9/14: PARTY!
History Department Welcome Back Party!
Second Floor Lounge of the History Building, 429 Cooper Street, 5:30 pm

9/27: BANNED BOOKS
To celebrate Banned Books Week, the Historical Medical Library at the Mutter Museum will be displaying books that have been banned or contested in the history of medicine.
All day event. Admission to the event is included with General Admission.

9/29: INFLUENZA PANIC
Remembering the 1918 Influenza Panic: the Mutter Museum will be acknowledging the 100th anniversary of the influenza pandemic in Philadelphia. Come see previews of the museum’s most ambitious exhibition in its history: Spit Spreads Death.
Admission to the exhibit is included with General Admission. There will be limited free flu vaccines available; first come first served.

9/30: PARADE
Puerto Rican Day Parade
An annual day of celebration that has been happening for more than 50 years!
Benjamin Franklin Parkway (begins at 16th Street)

9/15: YAPPY HOUR
Pups on the Plaza: Walking Tour and Yappy Hour. Join the crew at the Museum of the American Revolution for a walking tour that is all about the furry (and feathered) friends of the Founding Generation (11-4).

9/21 - 11/10
America’s Largest Haunted House returns for another spooky season at Eastern State Penitentiary.
https://www.easternstate.org/halloween/
During the month of October, everyone is invited to celebrate archives, the work of archivists, and the rich history of Philadelphia at events across the city. Some events include Nerd Night at Frankford Hall (10/23, 7-9:30 pm) and Drinks in the Archives at the Free Library (Vine Street, 10/10, 6-8 pm).

https://archivesmonthphilly.com/

“Revolutionary Germantown Festival“: a one day event (10 am - 4 pm) celebrating the only military battle ever fought within the borders of Philadelphia. Costumed characters, live music, food and drink, and a reenactment.

http://www.revolutionarygermantown.org/

“Berthe Morisot: Woman Impressionist“ opens at the Barnes Foundation.

October 20-21 is Occupied Philadelphia Weekend. Join a museum educator from the Museum of the American Revolution on a walking tour of the city as it was in the fall of 1777, when British redcoats occupied it. Hour-long tour.

https://www.amrevmuseum.org/events/occupied-philadelphia-weekend
Words of Wisdom
for the struggling student

How to: Historical Halloween

It’s hard to balance your schoolwork with your social life - I get it.

Usually, you can throw on something quick to head to happy hour or a house party with your friends. Halloween is the exception to this, though. You’ve got to put at least a little bit of effort into your costume - without spending too much time stressing over it and ignoring your pile of readings for class. Don’t worry, friend: I’ve got you covered. Here are a few easy historical costume ideas for when you’re rushing to get from class to a Halloween get-together.

Ladies, there are a plethora of historical Halloween costume ideas out there for you - and many are more exciting than the typical 1920s flapper. They’re easy, too: think Rosie the Riveter, for example. You could dress up as Amelia Earhart (brown aviator hat and goggles, brown boots, leather jacket) or as a Suffragette (long black or white skirt, white button down blouse, and a purple sash - maybe go a step further and iron on letters that say “Votes for Women.” One woman wore all white and made a sign, rather than a sash - even more simple).

Guys, it’s true that you could dress up in something generic and simple: Danny Zuko from Grease (leather jacket and white t-shirt - boring), Indiana Jones (leather jacket, brown hat, and a whip). Or, you could show up in an easy and unique costume that screams “history nerd” (that’s a good thing). Dress up as Bob Ross: all you need is a button-down shirt, jeans, a paintbrush, a large wig, and a permanent smile. Or, you could be Oscar Wilde. For him, you want to look somber and serious, and you can wear anything that screams “opulence”: fur trimmed coats, pinky rings, velvet blazers. Walk with a cane, perfect posture, and flair and you’ve got it.

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Simon Finger, in his novel The Contagious City, “details how early Americans struggled to preserve their collective health against both the strange new perils of the colonial environment and the familiar dangers of the traditional city, through a period of profound transformation in both politics and medicine.”

Finger looks specifically at Philadelphia’s role in this history. He touches on events and figures, including Benjamin Franklin, that show how medicine and politics were inextricably linked at this time.

This book ranks high on Goodreads, earning 4.2 out of 5 stars (with 27,000 reviews). Kate Moore tells the story of the hundreds of girls who worked at the radium-dial factories in the first half of the twentieth century, when radium was first discovered and became the “wonder drug of the medical community.”

These girls’ jobs are highly coveted by others... that is, until they start to get sick. The radium girls begin to fall mysteriously ill, while the factories that employ them ignore their cries and claims of corruption. “...As the fatal poison of the radium takes hold, the brave shining girls find themselves embroiled in one of the biggest scandals of America’s early 20th century...”

Kate Moore’s authorial voice is “sparkling” as she illuminates the experiences of these young women, who changed the conversation on workers’ rights forever.
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