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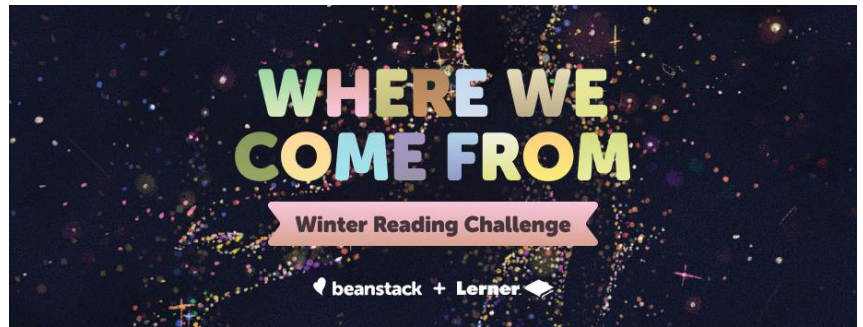
January 2024

Winter Reading Challenge January 1-31

Get a jump start on your yearly reading goal by participating in our Winter Reading Challenge. This year our challenge is “Where We Come From,” a Beanstack reading challenge sponsored by Lerner.

Sign up through the Beanstack app or on our website www.riversideregionallibrary.org/reading-challenges/. Paper logs are also available at your local library branch.

This challenge is for all ages.



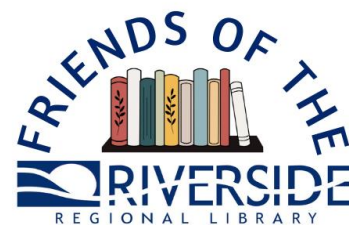
Every person has a rich history and unique stories to tell — dive deeper into your own this winter! Explore topics like family, history, and identity while reading “Where We Come From”, a poetic picture book for all ages written by John Coy, Shannon Gibney, Sun Yung Shin, and Diane Wilson and illustrated by Dion MBD. Log your reading minutes and reflect on your own story.

We challenge our community to read one hour per week for a total of 240 minutes for the month of January. That’s less than 10 minutes per day!!

**ALL RIVERSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY
BRANCHES WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 15**



Mark Your Calendars!!



Indoor Garage Sale

Friday, January 26 from 9 am to 5 pm
Saturday, January 27 from 9 am to 12 pm

at Main Branch, Jackson



From the Director's Desk

Happy New Year from Riverside Regional Library!

Riverside Regional Library is here to help you with all your new year resolutions from getting your closet organized to eating healthy, we have the resources to achieve your personal goals.

This January the whole family can join the Winter Read challenge; a great way to inspire everyone to read together. We have titles for every reader, so stop in and grab a book or visit our eLibrary today!

Coming in February, Riverside Regional Main Branch will be offering an Introduction to Tai Chi class on Wednesday mornings. This class will be appropriate for beginners and beyond.

Hope to see you at the Library!

Frankie Lea Hannan



Tax Preparation Help at the Main Branch, Jackson

begins Monday, January 29
9 am to 3 pm
every Monday through April 8

Learn Where You Come From with Genealogy Resources at the Library

If your winter projects include working on your family history and genealogy, Riverside Library can help. The library has resources on our website which can be accessed from anywhere. Access to Ancestry is available from the public computers in our library branches.

The eResources on the Genealogy and History page of our website

<https://riversideregionallibrary.org/genealogy-and-history/> includes links to the following resources.



- Ancestry - Offers access to over 1.2 billion genealogy records from birth and death certificate to military records. For use in Riverside library branches only.

HeritageQuest

- HeritageQuest is a comprehensive treasure of American genealogical sources—rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories and more. This database is accessible from your home.



- More than 9 million records can be accessed through Missouri Digital Heritage, including the collections of the Missouri State Archives, the Missouri State Library and other institutions from across the state.



- The State Historical Society of Missouri has a growing collection of digitized historic newspapers. These images are freely available to the public and are keyword-searchable.



Branch Programs

Jackson

Super Hero Afternoon Movie Day (age 13-17) – January 2 at 3 pm
Story in the Round (age 6-12) – January 3 at 3:30 pm
Story Time (age 0-6) – January 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10:30 am
Book Club (age 18+) – January 8 at 7 pm
DIY Craft: Suncatchers (age 6-17) – January 9 at 3:30 pm
Decorate Bookmarks (age 13-17) – January 9 at 3:30 pm
Rock Painting (age 13-17) – January 17 at 3:30 pm
Junior Makers STEM Activities (age 7-11) – January 22 at 3:30 pm
Virtual Book Club (age 18+) – January 22 at 7 pm via Zoom
Video Game Time (age 13-17) – January 24 at 3:30 pm
Friends of Library In-door Garage Sale – January 26 from 9 am to 5 pm and January 27 from 9 am to 12 pm
AARP Tax Preparation (age 50+) – January 29 from 9 am to 3p pm
Paint by Numbers (age 10-14) – January 30 at 3:30 pm
Game On Batteries Not Included (age 6-17) – January 31 at 3:30 pm
Teen Volunteer Council Recruitment Social (age 13-17) – January 31 at 4:30 pm

Perryville

National Sci-Fi Day Activity (all ages) – January 2 from 9 am to 6 pm
Teen Activity (age 11-17) – January 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 3:30 pm
National Bird Day Story Time and Craft (age 0-6) – January 5 at 10:30 am
Book Clubs (age 18+) – January 8 at 2 pm & January 10 at 6 pm
Story time and craft (age 0-6) – January 12 at 1 pm
National Popcorn Day Craft (ages 3-8) – January 19 at 11 am
National Compliment Day (all ages) – January 24 from 9 am to 6 pm
Story Time (age 0-6) – January 26 at 10:30 am
National Puzzle Day (all ages) – January 29 from 9 am to 6 pm

Branch Programs

Scott City

Coffee & Conversation (all ages) – January 2 & 16 from 1 to 3 pm
Crochet Group (age 7+) – January 2 & 16 at 2 pm
Art of Collage (age 7+) – January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 1 to 3 pm
Adult Game Day (age 18+) – January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 1 to 3 pm
Chess (age 6+) – January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 3 pm
Friends of Library Meeting (age 18+) – January 4 at 5 pm
Kids Sewing Class (age 6+) – January 6 & 20, 10 am to 12 pm
Sewing Class (age 18+) – January 8 & 22, 3 to 5 pm
Beginning Spanish (all ages) – January 9 & 23 at 1 pm
Spanish Class (all ages) – January 9 & 23 at 2 pm
Story time & Craft (all ages) – January 13 at 10 am to 12 pm
Book Club (age 18+) – January 23 at 3 pm
Bingo! (all ages) – January 26 at 4 pm
Snowball Fight (all ages) – January 27 at 10 am to 12 pm

Benton

Adult Coloring (age 18+) – January 3 & 17 at 9:30 am
Sewing Circle (all ages) – January 19 at 3:30 pm

Altenburg

Take-n-Make Craft – all month
Friends of the Library Meeting (age 18+) – January 23 at 6 pm

Oran

Adult Game Time (age 18+) – January 8 at 1:30 pm
Homework Club (age 10-17) – January 8, 22 & 29 at 3 pm
Winter Toddler Hour (age 0-5) – January 11 at 2 pm
Family Movie Day (all ages) – January 12 at 10 am
Bead Working Craft Hour (all ages) – January 18 at 4 pm
Book Club (age 18+) – January 22 at 1:30 pm
Teen Advisory Board Meeting (age 10-17) – January 28 at 4 pm
Family Game Day (all ages) – January 27 at 10 am
“White Elephant” BINGO (age 18+) – January 29 at 1:30 pm

Missouri Book Awards – Mark Twain



Each year students across the state of Missouri are given the opportunity to vote for their favorite books from the Mark Twain Book Award nominees. The Mark Twain books are fiction recommended for Grades 4-6 – Check out and read at least 4 nominated books and vote for your favorite. Pick up a ballot and return it to your Riverside Regional Library branch by March 1, 2024.

