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Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature

We all know the story of Frankenstein. Or do we?

A new traveling exhibition which will be at Missoula Public Library from April 27 to June 10, offers a fresh look at Mary Shelley's book and its importance in discussions about social responsibility and ethical scientific research.

This exciting exhibition examines the monster and the scientist whose story has become one of the most enduring myths of the Western world since Mary Shelley published her book, *Frankenstein*, in 1818.

Victor Frankenstein, who wished to reveal the "secrets of nature" through his research, instead abandons his monstrous creation and suffers the consequences.

The exhibition also illustrates how *Frankenstein* has become the symbol for public fears about groundbreaking new scientific techniques which often challenge our understanding of what is "natural."

The story of Frankenstein is frequently mentioned in the media when issues

such as cloning, organ transplants, or genetically modified foods are discussed.

The Library is offering a series of free lectures, a film series and other events in May for the public in connection with the exhibition.



Mary Shelley
Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus London, 1831
Singer-Mendenhall Collection,
Annenberg Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Pennsylvania

May 4 - *Frankenstein, Science and the Modern World*— Dr. John Glendenning, will present the lecture on Mary Shelley's novel, *Frankenstein*, which describes the monster, a scientific experiment gone bad, as a dark shadow of modernity whose relevance is underlined by the story's perennial popularity in print and on the screen. To be held in the Library's Large Meeting Room at 7 p.m.

May 11 - *Ethics and Biotechnology: Lessons from Frankenstein*— Dr. Gregory Fowler, Dr. Mark Hanson and Dr. Herbert Swick will present a panel discussion on advances in medical science and technology which pose challenging ethical questions. It was true in the time of Frankenstein, it is true today, and it will remain true in the future. The panel will explore the ethical and social implications of recent advances in biotechnology. What lessons can we learn from Frankenstein about today's bioethical challenges? To be held at [Broadway Building Conference Center at St. Patrick Hospital](#) at 7 p.m.

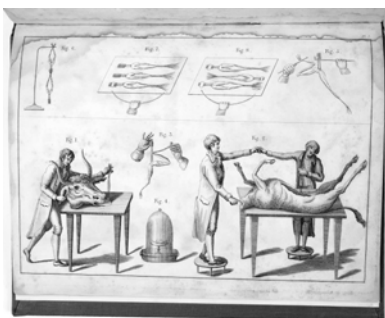


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May 18 - *Bleed, Blister and Purge: A History of Medicine on the American Frontier*—Dr. Volney Steele, a retired physician and historian will discuss his book about the history of medicine on the American frontier. To be held at in the Large Meeting Room at the Public Library at 7 p.m.



From Giovanni Aldini, *An Account of the Late Improvements in Galvanism*
Artist unknown, 1803
History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine

May 25 - *Why Do We Like This Stuff?: Contemporary Horror Fans*—Dr. Debra Bernardi poses the question “What’s the pleasure in being scared?” This talk will examine what fans enjoy about horror films and what impact a fan’s gender might have on the experience of horror. To be held in the Large Meeting Room at the Missoula Public Library at 7 p.m.

Film Series

Join us on Saturdays in May for a film series that will explore various exhibit themes. Copyright laws prevent us from advertising the films by name, but you can call the Library at 721-2665, for the film’s title. All of the films will be shown in the Library’s Large Meeting Room.

Saturday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.
The 1931 original, and still most popular, film about the monster, starring Boris Karloff. Discussion following the film will be led by Joel Baird of MCAT.

Saturday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.
In this 1935 sequel to the original Frankenstein movie, the monster demands a mate. Discussion following the film will be led by Rafael Chacon, U of MT.

Saturday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.
This 2001 film about a robot child searching for its mother has a simple two vowel title. Discussion following the film led by Sean O’Brien, U of MT.

Saturday, May 28 at 2:00 p.m.
This 1974 Mel Brooks parody of monster movies tells the story of the youthful Frederick Frankenstein, a brain surgeon, who travels to Transylvania and pores over his grandfather’s notebooks. Discussion following the film led by Michael Murphy, U of MT.

Fun for the Kids

Hey Kids! Have you every built your very own monster? Now’s the time to do so!

Come to the Library on **Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m.** and we’ll provide the stuff monsters are made of. Using your imagination and various odds and ends, create your very own monster. Call the Children’s Desk at 721-2665 for more information.

Saturday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. we will be showing cartoons for the kids. These cartoons will feature various ‘monsters’, that are appropriate for school age kids. Call the Children’s Desk at 721-2665 for more information.

Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Natures was developed by the National Library of Medicine and the American Library Association and made possible by major grants from The National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Library of Medicine.

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I ♥ Books

When you think of Gothic Fiction, what comes to your mind? Haunted mansions with dark, creepy hallways? Stephen King novels? The spunky heroines of the 1960’s gothic romances?

Come join us for **I ♥ Books** as we explore the genre of Gothic Fiction

on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. This month’s discussion coincides with our traveling exhibit “Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature.”

Share your favorite titles and authors and discover some new ones too. Handouts of suggested authors

from past discussions are available at the Information Desk.

Learn more about our monthly genre discussion by calling the Library at 721-2665, or email Christine Prescott at: cprescott@mtwi.net.

May 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Storytime 7 pm	3 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	4 <i>Frankenstein</i> , Science and the Modern World 7 p.m. **	5 Friends of MPL Bd Mtg 9:30 am Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	6 Tiny Tales & Storytime 10:30 a.m.	7 Kids Cartoons 11:30 a.m. ** Frankenstein Film Series 6:30 p.m. **
8	9 Storytime 7 pm	10 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	11 Ethics and Biotech- nology: Lessons from <i>Frankenstein</i> 7 p.m. **	12 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m. Y.A.A.C. 7 pm	13 Tiny Tales & Storytime 10:30 a.m.	14 Create a Mon- ster 11 a.m. ** Frankenstein Film Series 2:00 p.m. **
15	16 I ♥ Books: Gothic Fiction 7 pm ** Storytime 7 pm	17 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	18 Bleed, Blister & Purge: A History of Medicine on the American Frontier 7 p.m. **	19 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m. Library Board Mtg 5:15 pm Book Discussion Group 7 pm	20 Tiny Tales & Storytime 10:30 a.m.	21 Frankenstein Film Series 6:30 p.m. **
22	23 Storytime 7 pm	24 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	25 Why Do We Like This Stuff: Contem- porary Horror Fans 7 p.m. **	26 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	27 Tiny Tales & Storytime 10:30 a.m. Teens Only Movie 7 pm	28 Frankenstein Film Series 2:00 p.m. **
29	30 Library Closed Memorial Day	31 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	** Read more about this in the Newsletter			

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Marge Robinson Named Volunteer of the Year!

Play the following guessing game to reveal MPL's Volunteer of the Year.



Who has come to work at MPL week after week, month after month, year after year without pay or benefits?

Who has looked up mounds of books on the computer to see if MPL owns it?

Who has noted the call numbers, number of copies, and the number of uses for each item?

Who has searched the shelves repeatedly to check the condition of the shelf copy?

Who has had to look at those “dirty—as in book grease” old books with broken spines?

Who has cleared the shelves one week and then found it is filled again plus three or more shelves of books?

Who has aided MPL in replacing lost volumes with gift volumes?

Who has had to train her own volunteer, again... and again... and again?

Who has given extra hours to make sure that materials are available for the Friends Annual Book Sale?

Marge Robinson—That's who!
Congratulation Marge and thanks for all your efforts to assist MPL!

All MPL volunteers were honored with an appreciation breakfast last month.

Thanks to our volunteers who spend countless hours of dedicated service to “Keep Us Bookin!”
