

Library Info

Library After Dark

After the smashing success of last year's inaugural "Library After Dark" Halloween Extravaganza, we are bringing it back again this year! Mark your calendars for October 28th, from 7pm to 10pm, Reid Library will have pumpkin painting, spooky movies, scary stories and s'mores by the "campfire", a murder mystery, and if you dare enter...a haunted house in the stacks! This event is for students, faculty, and staff. **If you are interested in volunteering as an actor or helper**, please contact linlow@lc.edu or hdisterhoft@lc.edu.



Student Activities Pres., Cameron Warnick, performing during Pizza, Poetry, & Music night. Don't miss the next one on Nov 17th!

Upcoming Events

- **Library After Dark:** Oct 28, 7pm - 10pm
- **Boo's Clues:** Oct 26-30
- **Wand Craft:** Nov 3/4, 1pm - 4pm
- **Pizza, Poetry, & Music:** Nov 17, 6pm - 8pm

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Students, Maci and Gabby, painting during the October Crafternoon.

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Facts About Banned Books

- What's the difference between a challenged book and a banned book?
A challenged book is one where someone has asked an institution, such as a public or school (K-12) library, that it be removed. A challenge must happen first before a book can be removed. A banned book is one where the institution did remove the book.
- How many books are challenged each year? According to the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom, there were 4,235 challenges in 2025.
- Can books be banned from public and school libraries in Illinois? No. On January 1, 2024, legislation went into effect preventing this, making Illinois the first state to do so.

Director's Corner

Reid Library and Student Retention

Student retention is an important measure for student success. If a student enrolls in the fall as a freshman and returns the following fall as a sophomore, they are considered retained. Reid Library has tracked its impact upon student retention since 2014. And every year, the retention rate for students that use Reid Library has been higher than the overall student retention rate at LC. That trend continues. For LC students that enrolled in Fall 2025 and returned in Fall 2026, the retention rate was 61.2%. In comparison, the overall student retention rate was 50.4%. Now that is a significant difference. For those of us that work in Reid Library, student success is our overarching goal. Let us help you!

Happy reading,
Dennis



College for Life students having a blast hunting for books during the Banned Book Scavenger Hunt.

Book Recs of the Month

Check out our spooky season book display in the Praise Angel Room. We have old favorites like Stephen King, Mary Shelley, and Edgar Allan Poe, as well as more recent titles from Junji Ito, T. Kingfisher, Grady Hendricks, and more!



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