

# THE LIBRARY LOO NEWS

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## IN THE LIBRARY

**Happy Halloween!** What do librarians love almost as much as cats? Halloween! (that's a joke). Be sure to stop through the circulation area the week leading up to Halloween for candy, scary movies, and a pumpkin carving contest!

## AROUND TOWN

**Thursday, October 12th, 6:00pm - 10:00pm:**

Uptown Dallas, Inc. is proud to present the 2nd Annual Uptown Block Party in Griggs Park. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a free concert featuring Bob Schneider and food trucks and beverages from the Katy Trail Ice House. For more information, visit [www.uptowndallas.net](http://www.uptowndallas.net)

**October 15th, 5:30 - 8:30pm:** The Trinity Audubon Center has announced a Dining on the Prairie series, featuring chef-inspired menus, alluring wines, music and of course, an instagram-worthy table of fine dining amidst a spectacular view of the Great Trinity Forest. Additional dinners will be held on February 10th and June 15th, 2018. Tickets are \$85 each. Visit [www.trinityriver.audubon.org/events/dinner-series](http://www.trinityriver.audubon.org/events/dinner-series) for more information.

**Until October 22nd:** The State Fair of Texas just started but the fun goes through October 22nd! Enjoy fried goodies like this year's award-winning "Texas fajitas fries," the "deep fried fruit loops" or "surfin' turfin' tator boat" (it's good, I promise). Ticket information can be found online at [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com). Don't forget your stretchy pants!

## DID YOU KNOW...

Fall is only "fall" to Americans? Until the 1300s, the term "harvest" was used to describe the fall months since the weather during that time required harvesting ripe crops. "Autumn" began to pick up popularity when English writing used the term to distinguish the weather from harvesting crops. Then, in the 1600s, English poets coined the phrase "the fall of leaves" which shortened to "fall" but the term "autumn" still remained popular throughout England. The lack of consistent communication between the English and the American people led to differences in the language - by the mid-1800s, the word "fall" had firmly rooted itself in America.  
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## IN HISTORY

**October 18th, 1867:** On this day in 1867, the U.S. formally takes possession of Alaska after purchasing the territory from Russia for \$7.2 million, or less than two cents an acre. The Alaska purchase comprised 586,412 square miles, about twice the size of Texas, and was championed by William Henry Seward, the enthusiastic expansionist secretary of state under President Andrew Johnson. The American public believed the land to be barren and worthless and dubbed the purchase "Seward's Folly" and "Andrew Johnson's Polar Bear Garden," among other derogatory names. Today, however, 25 percent of America's oil and over 50 percent of its seafood comes from Alaska.  
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Spooky quote of the month...

"I'm glad, so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

