



# 2021 GCPL Haunted Harvest Scarecrow Contest

## Rules and Guidelines

**Registration:** As space is limited, entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Entry forms are available at [www.gravescountypubliclibrary.org](http://www.gravescountypubliclibrary.org) or on paper at the Graves County Public Library or by emailing [directorgcpl@mewsbb.com](mailto:directorgcpl@mewsbb.com). Entry forms must be returned to the library by hand during business hours or emailed to [directorgcpl@mewsbb.com](mailto:directorgcpl@mewsbb.com) by September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Entry Fee:** FREE! There is NO cost to enter the contest.

**Eligibility:** This contest is open to all local businesses, non-profit groups including schools, service and community groups, and youth organizations.

**Voting and Recognition:** Voting will take place on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the *Haunted Harvest* event from 4-8pm at the library. People attending will be able to cast their vote for their favorite scarecrow. Winners will be announced at the end of the event. The prizes are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons. They will be placed on the winning scarecrows to be on display through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Themes:** Scarecrows can be whimsical, traditional, humorous, fantasy, or celebrity. No overly violent themes will be allowed, nor political or religious statements. Entrants are reminded this is a family event and that the library reserves the right to deny any entry.

**Construction:** Scarecrows must be durable and stand up to sun, wind, and rain as they will be displayed from Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. All decorations must be firmly attached to your scarecrow. Feel free to bring extra props like straw bales, corn stalks, etc... The scarecrow must not be taller than 7 ft or smaller than 4 ft. Electricity will not be provided. Owners are held solely responsible for the safety and security of their scarecrows. We recommend a couple of 2x4 pieces of lumber for the body, but you may use something else.

**Identifying Signs:** Make sure to make a sign with the name of your entry and your school, group, business, or service club name. Your sign should be no larger than 11x17 inches.

**Set-Up:** Scarecrows must be delivered and set-up by October 9<sup>th</sup> by 2 pm. No exceptions. No entries will be accepted after October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Pick-Up:** November 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> during normal operating hours. All scarecrows must be removed by 5 pm on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Scarecrows not picked up during this time will become the property of the Graves County Public Library.

# 2021 GCPL Haunted Harvest Scarecrow Contest Entry Form



Please complete your entry form and submit it no later than September 27, 2021 to the library at 601 N 17<sup>th</sup> St., Mayfield, KY 42066 or email it to [directorgcpl@mewsbb.com](mailto:directorgcpl@mewsbb.com).

No entry fee is required but the entry form must be submitted by the entry date to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact Deana Gschwind at [directorgcpl@mewsbb.com](mailto:directorgcpl@mewsbb.com).

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Scarecrow \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to have our entry on display and agree to the contest rules as stated. I release and hold harmless the Graves County Public Library from any and all claims for losses, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest entries. I understand that the Graves County Public Library may use photos, stories, and actual scarecrow entries as well as all information contained on this form for publicity and promotion of this event. I further understand the Graves County Public Library reserves the right to deny exhibition privileges to any entry considered offensive or violent in nature. Finally, I agree that all entries will become the property of the Graves County Public Library if not removed by November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_