

CURRENTS

May 2024

Get Ready for Summer Reading



It's almost here – the year's summer reading challenge starts May 30!

We have great programs and awesome activities planned at all Riverside Regional Library Branches. We'll kick off the summer with our favorite singing duo the Kinders on May 30 and 31.

"Adventure Begins at Your Library" reading program is for all ages. Sign up through the Beanstack app beginning May 30. Or pick up a log sheet at your library branch.

Summer reading is essential for kids to keep and even improve their reading skills as well as promote a greater interest and enjoyment of reading. Reading is beneficial for all ages by engaging the mind and building knowledge, understanding and empathy.

Incentives and prizes encourage participation and challenge readers to complete the program. This summer the reading goal is 600 minutes (10 hours) for all ages. That's 75 minutes per week. Just 10 minutes per day from May 30 to August 1.

Summer reading calendars have been distributed to schools in the area. Copies are also available at all branch libraries. Join us for a summer full of fun activities and reading adventures!!

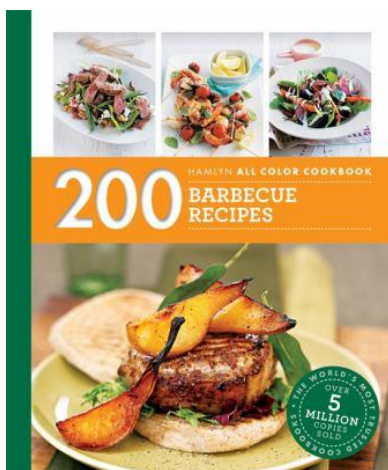
Riverside Regional Library's summer reading program is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State. Additional support had been donated by local businesses. See page 2 for a list of local sponsors. See page 4 for our special performers.

**ALL RIVERSIDE REGIONAL
LIBRARY BRANCHES WILL BE
CLOSED ON MAY 27**



Notes from the Director's Desk

Spring has arrived in Southern Missouri. As you plant your gardens and plan your next family BBQ, remember to visit your local library branch for decorating and recipe ideas. We have a wonderful collection, both in the branch and online, of cookbooks, gardening guides and so much more!



Mark your calendars for May 30 – that is when you can sign up the whole family for our 2024 Summer Reading Program: Adventure Begins at YOUR Library. Check out the calendar to see the events planned just for you!

See you soon!
Frankie Lea Hannan



A HUGE Thank You to our Summer Reading Program Sponsors!!

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If you are interested in supporting the library's summer reading program, call the Main Branch at 573-243-8141 or talk to your local branch.

Branch Programs

Jackson

Qigong & Tai Chi (ages 18+) – May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 9:15 am
 Story Time with Andy Armadillo – May 1 at 10:30 am
 Harry Potter Day – Magic Wand Craft (ages 8-17) – May 2 from 9 am to 5 pm
 Story Time (age 0-6) – May 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10:30 am
 Slime Time Craft (ages 6-9) – May 8 at 3:30 pm
 Mother's Day Card Craft (ages 7-17) – May 9 at 3:30 pm
 Virtual Book Club (ages 18+) – May 13 at 7 pm
 Bead Bracelet Craft (ages 7-17) – May 14 at 3:30 pm
 Stick Bird House Craft (ages 7-17) – May 16 at 3:30 pm
 Book Club (ages 18+) – May 20 at 7 pm
 World Turtle Day Craft (ages 6-9) – May 23 at 3:30 pm
 Parent/Child Book Club (ages 8-12) – May 29 at 6 pm
 The Kinders Summer Reading Kick off (all ages) – May 30 at 9 am

Perryville

Mother Goose Day Story Time and Craft (age 0-6) – May 1 at 10:30 am & 3:30 pm
 Teen Group Activity (ages 13-17) – May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 3:30 pm
 Harry Potter Day Wand Building (ages 7-12) – May 2 at 4 pm
 Mother's Day Card Crafting – May 6 from 9 am to 6 pm
 Mother's Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – May 8 at 10:30 am & 3:30 pm
 Peter Pan Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – May 9 at 2 pm
 Book Club (ages 18+) – May 13 at 2 pm
 Day of Families Story Time (ages 0-6) – May 15 at 10:30 am
 Pickle Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – May 16 at 2 pm
 World Dinosaur Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – May 17 at 10:30 am & 4 pm
 Endangered Species Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – May 20 at 10:30 am
 Endangered Animal Program (ages 7-12) – May 20 at 3 pm
 World Bee Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – May 21 at 2 pm
 Citizen Science Zombee Hunting Program (ages 13+) – May 21 at 3:30 pm
 National Scavenger Hunt Day: Spring Scavenger Hunt (all ages) – May 24 from 9 am to 6 pm
 The Kinders Summer Reading Kick off (all ages) – May 30 at 12 pm
 Smile Day Story Time (ages 0-6) – May 31 at 10:30 am

Scott City

Game Day (ages 18+) – May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 1 pm
 Chess (ages 7+) – May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 3 pm
 Friends of Library Meeting (ages 18+) – May 2 at 5 pm
 Amateur Radio/HAM (all ages) – May 4 at 9:30 am
 May the 4th Be with You Activities – May 4 at 10 am
 Mending & Sewing Class (ages 18+) – May 6 & 20 at 3 pm
 Coffee & Conversation (ages 18+) – May 7 & 21 at 1 pm
 Story Time (ages 0-10) – May 8 at 11 am
 Art of Collage (ages 7+) – May 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 1 pm
 All about Bees! (all ages) – May 11 at 10 am
 Beginning Spanish (ages 3+) – May 14 & 28 at 1 pm
 Spanish Class (ages 3+) – May 14 & 28 at 2 pm
 Beginning Crochet (ages 6+) – May 21 at 1 pm
 Crochet Group (ages 7+) – May 21 at 2 pm
 Welcome Summer Party (all ages) – May 23 at 2 pm
 Book Club (ages 18+) – May 28 at 3 pm
 The Kinders Summer Reading Kick off (all ages) – May 31 at 3 pm
 Bingo (ages 6+) – May 31 at 4 pm

Benton

Adult Coloring (ages 18+) – May 1 & 15 at 9:30 am
 Crafts (all ages) – May 10 at 2 pm
 Story Time and Craft (ages 0-6) – May 17 at 2 pm
 Book Drawing and Crafts (all ages) – All month
 The Kinders Summer Reading Kick off (all ages) – May 31 at 12 pm

Oran

Mother's Day Craft Hour (all ages) – May 2 at 4 pm
 Adult Game Time (ages 18+) – May 6 at 1:30 pm
 Homework Club (ages 10-17) – May 6 at 3 pm
 Family Movie Day (all ages) – May 11 at 10 am
 Adult Craft/Coloring Hour (ages 18+) – May 13 at 1:30 pm
 Summer Toddler Hour (age 0-5) – May 16 at 2 pm
 Book Discussion (ages 18+) – May 20 at 1:30 pm
 Teen/Tween Book Group (ages 11-17) – May 23 at 4 pm
 Family Game Day (all ages) – May 25 at 10 am
 The Kinders Summer Reading Kick off (all ages) – May 31 at 9 am

Altenburg

Take-n-Make Crafts – all month
 Story Time (ages 3-8) – May 11 at 9:30 am
 The Kinders Summer Reading Kick off (all ages) – May 30 at 3 pm

Summer Reading Special Programs

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The Kinders

May 30
9 am@Jackson
12 pm@Perryville
3 pm@Altenburg

May 31
9 am@Oran*
12 pm@Benton+
3 pm@Scott City



The Green Bear Project

June 5
9 am@Oran*
12 pm@Benton+
3 pm@Scott City

June 6
9 am@Jackson
12 pm@Perryville
3 pm@Altenburg



Will Stuck's Adventure into the Absurd

June 11
9 am@Jackson
12 pm@Perryville
3 pm@Altenburg

June 12
9 am@Oran*
12 pm@Benton+
3 pm@Scott City



Leonardo Music

June 17
10 am@Oran*
1 pm@Benton+
3 pm@Scott City

June 18
9 am@Jackson
12 pm@Perryville
3 pm@Altenburg

Cape Nature Center

July 16
9 am@Jackson
12 pm@Perryville
3 pm@Altenburg

July 17
9 am@Oran
12 pm@Benton
3 pm@Scott City

*Programs will be held at Oran School.
+Programs will be held at Kelly School.