October is here – my favorite month! That means that Halloween will soon be upon us. Spooky stories, scary movies, costume parties, trick-or-treating, pumpkin carving… any number of ways to get you into the holiday spirit.

For those of you looking to get your fright on this month, check out one or more of these books or movies from MCPLS: The Exorcist by William Peter Blatty, Ghost Story by Peter Straub, The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson, The Shining by Stephen King, Horns by Joe Hill, or The Complete Fiction of H.P. Lovecraft.

You can also delve into your creative side by using a variety of ideas found in 101 Spooktacular Party Ideas, Country Living Happy Halloween, Halloween Fun – 101 Ways to Get in the Spirit, Pumpkin Chic – Decorating with Pumpkins and Gourds, or Scarecrows – Making Harvest Figures and Other Yard Folks.

And you can treat the kiddies to some Halloween fun in the pages of It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown by Charles M. Schulz, The Night before Halloween by Natasha Wing, Scaredy-Cat, Splat! by Rob Scotton, or There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat by Lucille Colandro.

There’s plenty of entertainment to scare up at the library this month, so make it spooktacular!
Best Sellers
Expected in October

A Banquet of Consequences by Elizabeth George
Bittersweet Dreams by V.C. Andrews
Closer to the Heart by Mercedes Lackey
Corrupted by Lisa Scottoline
Dark Ghost by Christine Feehan
Foreign Affairs by Stuart Woods
Gatefather by Orson Scott Card
The Girl in the Spider’s Web by David Lagercrantz

The Heart Goes Last by Margaret Atwood
Hell’s Foundations Quiver by David Weber
Lunch with Buddha by Roland Merullo
Make Me by Lee Child
My Brother’s Crown by Mindy Starns Clark
Playing with Fire by Tess Gerritsen
Rogue Lawyer by John Grisham
Saturn Run by John Sandford
See Me by Nicholas Sparks
The Theory of Death by Faye Kellerman
The Woman Who Walked in Sunshine by Alexander McCall Smith

Large Print
After the Storm by Linda Castillo
Badlands by C.J. Box
Brush Back by Sara Paretsky
Circling the Sun by Paula McLain
Come Rain or Come Shine by Jan Karon
The Lopsided Christmas Cake by Wanda Brunstetter
Make Me by Lee Child
Naked Greed by Stuart Woods
The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks
Starlight on Willow Lake by Susan Wiggs
A Wedding at the Orange Blossom Inn by Shelley Shepard Gray

Playaway
Devoted in Death by J.D. Robb
The Girl in the Spider’s Web by David Lagercrantz
Library of Souls by Ransom Riggs
Make Me by Lee Child
See Me by Nicholas Sparks
Undercover by Danielle Steel

Playaway View
Duck for President and More Election Day Stories
Writing the Alphabet
Liberty Kids: Conflict in the South
The New Adventures of Madeline

Playaway Launchpad
IT all ages
Running Start ages 3-5
Minds in Motion ages 5-7
My Smart Start ages 5-7
Outnumbered ages 8-10

Easy Books
Eva’s Treetop Festival by Rebecca Elliott
Five Minute Frozen Stories
The Poppy Lady by Barbara Walsh
Sign Language for Kids by Lora Helier
The Whisper by Pamela Zagarenski

Audio Books
Come Rain or Come Shine by Jan Karon
Depraved Heart by Patricia Cornwell
Foreign Affair by Stuart Woods
Golden Lion by Wilbur Smith
Irish Doctor in Love and at Sea by Patrick Taylor
Playing with Fire by Tess Gerritsen
Rogue Lawyer by John Grisham
Saturn Run by John Sandford
The Scam by Janet Evanovich
Wonderment in Death by J.D. Robb

Young Adult
Ink and Ashes by Valynn E. Maetani
The Keeper by Martin Darragh
Library of Souls by Ransom Riggs
Saint Anything by Sarah Dessen
The Shadow Behind the Stars by Rebecca Hahn
Untwine by Edwidge Danticat
The Witch Hunter by Virginia Boecker
Wrath and the Dawn by Renee Ahdieh
Zeroes by Scott Westerfield

Juvenile Fiction
Against the Tide by Tui T. Sutherland
Blood Ties by Garth Nix
Descendants: Junior Novel by Rick Riordan
Fire and Ice by Shannon Hale
Harley Quinn Vol. 1 (GN) by Garth Nix
The Penderwicks at Point Mouette by Jeanne Birdsall

Nonfiction
Ashley’s War by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon
Four Seasons of Cross Stitch by Ellen Jarecki
How Music Works by John Powell
Never Broken by Jewel
The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Dinnertime by Ree Drummond

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AND MORE!
Diana Pishner Walker Book Signing
MCPLS is pleased to announce the return of local author Diana Pishner Walker, who will be doing a book signing Saturday, October 3. The fun starts at 11 am! Light refreshments will be provided.

Diana has a new book released entitled Spaghetti and Meatballs: Growing up Italian. It is a children’s book about her childhood. This book has recently received the Reader’s Choice Award Honorable Mention for best children’s non-fiction as well as the Hollywood Book Festival Award Honorable Mention.

Spooky Stories
MCPLS is pleased to announce an evening of spooky stories at the library! Be on the lookout for an announcement of when this event will be held!

Recycling Fun
Novelis is hosting a day of Recycling Fun on October 17, from 2–3 pm. Come join them in learning how to keep the Earth green and to play a fun recycling game! Novelis will also be giving out free activity books.

Awesome Readers Club
The Awesome Readers Club returns October 26 at 4 pm to discuss the October book choice, as decided at the September meeting. Contact the front desk for more information and to sign up and pick up your copy of the book, starting September 29!

Teen Read Week
 Teens who visit the library during Teen Read Week, held October 18-24, will be able to enter to a “Get Away @ Your Library” prize pack!

Halloween Party
It’s that time of year again, time for some spooky fun at the library! The popular annual event will be Saturday October 24. The festivities start at 6 pm with all our fall carnival fun games, crafts and Halloween fun!

Visit the ghosts of library past through the haunted book sale room if you dare. Halloween fun is highlighted by the return of annual puppet show “HALLOWEENIFIED” that’ll feature classic favorites as well as new creepy fun. Come dressed in your best costume for the contest as well—you could win a prize! Fun starts at 6 pm, puppet show at 7 pm.

Adult Craft Class
The adult craft class will meet October 15 at 6 pm to make fall leaf votive holders from mason jars. Please contact the front desk to sign up!

Quilting Group
We will meet once in October to work on our Wonky Log Cabin quilt. All those members who can make Monday, October 19 at 5:00 are welcome to stop by, do some sewing and some visiting. We’ll be here till 7:00, so stay as long as you can, and enjoy some good company!

Adult Scrapbooking Class
Sign up at the front desk if you’re interested in joining a scrapbooking class that’s just for adults!

This class meets every Thursday from 4 pm–6 pm. Sign up at the front desk or contact Raina at 304-366-1210 x 126 for more information!

Book It
Book It will meet Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm in the Literacy Volunteers of America office on Locust Avenue to discuss Best of Friends by Sara James and Ginger Mauney.

From sharing secrets as children to chasing unconventional dreams as adults, network correspondent Sara James and wildlife filmmaker Ginger Mauney explore their learning curve on life through the lens of their thirty-year friendship —Amazon
Get Away @ Your Library

“Teen Read Week” is October 18–24 and features “Get Away @ Your Library.” To that end, we will be displaying a variety of young adult titles geared toward road trips, escapes, and flights of fantasy.


There’s more Halloween fun for patrons of all ages at our “Pumpkin Primping Station.” Stop in and decorate a cardstock pumpkin between October 1st – October 17th. Submissions will be displayed throughout the library through Halloween.

We’re “In the Midnight Hour” with our guessing game at the Circulation Desk this month. Guess how many Milky Way Midnight miniatures are in the jar, be the closest without going over, and win!

Our monthly trivia contest, “What Do You Know about That?” takes place on October 29th from 9 am – 4 pm. Patrons ages 14 and up are eligible to participate, and the participant with the most correct answers wins a prize!

Reading is Spooktacular

It’s all about “Dinosaurs” and “Halloween Fun” in October with Ms. Julie’s children’s programs. Activities include making fossils and going on a dinosaur hunt, making spooky Halloween crafts, and playing Halloween games.

On October 29th, Story Hour participants will be trick-or-treated to a “Halloween Party” and are encouraged to wear costumes.

Speaking of Books Club

Speaking of Books will meet October 27 to discuss Zero Day by David Baldacci.

John Puller is a combat veteran and the best military investigator in the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Division. His father was an Army fighting legend, and his brother is serving a life sentence for treason in a federal military prison. Puller has an indomitable spirit and an unstoppable drive to find the truth.

Now, Puller is called out on a case in a remote, rural area in West Virginia coal country far from any military outpost. Someone has stumbled onto a brutal crime scene, a family slaughtered. As Puller digs through deception after deception, he realizes that absolutely nothing he’s seen in this small town, and no one in it, are what they seem. –Amazon

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Story Time
Story-time is a pre-school program instilling the love of reading into our 2-5 year olds. This month Miss Julie and the children will learn about dinosaurs, fossils, and go on a dino scavenger hunt. The program is every Wednesday at 10:30. To register call 304-986-2803 (space is limited)

Halloween at the Library
Join us for a spooky magical time at the Mannington Public Library. Wear your favorite costume and enjoy games, crafts, activities, and snacks after hours, Friday, October 30 from 6-8 pm if you dare! At 7 pm, you'll be amazed by magician, illusionist, and ventriloquist Dave Powers as he performs spooky feats and magical tricks! The entire evening is kid friendly, and it's all free.

Everyone is welcome, so plan to come early and stay late! For more information contact the library at 304-986-2903.

Glorious Women Never Age
We're all getting older. "How you are going to age is your decision… Don’t battle aging when you can dance with life!" Join us for a viewing of Dr. Christiane Northrup’s Glorious Women Never Age! We invite women of all ages to bring a bag lunch and gain a positive approach to growing older October 20 at 12 pm.

Cover2Cover
October 15 @ 1:30. This month’s title: The Night of the Hunter by Davis Grubb.

Inspired by serial killer Harry Powers, "The Bluebeard of Quiet Dell," who was hung in 1932 for his murders of two widows and three children.

This best-selling novel, first published in 1953 to wide acclaim by author Grubb, (who, like Powers, lived in Clarksburg, West Virginia), served as the basis for Charles Laughton's noir classic . Renamed "Harry Powell," the lead character in this book, with LOVE and HATE tattooed on his fingers, is remembered as one of the creepiest men in book and cinema history.

Blackshere Pizza Party
We’re celebrating Blackshere Elementary’s third grade class the month of October! Each time a third grade student visits the library the month of October we will give them a pizza topping representing their homeroom for each item they check out. The class with the most toppings will win a Little Ceasars’ Pizza Party and a special story read by Ms. Julie, compliments of the library.

Fiction Addiction Book Club: Grades 5-8
October 19 @ 4:30. This month: Obsidian by Jennifer Armentrout.

Starting over sucks. When we moved to West Virginia right before my senior year, I’d pretty much resigned myself to thick accents, dodgy internet access, and a whole lot of boring…. until I spotted my hot neighbor, with his looming height and eerie green eyes.

Things were looking up. And then he opened his mouth. Daemon is infuriating. Arrogant. Stab-worthy. We do not get along. At all. But when a stranger attacks me and Daemon literally freezes time with a wave of his hand, well, something unexpected happens. The hot alien living next door marks me. You heard me. Alien. –Amazon

Teen Tuesday
Teen Tuesday, for all teens ages 12-17, October 27 at 4pm. We will be featuring Avengers: Age of Ultron for your viewing enjoyment. Complementary snacks included.

SaturGanza
October’s SaturGanza will include stories, a scavenger hunt, games and snacks for pre-school and elementary age children. Come early and stay as long as you can Saturday, October 17 from 10 am to 12 pm.

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Hello All!

October is sweeping in with a gust of warm fall winds. The leaves are turning to their more colorful wardrobe and pumpkins are popping up all around.

Halloween is, of course, the grand feature of October, full of ’spooktacular’ fun and events. The library will be busy with their annual Halloween events. All the wonderful costumes, fun games, delightful treats and fun puppet show. Also be sure to check out all the scary fun items the library has to offer, such as great scary stories, craft books, spine chilling movies, and much more to be sure to haunt your Halloween fun!

Enjoy this festive time of year as fall rushes in, bringing in the delightful autumn season!

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HAVE A SUPER HALLOWEEN!
Fairmont
- Sept. 27– October 3: Banned Books Week
- Oct. 1-21: Our Lives, Our Stories Exhibit
- October 3: Diana Walker Book Signing
- October 3: Book Sale– 9 am - 1 pm
- October 7, 14, 21, 28: Story Hour Group 1
- October 8, 15, 22, 29: Story Hour Group 2
- October 12: CLOSED for In-Service
- October 15: Adult Craft Class
- October 17: Recycling Fun Day
- October 18-24: Teen Read Week
- October 21: Book It: Best of Friends
- October 24: Halloween Party
- October 26: Awesome Readers Club

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- October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Friday book sale 10-4
- October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Sat. book sale 9-1

Fairview
- October 1-17: Pumpkin Primping Station
- October 1-31: Monthly programs and contests
- October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Story Hour 1 & 2
- October 5, 12, 19, 26: Toddler Time
- October 6, 13, 20, 27: Tuesday Nite Knitters
- October 6: Teen Tuesday/Teen Advisory Board
- October 6, 20: Circle Time 2
- October 12: CLOSED for In-Service
- October 13, 27: Circle Time 1
- October 13-31: WV Veterans Nursing Facility Donation Drive
- October 20: After School Movie, Cinderella
- October 27: Speaking of Books: Seabiscuit: An American Legend
- October 29: What Do You Know About That? Trivia