

# SCARY STORIES ZINE

Teen submissions  
accepted through  
December 31

## WHAT IS A ZINE?

Zines are self-published works of art, poetry, and other media that are created by hand or digitally and distributed to an audience. They have their literary roots in fanzines and magazines and are typically produced in small batches.

See past issues of the CCPL Teen Zine  
at [carmelclaylibrary.org/teen-voices](http://carmelclaylibrary.org/teen-voices).

## WHAT IS THE LIBRARY ZINE?

This fall the library will be accepting submissions for its Scary Stories Zine. The Scary Stories Zine is an issue of the CCPL Teen Zine with a focus on spooky, spine-tingling tales, monsters, and other frightful creatures. We encourage teens to submit written and visual works of art inspired by the terrifying world of zombies and teenage werewolves.

## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

All teens in the Carmel community are welcome to participate in the Library Zine. We will be accepting submissions from October 1 through December 31, 2022. Selected works will be compiled into a digital zine at the end of the submission period.

## GUIDELINES

1. Each submission must be inspired by the theme scary stories. There are creativity prompts listed below that will help you with your submission.
2. All submissions must be original works.
3. Submissions cannot contain offensive language or images and must adhere to the library's [Standards of Conduct](#).
4. For each submission received, teens can receive 3 hours of community service. If you would like to receive volunteer credit, please make sure you are a member of the library's Teen Volunteer Corps. If you are not a member of the Teen Volunteer Corps, we encourage signing up at [carmelclaylibrary.org/teen-volunteer-corps](#).

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so that we can record your community service hours.

5. There is a limit of 3 submissions per student.
6. Please submit your work as a JPG (1–2 MB) by photographing or scanning the original work. Written works can be submitted as a Microsoft Word document or PDF. Email your submissions, along with your first and last names, to [youngadult@carmelclaylibrary.org](mailto:youngadult@carmelclaylibrary.org). Additionally, please include 2–3 sentences describing your piece and a title if necessary.
7. Your piece may appear on our social media sites. If you do not wish your submission to be published, please specify this in your email.

## Questions about this project?

Contact [youngadult@carmelclaylibrary.org](mailto:youngadult@carmelclaylibrary.org)

## CREATIVITY PROMPTS

- Draw a picture of your favorite monster or villainous creature
- Write a poem describing how to overcome your fears
- Illustrate a type of phobia such as arachnophobia
- Create a painting inspired by Mary Shelley's Frankenstein
- Write a concrete poem (also called shape poetry) about a haunted house
- Draw a picture of a spooky graveyard under a full moon
- Write a poem about your favorite horror author
- Draw a haunted doll
- Write a short story from the point of view of the monster under your bed
- Draw yourself as a teenage werewolf
- Create a comic strip about the zombie apocalypse
- Paint a picture inspired by Edgar Allan Poe
- Create a work of written or visual art inspired by the theme "scary stories"