

CHAPTERS

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

AUTUMN MARKET

OCTOBER 2 @ 4-7 PM

LOCAL GOODS, FOOD
TRUCKS, LIVE MUSIC
AND MORE!



BANNED BOOKS CAFE

CELEBRATE BANNED
BOOKS WEEK AT THE
LIBRARY!

OCT 8 @ 6 PM



SPOOKY PROGRAMS



Youth Craft: Spider-web
Marble Paintings
Oct. 7 @ 3:15 pm

Samhein: The Celtic
Roots of Halloween
with Barry Cloyd

Oct. 23 @ 6:30 pm



*Let's Taco 'bout It:
Oh, the Horror!
Oct. 28 @ 6 pm



*Addams Family
Interactive Movie
Oct. 29 @ 6 pm

*Registration required

Read the

Rainbow

Book Club



Teen Book Club:
Oct 10 @ 3 pm

Movie:
Oct 11 @ 1 pm

Reading: The Perks of Being a
Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

Music & Movement Storytime

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm & Fridays @ 10 am | Ages 0-5

A place for little ones to explore music & movement as cornerstones of early literacy! Experiment together with songs, dances, and stories to develop foundational skills in music, motor skills, literacy, and communication.

Lego Club

Thu. @ 3-5 pm & 4th Sat. (10/25) @ 1-3 pm | Ages 4+
Bring your friends and your imagination - we'll provide the Legos! Stop by anytime during our open hours to build a creation to put on display in the library lobby. New members are always welcome!

Youth Craft: Spider-web Marble Paintings

Tue., Oct 7 @ 3:30 pm | Ages 6-14

Use marbles to paint a spooky spider web!

Homeschool Library Hour

Mon., Oct 13 & 27 @ 1 pm | All ages

Join us to connect with other homeschoolers in the community and explore the resources the library has to offer to support your family's educational journey!

Sign & Sing

Tue., Oct 14 & 28 @ 10:30 am | Ages 0-5

Join our friends from Communication Junction for an ASL story time filled with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles!

*Kids Cooking: Rice Krispie Treats

Tue., Oct 21 @ 3:30 pm | Ages 8-14

This is the perfect treat to share with friends! Come learn how to make them in your home kitchen.

Half-Day Hangout

Wed., Oct 22 @ 10:45 am | Ages 8-18

Looking for somewhere to hang out when school gets out early? Come chill at the library! We will have coloring pages, board games, and snacks available.

TEEN PROGRAMS | Teens only

Read the Rainbow Book Club

Fri., Oct 10 @ 3 pm

A space for teens to read and discuss books from a wide range of perspectives. In honor of Banned Books Week, we're reading *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. Come ready to discuss and bring a friend!

A timid teenager copes with the pains of adolescence with the help of two new friends, a beautiful high-school senior and her gay stepbrother.

Read the Rainbow Book Club—Movie

Sat., Oct 11 @ 1 pm

Eat some snacks and enjoy the film adaptation of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* (2012, PG-13, 1h 42m).

Teen Tuesday | Tue., Oct 28 @ 3 pm

Come hang out at the library after school! Play some games or just chill and eat snacks with your friends.

ADULT PROGRAMS

*What the Tech?! | Select Wednesdays @ 11 am

Oct 1: eLibrary—Learn how to use the library's eBook, eAudio, and video streaming platforms.

Oct 22: Cybersecurity—Learn how to be safe online and avoid scams.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wed., Oct 1 @ 12-5 pm | For appointments, call Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org/give.

Knots of Fun | Wed., Oct 1 & 15 @ 3-5 pm

Stitch, chat, and create with us! Whether you're a crochet pro, knitting newbie, or sewing enthusiast, all skill levels are welcome. Bring your project, share tips, and enjoy some creative camaraderie! Facilitated by Amy Thompson of Evergreen Senior Living.

Spanish Conversation Cafe

Wednesdays @ 3:45 pm | Practice your Spanish skills in casual conversation. Speakers of all levels are welcome.

Accelerated Weeders | Fridays @ 9 am

Love to work in the garden? Come for an hour of camaraderie while helping to keep the library grounds beautiful. We'll supply tools and gloves, but bring your own if you like. Can't come Friday mornings? Contact Catherine at 309-274-2719 or cbarnett@chillipld.org to arrange a time to volunteer.

Autumn Market

Thu., Oct 2 @ 4-7 pm

Local goods, food trucks, face painting, a tractor to explore, adoptable pets to meet, and live music by John & Gabi and Bob & Barney! Limited parking at the library; overflow parking at IVC High School. Golf cart shuttle service available.

Live at the Library: Medusa

Sat., Oct 4 @ 2 pm

Medusa reimagines the Western string quartet by wielding near-forgotten traditional folk instruments and blending dynamic sounds from around the world.

Made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

Movies | Select Mondays @ 12 pm

Popcorn served; feel free to bring a snack or sack lunch. And, join us for Let's Taco 'bout It on October 28 to talk about horror movies with Dr. Sara Netzley.

Oct 6—*The Final Girls* (2015, PG-13, 1h 28m)

A teen is pulled into the world of an 80s slasher film her recently deceased mother starred in.

Oct 20—*The Host* (2006, Rated R, 2h)

A dysfunctional Korean family tries to save their daughter from the clutches of a mutant monster.

ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., Oct 7 @ 6 pm

Dust off that guitar, fiddle, banjo, or other acoustic instrument and bring it to the library for a jam session on 1st Tuesdays. Music lovers of all ages are encouraged to come play, listen, and/or sing along.

Bingo! | Wed., Oct 8 @ 1 pm

Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo, plus prizes and snacks.

Banned Books Cafe

Wed., Oct 8 @ 6 pm

What is book banning? Come learn about the history of book bans in the U.S. and why many books are still being challenged today. We will also have trivia, activities, and plenty of banned books to check out!

*Cooking around the World: Uruguay

Thur., Oct 9 @ 6 pm

Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about Uruguayan culture and cuisine and sample some recipes! Recipes from past programs at cpldcooking.weebly.com.

Volunteer Opportunity

Wed., Oct 15 @ 9 am-12 pm

Help restore Root Cemetery and Nature Preserve! Dress for the weather and wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Water, tools, work gloves, and good conversation provided. Meet at Root Cemetery, a mile NW of Chillicothe on Ratcliffe Rd. For info, contact Dave Pittman at 309-573-2354 or dvdgpittman@gmail.com.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., Oct 21 @ 5 pm

This monthly support group, led by an Alzheimer's Association-trained volunteer, offers a chance for caregivers to develop support, learn about dementia, and build problem-solving skills. Open to caregivers and others who have loved ones with dementia. Call (800) 272-3900 or visit bit.ly/3MtEUcp to register.

Books & Brew

Tue., Oct 21 @ 6:30 pm

Enjoy the company of other readers and your favorite brew. We'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bev's. ***Firekeeper's Daughter***, by Angeline Boulley. When family tragedy strikes, Daunis puts her college plans on hold. The only bright spot is the hockey team's new recruit, who is charming, but hiding something. After witnessing a shocking murder, Daunis is thrust into an FBI investigation. As the deceptions—and deaths—keep growing, she must learn how far she'll go for her community.

Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode | Tue., Oct 21 @ 7 pm—online

Register at bit.ly/ILPMarissaBode, and receive a link to this online event and limited-access recording afterwards. Prepare for a magical evening as Illinois Libraries Present welcomes actress Marissa Bode. Bode made her feature film debut as Nessarose in Academy Award-winning blockbuster, *Wicked*. As the sequel, *Wicked: For Good*, approaches, we'll reflect on what makes the story meaningful to Bode and audiences around the world. *ASL interpretation and Closed Captioning are provided. This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.*

Samhein: The Celtic Roots of Halloween

Thu., Oct 23 @ 6:30 pm

Samhein (pronounced Sow-wehn) is the ancient Gaelic name for a time between times...a time at the end of Harvest when the veil between the world of men and the otherworld of spirits becomes thin and spirits walk the earth. From ancient times until today, we have celebrated this mysterious and beautiful time of year, we call Halloween. Join award-winning singer-songwriter Barry Cloyd to revisit and bring to life the tales and songs of this haunting October celebration. Geared towards adults & teens, but suitable for all ages.

Remember When...

Fri., Oct 24 @ 1:30 pm at Evergreen Senior Living
Take a stroll down memory lane and reminisce about different topics each month. This month, we'll talk about school days.

*Let's Taco 'bout It: Oh, the Horror!

Tue., Oct 28 @ 6 pm

Join Dr. Sara Netzley Bradley University to delve into the deeper themes and meanings in some of our favorite horror movies, as well as the social and psychological reasons we're drawn to horror. Tacos served, courtesy of Taco Bell. Register to let us know you'd like a taco.

*Spooky Interactive Movie: *The Addams Family*

Wed., Oct 29 @ 6 pm | Ages 10+

Bring a friend or family member to enjoy a Halloween movie! Costumes are encouraged. Register for a prop kit. (1991, PG-13, 1h 39m) A stranger shows up on the Addams' doorstep, claiming to be a long-lost uncle. However, he is really a ringer in cahoots with a lawyer; and the two are trying to dupe the ghoulish family out of their fortune.

*Frankengames

Thu., Oct 30 @ 6-7:30 pm | Ages 7+

Bring the whole family (2nd grade through adults) to create new board games out of old bits and pieces! Materials provided, but feel free to bring any extra board game parts you may have lying around. Hosted by Cabbages & Kings Games.



*Registration Required

Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2719, or visit bit.ly/3uX9G4w to register.

VISION: Read. Learn. Share. Grow.

MISSION: The library enriches lives, builds community and encourages success by bringing people, information, and ideas together.

SPOOKY STORIES



During the month of October, all ages are invited to submit a short spooky story to add to our Spooky Story Collection!

Grab a submission form and read stories from previous years at the library.



FALL READING CHALLENGE: GENRE EXPLORATION

Sep 1-Oct 31

Read three books, each from a different genre, to get a free drink from the library's cafe, a bookmark, and entry into a drawing for a gift card from Triple Dipple's!

Pick up a reading log at the library to get started!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Live at the Library: The Sweet Lillies

Sat., Nov 1 @ 2 pm

With an acoustic string-band lineup of guitar, viola, and upright bass and ethereal vocal harmonies, this Colorado band has an old-time soul with a forward-looking eye. Made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

The Indigenous Story of Chillicothe

Thur., Nov 6 @ 6 pm

Join Jo Lakota and Jimmy Lakota Edwards to learn about the indigenous history of our local area. What Native nations used to—and still—live here? Where are their descendants now? What historical events and current issues should we be aware of that are impacting these communities? Jimmy will also share some songs and dancing. Jo and Jimmy are of Walla Walla and Lakota descent, and also have Shawnee and Cherokee ancestors.

Wicked Sing-Along

Sat., Nov 8 @ 1 pm

Get ready for *Wicked: For Good* by revisiting *Wicked!* Costumes encouraged. (2024, PG, 2h 40m) Elphaba, ridiculed for her green skin, and Galinda, a popular girl, become friends at Shiz University in the Land of Oz. After an encounter with the Wizard of Oz, their friendship reaches a crossroads.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Month: Fall Reading Challenge Spooky Stories Scavenger Hunt	 *Registration required. Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2719, or visit bit.ly/3uX9G4w to register.		1 *11 am eLibrary 12-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 3-5 pm Knots of Fun 3:45 pm Spanish Conv. 5:30 pm Music & Mov.	2 3-5 pm Lego Club 4-7 pm Autumn Market	3 9 am Accelerated Weeders 10 am Music & Movement Storytime	4 2 pm Live at the Library: Medusa
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19	20 12 pm Movie: <i>The Host</i>	21 *3:30 pm Kids Cooking 5 pm Dementia Caregiver Support Group 6:30 pm Books & Brew *7 pm Marissa Bode— <i>online event</i>	22 10:45 pm Half-Day Hangout *11 am Cybersecurity 3:45 pm Spanish Conv. 5:30 pm Music & Movement Storytime	23 3-5 pm Lego Club 6:30 pm Samhein: The Celtic Roots of Halloween	24 9 am Accelerated Weeders 10 am Music & Movement Storytime 1:30 pm Remember When...	25 1-3 pm Lego Club
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