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## **JCPL Awarded Funds to Host a “Frankenstein” Community Read** Johnson County Joins Statewide One State/One Story: Frankenstein

FRANKLIN, Ind. – Johnson County Public Library has been awarded a Community Read grant of \$1,000 from Indiana Humanities to participate in a statewide read of Mary Shelley’s classic novel, “Frankenstein.” More than 60 other communities across Indiana will be reading the book as part of *One State / One Story: Frankenstein*.

JCPL will be hosting book discussions at each of our branches throughout the month of October, including a special Adult Monster Mash at Mashcraft Brewing Monday, Oct. 8 from 6-8 p.m. The first 200 people to register and attend one of these book discussions will receive a free copy of “Frankenstein.” The \$1,000 project funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including to book speakers through a special “Frankenstein” speakers bureau. In addition to other exciting special Frankenstein programming, JCPL will be hosting storyteller Adrienne Provenzano for A Visit With Mary Shelley Saturday, Oct. 13 from 2-3 p.m. at our Trafalgar branch.

Written by teenage Mary Shelley in 1818, “Frankenstein” tells the story of a young scientist who creates a grotesque living creature through a scientific experiment and was horrified by what he had made.

“‘Frankenstein’ is a powerful book that raises big questions about right and wrong, how we treat other people and the relationship between science and society,” said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of Indiana Humanities. “That’s what makes it such an important book to read as a community and as a state. We want to catalyze those serious conversations, but we want Hoosiers to have a little fun with the book, too.”

Join Johnson County Public Library for All Things Frankenstein throughout the month of October. See attachment for a list of programs. For more information, please contact Monica Harvey at 317-738-2957 or [mharvey@jcpl.in.org](mailto:mharvey@jcpl.in.org).

### **About Indiana Humanities**

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