

Naturally Connected



Spooktacular Excitement in Albion this Fall

Albion's Octobers are filled with crisp air, walks on the trails, and changing leaves. You can cheer on the home teams at Albion College and Marshall High School football games, shop for your favorite fall reads at Stirling Books & Brew, enjoy warm soups from Foundry Bakehouse & Deli, and come together as a community for Albion's Big Read. This year, Albion is getting spooky with some exciting opportunities.

Terror Tuesdays at the Bohm Theatre

Have a thrilling time at the Bohm Theatre this October with Terror Tuesdays! Executive Director, Shannon Aikins shared, "we have selected a wide variety of truly terrorizing films, from the original 1931 *Frankenstein* to the psychologically thrilling classic, *The Shining*, released in 1980!" Every Tuesday at 7PM, view a throwback thriller for \$5.

Green Witches Broom Workshop at EBMF Farm

On Saturday, October 5th from 3PM – 5PM, create your own decorative broom at EBMF Farm! Learn how to create a fun new door decoration from dried flowers, grasses, and seed pods. Sign up required 269-409-1675 or ebmyfarm@gmail.com, cost is \$45.

Who You Gonna Call? Albion Chamber!

Make your way downtown Albion with your little ones on Sunday, October 27th from 1PM – 3PM for Sweets on Superior Street! Community organizations and businesses will be lining the sidewalks ready to pass out treats to all the amazing kids in our community.

Max's Pumpkin Patch

Pick your pumpkins locally this year at the Fuentes' family farm! After their son, Max, picked out a \$22 pumpkin four years ago, Audra and Nathan Fuentes decided there needed to be a change in pumpkin picking. Since then, the Fuentes family has been growing pumpkins for Max and for the community. Located at 12940 28 1/2 Mile Road, Albion, they are open weekday evenings and weekends for you to get your pumpkins!



COMMUNITY MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Ramona Kiddler

Co-owner of Dickerson Music Co, Ramona is involved in numerous community organizations, including the Festival of the Forks Committee.

Thank you for your commitment to Albion, Ramona!

10 Years of Love and Reading Albion's Big Read

By Cassidy Porter

It's hard to believe that this year Albion's Big Read is celebrating 10 years! As a participant in the first year of the program, it's amazing to see 10 years of community togetherness, youth empowerment, and common reading have gone by. Created with a vision to have educational experiences beyond the classroom for Albion's young people, Albion's Big Read has continuously grown over the years.

You may be wondering, what is Albion's Big Read?

Albion's Big Read brings the Albion community together throughout the month of October over a common reading. There are discussions about the common reading led by Albion 8th through 10th graders, known as the Big Read Leaders. At its core, Albion's Big Read is a program built for empowering and uplifting Albion's youth by providing a safe space for everyone to show up and be their authentic, true self. Albion's Big Read is a space for joy, for learning, for questions, for community.

As a previous Leader, College Volunteer, and now Ambassador, I know that this program helps develop and strengthen our youth's confidence, communication skills, and love for reading. It brings Albion's youth back together in their own community to feel the love that Albion's community members hold.



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Big Read Evolution

Over the years Big Read Leaders have led book discussions based on Ursula Le Guin's *A Wizard of Earthsea*, Ibi Zoboi's *Pride*, Jason Reynolds' *Long Way Down*, Lamar Giles' *Fake I.D.*, among others. The conversations start around the book but deep dive into real life. Albion youth and adults held conversations around real topics while perusing community togetherness. The program continued through a global pandemic and changes in the community.

Three year's ago, the program started a spin off for elementary school students, the Little Big Read. As program Director, Jess Roberts shared, this program gets books by writers and illustrators of People of Color into the hands of every kid at Harrington Elementary and brings in the author or illustrator of one of those books.



Year 10 Excitement

This year the amazing Big Read Leaders will be leading discussions based on Rita Williams-Garcia's *One Crazy Summer*. This novel is "about three sisters who fly across the country in 1968 to spend the summer with their mother in Oakland, CA."* You can pick up your copy at one of five book hubs: City Hall, Albion District Library, Charles Snyder Center, Foundry Bakehouse & Deli, and the Cutler Center at Albion College's Stockwell Library. Albion's Big Read Kick Off is Saturday, October 5th from 1PM – 4PM at Holland Park.

For more of Albion's Big Read events check out the calendar on the back as well as albionbigread.org. And to hear from Albion's Big Read Directors and College Volunteers, check out the Brick by Brick Podcast. New episodes with Big Read guests will be released this October.



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*Quoted from Albion's Big Read website – albionbigread.org



October

Key*

- AC - Albion College
- ADL - Albion District Library
- AHCA - Albion Health Care Alliance
- AHS - Albion Historical Society
- AMBC - Albion Malleable Brewing Company
- BCAAR - Battle Creek Area Association of Realtors
- BVAC - AC - Bobbitt Visual Arts Center - Albion College
- CTA - Community Table of Albion
- GAACC - Greater Albion Area Chamber of Commerce
- KG - AC - Kresge Gym - Albion College
- KNS - Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum
- MHS - Marshall High School
- NCTA - North Country Trail Association

		<p>1st</p> <p>5PM Leadership Lounge (GAACC*) <i>Ludington Center</i></p> <p>6PM - 8:30PM Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Film: <i>The Long Game</i> BVAC-AC*</p> <p>6PM - 7:30PM Magic: The Gathering Club ADL*</p> <p>7PM AC Women's Volleyball KG-AC*</p> <p>7PM Terror Tuesday: <i>Frankenstein</i> <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>2nd</p> <p>12PM - 1PM Brown Bag Documentary Series ADL*</p> <p>7PM Bingo <i>Albion Moose</i></p>	<p>3rd</p> <p>4PM MHS Freshmen Boys' Football MHS*</p> <p>5:15PM MHS JV Girls' Volleyball IMHS*</p> <p>5:30PM - 7:30PM Euchre Night ADL*</p> <p>6:30PM MHS JV Boys' Football MHS*</p>	<p>4th</p> <p>AC* Homecoming</p> <p>1PM - 3PM Food Pantry Distribution (CTA - AHCA) <i>Wesley Hall - AC*</i></p> <p>2PM - 8PM "Natural Forms" Exhibit by Anne Beyer & Steve Nyktas BVAC - AC*</p> <p>7PM - 9PM Build Albion Fellows Celebration <i>Ludington Center</i></p>	<p>5th</p> <p>AC* Homecoming</p> <p>8AM - 10AM Build Albion Fellows Panel <i>Norris 102 - AC*</i></p> <p>10AM MHS JV Boys' Soccer MHS*</p> <p>11:30AM MHS Boys' Soccer MHS*</p> <p>1PM Blues Workshop <i>Dickerson Music Co.</i></p> <p>1PM AC Men's Football Stadium - AC*</p> <p>1PM - 4PM Dungeons & Dragons Campaign ADL*</p> <p>1PM - 4PM Albion's Big Read Kick-off <i>Holland Park</i></p> <p>3PM - 5PM Green Witches Broom Workshop <i>EBMY Farm</i></p>
<p>6th</p> <p>10:30AM - 11:30AM Stretch-A-Tation Class <i>EBMY Farm</i></p> <p>2PM Peace of Pie and Prayer in the Park <i>Salem Church - Crowell Park</i></p>	<p>7th</p> <p>5PM MHS Girls' Volleyball MHS*</p> <p>7PM - 9PM Toronzo Cannon - Blues at the Bohm <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>8th</p> <p>9AM - 4PM "Natural Forms" Exhibit by Anne Beyer & Steve Nyktas BVAC - AC*</p> <p>3PM - 5PM Drive Thru Food Distribution (CTA - AHCA*) <i>Wesley Hall - AC*</i></p> <p>6PM - 7:30PM ADL's Writing Circle ADL*</p> <p>6PM MHS Girls' Swimming MHS*</p> <p>7PM Terror Tuesday: <i>Psycho</i> <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>9th</p> <p>12PM - 1PM Lunch 'N' Learn: Diabetic Medications (AHCA*) <i>Bread of Life RSVP</i></p> <p>12PM - 1PM Brown Bag Documentary Series ADL*</p> <p>7PM - 8PM Big Read Film Series: <i>The Right to Read</i> <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p> <p>7PM Foraging w/Val Rossman <i>Stirling Books & Brew</i></p>	<p>10th</p> <p>9AM - 4PM "Natural Forms" Exhibit by Anne Beyer & Steve Nyktas BVAC - AC*</p> <p>4PM MHS Freshmen Boys' Football MHS*</p> <p>5:30PM - 6PM Kai Time ADL*</p> <p>6PM - 7:30PM Yarn Craft Club ADL*</p> <p>6PM MHS JV Boys' Football MHS*</p>	<p>11th</p> <p>"</p>	<p>12th</p> <p>10AM - 2PM "Natural Forms" Exhibit by Anne Beyer & Steve Nyktas BVAC - AC*</p> <p>11AM - 12:15PM Big Read Discussion #1 <i>Ludington Center</i></p>
<p>13th</p> <p>1PM Tour of Riverside Cemetery - Catholic Section (AHS*) <i>Riverside Cemetery</i></p> <p>1PM Cancer Awareness Hike (NCTA*) <i>Whitehouse Nature Center</i></p>	<p>14th</p> <p>7PM Albion's Big Read Discussion</p>	<p>15th</p> <p>"</p> <p>3PM - 5PM Drive Thru Food Distribution (CTA - AHCA*) <i>Wesley Hall - AC*</i></p> <p>6PM - 7:15PM Big Read Discussion #2 <i>Ludington Center</i></p> <p>6:30PM AC Women's Volleyball KG-AC*</p> <p>7PM Terror Tuesday: <i>The Ring</i> <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>16th</p> <p>12PM - 1PM Brown Bag Documentary Series ADL*</p> <p>5PM MHS JV Girls' Volleyball MHS*</p> <p>6:30PM MHS Girls' Volleyball MHS*</p>	<p>17th</p> <p>"</p> <p>5:30PM - 7:30PM Euchre Night ADL*</p> <p>7:30PM - 9PM Step Afrika <i>AC* Chapel</i></p>	<p>18th</p> <p>8AM - 9AM Eggs & Issues GAACC*</p> <p>1PM - 3PM Food Pantry Distribution (CTA - AHCA) <i>Wesley Hall - AC*</i></p> <p>"</p> <p>7PM MHS Boys' Football MHS*</p>	<p>19th</p> <p>AC* Equestrian Competition</p> <p>"</p> <p>11AM - 12:15PM Big Read Discussion #3 <i>Ludington Center</i></p> <p>1PM - 4PM Dungeons & Dragons Campaign ADL*</p> <p>4PM - 8PM Oktoberfest AMBC*</p> <p>5:45PM - 8PM NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet <i>Upper Baldwin - AC*</i></p>
<p>20th</p>	<p>21st</p>	<p>22nd</p> <p>"</p> <p>3PM - 5PM Drive Thru Food Distribution (CTA - AHCA*) <i>Wesley Hall - AC*</i></p> <p>5:30PM - 7:30PM Free Homeownership Workshop (BCAAR) <i>Albion Housing Commission</i></p> <p>6PM Graphic Novel Book Club ADL*</p> <p>7PM - 8PM Marilyn Crandell Schleg Memorial Lecture - Phil Porter "From Documents to Display"</p> <p>7PM Terror Tuesday: <i>The Shining</i> <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>23rd</p> <p>12PM - 1PM Brown Bag Documentary Series ADL*</p> <p>6:30PM AC Women's Volleyball KG-AC*</p> <p>7PM - 8PM Big Read Film Series: <i>Counted Out</i> <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>24th</p> <p>"</p> <p>5PM MHS Varsity & JV Girls' Volleyball MHS*</p> <p>5:30PM - 6PM Kai Time ADL*</p> <p>4PM MHS Freshmen Boys' Football MHS*</p> <p>6PM MHS JV Boys' Football MHS*</p>	<p>25th</p> <p>"</p>	<p>26th</p> <p>"</p> <p>1PM AC Men's Football Stadium - AC*</p>
<p>27th</p> <p>1PM Trunk or Treat <i>Hoof & Heart</i></p> <p>1PM - 3PM Sweets on Superior Street <i>Downtown Albion</i></p>	<p>28th</p> <p>7PM - 8:30PM Albion's Big Read Celebration <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>29th</p> <p>"</p> <p>5PM MHS Girls' Volleyball MHS*</p> <p>7PM Terror Tuesday: <i>Poltergeist</i> <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>30th</p> <p>12PM - 1PM Brown Bag Documentary Series ADL*</p>	<p>31st</p> <p>"</p>		

