

Unearth a Riverside Story This Summer

We're so excited! We just can't hide it! Because we are so digging our plans for this year's summer library program! Our theme "Unearth a Story" will feature dinosaurs and paleontology as well as archaeology. We'll even help you dig into your family and community history. Join us to dig into a good book, uncover hidden histories or explore the past. Go on a great adventure with hands-on activities and awesome events and performers all summer long.

The summer reading challenge is a big part of this summer's story. Read 8 hours between June 1 and July 31 for a book prize. Read more than 8 hours and be entered into the prize drawing. All ages are encouraged to participate. Sign up begins May 15 on the Beanstack app. Sign up in person and start reading beginning June 1.

We'll have dino-mite programs from crafts and hands-on activities to featured programs and performers. See page 3 for info on some of the featured performers. We'll also welcome back the Cape Nature Center on July 7 and 8. Do Art will help participants create their own comic book on June 25 at the Jackson Branch. And you can see who would win in "Librarian vs Dinosaur" on June 16 and 17 at all Riverside Regional Library branches.

For program details, visit
www.riversideregionallibrary.org/calendar
or follow us on Facebook



Join us for Summer Library Program Kick-off Events

- Friday, May 29 at 2pm @ Benton Branch
- Saturday, May 30
 - From 9am to 12pm @ Jackson
 - At 10am @ Altenburg
 - At 10am @ Scott City
- Monday, June 1 all day @ Perryville

Enjoy activities, games and craft for all ages.
Sign up for the summer reading challenge.
Check out the new dinosaur books.
Get a preview of the summer programs.

Riverside's summer library 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 Secretary of State. **Also a huge thank you to our local sponsors.**

Notes From the Director

Spring is here and Riverside Regional has the resources to help you explore the great outdoors. For the adventurous, we have local trail guides, fishing poles, tracking/explorer backpacks and plenty of books for the armchair adventurer.

For our gardeners, check out our calendar for special classes from the Cape County MU Extension and the seed library. Also, do you want to know how to grow that native plant, attract butterflies and bees or grow the best veggies? Our gardening selection can't be beat. Did you know you can read the latest gardening tips with the Libby Magazine collection? Stop by the library and we will show you how!

The 2026 Summer Reading Program "Unearth a Story" starts June 1. Come in and get your calendar for summer fun!

We will see you soon at YOUR library!
Frankie Lea



Featured May Programs

Hands-only CPR training – May 23 at 11 am

Be ready to save a life with Hands-only CPR! It's easy to learn with this free American Red Cross 30-minute class. For ages 18+. Register by calling Robbie at 573-243-8141 or ask at the Main Branch, Jackson.



Families Eating Smart – Moving More - Join MU Extension for a fun and informative wellness program focused on healthy eating and active living. Participants must attend all six sessions to complete the program. Sessions are May 6, 20, & 27, June 3, 10 & 17 at 5pm at the Main Branch in Jackson. To register contact Robbie at 573-243-8141 or ask at the Main Branch, Jackson. For ages 18+.

Programming returns to Scott City Branch!!

Weekly programs

- Crochet, Tuesdays at 2pm (ages 6+)
- Chess, Wednesdays at 3pm (ages 6+)
- Scrapbooking, Thursdays from 1 to 3pm (ages 18+)

Monthly and biweekly programs

- Spanish Class, May 4 & 18 at 4pm (ages 6+)
- Kids Sewing, May 2 & 16 from 10am to 12pm (ages 7+)
- Book Club, May 26 at 3pm (ages 18+)
- Bingo, May 29 at 4pm (ages 6+)

Mark your calendar for our dino-mite summer programs!!



Unearth the Sounds of Science in this energetic STEM event, featuring a dinosaur-in-a-can and kid-created thunderstorm!

All ages

June 3

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

June 4

Jackson RRL 9am
Perryville RRL 12pm
Altenburg RRL 3pm



June 10 all ages June 11

Oran Elementary 9:00 am Jackson RRL 9:00 am
Kelly Elementary 12:00 pm Perryville RRL 12:00 pm
Scott City RRL 3:00 pm Altenburg RRL 3:00 pm

"Bringing the heart of the wild to a child."



The Fishin' Magician
All Ages

July 15

Oran RRL 9:00 am
Benton RRL 12:00 pm
Scott City RRL 3:00 pm

July 16

Jackson RRL 9:00 am
Perryville RRL 12:00 pm
Altenburg RRL 3:00 pm

Magic, puppets, and jokes to engage and educate!

MEET A PALEONTOLOGIST!

Join us for a visit from Christine Chandler, Curator of Natural Science at the Putnam Museum! Learn about her recent digs and all of her exciting findings.

Best for ages 10-14, with all ages welcome.

July 27
Oran 9:00 am
Benton 12:00 pm
Scott City 3:00 pm

July 28
Jackson 9:00 am
Perryville 12:00 pm
Altenburg 3:00 pm

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Library Happenings



Library Snapshot Day @ Perryville



Jackson Scrappers Group Meet and Greet



Bingo @ Scott City



Plant swap @ Scott City