

# CURRENTS

February 2025

## Challenge ends February 28

Our winter reading challenge continues through February. Simply read or be read to for five hours from January 1 through February 28. Make sure you record these hours and return the log to the library to collect your prize book!

Bookmarks to keep track of your reading are available at your Riverside Regional Library branch, or you can sign up with Beanstack through our website:

<https://riversideregionallibrary.org/reading-challenges/>.

## WINTER READING CHALLENGE



**What:** Read or be read to for 5 hours and win a FREE BOOK!

**When:** January 1 - February 28

**Where:** Your RRL branch.

**Who:** Anyone!

**How:** Ask us for a bookmark or log your time on Beanstack.



## Register for Free Tree Seedling

Planting trees is now more important than ever, especially in our local areas that lost trees during the ice storm. We are partnering with @NeighborhoodForest to inspire youth environmentalism and help green-ify our Riverside community!

Parents/Guardians, please sign your child up to receive a free, native or nut/fruit-bearing tree this Earth Day by filling out this short form:

<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/...>



**Neighborhood Forest**  
*giving trees to children*

Sign ups are open now through March 15th, and trees will arrive the week of Earth Day (April 22)! We'll contact you when your tree is ready for pick-up at the library.

For Parent FAQs please see:

<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-faqs/>

All Library Branches will be closed on  
Monday, February 17



## Notes from the Director's Desk

Riverside Regional is excited to be one of the local hosts for the 2025 Children's Art Festival Display. This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Children's Arts Festival sponsored by the [Arts Council of Southeast Missouri](#). The 2025 theme is 1960's Pop Art. Artwork is submitted by students from over 20 regional elementary schools.

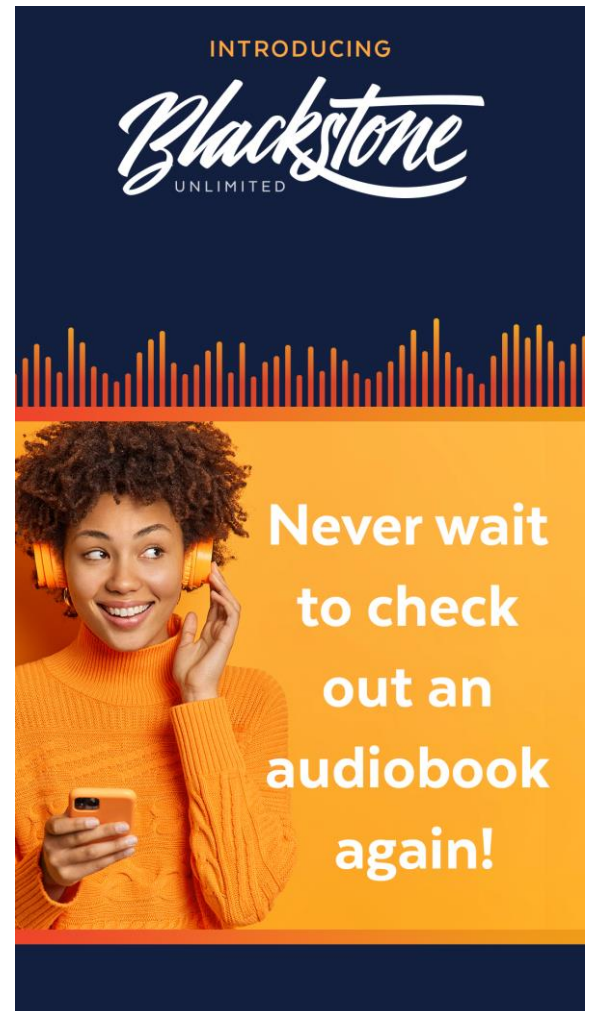


The 2025 Children's Art Festival celebration kicks off February 7 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Scout Hall, 420 Broadway, Cape Girardeau. Artwork will then be moved to a variety of venues. Riverside Regional Library Jackson Branch's display will be available starting Tuesday, February 11 through Friday, February 28. Join us in the celebration of our students and their beautiful art.

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

Frankie Lea

## Blackstone Unlimited Audiobook



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## Family Programming

(for all ages)

- Snack-n-chat – February 4 at 1 pm @Scott City
- Coloring – February 5 at 9:30 am @Benton
- Valentine's Day Card Craft – February 7 from 9 am to 6 pm @Perryville
- Family Movie Day – February 8 at 10 am @Oran
- Valentine's Story Time & Craft – February 8 at 10 am @Scott City
- Valentine's Card Making – February 11 from 2 pm to 5 pm @Jackson
- Movie Night – February 11 at 6 pm @Perryville
- Valentine Cookie Decorating – February 13 at 4 pm @Scott City
- Crafting – February 14 at 2 pm @Benton
- Coloring – February 19 at 9:30 am @Benton
- Craft Hour – February 20 at 4 pm @Oran
- Sewing Circle – February 21 at 3:30 pm @Benton
- Family Bingo – February 21 at 6 pm @Perryville
- Family Game Day – February 22 at 10 am @Oran

See our online calendar for details and more programs for all ages

[www.riversideregionallibrary.org/calendar](http://www.riversideregionallibrary.org/calendar)

## Art Displays at the Library

Displays will showcase the artwork of local school children. Three Riverside branches will host these art shows from February 11 to 28.



Children's Art Festival  
@ Jackson Branch

Kelly Elementary School  
@ Benton Branch

Scott City Elementary School  
@Scott City Branch

The Perryville Branch's Winter Art Contest has been extended through February 28.

### Winter Art Contest!

**RULES:**  
This contest is for ALL AGES! Participants must create a winter themed piece of art! It can be anything you want! You can use any medium you like (colored pencils, crayons, paint, etc.) There will be three winners announced at the end of January. 1 person per age group; 10 & under, 11-15, 16 & up! Please add your name & phone number so we can contact you! Prizes will be: colored pencils & a sketch pad!!

Good luck, be creative, & have fun!



## Book Awards Nominees

Each year students across the state of Missouri are given the opportunity to vote for their favorite books from the Gateway Award nominees. The Gateway books are fiction recommended for Grades 9-12 and are available through Riverside Regional Library. Check out and read at least 2 nominated books and vote for your favorite through your school.

