

Get Ready for *Tails and Tales* Summer Reading Challenge

Summer is coming soon and so is the Tails and Tales Summer Reading Challenge! This summer's programs will focus on animals (tails) and stories (tales). Here's a little preview. Look for more details in our June newsletter and the summer reading calendar.

We have a great line up of performers. Yes! We will be doing in-person programs!!! Yeah! We're so excited that we will be able to actually see you again! The programs will be held outside, usually at a city park but a few will be at our library branches or a local school. If it's raining or bad weather is threatening, watch our Facebook page to see if a program is cancelled or will be presented virtually.

Tale and Tails Summer Reading Challenge begins June 1. Pre-register begins the last week of May on the Beanstack app or via the Beanstack page on our website

<https://riversideregionallibrary.org/reading-challenges/>.

Riverside's Summer Reading Programs is funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of Missouri, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.



Library branches closed May 31

All library branches will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

Free Little Library Week!

Help us celebrate Little Free Library Week May 3 through 7! Little Free Libraries (LFL) are the small boxes where people can pick up or leave a book. Riverside Regional Library maintains one official LFL and three other neighborhood libraries in Jackson and one in Perryville. If you're interested in establishing a LFL in your neighborhood, see the <https://littlefreelibrary.org> website.



Do you think you can find the Little Free Libraries in Jackson? Pick up a Scavenger Hunt card at the Jackson Main branch and find our Little Free Libraries. Return the card by May 15 for a prize.

Missouri Bicentennial Train Ride

This year marks Missouri's 200th birthday! Riverside Regional Library and the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway in Jackson are partnering to present a special train excursion celebrating Missouri's Bicentennial!! The event on Saturday, July 3 at 6 pm will feature a full evening of presentations, music and reenactments.



The event is free and open to the public (recommended for ages 18+) but participants much make reservations, which are on a first come, first serve basis. The Iron Mountain Railway will take reservations starting on June 5 at their website <https://www.slimrr.com>.

Dr. Frank Nickel, Executive Director of the Kellerman Foundation for History, will give a presentation on Southeast Missouri's railroading history. Iron Mountain Railway volunteers will offer musical entertainment and portrait Missouri notables including Marie Oliver, creator of Missouri's state flag, and Zerelda James, mother of Frank and Jesse James. We've also heard a rumor that the James-Younger Gang is planning to rob the train!

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Read eMagazines using Libby app

Riverside Regional Library now offers thousands of eMagazines for reading on mobile devices via the Libby app from Overdrive.

The magazines you loved reading in RBdigital have been moved to Overdrive. Plus many more are now available through the Library's Overdrive subscription and the Missouri Evergreen consortium's MissouriLibraries2Go e-resources. Use the Libby app to get access to thousands of eMagazines.



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If you prefer to read on a Kindle, you can borrow the eMagazines on the Libby app via another device and then read them online through the website www.Libbyapp.com.

Thank A Farmer Coloring Contest

Thanks to everyone who entered our “Thank A Farmer” coloring contest in March. Everyone did an awesome job at coloring!



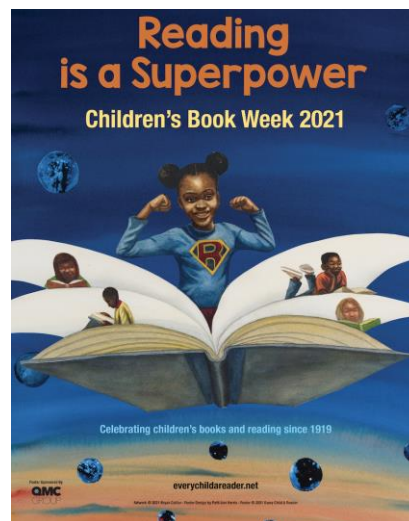
Congratulations to our contest winners at the Perryville and Jackson branches.



Celebrate Children’s Book Week

Children’s Book Week, from May 3 to 9, celebrates children’s books and promotes a love of reading. Visit your local branch and enter a drawing for a free children’s book. Check out CBC’s web page for ideas and activities that help children develop an interest and love of reading.

https://everychildreader.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CBW2021_VirtualEventIdeas-Home-May.pdf



Children’s Book Week is the longest running national literacy initiative. It was begun in 1919 by Franklin K. Matthews, librarian of the Boy Scouts of America with help from Frederic G. Melcher of *Publishers Weekly* and Anne Carroll Moore, Superintendent of Children’s Works at the New York Public Library.

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 website <https://riversideregionallibrary.org/calendar>.

Citizen Science Month was Totally Awesome!



During April, Riverside Regional Library promoted Citizen Science month. Programs were presented and books and SciStarter/Citizen Science kits were purchased that encourage our patrons to learn more and get in Citizen Science projects. Through Citizen Science, your interests and curiosity can have an impact by helping scientists collect information and data that benefits their research projects. To find a project that interest you, check out the books and SciStarter kits at your local library branch. Or visit www.scistarter.org to see all the great projects available.

Our Citizen Science month activities were funded by a grant from the National Library of Medicine (NLM). SciStarter, the Network of the National Library of Medicine, and the National Institutes of Health's *All of Us* Research Program collaborated to promote Citizen Science month. Anyone can participate in the National Institutes of Health's *All of Us* Research Project by signing up via <https://joinallofus.org/nlm>.



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