

CURRENTS

June 2025

Summer Reading - Sign up Now



“Color Our World” Summer Reading Program 2025 is here! We have so much planned for June and July that you’ll have a hard time deciding which programs to attend! In addition to the reading challenge, we’ll also have an activities challenge.

The reading challenge will run from June 1 to July 31. 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! Reach the goal to receive a great book.

Reading challenges not for you? No problem! The year we’ll also have a non-reading challenge. Pick up a punch card at your library branch. Each card contains six activities. Complete four of the activities and be entered into a prize drawing. All ages can participate in both challenges.

This summer is all about being creative and having fun. Each Riverside Branch has oodles

and gobs of awesome programs planned. Family events, multigenerational craft programs and crafts for all ages will help explore your creative side or get you into a new hobby. Pick up a program calendar at your library branch or see what we have happening on our online calendar.

www.riversideregionallibrary.org/calendar

This summer’s performers will amaze and entertain all ages. Babaloo Music (June 3 & 4) and Dino O’Dell (June 17 & 18) will entertain us with music and stories. Mad Science (June 9 & 10) will amaze us with colorful science. The Green Bear Project (June 25 & 16) will also visit each branch. On July 15 and 16, Cape Nature Center naturalists will explore how plants and animals use color to survive in the wild.

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, organizations and individuals. (see page 4)

Notes from the Director's Desk

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2025 Patron Survey. We had 230 responses! This survey will help us build new programming and improve services. Our survey Barnes & Noble gift card winner was Maggie S. from Scott City. Congratulations, Maggie!

Riverside Regional Library's Main Branch in Jackson is excited to be partnering with the Cape Girardeau County Historical Society and the Missouri Arts Council to host the "Early Settlement in Cape Girardeau County on the Mississippi River" afternoon seminar session. This event will be on Saturday, June 28 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The seminar will feature a musical concert by renowned musician and French Creole interpreter and educator, Dennis Stroughmatt, on the regional French Colonial culture in the region. The concert will be followed by a



keynote address by Suzanne Michelle Jones, a storyteller and expert on Native American migration and history in the region. Suzanne's presentation is a part of the Missouri Speakers Bureau. This presentation is free and open to the public. Please join us for an afternoon to celebrate our community and its history.

Have you signed up for the 2025 Summer Reading Program yet? Summer at Riverside Regional Library is filled with cool performers, awesome programs and creative crafts. You don't want to miss all the fun at YOUR library!
Frankie Lea

Getting creative at the Library



Fairy Garden @ Jackson

Kite Building @ Perryville



Container Gardening with MU Extension @ Jackson



Come make something for dear ol' Dad

From painting to keychains, get ready for Father's Day with something handmade.

For all/multiple ages

- Rock Painting (all ages) June 2 at 2pm@Benton
- Bird Feeder (ages 5+) June 4 at 11am@Perryville
- Rock Painting (all ages) June 4 from 9 to 11am & 3 to 5pm@Jackson
- DIY Painted Planter (all ages) June 11 from 2 to 5pm@Jackson
- Ink Painting (ages 8+) June 21 at 10am@Altenburg (register)
- Watermelon Craft (all ages) June 23 at 2pm@Benton
- 4th of July Canvas (all ages) June 30 at 2pm@Benton

For kids

- Marble Painting (ages 0-5) June 2 at 2pm@Oran
- Rainbow Suncatcher (ages 2-10) June 17 at 2pm@Perryville
- Bead Art (ages 0-5) June 23 at 2pm@Oran
- Bubble Art (ages 0-5) June 30 at 2pm@Oran

For tweens/teens

- Bead Art (ages 7-17) June 19 at 2pm@Oran

For adults (ages 18+)

- Macrame Keychain – June 5 at 4pm@Jackson (register)
- Faux Stained Glass – June 12 at 4pm@Jackson (register)
- Suncatcher – June 19 at 4pm@Jackson

Connect with Neighbors, Family and Friends

Libraries promote connections and community. Learn, connect and socialize with neighbors, family and friends at your Riverside Regional Library.

For all/multiple ages

- Coffee & Conversation – June 3 at 1pm@Scott City
- Board Game Jamboree – June 6 from 4 to 6pm@Perryville
- Family Movie – June 13 at 3:30pm@Scott City
- Bingo – June 13 at 6pm@Perryville
- Family Movie Day – June 14 at 10am@Oran
- Puzzle Races – June 20 from 4 to 6pm@Perryville
- Family Game Day – June 28 at 10am@Oran

For tweens/teens

- World Bingo (ages 5-17) June 23 at 10am@Jackson

For adults (ages 18+)

- Cyber Savvy Seniors: Photography (ages 50+) June 3 at 11am@Jackson (register)
- Craft & Chat – June 9 at 10am@Jackson
- Day Trippers – June 11 at 4pm@Jackson
- Parenting with Purpose – June 20 at 11:30am@Jackson
- Garden Talk – June 25 at 4pm@Jackson
- Bingo – June 26 at 2pm@Jackson
- Bingo – June 27 at 4pm@Scott City

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



to our local summer reading sponsors and partners

The Summer Library Program is underway, and we want to thank the local sponsors and partners who are helping us Color Our World this summer.

We have community partners this summer who are collaborating with us to deliver free, fun, and educational programs.

Programs at all branches:
Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center
The Green Bear Project

Programs at Jackson:
Chelsea Tornetto, author
Erica Cooper of Amity Yoga
Erin Randall, LSW
Mandie Sullivan with MU Extension
Mary Beth Niederkorn with Cape County Archive
Shawn Lohman, Creative Wellness Workshop
Two Sisters Ranch ~ Paws for Purpose

For programs at Altenburg:
Sally Buerck
Daphne Fiehler and Eileen Schlichting
Maxine Lohmann
Fran Scholl

Thank you for supporting Riverside so we can provide an enriching summer while fostering lifetime learning in the library for all members of our communities.

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