

Midland County Public Libraries'

Literary Pumpkin Contest



This year, the library is getting into the fall spirit by hosting a pumpkin decorating contest. Kids, middle grade children, teens, and adults are invited to decorate a pumpkin like their favorite book character. It's easy and fun for the whole family! Participants may bring in a decorated pumpkin to either Centennial or the Downtown library and enter it into our contest **October 4th – October 22nd**.

All entries must be received by 12:00pm the day of October 22nd.

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 help desk at either Centennial or Downtown beginning October 4th, 2021.
5. Do not write your name anywhere on the pumpkin. When you bring your pumpkin and entry form to Youth Services staff, they will record the information so that each pumpkin can be properly identified.
6. Pumpkins will be judged according to the following categories:
 - Kids (Age 4-12)**
 - Teens (Age 13-19)**
 - Adults (Age 18+)**
7. Voting will be conducted Oct 22nd – Oct 27th. Winners will be announced on Midland County Public Libraries' Facebook and Instagram **October 28th** at 4pm.
<https://www.facebook.com/tallcitylibraries/>
8. All pumpkins will need to be picked up on Saturday, October 30th at your drop-off location.
9. Any remaining pumpkins will be discarded.
10. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category.

LITERARY PUMPKIN CONTEST ENTRY FORM

October 1st - October 22nd

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 12:00 pm on October 22nd for voting purposes.

First and Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Book Character: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Categories:

1. Kids _____

*For participants age 4 to 12.

2. Teens _____

*For participants age 13 to 19.

3. Adults _____

*For participants over the age of 18+.

