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## Townwide Book to Read in June: 'Frankenstein' — Events Planned Around the Classic

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Darien Library invites you to join them in June to explore Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" as part of their One Book One Community program.

The town-wide read encourages the community to enjoy the same story and then participate in a shared exploration of the tale.

— *an announcement from [Darien Library](#) (followed by information from the library website)*

The month of online activities is a way for the community to come together while remaining isolated. The program kicks off on June 1.

The classic tale of Frankenstein is a touchstone of popular culture and can be experienced in any way you choose: from a literary exploration with the guidance of Carroll Stenson, a journey through the music of horror movies with Gil Harel, or a search for meaning within the many film iterations with Max Alvarez.

Or you can take it light and easy and just watch movies, read or listen to shorter adaptations, join a costume contest for kids, partake in a trivia night, and more.

Further details about One Book One Community can be found [online, here](#).

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*These online events are scheduled around the project. From the library's [One Book One Community Web page](#):*

[Music and Horror](#)

**Tuesday, June 2 at 7 p.m.**

Gil Harel will discuss the ingredients which make music so effective at conveying horror. He will dissect iconic scenes from popular horror films.

[Two Centuries of \*Frankenstein\*](#)

**Wednesday, June 10 at 7 p.m.**

Join film historian Max Alvarez for this compelling audiovisual journey in which the youthful author, her iconic novel, and the resulting films, are dissected.

[Learning from the Monster](#)

**Wednesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.**

Carroll Stenson (of Short Stories for Short/Long Days) leads a literary exploration of the themes of the novel. What can we learn from the monster?

***FrankenTEENS***

[Monster Movie Trivia](#)

**Wednesday, June 10 at 5 p.m.**

*Ages 10 to 18*

Frankenstein isn't the only famous pop culture monster! Join us for a trivia session devoted to the big names and hidden gems of monster film history.

[QuaranTEEN Book Group](#)

**Wednesday, June 17 at 5 p.m.**

*Ages 12 to 18*

Join us for a digital book club! Grab a copy of Frankenstein or one of its many retellings and come talk about everyone's favorite pop culture monster.

[Scary Story Open Mic](#)

**Tuesday, June 23 at 5 p.m.**

*Ages 12 to 18*

Inspired by that fateful writing competition, we're encouraging teens to write their own short stories to read aloud in this online open mic.