

# Hazard Branch Calendar

**October 2025**

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## For Everyone

### Guessing Jar

#### All month long

Our guessing jar is back! Can you guess how many pieces of candy are our jar? The person that guesses the correct amount or closest to the correct amount will win the whole jar. The winner will be selected on Thursday, October 30. For all ages.

### Dan the Snakeman

#### Monday, October 13, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a thrilling animal meet-and-greet with Central New York's premier Reptile Man! For all ages.

### Quick Bites: Caramel Pretzel Wands

#### Saturday, October 25, 10:00 a.m.

Channel your inner witch or wizard and cast a sweet spell with a few caramel pretzel wands. This recipe features a few simple ingredients and takes 15 minutes or less to make! For all ages.

## For Children

### Crafter's Circle

#### All Month Long

Each Monday we will feature a new craft on the round table in the children's section. Make sure to stop by each week to try them all! For ages 5 – 12.

### Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt

#### All Month Long

Our pumpkins are growing all over the children's area. Help us find the 10 pumpkins! Turn your completed sheet in for a prize! For ages 4 – 12.

### Pumpkin Seed Counting

#### All Month Long

Practice your counting skills with our pumpkin seed puzzles! For ages 3-7.

### Curiosity Club: Fizzy Pumpkin

#### Saturday, October 4, 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we learn about different reactions that happen between common household items. Then make your own fizzy pumpkin to take home! For ages 5 and up.

### Scared Silly Stories

#### Saturday, October 11, 10:30 am

A mix of mildly scary and whimsical tales that reassure us all that we can conquer fear! This program is appropriate for all ages, and focuses attention on facing the emotion of fear within a safe and comfortable setting. For ages 5-12.

### Saturday Stories with Olive

#### Saturday, October 18, 10:00 a.m.

Come and sit with Olive – a trained, lovable certified therapy dog – for a story or two! Children are welcome to practice their literacy skills by reading a story to Olive by themselves. For ages 3 – 12.

## For Children and Teens

### Take and Make Craft Kits

#### All month long

Stop by the library anytime to pick up a craft kit. Each kit includes instructions and supplies for a fun craft. Quantities are limited and kits will be given out first come, first served. Kits for ages 5-12 and 12-18.

**Children's Craft: Pinecone Spider**

**Teen Craft: Spider Web Candle Holders**

## For Teens

### Drop-In Crafts

#### Tuesdays, October 7 and 21, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us at the library and make some Halloween themed crafts! For ages 12-18.

**October 7:** Halloween Nesting Dolls

**October 21:** Haunted Luminaires

### Game Night

#### Tuesdays, October 14 and 28, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Think you have what it takes to be the best gamer at the library? Test your skills playing video and board games against other teens! Snacks and drinks provided. For ages 12-18.

## **For Adults**

### **Take and Bake Kits**

#### **All month long**

Learn a new recipe with us each month! We will provide you with a recipe and the dry ingredients to get you started. This month we are making pumpkin bread. For ages 18 and up.

### **Cryptid Clues**

#### **All Month Long**

Test your knowledge of the world's most famous (and infamous) cryptids in this month's trivia board challenge. From Bigfoot and Mothman, to sea serpents and strange creatures, you will guess who is who based on their picture. For ages 18 and up.

### **Adult Drop-In Craft: Yarn Pumpkins**

#### **Every Thursday, 12:00-7:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the season with a simple fall craft! Using just yarn, pipe cleaners, a toilet paper roll, and a little creativity, you'll make an autumn decoration that's perfect for your home, office, or seasonal centerpiece. No crafting experience needed—all supplies will be provided. For ages 18 and up.

### **Movie Matinee: 80's Horror Double Feature**

#### **Thursday, October 2, 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the start of spooky season at the library with an 80's classic horror double feature. At 2 p.m., we will be watching *The Thing* (1982), and at 5 p.m. we will be watching the original *Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>* (1980.) Stay for one, or for both! There will be an intermission between films, and light refreshments will be served. For ages 18 and up.

### **Craft Café: Ghost Tea Lights**

#### **Thursday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.**

Stop by our Craft Café and spend time with other craft lovers. This month we are making glowing ghosts using air dry clay and tea lights. Light refreshments will be provided. For ages 18 and up.

### **Adult Night Out: Tarot Card Reading**

#### **Thursday, October 16, 6:00 p.m.**

This class is an introduction to the ancient art of tarot! Participants will learn about the cards in the major and minor arcana, discuss different styles of reading and various techniques to perform them, and even have an opportunity to try a practice reading if they wish. For ages 18 and up.

### **Memory Café: Halloween Throwback**

#### **Tuesday, October 21, 10:30 a.m.**

At this month's Memory Café, we'll share stories of favorite costumes, trick-or-treat adventures, reminisce about carving pumpkins, and the joy of autumn evenings filled with traditions and community. Activities, seasonal treats, and familiar music will help spark memories and conversation. For ages 18 and up.

### **Home Buying Workshop with KeyBank**

#### **Thursday, October 23, 6:00 p.m.**

Learn what financial preparation is required prior to purchasing a home. Understand the factors that can affect your eligibility for a loan, the different mortgage options available, and how to estimate what you can afford to pay for a home. For ages 18 and up.

### **Local Author Panel**

#### **Thursday, October 30, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a special panel featuring local authors, Marilyn Higgins, Linda Lowen, and Evelyn Fiorenza (aka Ava Zacardi), as they share their writing journeys, inspirations, and experiences in publishing. Authors will discuss their work, answer audience questions, and offer insight into the writing life. For ages 18 and up.

### **Book-A-Librarian by Appointment**

Set up a one-on-one appointment at Hazard Branch Library to learn the basics of using a computer and other technology. Please call the library at 315-435-5326 to schedule an appointment.