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EXPLODING PUMPKINS

# Hostetler teaches science — through pumpkins



Hostetler uses chemicals to create smoke and fire in the mouth of a carved pumpkin.



Hostetler uses chemicals to create oozing foam in carved pumpkins.

## SUPPORTING SCHOOLS



What better way to teach about science in October than to blow up jack-o-lanterns and make green ooze flow from their carved mouths? Bob Hostetler, science teacher at Coldwater High School, did just that by showing children and their parents different experiments Saturday at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library. Despite the rainy weather, attendees stood outside the library and watched as Hostetler used different chemicals to achieve reactions and create spooky, fun experiments. CHRISTY HART-HARRIS PHOTOS

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## ARAB AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

# Bridging Cultures at the library

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COLDWATER — The public is invited to join representatives from the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library and the Arab American National Museum (AANM) of Dearborn for a festive event to celebrate neighbors whose culture includes the Muslim faith tradition and those with family ties to Yemen, one of the 22 nations of the Arab World.

The free even begins at 1 p.m. Saturday with a presentation of new books and art. Guests will learn about the new titles from the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys program, children's and young adult books on Arab American themes donated by the museum and the AANM's



award-winning SURA student photography program and exhibit, which will be on display through December.

The photography on display was done by Arab American middle school students in Dearborn and Detroit. The AANM is also donating books to the Coldwater library.

"It's a way to continue to do outreach. We are the only museum of its

kind in the country. Our mission is to bring people together from all different cultures and provide a better understanding of the great diversity that is the United States of America," said Lindsay Robillard, spokesperson from the Arab American National Museum. "It's a way to introduce ourselves to the community as a useful resource."

From 1:15 to 2 p.m. guests will enjoy complimentary refreshments as performers demonstrate a traditional Yemeni dance. Guests can also have their hands decorated with elaborate, all-natural henna designs.

Starting at 2 p.m. a video screening of "Yemeni Voices in America: Dr. Rashid Abdu" will be showing.

The Coldwater branch

is one of 953 libraries and state humanities councils across the country selected to receive the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

According to a press release, "The program aims to familiarize public audiences in the United States with the people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world."

Additional support for the arts and media components was provided by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

For more information call the library at 278-2341.

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## OCTOBER INITIATIVE



# Top readers awarded

**Ninety-six children ranging in age from 2 to 18 participated in the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library's Fall into Reading initiative during the month of October. Reading a combined total of 89,581 pages, top participants were awarded Wednesday evening at the library. The reading initiative was sponsored by Cottage Inn Pizza of Coldwater and some winners received vouchers for free pizzas. The next reading initiative at the library will be in March during March is Reading Month. Initiatives are also planned for the summer months. Fall into Reading's winners included front, from left, Kendalyn Haviland, Ashlyn Findley, Talan Doll, Kambria Hisel and Kaylee Shaw and back from left, Andrew Findley, Hailey Findley, Carley Hart and Lauren Austin. Not pictured is Kymberly Rivas.** CHRISTY HART-HARRIS PHOTO