

Winter Reading Challenge

Have a New Year's resolution to read more?? Then the library is here to help!! The Winter Reading Challenge is your opportunity to get the year started off right to meet that reading goal.

Between January 1 and February 28, read five (5) hours. Yes just five hours!! This challenge is open to all ages. Register and log your reading using Beanstack via the app or Riverside's website. (for link see QR code to the right.)

Registration begins on December 22 so log into the Beanstack app or head to our website (<https://riversideregionallibrary.org/reading-challenges/>) to sign up. Then on January 1 start reading and logging your time.

Not familiar with Beanstack? See the help videos on our reading challenge webpage or ask for assistance from our helpful library staff.

When you've completed the challenge, stop by our Riverside library branch and pick out your free book.

WIN A FREE BOOK!!

by completing the

**WINTER
READING
CHALLENGE**



**Can you read 5 hours between
January 1 and February 28?**

Then register here:



All Riverside Regional Library Branches will be closed on January 1 and January 19

HAPPY
new year

Martin Luther
King Jr. Day
I HAVE A DREAM

Notes From the Director

Happy New Year!

Riverside Regional Library is your source to help with all your New Year resolutions. From healthy cookbooks to learning a new language online, you will find just what you need at your library!

Join us January 29-31, 2026, for the Friends of the Library Indoor Garage and Book Sale. The Friends will be accepting donations through January 23; they cannot accept clothing, shoe wear, major appliances or furniture. If you have donations, please bring them to the Main Branch at 1997 E. Jackson Blvd., Jackson, Monday-Friday from 8-5. We appreciate your generosity.

Hope to see you soon at your library!
Frankie Lea

READY TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS?



**Friends of Riverside Regional Library
is having an indoor yard sale.**

Items requested: jewelry, holiday decorations, kitchen items, craft supplies, puzzles, books, home decorations, toys, small working appliances, etc.

We cannot accept clothing, shoes, TV's, or large furniture.

**Donations accepted through Jan. 23, 2026
at the Main Branch, 1997 E. Jackson Blvd.**

Toy Swap HUGE Success!

The Jackson branch tried out something new on December 13: a Toy Swap! During the month leading up to the program, over 800 gently-used items were donated by community members. This included toys, stuffed animals, books, movies, art supplies, instruments, games, and more for kids ages 0-12.

From 9 to 11 am on December 13, more than 50 people took part in the swap. Many attendees had donated beforehand or brought toys with them that day, but no donations were required to partake. Some families brought their kids to "shop," and others picked things out to bring home as a surprise. Grandparents found gifts for all their grandchildren, and kids raced around the program room to find the special item they'd seen in our Facebook video. After the scheduled program time, all other toys were moved to the main area of the library, and families continued to stop by until closing.

This program was spread far and wide, featured on KFVS-12 and shared over 100 times on Facebook. The community support was inspiring, and the feedback was very positive. We'll likely make this an annual event, so stay tuned for a 2026 Toy Swap!



DON'T HIBERNATE

Head to the Library for Great Crafts

Crafts for Multi/All Ages

- Jan. 2 – Healthy Trail Mix (ages 3+) 4pm@Jackson
- Jan. 5 – New Year Resolution Craft (all ages) 3:30pm@Perryville
- Jan. 6 – DIY Calendar (all ages) 10am&4pm@Jackson
- Jan. 6 – Crochet (ages 6+) 1pm@Scott City (every Tuesday)
- Jan. 7 – Coloring (all ages) 9:30am@Benton
- Jan. 9 – Craft (all ages) 2pm@Benton
- Jan. 10 – Houseplant Appreciation Day (all ages) 9am-1pm@Perryville
- Jan. 13 – DIY Snow Globe (ages 5+) 3-5pm@Jackson
- Jan. 16 – Sewing Circle (all ages) 3:30pm@Benton
- Jan. 20 – DIY Piggy Bank (ages 3+) 10am&4pm@Jackson
- Jan. 22 – Craft Hour (all ages) 4pm@Oran

Kids Craft

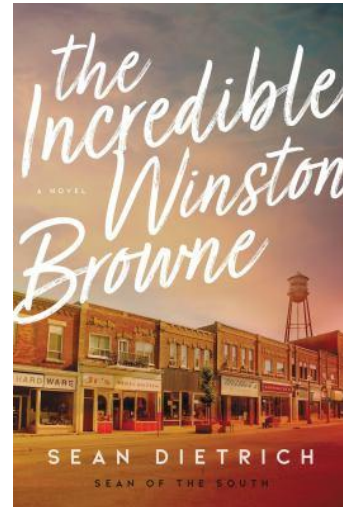
- Jan. 15 – Drop-in Craft (ages 5-12) 1-6pm@Altenburg

Adult Crafts (ages 18+)

- Jan. 5 – Coloring – 1:30pm@Oran
- Jan. 5 – New Year Vision Board – 4pm@Jackson
- Jan. 6 – Coloring – 10am@Jackson (every Tuesday)
- Jan. 8 – Memory Collage – 1-3pm@Scott City (every Thursday)
- Jan. 12 – Craft & Chat – 10am@Jackson
- Jan. 12 – Winter Painting Hour – 1pm@Jackson
- Jan. 12 – Adult Craft – 1:30pm@Oran
- Jan. 24 – Crafting Hour – 10am@Jackson

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

Book Clubs

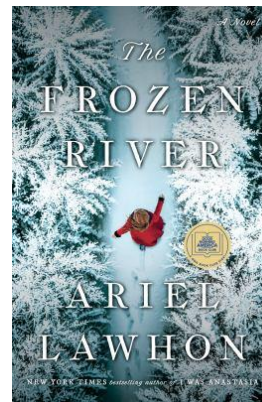


Jan. 12 at 6pm
@Jackson (ages 18+)

Jan. 26 at 7pm
via Zoom (ages 18+)

Juvenile Book Club

Jan. 26 at 5pm @Jackson (ages 8-14)



Jan. 12 at 2pm
@Perryville (ages 18+)

@Scott City

Mystery (ages 18+)
Jan. 16 at 4pm

Teen (ages 13-17)
Jan. 17 at 10am

Junior (ages 8-12)
Jan. 24. at 12pm

Adult (ages 18+)
Jan. 27 at 3pm

@Oran

YA (ages 12-17)
Jan. 15 at 4pm

Adult (ages 18+)
Jan. 26 at 1:30pm

December Happenings at the Library



Santa and Mrs. Claus reading to children @ Altenburg.



I-Spy activity @ Perryville Branch.



Left:
Swifties
descend on
Jackson
Branch.



Right:
Getting in
the holiday
spirit at
Perryville
Branch.