

A Night of Gothic Readings

January 18, 2020 *Nuit de la Lecture*, the French national celebration of reading!

English Language Library in Angers

Anne Lebeugle, Chairwoman of the Board, will open the festivities by giving a warm welcome to this chilling Night of Gothic Readings. Fear not.

Céline Crégut, PhD student specializing in Gothic literature will bring into dazzling candle-light the arcana of Gothic literature. Cringe if you must.

And, so, let the readings begin. Bells, books and candles might start to spin.

Our Real Fright Thing begins with a reading by Phoebe Marshall Raimbeau, Abderraouf Mahelelaine and Mathilda Lien of “*The Real Right Thing*” a short story by Henry James that will get you into the spirit of the evening.

Now, keep your eyes open . . . or not. Definitely keep your ears open. Can you hear the beating of Edgar Allen Poe’s “*The Tell-Tale Heart*” read by Martha Darmon?

If your heart has stopped beating, you’ll be jolted back to life by Liz Hanaway’s reading of an excerpt from *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. Electrifying!

Developed a taste for monsters? Kenneth Thomas will stoke fear into your hearts by digging his teeth into a passage from *Dracula* by Bram Stoker.

Cathy and Heathcliff! Love on the moors. Surrounded by doom and gloom. Barbara Picot takes us by the hand to bring to life a scene from Emily Brontë’s *Wuthering Heights*.

Last but not least, a little book, a little gory *The Gashleycrumb Tinies*. Peter Bolos reads Edward Gorey. And that, my friends, is the end of our story.

If not too weary, time to query and discuss. Then libations await you as needs must.



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