

CURRENTS

September 2022



Do you have all your school supplies? The most important school supply is a library card! With access to technology, innovative programming, and educational resources, a library card gives students of all ages the tools to succeed in school.

Tony Award-winning performer, actress, singer-songwriter, and philanthropist Idina Menzel and her sister, author and educator Cara Mentzel, have been named honorary chairs of Library Card Sign-up Month 2022. This September, Idina and Cara join the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to sing the praises of a library card. Also in September, the sisters' debut picture book, *Loud Mouse*, about a little mouse named Dee who loves to sing very loudly, will be released by Disney Hyperion.

As honorary chairs, Idina and Cara remind everyone that one of the best places to find your voice is at the library. And during Library Card Sign-Up Month, they want you to explore all the library has to offer, like new children's

books, access to technology, and educational programming. "It's a little card that goes a loud way. Let your imagination sing at the library," says Idina. Cara adds, "The library is where your imagination sings. Get your library card and 'check it out' today."

Residents of Cape Girardeau, Scott and Perry Counties can get a FREE library card by visiting one of our six branches. An application is also available on the library's website.

<https://riversideregionallibrary.org/library-card/>



#GetLibraryCarded

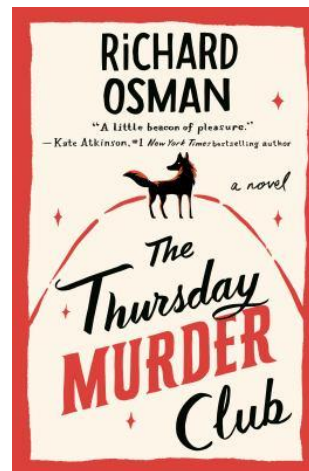
It's the most powerful tool in your wallet - show it off! Share a photo of yourself with your library card for the chance to win \$100! Entries can be submitted by posting as a comment or wall post on the **I Love Libraries Facebook page**. Or post to Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag **#GetLibraryCarded**. Be sure not to reveal any personal information on your library card and don't forget to tag **#RiversideRegionalLibrary**! The creator of one randomly-selected post will receive a \$100 Visa gift and a poster of choice from American Library Association Graphics. Three second-place winners will receive their poster of choice from ALA Graphics.

The **#GetLibraryCarded** promotion begins Thursday, September 1, at noon CT and ends Friday, September 23, at noon CT. All library lovers and librarians are encouraged to participate. The promotion is open to residents of the United States, Washington, D.C., and U.S. Territories.



Book Clubs

Main Branch



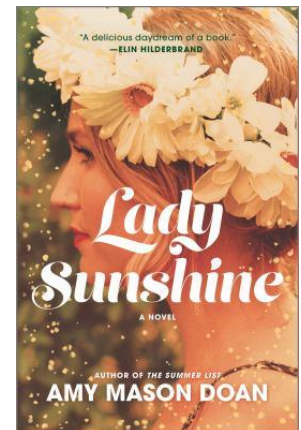
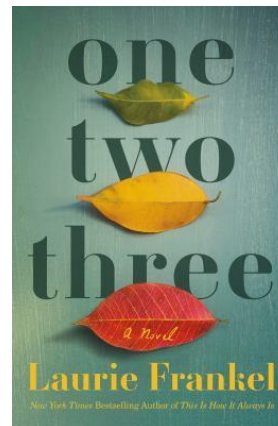
In-person
September 19 at 7 pm

Virtual via Zoom
September 26 at 7 pm

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

Perryville Branch

September 12 at 2 pm September 14 at 6 pm



Scott City

September 27 at 3 pm
Check with branch for book selection

Branch Programs

All Library branches will be closed on Labor Day.

Altenburg

Library Card Sign-up Month Drawing
Branch closed for East Perry Fair – Sept. 24

Benton

Bingo – Sept. 2 at 3:30 pm
Book Sale – Sept. 6-10 during open hours
Craft – Sept. 9 at 2 pm

Oran

Bingo Sheet – All Month
Homework Club – Mondays at 3 pm
Back to School Craft Hour – Sept. 8 at 4 pm
Teen Music Night – Sept. 8 at 6 pm
Family Movie Day – Sept. 10 at 10 am
Toddler Hour – “Fall” – Sept. 22 at 2 pm
Book Group – Sept. 26 at 1:30 pm

Perryville

Teen Activity – Sept. 1 at 3:30 pm
Book Club – Sept. 12 at 2 pm
Book Club – Sept. 14 at 6 pm
Teen Activity – Sept. 15 at 3:30 pm
Banned Book Week Activities – Sept. 18-24
Keep Kids Creative Week Activities – Sept. 19-25
Teen Activity – Sept. 29 at 3:30 pm

Scott City

Healthy Cat Month Reading Challenge
Coffee & Conversation – Sept. 6 & 20 at 1 pm
Crochet Group – Sept. 6 & 20 at 2 pm
Living with Diabetes – Sept. 8, 15 & 22 at 1 pm.
Weeks 3-6 of 6 sessions. To register, call Scott
County Extension Office at 573-545-3516
Air Dry Clay Fall Crafting – Sept. 10 from 9 am to
12 pm
Leaves Story Time & Craft – Sept. 14 at 2 pm
Plant & Bulb Swap – Sept. 23 & 24
Book Club – Sept. 27 at 3 pm
Bingo! – Sept. 30 at 4 pm

Branch Programs

Jackson

Library Card Sign-up Month Bingo – all month
Story time and craft – Sept. 16 at 10:30 am
Adult Craft – Sept. 23 at 10am online via
Facebook & YouTube

Need Homework Help?

Looking for information and resources to help with the kids' homework? Does your child have a report due but you can't get to the library to look for books and the teacher requires more than a Google search?

The library's website eResources/Homework Helps page has resources that can help – available at the library or online from home.

Explora databases provide reliable information on thousands of topics. Search by grade or reading level. Access explora with your library card.

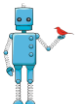


Science Reference Center provides access to articles and books on a wide range of science topics. Access this database with your library card and PIN.



Accelerated Reader and NoveList provide reading recommendation based on the books or authors you like to read.

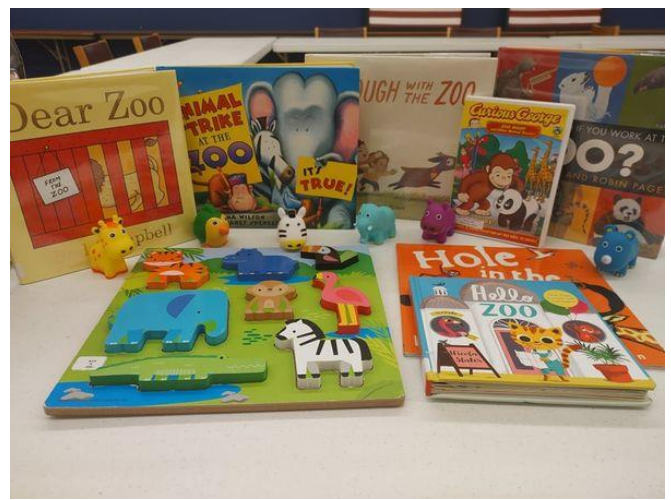
The SciStarter website connects Citizen Scientists with projects developed by scientists and researchers from around the world. Search for a project that interests you and contribute scientific data to that project.



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People-powered science.

New STEM Kits Now Available!!

A wide variety of new STEM kits are now available for check out! The kits have games, activities and books which are fun and promote various aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education. The kit themes include engineering gears & mazes, machines & contraptions, family game night, letters & numbers, and ready set kindergarten. A brochure listing all of the kits is available at each branch. You can also search for them in our online catalog by using "STEM kit" in the title field.



Over 40 kits and 11 Launchpad tablet were purchased through a \$19,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act, through Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the secretary of State.

STEM education had many benefits including problem-solving, exploratory play, promoting curiosity and introducing children to science and math concepts at an early age.