

What goes bump in the night?

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Zollinger Library tests people's Halloween knowledge

Here's a couple questions for you, in what year was the radio program "War of the Worlds" aired? Hmm don't know - keep guessing. How 'bout, was there really a mummy's curse when King Tutankhamun was discovered?

These were the sort of trivia questions that were asked at the Halloween Trivia Night at UNM-Gallup Zollinger Library, 705 Gurley Ave. The spooky thought-provoking event took place Oct. 18.

Zollinger Library Director Markos Chaves said the library staff wanted to do something fun and educational that also celebrated the spirit of Halloween.

"The library likes to do programming that brings people into the library so they can see the cool stuff we've been adding," Chavez said. "Events like this help us do it, that way [the community] can see all that we have to offer."

The trivia night consisted of questions about things from movies to history and much more related to Halloween. Those in attendance were treated to thrilling snacks and ghoulish prizes in the Zollinger atrium where Chavez said more activities are planned, being a great space to do it.

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“It has lots of light, good acoustics, and it’s such a great area to do all that,” Chavez said.

The top three winners of the trivia contest received a Zollinger swag bag filled with goodies.

Christian Espinosza of Gallup won first place. Currently attending college as a business administration major, Espinosza decided to put his brain to the test. He answered almost all the questions regarding horror movies, which he said is his forte.

“I got most of the movie questions right and I like getting into Halloween,” Espinosza said. “It’s fun and I like getting into the whole spirit of Halloween with my friends.”

Espinosza took home a \$10 Starbucks gift card.

Zollinger Library’s Administrative Assistant Jessica Pino helped Chavez out during the trivia event. She praised Chavez for coming up with the idea for the event.

“It was interesting learning the history of Halloween and all the fun stuff about it,” Pino said. “We’ve never had something like this before; Markos did a great job for the students here at UNM, the whole creating and promoting.”

More spooky happenings will take place on Oct. 31 at the library as they celebrate Halloween with cool activities throughout the day for the whole family. The day will be filled with trick-or-treating and candy for all, then people can vote for their favorite pumpkin in the Staff Pumpkin Contest.

The schedule of fun events includes:

10 am - 6 pm Library Ghost Scavenger Hunt

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12 pm - 1 pm Costume Contest

3 pm - 4 pm Ghost Stories

4 pm - 6 pm Classic Horror Film Screening

Chavez, along with his staff, invites everyone to come visit the library, offering community library cards, which allows you to check out books, movies, and participate in all the events.

For more upcoming events at UNM-Gallup's Zollinger Library, call 505-863-7531 or email markos@unm.edu.

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