

May 2025

Get Ready for Summer Reading Challenge



The 2025 Summer Reading Challenge is fast approaching!! The challenge will run from June 1 to July 31. This year's theme is "Color Our World" and we have so many fun and creative activities planned that we can hardly stand it! From awesome entertainers to art and craft programs, we'll have something for everyone. We'll kick things off with Welcome Summer Parties at the Scott City branch on May 22 from 2 to 4 pm and at the Jackson branch on May 31 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Reading challenge sign up begins May 25 via the Beanstack app or at your local branch library. The goal for all ages is to read 8 hours. That's less than 10 minutes per day or one hour per week! Any book or graphic novel can be applied towards the goal, including audiobooks. Reach the goal to earn fun prizes.

Reading challenges not for you? No problem! The year we'll also have additional fun activities that when you complete them, you can be entered into a prize drawing. All ages can participate in this summer of fun.

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.

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 has been donated by local businesses and organizations.

All Riverside Regional Library Branches will be closed on May 26.



Notes from the Director's Desk

Summer at Riverside is an awesome experience. Our summer program sign up starts on May 25. Our summer theme this year is “Color Our World” with fun reading challenges, guest performers, crafts for all ages and story times to celebrate your creativity. Pick up our events calendar or check what’s going on by visiting our website at “riversideregionallibrary.org” – you can also sign up for our monthly newsletter if you haven’t already.



Riverside will have our Lockermate Lunches available at all branches (while supplies last). This year we have two lunch choices: Tuna Salad and Beef Sticks. Look for them at your branch starting on May 19th.

We can’t wait to see you at YOUR library!
Frankie Lea

Mark Your Calendar for our Summer Reading Performers

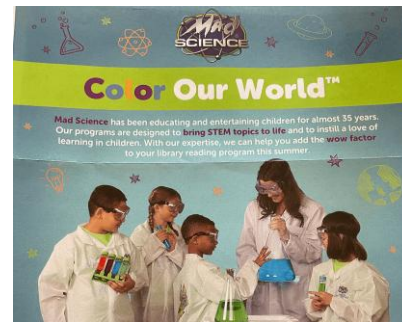
Babaloo Music

June 3

9 am @ Jackson Branch
1 pm @ Perryville Branch
4 pm @ Altenburg Branch

June 4

9 am @ Oran Elementary
1 pm @ Kelly Elementary
4 pm @ Scott City Branch



Mad Science

June 9

9:30 am @ Oran Elementary
12 pm @ Kelly Elementary
3 pm @ Scott City Branch

June 10

9 am @ Jackson Branch
12 pm @ Perryville Branch
3 pm @ Altenburg Branch



Dino O'Dell

June 17

9 am @ Jackson Branch
12 pm @ Perryville Branch
3 pm @ Altenburg Branch

June 18

9 am @ Oran Branch
12 pm @ Benton Branch
3 pm @ Scott City Branch

Green Bear Project – June 25 & 26
Cape Nature Center – July 15 & 16

Spend time with Mom at the Library

Join us for special programs that celebrate Mother's Day. Come create a Mother's Day gift or attend a program together where you can learn a new craft.

May 1 - Macramé Towel Holder (ages 18+)
4 pm @Jackson (please register)
May 3 - Family Movie (all ages)
11:30 am @Perryville
May 5 - Mother's Day Craft & Cupcakes with Mom (all ages) 3:30 pm @Benton
May 6 - Mother's Day Photo Holder (ages 0-17) 3-5 pm @Jackson
May 8 - Mother's Day Toddler Hour (ages 0-5) 2 pm @Oran
May 8 - Fairy Gardens (ages 18+)
4-5:30 pm @Jackson (please register)
May 10 - Story Time with Mom (ages 3-8)
9:30 am @Altenburg
May 10 - Family Movie Day (all ages)
10 am @Oran

Enjoy your shared love of reading by attending a book discussion with your Mom.

May 17 at 10 am @Scott City (ages 13-17)
May 19 at 5 pm @Jackson (ages 8-14)
May 24 at 10 am @Scott City (ages 8-12)
May 28 at 3 pm @Perryville (ages 8-14)
May 29 at 4 pm @Oran (ages 7-17)

For ages 18+:

May 12 at 2 pm @Perryville
May 12 at 7 pm via Zoom
May 19 at 1:30 pm @Oran
May 19 at 7 pm @Jackson
May 23 at 4 pm @Scott City
May 27 at 3 pm @Scott City

The Library Your Information Place

Helping you navigate life's challenges

Therapist-Led Series:

**Parenting with Purpose:
Moms Discovering Their
Core Beliefs**

with Erin Randol, Clinical Therapist

at the Jackson Library on
**May 23rd, June 20th
& July 18th**
from **11:30am- 12:30pm**
come to 1 or all, whatever fits your schedule

FREE

FOR MOMS WHO ARE:

Wondering if you're communicating your love and value for your kids in an effective way

Doubting whether your parenting is helping your child develop a strong sense of self

Fearful that your kids might feel like a burden instead of a priority

WHAT TO EXPECT:

An Interactive Presentation with Q&A and Group Discussion to learn how to:

- Break **Free** from Limiting Beliefs
- Build **Stronger Confidence** in Your Parenting Decisions
- Develop **Practical Tools** for Change
- Establish a Fresh Perspective for a **Healthier Home**

• Parent- Focused, but still Kid- Friendly
• This is an educational program and is not meant to serve as clinical therapy.
• No RSVP Needed

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- Computer Basics - May 5, 12, and 19 at 10 am @Perryville (ages 18+)
- Cyber Savvy Seniors: Social Media Safety - May 5 at 11 am @Jackson (ages 50+)
- Read to a Therapy Dog - May 13 at 10 am @Jackson (ages 6-17) sign-up required
- Genealogist's Delight: Maps - May 17 at 10 am @Jackson (ages 18+)

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

New items on our shelves

