

# The Teen Times

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In the October issue of *The Teen Times*, the RPL Youth Services Team focuses on Halloween, bringing you book, film, & television recommendations, a spotlight on our teen programming, and some fun activities to pass the time.

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## Programming Spotlight

October's programming spotlight is on **TERRIFYING THURSDAYS!**

Autumn brings about darker afternoons and evenings that roll in quickly. Sometimes we find ourselves wondering if monsters are lurking under the bed or if ghosts are haunting the corners of an empty room. Many may

choose to try and chase away these shadows with bright lights and happy movies.

But for a select few of us, we lean *in* to the shadows and put on spooky movies.

If that sounds like you, join us on October 13th and 27th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM for Halloween movies & snacks! No registration required. Ages 12+.



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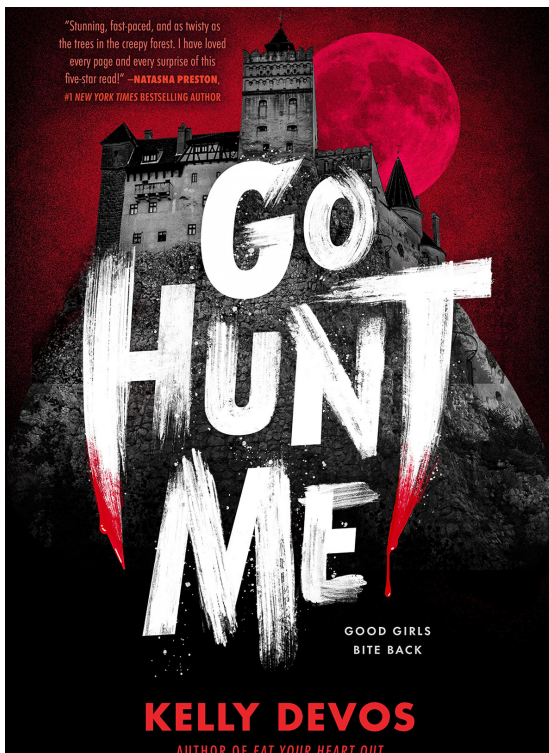
# Book Recommendations: Halloween

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## Go Hunt Me by Kelly deVos

Alex Rush is ready for the trip of a lifetime. She and her friends have the opportunity of a lifetime to film a remake of *Dracula* in a castle in Romania. But when they get there, it's not quite the majestic setting they planned for. Menacing weapons line the walls, the twisted halls are easy to get lost in, and with no connection to the outside world, the group is unexpectedly off the grid.

As the night goes on, Alex's friends begin to disappear and what was promised to be an exciting trip has turned into a nightmare.



## Hell Followed With Us by Andrew Joseph White

Sixteen-year-old trans boy Benji is on the run from the cult that raised him—the fundamentalist sect that unleashed Armageddon and decimated the world's population. Desperately, he searches for a place where the cult can't get their hands on him, or more importantly, on the bioweapon they infected him with.

But when cornered by monsters born from the destruction, Benji is rescued by the Acheson LGBTQ+ Center. The ALC's leader, Nick, is gorgeous, autistic, and a deadly shot, and he knows Benji's darkest secret: the cult's bioweapon is mutating him into a monster deadly enough to wipe humanity from the earth once and for all.



## The Taking of Jake Livingston by Ryan Douglass

Sixteen-year-old Jake Livingston sees dead people everywhere. But he can't decide what's worse: being a medium forced to watch the dead play out their last moments on a loop or being at the mercy of racist teachers as one of the few Black students at St. Clair Prep. Both are a living nightmare he wishes he could wake up from. But things at St. Clair start looking up with the arrival of another Black student—the handsome Allister—and for the first time, romance is on the horizon for Jake.

Unfortunately, life as a medium is getting worse. Though most ghosts are harmless and Jake is always happy to help them move on to the next place, Sawyer Doon wants much more from Jake.

## A Lesson in Vengeance by Victoria Lee

It's Ellis Haley's first year at Dalloway, and she has already amassed a loyal following. A prodigy novelist at seventeen, Ellis is a so-called method writer. She's eccentric and brilliant, and Felicity can't shake the pull she feels to her. So when Ellis asks Felicity to help her research the Dalloway Five for her second book, Felicity can't say no. Given her history with the arcane, Felicity is the perfect resource. And when history begins to repeat itself, Felicity will have to face the darkness in Dalloway—and herself.

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# Film/Television Reviews

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## Chilling Adventures of Sabrina

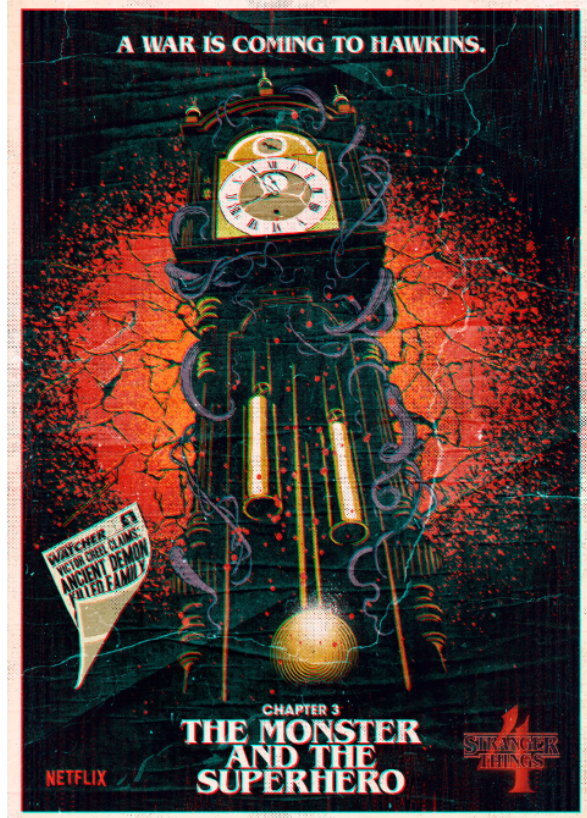
Chilling Adventures of Sabrina is set in the fictional town of Greendale. It is a dark coming-of-age story that includes horror, fear and witchcraft. Sabrina Spellman must reconcile her dual nature as a half-witch, half-mortal while fighting the evil forces that threaten her, her family, and the daylight world humans inhabit.



Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

## Stranger Things

Stranger Things is set in the fictional rural town of Hawkins, Indiana, during the 1980s. The nearby Hawkins National Laboratory ostensibly performs scientific research for the United States Department of Energy, but secretly does experiments into the paranormal and supernatural, including those that involve human test subjects. Inadvertently, they have created a portal to an alternate dimension, "the Upside Down". The influence of the Upside Down starts to affect the unknowing residents of Hawkins in calamitous ways.



Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

## Locke & Key

After Rendell Locke is murdered at the hands of former student Sam Lesser, his wife Nina decides to move with her three children, from Seattle to Matheson, Massachusetts, and take residence in Rendell's family home, Keyhouse. The children soon discover a number of mysterious keys throughout the house that can be used to unlock various doors in magical ways. They soon become aware of a demonic entity that is also searching for the keys for its own malevolent purposes.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

## The Ring (2002)

Teenagers Katie and Becca discuss an urban legend about a cursed videotape; whoever watches it dies seven days later. Katie confesses that she watched the tape with her friends the previous week. That night, Katie is killed by an unseen force.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★/5

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# Programming Schedule & Highlights

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## Programming Schedule

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
OCT 8	12:30 - 1:30 PM	JUST ANOTHER CHAPTER
OCT 13	3:30 - 5:30 PM	TERRIFYING THURSDAY
OCT 20	4:00 - 5:30 PM	ANIME CLUB
OCT 27	3:30 - 5:30 PM	TERRIFYING THURSDAY

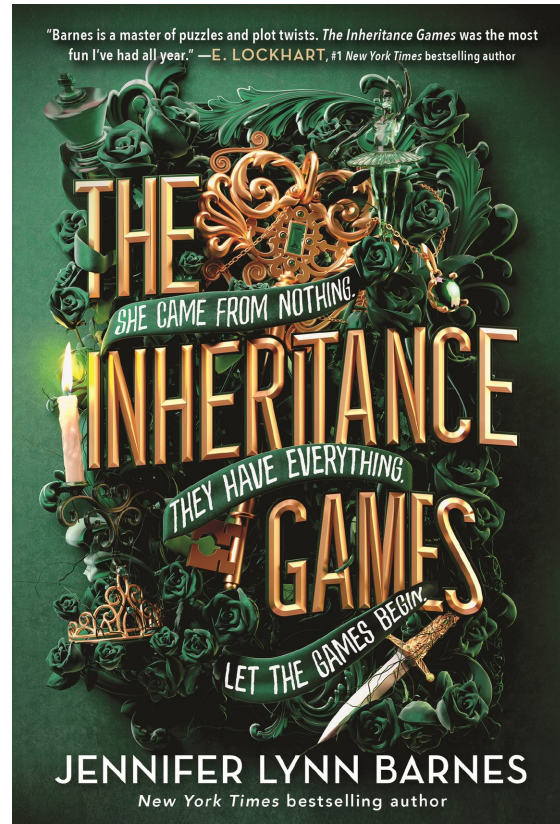
## Terrifying Thursday Showings:



October 13th: A Quiet Place



October 27th: Hocus Pocus



*The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

## Just Another Chapter: Book Club

Just Another Chapter is a book club meant for tweens & teens who enjoy reading a new piece of fiction once a month. This club meets on Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM. Light refreshments will be provided! No registration is required. For kids ages 12 to 18.

October 8th's meeting is at 12:30PM due to a conflict.

## Teen LitCrate Boxes

If you're between the ages of 13 and 18 and you have trouble figuring out what to read next, the Youth Services Department has a solution for you!

The YA LitCrate is a mystery box filled with books and goodies for you to enjoy! All you have to do is fill out a form to let us know what you enjoy reading, and we'll give you a call when it's ready to pick up.

The books and box must be returned, but the gifts inside are yours to keep!

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# Activities Corner

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## HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

F	U	G	I	C	I	A	U	I	R	U	N	K	I
R	H	T	R	I	C	K	O	R	T	R	E	A	T
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### Word Bank:

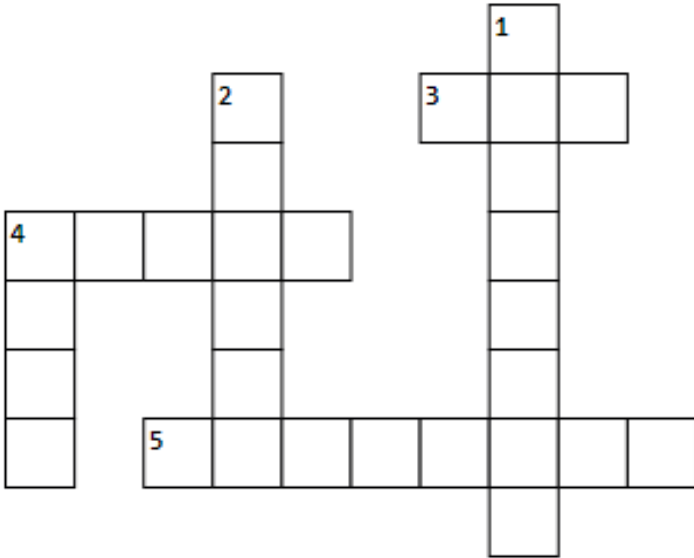
TRICK-OR-TREAT	JACK-O-LANTERN	WITCH
GOBLIN	GHOUL	DRACULA
FRANKENSTEIN	CAULDRON	SKELETON

Bring back a completed word search for a sticker!

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# Activities Corner, cont.

## Halloween Crossword Puzzle



## Sudoku 6x6

3	4	2			5
	6		3		
			6	3	
	1	3	5		4
					6
4		6	2	1	3

### Across

3. This small flying creature was once thought to transform into a vampire

4. This creature is usually wrapped in toilet paper or cloth

5. This transformed creature howls at the full moon

### Down

1. Witches brew potions in one of these.

2. This creature is also known as the living dead.

4. What is something that people wear on their faces on Halloween?

## Like crafts?

Consider painting a pumpkin for the library's **Pumpkin Parade**! Pumpkins will be on display through October 31st.

Drop off in the Children's Room

## Color Me!



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