Labor Day!

Hoyt's Together We Read! storytime will also be off on **Saturday, August 30**, due to the library's holiday schedule.



Join us for Entertaining Programs All Around Saginaw This Month



Although we love seeing you inside our library buildings, we also look forward to bringing programming and services where you are! Here are some places we'll be this month:

- Miss Beth and Mr. Bryan from Zauel will be at the **Castle Museum of Saginaw County History**, 500 Federal Ave., on **Wednesday, August 6** for a puppet show for all ages! The fun starts at **10 a.m.**
- Library staff are also participating in **Saginaw County Parks and Recreation's Children's FUN Night at Haithco Recreation Area**, 2121 Schust Rd., on **Wednesday, August 13**, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** This event will feature giveaways for the littles and a family-friendly movie to follow.
- Our Bookmobile is on the move, with a schedule of regular stops and some special events. Find out where we'll be heading next at www.saginawlibrary.org/events and set the "Library Branch" filter to "Bookmobile".

Demystifying Disability Book Club



Hoyt is excited to host the new **Demystifying Disability Book Club**, led by our friends at the **Disability Network of Mid-Michigan**! We will read and discuss remarkable books that offer insights into diverse perspectives of characters with disabilities; books that challenge disability stereotypes and inspire readers.

Meetings are **every third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.** in **Hoyt Mezzanine** meeting space.

August's book is ***Laughing at my Nightmare*** by **Shane Burcaw**, who describes the challenges he faces as a 21-year-old living with spinal muscular atrophy.

Other book clubs meeting this month include:

At **Butman-Fish**: **Cookbook Club**, **Book to Movie Club**, **Butman-Fish Book Club** and **Series Starters Book Club**

At **Hoyt**: **Books Beyond Binaries Book Club**, **Great Books Book Club**, **Memoir Reading & Writing Club** and **Mythology Book Club**

At **Zauel**: **Glitz, Glamour and Scandals Biography Book Club**

Offsite locations around town: **Stranger Than Fiction Book Club**, **Pages of History**, **Mystery Book Club** and **Book Club Soiree**

Visit www.saginawlibrary.org/events and use the "Book Club" filter to find out more about any or all of our book discussion groups.

B-F Hosts Summer Fake-ation



Your friends at **Butman-Fish** can't let you head back to school without going on a final vacation this summer. Take flight with us on **Saturday, August 16**, beginning at **10 a.m.** at our immersive **Summer Fake-ation** event! We'll be watching the movie ***Migration* (2023, PG)**, having bagels and playing a game that will encourage children to open themselves to new possibilities.

Find Out How to Use Canva.com

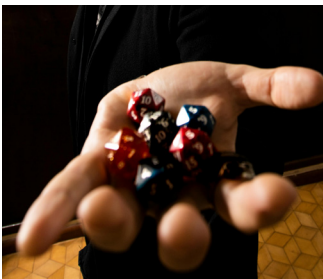


Learn the basics of **Canva.com**, a graphic design platform that allows you to create flyers, business cards, presentations and other visual content at **Hoyt's Canva Course Basics** on **Monday, August 18** at **10 a.m.** There is limited space, so registration is required. Register online or call (989) 755-0904.

Explore Mystery at Murder Club



Murder Club is for all the lovers of true crime and murder most foul. If you are an adult who is interested in the forgotten murders of Saginaw's past, please join us at **Hoyt** on **Wednesday, August 20** at **6:30 p.m.** You can register online, or call (989) 755-9827.



Join us for D&D

Let's play **Dungeons & Dragons** at **Butman-Fish** on **Wednesday, August 13** at **6:30 p.m.**! We'll be playing a level 3 adventure that is accessible to players with any amount of experience. Teens and adults can bring their own character, using 5th edition rules, or use a pre-made character for this short, one-session adventure. For ages 12 and up. No registration is necessary.

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

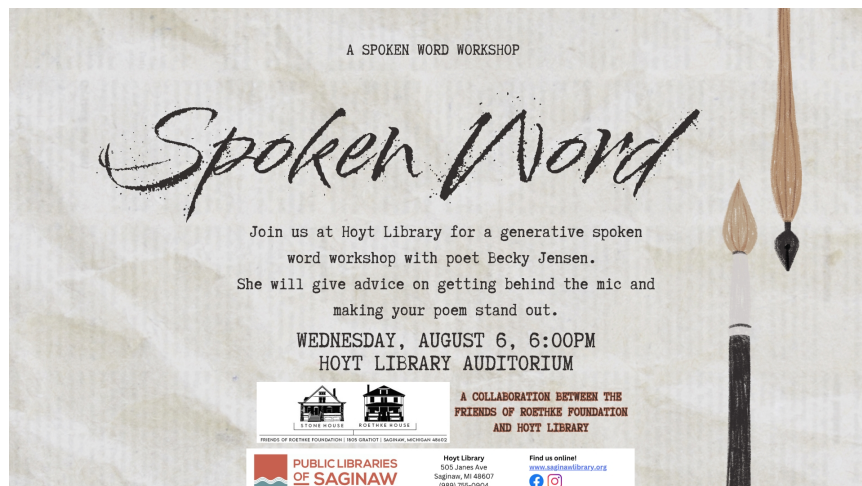
Wickes Library

Monday-Thursday Noon-6pm

Zaue Library

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am-9pm
Wednesday Noon-9pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

www.saginawlibrary.org



Together We Inspire . . .

Register for Intro to Reiki



Reiki is a Japanese healing technique that involves the transfer of universal energy through the hands to promote physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

Intro to Reiki at Hoyt will provide an introduction to what Reiki is and will provide a group Reiki healing session at the end of the presentation. It will take place on **Wednesday, August 13 at 6 p.m.**

Sara K. Boyd, a certified Usui Reiki

Master, will lead the event. With a deep commitment to holistic wellness, she uses Reiki to help clients restore balance, relieve stress and support the body's natural healing processes.

Please register at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call **Hoyt** at (989) 755-0904. Plan to bring a yoga mat to the session.

SRP Wrap-Up Family Carnival



Let's wrap up the 2025 Summer Reading Program with a ton of fun!

Butman-Fish is hosting a **Summer Reading Wrap-Up Family Carnival** on **Monday, August 4** from **4-5 p.m.** We'll have games, prizes, snacks, face painting and so much more! All families with children 12 and younger are welcome.

Weather permitting, all the fun will be outside on the library grounds, but in case of inclement conditions, we'll move inside to the Butman-Fish meeting room.



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