

# What's Happening



## The Month of October 2022: Holidays, Fun Facts, Folklore

This month's name stems from Latin *octo*, "eight," because this was the eighth month of the early Roman calendar. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar, the name October stuck despite that fact that it's now the 10th month!

October's full Moon, known as the Hunter's Moon, arrives on Sunday, October 9. Like September's Harvest Moon, the Hunter's Moon is closely tied to the autumnal equinox.

The October birthstone is the **opal**, which symbolizes faithfulness and confidence.

- Opals symbolize hope and purity and were once thought to improve eyesight or enhance intuition. Throughout history, the gem's reputation has oscillated between standing for luck and standing for lack of luck. According to some, those born in October are immune from any possible negative effects.

### Folklore for the Season

- When deer are in a gray coat in October, expect a hard winter.
- Much rain in October, much wind in December.
- A warm October means a cold February.
- In October dung your field, and your land its wealth shall yield.
- Good October, a good blast,  
To blow the hog acorn and mast.  
[tree fruit upon which wild animals feed]

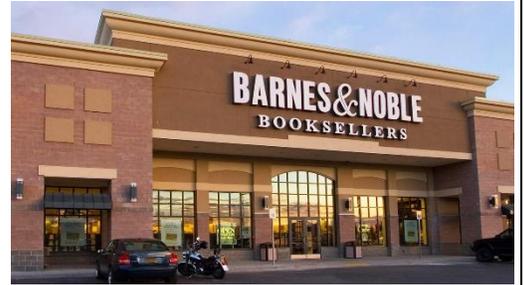


**Make sure you are registered to vote for the upcoming election Tuesday, November 8. Fun fact, Nov. 8 will also be a full moon.**

# FUNDRAISING EVENT

The library will be having a fundraiser at the Barnes & Noble, Cherry Vale Mall, Rockford all

day Saturday, December 10. For every purchase made a percentage of the sale will go to the library.



## Joke of the Month

Q. What is a pumpkin's favorite sport?

A. Squash!



**The Read Anything Book Club** meets the third Wednesday of the month @ 7pm in the library's Reading Room.

Even if you haven't read a book recently or haven't finished the one you're reading, come and listen or share what you've read so far. This is a low to no pressure group.



**Story Hour** is starting back up for the school year. It will be the third Saturday of each month for 10 – 11am. The first Story Hour will be Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

In the Library's Reading/Conference Room.

Stories, crafts and light refreshments will be offered.

October's Story Hour is brought to you in part by



Make a cauldron of witch's brew, create a STEAM balloon popper AND guess what color the inside of a white will be (and a green pumpkin too!) Plus, you'll be able to feel the insides of those pumpkins.





**October's flower is the calendula**

**What's happening in October?**

**Wednesday, October 5 7pm Paw Paw Community School District Community Forum**

**Wednesday, October 12 10 – 10:45 Music & Movement with Daycare**

**Thursday, October 13 10 – 10:45 Music & Movement with Daycare**

**Saturday, October 15 10 – 11 Story Hour brought to you in part by ↓**

**Wednesday, October 19 7pm The Read Anything Book Club**

**Tuesday, October 25 Library Board of Trustees meets**

**6:30pm**

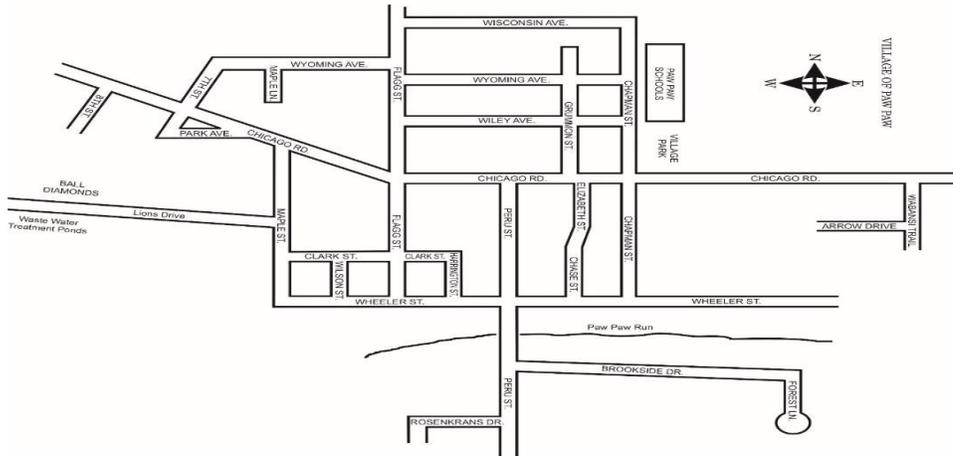
**Monday, October 31 4-7pm Village Trick-or-Treat Hours**



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CALENDARS NOW!**

## PAWS IN THE PAST - STREETS



\$15 Each. All net proceeds will go directly to preserving/cataloging the photos, newspapers and paper ephemera that has been donated and collected through the years at the library. Any questions stop by or call the Library @ (815)627-9396. A limited amount has been ordered so hurry and get yours today before we run out. GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

The Library Board of Trustees meets the **4th Tuesday of each month** except for December.

The meetings begin at **6:30pm** in the Reading/Conference Room (upstairs)



The Public is encouraged to attend.

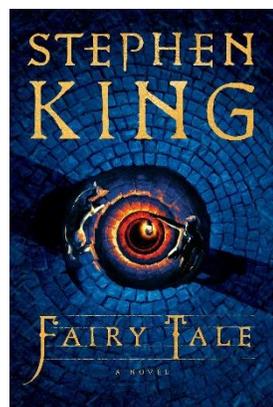
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## New Book Summaries (below)

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For a complete list check out the Events Page



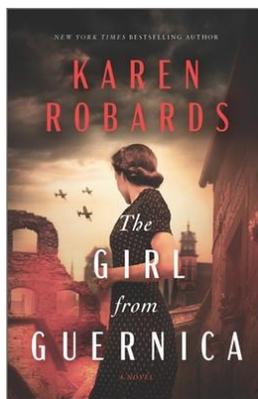
### **Fairy Tale**

by Stephen King

**Legendary storyteller Stephen King goes deep into the well of his imagination in this spellbinding novel about a seventeen-year-old boy who inherits the keys to a parallel**

**world where good and evil are at war, and the stakes could not be higher—for their world or ours.**

Charlie Reade looks like a regular high school kid, great at baseball and football, a decent student. But he carries a heavy load. His mom was killed in a hit-and-run accident when he was ten, and grief drove



### **The Girl from Guernica**

by Karen Robards

**Inspired by Picasso's great masterpiece, Guernica, New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards returns with a riveting story of intrigue, deception and bravery in the**

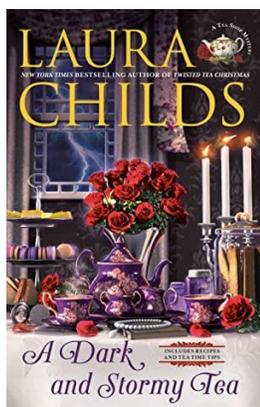
**face of war...**

On an April day in 1937, the sky opens and fire rains down upon the small Spanish town of Guernica. Seventeen-year-old Sibi and her family are caught up in the horror. Griff, an American military attaché, pulls Sibi from the wreckage, and it's only the first time he saves her life in a span of hours. When Germany claims no involvement in

his dad to drink. Charlie learned how to take care of himself—and his dad. Then, when Charlie is seventeen, he meets Howard Bowditch, a recluse with a big dog in a big house at the top of a big hill. In the backyard is a locked shed from which strange sounds emerge, as if some creature is trying to escape. When Mr. Bowditch dies, he leaves Charlie the house, a massive amount of gold, a cassette tape telling a story that is impossible to believe, and a responsibility far too massive for a boy to shoulder.

Because within the shed is a portal to another world—one whose denizens are in peril and whose monstrous leaders may destroy their own world, and ours. In this parallel universe, where two moons race across the sky, and the grand towers of a sprawling palace pierce the clouds, there are exiled princesses and princes who suffer horrific punishments; there are dungeons; there are games in which men and women must fight each other to the death for the amusement of the “Fair One.” And there is a magic sundial that can turn back time.

A story as old as myth, and as startling and iconic as the rest of King’s work, *Fairy Tale* is about an ordinary guy forced into the hero’s role by circumstance, and it is both spectacularly suspenseful and satisfying.



## **A Dark and Stormy Tea** (A Tea Shop Mystery #24)

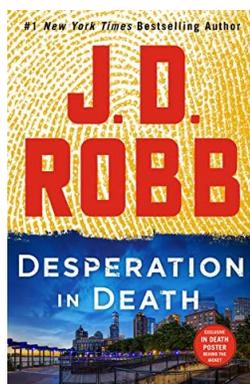
by Laura Childs

It was a dark and stormy night, but that was the least of Theodosia Browning's troubles. As she approaches St. Philips Graveyard, Theodosia sees two figures locked in a strange embrace. Wiping rain from her eyes, Theodosia realizes she has just witnessed a brutal murder and sees a

the attack, insisting the Spanish Republic was responsible, Griff guides Sibi to lie to Nazi officials. If she or her sisters reveal that they saw planes bearing swastikas, the gestapo will silence them—by any means necessary.

As war begins to rage across Europe, Sibi joins the underground resistance, secretly exchanging information with Griff. But as the scope of Germany’s ambitions becomes clear, maintaining the facade of a Nazi-sympathizer becomes ever more difficult. And as Sibi is drawn deeper into a web of secrets, she must find a way to outwit an enemy that threatens to decimate her family once and for all.

Masterfully rendered and vividly capturing one of the most notorious episodes in history, *The Girl from Guernica* is an unforgettable testament to the bonds of family and the courage of women in wartime.



## **Desperation in Death**

(In Death #55)

by J.D. Robb

New York, 2061: The place called the Pleasure Academy is a living nightmare where abducted girls are trapped, trained for a life of abject service while their souls are slowly but surely destroyed. Dorian, a thirteen-year-old runaway who’d been imprisoned there, might never have made it out if not for her fellow inmate Mina, who’d hatched the escape plan. Mina was the more daring of the two—but they’d been equally desperate.

Unfortunately, they didn’t get away fast enough. Now Dorian is injured, terrified, and wandering the streets of New York, and Mina lies dead near the waterfront while Lt. Eve Dallas looks over the scene.

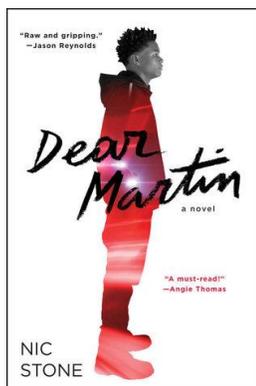
Mina’s expensive, elegant clothes and beauty products convince Dallas that she was being groomed, literally and figuratively, for sex trafficking—and that whoever is investing in this high-overhead operation expects windfall profits. Her billionaire husband, Roarke, may be able to

dark-hooded figure slip away into the fog.

In the throes of alerting police, Theodosia recognizes the victim--it is the daughter of her friend, Lois, who owns the Antiquarian Bookshop next door to her own Indigo Tea Shop.

Even though this appears to be the work of a serial killer who is stalking the back alleys of Charleston, Lois begs Theodosia for help. Against the advice of her boyfriend, Detective Pete Riley, and the sage words of Drayton, her tea sommelier, amateur-sleuth Theodosia launches her own shadow investigation. And quickly discovers that suspects abound with the dead girl's boyfriend, nefarious real estate developer, private-security man, bumbling reporter, and her own neighbor who is writing a true-crime book and searching for a big ending.

**INCLUDES DELICIOUS RECIPES AND TEA TIME TIPS!**



## Dear Martin (Dear Martin

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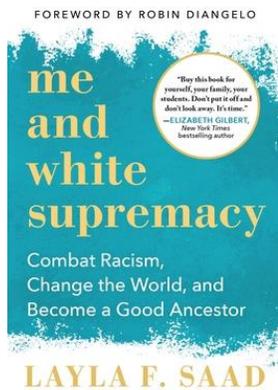
by Nic Stone

Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of that

matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.

Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the

help, considering his ties to the city's ultra-rich. But Roarke is also worried about the effect this case is having on Dallas, as it brings a rage to the surface she can barely control. No matter what, she must keep her head clear--because above all, she is desperate for justice and to take down those who prey on and torment the innocent.



## Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor

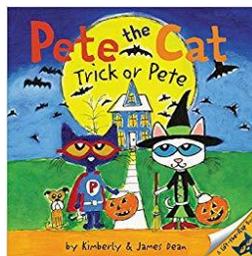
by Layla F. Saad & Robin DiAngelo

*Me and White Supremacy* teaches readers how to dismantle the privilege within themselves so that they can stop (often unconsciously) inflicting damage on people of colour, and in turn, help other white people do better, too.

When Layla Saad began an Instagram challenge called #MeAndWhiteSupremacy, she never predicted it would spread as widely as it did. She encouraged people to own up and share their racist behaviors, big and small. She was looking for truth, and she got it. Thousands of people participated in the challenge, and over 90,000 people downloaded the Me and White Supremacy Workbook.

The updated and expanded *Me and White Supremacy* takes the work deeper by adding more historical and cultural contexts, sharing moving stories and anecdotes, and including expanded definitions, examples, and further resources.

Awareness leads to action, and action leads to change. The numbers show that readers are ready to do this work - let's give it to them.



## Pete the Cat: Trick or Pete (Pete the Cat)

by Kimberly Dean & James Dean

crosshairs. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack.



## Captive (Eve Duncan

#29)

by Iris Johansen

Jane MacGuire is enjoying a period of domestic bliss as she focuses on her art and her partner

Seth Caleb uses his unique abilities as an agent for the MI6 intelligence service. But when Seth crosses crime lord Hugh Bohdan, he incurs the wrath of one of the world's most powerful criminal empires...one whose tentacles reach across the globe and even to the idyllic Scottish retreat where Jane is working.

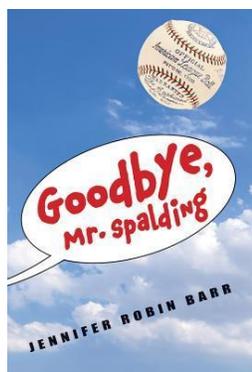
Soon Jane is on the run, struggling to stay one step ahead of Bohdan's army and his devastating high-tech weaponry. Even with the assistance of Earl John MacDuff, she finds danger at every turn. But with that peril comes an astonishing discovery: a 200-year-old secret on the brink of becoming lost to history.

Jane and Seth must join forces to unlock the fascinating puzzle, even as they hurtle toward a lethal final confrontation in the Highlands. But before their adventure is over, Jane and Seth will encounter their biggest shock of all...and realize nothing can be the same for them ever again.

Pumpkins, candy, and costumes! With flaps that reveal fun Halloween surprises, this Pete the Cat holiday story is sure to be a sweet treat for your little trick-or-treaters.

Follow Pete as he goes trick-or-treating from house to house and discover what is waiting behind each door.

Life the flaps to reveal fun spooky surprises—this book is spooktacular!



## Goodbye, Mr. Spalding

by Jennifer Robin Barr

In 1930s Philadelphia, twelve-year-old Jimmy Frank and his best friend Lola live across the street from Shibe Park, home of the Philadelphia Athletics

baseball team. Their families and others on the street make extra money by selling tickets to bleachers on their flat rooftops, which have a perfect view of the field. However, falling ticket sales at the park prompt the manager and park owner to decide to build a wall that will block the view. Jimmy and Lola come up with a variety of ways to prevent the wall from being built, knowing that not only will they miss the view, but their families will be impacted from the loss of income. As Jimmy becomes more and more desperate to save their view, his dubious plans create a rift between him and Lola, and he must work to repair their friendship.

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## **The End.**

*October glows on every cheek,  
October shines in every eye,  
While up the hill and down the dale  
Her crimson banners fly.*  
–Elaine Goodale Eastman (1863–1953)

