

# Beyond the Bookshelf

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December / 2024

## Weekly Events:

### Kids Zone

Zauel  
Mondays – 6:30 p.m.  
Except for Dec. 23 & 30

### Toddler Storytime

Zauel  
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.  
Except for Dec. 24 & 31

### Miss Beth's Boombox

Zauel  
Thursdays – 10:30 a.m.  
Except for Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

### Preschool Storytime

Butman-Fish  
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.

### Family Storytime

Zauel  
Saturdays – 10:30 a.m.  
Except for Dec. 28 & Jan. 4

## Events:

### Disguise a Gingerbread Man

Butman-Fish  
Runs until Monday, Dec. 16

### Great Reads Book Club!

Hoyt  
Monday, Dec. 2 – 2:15 p.m.

### MSU Extension:

**Holiday Baking & Gifting**  
Butman-Fish  
Monday, Dec. 2 – 5:30 p.m.

### Button Maker Ornaments

Butman-Fish  
Tuesday, Dec. 3 – 4 p.m.

### ◆ String Christmas Trees

Wickes  
Wednesday, Dec. 4 – 4 p.m.

### ◆ Victorian Christmas Ornaments

Butman-Fish  
Wednesday, Dec. 4 – 6 p.m.

### Movie Night at Zauel

Zauel  
Wednesday, Dec. 4 – 6 p.m.

### Tech Tips for Beginners

Zauel  
Thursday, Dec. 5 – 3:30 p.m.

### ◆ Yoga at Hoyt

Hoyt  
Thursday, Dec. 5 – 5:30 p.m.

### That's a Wrap!

Hoyt  
Thursday, Dec. 5 – 6-7:30 p.m.

### Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish  
Friday, Dec. 6 – 2 p.m.

### Series Starters Book Club

Creation Coffee  
Saturday, Dec. 7 – 10:30 a.m.

### That's a Wrap!

Hoyt  
Saturday, Dec. 7 – 2:30-4 p.m.

### Cookbook Club

Butman-Fish  
Saturday, Dec. 7 – 3 p.m.

### ◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish  
Monday, Dec. 9 – By Appt.

### Stranger Than Fiction

Barnes & Noble Café  
Monday, Dec. 9 – 7 p.m.

### ◆ Writing Your Cover Letter

Hoyt  
Tuesday, Dec. 10 – 4 p.m.

### ◆ Continental Knitting

Zauel  
Tuesday, Dec. 10 – 6:30 p.m.

### Holiday Hygge

Butman-Fish  
Wednesday, Dec. 11 – 4:30 p.m.

### ◆ Teen Night: Painterly Pottery

Zauel  
Wednesday, Dec. 11 – 6:30 p.m.

### ◆ Mental Wellness To-Go Kits

Hoyt  
Friday, Dec. 13 – All Day

### ◆ Canvas Bag Painting

Hoyt  
Friday, Dec. 13 – 3 p.m.

### Pajaki Chandelier Take & Make

Hoyt  
Saturday, Dec. 14 – All Day

### Spice Up Your Month w/ Anise

Hoyt  
Saturday, Dec. 14 – All Day

### Needle Arts Club

Hoyt  
Saturday, Dec. 14 – 10am-Noon

### Holiday Cupcake Decorating

Butman-Fish  
Saturday, Dec. 14 – 2 p.m.

### Together We Read!

Hoyt  
Saturday, Dec. 14 – 2 p.m.

### Pages of History

Castle Museum  
Tuesday, Dec. 17 – Noon

### Butman-Fish Book Club

Butman-Fish  
Tuesday, Dec. 17 – 5:30 p.m.

### ◆ Yoga at Hoyt

Hoyt  
Tuesday, Dec. 17 – 5:30 p.m.

### Mystery Book Club

Oracle Brewing Company  
Wednesday, Dec. 18 – 6:30 p.m.

### Holiday Pajama Storytime

Zauel  
Wednesday, Dec. 18 – 7 p.m.

### Book Ends Book Club

Zauel  
Thursday, Dec. 19 – 2 p.m.

### Browsing Basics for Beginners

Zauel  
Thursday, Dec. 19 – 3:30 p.m.

### Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish  
Friday, Dec. 20 – 2 p.m.

### ◆ Waterless Snowglobes

Butman-Fish  
Saturday, Dec. 21 – 2 p.m.

### ◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish  
Monday, Dec. 23 – By Appt.

### Family Game Day

Zauel  
Saturday, Dec. 28 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Silent Book Club

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

### Noon Year's Eve Party

Hoyt  
Monday, Dec. 30 – 11a.m.-Noon

### Family Movie

Zauel  
Monday, Dec. 30 – 2 p.m.

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

December 24  
December 25  
December 31  
January 1

## Extended Hours at Wickes

Wickes Library is now open until 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Extended hours began November 11 and will continue until further notice. Wickes is now open:

Monday through Thursday: Noon – 6 p.m.





# From the Pages

## Snowglobe

By Soyoung Park  
(translated by Joungmin Lee Comfort)  
Young Adult Fiction

Climate change has created a world of constant winter. Commoners trudge every day to work at a power plant. There, they labor like hamsters on a wheel to generate the power needed to keep living bearable and to supply power to Snowglobe, a city under a glass dome and the sole region that is warm. Everyone living in Snowglobe is an actor or director. In exchange for their climate-controlled life of luxury, they provide reality TV programs to entertain the masses outside.

This is the world portrayed in *Snowglobe*, in which our main character Chobahm lives her meager existence. Like most commoners, Chobahm's bright spot in life is the reality TV programs broadcast from Snowglobe. Her favorite program is *Goh Around*, starring Goh Haeri, who is the Taylor Swift of the post-apocalyptic world. It so happens that Chobahm is a stunning look-alike for Haeri, and people frequently tell her so.

One day Chobahm is approached by the director of *Goh Around*. Unfortunately, Haeri has taken her own life (off camera) and Chobahm is being tapped as her replacement so the show can continue. Chobahm accepts the offer and sees this as her ticket out of her grim existence into the world she has always dreamed of. However, upon her arrival in Snowglobe, it does not take long for Chobahm to realize that life there is not as perfect as it seems.

On an entertainment level, the book was a real page-turner for me. But there is a deep side as well. This is part of a planned duology, so I will be on the lookout for the sequel. I definitely recommend investing time in this chilling dystopian world, especially if books like *The Hunger Games* or programs like *Squid Games* are in your wheelhouse.

Reviewed by Bryan Latimer  
Zauel Library



## Wrapping Paper, Bows & Festive Music

Come and soak in the holiday spirit as **That's a Wrap!** takes over the Hoyt Mezzanine Room for two holiday gift wrapping sessions this month.

We'll provide the wrapping paper, bows and festive music. Drop in with a gift or two and learn some new wrapping techniques that will make them look extra special!

This same program will be offered twice. Come to either session or both:

- **Thursday, December 5 – 6–7:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 7 – 2:30–4 p.m.**



## Try a Craft Project at the Library this Month!

It's an ornamental time of year. So, we're bringing some seasonal crafts to your libraries this month! This is only a partial list. Visit [www.saginawlibrary.org/events](http://www.saginawlibrary.org/events) for the full schedule. Call the host branch to register or for more information about any program.

- **Button Maker Ornaments**  
**Tuesday, December 3 from 4-6 p.m. @ Butman-Fish**  
Drop in to use our button maker to create your own 2.25" ornament! We'll provide some images for you to use, as well as paper and markers to create your own. Feel free to bring your own designs on regular printer paper or photo paper.
- **String Christmas Trees**  
**Wednesday, December 4 at 4 p.m. @ Wickes**  
Teens and adults can join us to make a string Christmas tree using crochet cotton and mod podge. Please register online or call (989) 752-3821.
- **Victorian Christmas Ornaments**  
**Wednesday, December 4 at 6 p.m. @ Butman-Fish**  
Miss Kristi from the **Castle Museum** will share fun and unusual facts about Christmas past and everyone will get to make their own Victorian ornament to take home. This program is for ages 5-12 and limited to 20 participants, so please register online or call (989) 799-9160.
- **Pajaki Chandelier Take & Make (pictured)**  
**Saturday, December 14 @ Hoyt, while supplies last**  
*Pajaki* (pronounced "pah-yonk-ee") are colorful folk art mobiles made in Poland and all over Eastern Europe. This Take & Make kit includes everything you need to make a modern take on this craft out of cardstock, drinking straws and pom poms.
- **Waterless Snowglobes**  
**Saturday, December 21 at 2 p.m. @ Butman-Fish**  
Waterless snowglobes are fun to shake and so easy to make! We'll be using mason jars and miniature holiday figurines to create the perfect winter scene at this event for teens and adults. Register online or call (989) 799-9160 to reserve your seat!



## Bake & Gift Safely

The season of giving is right around the corner. Homemade gifts can be meaningful and budget friendly, but if you're gifting food, you want to make sure you're doing it safely. Join **Tara Hovis, Food Safety Educator for Michigan State University Extension**, as she talks about **Holiday Baking & Gifting at Butman-Fish on Monday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m.** She will share ideas for gifts, including equipment – and pie filling!



# Give Yourself a Self-Care Boost with a Mental Wellness Kit



A National Alliance of Mental Illness study found that 64% of people with mental illness feel that their conditions worsen around the holidays. Make managing those conditions a little easier by picking up a **Mental Wellness To Go Kit** at **Hoyt** throughout the day on **Friday, December 13**.

Kits include items to boost self-care and encourage positive mental health for teens and adults. They also include information from Child & Family Services of Saginaw. There will be limited kits available, so registration is required.

Teens and adults can also register for **Canvas Bag Painting** at **Hoyt** on **Friday, December 13** at **3 p.m.** If your books are weighing you down, customize a canvas bag to carry them all instead! Register for either or both programs online, or by calling **(989) 755-0904**.

## Write the Perfect Cover Letter



Register for **Hoyt's Writing Your Cover Letter** workshop on **Tuesday, December 10** at **4 p.m.** We'll review the basics to crafting the perfect cover letter that will help get that job interview! Begin writing your cover letter during the workshop, or bring one you're currently drafting. We'll work together to identify what makes a great cover letter and give some tips and tricks! Limited space. Please register online or call **(989) 755-0904**.

## Holiday Hygge at Butman-Fish



Create natural Nordic decorations that bring warmth to dark winter days at **Butman-Fish's Holiday Hygge** program. Drop in on **Wednesday, December 11** between **4:30** and **6:30 p.m.** to make cozy decorations, including cinnamon stick stars, aromatic garland and traditional Nordic heart ornaments known as *Julehjerter*.

## Painterly Pottery Teen Night



Create your own pottery work of art with materials provided by **Painterly Pottery** at **Teen Night** at **Zauel** on **Wednesday, December 11** at **6:30 p.m.** Seasonal items will be available. Your pottery will be fired and returned to the library for pick up at a later date. Friends and family of teens are welcome. Register now! Space is limited.

## Holiday Pajama Storytime



Everyone in the family is invited to **Zauel's Holiday Pajama Storytime** on **Wednesday, December 18**, beginning at **7 p.m.** Wear your pajamas and snuggle in for awesome stories, songs and a puppet show!

All ages are welcome. Children under 7 will need an adult helper.

Don't miss more family fun at Zauel this month! Join us for **Family Game Day** on **Saturday, December 28** between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and a **Family Movie** on **Monday, December 30** at 2 p.m.!

## Kids Cupcake Decorating



**Butman-Fish** will supply the holiday music, a delicious cupcake and all you'll need for **Holiday Cupcake Decorating** on **Saturday, December 14** at **2 p.m.** This program is for children of all ages, but those under age 7 will need an adult helper. Register online or call **(989) 799-9160**.

## Listen to our Podcast

Explore the vibrant world of literature, art and community with **Bibliobuzz: a Saginaw Library Podcast**. Join us for a captivating journey through book news, engaging interviews with talented local artists and authors and the latest updates on entertainment and art in our community. Look for new episodes every other Thursday on Spotify, or your podcatcher of choice. Find the link to all episodes at **www.saginawlibrary.org**.

See [www.saginawlibrary.org/events](http://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

#### NEW HOURS:

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 . . .

## Join us for Noon Year's Eve



Start the new year a little early at **Hoyt** on **Monday, December 30**, beginning at **11 a.m.** We'll have lots of games and activities for children and their families to celebrate New Year's – and, of course, a balloon drop at twelve o'clock Noon!



Please note that the library's holiday closing schedule may affect some normal events, like storytimes and the weekly Kids Zone program.

See the front of this newsletter for more information, or find the most up-to-date news at [www.saginawlibrary.org/events](http://www.saginawlibrary.org/events).

## Winter Reading is Coming



Our annual **Winter Reading Program** for adults will be back in the New Year! Starting **January 6**, pick up a Bingo card-style reading record that will challenge you to read across genres and formats during the months of January and February. Return your completed card by March 1 to enter a gift card drawing!

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