

OCTOBER
2025
LIBRARY
PROGRAMS

October 2025 Library Programs

- **Saturday Opening:** October 25th, 2025 @10am-2pm.
 - **CLOSED:** October 10th, 2025.
 - **Celebrates:** Columbus Day (10/13/25) & Halloween (10/31/25).
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Tiny Tots

Fall Story Time

Thursday, October 9th @12:30pm | Ages 6 months – 2 years old.

Join us for a gentle, seasoned tale to welcome fall with fun and warmth.

Halloween Story Time

Tuesday, October 21st @12:30pm | Ages 6 months – 2 years old.

Enjoy a sweet (not spooky) Halloween story perfect for little ones. Costumes are welcome!

Little Bookworms

Halloween Story Time & Coloring

Thursday, October 23rd @12:30pm | Ages 3-5.

Join us for a fun Halloween story followed by festive coloring time! Costumes are welcome.

Fall Craft

Tuesday, October 7th @4pm | Ages 3-5.

Bring your little ones to the library to make a festive fall craft and celebrate the season together!

Young Explorers

Fall Activity

Thursday, October 9th @4pm | Ages 6-10.

Celebrate autumn at the library with a fun fall activity for kids!

Creepy Story Activity

Thursday, October 23rd @4pm | Ages 6-10.

Join us at the library for spooky stories and fun activities for young thrill-seekers!

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Tweens/Teens

Rise & Read: Teen Week 2025

Dates: October 12-18th | Ages 11-17 | During library operation hours.

A national literary initiative that encourages teens to read for fun, discover new books, and become regular library users.

[Please see the attached flyer for more information].

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Dates: 10/1/25-10/24/25 | Ages 11-17 | No registration required.

Decorate a “literary” pumpkin based on your favorite book or character – no carving!

The W.H. Walters Free Public Library is hosting its first ever LITERARY pumpkin decorating contest!

How It Works:

- Buy your own pumpkin & decorate it (no carving is allowed).
- Drop off your pumpkin by 10/24/25 at 5pm.
- Pumpkin judging will be on 10/30/25.
- Winners will be announced on 10/31/25.

[Please see the attached flyer for more information].

Adults

Fall Craft

Monday, October 6th @4pm | Ages 18+

Relax, create, and get cozy! Join us for a free fall-themed craft session – all supplies provided.

Book Club

Monday, October 27th @4:30-6pm | Ages 18+

Book: “*The Midnight Feast*” by Lucy Foley

Please Note: All activity & craft programs require at least **5 participants registered** in advance to take place. Planning crafts takes time and resources, and your early registration helps us prepare accordingly. Thank you for your continued support!

Everyone

Fall Festival

Date: October 11th, 2025 | Rain Date: October 12th, 2025

Time: 2-6pm

Location: Marino Field (on Vulcanite Ave in Alpha, NJ).

What It Includes: live music, food, crafts, face painting, and more!

Please bring lawn chairs or a blanket, as there is limited seating available under the tents.

Puzzle Time

Dates: 10/2/25-10/31/25 | During the library's operation hours.

Join us at the library for Puzzle Time -a fun, all-ages activity where everyone can help complete a community jigsaw puzzle throughout the month. A new puzzle will begin each month, so stop by often to add your pieces.

Monthly Coloring Contest

Dates: 10/2/25-10/27/25.

Our monthly coloring contest is here! Pick up a coloring sheet at the library or print it from our website. Turn in your masterpiece by October 27th at 5pm for a chance to win! Winners will be announced on October 31st. All ages welcome!

Guessing Game

Dates: 10/2/25-10/27/25.

Think you can guess how many creepy candies are in the jar? Stop by the library anytime between October 2nd – 27th to take your best guess! Closest answer wins a spooktacular prize!

Open to all ages | 1 entry per person | Guesses must be submitted by 5pm on October 27th | The winner will be announced on October 31st.



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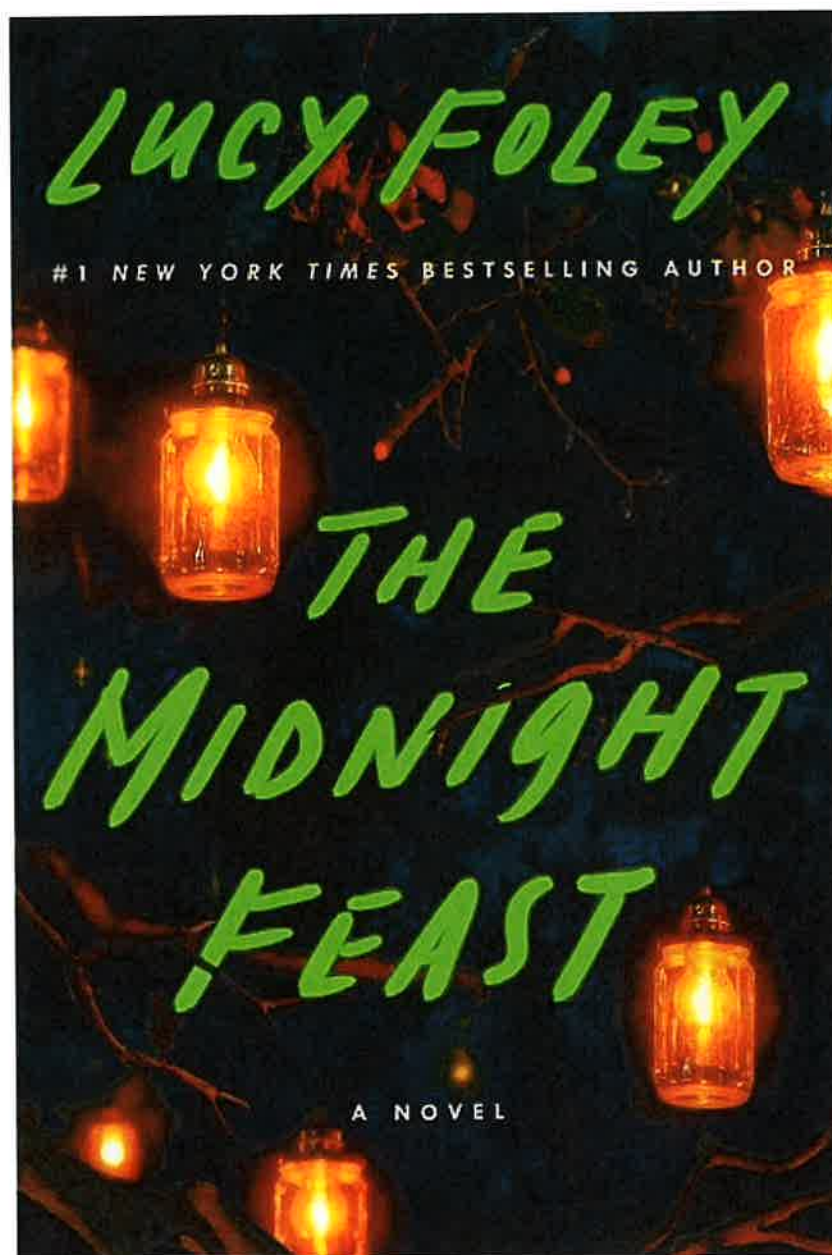
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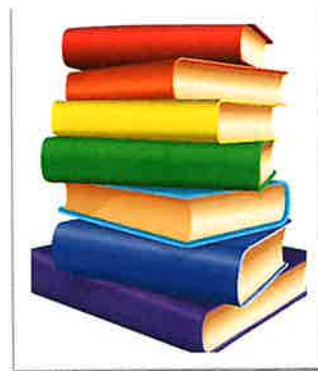
ADULT BOOK CLUB 2025

OCTOBER BOOK:

"The Midnight Feast" by Lucy Foley



Rise & Read: Teen Week 2025!



Dates: October 12-18, 2025.

Who: Tweens & Teens (Ages 11-17).

What: A national literary celebration that encourages teens to:

- Read for fun,
 - Discover new books, and
 - Become lifelong library lovers.
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Weekly Themes:

- Week 1: Literacies
 - Week 2: Writing
 - Week 3: Technology & Gaming
 - Week 4: Art & Music
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Programs & Activities:

- Take & Make
 - Grab a FREE craft kit to make your own custom bookmark! Pick up during Teen Read Week – includes supplies & instructions.
- Piece it Together
 - Team up & test your skills with literary-themed jigsaw puzzles. Build teamwork, problem-solving, & have fun while doing it!
- Spine Poetry
 - Stack book titles to create your own poetic masterpieces. A fun, low-pressure way to share your voice.
- Design Your Own Book Cover
 - Unleash your creativity! Design a spooky or stylish book cover for your favorite book – or invent your own eerie tale.



Interactive Display: FACT or FICTION?

Think critically & test your media literacy skills – can you tell what's real and what's not?

Join us for Teen Week @ W.H. Walters Free Public Library!

For more info, visit: www.alphapubliclibrary.com (under Events → Teen Programs).

Follow us on social media: [W.H Walters Free Public Library | Facebook](#)

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Calendar for Rise & Read: Teen Week 2025

Teen Choice Awards: Library Edition

Teen Choice Awards @ W.H. Walters Free Public Library

Teens, it's your turn to vote for your FAVORITES! Nominate & Vote in Categories like:

- Favorite Book of 2025
- Best Author
- Best Graphic Novel
- Best Movie
- Favorite Library Program/Activity
- Most Checked-Out Teen Book

Nominations: October 2nd – October 10th

Voting: October 13th – October 17th

Winners will be announced October 20th on our website & in the library!

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Decorate a "literary" pumpkin & win!
October 2025 | Ages 11-17 | Free Entry

The W.H. Walters Free Public Library
is hosting its first ever LITERARY
pumpkin decorating contest!

THE RULES:

1. Pumpkins must represent a book or book character.
2. The main component of your entry must be a pumpkin or something from the pumpkin family (such as squash or gourds). You must supply your own pumpkin.
3. You may paint, draw, decorate, or etch your pumpkin - but NO carving! Carved pumpkins rot, attract bugs, and smell. Carved pumpkins will NOT be accepted.
4. You are free to use any materials to decorate your pumpkin, but no electrical power can be supplied, and candles are not allowed unless they are battery-operated.
5. All entries must be submitted by 5pm on Friday, October 24th, 2025. Late entries will not be accepted.
6. This contest is open to tweens/teens ages 11-17.
7. Judging will take place on Thursday, October 30th, 2025, and the winners will be announced on Friday, October 31st.
8. Entries will be judged based on originality, creativity, quality, and how well they reflect the chosen book.
9. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

10/11/25 from 2PM-6PM

Opening Ceremony @ 2:30

Rain Date: 10/12/2025

Held at Marino Field

**ALPHA BOROUGH'S
ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**

Live Music

Food

PTO Bake Sale

Kona Ice

Balloon Animals

Karate Demo

Face Painting

Raffles

Pony Rides

Hayride

Kids Activities

And more....

Over 25 Vendors

Car Show in memory of Sean Smith

