

The Teen Times

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

Programming Spotlight

Need something to do on your half-day? October's Spotlight belongs to the Retro Movie Day which is happening during Triton's half-day on October 6th!

Kids ages 11+ are invited to join us for pizza, sweets, and drinks as we watch the 1985 classic, **The Goonies**.

This program is available at no cost to you thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Rowley Library.

No registration is required for this program, but pizza & drinks are going to be first-come, first-served.

This program runs on the **6th** from **11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**

Can't make this program but want to know about others? Reach out to us via email: kids@rowleylibrary.org



Book Recommendations: Horror Stories

There's No Way I'd Die First by Lisa Springer

Noelle Layne knows horror. Every trope, every warning sign, every survival tactic. Who better to throw the ultimate, most exclusive Halloween party on all of Long Island?

With some of the top influencers in her school on the guest list, her popularity is bound to spike. She could really use the social boost for an upcoming brand expansion. Nothing is going to ruin this party.

Except...maybe the low budget clown she hired for a stirring round of tag. He axes one of her classmates. From the looks of his devilish grin and bag full of killer tricks, he's just getting started.

A murderous clown is out for blood, but Noelle has been waiting her entire life to prove that she's a Final Girl.



This Delicious Death by Kayla Cottingham

From the author of the New York Times bestselling *My Dearest Darkest* comes another incredible sapphic horror. When four best friends with a hunger for human flesh attend a music festival in the desert they discover a murderous plot to expose and vilify the girls and everyone like them. This summer is going to get gory.



She Is a Haunting by Trang Thanh Tran

When Jade Nguyen arrives in Vietnam for a visit with her estranged father, she has one goal: survive five weeks pretending to be a happy family in the French colonial house Ba is restoring. She's always lied to fit in, so if she's straight enough, Vietnamese enough, American enough, she can get out with the college money he promised.

But the house has other plans. Night after night, Jade wakes up paralyzed. The walls exude a thrumming sound while bugs leave their legs and feelers in places they don't belong. She finds curious traces of her ancestors in the gardens they once tended. And at night Jade can't ignore the ghost of the beautiful bride who leaves cryptic warnings: Don't eat.

Those We Drown by Amy Goldsmith

When Liv lands an all-expenses-paid opportunity to study aboard the luxury cruise ship *The Eos* for a semester, she can't believe her luck. Especially since it will offer her the chance to spend time with Will, her ex-best friend, who's barely spoken to her since the night their relationship changed forever. Liv quickly discovers that the only reason she was invited to join the trip is because another girl disappeared shortly after enrolling—and no one seems to know what happened to her.

Programming Schedule & Highlights

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
OCT 2	4 - 5 PM	SPOOKY TERRARIUMS
OCT 6	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	RETRO MOVIE DAY
OCT 7	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	ROLL FOR INITIATIVE
OCT 12	4 - 5:30 PM	ANIME CLUB

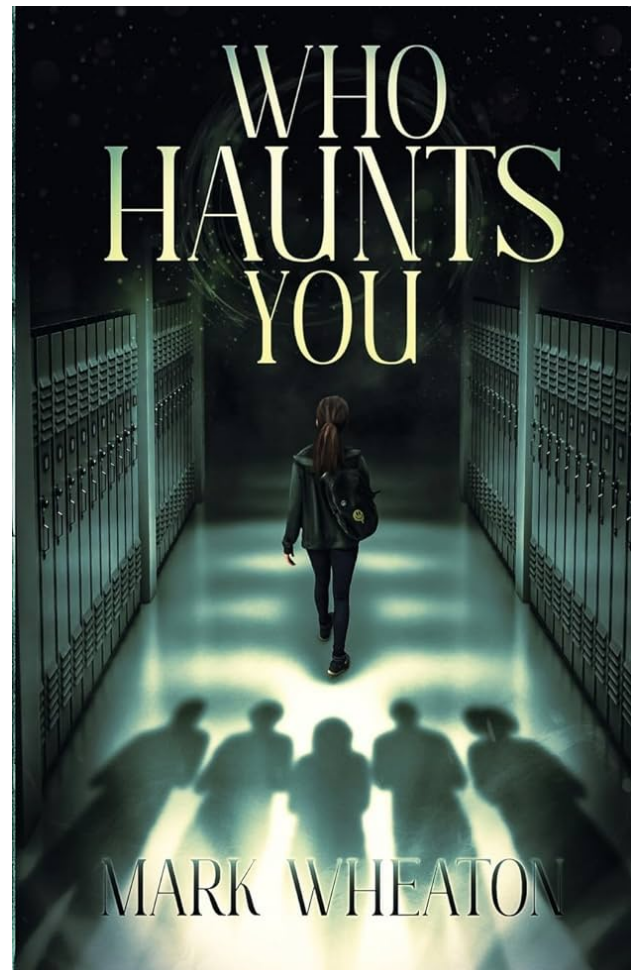
Recommended Video Games:



Little Nightmares | Multiple platforms, dark & whimsical, puzzles, exploration & adventure



Hades | Multiple platforms, steeped in Greek mythology, battling & entertaining narrative



What Did We Read in September?

In the month of September, Sarah read many things including all of *Demonlayer*, but the best book of YA fiction they read last month was **"Who Haunts You" by Mark Wheaton.**

High school senior Rebecca "Bex" Koeltl is just trying to make it to graduation. But when her fellow seniors begin dying in seemingly unrelated incidents, Bex uncovers disturbing connections between their deaths, including that the teens believed they were haunted by long-dead relatives their own family members swear never existed. After Bex is visited by a malevolent specter of her own, she realizes she has to get the bottom of this horror before she's its next victim.

This book was a psychological thriller at its best, though the ending was a little lacking for Sarah's taste, hence the lackluster rating. Still, at a short 170 pages, it's worth the read so you can decipher the ending on your own!

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★.5/5

Film Recs: Retro Haunted Happenings

Beetlejuice (1988)

After Barbara and Adam Maitland die in a car accident, they find themselves stuck haunting their country residence, unable to leave the house. When the unbearable Deetzes and teen daughter Lydia buy the home, the Maitlands attempt to scare them away without success. Their efforts attract Beetlejuice, a rambunctious spirit whose "help" quickly becomes dangerous for the Maitlands and innocent Lydia.

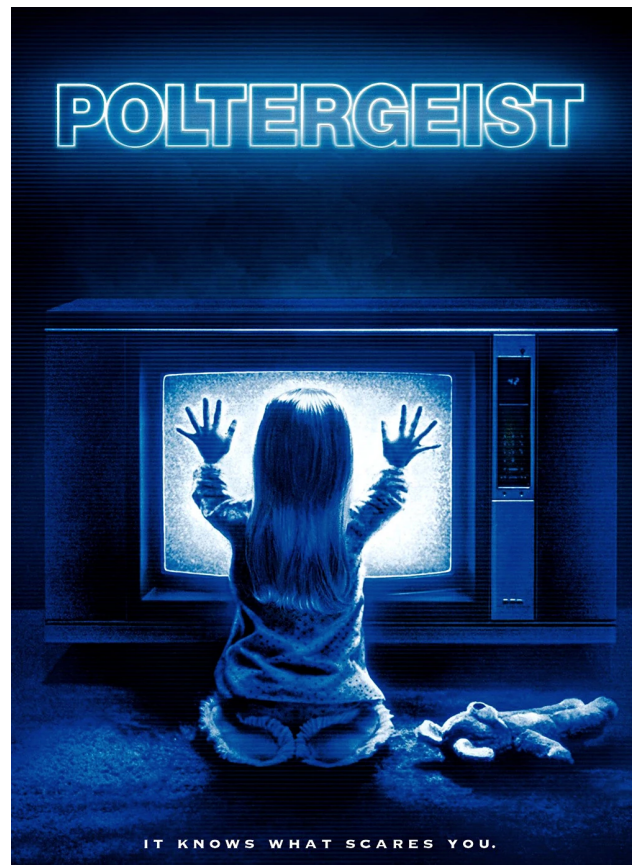


Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

The Ring (2002)

It sounds like just another urban legend -- a videotape filled with nightmarish images leads to a phone call foretelling the viewer's death in exactly seven days. Newspaper reporter Rachel Keller is skeptical of the story until four teenagers all die mysteriously exactly one week after watching just such a tape. Allowing her investigative curiosity to get the better of her, Rachel tracks down the video and watches it. Now she has just seven days to unravel the mystery.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5



Poltergeist (1982)

Strange and creepy happenings beset an average California family, the Freelings -- Steve, Diane, teenaged Dana, eight-year-old Robbie, and five-year-old Carol Ann -- when ghosts commune with them through the television set. Initially friendly and playful, the spirits turn unexpectedly menacing, and, when Carol Ann goes missing, Steve and Diane turn to a parapsychologist and eventually an exorcist for help.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

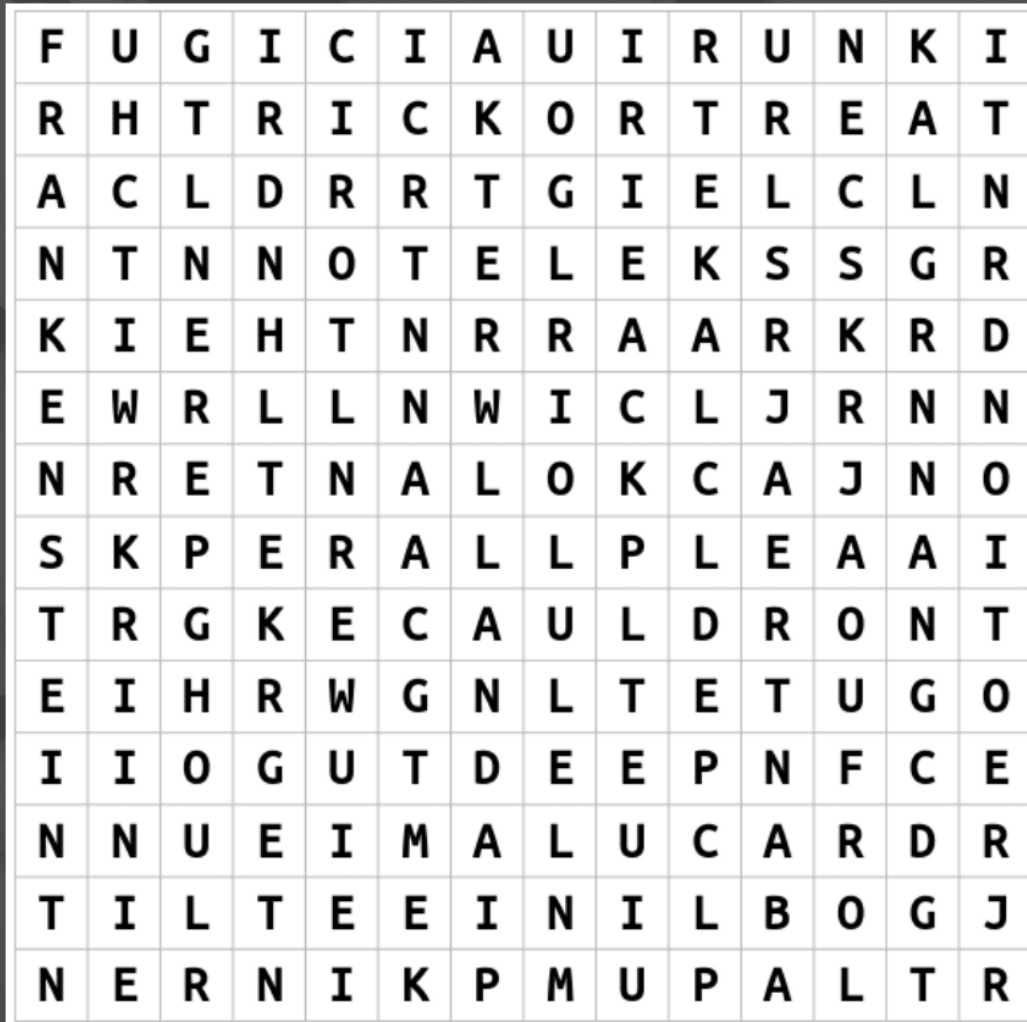
Signs (2002)

Everything that farmer Graham Hess assumed about the world is changed when he discovers a message - an intricate pattern of circles and lines - carved into his crops. As he investigates the unfolding mystery, what he finds will forever alter the lives of his brother and children. A unique story that explores the mysterious real-life phenomena of crop signs and the effects they have on one man and his family.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Activities Corner

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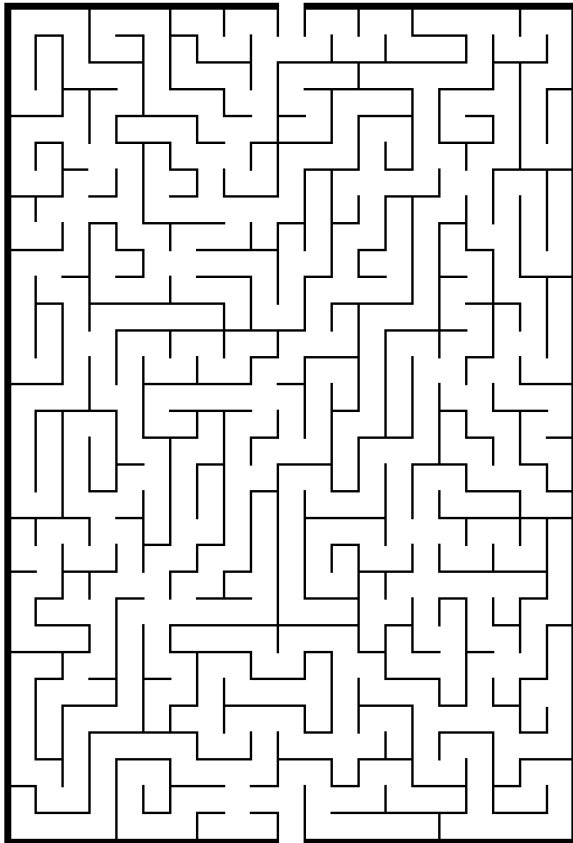
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CAULDRON	DRACULA	GOBLIN
PUMPKIN	SKELETON	FRANKENSTEIN

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Activities Corner, cont.

Maze Runner:



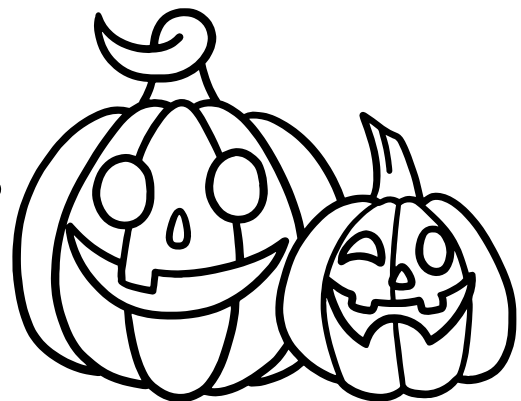
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