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April 2021

Special Programs for Citizen Science Month

Citizen Science is just what it sounds like, citizens – anyone including you – helping scientists with their research projects to answer questions they cannot answer without you. Whatever your interest, there's a project that will turn your curiosity into impact.

SciStarter provides an online gateway for citizen scientists to connect with scientists and their projects. The library has SciStarter project kits available – perfect for beginners. You can also join us for our special virtual programs: “Pollinators” recommended for ages 4 to 10 on April 16 at 10:30 am and “Zombie Hunting” for Families with children age 8+ on April 26 at 6 pm. Both programs will be presented via Zoom. Activity kits will be available prior to each program and will include information on how to join the Zoom event. Attendees will have a chance to win great prizes!

For more information on Citizen Science and to find the project that's perfect for you, see www.scistarter.org.



Celebrate your local library during National Library Week!

National Library Week is April 4-10 and celebrates our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promotes library use and support.

Celebrate by entering a drawing for a really cool prize! Tell or show us what the library means to you by creating a chalk drawing on our sidewalk!

Library branches closed April 2

All Riverside Regional Library branches will be closed on Friday, April 2, in observance of Good Friday.





Virtual Money Smart Week 2021 will be held Saturday, April 10 – Saturday, April 17. This week-long free virtual campaign aims to help people better manage their personal finances with a focus on those hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Each webinar last 15 minutes.

This year's line-up includes:

- Saturday, April 10 @ 10:00 a.m. CST Talking Cents
- Sunday, April 11 @ 10:00 a.m. CST Saving
- Monday, April 12 @ 12:00 p.m. CST Basic Banking
- Tuesday, April 13 @ 12:30 p.m. CST Student Loans
- Wednesday, April 14 @ 1:00 p.m. CST Fraud Protection
- Thursday, April 15 @ 1:00 p.m. CST Personal Finance
- Friday, April 16 @ 12:00 p.m. CST Housing Protections + Resources
- Saturday, April 17 @ 10:30 a.m. CST Budgeting

View more details at www.moneysmartweek.org. Events are free and open to the public, but registration is advised. Questions for the panelists can be submitted during the registration process. You can also watch the event live by going to www.moneysmartweek.org.

Special Programs this Month!!

Celebrate Earth Day!

Celebrate Earth Day with a special virtual program with Mrs. A on April 22 at 10:30 am. Her special guest will be Glass Gardens with Stacey.



Spring Cleaning at the Park!!

Help clean up Jackson City Park! Volunteers, businesses and service groups will help clean and beautify the park on Saturday, April 24. Meet at 8 am at Pavilion #1 on Parkview Street. Then head to the Courthouse Square for Jackson in Bloom!

New Reading Challenge 1000 Books before Kindergarten!!



It's never too early to start reading to your little one. So take the 1000 Books before Kindergarten Reading Challenge!! Read a book to your child and log it on the Beanstack app or through our website www.rrlmo.org. Win badges and prizes along the way.

Studies have shown that reading to children increases literacy and academic success when they start school. The 1000 Book challenge is a fun and easy way to encourage a love of reading. And yes, you can count the same book more than once!

Donation to Little Free Library



Arlo, age 6, decided that for Valentine's Day he would like to give back to his community by donating four of his own Hot Wheel cars along with the books in the Free Little Library in Jackson. Arlo thought another kid would enjoy the cars especially if they had none of their own. Children's Librarian Alynda Smithey came across this awesome gesture on Facebook and sent Arlo an Outstanding Citizen award for his contribution to our local community.

Little Free Libraries are places where anyone can pick up and drop off books for their reading pleasure. This one is located next to the Ground-A-Bout in Jackson.

Friends of the Library @ Altenburg Fundraiser

The Friends of the Library @ Altenburg held a fundraiser at the Saxony Hills Brewery on March 11. On this Give Back Thursday, the Brewery donated a portion of their sales for the evening to the Friends.

The Friends also encouraged diners to join the Friends group. Donations were also given. About \$250 was raised through the event, which will go to purchase books on CD and juvenile non-fiction books for the Altenburg collection.



Riverside Regional Library board member Jackie Pender helped at the Friends' membership table.

Each Riverside branch has its own displays, contests and activities. Be sure to stop by and see what's going on at your local library. For our full calendar of events, go to our new website <https://riversideregionallibrary.org/calendar>.

Women's Suffrage Exhibit at the Altenburg Branch

VOTES FOR WOMEN

A Portrait of Persistence

The story of women's suffrage is a story of voting rights, of inclusion in and exclusion from the franchise, and of our civic development as a nation. *Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence*, a poster exhibition from the Smithsonian, celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment on August 17, 2020 and explores the complexity of the women's suffrage movement and the relevance of this history to Americans' lives today. The exhibit will be on display at the Altenburg branch through April 30.



College Women Picketing in Front of the White House, 1917

In the first such protest in history, women picket the White House every day from January 1917 until the 19th Amendment was ratified in August 1920. On this day, college-educated women worked the picket line.

Gelatin silver print Courtesy of National Woman's Party, Washington, D.C.

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