

# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2019

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## COMMUNITY HAUNTED HOUSE – HALLOWEEN IN OZ



Fri, Oct 25  
Sat, Oct 26  
Fri, Nov 1  
Sat, Nov 2

In celebration of the 80th anniversary of the "Wizard of Oz" this year, we'll be traveling down the yellow brick road to see the Wizard @ this year's Community Haunted House event. This event is family-friendly (although we've been known to startle a few!) and it is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We're always eager to tell a story here at the library, and we tend to alter it a bit for these events which take place in our library's Community Center.

New this year will be advance ticket sales so as not to turn anyone away. We have a lot of fun things in store, so grab your ruby slippers and journey along with us down the yellow brick road as we celebrate Halloween in Oz! *More info coming soon...*



### GILLETT ROCKS!

Our library was inspired to create this rock-painting group after hosting author Stepheni Curran here this past summer. Several communities throughout the state are already doing this, and we think it's a great idea. Her book "Rock On Kindness, Pass It On!" jump-started our movement to pass on

kindness throughout the Gillett-area community.

The idea is to decorate rocks and hide them in various locations to brighten someone's day. Once a painted rock is found, the finder is to share a picture on our "Gillett Rocks" FB page which is live now. They can keep the rock (if they can't bear to part with it!) or re-hide it for someone else to find.

Our library plans to host several special rock painting events throughout the year, and our first one will take place on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> when the kids are off from school. We're planning a special StoryTime on this day for the entire family, and the painting theme will be Wizard of Oz in celebration of our library's upcoming Community Haunted House. Everyone will get a brick to paint for the yellow brick road which will be featured there. Future rock painting parties may feature holidays, books, or special themes throughout the year.

## PERGOLA UPDATE

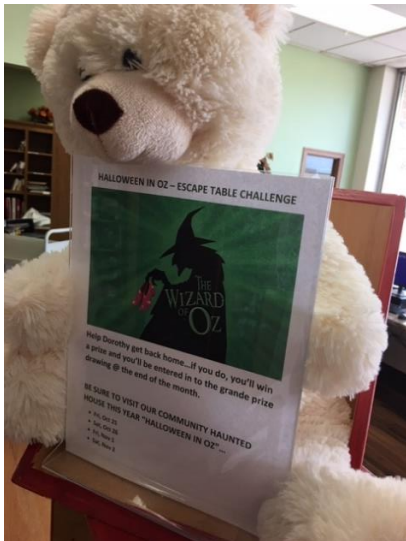
Preston Zimmerman and both of his classes have been here most every morning to work on the pergola...they're almost done with the underside of the roof and the cedar shake shingles. It should only be a few more weeks, weather-dependent, for them to have the structure complete which is good news!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Janie has resumed our weekly reading programs to the Serenity Assisted Living facility and to the Sunshine Daycare. She'll be at each facility for an hour each week during the school year.

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Now that the school year is back in session, our Preschool StoryTime program is taking place again on Fridays at 10:00. We have some new families attending now and Janie is doing a great job with the programs.



## ESCAPE TABLE

Our Escape Table continues with a different theme each month, and of course we're promoting the Haunted House with this month's theme. The task is to help Dorothy get home, and all have 15 minutes to complete the challenge!

Pictured below are some of the groups who have "nailed it" in the past!

