Register now for Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Challenge 2022!

Ocean creatures! Pirates! Magicians! And so much more!!! They are all coming to the library this summer!!!

Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Challenge registration is now open on the Beanstack app or through our website. [https://riversideregionallibrary.org/reading-challenges/](https://riversideregionallibrary.org/reading-challenges/) How does it work? From June 1 to August 8, log the amount of books you read or are being read to and earn badges and tickets toward prizes! Complete the challenge to be entered for the grand prize drawing.

Badges in a reading challenge mark your progress. When you complete the challenge you receive prizes and are entered for the grand prize drawing. BUT you can also earn tickets which get you entered into drawings. Earn tickets by attending an in-person library program, completing a review of your favorite book or participating in other library activities! Ask at your branch library, the Beanstack app or our website for all ways to earn tickets.

Challenges available for all ages!!
- Early Readers, ages 0-6 are challenged to complete 50 books. For every 5 books you read earn a ticket!
- Children through teenagers, ages 7-17 have two option. They can read either 50 books or at least 500 minutes. Hit a reading milestone and earn a ticket!!
- Adults (ages 18+) are challenged to read at least 5 books, magazines, and/or audiobooks.

Children reap the benefits of summer reading programs!!
- Reading keeps kids’ minds active during the summer – reducing the “summer slide.”
- Kids are less “bored” as the summer progresses.
- Encourages reading as a lifelong habit.
- Reluctant readers can be drawn in by the activities at the library.
- Improves reading and comprehension skills so want to read.
- Improves self-esteem by accomplishing the reading goal.
Some many programs so little time!!!

We have lots planned for the summer so mark your calendars!!! It’s all fun and entertaining but you might just learn something as well. Here is the lineup for presenters and programs. Pick up a paper calendar or check our online calendar to see when they will be at a library near you.

June 7 and 8 – Chef Bananas – magician
June 13 – 15 – Happy Face Entertainment – presenting “High Seas Adventure” for children and “Waves of Danger” Murder Mystery for teens and adults
June 20 – 22 – Mac’s Mission - Turtle Education
June 27 – 30 – Recycling program

July 5 – 6 – Kinder Songs
July 7 – Discovery Playhouse
July 12 – 13 – Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center
July 19 – 20 – Missouri Extension
July 21 – Canoeing at Cape County Pond (13+)
Registration required.
July 22 – Fishing at Cape County Pond (13+)
Registration required.
July 25 – 27 – End of Summer Movie and Craft
July 28 – Discovery Playhouse
July 29 – Teen Game Afternoon

August 3 – Big Oak Tree State Park
August 4 – Canoeing at Cape County Pond (13+) Registration required.
August 5 – Fishing at Cape County Pond (13+)
Registration required
August 11 – Discovery Playhouse

We will also have story times and crafts!!!!

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Book Clubs

Main Branch

**Where the Crawdads Sing**
In-person
June 20 at 7 pm

Scott City Branch

June 28 at 3 pm – check with the branch for details

Perryville Branch

**We Are the Brennans**
June 8 at 6 pm

**Still Life**
June 13 at 3 pm

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Branch Programs

Scott City
Here Be Pirates! Treasure Hunt – all month
Summer Reading Kick Off – June 1 at 1 pm
Coffee and Conversation – June 7 and 21 at 1-3 pm
Crochet Group – Tuesdays at 1-2 pm
Build a Pirate Ship! for all ages – June 9 at 2 pm
Crafting – June 11 at 10 am
Learn to Talk Like a Pirate – June 13
Tie Dye T-shirts – June 25 at 10 am (bring a t-shirt)
Shark Video and Craft – June 28 at 1 pm
Book Club – June 28 at 3 pm

Altenburg
Container Gardening Program – June 2 at 2 pm
call 824-5267 to register
Seed Saving Program – June 16 at 2 pm

Perryville
Story time/Craft – June 1 at 10 am
Teen Group – June 2 at 3:30 pm
Book Club – We are the Brennans by Tracey Lange –
June 8 at 6 pm
Book Club – Still Life by Sarah Winman – June 13 at 2 pm
Story time/Craft – June 15 at 10 am
Teen Group – June 16 at 3:30 pm
Teen Group – June 30 at 3:30 pm

Make-n-Take Craft Kits
Available at all Branch Libraries
June 1 – 11 – Egg Carton Sea Creature for all ages
June 1 – 20 – Canvas Paintings for Tweens, Teens & Adults
June 13 – 18 – Pirate Spy Glass for Toddler & Tweens
June 13 – 18 – Craft Stick Crocodile for Tweens & Teens
June 20 – 25 – Turtle Weaving and Turtle Bag Puppets for Toddler & Tweens; Mandala Turtles for all ages

Story Times
Mrs. Desert will be at branches for story time and crafts this summer. She will have oceans of fun for everyone!

June 6 & 9 – Story time & Ocean Exercises
June 10 – Story time & Father’s Day Craft
June 16 – 17 – STEM Learning
June 23 – 24 – Story time

Virtual Programs
Each Saturday go to our Facebook page for virtual Learn and Grow Programs.

June 4 – Watch the penguins swim at the Aquarium of the Pacific
June 11 – Explore the Tropical Reef at the Aquarium of the Pacific
June 18 – Discover the top 12 largest aquariums in the world with World List YouTube
June 25 – Learn about turtles with Turtle Facts for Kids YouTube video

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Can You Lend a Paw? Support Mac’s Mission

This summer Riverside Regional Library is supporting Mac’s Mission – a dog rescue group based in Jackson – and we need your help!!!

Between June 1 and 20, bring in supplies to your local library branch and they will be donated to Mac’s Mission.

Items to donate include:
Dog food: Victor Beef and Victor Hi-Pro Puppy
Dog treats
Dog toys
Potty pads
Laundry detergent
Paper Towels

Mac’s Mission focuses on dogs who are homeless and in need of specialized medical care. It focuses on animals who suffered abuse, are gravely injured or were born with a genetic defect. The Mission provides medical care and healing in a nurturing and loving environment. The dogs are then available for adoption.

Mac’s Mission is based in Jackson, MO but rescues nationwide and has a satellite facility in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Help us help them –
donate today!

Missouri Extension Programs at the Library

University of Missouri’s Extension Service is a great resource on many topics. Each county in Missouri has a Missouri Extension office. Staff members offer guidance and provide resources in a variety of topics from health to gardening to agriculture.

Riverside Regional Library is a great fan of Missouri Extension and greatly appreciates all the expertise that they bring to the programs they do at the library.

Missouri Extension staff have been doing monthly Cooking Matters Classes at the Scott City branch. On May 10, Maude Harris informed and guided this group at the Scott City branch on Cooking Matters - Healthy Foods on a Budget.

Donna Aufdenberg will be presenting two gardening classes at the Altenburg Branch in June. Donna also did one of our virtual programs last year. And we of course can’t forget Ann Knight, who did monthly virtual health programs during COVID.