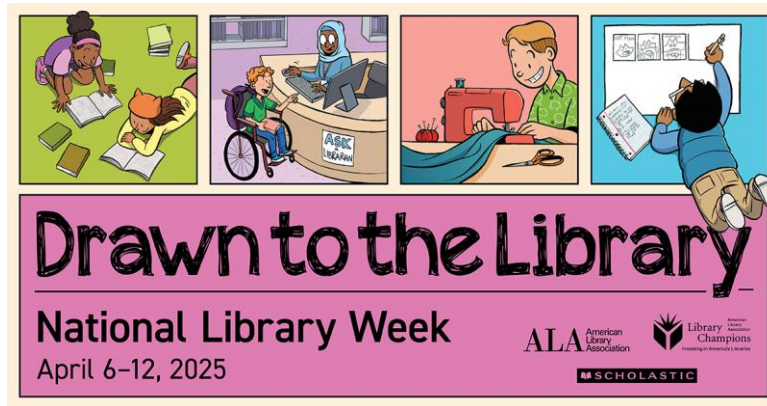


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April 2025

Celebrate National Library Week



What draws people to the library? Everything! From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

National Library Week, April 6–12, 2025, is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning.

At Riverside Regional Library, we invite the community to join the celebration and to explore all the library has to offer. Our library provides unique programs or services, such as free Wi-Fi, digital collections and career workshops, ensuring that everyone has access to resources that educate, inspire, and connect.

Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone. Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, Riverside is here to support your journey. Libraries serve as hubs for learning,

creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

This National Library Week, take time to rediscover the library and see how it draws us together as a community. Whether you're visiting for books, resources, or a place to connect, Riverside is here for you.

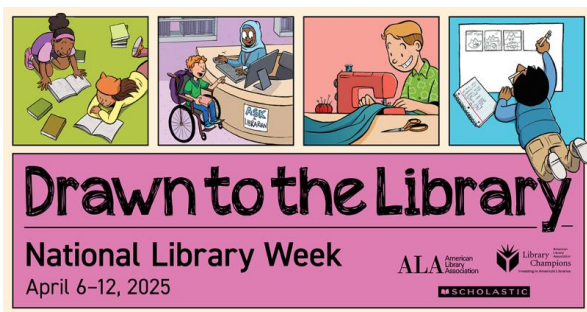
First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

All Riverside Regional Library
Branches will be
CLOSED on April 18.

*Good
Friday*

Notes from the Director's Desk

Riverside Regional Library is celebrating "National Library Week" all month long. We are inviting everyone to stop in and tell us what you love about your library. A short survey will be available to share what you love about your library and suggestions for new programs or services at your library. Everyone who submits a survey will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card.



Included in the celebration, April is also our annual "Food for Fines" month. Bring in a nonperishable food item for our local food banks and have your overdue fines forgiven (please note that lost and/or damaged items fees are excluded from the Food for Fines program).

See you soon!
Frankie Lea



Winter Reading 2025

The Winter Reading Challenge had a fantastic turnout! Through January and February, any Riverside patron could sign up to join the challenge of reading five hours. Across our six branches, there were 604 total registrations. 312 patrons finished the challenge and received a free book of their choosing!

The Summer Library Challenge will begin in June! This year, we will have many fun new challenges that encourage being creative and getting involved in the library. Stay in the know about all of our fun events like kick-off parties, educational performers, crafts, and so much more by following us on Facebook, going to our website, or visiting your local branch for a copy of the calendar.



Free Trees for Families

Riverside Regional Library is giving away 579 free trees! This partnership with Neighborhood Forest, a nonprofit organization, will provide families across our six branches with seedlings to plant the week of Earth Day. With the weather that 2025 has brought and the damage this has done to the trees, we are so grateful for this opportunity to help our community and environment. Keep an eye on your email inbox, phone voicemail, and our Facebook page for updates! Ideally, trees will be delivered to the branches for pick up between April 21 and 25. Tree planting instructions and the type of trees being distributed will be announced soon!

Special Story Time with Local Author Mary Ann Featherston

Join us as we welcome Mary Ann Featherston to the Jackson Branch. Ms. Featherston will lead a special story time for ages 0-6 on April 22 at 10 am. She will be reading her book "Stand Tall Little Twig." The book follows the adventures of a maple sapling as it is planted in its new, forever home and grows into a tall, mighty tree.



April Story Times (ages 0-6)

Every Friday at 10:30 am @ Jackson
Every Wednesday at 10 am & 4 pm @
Perryville

April 9 at 11 am @ Scott City

April 10 at 2 pm @ Oran

April 12 at 9:30 am @ Altenburg

April 25 at 3:30 pm @ Benton

For details and more programs for all ages, visit
www.riversideregionallibrary.org/calendar
or follow us on Facebook

Celebrate Earth Day at the Library

Celebrate Earth Day with this awesome "Trockenblumen" (dried flower) craft at the Perryville Branch on April 22 at 4 pm for ages 13+. These dried flower wreaths are simple to make with a few, inexpensive supplies and a bit of patience. All you need is a metal ring (or you can create a loop or wreath with flexible twigs), twine, glue, and dried flowers. You can also add beads, lace, ribbons or feathers to add personal touches or incorporate a certain color palette to match your home décor.



A trockenblumen ring would be a great way to display garden or wildflowers. It would also make an especially beautiful gift for a newly married couple to display some of their wedding flowers. You can even incorporate letter beads to include their family name!

This is the perfect minimalist craft to celebrate Earth Day because you can use sustainable items found in nature or repurpose things you may have otherwise thrown in the trash or compost.

What's Happening at Your Local Library

Thank a Farmer week @ Perryville



Farm Bureau members donate books each year.

Fluffy Leprechaun Slime @ Jackson



Read-a-Thon Play Stations for
Read Across America Day
@ Jackson

