



LIGONIER
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Hours & Closings

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday	10:00-6:00
Tuesday & Thursday	10:00-6:30
Saturday	9:00-1:00
Sunday	Closed
October 13	Closed

Special points of interest:

- Pop Up Book Sale October 6-October 25
- Board Meeting with Budget Adoption, October 14 at 6:30
- Haunted Noble County Book Talk, October 17



October Newsletter

Children's Programs:



Let's Get Batty!

October 2, 4:30

Let's celebrate our creatures of the night with a fun program all about bats. Bat crafts and games will make it a fun night!

Mad Scientist Night

October 9, 4:30



Let out your Mad scientist in this fun program. We will be doing several experiments to make your



brain work!

Creepy Crawly Presentation

October 16 at 4:30

Mark's Ark will be visiting the library with a whole crew of creepy crawlies. Sign up to attend.

Mummy Alive!

October 23, 4:30

Come do a Mummy obstacle course and learn about mummies in this fun program.



Trick or Treat is October 30 from 5:00-7:00! No programs that day.

Storytime

Fridays at 11:00

Enjoy a different themed storytime each week with your preschoolers complete with books, music, and art. No sign up required! Friday mornings.

Haunted Noble County Book Talk

An Albion couple steps into the supernatural with their new book, *Haunted Noble County, Indiana*. They will be presenting at the Ligonier Public Library on October 17 at 5:00. No sign up required.

Released by The History Press line of Arcadia Publishing, the book is part of its *Haunted America* series. Mark R.

Hunter and Emily Hunter spent over a year researching the book, and collected stories from many sources, including eyewitnesses.

"Every area has ghost stories," Mark explains. "We just put them together and added pictures."

Some of the stories are well known to locals, including the legend of Spook Hill, which inspired a famous poem by

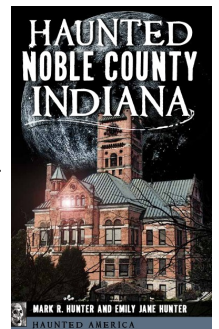
Indiana's former State Poet Laureate. Others stem from events in Noble County history, such as the hanging of a horse thief and accused murderer at the base of Diamond Hill, near Ligonier. Still others were told directly to the Hunters, including their favorite: "The Thing In the Basement".

They were also able to dispel some rumored hauntings, and in a few cases were disappointed to find no stories at all. "Look at the old Noble County Jail Museum," Mark says. "How could a place that atmospheric not be haunted? But we found no ghost stories there." Many of the stories they did find were from normal homes, but historical hauntings include places

such as the former Kneipp Springs Sanitarium in Rome City, The Strand Theater in Kendallville, and more than one local library.

It's not the Hunters' first foray into local history. Together they produced the books *Smoky Days and Sleepless Nights: A Century or So with the Albion Fire Department*; *Images of America: Albion and Noble County*; and *Hoosier Hysterical: How the West Became the Midwest Without Moving at All*.

The authors will have copies available for sale after the presentation.



I Survived Open Book Homeschool Group

Homeschool group will be focused monthly on a different I Survived book. The first will be *I Survived the Black Death, 1348*. Come check out our learning stations October 21 at 2:00. We will have extra copies of the book that can be picked up at the children's desk to read as a family as an optional addition to the program.



Crafty Crew: DIY Rug

Want to make your own unique rug? Our adult class to be held on October 21 at 5:30 will allow participants to choose from 6 different options to create a unique design on a naturally woven coco coir doormat. We will have stencils for participants on their chosen pattern. With the high cost of this project, there will be a \$10 fee just to cover the cost of supplies. You must sign up to attend this class as spaces are extremely limited.



Teen Café: K-Pop Demon Hunters Fan Night

October 28 @ 5:30

The streaming hit of the year is getting its own fandom night at the library. Open to grades 5-12, teens can come to learn some dances, make some crafts and participate in some fun trivia.



Butterfly Releases



Our caterpillars have changed and moved into the next stage of their lives! The library now has 14 chrysalis at the library of black swallowtails and a monarch butterfly. Check on Facebook for butterfly releases as they emerge from their shell.

Fountain Fundraising Popup Book Sale

You may have noticed that our fountain has not been running this year. This is due to several factors but the one that damaged it beyond reasonable repair was parents allowing children to climb up on it knocking the top over and breaking it. Other parts were damaged by children throwing rocks into it. We now have to replace it. We are starting a fundraising campaign to replace it with the goal of replacement being in 2026. Look for different fundraisers throughout the year to see how you can help! Starts October 6!

Novel Points Book Of the Month: *Home Before Dark*

October's book is *Home Before Dark* by Riley Sager. Join us for discussion and dessert on October 27 at 5:00. Copies are available at the adult circulation desk. Twenty-five years ago, Maggie Holt and her parents moved into Baneberry Hall, a rambling Victorian estate in the Vermont woods. Three weeks later they fled in the dead of night, an ordeal her father recounted in a memoir called *House of Horrors*. His story of supernatural happenings and malevolent spirits became a worldwide phenomenon, rivaling *The Amityville Horror* in popularity - and skepticism. Maggie was too young to remember any of the horrific events that supposedly took place, and as an adult she doesn't believe a word of her father's

claims. Ghosts, after all, don't exist. When she inherits Baneberry Hall after his death and returns to renovate the place and sell it, her homecoming is anything but warm. The locals aren't thrilled that their small town has been made infamous, and human characters with starring roles in *House of Horrors* are waiting in the shadows.

Even more unnerving is Baneberry Hall itself - a place where unsettling whispers of the past lurk around every corner. And as Maggie starts to experience strange occurrences ripped from the pages of her father's book, the truth she uncovers about the house's dark history will challenge everything she believes.

