

Librarian's Shelf by Karen Connell

Ghosts, Goblins, and Ghouls

Parents bring your children, children bring your parents; the Friends of the Columbus Public Library and Girl Scout Troop 50331 have planned an event for the whole family! Join them on Sunday, October 29 at 2:00pm for "Ghosts, Goblins, and Ghouls" by Dorothy Rieke. The event will take place in the Columbus Art Gallery, found in the lower level of the Columbus Public Library.

Dorothy Rieke will entertain the audience while discussing what makes a story scary, by including an assortment of spooky examples. She includes age- appropriate stories to appeal to the scary sensibilities of the audience. "Ghosts, Goblins, and Ghouls" is appropriate for an audience of ages from 3rd grade through adult. If that isn't enough to entice your family to attend, maybe prizes for your little ones will. Dorothy encourages participation in her presentation, and rewards those children who do!

A writer from Juilian, Nebraska, Dorothy began her career teaching in a rural school. After completing her bachelor's and master's degrees from Peru State College, as well as courses from the University of Nebraska and University of Oklahoma, she went on to teach high school. Dorothy taught English for over 30 years at Auburn Middle School where she was voted teacher of the year. Now Dorothy is a freelance writer of nostalgia, travel, religious, and food articles. She has been published in over 50 magazines.

If Dorothy's presentation of ghost stories leaves you wanting more, look no further than the shelves of the Columbus Public Library. Here are just a few of our many spooky themed books!

"Gossamer ghost" by Laura Childs is part of her New Orleans series with scrapbooking shop owner Carmela. This book sends readers on graveyard tours, ghost trains, costumes, parades, and parties during the Halloween season. Carmela tries to solve the murder of a neighboring shopkeeper when his fiancée asks for assistance.

"Ghostly: A collection of ghost stories" edited by Audrey Niffenegger, author of "The time traveler's wife," has ghost stories both new and old. Audrey adds an illustration and introduction to each story and includes one of her own. This collection includes work from Edgar Allen Poe, Kelly Link, M.R James, Neil Gaiman, and H.H. Munro. Including many authors allows the reader to experience the evolution of the ghost story. Included are Gothic Horror and Victorian styles, as well as modern era tales.

Michael Jan Friedman, with the help of Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson, has written "Ghost hunting: true stories of unexplained phenomena from the Atlantic Paranormal Society." This book compiles some of the real life adventures of the paranormal investigators starring in the SyFy Channel television show, "Ghost Hunters." Get spooked as you follow their experiences of some of their most memorable investigations.

Check out these books or others to get in the haunted mood and join the Friends of the Columbus Library and Girl Scout Troop 50331 at the event Sunday, October 29th at 2:00pm.

Feel free to call 402-564-7116 or stop by the Columbus Public Library to ask questions about other ghost stores to check out and more upcoming events.