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The Literary Vampire

LHU and community will host events with author of Young Adult vampire fiction

Got Vampires? On Monday, October 24—just in time for Halloween—author of Young Adult fiction Beth Fantaskey will read from her work at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room of the Parsons Union Building at Lock Haven University. The highly popular author of “Jessica’s Guide to Dating on the Dark Side,” “Jekel Loves Hyde,” and the soon-to-be-released “Jessica Rules the Dark Side,” Ms. Fantaskey also will participate in the evening’s panel discussion organized by Drs. Nicole Burkholder-Mosco and Gayatri Devi on the “literary vampire” and the history and popularity of vampiric characters in Young Adult literature. Community members are encouraged to attend this free event and to ask questions. Look for possible vampire “sightings” during the evening’s event, during which time books will be available for purchase and signing.



Ms. Fantaskey’s reading and round table discussion are part of LHU’s new program Write Now: Community Conversations with Contemporary Authors. From Monday, Oct. 24, through Wednesday, Oct. 26, Ms. Fantaskey also will visit classes at LHU; travel to Central Mountain middle and high schools to meet with students and teachers; and serve as guest speaker for the Booked for Lunch program in the Gross Community Room, Ross Library. The latter is a long-running event sponsored by the Friends of the Ross Library. Invited authors meet with community audience members for lunch and then read, talk, or otherwise engage and inform the audience about their work. Beth Fantaskey will be the invited author on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 12:00-1:30. The cost for the lunch is \$7.

In conjunction with LHU’s three-day Write Now event, Lock Haven students in Introduction to Literature classes will read and discuss Bram Stoker’s “Dracula”; theatre students will conduct “haunted studio” tours, and the upcoming Red Cross blood drive will be promoted.

Write Now is designed to bring members of our community—young and old, from secondary schools, the university, and the community at large—together in dialogue about contemporary works that stem from classic texts and traditions and also connect to contemporary culture and issues. The authors write about contemporary issues that interest and impact members of the community and their children. Similar events are being planned for the spring semester.

Write Now is organized by the English department Reading Series committee and funded by the Women's Studies program, the President's Commission on the Status of Women, and the Admissions program.

For more information, contact the chairs of Write Now: Marjorie Maddox Hafer at [mmadoxh@lhup.edu](mailto:mmadoxh@lhup.edu) or Dana Washington at [dwashing@lhup.edu](mailto:dwashing@lhup.edu)



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