

Halloween is almost upon us and things are getting spooky here at the Chrisman Public Library! Ghosts are peeking out all over our library, welcoming our patrons at every shelf! Who knew that ghosts loved books!

And speaking of spooky, The Scare on the Square Haunted House (above our library) is preparing for their opening on Friday, October 17! And they will be open Saturday, October 18, Friday, October 24, Saturday, October 25 and of course, Friday, October 31 – Halloween night! The hours are 6pm-7pm for the non-scare version and 7pm-? for the FULL scare version! The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students. There's always a lot of screaming, laughing and fun so we hope you will join us!

Marie Malone, author of three books – “The Inheritance”, “Facing Fears”, and her latest, “Unexpected Blessing”, will be meeting and greeting on October 14, 2025 here in the library at 11am. We have her two first books available for check out! Marie is a resident of Chrisman, a wife, mom, and Grandma, as well as being a retired teacher from Georgetown Ridge Farm High School, and a valued patron of our library! We hope you all come out to visit with Marie and hear about how she came up with her ideas! She may inspire future authors!

The Library Crawl is in full swing! This is where a person can visit ALL the libraries across the State of Illinois, get their “passport”, which is available at your local library, stamped! Numerous libraries are involved with this fun activity and gives library patrons a chance to visit other libraries and enjoy the interaction with other librarians, get ideas to bring back and share with your “home” library! It runs all through the month of October and Chrisman Public Library has free books/DVDs to give away to those “crawlers”, but only one per person, please.

Story time was Thursday, October 2 and Mrs. Samantha Pettry, the principal from Chrisman Elementary School, read to the kiddos the books “The Night Before Halloween”, written by Natasha Wing and “The Berenstain Bears Trick or Treat”, written by Stan & Jan Berenstain. The kiddos learned that people who appear to be scary aren't always how they appear! A good learning Story time! Then the kiddos went into the back and made their own pumpkins with beads and pipe cleaners, which they seemed to enjoy! And of course, as they made their way outside with their creation, they grabbed a snack and drink! A fun Story time afternoon! Thank you, Mrs. Pettry, for joining us for Story time! We appreciate you giving of your time for our kiddos and library! Our next Story time will be on Thursday, October 16 at 3:30pm! Hope to see you at the library!

The Great Puzzle Race was held on Thursday, September 25! There were five teams using their puzzle skills to put together a 300-piece puzzle in the shortest time. And the winners, with a time of 23 minutes, 12 seconds were Tricia Walter, Elias, Hazel and Katie Rogers! They, along with three other teams will vie for the Great Puzzle Championship held on Thursday, October 30, where the four winning teams from previous months will try their expertise at putting together a 500-piece puzzle and be declared Champion! The Great Puzzle Race will be taking November & December off, but will start again in January!

Have a wonderful week!