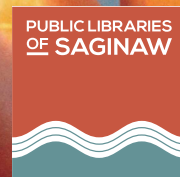


Beyond the Bookshelf

PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF SAGINAW

January / 2025

◆ Indicates registration required



Weekly Events:

Kids Zone

Zauel
Mondays – 6:30 p.m.
Except for Jan. 20

Toddler Storytime

Zauel
Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.

Miss Beth's Boombox

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

Preschool Storytime

Butman-Fish
Fridays – 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

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

Together We Read! Storytime

Hoyt
Saturdays – 2 p.m.
Except for Jan. 4

Events:

◆ Email for Beginners

Hoyt
Thursday, Jan. 2 – 11 a.m.

Ask the Tech!

Zauel
Thursday, Jan. 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, Jan. 3 – 2 p.m.

◆ Cookbook Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Jan. 4 – 3 p.m.

Adult Winter Reading Program & Blind Date with a Book

All Branches
Runs Monday, Jan. 6 –
Saturday, March 1

Great Reads Book Club!

Hoyt
Monday, Jan. 6 – 2:15 p.m.

Stranger Than Fiction

Barnes & Noble Café
Monday, Jan. 6 – 7 p.m.

Color Me Calm

Wickes
Tuesday, Jan. 7 – 2-4 p.m.

◆ Canva Course for Beginners

Hoyt
Wednesday, Jan. 8 – 4 p.m.

Spice Up Your Month w/ Sage

Hoyt
Saturday, Jan. 11 – All Day

Needle Arts Club

Hoyt
Saturday, Jan. 11 – 10am-Noon

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, Jan. 13 – By Appt.

◆ Books Beyond Binaries

Hoyt
Monday, Jan. 13 – 4 p.m.

Take & Make: Paper Snowflakes

Wickes
Tuesday, Jan. 14 – All Day

◆ Murder Club

Hoyt
Tuesday, Jan. 14 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Continental Knitting

Zauel
Tuesday, Jan. 14 – 6:30 p.m.

◆ Teen Night at Zauel: Finance and Budgeting with Jolt

Zauel
Wednesday, Jan. 15 – 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club

Oracle Brewing Company
Wednesday, Jan. 15 – 6:30 p.m.

Book Ends Book Club

Zauel
Thursday, Jan. 16 – 2 p.m.

Ask the Tech!

Zauel
Thursday, Jan. 16 – 3:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, Jan. 17 – 2 p.m.

Make It "Monday"

Zauel
Saturday, Jan. 18 – All Day

Series Starters Book Club

Creation Coffee
Saturday, Jan. 18 – 10:30 a.m.

Book to Movie Club

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Jan. 18 – 2 p.m.

Pages of History

Castle Museum
Tuesday, Jan. 21 – Noon

Boost Your Financial Future: Financial Literacy w/ FPCU

Hoyt
Tuesday, Jan. 21 – 1 p.m.

Crafternoons at Wickes Library

Wickes
Tuesday, Jan. 21 – 4-5:30 p.m.

Butman-Fish Book Club

Butman-Fish
Tuesday, Jan. 21 – 5:30 p.m.

Boost Your Financial Future: Financial Literacy w/ FPCU

Hoyt
Wednesday, Jan. 22 – 5:30 p.m.

Movie Night at Zauel

Zauel
Wednesday, Jan. 22 – 6 p.m.

Paper Lantern Take & Make

Hoyt
Saturday, Jan. 25 – All Day

Zauel Writing Club

Zauel
Saturday, Jan. 25 – 10 a.m.

Drive-In Movie

Butman-Fish
Saturday, Jan. 25 – 2 p.m.

Silent Book Club

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

◆ Tech Tutoring

Butman-Fish
Monday, Jan. 27 – By Appt

Board Game Night

Zauel
Tuesday, Jan. 28 – 5:30 p.m.

Lunar New Year Party

Zauel
Wednesday, Jan. 29 – 7 p.m.

Mythology Book Club

Hoyt
Thursday, Jan. 30 – 6:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks

Butman-Fish
Friday, Jan. 31 – 2 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Wednesday, Jan. 1
&
Monday, Jan. 20

Enjoy Bookish Bingo This January and February

Our annual **Winter Reading Program** for adults begins **Monday, January 6!** Pick up a "Bookish Bingo" reading record from any of our branches (or download one from www.saginawlibrary.org/adult-winter-reading-program beginning on the 6th). Each square on the board contains a reading prompt. Complete a row,

column, or all four corners of the board by reading across genres and formats during the months of January and February. Then, simply return your completed card by **Saturday, March 1** to be entered into a gift card drawing! (**Blind Date with a Book** will run at the same time this year. See inside for more info.)



From the Pages

The Bright Sword

By Lev Grossman
Adult Fiction

Young Collum has dreamed of earning his place at King Arthur's Round Table ever since he could pick up a sword. He's not one important, and not even really noble enough to be knighted, but when he has a chance to steal away and journey to Camelot, he seizes the opportunity.

Unfortunately, it seems Collum's dreams are destined to be disappointed. By the time he arrives at the castle, Arthur has been killed by his son, Mordred; Excalibur has been thrown into the sea; Merlin has been entombed; and Guenièvre and Lancelot have retreated to separate monasteries to atone for their sins.

Only a handful of ragtag knights remain at Camelot, and they don't exactly welcome Collum with open arms – but once he has proven he belongs with them, he convinces them they can return Camelot to its glory. There are hosts of obstacles in the way, of course, but quests and obstacles have never stood in the way of the Knights of the Round Table before.

This meaty fantasy novel mixes Arthurian legend with humor and a modern sensibility. It honors the sheer weirdness of so many of Arthur's tales, and doesn't bother to constrain itself to historical accuracy. (Somehow, this Camelot straddles a time period that encompasses both the fall of Rome and the high Middle Ages at the same time.) Despite its 600-plus pages, it's a fast, fun read.

Reviewed by Lynn Heitkamp
Zael Library



Welcome Back to Crafting at Wickes

Wickes is offering new art programs for cold winter days:

- **Color Me Calm for Adults**
Tuesday, January 7 from 2-4 p.m.
Come relax in the Wickes meeting room! We'll have soft music playing, hot beverages and coloring sheets to color
- **Crafternoons at Wickes**
Tuesday, January 21 from 4-5:30 p.m.
Once a month, on the 3rd Tuesday, we'll have a family-friendly drop-in craft. This month, stop in and do watercolor painting with us!



Join Us Every Week at Together We Read!

Hoyt's Together We Read! children's storytime is now a weekly program! **Beginning January 11, join us every Saturday at 2 p.m.** in the Hoyt Children's Area for a fun time of stories, jumpy songs, snacks and a craft. See you there!

You can also try these weekly children's programs:

- **Kids Zone for elementary-aged students**
Zael – Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. (Except Jan. 20)
- **Toddler Storytime**
Zael – Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.
- **Miss Beth's Boombox (see below)**
Zael – Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except Jan. 2)
- **Preschool Storytime**
Butman-Fish – Fridays @ 10:30 a.m.
- **Family Storytime**
Zael – Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except Jan. 4)



Special YOGA Edition of Miss Beth's Boombox!

Miss Beth's Boombox at Zael on Thursday mornings is always about music and movement, but on **Thursday, January 23 at 10:30 a.m.** we will have a very special **YOGA Storytime**. Miss Michelle from Butman-Fish, who is a certified children's yoga and mindfulness instructor, will be our leader that day!

Participants are asked to bring a yoga mat or towel and to wear loose, comfortable clothing. This program is for babies, toddlers and preschoolers with a loving adult. No registration is required.



Blind Date with a Book

You'll be seeing **Blind Date with a Book** displays in the adult collections of our branches beginning **Monday, January 6** through **Saturday, March 1**. We'll give you a few hints of what each book is about, but your selections will be wrapped and you won't be able to see the cover, title or author before you decide to check it out. (Who knows? Some of the hints may even match your Winter Reading Program Bingo card prompts!)



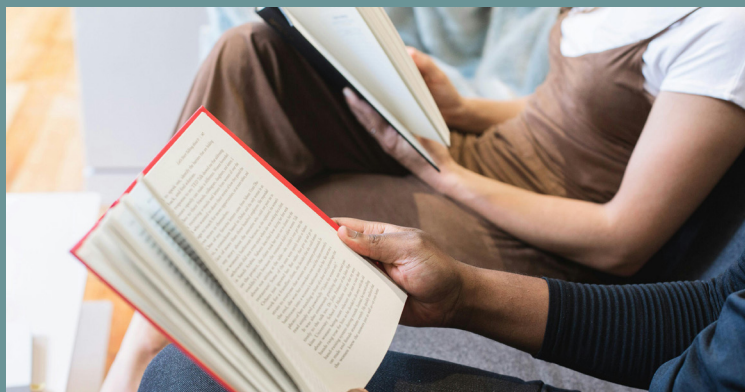
Make a Resolution to Get Better with Money This Year



Kick off your new year by learning to spend and save smartly at one of these programs:

- **Teen Night at Zael: Finance and Budgeting with Jolt Zael – Wednesday, January 15 @ 6:30 p.m.**
Teens: learn about money management and budgeting with Jolt Credit Union! Snacks will be provided.
- **Boost Your Financial Future: Financial Literacy with Financial Plus Credit Union**
Hoyt – Tuesday, January 21 @ 1 p.m.
Hoyt – Wednesday, January 22 @ 5:30 p.m.
Attend one of these FREE financial wellness seminars given by Financial Plus Credit Union and learn how to make the most of your money! Seminars will discuss maximizing your tax refund, budgeting, credit building and repair, and setting your financial goals for 2025. For teens and adults.

Four New Book Discussion Groups to Debut in January 2025



We try to offer a book club for almost anyone – which is why we're starting these new discussion groups this year! Use the Book Club filter on www.saginawlibrary.org/events to find the full schedule.

- **Books Beyond Binaries**
Hoyt
Monday, January 13 @ 3:30 p.m.
A queer book club exploring LGBTQIA+ themes in fiction. We're open to all adults and will meet in the Hoyt Mezzanine on the second Monday of every month from 3:30-5 p.m. January's selection is: *Big Swiss* by Jen Beagin.
- **Book to Movie Club**
Butman-Fish
Saturday, January 18 @ 2 p.m.
Is the book always better than the movie? We'll try to decide as we watch a film adaptation as a group and then have a short discussion afterward. Try to read the book before the viewing, but you're welcome even if you aren't a reader or didn't have time to finish! This month we'll be watching *A Man Called Otto* (2022, PG-13) and comparing it to the book *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

- **Kids Zone – Book Club**
Zael
Monday, January 27 @ 6:30 p.m.
This book discussion for elementary-aged students meets on the fourth Monday of the month. January's selection is *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate.
- **Mythology Book Club**
Hoyt
Thursday, January 30 @ 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a lively discussion of a book about Greek Mythology! Greek myths are full of gruesome drama and situations! Fun! Our first book is *The Song of the Kings* by Barry Unsworth, a tale of the beginning of the Trojan War, told from a modern perspective. No pressure, and a good time learning about mythology is guaranteed!

Need Help with Technology?



Do you really know how to use your laptop, tablet, phone or PC? If not, we aim to help! See the full schedule on the front of this newsletter, search for Technology Classes on www.saginawlibrary.org/events, or contact your local library to find out more.

- **Email for Beginners**
Hoyt
Thursday, January 2 @ 11 a.m.
- **Canva Course for Beginners**
Hoyt
Wednesday, January 8 @ 4 p.m.



It's Murder In Here

Murder Club is for all the lovers of true crime and murder most foul. We explore the worst that Saginaw has to offer in the comfort of **Hoyt Library**. We'll be looking at our next forgotten murder from Saginaw's past on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. Please register to join us at www.saginawlibrary.org/events, or call (989) 755-9827.

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



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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 Library

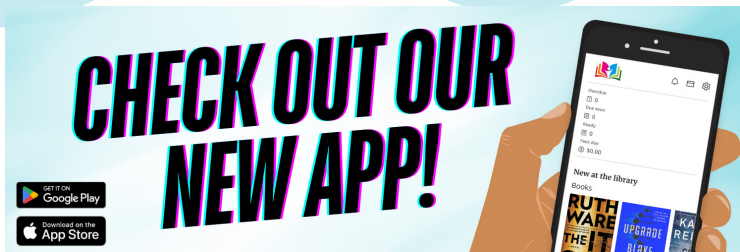
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am-9pm
Wednesday Noon-9pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

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Take the Library With You



The new Saginaw Library mobile app has all of the smart searching and intuitive features of our new catalog website – but it's optimized for your phone or tablet! Find it by searching **VALCAT** in your app store, or follow the direct links to the Apple App Store and Google Play Store at www.saginawlibrary.org/new-catalog-faq or sge.bibliocommons.com.

This app, like your account at sge.bibliocommons.com, allows you to keep track of your borrowing through our local system, place holds, store your barcode and see what's new. You can even use it to scan ISBN and UPC barcodes to see if an item is available at the library!

Please note that the older version of the app was retired on December 31.

Check Out "Things" from PLOS!



Have you ever wanted to try a piece of equipment without having to buy it? Are there things you know you might use once and never need again? You can now check out items like musical instruments, cookware, small tools and electronics from our **Library of Things**! Each branch has a different selection and these items are not requestable. Check sge.bibliocommons.com to see what's available.

Lunar New Year Party at Zael



Join us on **Lunar New Year** – **Wednesday, January 29** – at **Zael** to welcome in the Year of the Snake with puppets, various crafts, snacks and more! You'll even get to decorate a section of the snake that will go on the library's bulletin board! The fun starts at **7 p.m.** All ages are welcome. No registration is required, but children under 7 will need an adult helper.