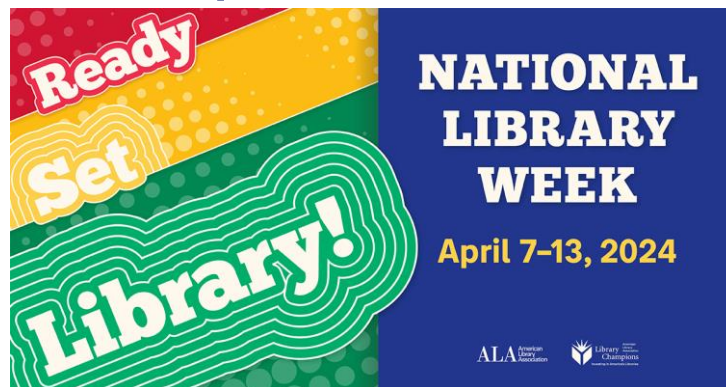


CURRENTS

March 2024

Help Us Celebrate!



Ready, set, library! National Library Week is April 7–13, 2024, and everyone in the community is encouraged to visit the library to take part in the festivities and explore all the library has to offer.

Libraries give us a green light to experience something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue our passions through book clubs, story times, movie nights, crafting classes, lectures, and more.

Libraries also play a pivotal role in economic development by providing resources and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, raising a family, or settling

into retirement—Riverside Regional Library offers the resources and support you need and an inclusive and supportive community where you will feel welcome.

So, get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with others this National Library Week. Riverside is there for you, all the way to the finish line.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

For details on how we're celebrating, visit the library's website at www.riversideregionallibrary.org, follow us on Facebook or ask at your local library.

**ALL RIVERSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY
BRANCHES WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 8**

**LOOK FOR MS. ROBBIE
AT JACKSON'S ECLIPSE FESTIVITIES**



Notes from the Director's Desk

April is an exciting month for our Riverside Regional Library Community. Many of us will have friends and family visiting to experience the full solar eclipse on April 8. Riverside Regional Library will be closed that day. I encourage you to check community calendars for eclipse events in your area.

National Library Week is April 7 through 13 but we are celebrating all month long. Please stop by your favorite Riverside Regional Branch (or all of them!) and show support for your local library.

Jackson's Friends of the Library will have a Spring indoor garage sale! Here are the dates and times to mark your calendar for great savings



We are excited to see you at your library!
Frankie Lea Hannan

Join Ms. Robbie at Jackson Reads

6th Annual

JACKSON READS

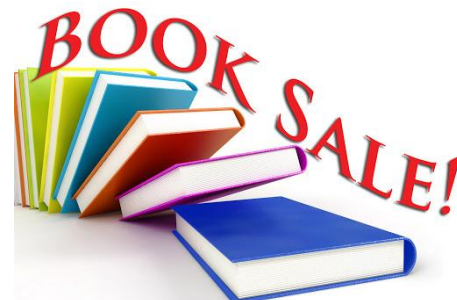
Jackson R2 Libraries - **MORE THAN BOOKS**
Thursday, April 11, 2024
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Jackson City Park
Band Shell
(parking lot off Hwy D)

Bring your family & friends, a book, blankets/lawn chairs
Gather with your school and community

- ◇ Book Swap (bring a book/take a book)
- ◇ Storytellers/Guest Readers
- ◇ Local authors
- ◇ Food trucks
- ◇ Snacks provided by The Bank of Missouri

#jacksonreads #jr2libraries

Many thanks to all who planned, promoted and supported this event:
Riverside Regional Library, area schools, local businesses & community groups
In the event of Inclement weather, activities may be canceled
bit.ly/jacksonreads24



Friends of the Library@Scott City Book Sale will be
April 15 through April 20 during open hours.

Branch Programs

Jackson

Poetry Contest – (ages 8-17) – All month
AARP Tax Preparation (ages 50+) – April 1 from 9 am to 3 pm by appointment
Beaded Bracelet Craft (ages 8-17) – April 3 at 1 pm
Rock Spider Craft (ages 8-17) – April 4 at 1 pm
Story Time (age 0-6) – April 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30 am
Qigong & Tai Chi (ages 18+) – April 10 & 24 at 9:15 am
Dream Catcher Craft (ages 7-12) – April 16 at 3:30 pm
Book Club (ages 18+) – April 15 at 7 pm
Earth Day Craft (ages 7-12) – April 22 at 3:30 pm
Virtual Book Club (ages 18+) – April 22 at 7 pm
Parent/Child Book Club (ages 8-12) – April 24 at 6 pm
Clothespin Lamp Craft (ages 7-12) – April 25 at 3:30 pm
Board Game Monday (ages 10-17) – April 29 at 3:30 pm



Perryville

National Find a Rainbow Day Scavenger Hunt (ages 0-12) – April 3
National Dandelion Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – April 5 at 10:30 am
National Library Week Contest: Favorite book quote (all ages) – April 7 to 13
Buffalo Story Time (ages 0-6) – April 11 at 11 am
Book Club (ages 18+) – April 15 at 2 pm
National Kite Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – April 17 at 10:30 am
Kite Building (ages 7+) – April 17 at 3 pm
Family Bingo (all ages) – April 18 at 6 pm
Story Time and Craft (age 0-6) – April 20 at 10:30 am
Earth Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – April 22 at 10:30 am and 3 pm
World Penguin Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – April 25 at 11 am and 3 pm

Altenburg

Take-n-Make Craft – all month
Story Time (ages 3-8) – April 13 at 9:30 am

Scott City

Coffee & Conversation (ages 18+) – April 2 & 16 at 1 pm
Beginning Crochet (ages 6+) – April 2 & 16 at 1 pm
Crochet Group (ages 7+) – April 2 & 16 at 2 pm
Art of Collage (ages 7+) – April 3, 10 & 24 at 1 pm
Game Day (ages 18+) – April 3, 10 & 24 at 1 pm
Chess (ages 7+) – April 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 3 pm
Friends of Library Meeting (ages 18+) – April 4 at 5 pm
Amateur Radio/HAM (all ages) – April 6 at 9:30 am
Kids Sewing Class (ages 7+) – April 6 at 10 am
Beginning Spanish (ages 3+) – April 9 & 23 at 1 pm
Spanish Class (ages 3+) – April 9 & 23 at 2 pm
Story Time (ages 0-10) – April 10 at 11 am
Spring Crafting and Story Time – April 13 at 10 am
Book Sale – April 15-20 during open hours
Adult Sewing Class (ages 18+) – April 22 at 3 pm
Book Club (ages 18+) – April 23 at 3 pm
Garden & Plant Swap – April 26 from 1 to 6 pm
Garden & Plant Swap – April 27 from 9 am to 1 pm



Benton

Adult Coloring (ages 18+) – April 3 & 17 at 9:30 am
Crafts (all ages) – April 12 at 2 pm
Sewing Circle (all ages) – April 19 at 3:30 pm
Story Time and Craft (ages 0-6) – April 26 at 2 pm
Book Drawing and Crafts (all ages) – All month

Oran

Citizen Science Month Drawing (all ages) – All month
Adult Game Time (ages 18+) – April 1 at 1:30 pm
Spring Toddler Hour (age 0-5) – April 11 at 2 pm
Family Movie Day (all ages) – April 13 at 10 am
Book Discussion (ages 18+) – April 15 at 1:30 pm
Homework Club (ages 10-17) – April 15, 22 & 29 at 3 pm
Earth Day Craft Hour (all ages) – April 18 at 4 pm
Gardening BINGO (ages 18+) – April 22 at 1:30 pm
Family Game Day (all ages) – April 27 at 10 am
Adult Coloring and Craft Hour (ages 18+) – April 29 at 1:30 pm

April is Citizen Science Month and Earth Day



Explore the natural world with science kits available at a library near you. Kits include:

- Observing Pollinators
- Zombee Hunting
- Measuring Light in the Night
- Exploring Biodiversity
- Astrophotos-Lunar Photography
- Astrophotos-Measuring Light Pollution
- Birds of North America
- The Great Sunflower Project

Check out a Citizen Science Kit, telescope, binoculars or STEAM kit this month at the Oran Branch and be entered into a drawing.



We're celebrating Earth Day with a variety of programs and activities this month. Help us learn about and care for the Earth. It's the only planet we've got.

@Scott City

On April 22 from 1 pm to 6 pm, learn about how to reduce your use of plastics! (all ages)



@Perryville

Earth Day Story Time and Craft at 10:30 am and 3 pm (age 0-6)

@Jackson

Earth Day Craft – Sun catcher wind chime at 3:30 pm (ages 7-12)

@Oran

Earth Day Craft on April 18 at 4 pm (all ages)

@Benton

Vegetable and flower seed give away (all ages)

