

CURRENTS

August 2025

Summer Reading Wrap Up



We had a colorful summer with great entertainers, creative programs and lots of fun. Patrons enjoyed painting programs, crafts, colorful science experiments, as well as creating poetry, tattoos and comic strips. All ages were engaged in activities which promoted creativity. Programs also allowed patrons to explore new hobbies and creative outlets.

The reading challenge reached the goal of 1,000 participants across all six Riverside branches. This is the most participants we've ever had in a reading challenge. Awesome!!

The punch card challenge offered another way for patrons to participate and get active this summer. We're pleased with the results and are looking forward to awarding all the prizes.

We want to thank everyone who participated in this summer's programs. We also want to again express our appreciation to all the businesses and organizations who donated prizes and funds to make this summer's programs such a great success.

Why is the Summer Library Program so important?

Thousands of libraries all over the country offer special programs throughout the summer to combat the "summer slide," a term used to describe the loss of academic and social skills that children may experience while school is out of session. Riverside Regional Library has been participating in the national Color Our World theme with activities, crafts, games, story times, and more every single week.

Riverside aims to improve literacy in all forms: from reading to fine motor skills, social skills to science, and geography to math. All of the library's programs have an educational basis alongside a *fun* basis. Rote memorization and textbook learning have their benefits, but the library seeks to engage different learning styles and inspire a love of reading in people of all ages.

School may be back in session this month for most families, but the library never stops providing opportunities for learning and connecting. You can continue attending programs all year round while utilizing our wide range of library materials and online resources to supplement learning throughout the school year.

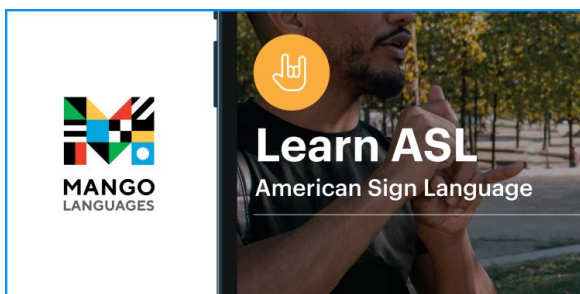
Notes from the Director's Desk

Our 2025 Summer Reading Challenge has ended. The summer was filled with fun performers, great story times/programs, informative community partners and fabulous crafts for all ages. I am grateful for the amazing Riverside Regional Librarians and volunteers for Coloring Our World with joy and learning.



While preparing to return to school, remember your library has great tools to make this year a success for every learner at any age. Check out the online offerings that include homework help, foreign language/American Sign Language skill builders, and fact-checked resources. We are here to help you every step of the way.

See you soon at YOUR library-
Frankie Lea



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Homework Helps

The library is ready to help you with your school work. Access these digital resources on our Homework Helps web page.

www.riversideregionallibrary.org/homework-help



With Explora, you will discover reliable information on thousands of topics covering a wide range of subjects including art and music, literature, language arts, geography, history, social studies, world cultures and languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, health and sports.



Science Reference Center provides access to articles and books on a wide range of science topics for teachers and students research needs.



Read It! is designed for middle and high school students as well as adults with basic English reading and grammar skills but who need adapted reading materials. It contains short articles on many subjects with resources that build subject knowledge and improve research and study skills.

The Library is COOL!!

The library has cool activities each month as well as being a great place to socialize and get out of the August heat.

Kids/Tweens/Teens

- Chess Club (ages 6-17) Mondays at 3:30pm@Jackson
- Play Doh Social (ages 0-10) August 4 at 10am@Jackson

Multigenerational

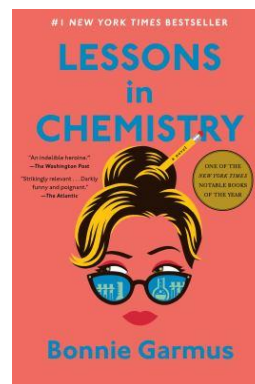
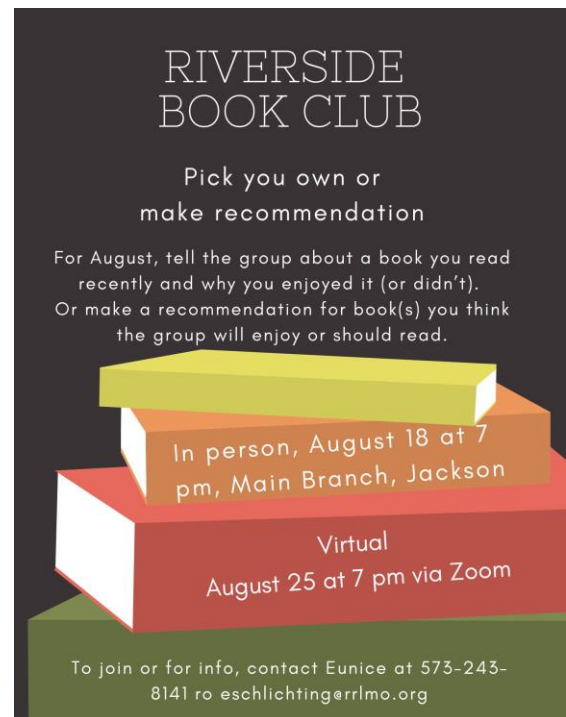
- Chess (ages 7+) Wednesdays at 3pm@Scott City
- Back to School Bingo (all ages) August 1 at 3:30pm@Benton
- Snack & Chat (ages 8+) August 5 at 1pm@Scott City
- Coloring (all ages) August 6 & 20 at 9:30am@Benton
- Back to School Bingo (all ages) August 7 at 2pm@Oran
- Sewing Circle (all ages) August 15 at 3:30pm@Benton
- Ice Cream Social (all ages) August 18 at 1pm@Scott City
- Listen & Learn (ages 8+) August 19 at 1pm@Scott City
- Bingo (ages 6+) August 29 at 4pm@Scott City

Adults

- Game Day – Wednesdays at 1pm@Scott City
- Craft & Chat – August 11 at 10am@Jackson
- Game Time – August 25 at 1:30pm@Oran

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

Book Clubs



Check with branch for book selection:

August 18 at 1:30pm
@Oran (ages 18+)

August 26 at 3pm
@Scott City (ages 18+)

August 11 at 2pm
@Perryville (ages 18+)

Teen Book Club (ages 13-17)
August 16 at 10am @Scott City

Our creative and colorful summer!!!



Crochet mini coin purse keychain @Jackson



Lantern making @Perryville



Pony bead animal keychains @Altenburg