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### **Horror fiction discussion series starts Tuesday at Bartlesville Public Library**

On Aug. 9, the Bartlesville Public Library, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Humanities Council, will kick off “Let’s Talk About It Oklahoma” — an OHC program that encourages communities to come together to discuss literary works and their authors.

This four-session series will feature discussions that center around eight books encompassing classic 19<sup>th</sup> Century and contemporary literature from the horror fiction genre. Aiding in the discussion will be local scholars who will shed light on the works and the authors, said Nadine Hawke, head of Reference Services at the Bartlesville Public Library.

“The scholar will address that book through his or her academic background, such as through the lens of literature, philosophy, ethics or history,” Hawke said. “After the scholar’s presentation, the participants will break up into discussion groups, led by discussion leaders, and the scholar will visit with the groups as they discuss the book. The program will then end with a few closing remarks from the scholar.”

Books scheduled for discussion for the series are:

#### **Aug. 9**

“Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,” by Robert Louis Stevenson

“The Dark Half,” by Stephen King

Scholar: Dr. Russell Lawson

#### **Sept. 13**

“Frankenstein,” by Mary Shelley

“Mutation,” by Robin Cook  
Scholar: Dr. Britton Gildersleeve

### **Oct. 13**

“Dracula,” by Bram Stoker  
“Salem’s Lot,” by Stephen King  
Scholar: Dr. Andrew Vassar

### **Nov. 10**

“Northanger Abbey,” by Jane Austen  
“Mistress of Mellyn,” by Victoria Holt  
Scholar: Dr. Trisha Yarbrough

According to Hawke, OHC is providing the books for patrons to borrow. To register and to borrow books for the first program on Aug. 9, stop by the Reference Desk at the Bartlesville Public Library, located at 600 S. Johnstone Ave. in downtown Bartlesville.

“At the end of each program, patrons will be able to pick up the next two books for the next program and return the ones they borrowed,” Hawke said.

Refreshments will be available at each session, Hawke said.

For more information, visit [www.okhumanities.org/lets-talk-about-it-oklahoma](http://www.okhumanities.org/lets-talk-about-it-oklahoma) or contact the Bartlesville Public Library at 918-338-4168.

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