

Beyond the Bookshelf

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OF SAGINAW

◆ Indicates registration required

April / 2025

Weekly Events:

Afterschool LEGO Club

Hoyt
Mondays – 4 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

Zauel
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.

Miss Beth's Boombox

Zauel
Thursdays – 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Butman-Fish
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

Zauel
Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.

Together We Read! Storytime

Hoyt
Saturdays – 2 p.m.

Events:

Color Me Calm for Adults

Wickes
Tuesday, April 1 – 2 p.m.

◆ Learn Audio Editing

Hoyt
Thursday, April 3 – 10 a.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, April 4 – 2 p.m.

◆ Intro to Tarot Cards

Hoyt
Saturday, April 5 – 2:30 p.m.

Kids Zone: Craft Night

Zauel
Monday, April 7 – 6:30 p.m.

Pages of History Book Club

Castle Museum
Tuesday, April 8 – Noon

Fabric Covered Boxes

Wickes
Tuesday, April 8 – 4:30 p.m.

◆ Continental Knitting

Zauel
Tuesday, April 8 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Resume Assistance

Hoyt
Wednesday, April 9 – 4 p.m.

Great Books Book Club

Hoyt
Thursday, April 10 – 2:30 p.m.

Ask the Tech

Zauel
Thursday, April 10 – 3:30 p.m.

Spice Up Your Month w/ Za'atar

Hoyt
Saturday, April 12 – All Day

No Sew Sock Bunny Take & Make

Hoyt
Saturday, April 12 – All Day

Needle Arts Club

Hoyt
Saturday, April 12 – 10 a.m.-Noon

Studio Storytime

Saginaw Art Museum
Saturday, April 12 – 12:15 p.m.

Book to Movie Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, April 12 – 2 p.m.

Make it Monday Take & Make

Zauel
Monday, April 14 – All Day

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, April 14 – By Appt.

◆ Books Beyond Binaries Book Club

Hoyt
Monday, April 14 – 3:30 p.m.

Kids Zone: Things That Fly!

Zauel
Monday, April 14 – 6:30 p.m.

Stranger Than Fiction Book Club

Barnes & Noble Café
Monday, April 14 – 7 p.m.

Butman-Fish Book Club

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, April 15 – 5:30 p.m.

Robot Night!

Hoyt
Tuesday, April 15 – 6 p.m.

◆ Memoir Reading & Writing Club

Hoyt
Wednesday, April 16 – 2:30 p.m.

◆ Teen Night at Zauel: Poetry Night!

Zauel
Wednesday, April 16 – 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club

Oracle Brewing Co.
Wednesday, April 16 – 6:30 p.m.

Money Time!

Butman-Fish
Thursday, April 17 – 4 p.m.

All Branches Closed

Friday, April 18

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Saturday, April 19

◆ Tissue Paper Flowers

Hoyt
Monday, April 21 – 3 p.m.

Euchre Card Night

Zauel
Tuesday, April 22 – 5:30 p.m.

An Evening w/ the Walloon

Writers Review
Hoyt
Tuesday, April 22 – 6 p.m.

Ask the Tech!

Zauel
Thursday, April 24 – 3:30 p.m.

Mythology Book Club

Hoyt
Thursday, April 24 – 6:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, April 25 – 2 p.m.

Series Starters

Creation Coffee
Saturday, April 26 – 10:30 a.m.

◆ A Few of My Favorite Things: Jewelry Making

Butman-Fish
Saturday, April 26 – 1 p.m.

Cookbook Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, April 26 – 3 p.m.

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, April 28 – By Appt.

Kids Zone: Book Club

Zauel
Monday, April 28 – 6:30 p.m.

Take & Make: Pop-Up Flower Cards

Wickes
Tuesday, April 29 – All Day

Pajama Camp-In

Zauel
Wednesday, April 30 – 6:30 p.m.

Learn Basic Audio Editing at Hoyt on April 3rd

Have you ever wanted to learn how to record and produce music? Or, have you wondered what it would take to edit a podcast? We'll be taking a couple of hours to learn the basics at **Learn Audio Editing** in the Hoyt computer room on **Tuesday, April 3 at 10 a.m.**

We'll be using Audacity, the world's most popular free software for recording and editing audio, at this introductory editing class for adults. Due to space requirements, registration is required. Call (989) 755-0904 or visit www.saginawlibrary.org/events.



From the Pages

Shady Hollow

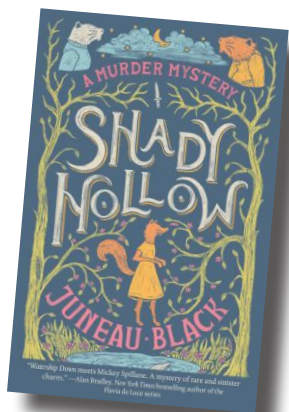
By Juneau Black
Adult Fiction

If you are in search of a cozy mystery to go along with your cup of tea during these cold winter nights, check out **Shady Hollow** by Juneau Black.

We are transported to Shady Hollow: a village of woodland animals who eat pancake breakfasts and grumble through their morning commutes. We see creatures of all types – a moose who runs a coffee shop, a raven who owns the Nevermore bookstore, and even a noble brown bear police officer. On the daily, all is harmonious in Shady Hollow until one of its long-time residents, a grumpy toad, is found dead in his pond. Our quick-witted news reporter, Vera Vixen, quickly pounces on the case. She soon discovers the toad's death might in fact be a murder, but the more Vera attempts to investigate, the more something sinister brews to keep it secret.

Will Vera reveal the killer creature's identity? Or will she be next? An amusing and energetic tale (tail?) of a village mystery, this book will keep you entertained with its incredible cast of characters who, despite being animals, remain relatable and wildly good to follow.

Reviewed by Carrie Pung
Hoyt Library



It's Time to Learn About \$\$\$ at Butman-Fish

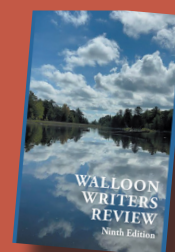
April is Financial Literacy Month, so we are offering a fun and educational introduction to money for kids at **Butman-Fish** on **Thursday, April 17** from **4-5p.m.** At **Money Time!**, **Wildfire Credit Union** will be joining with us to offer some great giveaways. Kids can paint their own bank and participate in other activities at fun stations around the room. Every child in attendance will receive a copy of this year's original \$mart Money Kids Read book, **Save It!**, by Cinders McLeod, provided by Michigan Credit Unions. This charming introduction to simple money concepts tells the story of a little bunny who learns about the power and satisfaction that come with saving money. Join us!



An Evening with Michigan Writers

Walloon Writers Review collects and shares stories, poetry, creative writing, and nature photography that capture the unique experience of Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. — walloonwriters.com

Join us at Hoyt on **Tuesday, April 22** at **6 p.m.** for **An Evening with Walloon Writers Review**. Incredible artists from the literary journal **Walloon Writers Review** will share their work, with time for discussion and signing books. Let's celebrate Michigan nature and the creative work of fellow Michiganders!



April Showers Bring Tissue Paper Flowers

Spring is here! Join us for one of these fun craft projects this month. See the full schedule and find out more at www.saginawlibrary.org/events. Please note some events may require registration.

- Relax at **Color Me Calm for Adults** at **Wickes** on **Tuesday, April 1** between **2-4 p.m.** We'll have soft music playing, hot beverages and pages to color.
- The first Monday of the month is **Kids Zone Craft Night** at **Zauel**! Elementary school-aged children and their families can make jumping bunnies and yarn eggs with us on **Monday, April 7** at **6:30 p.m.**!
- Upcycle cardboard shoe boxes into **Fabric Covered Boxes** at **Wickes** on **Tuesday, April 8** at **4:30 p.m.** Teens and adults are welcome to register for this class.
- Lessons in **Continental Knitting** are available at **Zauel** on **Tuesday, April 8** at **6:30 p.m.**
- The **Needle Arts Club** meets at **Hoyt** on **Saturday, April 12** from **10 a.m.–Noon**. Bring a project!
- Make **Tissue Paper Flowers** at **Hoyt** on **Monday, April 21** from **3-4:30 p.m.**! Please register.
- Tweens (8-12 years old) can make a pair of earrings or a necklace at **Butman-Fish's A Few of My Favorite Things: Jewelry Making** on **Saturday, April 26** at **1 p.m.** Registration required!

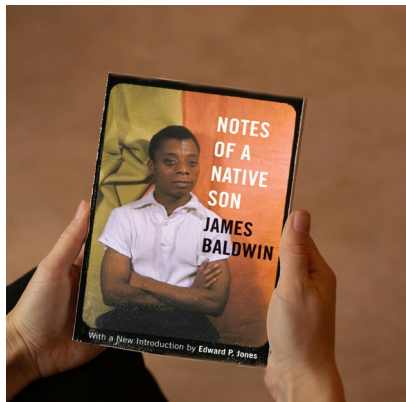


Celebrate Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month and we are celebrating at **Teen Night** at **Zauel**! Join us on **Wednesday, April 16** at **6:30 p.m.** We will create blackout poetry art using old print media, as well as try our creativity with other poetry-related activities. Please register in advance so we know how many snacks we'll need to provide! Call **(989) 799-2771**, or go online at www.saginawlibrary.org/events.



New Memoir Reading & Writing Club Begins on April 16



Have you ever wanted to write a memoir? Do you enjoy reading memoirs?

If your answer is yes, then **Hoyt's new Memoir Reading & Writing Club** is for you! This will be part book club (reading examples of memoirs and personal essays), and part writing workshop. We will discuss what makes a good or bad memoir and how to get started; we will read published examples of book-length memoirs and personal essays; we will read non-fiction books on strategies for how to write; and we will workshop pieces of your own writing, getting feedback on your writing from the entire group.

The first meeting will be **Wednesday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m.**, and our reading for this month is the essay, "Notes of a Native Son" by James Baldwin. Register for this group at www.saginawlibrary.org/events or call (989) 755-0904. Library staff can answer your questions, including how to find and read this essay.

Please bring a notebook.

Get Help with Your Resume



Get some one-on-one help with your resume at **Hoyt on Wednesday, April 9 at 4 p.m.**! Bring a resume you're working on, or use a computer in our lab to get started. A librarian will be available to help you make edits, work on formatting and learn some basic resume skills. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Take a Craft Kit for the Road



These kits include everything you need to make a fun craft at home. Get them while you can, because once they're gone, they're gone!

- **No Sew Sock Bunny** – Hoyt on **Saturday, April 12**
- **Easter Take & Make** – Zauel on **Monday, April 14**
- **Pop Up Flower Cards** – Wickes on **Tuesday, April 29**

Be Drawn to the Library During National Library Week!



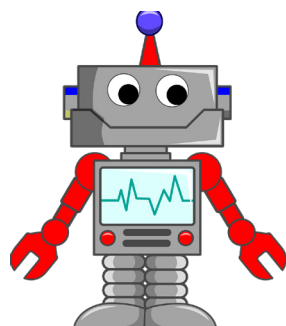
Millions of people across the country visit their libraries every week. What's the draw? Everything.

From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries of all kinds help us connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next. Chart your next literary adventure by browsing the stacks or joining a book club. Let an author color your imagination at an author talk, outline your big business idea at an entrepreneur workshop, or trace your history with your library's genealogy resources. Make your mark and get involved with your library by volunteering or spreading the word.

Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone. Celebrate **National Library Week** this **April 6-12**. These are the individual celebration days:

- **Monday, April 7 is Right to Read Day**, a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read. The American Library Association (ALA) kicks off National Library Week with the release of its State of America's Libraries Report, including the list of Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2024.

- **Tuesday, April 8 is National Library Workers Day**, a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
- **Wednesday, April 9 is National Library Outreach Day** (formerly National Bookmobile Day), a day to celebrate library outreach and the library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.
- **Thursday, April 10 is Take Action for Libraries Day**, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.



Robot Night at Hoyt

Children and teens are invited to **Robot Night at Hoyt** on **Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m.** Join us for a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) night of hands-on fun! No registration is required. Just come learn and experiment with all things robot in the Hoyt Auditorium!

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



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Branch Hours**Butman-Fish Library**Monday-Thursday 11am-7pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm**Hoyt Library**Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm**Wickes Library**

Monday-Thursday Noon-6pm

Zael LibraryMonday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am-9pm
Wednesday Noon-9pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pmwww.saginawlibrary.org

Together We Inspire . . .

Butman-Fish Friends 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 9-12!**

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 9: 4 to 6:30 p.m.
*Memberships available at door***Public Sale:**April 10: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
April 11: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**\$3 Bag Sale:**

April 12: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Teen/Adult Euchre Night



Calling all Euchre fans for a night of cards and friendly competition. Teens and adults: join us for **Euchre Card Night at Zael** on **Tuesday, April 22** from **5:30-8:30 p.m.** Snacks and water will be provided.

Camp "In" with Us at Zael



It's still too cold to plan on camping outside, so we're bringing the campground inside **Zael** for our **Pajama Camp-In** on **April 30** at **6:30 pm!** Wear your PJs and bring a sleeping bag or blanket to snuggle in as you watch a fun puppet show, make camping crafts and eat the ultimate camping food – s'mores! This program is for everyone. Children under 7 need an adult helper.