

Beyond the Bookshelf

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November / 2024



Weekly Events:

Kids Zone

Zael
Mondays – 6:30 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

Zael
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.

Miss Beth's Boombox

Zael
Thursdays – 10:30 a.m.

National Novel Writing Month Writing Crunch

Hoyt
Thursdays – 3 p.m.
Except for Nov. 28

Preschool Storytime

Butman-Fish
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for Nov. 29

Family Storytime

Zael
Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.
Except for Nov. 30

Events:

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, Nov. 1 – 2 p.m.

Together We Read!

Hoyt
Saturday, Nov. 2 – 2 p.m.

Great Reads Book Club!

Hoyt
Monday, Nov. 4 – 2:15 p.m.

Super Satisfying Soups w/ the MSU Extension

Butman-Fish
Thursday, Nov. 7 – 5:30 p.m.

◆ Yoga at Hoyt

Hoyt
Thursday, Nov. 7 – 5:30 p.m.

Spice Up Your Month w/ Bay Leaf

Hoyt
Saturday, Nov. 9 – All Day

Needle Arts Club

Hoyt
Saturday, Nov. 9 – 10a.m.-Noon

Series Starters Book Club

Creation Coffee
Saturday, Nov. 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Cookbook Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Nov. 9 – 3 p.m.

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, Nov. 11 – By Appt.

Stranger Than Fiction

Barnes & Noble Café
Monday, Nov. 11 – 7 p.m.

Button and Magnet Making

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, Nov. 12 – 4-6 p.m.

◆ Murder Club

Hoyt
Tuesday, Nov. 12 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Continental Knitting

Zael
Tuesday, Nov. 12 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Teen Night: Geek Out About Books

Zael
Wednesday, Nov. 13 – 6:30 p.m.

Browsing Basics for Beginners

Zael
Thursday, Nov. 14 – 3:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, Nov. 15 – 2 p.m.

Zael Writing Club

Zael
Saturday, Nov. 16 – 10 a.m.

Gobble Wobble Yoga

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Nov. 16 – 10:30 a.m.

Make-It Monday Take & Make

Zael
Monday, Nov. 18 – All Day

Pages of History Book Club

Castle Museum
Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Noon

Butman-Fish Book Club

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

Mystery Book Club

Oracle Brewing Company
Wednesday, Nov. 20 – 6:30 p.m.

Book Ends Book Club

Zael
Thursday, Nov. 21 – 2 p.m.

◆ Yoga at Hoyt

Hoyt
Thursday, Nov. 21 – 5:30 p.m.

Holidays in the Heart of the City Storytime

Anderson Enrichment Center
Friday, Nov. 22 – 5:30-8 p.m.

Holidays at Hoyt

Hoyt
Saturday, Nov. 23 – Noon-4 p.m.

◆ Euchre Card Tournament

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Nov. 23 – 1-3 p.m.

Silent Book Club

Red Eye Coffee + Tea
Saturday, Nov. 23 – 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Disguise a Gingerbread Man

Butman-Fish
Starts Monday, Nov. 25

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, Nov. 25 – By Appt.

Kids Zone Book Club

Zael
Monday, Nov. 25 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Holiday Charm Bracelet

Zael
Tuesday, Nov. 26 – 5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Thursday, Nov. 28
&
Friday, Nov. 29

Holiday Ornaments

Make & Take
Zael
Saturday, Nov. 30 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

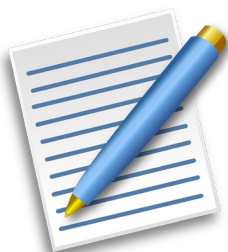
Thursdays are Writing Crunch Days for NaNoWriMo at Hoyt

Grab your pens and keyboards. November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) at Hoyt!

National Novel Writing Month began in 1999 as an online challenge to write a 50,000 word novel in thirty days. If you are one of the hundreds of thousands of people taking up the task this year, join us at **Hoyt** for three **Writing Crunch** sessions this month.

We'll be opening up the **Hoyt Mezzanine Room** as a cozy place to work on and chat about your NaNoWriMo novel on three consecutive **Thursdays: November 7, 14 & 21**. (We will be closed November 28 for Thanksgiving.) Teens and adults are welcome to drop in between **3-5 p.m.** for one, two or all three of the afternoon sessions.

Adults who are interested in writing are also invited to the **Zael Writing Club** on **Saturday, November 16 at 10 a.m.** All genres and skill levels are welcome.



From the Pages

Lady Tan's Circle of Women

By Lisa See
Adult Fiction

Good historical fiction can transport you to another culture and time with the turn of a page, and Lisa See's *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* did just that. I was captivated by how easily See submerges us into the setting and ethos of Ancient China.

Our main character is Tan Yunxian, a bold girl from the Ming dynasty and raised by her grandparents. Though she is born into an elite family of tradition, Yunxian's grandmother teaches her to break these barriers and become more than what tradition has defined as her destiny.

Going against her culture's customs, Yunxian learns to practice medicine and treat women's illnesses, including pregnancy and birth. She studies alongside a young midwife-in-training, Meiling, who eventually becomes her confidant.

The story follows Yunxian and Meiling's complicated but meaningful friendship as they help other women, children, and each other.

Lisa See examines the powerful significance behind breaking free of traditions and becoming more than the role assigned to you. She gives us a fascinating and inspiring story of life in Ancient China and a woman's victory over the boundaries placed in front of her.

Reviewed by Carrie Pung
Hoyt Library



Find a Recipe for Your Next Big Event

It's soup season. (And you can never make too much soup!) Join Tara Hovis, Food Safety Educator for the Michigan State University Extension, at **Butman-Fish on Thursday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m.** for **Super Satisfying Soups**. She'll be teaching us how to start preserving soup at home with safety information, recipes and helpful tips.

On **Saturday, November 9 at 3 p.m.**, **Butman-Fish** will host the first session of its new **Cookbook Club**. Pick a recipe from **Seriously Delish** by **Jessica Merchant** (available in print or on Hoopla), test it out and bring enough to share when we meet! Please note any food allergies when you register. Call **(989) 799-9160** for more info.



Welcome to a New Season of Children's Programming at Zauel!

The mission of the Public Libraries of Saginaw is to encourage reading and lifelong learning through education, enrichment and entertainment. Children's storytimes are an important part of what we do to fulfill that mission. Zauel is refreshing our schedule this month, to make sure we provide socialization and learning opportunities for kids of all ages! Here is Zauel's new schedule of weekly storytimes:

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

Join us every Tuesday for stories, songs, finger plays, learning activities, crafts and more! Activities are aimed at toddlers aged 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers, but this storytime is open to all.

Miss Beth's Boombox – Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for this new, interactive storytime on Thursdays starting in November! Wear comfy clothes and get ready to move and groove with Miss Beth as we sing, dance, jump, crawl, stretch and wiggle! This program is for babies, toddlers and preschoolers with a loving adult.

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

Join us every Saturday for our Family Storytime featuring awesome stories, songs, crafts, learning activities and more! Books will be aimed at children 3-5 years old with activities and crafts for all ages.



Try Out the Kids Zone at Zauel on Mondays

Join us for our new **Kids Zone** program at Zauel! **Every Monday at 6:30 p.m.**, we will have a different program for elementary-aged kids. All kids are welcome, but children under 7 will need an adult helper:

- November 4 – Craft Night
- November 11 – Game and Puzzle Night
- November 18 – Art Night
- November 25 – Book Club: *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien

Stories + Art

Katie from the **Saginaw Art Museum** will be joining Butman-Fish's weekly storytime on **Friday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.** with a fun and creative art project! **Butman-Fish's Preschool Storytime** is designed for ages 3-5 and their caregivers, but all are welcome. It meets weekly on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. We can't wait to have you join us for stories, music, crafts, games and more!



Butman-Fish Hosting a Euchre Tournament on November 23



Calling all card lovers! Join us at **Butman-Fish** for a competitive, fun **Euchre Tournament** for teens and adults on **Saturday, November 23** from **1-3 p.m.** We will be playing a progressive style tournament, so partners are not required. Players will rotate tables with a new partner each round.

The individual with the highest score at the end of the tournament will receive a “grand prize” and bragging rights! Second and third-place scorers will also receive a small prize.

We will be playing “Stick the Dealer” and “Going Alone” play styles. Because this is a competitive tournament, prior knowledge of euchre is required. You must know the rules!

Additional books and games about playing cards will be available for checkout before and after the tournament. Contact Butman-Fish at **(989) 799-9160** to register, or go online at www.saginawlibrary.org/events.

Together We Read at Hoyt!



We'd love to have you join us in the Hoyt Children's area for a fun time of stories, jumpy songs and a craft at **Together We Read!** at Hoyt on **Saturday, November 2** at **2 p.m.**

What is this month's theme? We'll be talking turkey!

See you there... gobble, gobble!

Gobble Wobble Yoga for Kids



How would a turkey do yoga?

Would a turkey do yoga?

Come and try **Gobble Wobble Yoga** with us at **Butman-Fish** on **Saturday, November 16** at **10:30 a.m.** This drop-in class is aimed at kids ages 4-10, but all are welcome. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or a towel.

Teens and adults can try beginner-friendly **Yoga at Hoyt** on **November 7 & 21** at **5:30 p.m.** Call **(989) 755-0904** or register online.

Murder Club Returns to Hoyt



Murder Club is for all the lovers of true crime and murder most foul. We will explore the worst that Saginaw has to offer in the comfort of Hoyt Library on **Tuesday, November 12** at **6:30 p.m.** If you are interested in the forgotten murders of Saginaw's past, please register online or call **(989) 755-9827**.

Geek Out About Books at Zael



Teen Night at Zael returns with a special evening to **Geek Out About Books!** Share your favorites with fellow book lovers on **Wednesday, November 13** at **6:30 p.m.** Bryan from Zael will talk about what's new in young adult books – and a guest bookseller from Barnes & Noble will talk about their favorites as well. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Please let us know you're coming online, or call **(989) 799-2771**.

Make a Holiday Charm Bracelet



Teens and adults are welcome at **Zael** on **Tuesday, November 26** at **5:30 p.m.** to make a lovely **Holiday Charm Bracelet** with us. This simple, but decorative, piece of jewelry will add flair to your holiday season, or make a great gift. Please register online or call **(989) 799-2771**.



Gingerbread in Disguise!

Disguise a Gingerbread Man! Kids can pick up a paper gingerbread man at **Butman-Fish** beginning **Monday, November 25**. They will have until **December 16** to pick a book character that they think will make the best disguise, decorate their gingerbread man and return him to the library. The winner will receive a prize – and all of the entries will help decorate Butman-Fish for the holidays!

See www.saginawlibrary.org/events for our full schedule of book clubs, tech classes, craft projects, Bookmobile stops & more!



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Wickes Library

Nov. 1-7: Monday-Thursday Noon-4pm
Nov. 11- : Monday-Thursday Noon-6pm

Zael Library

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

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MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
NOON TO 6 P.M.

Together We Inspire . . .

Holiday Fun In Saginaw City



This year's **Holidays in the Heart of the City** will take place **Friday, November 22** from **5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Public Libraries of Saginaw staff will be in the community room at the **Anderson Enrichment Center** throughout the evening sharing holiday stories.

This annual festival also includes free concerts; horse-drawn wagon rides on Ezra Rust Drive; open houses at venues including the Children's Zoo, Andersen Enrichment Center, Japanese Tea House, The Montague Inn and the Mexican American Council; free pony rides for the kids in Borchard Park; food vendors on the streets and much more.

The next morning, Saginaw's annual Christmas parade will kick off downtown at 11 a.m., heading towards Ojibway Island. After you've seen the parade, come to **Holidays at Hoyt** between **Noon and 4 p.m.** This event is for all ages and will feature puppet shows at 12:30 & 1:30 p.m., plus activity stations, crafts and more throughout the entire library!

Family Ornament Make & Take



In between your shopping trips on **Saturday, November 30**, stop in to Zael for a **Holiday Ornament Make & Take Day** between **10 a.m. and 4 p.m.** We'll have a variety of projects and materials available in our meeting room for the whole family to make ornaments together!

All ages are welcome, but children under 7 will need an adult helper. Please note that this event will take place instead of Zael's weekly Saturday family storytime at 10:30 a.m. (By the way, we're changing up Zael storytimes a little this month. See the front of this newsletter for an updated schedule of weekly storytimes and kids' programming. More details are inside.)



All branches of the Public Libraries of Saginaw will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday **Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29**, but we will be back open for our regular hours on **Saturday, November 30!**