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San Diego Public Library Conjures Up Plenty of Spooky, Halloween Fun

Many Fun and Chilling Activities Planned at City Libraries Through Oct. 31

SAN DIEGO – Children are invited to celebrate Halloween and be tricked and treated with a variety of “Scary Library” events and activities scheduled at several City libraries through Oct. 31. The spooky good fun will include Halloween parties, films, holiday craft activities, scary stories, and mad science experiments.

“Children are encouraged to wear their costumes at the many events and haunt the City’s libraries as goblins, witches, ghosts and other favorite characters,” said City Librarian Anna Tatár. “The Library’s Halloween programs provide children with fun, safe activities where they can enjoy the holiday and learn something, too.”

City libraries providing the spine-chilling fun include the Central Library and the following branches: Allied Gardens-Benjamin, Carmel Valley, City Heights-Weingart, La Jolla-Riford, Logan Heights, Mira Mesa, Mission Valley, North Clairemont, Pacific Beach-Taylor, Point Loma-Hervey, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, San Carlos and Scripps Miramar Ranch.

The scheduled Halloween activities at City libraries through Oct. 31 include:

Through Friday, Oct. 22

Halloween Coloring Contest – Children can show off their talents and enter a Halloween coloring contest. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Contact the City Heights library for details. City Heights-Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave., 619-641-6100

Monday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

“Halloween Party at Disneyland” – A fun holiday cartoon presentation will be shown. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Spooky Halloween Crafts - A fun crafts session for toddlers to ages 6 (toddlers will need the assistance of an adult/caregiver). Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. 858-538-8163.

Saturday, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m.

“Monsters Inc.” – A fun, animated movie from Disney and Pixar featuring a cast of monsters. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

Monday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.

“Winnie the Pooh: Boo to You, Too” – A fun holiday cartoon presentation will be shown. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

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LIBRARY HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Pumpkins to Jack O' Lanterns - Entertaining stories and Halloween crafts featuring Sue of the ABC Learning Center. Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. 858-538-8163.

Wednesday, Oct. 13 from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Spooky-Spooky Spider Halloween – A craft program for toddlers to ages 6 (toddlers will need the assistance of an adult/caregiver). Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. 858-538-8163.

Thursday, Oct. 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Halloween Crafts – A special, Halloween-themed crafts activity for children. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

Thursday, Oct. 14 at 4 p.m.

After School Stories and Crafts – Get ready to make Halloween reflectors so you will be safe on Halloween night. Guest reader Miss Angela returns to read spooky stories before craft time. Carmel Valley Branch Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, 858-552-1668.

Friday, Oct. 15 at 3 p.m.

Halloween Crafts – A free crafts class for elementary school children. Please call in advance to register. North Clairemont Branch Library, 4616 Clairemont Drive, 858-581-9931.

Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m.

“Scooby-Doo and the Ghoul School” – Inspired by the cartoon series, Scooby-Doo stars in his second full-length film; this one featuring ghouls and other frights. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

Monday, Oct. 18 from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Blood Drive – The Library and the San Diego Blood Bank will host a special blood drive. La Jolla-Riford Branch Library, 7555 Draper Ave., 858-552-1657.

Monday, Oct. 18 from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

Teen Book Club: “Vampire High” – The Teen Book Club at the Carmel Valley Branch Library will discuss the book “Vampire High” by Douglas Rees. New members are welcome and should register prior to discussion. For grades 7 and 8 only. Parents are welcome. Drinks and refreshments will also be served. Carmel Valley Branch Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, 858-552-1668.

Monday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Pajama Story Time & Barely Scary Stories with Mary Holma. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Children are invited to listen to slightly spooky stories" as told by Marilyn McPhie. Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. 858-538-8163.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.

Halloween Pajama Story Time – Children are invited to wear their costumes or pajamas as storyteller Nancy St. John presents Halloween tunes and tales. Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.

LIBRARY HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.

Spooky Halloween Crafts – A fun crafts class for children ages 6 to 11 years old (although younger children can attend with adult/caregiver). Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5838.

Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m.

Wil-o-Mean-a the Witch – A Halloween presentation by Tia Lanzetta of Ta-Dah! The Clown and Friends. Celebrate this holiday season with Wil-o-Mean-a and listen to Halloween stories and other activities. Kids will receive coloring sheets at the end of the show. Carmel Valley Branch Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, 858-552-1668.

Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Crafts - A spooky and fun themed crafts class for toddlers to ages 6 (toddlers will need assistance of an adult/caregiver). Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. 858-538-8163.

Thursday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m.

Halloween Show – A free Halloween program featuring Sandy Gee, a Halloween witch clown, who will perform feats of magic. Presented by the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library. Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, 858-538-8158.

Thursday, Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Halloween Crafts – A spooky and fun themed crafts class for children. Allied Gardens-Benjamin Branch Library, 5188 Zion Ave., 619-533-3970.

Saturday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m.

“Rugrats Halloween” – In this special double-length Halloween episode of the long-running animated series, the babies get lost in a haunted house on the spookiest night of the year. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

Saturday, Oct. 23 at 1 p.m.

Halloween Crafts – Children get to create Halloween-themed crafts presented by Asia Bur-Min. This program is best suited for children ages 3-7, but older brothers and sisters are welcome. All materials will be provided. Sign-up at the Children's Information Desk. Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.

Saturday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.

Halloween Crafts – A special Halloween-themed crafts class for elementary school children. Please call in advance to register. North Clairemont Branch Library, 4616 Clairemont Drive, 858-581-9931.

Monday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Arts and Crafts – Children are invited to create candy corn wreaths. Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165.

Monday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Story Time – Young children are encouraged to wear their costumes to this spooky story reading event. Point Loma-Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St., 619-531-1539.

Monday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Story Time – Join Miss Erin for Halloween stories. Children are invited to wear their costumes. Pacific Beach-Taylor Branch Library, 4275 Cass St., 858-581-9934.

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LIBRARY HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

“Winnie the Pooh: Frankenpooh” – A fun holiday cartoon presentation will be shown. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Halloween Story Time – Children are invited to listen to “slightly spooky stories” as told by Marilyn McPhie. Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library, 13330 Salmon River Road, 858-538-8159.

Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Halloween Story Time – Join Miss Erin for Halloween stories. Children are invited to wear their costumes. Pacific Beach-Taylor Branch Library, 4275 Cass St., 858-581-9934.

Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Children are invited to listen to "not-so-scary" stories as told by Marilyn McPhie. Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. 858-538-8163.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 6:30p.m.

Halloween Basket Crafts – Children get to create their own Jack O' Lantern Baskets and receive a special ghost treat. Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. 858-538-8163.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.

Halloween Mini-Carnival – Children ages 10 and younger are invited to a fun Halloween carnival. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Story Time – Children are invited to listen to “not-so-scary” stories as told by Marilyn McPhie. Attendees are welcome to wear their costumes. La Jolla-Riford Branch Library, 7555 Draper Ave., 858-552-1657.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Halloween Pumpkin Party – A special Halloween Pumpkin Party will featuring ventriloquist Lynn Trimbull. City Heights-Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave., 619-641-6100

Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Stories, Parade and More – “Bearly” scary stories and fun activities with tale teller Mary Holma. Have some fun at our shivering Halloween parade and party with games, songs, stories, prizes, and yum yums for all. Allied Gardens-Benjamin Branch Library, 5188 Zion Ave., 619-533-3970.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

Comic Artist Billy Martinez will instruct teens and adults on how to draw Halloween and horror art. Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.

Thursday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Story Time – Tales that will delight children with Harlynn Geisler. There's nothing scary here, just pure fun. Recommended for grades 1-3. Call to make your reservations. Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5838.

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LIBRARY HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m.

“It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown” – A classic Peanuts cartoon with the gang dressing up for Halloween, except for Linus, who firmly believes that this year the Great Pumpkin will finally visit his humble pumpkin patch. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

Saturday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m.

Have a “howling” good time with spooky stories, crafts, face painting, balloons, and refreshments. Free and for all ages. Call the Children’s Room to make your reservations. Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5838.

Saturday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m.

Halloween Party – Children are invited to come in costume and have a “ghoul-d” time at a spooky fun Halloween festivity. Logan Heights Branch Library, 811 South 28th St., 619-533-3965.

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