



According to Irish legend, jack o'lanterns are named after a stingy man named Jack, who, because he tricked the devil several times, was forbidden entrance into both Heaven and Hell. He was condemned to wander the Earth, waving his lantern to lead people away from their paths.

Libraries & Ideas

This article was written by our Customer Service Manager Kelli Keyes, and was published in the October 1st edition of the Columbus Telegram.

Beatrice is thinking about fall and what to do for the upcoming holiday season. (Poor work weary Beatrice!) She wants to plan a party for her family and is trying to come up with something that will really impress them. She wants to be inspired. What can she do? Where could she get inspiration for party entertainment and treats? Did you guess the library? That's correct! Not only do we have an abundance of books about entertaining and food, we have workshops and classes where you can learn about cooking and how to make amazing treats. Beatrice wanted to keep holiday preparations as painless and pleasant as possible. She heard about a tart class on the radio that will take place in the library auditorium and made plans for her and her daughter to attend. She marked the family calendar for Saturday, October 22, at 2 PM. You can save the date as well. There is no need to make reservations at the library. Beatrice and her daughter, Paula, are looking forward to an afternoon together where they will get to sample different flavors of tarts all for free. Paula is really hoping to win the drawing for the tart that Phyllis Bartholomew makes in front of the class. Wow, wouldn't that be neat?! Ideas for making tarts and a fresh made tart to share with friends! Phyllis Bartholomew is famous for her blue ribbon pies, and those attending her previous classes have been thrilled to watch and listen to her tips on pie making.

Paula has to babysit some evenings. What could she do for fun with her charges? Did you know that the library is partnering with the Downtown Business Association on October 27, to provide a safe and free trick or treat event for kids? The event is free to all children dressed in Halloween costumes. From 5 PM to 7 PM, on Thursday, October 27, participating downtown establishments are offering treats to trick or treaters. Mr. H., the children's librarian, will have a craft booth set up at Frankfort Square starting at 4 PM and the library will be handing out bookmarks and candy that evening. Perfect family fun solution!

Beatrice has also been trying to find an interesting outing that she and her friends could attend. They all love to read books, when they have the time. Where could they find an event where they could enjoy books and great treats? The library, you say? Absolutely!! Beatrice and her friends are making plans to get together Saturday, November 12, at 2 PM and go to the library's Author Fair. What happens at an Author Fair, you ask? Well, local authors that want to come to our library to promote their books will have individual booths. Beatrice and her friends will be able to wander around and visit with the authors, buy signed books (Which would make wonderful Christmas gifts! Might as well think ahead.), and sample the buffet of treats provided by the library. Check out our Facebook page to read the biographies of the authors that will be there. The Author Fair will be in the art gallery space in the basement this year to provide more space and better acoustics. If you're not only interested in reading books but also in writing them, the library has a writer's group that meets monthly. Come to their November 10 writer's group meeting from 7PM – 8PM. They swap ideas, information, and experiences that will benefit any prospective author attending.

Beatrice and her friends could also come to the new coloring – puzzle club for adults. It will occur the first Wednesday evening of every month starting at 7 PM and open until 9 PM. Next month that would be November 2. All provisions will be provided, but you are certainly welcome to bring your own supplies. Check us out online or call us at 402-564-7116. Come be inspired at your library!



Calendar Connection



On Saturday, October 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, the Columbus Public Library welcomes back Phyllis Bartholomew of the "Blue Ribbon Pies" fame, to teach a class on making tarts. She will demonstrate the steps of making the nut and berry tart so you can repeat the process at home. Phyllis always has fabulous tips to share that make her pies and tarts first prize winners. Above and beyond all this, Phyllis is bringing different flavors of her homemade tarts so we can taste test her work. Yum! There will be a drawing for the nut and berry tart that Phyllis makes in front of the class. Someone will be a lucky winner! No registration is needed and the class is free. Make plans to come!



On Thursday, October 27th from 5-7 PM, the Downtown Business Association will once again sponsor a Trick or Treat event. Children can dress up in costumes and visit downtown merchants to receive treats. Make sure to stop by Frankfort Square between 4 and 7 PM for Halloween crafts, including face painting and tattoos, a decorate-a-pumpkin activity, a bouncy house, and the farmer's market. The library will have a table set up for kids to make a ghoulish lollipop ghost they can take home. Once you are finished trick or treating downtown, come into the library for a free scratch-n-sniff bookmark and some yummy candy!

Calendar Connection

The Teen Space is definitely one of the busiest areas every day after school! Teens can read in the colorful seating area, use one of the computers or iPads, and play around with the different robots and other gadgets. Many great new books will be added to the Young Adult collection this month. Watch for these:

“The Lovely Reckless” by Kami Garcia

“The Singing Bones” by Shaun Tan

“Last Seen Leaving” by Caleb Roehrig

“The Movie Version” by Emma Wunsch

“Holding Up the Universe” by Jennifer Niven

“What Light” by Jay Asher



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Our children’s programs have been very popular this Fall. Kids have listened to numerous fun stories and then used their creativity to craft their own bookmarks, superhero cuff bracelets, and accordion dogs. There are still many more awesome activities to come. Check out the schedule below

for what Mr. H has planned through the end of October. Also, for students who are reading chapter books, keep reading and don’t forget to enter the raffle for a new book. The next drawing will take place on October 26th.

Story Time

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

October 20th– Perfect Pumpkins

StoryART

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

October 27th– Halloween Fun

Monday Night Book Adventures

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

October 24th– Halloween Fun

There will be stories about Halloween, crafts, and yummy bedtime snacks!



Your Columbus Public Library

New Releases

There have been many great books added to our catalog recently. To place a hold on any of the titles listed below, or another book, please call the library at 402-564-7116.

Die Like an Eagle– Donna Andrews

A Scot in the Dark– Sarah MacLean

Daisy in Chains– Sharon Bolton

Nutshell– Ian McEwan

Fates and Traitors– Jennifer Chiaverini

The Sight– Chloe Neill

Pirate– Clive Cussler

The Midwife's Dilemma– Delia Parr

Because I'm Watching– Christina Dodd

Woman of God– James Patterson

Fighting Dirty– Lori Foster

A Love Transformed– Tracie Peterson

Keeper of the Stars– Robin Lee Hatcher

Damaged– Lisa Scottoline

Downfall– J.A. Jance

The Kept Woman– Karin Slaughter

Reckless Creed– Alex Kava

The Shattered Tree– Charles Todd

This Road We Traveled– Jane Kirkpatrick

A Lady Unrivaled– Roseanna M. White

Connecting Readers & Writers

Happy Birthday to these authors:

Oscar Wilde– October 16, 1854

John Le Carre– October 19, 1931

Anne Tyler– October 25, 1941

Dylan Thomas– October 27, 1914

Ezra Pound– October 30, 1885



A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween– Erma Bombeck