



Summer Scares 2021 FAQ



What is Summer Scares?

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 third 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, during any time of the year.

The goal of the Summer Scares program 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.

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.

Who is this for?

Titles have been selected by the committee for Middle Grades, Young Adult, and Adult readers. The Fayette County Public Library is promoting this program to tweens, teens, and twenties as a summer reading option, with the understanding that horror fans of all ages are welcome.

When is it?

This will run from June 1 – July 31.

How will the challenge work?

The reading portion of the challenge goes to 20 hours, with prizes offered at 5, 10, 15, and 20. These prizes, in order, will be: choice of 1 of 2 glow in the dark bookmark designs, a Summer Scares pinback button, a choice of vinyl sticker, and a choice of a free paperback book (there will be some for each age group).

There will be a review portion that will require just 1 review. There will be no individual reward for this.

There will be 4 activities: read one of the HWA's picks, write a scary story, make scary artwork, and complete our scary scavenger hunt (this will be a passive program available throughout the summer). These will also not gain rewards on their own.

But, if anyone completes the 20 hours of reading, the review, and all 4 activities, then they will be entered to win a drawing for 1 of 3 tote bag designs.

How can you register?

Registration will begin June 1 at fayettelibrary.beanstack.org

I have more questions!

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