

Halloween Hoopla at the Library!



A thick fog surrounds the Library. Orange, flickering eyes peer from just beyond the evil mist. Patrons report sounds of distant howling, chains rattling, and disembodied whispers. Someone said they saw books floating between the stacks?

Among this ghostly phenomena, there are many spooky opportunities for ghouls of all ages to Read, Learn, Connect, and Create at the Library throughout the month!

Get into the October fun spirit with our staff picks! Take a look at our movie and booklists for Spooky Movies for Kids, Not Too Scary Stories, Monstrous Tales for Teens, Scary Stories for Teens, and Horror for Adults. Want to check out one of these titles, or something else? Did you know you can borrow up to 8 titles a month using Hoopla, our featured eLibrary resource of the month? That's right, you can use your Library card to access thousands of audiobooks, movies, music, comics, eBooks, and TV shows 24/7 on your computer, tablet, or mobile device!

Halloween on Hoopla

Looking for some human interaction? Check out these fun-filled Halloween-related events!

FrankenFest (October 3-7): Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's classic novel, *Frankenstein*! This series of four events (FrankenPanel, FrankenFilms, FrankenFest, and FrankenTheatre) is part of the Indiana State Library's One State/One Story program.

Preschool Science & Math: Gross-Out Science (October 9, 10:45-11:30 AM) Nurture your preschooler's inner scientist. Hands-on gross-out activities get you and your child exploring math and science concepts. Dress to mess. For ages 3-6 and their families.

A Journey Through the Night Sky (October 10, 6-7:30 PM): Explore constellations, planets, and deep-sky objects, while learning about the larger picture of our universe and its stories. For adults and age 12 & up.

Stranger Crafts (October 11, 6:30-8 PM): It's going to be a long wait for *Stranger Things* season 3 (Summer of 2019!?!?). Make a themed craft and talk about the show at our *Stranger Things* craft night! For age 18 & up.

Star Wars Reads Day (October 14, 12:30-5:30 PM): A fun-filled extravaganza for all ages! Drop in for a Costume Contest and Parade, Storytime with a Stormtrooper, Crafts, Jedi Training in Virtual Reality/Fencing Instruction, Photos with the 501st Bloodfin Garrison, 3D Printing Demonstrations, and a *Star Wars* Movie Marathon!

Zombie Prom: A Night to Dismember (October 19, 7-10 PM): This after-hours event for teens includes dancing, snacks, zombie makeup tutorials, and a chance to learn the *Thriller* dance! Undead formal attire encouraged. Please enter the Library at the Kirkwood Avenue entrance.

Storyhour Extravaganza: Halloween Fun (October 24, 10:10:45 AM): Check out this magical ride filled with live music, stories, films, and more for young children and their families. This month focuses on Halloween fun. For ages 2-6 with caregiver. Registration required.

Dash & Dot Costume Parade (October 25, 6:30-7:30 PM) Kids ages 8-12 get crafty and techy at this STEAM tween tech program. After designing costumes for Dash and Dot (our robots), we program them using an iPad!

Festival of Ghost Stories (October 26, 7:30-8:30 PM at Bryan Park): Jack-o-lanterns and fresh cider set the stage for an evening of live storytelling beneath the stars. A Halloween tradition for over 30 years, the Festival of Ghost Stories features haunting tales of ghosts and horror that tingle the spine. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. This event is presented by members of the Bloomington Storytellers Guild in partnership with the City of Bloomington. For adults, teens, and older school-age children. (Rain location is the Main Library Auditorium.)

Books on Tap (October 29, 6:30-8 PM at The Atlas Bar) It's the Library in hangout mode??a book club with a casual twist, held at a different local bar each month. Get comfortable, meet new people, and talk about the month's read. You buy any desired drinks; appetizers provided. This month's book is *Killers of the Flower Moon*, a murder-mystery by David Grann.

Tuesday Tales: Halloween Edition (October 30, 10:10:30 AM): Stories, songs, and rhymes get your child talking, singing, and playing with books and words. Dress in costume! For ages 3-6 and their families.

Tech Meets Craft: Halloween Badges (Oct. 31, 6:30 PM, Please Register!) Come learn the fundamentals of incorporating basic electronics into craft projects. Crafters of all skill levels, age 16 & up, are welcome! This month's craft is Halloween pins. Create light-up pins to show your Halloween spirit! Please register.

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