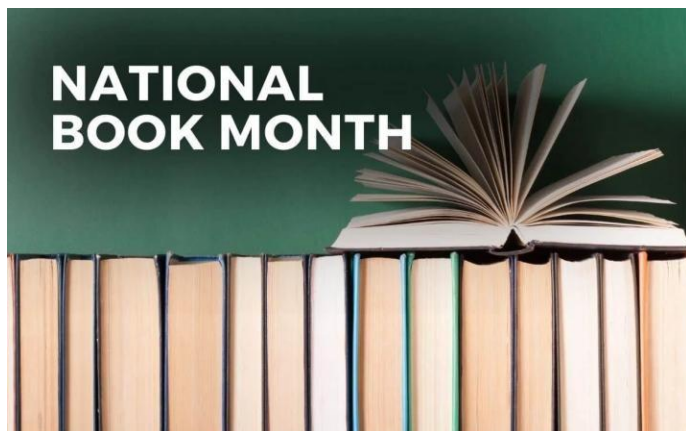


## National Book Month

### How will you celebrate?

National Book month is celebrated in October to promote reading writing and literature. It was started by the National Book Foundation in 2003 to coincide with the announcement of their National Book Award.



Ways to celebrate National Book Month:

- Make an effort to read more by setting aside time to read.
- Read one of your favorite books again.
- Read a new author or one that's new to you.
- Explore a new genre – select a book that you wouldn't normally read.
- Read a past National Book Award recipient. See the list here <https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/years/>
- Attend a book club.
- And of course, visit the library more often.

## Friends of the Library

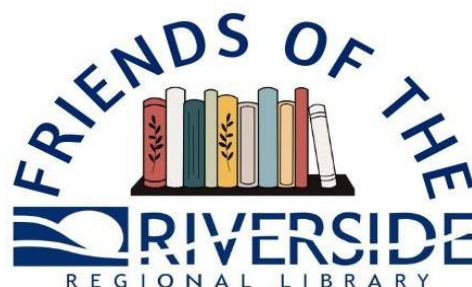
### Week

### October 19-25

The Friends of the Library is a group of volunteers who support and promote the library. The organization supports the library by raising funds which are used to support the library activities and programs.

Each Riverside Regional Library has its own Friends of the Library group. (Some inactive.) The groups hold book sales and other events to raise funds for their branch's needs. Friends groups have purchased books, audiobooks, special equipment and funded programs.

For example, the Friends of the Library @ Altenburg purchased audiobooks this summer, supported the library's van being in the East Perry Fair Parade and help fund the annual Christmas party for kids. In addition to providing funds for programs, the Friends of the Library @ Jackson show appreciation to the staff during National Library Week.



Check with your library branch for info on the Friends of the Library.

## Notes from the Director's Desk



New year, new hours! Riverside Regional Library **Main Branch** in **Jackson** will be changing operation hours starting on **January 2, 2026**. Our new hours will be **Monday through Friday** from **8 am to 6 pm**. Our Saturday hours will remain 9 am to 4pm.



Mark your calendar for the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale in Jackson on November 6-8, 2025. Thursday, November 6 is Members Only night from 3 to 6 pm. So if you haven't joined the Friends yet, this is the perfect time! Friday, November 7 the sale is from 9 am to 6 pm. On Saturday, November 8 the sale starts at 9 am and closes at 12 pm, so make sure you don't miss out on all the fun and great deals!

See you soon at the Library!  
Frankie Lea



Teaching Books provides information and resources for teaching children's and youth books, which bring the books to life. Games, book read alongs, videos and other resources enrich the reading experience. Homeschool resources are also included.

### For Children and Teens

- Meet authors and illustrators with exclusive movies and recordings
- Experience 21,504 read-along audiobook performances
- Hear authors pronounce and tell the stories of their names
- Enjoy 3,515 complete book readings
- Explore book trailers, Meet-the-Author recordings, and more
- Support assignments about books and author studies
- Find the right book for you (Reader's Advisory)

### For Adults & Professionals

- Browse book and author resources (PreK-12)
- Identify books for your readers
- Infuse diverse books into your reading
- Promote books with QR Code printables and more
- Customize booklists and collection analysis

Access Teaching Books from the Riverside website

<https://riversideregionallibrary.org/homework-help/>. Sign in: MO0128, password: showme

Access to Teaching Books is provided through the Missouri State Library.



## Great Halloween Fun at the Library

### Family Fun

- October 3 – Spooky Movie Night (all ages)  
6pm@Perryville
- October 10 – Pumpkin Decorating (all ages)  
3-5pm@Jackson (register by 10/7)
- October 10 – Bone-chilling Bingo (all ages)  
6pm@Perryville
- October 13 – Halloween Bingo (all ages)  
1:30pm@Oran
- October 21 – Halloween Cooking (ages 6+)  
4pm@Jackson (register)
- October 23 – Staff Costume Contest (all ages)  
9am-6pm@Perryville
- October 31 – Halloween Party (all ages)/Bingo  
(ages 18+) 4pm@Scott City



### Crafts for All Ages

- October 6 – Dancing Skeleton Puppet Craft  
(all ages) 3:30pm@Perryville
- October 16 – Crafting & Spider Races (all ages)  
4pm@Scott City
- October 17 – Face & Pumpkin Painting  
(all ages) 6pm@Perryville
- October 21 – “Spell Jar” Necklace Making  
(ages 10+) 3:30pm@Perryville
- October 24 – Pumpkin/Ghost Lantern (all ages)  
9am-6pm@Perryville
- October 29 – Halloween Slime (ages 6+)  
4pm@Jackson

### Crafts and Programs for Kids

- October 1 – Ghost Leaves Craft (ages 0-12)  
4pm@Perryville
- October 2 – Toddler Hour (ages 0-5)  
10:30am@Oran
- October 11 – Story Time (ages 3-8)  
9:30am@Altenburg
- October 14 – Fun with STEM: Candy Pumpkin  
Catapult (ages 6+) 3:30pm@Perryville
- October 16 - Drop-in Craft (ages 6-12)  
1-6pm@Altenburg
- October 18 – Spooky Sensory Saturday  
(ages 0-6) 10am@Perryville
- October 24 – Halloween at Hogwarts (ages 8+)  
4pm@Jackson
- October 25 – Halloween Costume Contest  
(ages 0-17) 10am@Oran



For details and more programs for all ages,  
visit [www.riversideregionallibrary.org/calendar](http://www.riversideregionallibrary.org/calendar)  
or follow us on Facebook



## Learning at the Library



Listen and Learn attendees @ Scott City found out about preparing your vehicle for winter from Graham Auto Service



@ Altenburg Branch  
October 4 from 8 am to 12 pm  
(sponsored by Friends of the  
Library@Altenburg)

@Scott City Branch  
October 9 from 1 to 6 pm  
October 10 from 1 to 6 pm  
October 11 from 9 am to 1 pm