

Beyond the Bookshelf

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Big Changes to Computer System

Along with other members of the Valley Library Consortium, the Public Libraries of Saginaw recently moved to a new Integrated Library System called Polaris. This new computer system touches most of our day-to-day operations. We appreciated your patience during the past month, as the migration caused service interruptions. We hope you continue to bear with us as all of us learn our way around this major behind-the-scenes change. The result should be a more modern and stable system for everyone.



If you have not already done so, please visit our new online catalog at www.saginawlibrary.org. Try logging in with your library card barcode number and PIN. Smartphone users will also want to download the library's new catalog app, so you can carry your account information with you wherever you go. Find the most up-to-date information at www.saginawlibrary.org/polaris.

Wickes Hosts Bilingual Storytime



Welcome to **Bilingual Storytime (La Hora del Cuento Bilingüe)** at Wickes! We will be reading books in both English and Spanish, and singing or dancing to songs in both languages! **Bilingual storytime will be monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.**

¡Bienvenidos a la hora del cuento bilingüe! Leeremos libros en inglés y español, y cantaremos o bailaremos canciones en ambos idiomas. **La hora del cuento bilingüe será el último miércoles del mes a las 2.**

Visit www.saginawlibrary.org/events or look inside to find the full schedule of storytimes at the Public Libraries of Saginaw!

See inside for a listing of book clubs, tech classes, craft projects & more. Visit www.saginawlibrary.org/events for the most up-to-date schedule information.

The Amazing Clark Magic Show

Join us for a laughter-filled magical adventure for kids of all ages on **Saturday, March 28!**

The **Amazing Clark** will bring a world of wonder to life with silly surprises, interactive tricks, and nonstop fun for two shows at **Butman-Fish**. Every child will become part of the show!



The **Amazing Clark Magic Show** will take place at both **11 a.m.** and **12:30 p.m.** Registration is not required, but seating is limited, so make sure you arrive early enough to enjoy the fun.

Thank you to **Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission** for bringing this entertaining program to the library once again!

Laughter is the Best Medicine



Our friends from **MSU Extension** are back with two more **Mindfulness for Better Living** workshops at **Butman-Fish** this month. These workshops help people learn ways to use mindfulness to manage everyday stress.

On **Thursday, March 5** at **5 p.m.**, we'll talk about **Building Resilience to Avoid Burnout**. Learn to recognize the symptoms of burnout and use a variety of protective factors to avoid it.

Laughter is the Best Medicine follows on **Thursday, March 19** at **5 p.m.** We'll explore the social, emotional, mental and physical benefits of laughter – and learn how to incorporate more laughter into our daily lives.

Registration is required for both programs. Go online at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call (989) 799-9160 to register.

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From the Pages

Pocket Bear

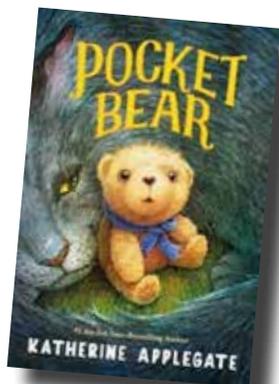
By Katherine Applegate
Children's Fiction
Recommended for Ages 7-12

This is a fantastic tale of kindness and bravery. It combines lessons on World War I with a wonderful "Toy Story" like narrative. It also includes a fun history of teddy bears. A Pocket Bear was created to be a tiny token of comfort carried by soldiers in WW1. His eyes were sewn a bit higher, so he always gazed upwards when placed in a soldier's pocket. He was meant to be a good luck charm.

In this story, Pocket Bear serves as the leader of stuffed toys who are given a second chance to be loved. There is something deeply moving about giving forgotten things a second chance. He takes on this role with his friend Zephyrina the cat, who narrates most of the story. The cat happens to find a very old teddy bear in the dumpster. This teddy bear could be worth a lot of money and Pocket Bear realizes this. Together they navigate what to do about it. It could be worth the kind of money that could change a life.

This book is recommended for those who love tales with heart and history. The ending is great and it ties everything together in a way that feels emotionally satisfying.

Reviewed by Michelle Zimostrad
Butman-Fish Library



Weekly Events:

Toddler Storytime
Zael
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.

Chair Exercise
Zael
Tuesdays – 1:30 p.m.

Homeschool Hangout Time!
Butman-Fish
Tuesdays – 2 p.m.

Hoyt LEGO Club
Hoyt
Tuesdays – 4 p.m.

Miss Beth's Boombox
Zael
Thursdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except March 19

Preschool Storytime
Butman-Fish
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime
Zael
Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.

Events:

◆ **Tech Tutoring**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Mar. 2 – By Appt.

◆ **Happy Little Paintalong**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Mar. 2 – 5 p.m.

◆ **Women's History Month**
Speaker: Dr. Deb Huntley:
Women in Science
Hoyt
Wednesday, Mar. 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Crafty Kids Hour
Zael
Wednesday, Mar. 4 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ **Digitization Day**
Hoyt
Thursday, Mar. 5 – By Appt.

◆ **Proposal Writing**
Hoyt
Thursday, Mar. 5 – 11 a.m.

Ask the Tech!
Zael
Thursday, Mar. 5 – 3:30 p.m.

◆ **Mindfulness Series: Building Resilience to Avoid Burnout**
Butman-Fish
Thursday, Mar. 5 – 5 p.m.

Friday Flicks
Butman-Fish
Friday, Mar. 6 – 2 p.m.

Yoga Adventure for Kids
Butman-Fish
Saturday, Mar. 7 – 10:30 a.m.

◆ **Make a Macrame Keychain**
Hoyt
Saturday, Mar. 7 – 11 a.m.

Make It Monday Take & Make
Zael
Monday, Mar. 9 – All Day

◆ **Let's Draw Some Fruit**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Mar. 9 – 5:30 p.m.

◆ **Hoyt Library Archives Tour**
Hoyt
Tuesday, Mar. 10 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ **Continental Knitting**
Zael
Tuesday, Mar. 10 – 6:30 p.m.

Stranger Than Fiction Book Club
Barnes & Noble Café
Tuesday, Mar. 10 – 7 p.m.

Butman-Fish STEM Night
Butman-Fish
Wednesday, Mar. 11 – 6 p.m.

◆ **Teen Night: Happy Painting!**
Zael
Wednesday, Mar. 11 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ **Yoga at Butman-Fish**
Butman-Fish
Thursday, Mar. 12 – 5:30 p.m.

Take & Make
Felt Pi Day Magnets
Butman-Fish
Saturday, Mar. 14 – All Day

Spice Up Your Month
Hoyt
Saturday, Mar. 14 – All Day

◆ **Tech Tutoring**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Mar. 16 – By Appt.

Book Club Soirée
First United Methodist Church
Monday, Mar. 16 – 6 p.m.

Blast Off! w/ Miss Kristi from the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History
Zael
Monday, Mar. 16 – 6:30 p.m.

Pages of History Book Club
Castle Museum
Tuesday, Mar. 17 – Noon

Butman-Fish Book Club
Butman-Fish
Tuesday, Mar. 17 – 5:30 p.m.

◆ **Glass Painting**
Wickes
Wednesday, Mar. 18 – 2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club
Oracle Brewing Co.
Wednesday, Mar. 18 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ **Memoir Reading & Writing Club**
Hoyt
Thursday, Mar. 19 – 2:30 p.m.

Ask the Tech
Zael
Thursday, Mar. 19 – 3:30 p.m.

◆ **Mindfulness Series: Laughter is the Best Medicine**
Butman-Fish
Thursday, Mar. 19 – 5 p.m.

Movie Night at Zael
Zael
Thursday, Mar. 19 – 6:30 p.m.

Pipe Cleaner Bouquet Take & Make
Hoyt
Friday, Mar. 20 – All Day

Friday Flicks
Butman-Fish
Friday, Mar. 20 – 2 p.m.

Beaded Plant Take & Make
Hoyt
Saturday, Mar. 21 – All Day

◆ **Cookbook Club**
Butman-Fish
Saturday, Mar. 21 – 3 p.m.

◆ **Art Collage**
Zael
Monday, Mar. 23 – 2 p.m.

Cinema with Subtitles
Butman-Fish
Monday, Mar. 23 – 5:30 p.m.

Kids' Favorites Book Club
Zael
Monday, Mar. 23 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ **Yoga at Butman-Fish**
Butman-Fish
Tuesday, Mar. 24 – 5:30 p.m.

Euchre Card Night
Zael
Tuesday, Mar. 24 – 6:30 p.m.

**Bilingual Storytime /
La Hora del Cuento Bilingüe**
Wickes
Wednesday, Mar. 25 – 2 p.m.

Series Starters Book Club
Butman-Fish
Thursday, Mar. 26 – 11 a.m.

◆ **Mythology Book Club**
Hoyt
Thursday, Mar. 26 – 6:30 p.m.

**The Amazing Clark
Magic Show**
Butman-Fish
Saturday, Mar. 28 –
11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Silent Reading
Red Eye Coffee + Tea
Saturday, Mar. 28 – 3:30-4:45 p.m.

◆ **Tech Tutoring**
Butman-Fish
Monday, Mar. 30 – By Appt.



Rockets, Airplanes, Kites & More!

Blast Off! with Miss Kristi from the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History at Zael on **Monday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.!**

During this hands-on program, we will build and test rockets, airplanes, kites and more! This super-fun program is for elementary school-aged children and their families. Children under 7 will need an adult helper.

Celebrate Pi Day with a Take & Make Craft Magnet



This Pi Day – **Saturday, March 14** – get creative and celebrate everyone's favorite mathematical constant – π (3.14) – with a fun, hands-on craft for teens and adults. Pick up a **Take & Make Pi Magnet** craft kit at **Butman-Fish**, while supplies last. Follow the included instructions to turn recycled bottle caps, tan felt, and small beads into adorable tiny "pie" mini magnets. Add a little math-inspired creativity to your day and show off your love of Pi in a deliciously crafty way!

Love Take & Make kits? Be sure you don't miss St. Patrick's Day-themed kids' craft kits at **Zael** on **Make It Monday – March 9**.

Hoyt is also offering up two Take & Make kits this month: **Pipe Cleaner Bouquets** on **Friday, March 20** and **Beaded Plants** on **Saturday, March 21**. All while supplies last.



Let's Go to the Movies (at the Library)

Butman-Fish kicks off **Cinema with Subtitles**, a series of foreign feature films, on **Monday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m.** This month's movie is scheduled to be **The Big Animal (2000, NR)**, a film in Polish with English subtitles. (If for some reason, this movie becomes unavailable before showing, another film in the same language will be substituted.)

Butman-Fish also hosts the biweekly **Friday Flicks** series of independent, foreign, and art house films in collaboration with the **Riverside Saginaw Film**

Festival. This month's planned movies include **The Summer Book (2024, NR)** on **Friday, March 6 at 2 p.m.** and **On the Wandering Paths (2023, NR)**, on **Friday, March 20 at 2 p.m.**

Movie Night at Zael features new-ish films with grown-up appeal on the third Thursday of the month. This month's feature is based on a classic Judy Blume story. Join us on **Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m.** for **Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (2023, PG-13)**.

Take a Moment for Yourself at a Craft Program



Try a free decorative craft or other arty event at the library this month! Please note that some programs require registration. Visit our website or contact the host branch to find out more.

Flex your creative muscles using pre-drawn or blank canvases at **Butman-Fish's Happy Little Paintalong** on **Monday, March 2 at 5 p.m.**

Kids and their families are invited to make St. Patrick's Day crafts with us at **Crafty Kids Hour** at **Zael** on **Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

Learn to **Make a Macrame Keychain** at **Hoyt** on **Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m.**

Let's Draw Some Fruit at **Butman-Fish** on **Monday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m.** Learn the basics of drawing from observation or just pop in for open draw time. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own sketching materials.

Zael offers lessons in the **Continental Knitting** technique on **Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

Tweens and Teens are welcome at **Zael's Happy Painting** program on **Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

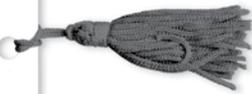
We will be using Gallery Glass paints and preprinted designs to paint "stained glass" on glass bowls or vases at **Wickes' Glass Painting** for adults on **Wednesday, March 18**. Register for either the **2 p.m.** or **4:30 p.m.** session.

Create a piece of **Art by Collage** at **Zael** on **Monday, March 23 at 2 p.m.** We'll use multiple mediums, but feel free to bring your own ideas and supplies to create something meaningful, bold, attractive, unique and inspiring!

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Wickes Library

Monday-Thursday Noon-6pm

Zael Library

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

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Together We Inspire . . .

Celebrate Women in Science

Join us for a lively program about **Women of Science and Women in Science**, facilitated by **Dr. Deborah Huntley** at **Hoyt** on **Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

In this presentation, Dr. Huntley will examine what science is and what it isn't, particularly focusing on the work of women scientists. She will also examine the representation of women scientists, including in her own career, as well as the representation of scientific research focused on women's health.



Dr. Huntley served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Saginaw Valley State University from 2014-2025. She also served for five years as the Dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology at SVSU. She holds the rank of Professor of Chemistry and received the Warrick Award for Research Excellence and served as a Rush Distinguished Lecturer.

Go on a Yoga Adventure With Us

Miss Michelle will lead a **Yoga Adventure for Kids** at **Butman-Fish** on **Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m.** This program is geared towards ages 4-10, but all are welcome. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or mat.

Adults are also invited to **Yoga at Butman-Fish** on **Thursday, March 12 & Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m.** Instructor Patti Krogman will lead this gentle yoga class for beginners. Build strength and flexibility along with a calmer mind. Learn to focus your breathing, alignment and balance while

learning the foundations of basic yoga. Please bring your own mat and any blocks, blankets or other props. Attendees are encouraged to dress in layers.

No registration is necessary for the Kids Yoga Adventure, but each adult class requires registration. Visit it us at www.saginawlibrary.org/events, or call (989) 799-9160 for more information.

