

CURRENTS

March 2025

Celebrate Reading

In March, public libraries across the country join with the National Education Association for Read Across America Week. This program promotes children's reading and a life-long interest in books.

Reading opens the world to young readers and creates a foundation for success in other school subjects. It develops critical thinking skills and helps students navigate life and understand the world around them.



Read Across America week is March 2-6 each year. March 2 was chosen as the date for this event to honor Dr. Seuss (it's his birthday) and the tremendous impact his books have had on generations of children by helping them learn to read and inspiring a love of books.

Join us in celebrating Dr. Seuss and instill a love of reading in your child by attending a program this month.

- Dr Seuss Party (all ages)
March 1 from 9am to 12pm@Scott City
- Dr Seuss Toddler Hour (ages 0-5)
March 6 at 2pm@Oran
- Story time (ages 0-8)
March 8 at 9:30am@Altenburg

Sign Up Now for Free Tree Seedling – Registration Ends March 15

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/...> You can also access the form with the QR code below.

Sign ups are open now through March 15, 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.

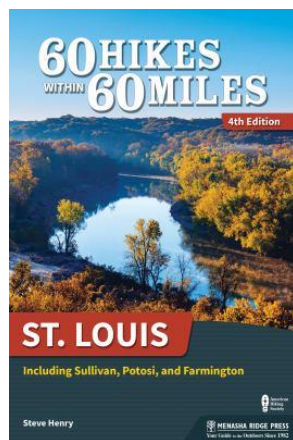
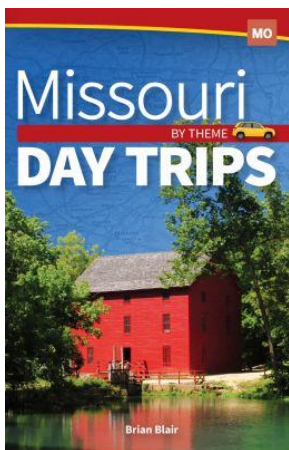
For Parent FAQs please see:

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



Notes from the Director's Desk

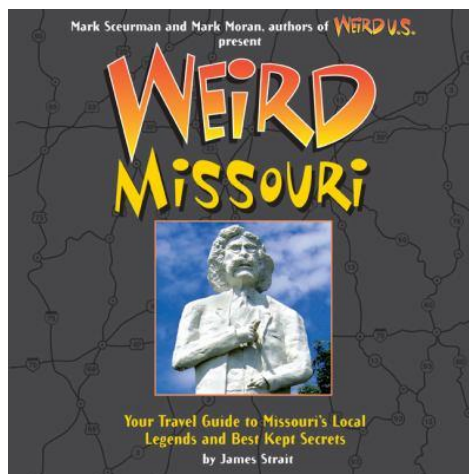
Are you ready for spring? Riverside Regional Library is! We have seed libraries at the Jackson and Perryville branches. The Seed libraries are an opportunity to introduce new plants or old favorites to your garden. The seeds are generously provided by the Cape Girardeau County Master Gardeners and the Perry County Garden Club. The Altenburg branch also distributes seed packets provided by the East Perry Lions Club. While at your favorite library branch choose a book or two to help design or learn more tips on creating a thriving garden this spring.



The weather is warming up and it is time to get outside. Riverside Regional Library has local trail guides and day trip destinations to help you explore and enjoy the best of Southeast Missouri and beyond.

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

Frankie Lea



Teen Tech Week Make Meme & Gifs

Maybe you've heard the word "meme" before and were unsure exactly what it is. Most likely a friend or loved one has sent you one and you didn't even know it! Pronounced "MEEM," it is defined as a unit of cultural information spread by imitation.



While the still-image memes have become increasingly popular on social media over the last two decades, so have GIFs. The term, "GIF" stands for "Graphics Interchange Format." Unlike a static image, a GIF can animate and loop, creating a brief video-like experience. GIFs are popular to use in text messages and comments online to convey emotions, illustrate concepts, or just add humor to a conversation.

For Teen Tech Week (March 2-8), the Perryville branch will have our young patrons (ages 13-17) utilize their humor, their IT knowledge, and their internet skills creating memes and GIFs. We hope to influence them with some literary humor and will be discussing the use of short puns and jokes. While learning a new skill, we will all surely be sharing chuckles and laughs.

Craft Programs in March

For children, tweens and teens

- Book/Scrapbook Making (ages 4-17) – March 4 from 2 to 5pm @ Jackson
- Bracelet Making (ages 6-17) – March 11 from 2 to 5pm @ Jackson
- Kids Sewing (ages 7-17) – March 15 & 29 from 10am to 12pm @ Scott City
- Canvas Painting (ages 5-17) – March 18 at 4pm @ Jackson
- Drop-in Craft (ages 5-12) – March 20 from 1 to 6pm @ Altenburg
- Clay Art Craft (ages 5-17) – March 25 at 4pm @ Jackson

For adults (age 18+)

- Adult Coloring – March 3 at 1:30pm @ Oran
- Sewing – March 17 at 3pm @ Scott City
- Journaling Collage – March 13, 20 & 27 from 1 to 3pm @ Scott City
- Craft & Chat – March 10 at 10am @ Jackson
- Pot of Gold Craft – March 12 from 4 to 6pm @ Jackson
- Mixed Media Bunnies – March 19 from 4 to 6pm @ Jackson

For all ages

- Coloring – March 5 & 19 at 9:30am @ Benton
- Crafting – March 14 at 2pm @ Benton
- Native Pollinator Mug Condo – March 20 from 4 to 6pm @ Jackson
- Craft Hour – March 20 at 4pm @ Oran
- Sewing Circle – March 21 at 3:30pm @ Benton

Special programming for all ages

- Tea party with Bingo
March 4 from 1 to 3pm @ Scott City
- MU Extension: Strawberries (ages 18+)
March 13 from 4 to 6pm @ Jackson
- Puzzle Races (all ages)
March 20 from 4 to 6pm @ Perryville
(sign-up required)



St. Patrick's Day Programs

- Pot of Gold Craft (ages 18+)
March 12 at 4-6pm @ Jackson
- St. Patrick's Day Story Time (ages 0-6)
March 14 at 10:30am @ Jackson
- Fluffy Leprechaun Slime (ages 6-17)
March 14 at 4pm @ Jackson
- Virtual Tour of Ireland (all ages)
March 17 at 4:30pm @ Perryville
- Scavenger Hunts
@ Scott City and Perryville



For details and more programs for all ages, visit
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What's Happening at Your Local Library



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Journaling Collage @ Scott City



Black History Month Display @ Perryville



Elementary School Art Display @ Scott City