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Over Poe-try: Quincy College Students and PCCF Inmates meet to discuss Edgar Allan Poe

October 28th Day of Poe-try event held at Plymouth Public Library featuring Read-A-Thon and student and Plymouth County Correctional Facility (PCCF) inmate artwork

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Plymouth, MA (10/24/2016) - Quincy College in coordination with Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and the Plymouth Public Library has developed a unique program to explore the themes and works of Edgar Allan Poe with a two-part event for the community, in particular students and inmates will come together to discuss the works.

Students enrolled in Quincy College's English Composition I during the Fall 2016 semester will have the opportunity to visit the Plymouth County Correction Facility (PCCF), under the supervision of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and Quincy College Instructor of English and Humanities Dr. Laurel Kornhisser's guidance, to discuss the poems of Edgar Allan Poe with the inmates at PCCF. As part of the program, Quincy College students will spend ninety to one hundred and twenty minutes reading a select group of Poe's poems and discussing them on October 26, 2016 with inmates. Prior to this meeting, the students and inmates will be notified of the list of poems they will be expected to read; the inmates will read the same poems on their own.

" The Poe-try event is a wonderful opportunity for collaboration between Quincy College Plymouth, the Plymouth Public Library, and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department to bring the works of Edgar Allan Poe to a diverse audience of readers. Edgar Allan Poe's poetry is

accessible across generations and across diverse populations in the Plymouth community. As an Instructor of English and Humanities, it has been a pleasure to bring the works of Poe to the Plymouth community and explore the themes and topics that resonate. Thank you to the staff at the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and Plymouth Public Library as well as our own Quincy College students and the inmates at PCCF for supporting this dynamic program," states Quincy College's Instructor of English and Humanities, Dr. Laurel Kornhiser.

During the October 26th meeting between the students and the inmates, volunteers will read the poems and then the group will discuss them. Inmates and students may also read their own works that they have been inspired to create as part of an Open Mic event on October 26, 2016.

Reflecting on the value of the Poe-try Program for inmates at Plymouth County Correctional Facility, Sheriff Joseph McDonald states: "We are fortunate for the opportunity to collaborate with the staff and administration at Quincy College at Plymouth and the Plymouth Public Library on this program. We continue to develop innovative approaches to engage the men in our custody to improve their re-entry into our community upon their release."

Following visiting with inmates at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility, on October 28th, The Plymouth Poe-try Project Collaboration with Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, Quincy College, and Plymouth Public Library will host a Spooky Read-A-Thon and a day of Poe-try. Community members are welcome to attend if interested in hearing Edgar Allan Poe or other spooky poetry or readings, as well as anyone who wishes to read a poem of their choosing. During this event, the Quincy College students who participated in reading poetry with selected inmates at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility will share their experiences. The program begins at 10 a.m. and will end at 5 p.m.

"The Plymouth Public Library was inspired from this collaboration to feature a month long programming calendar that included a book talk about "The Shining" by Stephen King, three thriller/horror movies including Hitchcock's "The Birds", Poe's "The Pit and the Pendulum" and The original black and white classic, "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers." The Library annually hosts an all-day Spooky Read-A-Thon where we look to share readings out loud from our public and librarians. All are welcome to come dressed up for the Halloween, the Fehlow Room will be decorated and treats will be served. We also have been featuring collections of Poe's works as well as other spooking anthologies. Come check us out," states Rebecca Harris, Library Director, Plymouth Public Library.

For more information on this event, please visit: <http://quincycollege.edu/events/?campus=plymouth>.

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About Quincy College

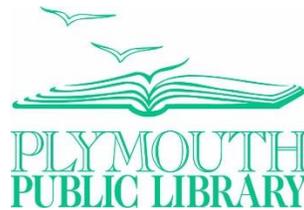
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About Plymouth County Sheriff's Office

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.



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/>.