
Salem Literary Scavenger Hunt

Open to everyone and anyone to participate!

The Salem Literary Scavenger hunt will run from now until 8pm on Monday September 13th.

The winner will receive a 50 dollar gift card to  **Wicked Good Books.**

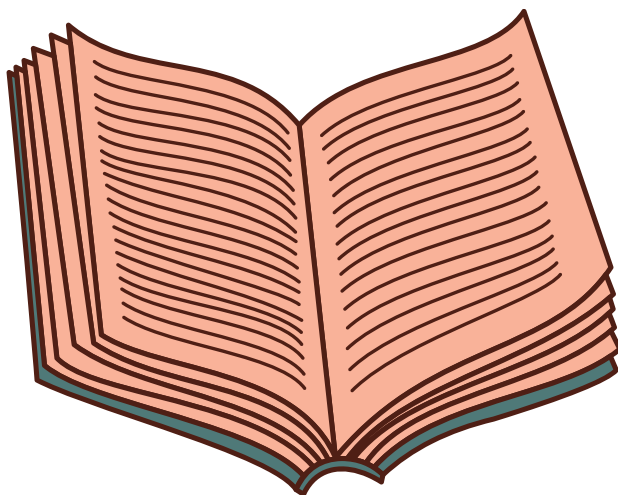
To participate take a form, walk the given route and fill in all the answers.

Return your form, with the answers and your contact information filled out, to the Salem Public Library circulation desk by 8pm September 13th.

**You do not have to turn in your answers on the same day that you complete the scavenger hunt.
(Unless you are participating on the last day).**

One winner will be chosen at random from the returned forms that have the correct answers and contacted on September 14th.

Winner must pick up their prize at the Salem Public Library circulation desk





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Salem Public Library

Opening its doors in 1889, this former home of sea captain John Bertram was expanded in the 1980s and now holds upwards of 100,000 books.

Question: Where was the Captain buried?

Hint: Take a look under his portrait (in the dvd section).



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From the Library, take the crosswalk that is directly out front, then take a left and continue until you see the sign for the Salem Athenaeum - 337 Essex Street



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Salem Athenaeum

Originating from the merger of two separate book clubs from the mid 1700s, current members can enjoy some of the books that Nathaniel Hawthorne used while researching the Scarlet Letter, as well as New York Times best sellers.

Question: What register of bibliographic items can still be used at this library?



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Continue down Essex Street until you reach the next crosswalk on your left. Walk across and you will be standing in front of the Rope's Mansion. Follow the white picket fence, pass by the museum's sign and go through the gates and down the path until you're under the trellis. -318 Essex Street



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Little Library at The Ropes Mansion

Housed on the property of a 1727 mansion that evolved with three generations of the Ropes Family, this little library is the perfect place to grab a book and enjoy it in a beautifully maintained garden.

Question: You'll find a way to tell time in this garden. What is the poem written on this timepiece?



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Go back out to Essex Street and continue towards downtown. Take a left at the Witch House and right next to the bus stop you will see a lite blue house. -9 North Street



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Nathaniel Bowditch House

This National Historical Landmark was the residence of the founder of modern navigation, Nathaniel Bowditch. His book, 'The New American Practical Navigator', first published in 1802, is still carried on board every commissioned U.S. Naval vessel.

Question: What symbol, on the sidewalk out front, is beneath your feet?



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Head back to Essex Street, take the crosswalk and continue down Essex toward Washington Street. At the intersection, You'll see a small park to your right with a statue of Samantha Stevens sitting on a moon. Just feet away from her, you will spot the little library.

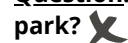


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Little Library at Lappin Park

In the heart of Salem's bustling downtown, this little library is a great place to grab a book while steeping in the culture that is uniquely Salem. Who knows what you might see.

Question: Can you spot the Lewis Carroll reference in this park?



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Continue down Essex street (the cobblestone pedestrian walkway portion of it). Take a left at the Salem Five, and follow this path to Church Street. To your left is Turner's Seafood- 43 Church Street



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The Lyceum

This site was formerly the Salem Lyceum, a lecture hall that gave people in the 1800s an opportunity to hear debates and lectures on topics of current interest. Among the speakers here were Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Question: What famous experiment took place here?

Hint: Stand by the front door.



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Head back to Essex Street. Continue down the street until you pass by the Salem Visitor Center on your left. Walk by two beautiful brick houses and stop at the third. -128 Essex Street.

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Gardner -Pingree House

A Masterpiece of Federal architecture, this historic house museum was the site of the notorious 1830 murder of Captain Joseph White that is thought to have inspired Poe's 'Tell-Tale Heart'.

Question: The building two doors down to the left of the Captain's house is the old Plummer Hall. What location, that was a stop on this scavenger hunt, used to be housed here?



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Walk to the house next door. -126 Essex Street

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Crowninshield- Bentley House

A long time boarder at this house was William Bentley, an American Unitarian minister, scholar, columnist, diarist and polymath. He not only possessed the second best library in the United States but also created nearly 32 volumes of diary entries about Salem and the world of his time.

Question: Where was this house originally located?



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While facing the Crowninshield-Bentley House, look to your right and across the street you will see the Hawthorne Hotel.

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Hawthorne Hotel

This Hotel sits on the footprint of the original location of the Crowninshield house. In H.P Lovecraft's short story 'A thing at the Doorstep', the 'thing' ran from this location and into the Commons.

Question: What U.N.-member country and U.S. state are being honored today at the Hawthorne?

Hint: Flags

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While facing the front of the Hawthorne hotel, look to the right and see the small island park that divides Hawthorne Boulevard. Cross over and stroll along it until you come to a statue.

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Hawthorne Statue

Erected in 1925, from funds raised by the Nathaniel Hawthorne Memorial Association, this statue enables the viewer to feel like they bumped into the man himself.

Question: Hawthorne is sitting on a boulder. What is behind this boulder?



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Continue along Hawthorne Boulevard until you get to it's intersection with Derby Street and take a left. Keep walking- you can't miss our next stop. -176 Derby Street

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The Custom House

Built in 1819, the Salem Custom House collected taxes on imported cargo. In the Scarlet Letter there was an important archive stumbled-upon here.

Question: What 'enormous specimen hovers' over the entrance?

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Continue down Derby street to Ye Old Pepper Companie (home of the Salem Gibraltar), your destination is across the street. -115 Derby Street.

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House of Seven Gables

This 1688 colonial mansion is named for the shape of it's roof. It was made famous by Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1851 novel, 'The House of the Seven Gables.'

Question: What 'little' public structure stands in the front parking lot next to the trolley stop?

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You have completed the Scavenger Hunt. Turn in this paper with the answers filled in and your name and contact information to the Salem Public Library circulation desk by 9pm September 13th for a chance to win a 50 dollar gift certificate to Wicked Good Books. The winner will be contacted on September 14th.

Name: _____

Phone number and email: _____