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CHARLESTON -- Booth Library tables and exhibit cases will be infused with a little magic this fall for the next library program, this time focusing on the British wizard with a lightning scar on his forehead.

It has been 20 years since the publication of the first "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," and Eastern Illinois University Booth Library staff have geared this fall's programming toward celebrating the cultural phenomenon that is the Harry Potter book series.

Author J.K. Rowling published the book known in the U.S as "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" on June 26, 1997, in Britain.

Exhibits across the library will touch on various aspects of the impact these books have had, said Stacey Knight-Davis, a program organizer and Harry Potter aficionado.

One exhibit will showcase the international covers of the book. Since 1997, Rowling's seven original books in the Harry Potter series have sold more than 450 million copies and have been translated into more than 60 languages, according to a press release.

Another display, titled "Azkaband Books," will note the chronology of times the series was under public scrutiny to be removed from any particular library.

On the banned books display, Knight-Davis said the series' tenure on library shelves has stirred "quite a bit of reaction" from the public in 20 years. She said whether it was a call to remove them entirely or to place them in the adult section, it is controversial for some.

Also a part of the exhibit will be items illustrating the influences of the creatures in the series, and Lego Harry Potter sets will be on display. The exhibit will be on display at the library from Sept. 14 through Dec. 31.

To coincide with the exhibit, a series of programming will be held.

Kicking off the series of programming, Suzie Park, English professor, will be speaking on "The Boy Who Lived: Harry Potter and the Culture of Death," where she will touch on morality, specifically the morality that threads through the books.

This program is slated for 7 p.m. Sept. 14 in the West Reading Room of Booth Library, according to a press release.

A day later, locals will get the chance to participate in the EIU Quidditch Tournament, organized by Chelsea Duncan, Kinesiology and Sports Studies professor.

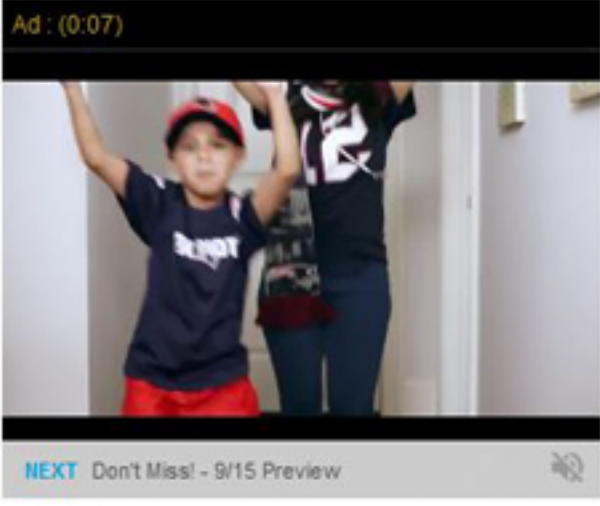
The tournament will take place on Family Weekend, starting at 4 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Library Quad. Knight-Davis said Quidditch players are still being sought to fill out each Hogwarts house including Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin and Ravenclaw.

According to the press release, those interested in playing are asked to email [ckduncan@eiu.edu](mailto:ckduncan@eiu.edu) with their name, the house they want to represent and the position they would like to play including the keeper, chaser, bludger and seeker.

People can also register to that email for a house shirt for the tournament. The shirts will cost about \$7.50. The deadline is Tuesday, according to the release.

Other events tied to the fall programming include:

- "Dark Arts and Other Wicked Ideas: Harry Potter, Banned Books and Intellectual Freedom" by Michele McDaniel, reference librarian, and Ryan McDaniel, Communications instructor, at 4 p.m. Sept 28 in Room 4440 in Booth Library.
- Harry Potter items will be on the menu at The Café at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 3 and Oct. 5 in Klem Hall.
- "Poison Pen: Rita Skeeter, her Quick-Quotes Quill & Journalism Ethics in the Wizarding World" presentation by Lola Burnham, journalism professor, at 7 p.m. Oct. 3 in Room 4440 in Booth Library.
- "Muggles, Magic and Abuse" presentation by Angie Hunt, housing program director of HOPE of East Central Illinois at 4 p.m. Oct. 17 in Room 4440 in Booth Library.
- Harry Potter Night featuring trivia, costumes, music, activities and food from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 26 at Booth Library and Tarble Arts Center.
- "Harry Potter & the Cult of Celebrity" presentation by Burnham at 7 p.m. Nov. 28 in Room 4440 in Booth Library.



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