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Hauntingly Good Reads at the Library

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We all know the library houses a large collection of research materials at our disposal for all of the essays and research projects we are assigned throughout the semester. Did you know that it also has a wide array of items that can make your spine tingle, stir your imagination, and perhaps conjure up memories of Halloween's past? The horror genre has spawned many forms of media.

The library carries many of these incarnations within its walls. Reference books, books on the history of the genre, films, books about the films, biographies on iconic actors and directors, and even books on the aesthetics of horror are available for your consideration.

Literature is the perhaps the most obvious thing that would be in the library, so we will begin the tour there. Some of the authors the Albertsons Library has are Edgar Allen Poe, Alfred Hitchcock, Guy de Maupassant, and Stephen King. H.P. Lovecraft is a personal favorite of mine and his Cthulu mythos has met with a revival in the last decade or so.

There are also biographies on the icons and studios involved in making the horror genre what it is today. The Last One: A Life of Peter Lorre, Alfred Hitchcock: A Life in Darkness and Light, and Vincent Price: The Art of Fear (the title of which holds some humor for this writer, as Price had a radio show I listen to quite often called The Price of Fear) are only a few that we have at the library. There are several books that focus on Hammer Films, the company that produced a number of films starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing as Dracula and Dr. Van Helsing, respectively.

We also have, in the Curriculum Resource Center (CRC), films as well as juvenile fiction and children's stories. Again, if you have a more classic bent, we have the silent film Nosferatu and The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, as well as the movie based on a novel by Shirley Jackson, The Haunting. For some of the juvenile literature, we have Scary Stories 3: More Tales to Chill Your Bones, which also happens to be on the Banned Books list, as well as Ask the Bones: Scary Stories from Around the World. Even the little ones can get into the, if you'll pardon the term, spirit of things with books like Tenny Tiny Tingly Tales and Cobwebs, Chatterboxes, and Chills: A Collection of Scary Poems.

Those titles listed above are not even close to the vast amount of sources the Library contains. So, if you need an escape from the everyday grind of studies or just even need anything from the horror genre for a bit of research (it does happen), the Albertsons Library is a great resource. Search the Library's catalog for your favorite horrific titles at http://boisestate.virtualcard.org/

Happy Haunting!

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