

# Teen Horror Programs

## Haunted Library Tour

A Haunted Library tour can be a fun activity for teens. It involves turning your library into a haunted house. There are a few ways that you could do this program:

- **Teen Advisory Group Haunted Library:** Let your Teen Advisory group plan and put on a Haunted Library Tour for younger children. Teens can decorate the library, dress up in costumes and play the parts, and write the script for the tour. They could base their tour on local legends or make up something new.
- **Halloween Party:** Library staff and volunteers can put on a Haunted Library as a more traditional Halloween party for teens.
- **Mystery Party:** Or you could use the Horror Thematic Kit in combination with one of KDLA's Mystery games. The Cracks in the Wall, Death Gets a Red Card, and Rock 'n' Roll Over Dead are all mystery game kits with stories that take place in the library. One teen can dress up as the "victim" and haunt the library until the other teens solve the mystery.
- **Scary Story Tour:** Teens could dress up as characters from some of their favorite horror novels and "haunt" the area of the library in which the book is shelved. They could write and perform a booktalk to promote their chosen book to other patrons.

## Zombie Tea Party or Zombie Prom

Teens bring in old clothing and make up. They learn to distress their clothing and apply horrific make-up to create zombie costumes. Or teens come already dressed as zombies. Some zombirific activities could include:

- Learn and perform the thriller dance
- Watch "The Night of the Living Dead"
- Create a Library Zombie Survival Plan
- Decorate zombie rubber ducks: Give the teens rubber ducks, paint, and craft supplies and let them zombify a rubber duck.
- Pin the liver on the zombie
- Zombie fashion show
- Create Frankentoys. Think the creepy toys from the first Toy Story movie. Get a bunch of old, worn out toys and let the teens recreate them into something horrible. Check out some examples of Frankentoys here: <http://www.happeninc.com/gallery/> or Google "frankentoy."



**Check out these links to see pictures of similar programs:**

<http://largopubliclibraryteenroom.blogspot.com/2009/10/zombie-daze-and-our-teens.html>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/newportpubliclibrary/3843862852/>

[http://lincolnlibraries.info/Teens/Whats\\_Up\\_at\\_the\\_Library.htm#zombies](http://lincolnlibraries.info/Teens/Whats_Up_at_the_Library.htm#zombies)

<http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/teens/warehouse.html>

<http://jeffcolibrary.org/teen/zombies.html>

## **Horror Trivia Night**

Use the questions in The Horror Film Quiz Book to create a Horror Trivia Game. Or use the Horror Movie Jeopardy Game included on the flash drive.

## **Scary Storytelling**

Hold a scary storytelling workshop. Use the books included in this kit (The Scary Story Reader, Gothic!, and The Restless Dead) or let the teens find their own stories.

## **Library Fear Factor**

Hold a Food Fear Factor Game in the Library. Some “gross” foods could include:

Bad Baby Food: Combine the most unappetizing baby food flavors you can find: Lasagna and Vanilla Pudding, Green Beans and Bananas, Beef and Prunes...

Spaghetios mixed with chocolate syrup

Eyeball Jello Molds: Lime Jello with pimento olives inside

Cold Spam

Clam Milkshake: Blend canned clams with vanilla ice cream

Dehydrated Anchovies

Things from the grocery store that teens don't normally eat: stinky cheeses, tomato juice, prunes, seaweed rice crackers, sardines or other canned meat, pickled pigs feet, strange fruits or vegetables, and head cheese.

## **Horror Writing Workshop**

Use the Writers Workshop of Horror to create a horror writing workshop. This could be a stand-alone workshop or a series of programs. Use the included in this kit to come up with writing exercises like developing characters and settings, building suspense, and writing dialogue. Teens could come with a story already written that they want to revise. Or you could have them start from scratch at the workshop.

**You can find more writing prompts and exercises here:**

<http://www.meredithsuewillis.com/writingexercises1-20.html>

<http://www.6ftferrets.com/exercise-content.html>

<http://www.writingforward.com/category/exercises/writing-exercises>

## **Make Your Own Monster Workshop**

Use the two drawing books and the animal skin rubbing plates included in this kit to hold a monster creation workshop. Teach teens to draw monsters from the books (or have a talented teen teach the workshop if you don't draw yourself).

You could also let them create their own monster. Have them come up with a name, history, lair, creation story, strengths and weaknesses, and likes and dislikes for their monsters and share with the group. Pit the monsters against each other by having the teens roll dice. The teens who roll the highest numbers have the winning monsters. See which monster is the last one standing at the end of the game.

## **Horror Movie Jeopardy**

Use the Horror Movie Jeopardy game provided on the flash drive or make your own.