

OCTOBER 2019

# SPENCER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Official newsletter of SCPL



## Monthly Highlights for October

\*see calendar for times and  
locations

**October 10th**  
Recipe Swap-  
Crochet Club



**October 14th**  
Richland Book Club

**Mondays, ending October 21st**  
Preschool Storytime  
Baby & Toddler Storytime

**October 7th & 21st**  
Homeschool Hangout

**October 15th, 16th & 17th**  
Adult Crafternoon

**October 18th**  
Toy Story 4 Movie

**October 23rd**  
BINGO

**October 26th**  
Halloween Party

**October 31st**  
Movie, Candy, Photo Op



**OverDrive**

Fall is in the air! Cooler temperatures, pumpkin spice, and less daylight signal that it is time for harvests, migrations, and spectacular foliage. With the days getting shorter, people tend to spend more time indoors. So, why not curl up with a good book? Whether you prefer to read a traditional book or a downloadable book on an electronic device, SCPL has something for everyone.

SCPL is part of the Evergreen Indiana consortium which allows patrons of member libraries to use their Evergreen Indiana library card to view the catalogs and borrow materials from the other member libraries. So, chances are good that we can find a copy of that book or DVD you are looking for.

SCPL patrons also have access to Overdrive which allows them to download digital items, such as, magazines, books, and audio books, onto an electronic device. After a selected period of time, those items are automatically returned allowing the patron to never incur library fines. Overdrive items can be downloaded using the Overdrive or Libby app from your App Store. Staff is available to answer questions if you are interested in learning more about downloading digital items.



## LOCAL HAUNTINGS

Halloween is right around the corner. A time for children and adults to dress up and go trick or treating all in the name of fun. Others feel that Halloween is time when magic is strong and spirits can make contact with the physical world. Haunted houses and spooky stories abound this time of year. No matter your beliefs, the following stories about Spencer County will peak your interest.

The first story involves a Rockport home with a history of murder and deceit. 319 South 2nd Street was the former home of Mathias Sharp. Sharp lived in this home with his 2nd wife, Katherine. One night, while eating supper, he became violently ill and died. His death was not investigated. Not long after Sharp's death, Katherine remarried. Her second husband succumbed to the same death as Sharp. Katherine was investigated, but was not found guilty of a crime despite forensic evidence suggesting arsenic poisoning in both of her deceased husbands.

Strange occurrences have been reported at the Sharp House including broken objects and sightings of an apparition that is believed to be Katherine. Does her spirit linger in her former home? You be the judge. Check out *Haunted Hoosier Trails* and *More Haunted Hoosier Trails* by Wanda Lou Willis for more stories from Indiana's spookiest places.



Sharp House, photo by Ferman Yearby, 1983

I had the pleasure of meeting with Rhonda Fantini, Rockport resident, who claims that the spirit of Maude Lindsey, former SCPL Librarian, haunts her family home. She reported that her children have grown up accepting Maude as one of the family and do not fear her presence. Rhonda tells the story of a game that Maude used to play with her children. Maude would hide their shoes and when the children gave up the shoes would appear in the middle of one of their beds. The only time Maude became angry with the family was when they remodeled the kitchen. Rhonda reports that dishes would fall from the counters. Rhonda explained to Maude that they needed to share the space and things calmed down. Rhonda loves living in a haunted house and enjoys sharing her home with friendly spirits.

Rhonda believes that Rockport is a very active spot for spirits. There are numerous reports that the Rockport Inn was haunted. Many believe that the spirits of children can be heard running through the halls and that a bride left at the altar can sometimes be seen through a window waiting for her husband to be to return. To learn more about Rockport hauntings, be sure to check out one of the *Spirit of Rockport* tours held in the fall sponsored by TLC Pals 4 Paws, Inc.



"ONE LIVES IN THE  
HOPE OF  
BECOMING A  
MEMORY."  
— ANTONIO  
PORCHIA

In memory of Mary Hargis Goff, monetary donation presented by The Kersteins Family

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In memory of Margaret Youngblood, monetary donation presented by Martin & Ranella Mason

In memory of Donna Rickard, monetary donation presented by Mary D. Brown

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In memory of Tom Benton, *Just Show Up : and Other Enduring Values From Baseball's Iron Man* by Cal Ripken, Jr. and James Dale presented by Kiwanis Club of South Spencer-located at Main Library-Rockport

In memory of Sylvia Goffinet, *The Road to Paradise* by Karen Barnett presented by Rockport High School Class of 1951-located at Main Library-Rockport

In memory of Sylvia Goffinet, *The Brides of the Big Valley-3 Romances From a Unique Pennsylvania Amish Community* by Wanda Brunstetter presented by Terry Martin and Joan Martin-located at Main Library-Rockport

In memory of Lezlie Rothwell Struss and Tim Vaughn, *South Spencer High School Spencerian, 2019* presented by South Spencer High School Class of 1977-located at Main Library-Rockport

# Selections From the New Shelf

## Fiction

1. *Outfox* by Sandra Brown
2. *Strands of Truth* by Colleen Coble
3. *The Titanic Secret* by Clive Cussler
4. *Texas Forever* by Janet Dailey
5. *The Stalking* by Heather Graham
6. *The Institute* by Stephen King
7. *Heaven My Home* by Attica Locke
8. *Killer Instinct* by James Patterson

## Non Fiction

1. *In the Valley of the Noble Beyond: In Search of the Sasquatch* by John Zada
2. *Own Your Everyday* by Jordan Dooley
3. *The Bastard Brigade* by Sam Kean
4. *Farm and Workshop Welding* by Andrew Pearce
5. *Country Music* by Dayton Duncan
6. *Generation Friends* by Saul Austerlitz
7. *Into the Planet* by Jill Heinerth
8. *Small Gas Engine Repair* by Paul Dempsey

## DVDs

1. *Alita: Battle Angel*
2. *Avengers: End Game*
3. *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*
4. *Godzilla, King of the Monsters*
5. *Harvest Love*
6. *John Wick: Parabellum*
7. *Men In Black: International*
8. *Ma*

## Children's

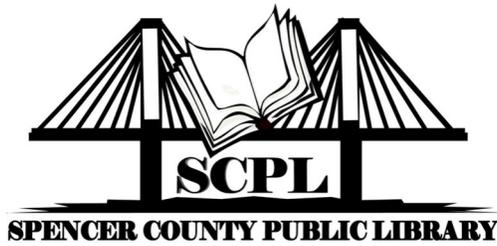
1. *Bruce's Big Story* by Ryan Higgins
2. *Fancy Nancy: My Fanciest Things* by Krista Tucker
3. *I Want a Dog* by Jon Agee
4. *Oak Leaf* by John Sandford
5. *Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas* by Aaron Blabey
6. *The Tale of the Tiger Slippers* by Jan Brett
7. *Who Stole the Hazelnuts?* by Marcus Pfister
8. *Wolfie the Bunny* by Ame Dyckman

## Young Adult

1. *Blended* by Sharon Draper
2. *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi
3. *Ghosts of the Shadow Market* by Cassandra Clare
4. *On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas
5. *With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo

## Audiobooks

1. *Killer Instinct* by James Patterson
2. *The Dark Side* by Danielle Steel
3. *The Bitterroots* by C. J. Box
4. *The Healing Jar* by Wanda Brunstetter
5. *The First Mistake* by Sandie Jones
6. *The Warning* by James Patterson
7. *Chances Are.....* by Richard Russo
8. *Contraband* by Stuart Woods



### Main Library-Rockport

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Rockport, IN 47635

P. 812-649-4866  
F. 812-649-4018 W.

Monday & Friday 8am-5pm  
Tuesday–Thursday  
8am-9pm  
Saturday 9am-3pm

### Grandview Branch

403 W Main St,  
Grandview, IN 47615

P. 812-649-9732  
F. 812-649-1963

Monday 9am-8pm  
Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm  
Saturday 9am-3pm

### Parker Branch-Hatfield

925 N CR 900 W,  
Richland, IN 47634

P. 812-359-4030  
F. 812-359-4048

Mon-Wed & Friday 9am-5pm  
Thursday 10am-6pm  
Saturday 9am-12pm

### MaryLee Vogel Branch-Richland

6014 Division St,  
Richland, IN 47634

P. 812-359-4146  
F. 812-359-4223

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm  
Saturday 9am-12pm

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