

RALLS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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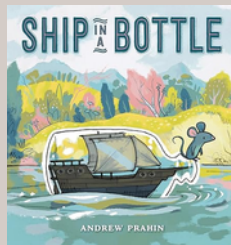
Book Reviews from the Staff

Want to try a new book or author? Read ahead to get a few options from our staff members. Ask the front desk for these great reads!

Becca Jennings -

In an epic tale of a mouse who seeks a better life, *Ship in a Bottle* follows the adventures of Mouse as they float down a quiet river. During their travels, the mouse meets new friends and sees new and exciting surroundings.

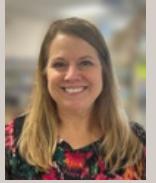
This is a beautiful illustrated story with soft colors and will be sure to please everyone!



Are you missing posts on our Facebook page and activities at the library?

Follow us on the NEW Facebook page by accepting the invitation or going to [Ralls County Library](#) on Facebook and join

Notes From the Director



Hello friends,
Summer is right around the corner and with that comes Summer Reading at the library!
Just like life, Summer Reading will undergo some upgrades. Watch the May newsletter for details. We will be spending our summer mixing reading, writing, and drawing with nature. Our Summer Reading Program will partner with the Missouri Department of Conservation, Friends of the Library, a few Master Naturalists and lots of volunteers to bring you, "Insects, Amphibians and Books...Oh, My!". Participants will be asked to do a reading/writing challenge in the month of June and July. Once completed, participants will be invited to make a critter cage (bug box) and attend an evening with the Conservation Department's snakes and turtles. What a way to spend summer 2024 - reading and enjoying nature! Stay tuned for more information from the Ralls County Library on this topic by going to our new webpage - rallscountylibrary.com and clicking on Calendar or joining our Facebook group at Ralls County Library. The library will also have more information starting in late April. Come read with us!!



Debbie Jameson
Director Ralls County Library

Come Join Us at the Ralls County Library

April

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Adult Book Club 6-7	2	3 Perry Outreach Senior Housing 10:00	4 Story Hour AM	5	6 Friendship Bracelet Making 9-11 AM
7	8 Total Eclipse of the Sun	9	10 Center Outreach Senior Housing 1:00	11 Story Hour AM and PM	12	13 Lego Building Challenges 9-11 AM
14	15	16	17 New London Outreach NL Senior Housing 10:00	18 Story Hour AM	19	20 Dungeons and Dragons/Teens Only 9-11 AM
21	22	23	24	25 Story Hour AM and PM	26	27 Plant/Seed Swap 9-11:30 AM
28	29	30	The Seed Library is open during library hours throughout April.			

Ralls County Public Library

102 N. Public Street

Center, MO 63436

Hours M-F 8:30-5:30

Saturday 8:30-12:00

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April Birth to Age 5 Programming Becca Jennings/Diane Schulte



How can it be April already?! This year is flying by. Speaking of flying... Ms. Becca and Ms. Diane have some exciting things planned for April's birth to 5 years Story Hour, including kites! We will also be learning about butterflies, flowers, and of course Earth Day! With nice weather ahead, we will try to get outside for a few minutes to get some fresh air during each story hour (AM & PM), so make sure to dress for the outdoors. We are so excited to see our Story Hour grow and appreciate your patience as we continue to make changes to give our youngest patrons a fun library experience!

April Children/Youth (Grades Kdg-12) Programming Dawn Hargraves



April is here and spring is finally starting to show itself. We will be celebrating the season with some wonderful spring crafts and natural science activities. An exciting change is coming to our school-age children and youth story hour program. To better meet the needs of all our kids, we will be forming two groups instead of one. We will have a group for 6-9 year olds and a group for our 10-18 year olds. Doing this will ensure that we can provide age appropriate activities and literature for all our kids. Both groups will continue to meet in the back room, which has been divided into two sections. Dawn will continue to plan for all our school-age kids, and Kim will continue to assist. Our trial day of these groups was a fabulous success, with excitement from both younger and older kids. We will host another teen DND game on April 20th. Our DM will return to continue the adventure, and we have some open places at the table. Last month's DND game was a blast, with laughter ringing through the library as dragons attacked and our adventurers defended. This game will be appropriate for beginners, while still being a challenge for experienced players.



April Adult Programming/Kim Eastin

April is the start of planting season and the Ralls County Library can help with your gardening projects. The Seed Library is officially open with flower and garden seeds and gardening information. Check out 'borrow' your seeds as they are free for your use. When the growing season is over and plants are harvested, donate your extra seeds for the Seed Library.

Plant and Seed Swap on Saturday, April 27 from 9-11:30 at the library. Bring starter plants and/or seeds to switch out with other donations.

Book Club on *When the Jessamine Grows* by Donna Everhart is scheduled for Monday, April 1 from 6-7 at the library. It is not too late to join. We will be starting a new book for book club in June. Watch for more details.

Bingo begins at the Senior housing centers in Perry, Center, and New London. Check the April calendar for dates/times. Any age is welcomed. Books will also be available for check out.

New Opportunities at the Ralls County Library - Blackstone Unlimited and Libby

The Ralls County Library recently joined Blackstone Unlimited. It is a groundbreaking platform that revolutionizes access to audiobooks for libraries with the largest always-available collection of downloadable audiobooks. Blackstone Unlimited Audio offers over 6,500 titles and is committed to continuously expanding its collection. It provides instant access and no restrictions or holds and a diverse and growing catalog. You can access Blackstone Unlimited with your Ralls County Library card and PIN number. For more information or questions answered, call the library at 573-267-3200.



While Blackstone Unlimited offers only audiobooks, Libby has audiobooks as well as ebooks available for free with your Ralls County Library card and PIN number. Libby is a free app where you can enjoy ebooks, digital audiobooks, and magazines from your public library. You can stream titles with Wi-Fi or mobile data, or download them for offline use and read anytime, anywhere. Enjoy these free literacy services offered to you through the library.

The Classics Corner

Welcome to the Classic Corner, a new area in the library where you can find all the classic books, no matter what age reading level you are looking for.

Just what is a classic book? Classic books are books that hold meaning to society as a whole.

When people talk about “classics” in the book world they tend to be referring to books that have been around for many decades, that have had an impact on many generations of readers and can be read with the same excitement and interest today as they were when they were written.

Have you read or reread a classic lately? We have a list of the top 100 Classic Books for both adults and young adults in the library. If we don't have what you are looking for we will be glad to order any books for you.

The Ralls County Library has a NEW Website!

www.rallscountylibrary.com



Check it out!



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Ralls County Library
Summer Reading Program 2024



Come to Story Hour on

Thursday, May 30

at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM for

Summer Reading Kick Off Activities

Supplies are limited so pick up your Summer Reading materials by June 14



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR -
FOR THE MAKING OF CRITTER CAGES -
JUNE 27 - 10:00 AM/6:00 PM**

AND

**CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT'S SNAKES AND TURTLES
AUGUST 1, 6:00 PM ONLY**

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