

Horror Writers Association Announces 5th Annual Summer Scares Reading List

The Horror Writers Association, in partnership with United for Libraries, Book Riot, and Booklist, announces the fifth annual Summer Scares reading list.

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, February 20, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In celebration of National Library Lover's Day, [the Horror Writers Association \(HWA\)](#), in partnership with United for Libraries, Book Riot, and Booklist, is delighted to announce the fifth annual Summer Scares reading list, which includes titles selected by a panel of authors and librarians and is designed to promote Horror as a great reading option for all ages, and for during any time of the year.



This year, Summer Scares welcomes New York Times Bestselling author Daniel Kraus as their 2023 spokesperson. “My love of reading began at a public library — but I had to hunt for the horror,” said Kraus. “I would have been giddy to have a slate like our 2023 choices presented to me when I walked in. In fact, I’m giddy about it right now. It’s a tremendously far-reaching group of titles that epitomizes the breadth of creativity going on in the genre.”

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2023 Summer Scares
Spokesperson*

The goal of Summer Scares is to introduce Horror titles to school and public 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. In addition to the annual list of recommended titles,

the Summer Scares committee will release themed lists of even more “read-alike” titles libraries can suggest to readers. And, in order to help libraries forge stronger connections between books

and readers, the Summer Scares committee will be working with both the recommended list authors and Horror authors from all over the country to provide free programming to libraries.

Every year, three titles are selected in each of three categories: Adult, Young Adult, and Middle Grade. For 2023, those selected titles are:

Adult Selections:

Ring Shout by Djèlí Clark (Tordotcom, 2020)

Catherine House by Elisabeth Thomas (Custom House, 2020)

The Merry Spinster: Tales of Everyday Horror by Daniel M. Lavery (Holt Paperbacks, 2018)

Young Adult Selections:

In The Shadow of Blackbirds by Cat Winters (Amulet Books, 2013)

Squad by Maggie Tokuda-Hall and Lisa Sterle (illustrator) (Greenwillow Books, 2021)

Mooncakes by Suzanne Walker and Wendy Xu (illustrator) (Oni Press, 2019)

Middle Grade Selections:

Small Spaces by Katharine Arden (P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2018)

Living Ghosts and Mischievous Monsters: Chilling American Indian Stories by Dan SaSuWeh Jones, Weshoyot Alvitre (Illustrator) (Scholastic Nonfiction, 2021)

A Small Zombie Problem by K.G. Campbell (Alfred A. Knopf Books for



Summer Scares 2023 Winning Books



Summer Scares 2023 Books



Summer Scares 2023 More Books

Young Readers, 2019)

The Summer Scares Programming Guide, created each year by the Springfield-Greene County (MO) Library and free for libraries anywhere to access, is back with the tools libraries need to connect with their communities.

“The 2023 guide is packed with ideas that library workers can use to engage their communities with these great titles, whether they’re putting up book displays, hosting author events, or planning an entire Summer Scares program series,” states Konrad Stump, co-creator of the programming guide. The guide will be available beginning March 15, 2023 on [the Summer Scares Resource page](#).



This year, Summer Scares is excited to announce two new partnerships to join our existing partnerships with EBSCO’s Novelist database and the Horror Studies Collection of the University of Pittsburgh Library Systems. First, Summer Scares welcomes the Books in the Freezer podcast, which will be featuring Summer Scares committee members and authors beginning in March 2023 and continuing throughout 2023.

Second, Summer Scares is excited to join iREAD, a summer reading program that has been adopted by nine states and across the globe by the Department of Defense for libraries on military bases. “While there is nothing scary about Summer Reading, there is no better time than summer to scare up some great books. iREAD is thrilled (and chilled!) to partner with Summer Scares to introduce Horror titles to school and public library workers in order to help them start conversations with readers that perfectly align with our mission to bridge the summer gap, while inspiring literacy and life-long learning,” shares incoming iREAD Content and Development Manager, Becca Boland. “We look forward to working with Summer Scares to help people find their voice—even if it is to scream!”

You can help kick off Summer Scares 2023 at [the HWA’s Librarians’ Day](#), taking place in person on June 16, 2023, in Pittsburgh as part of StokerCon. Summer Scares content will also be available for free on the HWA’s YouTube page, including panels with all of this year’s selected authors.

The HWA is a non-profit organization of writers and publishing professionals, and the oldest organization dedicated to the horror/dark fiction genre. One of the HWA’s missions is to foster an appreciation of reading through extensive programming and partnerships with libraries, schools and literacy-based organizations.

The 2023 Summer Scares program committee consists of author Daniel Kraus, HWA Library Committee Co-Chairs Becky Spratford and Konrad Stump, as well as Academic Librarian Carolyn Ciesla, Book Riot Editor and YA specialist Kelly Jensen, and Booklist Editor and Middle Grade specialist Julia Smith.

About HWA

The Horror Writers Association (HWA) is a nonprofit organization of writers and publishing professionals around the world, dedicated to promoting dark literature and the interests of those who write it. Founded in the late 1980's, it now has more than 1800 members around the world and is the oldest and most respected professional organization for creators of horror fiction. The HWA encourages public interest in and appreciation of horror and dark fantasy literature and hosts an annual professional conference, StokerCon. HWA is also dedicated to recognizing and promoting diversity in the horror genre, and practices a strict anti-harassment policy at all of its event. For more information about the Summer Scares reading program, including committee member bios and how to obtain promotional materials and schedule events with the authors/committee members, please visit the Summer Scares Resource page, or email HWA Library Committee Co-Chairs Becky Spratford and Konrad Stump.

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