

October library events

Books, pumpkins, and Halloween

By Harriet Halbig

The All Pikes Peak Reads program, Engage the Extraordinary, continues through October with programs throughout the area. This year's selections include *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd, *Who Owns the Ice House?* by Clifton Taulbert, *The Waltons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis, and *Matched* by Allie Condie. The children's selection is *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine.

Author Condie will visit the area in mid-November and Kidd will be in the area in early 2015. Pick up a list of events at the library!

Children's programs

October's Family Fun event is Kathy's Critters, introducing hedgehogs and tenrecs. Make a hedgehog craft to take home. The program begins at 1:30. At 3, local firefighters will come to explain what they do. They will bring equipment and a truck.

The Legos Club will meet on Oct. 18 from 10 to 11:30. Bring your imagination and we will provide the Legos.

Pumpkin Day will be on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 10:30 to 11:30. Each child will receive a pumpkin to decorate with stick-on features.

Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to make a mask at the library at 4 on Friday, Oct. 24. Feathery, sparkly, scary or funny, make a mask that suits your style. Registration is required.

Teen programs

There will be an after-hours Zombie party for 12- to 18-year-olds on Oct. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be a showing of the movie *Warm Bodies* and zombie makeup application.

Adult programs

The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, Oct. 17 to discuss *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book club.

On the walls of the library will be photographs by Mayme Shroyer. In the display case will be handmade bowls from Empty Bowl Dinners in previous years. This year's dinner will be on Oct. 8 at Lewis-Palmer High School. Proceeds benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Tickets are available at many locations and at the door from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Palmer Lake Library events

Palmer Lake's October Family Fun is Howling with Wolves. Castlewood Canyon State Park employees will talk about gray wolves and provide you with a wolf mask and a chance to vocalize with recordings. Learn about wolf family and pack behaviors and hear about close encounters with wolves in Yellowstone. The program is on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10:30.

For younger children, celebrate Halloween with not so scary stories on Thursday, Oct. 30 at 4:30.

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the

first Friday of each month. Please call 481-2587 for the latest selection.

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Above: Firefighters from Station 2 of the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District read at a special story time on Sept. 30 at the Monument Library. They demonstrated what a child should do in the event that a smoke alarm sounded in their home and showed what gear a firefighter responding to a fire would be wearing. They will return to the library on Oct. 11 at 3 p.m. to give a tour of their ladder truck and ambulance.

Pictured top: Firefighter EMT Engineer Mike Rauenzahn introduces pupper. Middle: Firefighter EMT William Vogl demonstrates his gear. Bottom: Firefighter Medic Jon Bodinsky reads to the children. Photos by Harriet Halbig.

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