It’s the Spookiest Month of the Year!

I love October: the weather, the foliage, the crunch of leaves underfoot, and, of course, Halloween and all it entails. From the spooky to the macabre; the decorations and the costumes; the tricks and treats - it’s my favorite time of the year.

I hope you have a Spooktacular October and skele-tons of fun!

- Children and families are invited to a virtual [Spooky Dance Party](#) with Turtle Dance Music.
- Kids, teens, and families can virtually [Learn How to Draw Monsters](#) with award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski.
- Take part in a haunting [Halloween STEAM](#) activity.
- Honor and remember deceased loved ones by creating a [Day of the Dead Altar](#) - kits available!
- Revisit our “Halloween at Home” post from last year for some spook-tacular activities.
- Have a “Spooky Dance Party” with [my curated Spotify playlist](#) or by borrowing some Halloween [albums to stream from Hoopla](#).
- Celebrate Autumn with picture book recommendations from Youth Services librarian, Tata.
- Check out some [Halloween Books](#)! Stop by the Trove for books from our “Halloween” and “Monster-ific Reads” displays.
- Read some diverse titles with [Witchy YA Fiction](#) recommendations from Youth Services librarian, Kathlyn, and [Spooky Reads for Grades 4-6](#) from Youth Services librarian, Ashley.
- Check out some “[Spooktober Book & Movie Pairings](#)” from Adult Services librarian, Kristen.
Listen to some **Great Spooky Podcasts**, compiled by me for various age groups.

Take scare, er... care,

**Josh Carlson**  
Manager of Youth Services

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**National Novel Writing Month for Young Novelists**  
A pre-planning writing series for young writers in grades 4 and up who may be interested in writing during NaNoWriMo. During each meeting on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., participants will discuss various elements that make up a novel, and work through the exercises in NaNoWriMo’s Young Novelist Workbook.

**Book Bunch: Meet Author Mike Cavallaro**  
**Book Bunch for Grades 4-8** on October 6 at 4:30 p.m. will discuss the book *Nico Bravo and the Hound of Hades* and participants will be able to meet the author and illustrator, Mike Cavallaro!
Project LIT Community

Book Groups Return

Project LIT Community is a global initiative to help kids, tweens, and teens engage with the real events shaping our country and the world at large. The Library offers two monthly **Project LIT Community Book Discussion Groups**: Grades 4-6 will be discussing *Ghost Squad* by Claribel A. Ortega on Wednesday, October 13th at 4:30 p.m and Grades 7-12 will be discussing *Parachutes* by Kelly Yang on Thursday, October 7th at 5:30 p.m.

Dive into Diversity

Our *Dive into Diversity* series spotlights noteworthy children's and teen titles that are inclusive, diverse and multicultural selected by Youth Services librarians Ashley, Kathlyn, and Raquel.

- [Italian American Heritage](#) (Younger Readers)
- [Spooky Reads](#) (Grades 4-6)
- [Witchy YA Fiction](#) (Teen)

[Click here](#) for more information.
Stories & Stuff
The Trove's popular program for ages 4-8, Stories & Stuff, has returned virtually!

Great Podcasts
Great Podcasts is a new regular column on our website. Recent entries include Great Podcasts for Kids #4, Great Podcasts for Teens #2, and Great Spooky Podcasts.

Tiny Tales Videos Have Returned!
Tiny Tales are short “bite-sized” song and story videos created by Trove librarians. Watch one for a little early literacy break, or a few for a whole storytime! Lauren dropped our first new Tiny Tales video of the fall in September, and Raquel’s will premiere on October 5th. Find new Tiny Tales on our website monthly and be sure to check out all of the Tiny Tales videos, including the previous series of thirty-six videos, on YouTube.

STEAMY Summer Programs: A Look Back
During the Summer, the Edge offered several weeks of STEAM Workshops virtually for teens. Here's a look at what the camps were like, what participants learned, and the amazing creations and work of the teens. We’d like to thank the
Turtle Dance Music presents: Spooky Halloween

Featuring bubbles, laughter, stories, dancing, games, and incredible visuals, Turtle Dance Music shows are an awesomely fun time crafted to be inclusive for all children, including children on the Autism Spectrum, and a great time for parents and teachers!

White Plains Library Foundation and Verisk Financial for their continued support of these fantastic summer programs, now in their fifth year.
Monsterific Book Display in the Trove.

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