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## **If Walls Could: Quincy College Students and PCCF inmates meet to discuss spooky short stories**

**October 25th short story event to be held at Plymouth Public Library featuring student creative writing and stories written by Plymouth County Correctional Facility (PCCF) inmates**

**Social Media Release (132 Characters): @QuincyCollege .@PlymouthLibrary & .@PlymouthSheriff launch spooky #student, #inmate & community collab. Free Event to be held 10.25**

**Press Release Synopsis:** Quincy College students and Plymouth County Correctional Facility (PCCF) inmates have found common ground in literature and poetry thanks to a creative collaboration. Quincy College, in coordination with the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and the Plymouth Public Library, is expanding a unique program for students, PCCF inmates and the greater community exploring spooky short stories at a 2-part October 25th event held at Otto Fehlow Meeting Room at the Plymouth Public Library located at 132 South Street, Plymouth, MA.

**Plymouth, MA (10/16/2017) -**

Sir Walter Scott. Shirley Jackson. Ray Bradbury. Unlikely literary discussion topics between Quincy College students, Plymouth County Correctional Facility (PCCF) inmates, and the greater community.

During the two-part October 25th event called "If Walls Could...", Quincy College at Plymouth students taking the course "Literature of the Supernatural" will be reading/discussing three short stories ("The Tapestry Chamber" by Sir Walter Scott, "The Daemon Lover" by Shirley Jackson, and "The Crowd" by Ray Bradbury) with PCCF inmates on Oct. 25th. Students and inmates will also be asked to write their own short short supernatural story (750 words).

Following the October 25th visit to PCCF, at 4pm-5:30pm that afternoon, the Quincy College community and staff from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department will join members of the Plymouth Library to share some of the short stories with the larger community that includes students, staff, librarians, and community members sharing their original work. The event will be held at Otto Fehlow Meeting Room at the Plymouth Public Library located at 132 South Street, Plymouth, MA.

This is the third collaboration between Quincy College, the Plymouth Library, and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department in 2017 bringing poetry and other works of literature to the greater Plymouth community. These events have had an impact on students and inmates alike:

"The class was nerve racking at first. We (inmates) were wondering if students were judging us. The students were probably wondering if they were safe. But together, everyone shared laughs and had fun. Most exciting was how everyone worked together to paint a picture of the meaning of poems. It was great to see two different sides come together to work, feed off each other, and learn from each other," Plymouth County Correctional Facility inmate, D.C.

Justin Coonan, a Liberal Arts/Behavioral Science Major at Quincy College who participated in a previous collaboration between Quincy College, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, and Plymouth Public library and who will be in attendance at the If Walls Could event:

"The collaboration really opened my eyes to a vast variety of poetry and connections. I was excited to learn that our class was going to be attending a session with some of the inmates at Plymouth County Correctional Facility. I learned a lot of past experiences from some of the inmates and it was an excellent opportunity to explore commonality of shared feelings and opinions. Building on my previous experience, I registered for Literature of the Supernatural class because it jumped off the page to me. The name of the class grabbed my interest and hasn't disappointed. I look forward to meeting with inmates once again at PCCF."

The collaboration has brought together the Plymouth community in more ways than one. Quincy College students have participated in the Plymouth Public Library Gravestone Girls talk. In addition, Plymouth Public Library, Quincy College staff and students, and staff from Plymouth County Sheriff's Department also took a ghost tour on October 17, 2017.

Laura Buckley, Associate Dean for Administration at Quincy College at Plymouth reflects on the collaboration: "By coming together, we have built a lifelong learning bridge between students at Quincy College, the general public here at the Plymouth Public Library, and inmates at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility."

For more information on this event, please visit: <http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=PPL>.

### **[Supporting Documents for Press Release](#)**

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### About Quincy College

Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 35 associate degree programs and 21 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, Natural & Health Sciences and Nursing. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit [www.quincycollege.edu](http://www.quincycollege.edu)

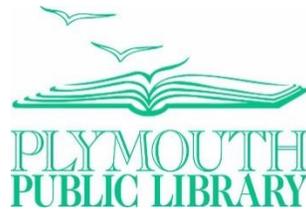
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### About Plymouth County Sheriff's Office

The Plymouth County Correctional Facility (PCCF) houses approximately 1,650 inmates, making it the largest correctional facility under one roof in New England. The jail holds a diverse male inmate population, including county, state and federal prisoners. Some have been sentenced; others are awaiting trial. Opened in 1994, PCCF's design and operation reflects contemporary corrections management practices. PCCF is accredited by the American Correctional Association and in its most recent compliance audit the facility received a 100% score through county public safety efforts. The department also supports its K-9, Warrant Apprehension and Honor Guard. The Communications Department coordinates all fire mutual aid in the county, serves as the communications link between paramedics and hospitals, and provides communications services at the scene of major events. The Bureau of Criminal Investigation assists local police in collecting and analyzing evidence from crime scenes, and in photographing major traffic accident scenes. All public safety support services are provided at the request of local police and fire departments. The Civil Process Department, headquartered in Brockton, dispatches deputies to serve legal documents in civil cases. Fees paid by attorneys and plaintiffs for delivery of these documents fund the division's operation. Today, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department employs more than 500 professional people, making it one of the largest employers in Plymouth County.

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### **About Plymouth Public Library**

Serving the community since 1857, the mission of the Plymouth Public Library is to select, acquire, organize, preserve and make conveniently accessible services and a collection of materials, in various formats, held in common by the people of Plymouth for their education, cultural, recreational and informational needs and interests. The library is among the 29 member libraries belonging to the Old Colony Library Network (OCLN), which circulated almost 6 million titles last year alone. Intralibrary delivery brings these items to your local library. An integral part of municipal government, the library supports lifelong learning and the reading enjoyment of the community. For more information, visit: <http://www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org/about-us/>.