National Library Week 2022 – Connect with Your Library

Molly Shannon, multiple Emmy-nominated and Spirit Award-winning actress, comedian, and legendary Saturday Night Live cast member, will help celebrate our nation’s libraries as the honorary chair of National Library Week, April 3–9, 2022. Shannon will highlight the numerous ways libraries serve to connect communities to books, resources, programs, and, of course, each other.

“I am so honored to serve as honorary chair of National Library Week for 2022. My mom was a librarian. She encouraged kids to read. So, the work of librarians and libraries has such a special place in my heart,” Shannon said.

“Libraries are places where communities connect—to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other. Supporting National Library Week in this role allows me to connect to my mother's memory and all the librarians out there. Thank you for everything you do.”

The theme for National Library Week 2022, “Connect with Your Library,” promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes—in addition to books. Most importantly libraries also connect communities to each other. Overall, the theme is an explicit call to action—an invitation for communities to join, visit, or advocate for their local libraries.
Celebrate Earth Day

Join Riverside Regional Library in celebrating Earth Day this April. You can join us by taking part in the Blue Dot Kids Press activities, which can be downloaded from the Library’s [website](#) or picked up at all branches.

Download the coloring sheet and color it. Then take a photo of it and email it to [hello@BleuDotKidsPress.com](mailto:hello@BleuDotKidsPress.com). Blue Dot and its partner One Tree Planted will plant a tree for each entry they receive by April 26.

To participate in the Citizen Scientist activity, take a photo of a tree in your neighborhood. Upload the photo to the TreeSnap app. Blue Dot and One Tree Planted will plant a tree for each photo received by April 26.

And if you’d like to have a tree of your own, keep your eyes peeled to our Facebook page for information about being able to plant your own. Trees are currently pending delivery!

Crafts, Contests and Drawings

All Branches
Get ready for Easter and Spring with great craft kits - Egg Weaving for Toddlers-Tweens and Pop Art Rabbits for Tweens-Adult. Available at all library branches.

Scott City Branch
**Drawing** - For a Garden Basket, Easter Basket and Barnes & Noble gift card.
**Easter Coloring Contest** - Pick up your coloring sheets and return them by April 19.

Oran Branch
**Easter Coloring Contest** - Pick up your coloring sheets and return them by April 30.
**Take Home Conservation BINGO** - Pick up your BINGO sheet and return it by April 30.

Perryville Branch
**Contest** - Guess the number of jelly beans in the jar.

What’s Happening at the Library? See our website and online calendar for the most current information - [www.riversideregionallibrary.org](http://www.riversideregionallibrary.org)
Branch Programs

**Oran**
- Tech Talks – Mondays at 2 pm
- Homework Club – Mondays at 3 pm
- Family Movie Day – April 9 at 10 am
- Toddler Hour – April 21 at 2 pm
- Craft Hour – April 21 at 4 pm
- Spring Cleaning BINGO – April 28 at 2 pm

**Scott City**
- Coffee and Conversation – April 5 and 19 at 1-3 pm
- Crochet Group – April 5 and 19 at 1-2 pm
- Spanish for Adults – April 5, 12, and 19 time TBA
- Baby Animals – April 9 - 10 am-noon
- Budget and Food, Making it Work – April 12 at 2 pm
- Book Club – April 26 at 3 pm
- Bingo – April 29 at 4 pm

**Benton**
- Adult Coloring – April 6 and 20 at 9:30 am
- Craft Hour – April 8 at 2 pm
- Bingo! – April 22 at 3:30 pm

**Altenburg**
- Craft kit – All month
- Seed Exchange Library – All month

**Perryville**
- Book Club – April 11 at 2 pm – *Nowhere Girl* by Cheryl Diamond
- Book Club – April 13 at 6 pm – *Hell of a Book* by Jason Mott
- Earth Day Scavenger Hunt – April 17-22
- Family Bingo Night – April 29 at 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Be sure to stop by and see what’s happening at your local library.

**Riverside Book Clubs**

**In-person Book Club**
- April 18 at 7 pm
- Main Branch, Jackson

**Virtual Book Club**
- April 15 at 7 pm

Contact Eunice at eschlichting@rrlmo.org to join or for more information.

Story time and Easter Craft at the Main Branch, Jackson on April 12 at 10 am

Celebrate National Poetry Month and Great Poetry Reading Day with a virtual poetry reading – April 28 at 10 am.

Virtual story time will be posted on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.
Join Mrs. Desert at the Jackson City Park on April 7 for Jackson Reads. The event is from 5:30 to 7 pm. Enjoy story time and hands on fun!

We will also have information about this year’s Summer Reading Program! Summer will be here before you know it, so let’s get ready for a great summer.

All Riverside Regional Library branches will be closed on April 15 in observance of Good Friday.

Seed Exchange Library

The East Perry Lions Club is sponsoring a seed exchange library at Riverside’s Altenburg branch. Carla Grebing (right) presented the start of the seed library to Branch Manager Eunice Schlichting (right). Anyone can come into the library and select up to five seed packets per family to plant in their garden. Information is provided on how to plant the seeds in order to be able to harvest them after the plants have “gone to seed.” Seeds can then be returned to the library to continue the seed library.