

October 2011 Newsletter: Halloween

The busy month of October wraps up with the celebration of Halloween on Monday, October 31. Whether you're looking for photos of Halloween celebrations in years past, or some spooky Halloween music to share with your students, the Library of Congress has sources to meet your need. Start with the Halloween entry in "[Today in History](#)" for ideas about which collections will have the best Halloween related primary sources. Related primary sources are also provided below.

### **History of Halloween**

The folklore traditions of All Hallows

<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/halloween.html>

### **First-person recollections**

Minnesota pioneer sketches; from the personal recollections and observations of a pioneer resident. Old Time Halloween Doings

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### **Sheet Music**

Jack O'Lantern Man (1901)

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Denny Malone's ghost, by M. H. McChesney.

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Witches' Dance

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The Four Witches, by Harry Banks

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### **Photographs**

A-listnin' to the witch-tales 'at Annie tells about (1900)

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004676229/>

Cabinet Lady directs cutting of pumpkin at Girl Scouts Halloween party. Washington, D.C., Oct. 29, 1938

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/hec2009011972/>

Halloween party at State Normal School, Kearney, Nebraska. (1908)

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Halloween Costume Party at Gates' Rooftop Garden / photo by Harry M. Rhoads. (1920 - 1930?)

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Halloween party at Shafter migrant camp, California. (1938)

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Halloween party at Shafter migrant camp, California. (1938)

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Winner of masquerade at Halloween party. Hillview cooperative, Osage Farms, Missouri. (1939)

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Halloween Visitors (1979)

<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/afc96ran.46310>

### **WPA Posters (1936 - 1943)**

Halloween roller skating carnival : Bring your skates : Prizes will be awarded for costumes / M. Weitzman.

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October's "bright blue weather" : A good time to read!.

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Halloween roller skating carnival : On the mall, Central Park : Bring your skates : Come in costume : Prizes will be given for costumes.

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### **Spooky story**

A Halloween Wraith. A Story.. [Harper's new monthly magazine. / Volume 81, Issue 486, November, 1890]

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The Witch in the Glass [Scribners monthly, an illustrated magazine for the people. / Volume 21, Issue 5, March 1881]

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The Ghost That Appeared To Mrs. Wharton. [Harper's new monthly magazine. / Volume 2, Issue 7, December 1850]

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