



# The Foundation

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### ACLD Foundation Hosts its Seventh Annual Non-Event Gala

Beginning in 2012, the Foundation starting hosting an annual Non-Event Gala to raise funds for its work on behalf of the Alachua County Library District and its patrons. The first Gala honored Charles Dickens on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of his birth. The 2018 Gala celebrates yet another 200th anniversary, that of the publication of *Frankenstein, or The Modern Prometheus* by Mary Shelley.



Alas, Mrs. Shelley is unable to join us in our celebration, and we're quite relieved that Victor Frankenstein and his creation (AKA monster, daemon, fiend, creature, wretch, and devil) are also not attending. If the monster were at our gala, he would enjoy the vegan option: "...to glut my appetite; acorns and berries afford me sufficient nourishment."

We suggest instead staying in the comfort of your home (on a dark and stormy night) with this story that is, as Mrs. Shelley says, "One to make the reader dread to look round, to curdle the blood, and quicken the beatings of the heart. If I did not accomplish these things, my ghost story would be unworthy of its name."

Once your heart stops racing, consider how your donation of \$100 to the Alachua County Library District Foundation Non-Event Gala supports your public library. Checks should indicate that they are for the Gala, be payable to the ACLD Foundation, and mailed to the ACLD Foundation, 401 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601. All proceeds go directly to the ACLD Foundation. This gift is tax deductible, and 100% of your donation goes towards building our library endowment. Thank you for keeping the bloodcurdling chills, shivers, and storytelling alive for future generations.

