Summer reading is important for students to keep up their reading skills and prevent summer slide. It’s also lots of fun when you can pick out the books you love to read!

Here’s how it works. If you haven’t already registered, parents register themselves then their children via the Beanstack app or access Beanstack via the reading challenge page on our website. Then sign up for the Tails and Tales Summer Reading Challenge. Children can read by the book, or if they’re starting to read on their own, by the minute. The goal is 50 books or 10 hours. As you read, log your books or minutes into Beanstack. You have until August 8 to reach this goal.

When you’ve finished the challenge, come into your local library for a goodie bag. Also use the tickets you earned in Beanstalk to put towards winning a Grand Prize!

**Summer Reading Challenge for Adults too!**

Our summer reading challenge is for all ages. Adults also register via Beanstack. This year adults will be doing 10 to Try Reading Challenge. See Beanstack for the type of book to read or activity to do. Log your books by August 8. Then come into our local branch for your goodie bag. Also enter your tickets for a chance at a Grand Prize.

Want to participate but don’t have a computer or internet access? Paper logs and 10 to Try bingo sheets are also available at your local library branch.

**Remember to register for the Missouri Bicentennial Train Excursion! See info on page 4.**
Want to get out and about this summer? How about celebrating Missouri’s Bicentennial by exploring the area’s rich history? Would you like to win the Family Fun Pack including a $50 Marcus Theatre Gift Card? Then our Paw Pass is for you!

Here is how it works. Pick up a Paw Pass at your local Riverside Library branch. Visit four of the historic sites and museums listed on the pass. Mark your visits. Then return the pass to your library branch by July 31 to be entered for a chance to win the Family Fun Pack! Winner will be announced August 9.

Did you come into the library and see our caterpillars turn into painted lady butterflies? During May each branch observed this transformation in our caterpillar cups and butterfly habitats. It’s an amazing process!

What happened to the butterflies? They were released so that they can pollinate and reproduce. The purchase of these kits was funded by the Citizen Science grant.

Sign up for the Bicentennial reading challenge. Register through Beanstack. Read books by Missouri authors or set in Missouri. Challenge ends August 15.
Summer Programs - In-person with a twist

We’re so excited to offer in-person programming this summer!! As in the past, our summer performers will visit each branch. The twist is that all these programs will be outside – usually in a park or grassy area near the library branch. Also note that a couple locations have changed since the calendar was printed or may be scheduled for different pavilions within in a park, so please check our online calendar or follow us on FaceBook to verify program locations. Some seating should be available at most locations, but feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Because of using outdoor locations, inclement weather may force programs to be cancelled or a virtual program may be presented. If you really want to see a presenter, perhaps you can go on a road trip to another location! Please watch our FaceBook page for up-to-date information about the status of programs. You can also call the branch where the program is being presented.

Oh My Gosh Josh and the Mystery of the Narwhal’s Nose

**Tuesday June 1**
Jackson Park Pavilion #1 at 9:15 am
Perryville City Park Pavilion #10 at 11:30 am
Frohna City Park Pavilion at 3 pm

**Wednesday, June 2**
Oran City Park at 10 am
Kelly Elementary in Benton at 1 pm
Scott City Park Band Shell at 3 pm

Celia Later!

**Tuesday June 8**
Jackson Park Pavilion #1 at 9:15 am
Perryville City Park Pavilion #10 at 11:30 am
Frohna City Park Pavilion at 3 pm

**Wednesday, June 9**
Oran City Park at 10 am
Kelly Elementary in Benton at 1 pm
Scott City Park Band Shell at 3 pm

Animal Tales

**Tuesday June 22**
Jackson Park Pavilion #1 at 9:15 am
Perryville City Park Pavilion #10 at 11:30 am
Frohna City Park Pavilion at 3 pm

**Wednesday, June 23**
Oran City Park at 10 am
Kelso C-7 School at 1 pm
Scott City Park Band Shell at 3 pm

Humane Society of Southeast Missouri

**Tuesday June 29**
Jackson Park Pavilion #1 at 9:15 am
Perryville City Park Pavilion #10 at 11:30 am
Frohna City Park Pavilion at 3 pm

**Wednesday, June 2**
Oran City Park at 10 am
Benton Kiddie Park at 1 pm
Scott City Park Band Shell at 3 pm
Branch Hours Return to Normal

As of May 3, Riverside Regional Library has returned to our normal hours of operation. Many COVID related restrictions have been lifted, such as limiting the number of patrons in a branch at one time. We respectfully request that you continue to follow CDC recommendations for masks and social distancing.

Jackson Branch
Monday-Friday from 9 am-7 pm
Saturday 9 am-4 pm

Perryville Branch
Monday-Friday 9 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-1 pm

Altenburg Branch
Tuesday & Thursday 1 pm-6 pm
Wednesday 12 pm-6 pm
Saturday 8 am-12 pm

Benton Branch
Monday, Tuesday & Friday 1 pm-6 pm
Wednesday 9 am-6 pm
Saturday 8 am-12 pm

Oran Branch
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 am-Noon & 1 pm-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-noon

Scott City Branch
Monday, Thursday & Friday 1 pm-6 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 11 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-1 pm

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.