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Consider Joining Summer Scares 2020 Book Clubs at CF Library, the Books are Free!

- Are you a fan of reading horror?
- Do you like reading free books?
- Or maybe you have wanted to get out of a reading rut and try something new?
- Perhaps, you would like to focus your fears and anxieties on something different from the Coronavirus Pandemic?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Crystal Falls Library has just the thing for you!

The Horror Writers Association has partnered with United for Libraries, Book Riot, and Library Journal/School Library Journal for the second year running, to create the Summer Scares 2020 program. A panel of authors and librarians selected the nine titles. Becky Spratford, one of the 2020 Summer Scares committee members said, “The goal of the Summer Scares program is to introduce horror titles to school and library workers in order to help them start conversations with readers that will extend beyond the books from each list and promote reading for years to come”

Each year, three titles will be chosen in the Adult, Young Adult, and Middle Grade categories, and for 2020 they are:

ADULT: [In the Valley of the Sun](#) by Andy Davidson (Skyhorse, 2017), [The Ballad of Black Tom](#) by Victor LaValle (Tor.Com, 2016), and [She Said Destroy: Stories](#) by Nadia Bulkin (Word Horde, 2017).

YOUNG ADULT: [The Agony House](#) by Cherie Priest, Illustrated by Tara O'Connor (Scholastic 2018), [Labyrinth Lost](#) by Zoraida Córdova (Sourcebooks Fire, 2017), and [Daughters Unto Devils](#) by Amy Lukavics (Harlequin Teen, 2015).

MIDDLE GRADE: [Spirit Hunters](#) by Ellen Oh (HarperCollins, 2017), [Case Files 13: Zombie Kid](#) by J. Scott Savage (HarperCollins, 2012), and [Hoodoo](#) by Ronald L. Smith (Clarion Books, 2015).

At our Crystal Falls Library, we were fortunate enough to recently be awarded a 2020 Public Library Service Grant. One of the allocations for the money is to buy multiple copies of the 2020 Summer Scares books, so that we can have book club discussions monthly during the summer for each age group: adults, young adults, and middle grades. If you a member of our library and you would like a copy of the June pick for your age level sent to you, please contact the Evelyn at the Crystal Falls library and request a copy. Her email is: egathu@uproc.lib.mi.us. Supplies are limited, so act soon. Also, for those of you out there who want to purchase your own copy of the books digitally, they are available. Depending on the COVID-19 situation, our book club meetings most likely will begin virtually, but we will monitor the situation and make adjustments as we go through the summer.

Here is a little bit about our June selections:

The Ballad of Black Tom is the first pick for our Adult 2020 Summer Scares Book Club. This slim novella, just 152 pages, is set during the Jazz Age in New York City. The main character is sent to bring an occult book to a sorceress, and that is just the beginning. This book has won the Shirley Jackson Award, the British Fantasy Award, and the This is Horror Award for Novella of the year. It is also one of NPR's Best Books of 2016.

Daughters Unto Devils is the first pick for our Young Adult 2020 Summer Scares Book Club. Amy Lukavics, the author, stated that this novel was like "writing her own answer to what if *Little House on the Prairie* had demons in it." The book is a chilling debut, and is wonderful. I had a hard time putting this one down. You can watch the author talk about this book and being a part of the 2020 Summer Scares Program on YouTube.

Case Files 13: Zombie Kid is the first pick for our Middle Grade Book Club. Three boys: Nick, Carter and Angelo, are awesomely obsessed with monsters, and there are plenty to pick from in this first in a series novel by J. Scott Savage. Middle Schoolers will love this book, and want to read the remaining three books in the series!

I am very excited that this Summer Program is so flexible, that the book club meetings can work virtually or in person. During these uncertain times, this is one way you can still connect to your library! Soon the 2020 Summer Scares committee will be releasing the full schedule of events, including author visits. We would love to have you be part of something new here at our library! If you struggle with technology and/or do not have a computer, do not let the virtual meetings “scare” you. You can even attend them by telephone. We will help you through it. CF Library members, if you want to join and have the first book sent to you, just send an email to Evelyn, egathu@uproc.lib.mi.us. Then the book will be on its way to you. But hurry, supplies are limited! We will establish our June Book Club timings once everyone has the book.