The Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award, sponsored and selected by the Missouri Library Association Youth Services Community of Interest (YSCI), is presented annually to the author and illustrator of the picture book voted most popular by preschool children in Missouri’s public libraries and is designed to encourage reading aloud to children from birth through kindergarten age.

Read at least five books. Or challenge yourself and read all ten!! Voting for your favorite by December 31. A link to the voting form is available on the library’s website. [www.riversideregionallibrary.org](http://www.riversideregionallibrary.org).

The full list of books nominated for the award are:

- The Pigeon HAS to Go to School by Mo Willems
- Crocodiles Need Kisses Too by Rebecca Colby
- Bear Came Along by Richard T. Morris
- The Book Hog by Greg Pizzoli
- The Farm that Mac Built by Tammi Sauer
- Stomp by Ian Aurora
- Bad Dog by Mike Boldt
- Saturday by Oge Mora
- One Red Sock by Jennifer Sattler
- I Want a Dog by Jon Agee
National Friends of the Library Week
October 17 - 23

The Friends of the Library groups across the country help libraries purchase library materials and equipment, sponsor programs and projects, and promote and advocate for the library. Friends groups raise their funds through book sales, raffles, dinner events and silent auctions.

While COVID had impacted the Riverside Friends groups’ activities, the Library greatly appreciates our Friends of the Library and their wonderful support of the library.

At Altenburg the Friends group’s latest program was the funding and installation of a Little Free Library in Farrar, an area of Perry County that is between our Altenburg and Perryville branches.

If you are interested in joining a Friends of the Library group at your branch, talk to your library staff.

Read for the Record

Read for the Record will be held on October 28. The featured book this year is *Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon* by Kat Zhang and illustrated by Charlene Chua. On October 28, people across the country will read this book to children. In 2020, two million readers participated in Read for the Record.

Read for the Record increases awareness about the critical importance and impact of early literacy. Children with access to high-quality early education and reading programs enter kindergarten better prepared to succeed.

Celebrate TeenTober with Magic Week at Your Branch Library. Pre-teens and Teens (ages 10-17) can enter to win a magic kit each time they visit the library.

TeenTober is a nationwide celebration hosted by libraries every October and aims to celebrate teens, promote year-round teen services and the innovative ways teen services helps teens learn new skills, and fuel their passions in and outside the library.
October crafts

COTTON BALL GHOST CRAFT

Spider Stem Craft

ADULT CRAFT

Easy Bleached Halloween Shirts

Join our tutorial on making bleached Halloween Shirts
Via the RRL Facebook Page or YouTube Channel
October 14th
12:00 pm
Pick up an instruction sheet at your library branch

Story times

STORY TIME

With Mrs. A
Tuesday, October 12th
10:30 AM
Jackson Civic Center
Let’s Celebrate Fall

STORY TIME

Tuesday, October 19th
10:30 AM
Jackson Civic Center

Mrs. A will also have virtual story times on October 5 and 28 available on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Riverside Virtual Book Club

RIVERSIDE VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

CHRISTINA BAKER KLINE
THE EXILES

October 18 at 7 pm via Zoom
Contact Eunice at 373-243-5113 or eschlichting@urmo.org to join.
Tie Dye Program at Oran

**TIE DYE PROGRAM**

Oran City Park  
Saturday, October 16th  
1:00pm

- Bring an item to tie dye
- Dye supplies are provided
- All Ages can participate

Contests at Oran and Benton Branches

The **Oran branch** will have a Spooky Coloring Contest and Library Scavenger Hunt this month. Stop by for all the details.

The **Benton Branch** will have a drawing for a stuffed Lorax. Stop by the branch for details.

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.