

CURRENTS

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The Library – your information source

Riverside staff is here to help!! While we love to give book recommendations and help you find the perfect book for you, we also are here to help you find the information you need. From government publications to web sources, the library is here to provide information. Library staff provide information one-on-one as well as through programs for all ages but especially for adults. So watch our calendar for programs providing you the info you need or come into the library and our staff will help you find the information you seek.

- Laptop 101 (ages 50+) – September 16 at 10 am @ Jackson (register by 8/30) – bring your personal laptop or tablet and we'll help you learn to use it or troubleshoot – limited to 4
- Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body (ages 18+) – September 19 at 10 am @Jackson



Like to hang out at the library and visit with others? Come enjoy a cup of coffee during our social hours for adults:

- September 12 at 1 pm (ages 50+) @ Jackson
- September 14 at 10 am (ages 18+) @ Perryville
- And don't forget Coffee & Conversation at Scott City on September 3 and 17 from 1 to 3 pm (ages 18+)

Summer Reading Challenge Wrap Up

We had such a great summer. Kids of all ages enjoyed the performers, craft programs, story times, exploring other countries and just having fun. Thanks to all who attended these programs!



To wrap up the summer, here are the numbers. A total of 775 readers participated in the summer reading challenge, a 54% increase over 2023 including:

Early Literacy – ages 0-6 – 230
Children – ages 7-12 – 316
Teens – ages 13-17 – 60
Adults – ages 18+ - 169

Of these, 418 completed the challenge. That's a 54% completing rate, an increase of 8% over our 2023 completion rate. That's totally awesome!! Thanks to all who participated in the summer reading challenge!

This year each branch held a grand prize drawing for those who completed the reading challenge. Prizes were a 20" bike for ages 17 and under and a kindle for ages 18 and over. Congratulations to the winners at each branch.

All Riverside Regional Library
Branches will be closed
Monday September 2



Notes from the Director's Desk

School has begun. Do you have a new reader? Riverside Regional Library has the perfect tool to help your young reader build vocabulary and confidence: Reading for All Learners Program (RALP). The Academic Success for All Learners website describes the RALP as a phonics-based program that consists of 141 books of fun stories that progressively build skills and reinforce success (<https://iseesam.com/getting-started/>). Stop in today and give them a try.



Mark your calendars for the 2024 Fall Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Jackson Library Branch. The FOL book sale will be Friday, October 11 from 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday, October 12 from 9 am to 12 pm. Members of the Jackson Friends of the Library get a preview of the sale on Thursday, October 10 from 3 to 6 pm.

See you soon!

Frankie Lea Hannan

Staffing at the Jackson Branch

If you use the Jackson branch, you may have noticed a shift in staff and some new faces. To better serve our patrons, some staff positions have shifted their responsibilities this summer.

We said good-bye to Novena Bollinger, who retired on May 30. Novena served the library system for over 20 years starting as a clerk and ending as Cataloging Supervisor. We wish her an awesome retirement with lots of fun travel adventures. Bethany Holmes has taken on the role of Cataloging Supervisor.

Out on the front desk, Robbie Black now leads the front line staff. If you're familiar with the Jackson branch, you've probably seen some of the changes she and her staff have made to create an even more welcoming and flexible space around the circulation desk.

So you may be missing Sandy Welker. Fear not, she's still around the library!! Sandy has taken on the task of being the library's courier – transporting materials between Riverside branches as well as shipments of Missouri Evergreen materials. This is a huge task as our patrons increasingly use this service.

If you attended any of the summer reading programs at Jackson, you've probably met Samantha Buchheit, our new Children and Youth Librarian. Samantha worked as a clerk at the Perryville branch but is thrilled to be our children's librarian.

Soon we'll be welcoming a programming librarian to coordinate programming with Samantha and add more adult programs to what we're able to offer our patrons.

Branch Programs

Jackson

Glass Gem Suncatchers (ages 3-17) – Sept. 3 at 10 am & 4 pm
 Qigong & Tai Chi (ages 18+) – Sept. 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 9:15 am
 Story Time (age 0-6) – Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:30 am
 Book Keychains (ages 7-17) – Sept. 6 at 3:30 pm
 Craft & Chat (ages 18+) – Sept. 9 at 10 am
 Clothespin Pumpkin Wreath (ages 7-17) – Sept. 9 at 3:30 pm (Register by Sept. 4)
 Senior Social Hour (ages 50+) – Sept. 12 at 1 pm
 National Video Game Day (ages 10-17) – Sept. 12 at 4 pm
 Laptop 101 (ages 50+) – Sept. 16 at 10 am (Register by August 30, space limited to 4)
 Book Club (ages 18+) – Sept. 16 at 7 pm
 Book Leaves (ages 7-17) – Sept. 18 at 3:30 pm
 Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body (ages 18+) – Sept. 19 at 10 am
 Elementary Literacy Group (ages 6-10) – Sept. 19 at 3:30 pm
 Virtual Book Club (ages 18+) – Sept. 23 at 7 pm
 Parent/Child Book Club (ages 11-17+caregiver) – Sept. 25 at 6 pm
 Bingo (ages 18+) – Sept. 26 at 1 pm
 Wooden Pumpkin Decoration (ages 7-17) – Sept. 26 at 3:30 pm
 Fall Garland Craft (ages 5-17) – Sept. 30 at 3:30 pm

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Adult Game Time (ages 18+) – Sept. 9 at 1:30 pm
 Homework Club (ages 7-17) – Sept. 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 3 pm
 Toddler Hour (ages 0-5) – Sept. 12 at 2 pm
 Family Movie Day (all ages) – Sept. 14 at 10 am
 Story Hour (ages 0-6) – Sept. 16 at 10 am
 Book Discussion (ages 18+) – Sept. 16 at 1:30 pm
 Fall Craft Hour (all ages) – Sept. 19 at 4 pm
 Coloring & Crafts (ages 18+) – Sept. 23 at 1:30 pm
 Teen Advisory Council (ages 11-17) – Sept. 26 at 4 pm
 Family Game Day (all ages) – Sept. 28 at 10 am
 Bingo (ages 18+) – Sept. 30 at 2 pm

Altenburg

Take-n-Make Crafts – all month
 Story Time (ages 3-8) – Sept. 14 at 9:30 am

Perryville

Story Time (ages 0-6) – Sept. 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 11 am & 3 pm
 Teen Activity (ages 13-17) – Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 3:30 pm
 National Read a Book Day (ages 18+) – Sept. 6 from 9 am to 6 pm
 Community Puzzle Building (all ages) – Sept. 10 from 9 am to 6 pm
 Coffee Social Hour (ages 18+) – Sept. 14 at 10 am
 Book Club (ages 18+) – Sept. 16 at 2 pm
 Story Time (ages 0-6) – Sept. 17 at 10 am
 Gratitude Jar Decorating (all ages) – Sept. 21 at 10 am
 Comic Book Day (ages 7-12) – Sept. 25 at 4 pm
 Ancestor Appre Day Program (ages 18+) – Sept. 27 at 10 am & 3 pm

Scott City

Coffee & Conversation (ages 18+) – Sept. 3 & 17 at 1 pm
 Beginnning Crochet (ages 7+) – Sept. 3 & 17 at 1 pm
 Crochet Group (ages 7+) – Sept. 3 & 17 at 2 pm
 Game Day (ages 18+) – Sept. 4, 11 & 25 at 1 pm
 Chess (ages 7+) – Sept. 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 3 pm
 Kids Sewing (ages 7-17) – Sept. 7 & 28 from 9 am to 12 pm
 Sewing (ages 18+) – Sept. 9 & 30 from 3 to 5 pm
 Beginning Spanish (all ages) – Sept. 10 & 24 at 1 pm
 Spanish (all ages) – Sept. 10 & 24 at 2 pm
 Story Time (ages 0-6) – Sept. 11 at 11 am
 Art of Collage (ages 7+) – Sept. 11 & 25 at 1 pm
 Crafting (all ages) – Sept. 14 from 10 am to 12 pm
 Book Sale (all ages) – Sept. 16 - 20 from 1 to 6 pm; Sept. 21 from 9 am to 1 pm
 Book Club (ages 18+) – Sept. 24 at 3 pm
 Plant & Bulb Swap (ages 18+) – Sept. 27 from 1 to 6 pm; Sept. 28 from 9 am to 12 pm
 Bingo (ages 7+) – Sept. 27 at 4 pm

Benton

Coloring (all ages) – Sept. 4 & 18 at 9:30 am
 Story Time (ages 0-6) – Sept. 11 at 9:30 am
 Crafting (all ages) – Sept. 13 at 2 pm
 Sewing Circle (all ages) – Sept. 20 at 3:30 pm
 Story Time (ages 0-6) – Sept. 27 at 2 pm

Summer Reading Fun!!!

Making ice cream @ Perryville



"Date to Create" crafting @ Jackson



End of summer reading party @ Jackson



New craft station @ Jackson

