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August 2021

Wrapping up the Summer Reading Challenge



Have you logged your summer reading? August 8 is the last day to record in Beanstack what you've read this summer.

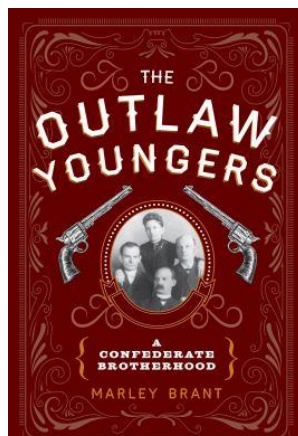
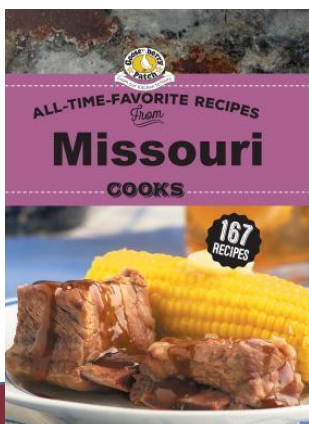
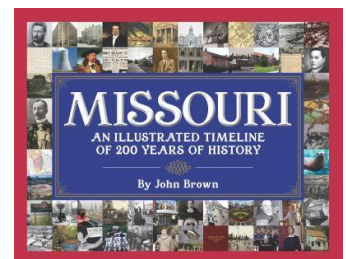
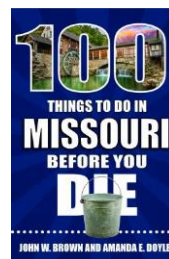
Did you reach the reading goal? Sweet!!! Then visit your branch library branch to pick your swag bag of prizes.

Also be sure to enter your tickets into the Grand Prize Drawing in Beanstack. Grand prize winners will be notified the week of August 9! Thanks for participating!



New books for Missouri's Bicentennial

Through the Missouri Bicentennial grant, the library has purchased books related to the history and culture of Missouri. Road trips, outlaws and notorious people, cooking and more are all topics covered by these books. Come in and check them out!



MISSOURI BICENTENNIAL READ TRIP

*In celebration of Missouri's Bicentennial
200 years of Missouri's literary history*



presented by the
MISSOURI STATE LIBRARY

Just a couple of weeks remain in the Missouri Bicentennial reading challenge. Register and record your books through Beanstack. Challenge ends August 15.

Back To School BINGO

Thursday, August 5 at 1pm
Oran City Park



All school age children and family come play BINGO for school supplies!

If you are interested in donating school supplies, please contact Tiffany at the Oran Riverside Regional Library ASAP!

This event is sponsored by the Oran Park Board.



Riverside Virtual Book Club – Pick Your Own Book

For a change of pace, in August each participant will pick their own book to read. At the Zoom meeting, you will give a brief description of the book, and then talk about it – Why did you choose the book? Did you like it? Did it meet your expectation? What made it enjoyable – or not? Would you recommend it to others?

Book Clubs offer the opportunity to read a variety of books and then discuss them with others. It's fun and interesting. This group meets monthly via Zoom which can be downloaded to your mobile device or laptop. You will receive an invitation to join the "meeting" each month along with a discussion guide.

To join, contact Eunice at eschlichting@rrlmo.org or call 573-243-8141.



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.

Branch Mascots Out and About

We had lots of fun this summer with our Summer Reading theme “Tails and Tales”. We even picked branch mascots and took them out into the community. Here are some of the places our mascots visited.



Clifford the Big Red Dog took time out to enjoy the fountain on Jackson's Courthouse Square.



Oran's Sylvie hung out at Triangle Park.



Lilly the Lamb went for some treats at Coffee and More in Scott City.



Horton visited St. Denis Church in Benton.



Periwinkle the Pony found a nice spot to hang out at the outdoor stage on Perryville's Courthouse Square.



Altenburg's Wilbur went down to the river and visited Tower Rock.

Missouri Bicentennial Train Excursion

The July 3 train excursion on the Iron Mountain Railway was a great success! Train riders listened to Dr. Frank Nickel talk about the history of railroads in Southeast Missouri and heard from Marie Oliver who designed Missouri's state flag. The James-Younger Gang robbed the train!! Wine tasting and food before the excursion was enjoyed by many as well as s'mores at the village. The evening was completed by a fireworks display funded by Jackson Community Outreach Board. Thanks to the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway and its wonder volunteers for making the evening so special!



Some of our branch mascots (and staff) also enjoyed the ride!!

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