

# OH, THE HORROR!

Sink your teeth into some delicious tales and prickly programs during the Library's homage to horror lit in October.



## NXT Chapter: A Book Group for 20/30-Somethings

Thursday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. in the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch community room, for ages 20–39. “**Horrorstör**” by Grady Hendrix.

## Ozarks Urban Legends & Superstitions

Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Kaitlyn McConnell, founder of Ozarks Alive, will discuss some of the area’s best-known urban legends, the truth behind them and give insight into some of the most common superstitions from days gone by.

## Classic Horror Matinee

Saturdays, 2:30–4:30 p.m. at the Park Central Branch. We’ll screen just-creepy-enough horror favorites each Saturday in October.

October 7, “**Jaws**,” rated PG; October 14, “**Gremlins**,” rated PG; October 21, “**Beetlejuice**,” rated PG; October 28, “**Poltergeist**,” rated PG.

## Horror Decor

Saturday, October 7, 2–4 p.m. in the Library Station Frisco Room. Use book pages and frightful ephemera to make a wreath, and recycled items to make an eerie luminary. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts September 18; call 616-0683.*

## The Bloody Benders: Horror at “The Devil’s Inn”

Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Join best-selling comic writer Michael L. Frizell and artist and illustrator D.A. Frizell as they discuss the deadly true story behind “**Bender: Volume One**” and how they brought it to life. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



## Is Midtown Carnegie Haunted?

Friday, October 13, 6 p.m. The Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, over a century old, has many stories behind its walls. Join the 417 Paranormal Research Society for an after-hours guided tour to see what spirits might be lingering in the library. *Registration starts October 1; call 862-0135.*

## “The Exorcist” at The Moxie

Friday, October 13, 8–10 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.–12:15 a.m. at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Experience the terrifying classic, rated R, on the big screen during this free Friday the 13th presentation.

## “Paperbacks from Hell” Book Discussion

Saturday, October 14, 1 p.m. at Common Grounds, 100 E. Pine St., Strafford. “**Paperbacks from Hell: The Twisted History of ‘70s and ‘80s Horror Fiction**” is a nostalgic romp through the horror paperback boom. Discuss the book over coffee and snacks. Later, hear author Grady Hendrix talk about

“Paperbacks from Hell” at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, at the Library Center.

### **St. Louis Possessed: The Case that Inspired “The Exorcist”**

Saturday, October 14, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. The 1973 film “The Exorcist” was inspired by the 1949 exorcism of a 14-year-old boy identified as “Roland Doe.” John Waide, St. Louis University archivist for more than two decades, recounts eyewitness testimony and diary excerpts to tell the true story behind the classic film.

### **Horror in Pop Culture Panel**

Monday, October 16, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Drury University professors Erin Kenny, Katie Gilbert and Chris Panza, and Missouri State University professor Christie Cathey discuss how our fascination with horror has evolved and why it persists.

### **Ozarkian Campfire Tales**

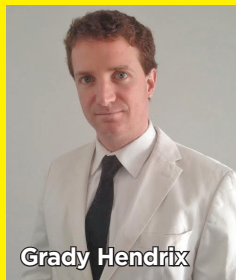
Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch community room. Cozy up to the sounds of a crackling campfire and get spooked with weird tales presented by the authors of “Feral: A Journal of Ozarkian Gothic.” S’mores will be provided.

### **Books & Brew**

Thursday, October 19, 6 p.m. at Mother’s Brewing Company, 215 S. Grant Ave. The Books & Brew book club hops into horror with “**Paperbacks from Hell: The Twisted History of ‘70s and ‘80s Horror Fiction**” by Grady Hendrix.

### **Ozarks Travelogues: An Ozarks Haunted Road Trip**

Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium; feel free to bring a snack. Janice Tremear, author of “**Missouri’s Haunted Route 66**” and “**Haunted Ozarks,**” will share possibilities for ghost hunting trips in the Ozarks, including haunted B&Bs, city parks and cemeteries. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Grady Hendrix

### **Summerland Lost: A Ghost Story**

Friday, October 20, 7 p.m. at the Springfield Little Theatre, 311 E. Walnut St. Free event. In this hilarious yet touching one-man show, author Grady Hendrix chronicles the tragic story of the teenage Fox sisters, whose 1848 claim to be able to communicate with the dead popularized Spiritualism and contributed to the empowerment of women, while bringing the sisters fame, fortune and hardship.

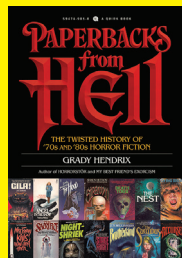
### **Donuts & Death Q&A with Grady Hendrix**

Saturday, October 21, 3 p.m. in the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch community

room. **“My Best Friend’s Exorcism”** has been called “an unholy hybrid of ‘Beaches’ and ‘The Exorcist.’” Join author Grady Hendrix and the Donuts & Death Book Discussion crew for a Q&A full of ‘80s nostalgia and stories of demonic possession. Hurts Donuts will be provided. *Registration starts October 1; call 883-1974.*

### **“Paperbacks from Hell” with Author Grady Hendrix**

Saturday, October 21, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. In his new book “Paperbacks from Hell: The Twisted History of ‘70s and ‘80s Horror Fiction,” author Grady Hendrix charts the history of the horror paperback publishing boom from its roots in books about satanic possession, to its flirtation with killer kids, evil animals, weird science, accursed real estate and beyond! Books will be available for purchase and signing.



### **Creepy Crafts and Macabre Makeovers**

Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m. in Library Center meeting room B. Create a Frankentoy or jewelry piece that a horror fan can display with pride. Materials will be provided. Registration limited to 20. *Registration starts October 1; call 883-5341.*

### **Horror Trivia at Missouri Spirits**

Friday, October 27, 7-9 p.m. for adults age 21 and older at Missouri Spirits, 507 W. Walnut St. Recruit and register a team of four to six horror devotees to compete in a team trivia night. *Registration starts October 6; call 883-5341.*

## **COMPLETE YOUR OH, THE HORROR! EXPERIENCE WITH THESE DISPLAYS IN OCTOBER:**

- **Flea Market Monsters & Cut-Rate Kaiju: The Creature Creations of Chad Woody**, in the Mudhouse at the Library Center
- **Springfield’s SAUERWORKS: The Art of Scott Sauer**, in the Local History Department at the Library Center
- **Feral: A Journal of Ozarkian Gothic**, by Feral Magazine at the Library Station
- **“Paperbacks from Hell,”** courtesy of Konrad Stump at the Library Station

