

## Halloween - Scary and Exciting World Found in Books!

With Halloween fast approaching, it is time to check out the scary and exciting world found in books! The library has plenty of books for children and teens filled with monsters, ghosts, and many other things to give you the creeps way past the holiday. I have listed some books that provide suspense, cliffhangers, thrills and chills. For the younger children, books with a Halloween or monster twist are available. If these books don't fit into your Halloween plans, the library has plenty to choose from and we will be glad to recommend other titles.

"Skelly, the Skeleton Girl" by Jimmy Pickering – A picture book that tells the story of Skelly as she finds a bone and sets out to find the owner. Grades K-3

"Sipping Spiders Through a Straw" by Kelly DiPucchio – A collection of popular songs changed so kids can sing about monsters. This picture book is filled with great illustrations. Grades K-3

"Good Neighbors" by Colin Thompson – The Floods are a family of wizards and witches that live in an ordinary town. All of them look weird, except for the youngest girl named Betty. Although they have strange habits and practice magic they are a nice family, unlike the Dents, their next-door neighbors. The Dents are rude, nasty people who disturb the poor Flood family as they try to go about their magical lives. The Floods try to be good neighbors, but the Dents won't have it. So, what's a magical family to do? How about teach the Dents a lesson they won't soon forget! If you like this book, then check out the sequel, "School Plot". Grades 3-6

"Coraline" by Neil Gaiman – Coraline and her parents move into a new apartment where she discovers a door to an alternate world. Her parents and neighbors are there, but something is disturbingly different about them. When she returns to her world she finds out her real parents have been kidnapped by the other parents, along with the souls of other children. Can Coraline save them? Also available in graphic novel format. Grades 4 and up

"The Summoning" by Kelley Armstrong – Chloe Saunders seems like a normal girl-she has good friends, a crush on a cute boy, and attends a high school that specializes in the arts. Unfortunately she has a terrifying run-in with a ghost at school and her father sends her to a home for mentally ill teens. But Chloe isn't schizophrenic; she has a special power. Something is going on at the home and Chloe doesn't know who to turn to for help. Are the other kids in the home crazy or do they have secrets of their own? Grades 7 and up

"Walk of the Spirits" by Richie Tankersley Cusick – Miranda Barnes moves to Louisiana after losing everything in a hurricane. But she's not prepared to deal with her grandfather who is known as the town lunatic, or with the fact that ghosts can talk to her. What do the ghosts want with her and can she confide in her new friends? Grades 7 and up

“Wake” by Lisa McMann – Janie Hannagan has a secret: she becomes trapped in other people’s dreams. She cannot control her ability and fears telling anyone because they might think she’s a freak. One night she falls into a nightmare and finds herself not just an observer; she is now a participant. Can Janie learn to control her power before it’s too late? Grades 9 and up

“Thirsty” by M.T. Anderson – Chris has enough to deal with: fighting parents, friends who just don’t seem like friends anymore, and a bothersome older brother. On top of all this Chris is turning into a vampire. He struggles to remain human as he works with Chet, a celestial being who offers to reverse his vampirism in return for his help destroying the vampire lord. Can he trust Chet, kill the vampire lord, and regain his humanity? Grades 9 and up

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