September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when Riverside Regional Library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. It’s an essential school supply! Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

Libraries offer everything from early literacy programs to virtual homework help and GED classes, helping transform lives and communities through education. At Riverside Regional Library, you’ll find a wide variety of educational resources and activities.

To get your very own library card, come into any Riverside branch with a driver’s license or another form of photo id and a bill or similar mail showing your current address. Children ages 5 to 15 can get a card if a parent or guardian has a valid library card. Staff will be glad to help you get a card. You can also complete the form on our website https://riversideregionallibrary.org/library-card/
**Video Tutorials Available on our Website**

Are you interested in using one of the library’s apps such as Libby or Missouri Evergreen but not quite sure how to get started? Do you want to use one of our digital resources such as Rosetta Stone but can’t figure out how to login? We’re here to help.

**Borrow ebooks, audiobooks & magazines**

**Libby.**  
The reading app from our library, built by OverDrive.

Video tutorials for some of Riverside’s most popular digital programs and apps are now available on our website.

Videos include a tour of the library’s online catalog and how to use the “My Account” feature. Another video shows how to download the Missouri Evergreen app – so you can access our online catalog with a mobile device. Help is also available for downloading other digital resources such as our apps for reading ebooks and listening to audiobooks.

Videos are located on our website with the resource they describe and under the “How do I?” tab.

**Banned Books Week - September 26-October 2**

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. It brings together the entire book community – librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types – in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

This year’s theme is "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us." Sharing stories important to us means sharing a part of ourselves. Books reach across boundaries and build connections between readers. Censorship, on the other hand, creates barriers.

**Did you know…. If you would like to read a book that is not in our catalog, you can request that it be purchased for the library – and you’ll get to read it first! Ask your local library branch staff for the book request form. Happy Reading!!**

**Globe at Night Citizen Science Project**

Interest in astronomy? In helping the environment? Through the globeatnight.org project, citizen scientists measure and records light pollution levels. Measurements are then uploaded to the Globe at Night website and used by scientists to work on light pollution projects. This month measurements will be taken on September 27 to October 6. Pegasus is the constellation that will be used to take measurements. Measuring instruments are available at any Riverside library.
Mrs. A will also have virtual story time on September 28, available on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.
Summer Reading Grand Prize Winners

Summer Reading is about reading and reducing the summer slide. Great prizes are a great incentive for accomplishing the reading goal. Everyone who completed the challenge could choose the prizes they would like to win. This year’s prizes are listed below.

**Prizes for Children reading by books**

Melissa & Doug Pet Vet Play Set  
Melissa & Doug Fold & Go Barn  
Lazy L Safari Pass  
Discovery Playhouse Pass

**Prizes for Children reading by minutes**

Movie Tickets  
Walmart Gift Card  
Chunky Turtle Puzzle  
Animal Finger Puppets  
Tote bag  
Ultimate Air Trampoline Park Jump Pass

**Adults**

Kindle Fire Tablet  
Starbucks Gift Card & Travel Mug  
Summer Library Theme Tote

Ethan and Emily of Jackson show off their prizes. Congratulations to all the winners at each branch.

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.