From the Director

We welcome fall at the library with a delivery selection of spooky offerings to get us into the seasonal Halloween papercrafts, face painting, Merchant Trick or Treat, and a scary story writing contest. There are all on the schedule. We are very grateful to acclaimed horror author Grady Hendrix for judging our haunted house story writing contest, and for graciously providing a signed copy of his latest book, How to Sell a Haunted House, as the grand prize.

If horror isn’t to your taste, we have two other author events this fall that might be more palatable. Iris Underwood will be visiting us to share Matewan Garden Club, her story of life through several generations in an Appalachian coal mining town at the turn of the last century, and local author Alice Wilds will be here to help children learn how to write and someday publish their own books.

Whatever your taste in tales, we are sure we can find something for you at the library. We hope to see you this fall, and wish you a cozy autumn!

~ Tracy Aldrich, Ruth Hughes Library Director

COOKIES & QUOTES: CELEBRATE THE 400th ANNIVERSARY OF SHAKESPEARE'S FIRST FOLIO

November 8

To be or not to be, that is the question... Will you be part of our celebration of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s First Folio? The first published collection of Shakespeare’s plays was printed 400 years ago, when it was entered into the Stationer’s Register in London on November 8, 1623. Officially titled Mr. William Shakespeare’s Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies, it is now more commonly known as the First Folio. All these centuries later, Shakespeare’s plays still speak to our shared human condition, and his quotes pepper our own modern literature and conversations.

Stop by the front desk at the Imlay branch to pick up a free handmade Shakespeare cookie and a quote, while supplies last, and help celebrate the birthday of this most famous book!

COAT DRIVE

October 2 - January 2

Do you have spare coats that can be donated to those in need of a little extra warmth this season? If so, please consider bringing in your clean, gently used coats to the library for our annual drive. If you are in need of a coat, these items will be available for free, anytime during open library hours. Take a coat, leave a coat - and we can work together to make this season a little warmer!

TO-GO KITS

Have you seen the To-Go Kits we have in our children’s area? These themed checkout bags are filled with games, books, toys, and activities on a variety of topics, including Sensory Play, Busy Baby, and Traveling Fun.

This fall, we are excited to begin expanding our range of To-Go Kits to all ages. Look for Ghost Hunting (all the equipment you need to search for spectres), Paint By Number, Family Board Game Night, and more! If you have a suggestion for a future To-Go Kit, please let us know: we’d love to hear your ideas!

VOX AND VR BOOKS

Have you ever wished you could explore a shipwreck, or dive in a shark cage? Well, now you can, at least virtually, through the VR (Virtual Reality) book and viewer sets we received through a grant from the Library of Michigan. These books come with special headset viewers that hold your book securely, so you can enter into the VR (Virtual Reality) world and have a much more immersive experience.

If you’d rather have a book that reads itself to you, we’ve got those too. Vox Books are picture books that come with built-in audio accompaniment, so you can listen to the story as you read along on each page. Both coming soon to your Ruth Hughes Library!
**Adult Programs**

**Please note: all crafts and giveaways are available while supplies last; supplies are free but limited. Some programs require registration: call 810-724-8043 to register.**

**Beaded Keychains**  
*registration required*  
**September 6 @ 5:00 PM**  
We made these with our Summer Reading participants and they turned out so cute, we decided to do it again! Using wood or silicone beads, make yours match the fall season, or go for a fun and colorful theme.

**Craft & Chat**  
*Wednesday, September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25, November 15 & 29 @ 6:00 PM*  
Have a craft you're working on and like to hang out with other crafters? Then come join our fun, friendly group! All skill levels are welcome.

**Book Witches**  
*registration required*  
**October 4 @ 5:30 PM**  
It's a bat! It's a ghost! No, it's a witch! Recycle books into book witches: perfect for Halloween!

**Author Visit:**  
*Iris Underwood*  
**November 1 @ 5:30 PM**  
Join us for refreshments as we host author Iris Underwood, who will be talking about her book, Matewan Garden Club, which tells a multi-generational story of life in an Appalachian coal mining town in the 1900s.

**Fall Shadowbox**  
*registration required*  
**November 9 @ 6:00 PM**  
Bring a little bit of autumn indoors with a lovely, handmade shadowbox! We’ll decorate shadowboxes with fall décor and quotes.

**Halloween Face Painting Contest**  
*registration required*  
**October 12 @ 6:00 PM**  
Get ready for Halloween by trying out some face painting. We’ll provide the paints, you provide the imagination. Paint your own face or a partner’s. We'll post the pictures on our Facebook page to vote on a winner, the prize is a fun Halloween gift basket.

**Book Hedgies**  
*registration required*  
**September 11, 5:30 PM**  
What can be cuter than a baby hedgehog? Crafting your own hedgehog out of an upcycled library book! Join the paper crafting fun, but remember space is limited, so call soon to register.

**Adult & Teen Programs**

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**Haunted House Story Writing Contest**  
**September 1 - 21**  
Several of our staff are big fans of American horror author Grady Hendrix. To help celebrate his latest book, How To Sell a Haunted House, and to get in the mood for the spooky season, we encourage you to write your own two-paragraph story. Come in and pick up the special paper on which you will write your own haunted house story, then return your completed mini-novel by September 21. Grady himself will be picking the winner, and the grand prize is a signed copy of his book! (Thank you Grady!)

**Lego Builders Club**  
**September 28, October 19, & November 16, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
Join the brand-new, much requested, Lego Builder’s Club once a month at our Imlay Branch from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. All Lego materials will be provided and all creations made at the library will be displayed in the children’s area until our next meeting.

**Haunted House Puzzle Pages**  
**October 2-31**  
Pick up new haunted house puzzle and activity pages each week in October at the Children’s desk, to help get in the spirit for spooky season!

**Merchant Trick or Treat**  
**October 21, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
Join the library staff as they travel down the rabbit hole to Wonderland at this popular annual Imlay City Halloween-time event. Stop by to see our Alice in Wonderland themed costumes and grab some candy as you follow the trick or treat trail through town.

**Youth & Family Programs**

**Please note: all crafts and giveaways are available while supplies last; supplies are free but limited. Some programs require registration: call 810-724-8043 to register.**

**Little Wiggles Story Time: Best for Babies**  
**September 8, 15, & 22 at the Imlay City Branch, 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM**  
October 6, 13, & 20 at the Imlay City Branch, 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM  
November 3, 10, & 17 at the Imlay City Branch, 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM  
We are happy to announce a brand-new story time session for our youngest visitors, Little Wiggles. Parents are invited to join this short and sweet story time, best for ages 0 to 2, but all ages are welcome.

**Little Listeners Story Time: Best for Preschoolers**  
**September 5, 12, & 19 at the Attica Branch, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**  
September 8, 15, & 22 at the Imlay City Branch, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
October 3, 10, & 17 at the Attica Branch, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
October 6, 13, & 20 at the Imlay City Branch, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
October 31, November 7, & 14 at the Attica Branch, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
November 3, 10, & 17 at the Imlay City Branch, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
Story time sessions have returned; join us for stories, songs, and more with Ms. Lorry! Our 10:30 AM sessions are best for preschool age kids, but all ages are welcome.

**Becoming an Author**  
**September 21**  
**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
If you have ever wanted to know how to become an author, this program is for you! Join local author Alice Wilds as she shares with us her journey to becoming a self-published author. She will answer any questions you may have about the publication world, and a few tips and tricks to help you hone your writing skills along the way.

**Pokémon Club for All Ages**  
**September 23, October 14, & November 25, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**  
Join fellow Pokemon trainers at our Imlay branch and have fun on the journey of your choosing, whether you play games together, talk about your favorite Pokemon characters, or even pick out a new Pokemon to choose.

All events subject to changes or cancellations. Please check the library’s website for the most up to date information.