

Midnight Child

Drawing Contest

On February 17th, we celebrated the arrival of *Midnight Child*, the third installment of the Midnight Guardian teen paranormal book series by local author Bryna Butler. To celebrate, the Bossard Memorial Library and Swancrest Publishing ask you to give them your visual interpretation of a “mogdoc”, one of the evil creatures from the novels. What’s a mogdoc? Think of a gremlin crossed with a swamp monster, then give it supernatural speed, agility, strength, and a taste for human blood. For your reference, excerpts at the bottom of this page include the author’s description of the creatures.

All entries will be displayed in the library and the winners will be announced at the Midnight Child Book Launch Party at the library on March 9th at 6 p.m.

Contest Rules

1. One winner will be chosen. Winner will receive a \$50.00 cash prize awarded during the Midnight Child Book Launch Party on March 9, 2012, 6 p.m., at the Bossard Library. Entries will be judged by library staff. Honorable mentions, if chosen, will receive a ribbon.
2. Only current high school or middle school students are eligible to enter.
3. Drawing must be on paper no larger than 12”x12”. Letter size (8 1/2 x 11) is recommended. Entry must include entrant name, grade, school, and contact phone number on back. Drawing will be displayed in library so it must be family-friendly. Any medium is acceptable; including but not limited to pencil, pen, paint, crayon, charcoal, or marker.
4. One entry per person. Children and grandchildren of employees of Bossard Library or Swancrest Publishing may submit a drawing for display, but are ineligible to win.
5. To enter, turn in your drawing at Bossard Library by **March 5, 2012**. Entries may also be mailed to the Library at: Bossard Library, 7 Spruce Street, Gallipolis, OH 45631. Mailed entries must be received by March 5th to be eligible to win.

Creature Description

The following are excerpts from the novels which describe the mogdoc creatures.

“The green-eyed creature leapt from the wooden beams of the tunnel onto their coaster car. Keira could barely see the outline of its leathery skin, stretched taut across its protruding bones like a bat’s wings. It was small, but wickedly fast and vicious. It slashed the knotted scarf apart with its long, sharp claws. Then raised its arms and sucked in a deep breath allowing gills at the sides of its chest to flare.” other mogdocs are described as having their gills at the sides of their neck

“the thing shrieked with a flick of its skinny, forked tongue.”

“the creature’s blue-gray skin” but this varies by creature “The blue-green mogdoc” is also mentioned

“The tallest one she had ever seen couldn’t have been more than three and a half feet tall.”

“gremlin-like creatures” “the original inhabitants of Atlantis”

“mogdocs were known for their maritime skill and love of the oceans”