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Word Play Poetry Workshop

Celebrate National Poetry Month on **Wednesday, April 8** with a **6:30 p.m. Word Play Poetry Workshop** at Zauel!

This poetry workshop will be facilitated by Donny Winter, who resides in Midland and teaches writing at Delta College and Saginaw Valley State University. Donny is the author of three poetry collections published by Alien Buddha Press. He is a three-time Pushcart Prize nominee, and his work has appeared in numerous literary journals, magazines, and blogs. Come play with words and be surprised at what you can create!



This event is open to teens and adults. Register at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call (989) 799-2771 for more information.

Zoo has Otterly Amazing Animals

Join Sarah Shuler from the **Saginaw Children's Zoo** for **Otterly Amazing Otters** on **Thursday, April 9** at Zauel!

Starting at **6:30 p.m.**, Sarah will share information about American River Otters and give us an update on what's new at the Zoo for 2026! We'll also make an awesome otter craft.

This program is for elementary school-aged children and their families. No registration is needed, but children under 7 will need an adult helper.



Please note: we will be learning about otters, but this is not a live animal event.

Evening with Psychic Sara Boyd



Benign spirits and friendly angels surround us in everyday life, and Psychic Medium Sara Boyd has been contacted by them for years.

At **Messages from Spirit: An Evening with Psychic Sara Boyd**, the audience will witness Sara communicating with friendly entities that may have

a message, affirmation, or kindness to communicate. While every effort will be made to involve every attendee, not everyone present is guaranteed a reading. This event is for adults and takes place at **Hoyt** on **Thursday, April 9** at **6 p.m.** Registration is required. Please visit our website or call (989) 755-0904 to register.

Sara Boyd has been a practicing professional medium for five years, and has successfully held events where attendees were able to receive messages from departed loved ones. She is also a Reiki Master and a psychic intuitive Tarot reader, and has been practicing in these areas for more than 20 years.

Zauel Closed for New Flooring



Zauel will be closed to the public beginning **Monday, April 13** while crews install all new flooring throughout the building. This much-needed project is expected to take around two weeks. Stay tuned to www.saginawlibrary.org and our Facebook page for updates,

including construction reports and information on how we'll be handling holds. We're sorry to disrupt service, but we hope you enjoy Zauel's new look when it debuts at the end of the month!

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.

◆ = Registration Required



From the Pages

A Forgery of Fate

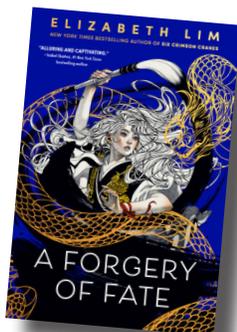
By Elizabeth Lim
Young Adult Fantasy

A Forgery of Fate by Elizabeth Lim introduces us to the forbidden love between Truyan (Tru), an art forger that can paint the future, and Elang, a half-dragon from a mythological underwater world. In this Beauty and the Beast retelling, inspired by East Asian folklore, Lim explores finding love in unexpected places, family bonds, and holding onto hope when all seems lost. This story is rich with character details that set it apart from other novels. Tru is funny and smart-mouthed without being too over the top. She also has an unmatched love for spicy noodles. Elang, normally cold, brooding, and calculating, is also a dedicated gardener. Some characters are less fleshed out than others, but Lim moves away from traditional Beauty and the Beast archetypes. These details give the characters life and drive their connections to one another.

In other Beauty and the Beast retellings, the main character does not get along with her other family members. In this novel, Tru has strong bonds with her mother and sisters. While those bonds are tested, her family loves and respects one another in a way that is refreshingly different.

The story blends elements of Chinese mythology, folktales, and art style into a fantasy world that will leave you asking for a sequel.

Reviewed by Sam Allen
Hoyt Library



Weekly Events:

Toddler Storytime
Zael
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for April 14 & 21

Chair Exercise
Zael
Tuesdays – 1:30 p.m.
Except for April 14 & 21

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 for April 16 & 23

Preschool Storytime
Butman-Fish
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for April 3

Family Storytime
Zael
Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for April 4, 18 & 25



Events:

◆ **Digitization Day**
Hoyt
Wednesday, April 1 – By Appt.

Crafty Kids Hour
Zael
Wednesday, April 1 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ **Book Eggs**
Butman-Fish
Thursday, April 2 – 3 p.m.

◆ **Yoga at Butman-Fish**
Butman-Fish
Thursday, April 2 – 5:30 p.m.

Stenciled Books
Wickes
Tuesday, April 7 – 4:30 p.m.

◆ **Hoyt Library Archives Tour**
Hoyt
Tuesday, April 7 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Butman-Fish STEM Night
Butman-Fish
Wednesday, April 8 – 6 p.m.

◆ **Word Play Poetry Workshop**
Zael
Wednesday, April 8 – 6:30 p.m.

After School Yoga
Butman-Fish
Thursday, April 9 – 4 p.m.

◆ **Happy Little Paintalong**
Butman-Fish
Thursday, April 9 – 6 p.m.

◆ **Messages from Spirits: An Evening with Sara Boyd**
Hoyt
Thursday, April 9 – 6 p.m.

Otterly Amazing Otters
Zael
Thursday, April 9 – 6:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks
Butman-Fish
Friday, April 10 – 2 p.m.

Goose Craft Take & Make
Hoyt
Saturday, April 11 – All Day

Spice Up Your Month
Hoyt
Saturday, April 11 – All Day

Stationery Swap
Zael
Saturday, April 11 – Noon-3 p.m.



◆ **Tech Tutoring**
Butman-Fish
Monday, April 13 – By Appt.

STEAM Discovery Lab
Hoyt
Monday, April 13 – 4:30 p.m.

◆ **Murder Club**
Hoyt
Tuesday, April 14 – 6:30 p.m.

Friends of Butman-Fish Library Spring Book Sale
Butman-Fish
Friends Member Presale:
Wednesday, April 15 – 4-7 p.m.

Public Sale:
Thursday, April 16 – 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday, April 17 – 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Bag Sale:
Saturday, April 18 – 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mystery Book Club
Oracle Brewing Co.
Wednesday, April 15 – 6:30 p.m.

Beaded Snake Take & Make
Butman-Fish
Thursday, April 16 – All Day

◆ **Memoir Reading & Writing Club**
Hoyt
Thursday, April 16 – 2:30 p.m.

Smart Money Kids Read
Butman-Fish
Saturday, April 18 – 2 p.m.

◆ **Let's Draw Some Fruit**
Butman-Fish
Monday, April 20 – 5:30 p.m.

Book Club Soirée
First United Methodist Church
Monday, April 20 – 6 p.m.

Pages of History Book Club
Castle Museum
Tuesday, April 21 – Noon

Butman-Fish Book Club
Butman-Fish
Tuesday, April 21 – 5:30 p.m.

Series Starters Book Club
Butman-Fish
Thursday, April 23 – 11 a.m.

Friday Flicks
Butman-Fish
Friday, April 24 – 2 p.m.

Kids Create Saturday
Butman-Fish
Saturday, April 25 – 11 a.m.

◆ **Charm Picture Frame**
Butman-Fish
Saturday, April 25 – 3 p.m.

Silent Reading
Red Eye Coffee + Tea
Saturday, April 25 – 3:30-4:45 p.m.

◆ **Tech Tutoring**
Butman-Fish
Monday, April 27 – By Appt

DIY Journal Making for Kids
Hoyt
Monday, April 27 – 4:30 p.m.

Cinema with Subtitles
Butman-Fish
Monday, April 27 – 5:30 p.m.

Kids' Favorites Book Club
Zael
Monday, April 27 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ **Yoga at Butman-Fish**
Butman-Fish
Tuesday, April 28 – 5:30 p.m.

◆ **Spring Charm Bracelet**
Zael
Tuesday, April 28 – 5:30 p.m.

**Bilingual Storytime /
La Hora del Cuento Bilingüe**
Wickes
Thursday, April 30 – 2 p.m.

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

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



Download our New Catalog App

As part of our computer upgrade that took place in February, we've moved to a new online catalog and mobile app. Use your same library card barcode number and PIN to log in. You will still be able to find items, place holds and keep track of your checkouts on your online account – but the site looks different. There is also a new app to download for your mobile devices, so you can carry your account information on the go.

Look for the new **VLC Member Libraries** app in your mobile store, scan the QR code on signage in the library, or follow the links at www.saginawlibrary.org/cardholder-info.

This change should only affect the library's catalog app. If you notice changes to your Libby, hoopla or Kanopy accounts, please let us know. Please also contact the library for assistance if you need help accessing or finding your way around your new online account and app.

Create a Work of Art at your Next Library Visit



Take some "me time" with crafts and other arty events at the library. Please note that, while some programs are suitable for all ages, others may have age limits, require registration, or are only able to accommodate a limited number of guests. Visit our website or contact the host branch to register or find out more.

Join us to paint a springtime egg decoration out of a discarded book at **Butman-Fish's Book Eggs** program (pictured) on **Thursday, April 2 at 3 p.m.** Books will be pre-cut. All you have to do is paint!

Do you love the look of deluxe editions of books, with their decorative, sprayed book edges? Over the last few years, publishers have been adding beautiful artwork to the edges of many books, where there used to just be plain, white paper. At **Wickes**, we will be trying our hand at making our own customized artwork at **Stenciled Books** on **Tuesday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m.**



Join us at **Butman-Fish** on **Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m.** to flex your creative muscles! At **Happy Little Paintalong**, we'll use pre-drawn or blank canvases to create a work of art! All you need to bring is your creativity and willingness to try something new.

Stop by **Hoyt** on **Saturday, April 11** to pick up two take & make kits: a **Goose Craft Wall Hanging** (pictured) and a **Spice Up Your Month** sample of **Kala Namak (Black Salt)** with recipes. Both kits are available while supplies last.

Do you have unused, like-new cards, notepads or stationery lying around that you would like to trade for something different? **Zael** is hosting a **Stationery Swap** on **Saturday, April 11**.

Pick up a **Beaded Snake Take & Make kit** from **Butman-Fish** on **Thursday, April 16**. These kits will contain everything you need to create your own friendly, little beaded snake. One kit per person, while supplies last.

Learn to draw from observation at **Let's Draw Some Fruit & Flowers** at **Butman-Fish** on **Monday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m.** Pencils, paper, and fruit and flowers will be provided but feel free to bring your own.

Decorate a picture frame for your perfect photo at **Butman-Fish's Charm Picture Frame Workshop** on **Saturday, April 25 at 3 p.m.** This program is designed for teens and registration is required. We will provide a picture frame, various colorful charms, and pom poms. These frames are for small photos (2x3) and are perfect for Polaroid pictures.

Make a crafty journal with us at **Hoyt's DIY Journals for Kids** on **Monday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m.** Using a journal is a great way to express yourself and calm your mind and body. There will be a snack and some fun journal prompts to take home with you.

Adults can sign up to make a lovely **Spring Charm Bracelet** featuring butterflies and flowers at **Zael** on **Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m.** All supplies will be provided.



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Branch Hours

Butman-Fish Library

Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

Hoyt Library

Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

Wickes Library

Monday-Thursday Noon-6pm

Zauel Library

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

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Together We Inspire . . .

Friends of Butman-Fish Book Sale

Help the **Butman-Fish Friends** by shopping for deals on used books, media and more at their annual **Spring Book Sale** at the library this **April 15-18!**

The **Friends of the Public Libraries of Saginaw** are a group of advocates and volunteers who love our libraries! Money raised by the Friends through memberships, book sales and other activities helps to fund a wide range of library projects. Find out more by visiting www.saginawlibrary.org/about/friends-library.



Member Presale: April 15: 4 to 7 p.m.
Memberships available at door

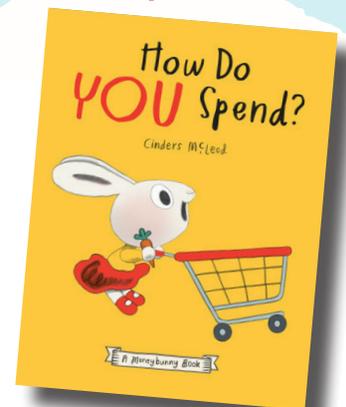
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Are You Smart About Spending?

In celebration of Money Smart Week, taking place April 15-21 this year, **Butman-Fish** will be hosting a fun and informational program about money on **Saturday, April 18 at 2 p.m.** This program is designed for children ages 12 and younger.

At **Smart Money Kids Read**, all participants will receive a free book. The book this year is ***How Do YOU Spend? A Moneybunny Book*** by Cinders McLeod. Bun has been saving her carrots, and now it's time to spend some — but HOW will she spend them?



Money Smart Week is a national public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. It takes place this month because April is National Financial Literacy Month. Whether you're just starting or have been earning your way for quite some time, it's never too late to learn about saving and improving your financial outlook. Developing a budget and building financial knowledge is the foundation for a brighter future.