

October

Adult Events—Downtown Library and Bloomington



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Festival of Ghost Stories Auditions October 3 | 7-8:30 PM Auditorium

The Bloomington Storytellers Guild will be holding auditions for its upcoming Festival of Ghost Stories happening on October 28 at 7 PM. Stories need to be less than 12 minutes and fit the theme of a ghost or scary tale. Tellers should be age 18 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**



Books Plus Virtual: The Marriage Portrait

October 4 | 5-6 PM | Virtual
Books Plus Virtual meets via Zoom on the first Tuesday of the month. This month's selection is *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell. Age 18 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar if you have not previously been emailed the Zoom link.**



Craft Club for Adults: Printmaking with Nature October 4 | 7-8 PM Meeting Room 2B

Craft Club continues with nature-focused printmaking. On the first Tuesday of each month, we'll learn and practice a new printmaking process, and use tools from nature to inspire ourselves and create beautiful artwork. Age 16 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**



STOP THE BLEED® Training October 5 | 6-7 PM Meeting Room 1B

The STOP THE BLEED® campaign is designed to empower bystanders to act as immediate responders. Participants will be given a certificate of completion at the end of the training. Age 16 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar. This program is in partnership with IU Health.**



Medicare 101 October 5 | 6-7:15 PM Meeting Room 2B

New to Medicare? Turning 65 soon? Join us for Medicare 101 with Bruce Muller from the Indiana State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), an initiative that provides free, impartial health insurance information for Medicare beneficiaries. Age 18 and up. *This program is in partnership with the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).*

Tree Identification Walk October 6 | 5:30-7 PM Meeting Room 2A

Join Cathy Meyer, Retired Naturalist and MC-IRIS member, on a downtown Bloomington tree identification walk. In this program, you will learn the importance of a robust native tree canopy in an urban setting—and why our native wildlife, birds, and pollinator's lives depend on it. All ages.



Discardia Mending Day October 8 | 12-4 PM Meeting Room 2B

Drop in and bring any clothes or other textiles in need of repair or cleaning. Discardia will be on hand to show you how to mend them or do it for you. All ages. *This program is in partnership with Discardia.*



All-Ages Day at The Ground Floor October 9 and 22 | 12-6 PM The Ground Floor

Curious about The Ground Floor teen space, but you aren't a teen? Patrons of all ages are invited to check it out on the second Sunday and fourth Saturday of the month—there's a DIY design studio, video games, virtual reality, and more!



Coffee with Friends: Craig Fehrman October 9 | 2-3 PM Meeting Room 1B

Join us for Coffee with Friends with author Craig Fehrman. Fehrman spent more than a decade writing his first book, *Author in Chief: The Untold Story of Our Presidents and the Books They Wrote*, which *The Wall Street Journal* called "one of the best books on the American presidency to appear in recent years." All ages.



Anthology: Music at MCPL October 9 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

Get to know the students behind the music during this tuneful afternoon as IU Jacobs School of Music students perform a mix of engaging music. All ages.



Making Monster Buttons in Photoshop October 11 | 6-7 PM | Level Up

Learn how to use Adobe Photoshop to create your very own creepy monster button designs. Age 12 and up.



Train Your Brain October 13 | 10-11 AM Meeting Room 1C

It's National Train Your Brain Day! Learn about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia while engaging in fun and creative ways to keep your brain healthy. Age 18 and up. *This event is in partnership with Purdue Extension.*



Film Screening: *The Source* October 16 | 3-5 PM Auditorium

Celebrate Jack Kerouac's 100th birthday with a screening of Chuck Workman's film *The Source*. Age 18 and up. *This program is in partnership with The Writers Guild at Bloomington.*

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A Readable Feast: *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*

October 17 | 5:30-7 PM

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Food, kitchen projects, and conversation are fueled by a good read in this unique book club. This month, we'll read *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal. All supplies will be provided. All ages. **Please register once per group at mcpl.info/calendar.** *This program is in partnership with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.*



Board Game Night

October 18 | 6-9 PM

Hopscotch Kitchen

It's game night! Join us to chat and play a fun selection of board games out in the community at Hopscotch Kitchen (235 W. Dodds Street, Bloomington). All ages. *This program is in partnership with Hopscotch Coffee and The Game Preserve.*



Meet the Funders

October 19 | 9 AM-12 PM

Meeting Room 1B/C

In this annual event, a panel of experts discuss topics relevant to nonprofit organizations. In the speed networking sessions that will follow, local organization representatives will talk about what they fund and what they look for when selecting nonprofits. Q&A session to follow. Age 18 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.** *This program is in partnership with Nonprofit Alliance of Monroe County.*

Co-Op Book Club:

Death's Door

October 24 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Meeting Room 2A

Join us as we discuss a new game every month and talk about game design, stories, art, and everything in between. Each month, the games will be available to play on the second floor of the Downtown Library near the video game collection. Age 12 and up.



Food Labeling: Healthy Habits and Smarter Decisions

October 25 | 11 AM-12 PM

Meeting Room 1C

Food packages have a lot to say, but should you pay attention? Learn about the components of a food label, how to understand the marketing label claims, and most importantly, how to make informed decisions about the food you eat. Age 18 and up. *This event is in partnership with Purdue Extension.*

Virtual Time Travel

October 25 | 5-6:30 PM

Meeting Room 1 B/C

Experience the wonders of the ancient world in virtual reality. In this program, the developers at Flyover Zone will show off their app Yorescape, which allows you to stream all of their virtual tours on mobile devices, laptops, desktops, and VR headsets like the Oculus Quest. Age 18 and up. *This program is in partnership with Flyover Zone.*



Golden Ager's Club

October 26 | 10 AM-12 PM

Meeting Room 1 B/C

Come and join the Golden Ager's Club for older adults who want to stay young at heart. Presenter Deepa Shah will host a variety of activities, including movement sessions, brain-boosting games, stories, and discussions. Age 60 and up. Registration is encouraged, but not required. **Register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Dementia-Friendly Films:

The Rest I Make Up

October 26 | 2-4 PM

Auditorium

This award-winning documentary focuses on the celebrated Cuban-American playwright Maria Irene Fornes, her experience living with dementia, and her collaboration with filmmaker Michelle Memran. It's a story of "love, creativity, and connection that persists even in the face of forgetting." While this program is especially designed for people living with dementia and their caregivers, everyone is welcome to attend.



Festival of Ghost Stories

October 28 | 7-8:30 PM

Bryan Park

A Halloween tradition for over 40 years, the Festival of Ghost Stories features haunting tales of ghosts and horror that tingle the spine presented by members of the Bloomington Storytellers Guild. The program will be held on the west side of Bryan Park. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the Downtown Library Auditorium. The Kirkwood Ave entrance opens at 6:30 PM. Age 12 and up. *This program is in partnership with Bloomington Storytellers Guild and City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation.*



Seed Save & Swap

October 29 | 10:30 AM-1 PM

Meeting Room 2B/C

Learn about seed saving and swap some seeds! Audrey Brinkers, the Garden Coordinator for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, will be teaching seed saving techniques from 10:30-11 AM. Directly following will be a drop-in seed swap; bring your vegetable and flower seeds to swap with other community members or to donate to the seed libraries. All ages.

Books on Tap: BYOB Horror

October 31 | 6:30-8 PM

Switchyard Brewing Company

It's the book club with a twist! Enjoy fantastic drinks, a comfortable atmosphere, and a great discussion on a variety of compelling books. This month is BYOB horror; join us on Halloween and bring a horror novel to discuss. We'll be meeting at Switchyard Brewing Company (419 N. Walnut Street, Bloomington). Age 21 and up.

Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.

