

Midland County Public Libraries'

Literary Pumpkin Contest



It's time for our annual pumpkin decorating contest. Children, teens, and adults are invited to decorate a pumpkin like their favorite book character. It's easy and fun for the whole family! Bring a decorated pumpkin to the **Centennial** Library and enter it in our contest from **October 4th – October 27th**. **All entries must be received by 7:00 pm, October 27th.**

Contest Rules:

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO CARVED PUMPKINS!** Carved pumpkins rot, attract bugs, and smell. Most importantly, we don't want a child handling a knife or carving tools. Carved pumpkins will **NOT** be entered into the contest and will be sent home. **Pumpkins may be painted, hot glued, colored, etc.**
2. Pumpkins should represent a favorite book character. On the entry form, you must write the title and author of the book. All designs must be family-friendly.
3. This is a home project. Participants should do most of the work themselves, with only some assistance, for fair judging in their respective category.
4. Please drop off your pumpkins and contest entry forms to the Youth Services desk at the **Centennial** Library beginning October 4th 2025.
5. Do not write your name anywhere on the pumpkin. A name card will be provided, when you bring your pumpkin and entry form to the Youth Services staff.
6. Pumpkins will be judged according to the following categories:
 - Kids (Age 4-12)**
 - Teens (Age 13-17)**
 - Adults (Age 18+)**
7. Voting will be conducted Oct 28th – Oct 29th. Winners will be announced on Midland County Public Libraries' Facebook and Instagram **October 29th** at 4pm. <https://www.facebook.com/tallcitylibraries/>
8. Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place in each category.
9. All pumpkins will need to be picked up by **Saturday, November 1st**.
10. **Any pumpkins remaining after Saturday, November 1st, will be discarded.**

2025 LITERARY PUMPKIN CONTEST ENTRY FORM

October 4th - October 27th

All pumpkins and entry forms must be delivered to the Youth Services desk at the Library. This form MUST accompany all pumpkins. Pumpkins must be received by 7:00 pm on October 27th for voting purposes.

Participants First & Last Name: _____

Contact Info (Name & Phone #): _____

Email: _____

Book Character: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Categories (please check 1):

1. Kids _____

*For participants age 4 to 12.

2. Teens _____

*For participants age 13 to 17.

3. Adults _____

*For participants over the age of 18+.

