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ONE STATE / ONE STORY
FRANKENSTEIN

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Why Frankenstein ?

There are few works of classic literature that speak so directly to our contemporary world as Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Begun in 1816 and published in 1818, the book raises big questions about science and its role in society. Join us as we use the text to answer questions about how we decipher what's right and wrong, how we understand ourselves in relation to the world around us, and how we live in the world—questions that are as important today as they were in Mary Shelley's time.

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How you can participate:

1. Read *Frankenstein*.

Adults & Teens: We have over 50 copies available for checkout.

Kids: Check out our *Frankenstein* themed books. A full list is available at the library and on our website.

2. Discuss *Frankenstein* & issues.

By the end of One State / One Story: Frankenstein, we know Hoosiers will have a greater appreciation of Shelley's novel and how it has inspired people, including scientists, artists and writers, over time. More important, we hope that Hoosiers will feel more comfortable talking—and, where necessary, disagreeing civilly—about the complex personal, ethical and social questions raised by advancements in science and technology.

3. Attend a program at WCPL! Free but registration is required.

Frankenstein's Monster Scribble Bots

Geared toward Grades K-6

Tuesday, October 2, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Must Register by September 28th. (2 sessions- limit of 25 each)

Let your creation come to life! We will be making our own little monsters to celebrate the 200-year anniversary of the novel *Frankenstein*. This event is open for children and families to come make a scribble bot, while learning about how we can take inanimate objects and make them seem like they are as alive as Frankenstein's monster. We will be exercising our creativity and problem-solving skills, so come prepared to have a monster of a good time!

Stitched and Bound: Frankenstein and the Book

Suited for Adults, Teens & Upper Elementary

Tuesday, October 9, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Must register by October 6th.

Join us as Rebecca Baumann, Curator of The Lilly Library-Indiana University, presents the back story of Mary Shelley's book *Frankenstein*. *Frankenstein's* publication and the history of its readership over the past two centuries is just as exciting as Mary Shelley's novel. This talk examines not only the birth of the novel but also its reception, emphasizing how physical formats changed the way readers have understood the story of the monster within.

The Science of Frankenstein

Family Program – all ages welcome

Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*Must register by October 20th.

Professor Steve will tell the horrific story of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, the stories of scientists that influenced Shelley. Marvel at the wonder of Frankenstein as Professor Steve demonstrates many of the concepts found in both the book & the movies, including light, anatomy & electricity. He will unleash the electrical power contained in Frankenstein's laboratory with his Jacob's Ladder (17,000 volts), his Wimshurst Static Generator (75,000 volts) & his amazing Tesla Coil (capable of generating almost 750,000 volts of raw electricity).

DVD screening- The 1931 film "Frankenstein"

Suited for Adults & Families with older elementary children

Parents please see the note at the bottom of this page

Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Must Register by October 27th. – Limited seating.

Scare yourself silly tonight by watching the 1931 classic film "Frankenstein", starring Boris Karloff. Free popcorn, water and/or soda will be served!

PARENTS

Parents need to know that although this horror movie is tame by today's standards, it does deal with issues of life and death and scientific ethics. Also, there are some killings, including a child who is drowned when a monster throws her into a lake. Younger children might be frightened by the monster, themes of grave-robbing, and the laboratory scenes. Still, older kids accustomed to modern-day horror's fast pace and stylized violence may find the film too "old-school" for their tastes. We leave this at your discretion; however, if your children become disruptive you may be asked to remove the child from the room so that others may enjoy the show. <https://www.common sense media.org/movie-reviews/frankenstein>