

CURRENTS

February 2024

February is National Library Lover's Month How do you love your library?

Three fun ways to commemorate National Library Lovers Month:

- Create a list of books you might want to read or subjects you're interested in, and visit your local library to find books similar to or in this area!
- Write a love letter to your favorite library, author, or book.
- Note down five cool libraries you want to visit in the future. These could be in the U.S. or abroad!

Five facts about libraries:

The largest library in the world is the Library of Congress.

In the 19th century, librarians had to follow a specific rounded style of handwriting called "library hand."

The famous philanthropist Andrew Carnegie helped fund the creation of over 2,000 libraries across the world by donating millions of dollars between the 1880s and 1920s. (Carnegie grants built 33 public and 2 academic libraries in Missouri including one in Cape Girardeau. *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict discusses Carnegie's philanthropy.)

In Vermont, the Haskell Free Library and Opera House stretches between the U.S. border to Canada!

Many of the early libraries to be constructed were designed with apartments on the top floor so their custodians could have a living space there. (See *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis for info about the New York Public Library superintendent's apartment.)

From <https://www.twinkl.com/>

**ALL RIVERSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY
BRANCHES WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**



AARP®

**Tax Preparation Help
at the Main Branch, Jackson**

9 am to 3 pm

**every Monday through April 8
(except February 19)**

No appointments necessary

Notes From the Director's Desk

Warm greetings for February!

Have you considered becoming a Friend of the Library? Our Library Friends are very important to Riverside Regional Library. Each branch has a Friends of the Library group that supports their unique communities. By joining your local Friends, you actively support the services and programs of Riverside Regional Library. As a member, there are volunteer opportunities from decorating to fundraising that directly impacts programs offered to your community; your level of participation is totally up to you.

If you are interested in learning more about your community's Friends group, please visit your local branch.

We can't wait to see you at the Library!

Frankie Lea Hannan

Qigong & Tai Chi

TO BUILD BALANCE AND STRENGTH

PROGRAM: HEALTH AUDIENCE: ADULTS

Wednesdays @ 9:15

Starting February 7, 2024

Appropriate for most fitness levels.

Do you have questions?

Contact: Frankie @573-243-8141

Libby App – Access ebooks and audiobooks from Home

Does the winter snow and cold have you hibernating at home? Don't want to get out or can't get to the library but you really want to read or listen to a book? Have we got a deal for you!!!

The Libby app allows you to borrow and download ebooks and audiobooks to your digital device – phone, tablet, iPad or Kindle – for FREE with your Riverside Regional Library card.



Go to your app store and download the Libby app by Overdrive. Log in with your library card number and 4-digit PIN (personal id number). Don't have a PIN? Call the library or come in and we'll create one for you. Then start searching for your next read or audiobook. Download the ebook or audiobook for off-line reading/listening. You can also access and use Libby online through our website from our eLibrary page.

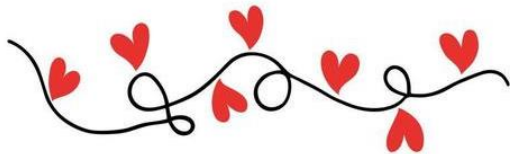
<https://riversideregionallibrary.org/ebooks-audiobooks/>

A couple of notes: The Libby app is not available for Kindles but you can send ebooks to the Kindle to read. Also if you have been using the app and then can't log in or are denied access, your library card has probably expired. (This happens automatically every year.) Just call the library and ask the staff to check and update your account. Happy reading!!!

Branch Programs

Jackson

Story Time (ages 0-6) – February 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 10:30 am
AARP Tax Preparation (ages 50+) – February 5, 12, & 26 from 9 am to 3 pm
Painting for Toddlers (ages 0-6) – February 6 at 10:30 am
Qigong & Tai Chi (ages 18+) – February 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 9:15 am
Wooden Bookmark Craft (ages 8-17) – February 7 at 3:30 pm
Afternoon Matinee (ages 10-17) – February 12 at 1 pm
Book Club (ages 18+) – February 12 at 7 pm
Pom Pom Valentine Pillow (ages 7-17) – February 13 at 3:30 pm
DIY – Dream Catchers (ages 8-17) – February 20 at 3:30 pm
Board Game Fun (ages 8-17) – February 21 at 3:30 pm
Bird Cake Creations (ages 2-17) – February 26 at 3:30 pm
Virtual Book Club (ages 18+) – February 26 at 7 pm via Zoom
Parent/child Book club (ages 8-12/parent) – February 28 at 6 pm



Perryville

Teen Activity (ages 11-17) – February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 3:30 pm
Guess Candy Hearts Contest (all ages) – February 1-14
Blind Date with a Book (all ages) – February 5-14
Story time with Ms. Robbie (ages 0-6) – February 9 at 1 pm
Book Club (ages 18+) – February 12 at 2 pm
Take-n-make Valentines (all ages) – February 12-14
Story time with Ms. Samantha (ages 0-6) – February 16 at 3 pm
National Tell-a-Fairy-Tale Day Story Time with Ms. Melissa (ages 0-6) – February 26 at 10:30 am

Branch Programs

Scott City

Friends of Library Meeting (ages 18+) – February 1 at 5 pm
Amateur Radio/HAM (all ages) – February 3 at 9:30 am
Coffee & Conversation (ages 18+) – February 6 & 20 from 1 to 3 pm
Beginnning Crochet (ages 6+) – February 6 & 20 at 1 pm
Crochet Group (ages 7+) – February 6 & 20 at 2 pm
Art of Collage (ages 7+) – February 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 1 to 3 pm
Adult Game Day (ages 18+) – February 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 1 to 3 pm
Chess (ages 7+) – February 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 3 pm
Valentine Crafts (all ages) – February 10 from 10 am to 12 pm
Story Time (all ages) – February 10 at 10 am
Beginning Spanish (ages 3+) – February 13 & 27 at 1 pm
Spanish Class (ages 3+) – February 13 & 27 at 2 pm
Story time (ages 0-10) – February 14 at 1 pm
Bingo! (ages 6+) – February 23 at 4 pm
Book Club (ages 18+) – February 27 at 3 pm

Benton

Coloring (all ages) – February 7 & 21 at 9:30 am
Crafts (all ages) – February 9 at 2 pm
Sewing Circle (all ages) – February 16 at 3:30 pm
Story Time (ages 0-6) – February 23 at 2 pm

Altenburg

Take-n-Make Craft – all month
Story Time (ages 3-8) – February 3 at 10 am

Oran

Adult Game Time (ages 18+) – February 5 at 1:30 pm
Homework Club (ages 10-17) – February 6, 12 & 26 at 3 pm
Valentine Toddler Hour (age 0-5) – February 8 at 2 pm
Valentine Craft Hour (all ages) – February 8 at 4 pm
Family Movie Day (all ages) – February 10 at 10 am
BINGO (ages 18+) – February 12 at 1:30 pm
Family Game Day (all ages) – February 24 at 10 am
Book Club (ages 18+) – February 26 at 1:30 pm

Missouri Book Awards – Show Me

Each year students across the state of Missouri are given the opportunity to vote for their favorite books from the Show Me Book Award nominees. The Show Me books are fiction recommended for Grades 1-3 – 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.

