

RALLS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

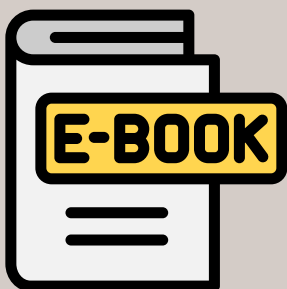
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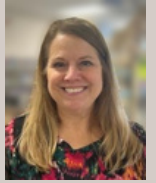
Book Clubs

Welcome New Staff Member

The Ralls County Library wants to welcome Milinda Wagoner as our Adult Programmer/Clerk. Milinda will provide service/programming to our adult patrons and assistance to our ages 6-9 friends. She will also work with our social media outlets - website, Facebook, Instagram, etc. Milinda is an active supporter of the library and is an avid reader. Watch for announcements! Welcome, Milinda!



Notes From the Director



Hello friends,
What an awesome library we have!! In the month of June, over 2,000 books have been checked out by patrons, over 200 books have been downloaded, and over 700 patrons have visited the library. Our Story Hour numbers on Thursday are averaging at 100 patrons. We are bursting at the seams and that is a good problem to have. One new patron called the library, "a hidden gem." I am proud to be a part of this great place.

Come see and let us show you around. Find out what makes this library so special (hint...it is the staff here). We would be happy to help with any questions you may have.

Summer reading is in full swing with our next big event, Big Mike, on Thursday, July 18 at 10:00 AM. He is a local magician, storyteller, and entertainer for all ages.

Thursday, August 1 at 6:00 PM, we will close our summer reading with Snakes and Turtles from the Corps of Engineers. Don't miss this!

Debbie Jameson
Director Ralls County Library



Come Join Us at the Ralls County Library

07							July		2024		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
	1	2	3	CLOSED for July 4th Holiday	5	6 Blackout Poetry All Ages 9-11 AM					
7	8	9 Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 PM	10 Sit and Stitch 9-11 AM	11 Story Hour 10:00 AM	12	13 Surprise!! Watch for details.					
14	15	16	17	18 Big Mike 10:00 AM only	19 Story Hour 6:00 PM	20 Hair Braiding Workshop 9-11 AM					
21	22	23	24	25 Story Hour 10:00 AM	26 AutPlay Therapy Group Meeting	27 NL Forget Me Nots Book Checkout 12PM	28 Bjigo All Ages 9-11 AM				
28	29	30	31 Adult Book Club 6-7	Thursday, August 1 at 6:00-7:00 PM End of Summer Reading - Corps of Engineers - MO Mammals, Snakes Alive, Amphibians, etc. Come get your last nonfiction book and some ice cream!							

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Hours M-F 8:30-5:30

Saturday 8:30-12:00

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**July Birth to Age 5 Programming
Becca Jennings/Diane Schulte**



Can you believe we are halfway through our summer reading program AND it's July? The summer is flying by. We will continue learning about all things outdoors and practicing our fine motor skills. Here's a quick look at what we've got planned for our youngest patrons:

Thursday, July 4th: CLOSED

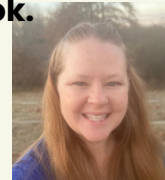
Thursday, July 11th (10 am): bear painting with forks, special guest reader

Thursday, July 18th: special guest Big Mike (10 am only/no craft), bear painting with forks (6 pm)

Thursday, July 25th (10 am): watercolor painted snails

Thursday, August 1st (6 pm ONLY): no morning story hour/no craft, Missouri Department of Conservation will be here with some critters! Receive another free book.

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



What a fabulous summer we are having here at the library! I've enjoyed exploring nature with our kids and teens. It has been so much fun learning about amphibians, reptiles, and pollinators. Making critter cages was a blast! In July we will continue to explore nature. Our topics will include forests, trees, and black bears. Bring your critter cages to show us what you are finding in your own backyards and bring your nature journals to draw in each week. At the end of the month we will be sharing our nature journals with each other, so pack it full of drawings, samples, pictures, and memories.



July Adult Programming/Milinda Wagoner

We have several events to look forward to for July. On July 6th from 9-11 am at the Library to create Blackout Poetry! All ages are invited to unleash their inner poet. On July 25th, we will have a special speaker will discuss AutPlay therapy for families with neurodivergent children, offering valuable insights, support, and connection. (Please Contact the Library if you plan to bring children with you.) On July 26th, we will be at the Forget Me Not Senior Center lunch with books to checkout. Also, save the date for the final Book Club meeting on July 31st, where we will delve into "First Lie Wins." Share your thoughts, reflections, and engage in meaningful discussions with fellow book club members.

Keep an eye out on Facebook for more exciting programs and events at the Ralls County Library!

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!



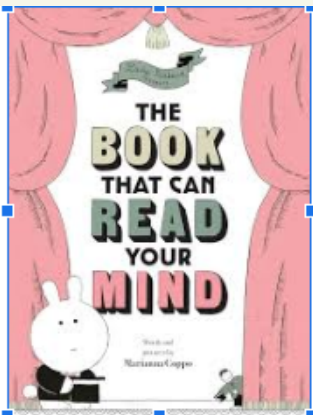
Children's book reviews:

The Book That Can Read Your Mind (Marianna Coppo)

Ever read a magical book? No? You have
to check out this book! Select a
character, follow the instructions, and
voila! The magician will read your mind!
Try this over and over- this book will be a
hit.

The Book With No Pictures (B.J. Novak)
No pictures? No problem! This hilarious
book will leave you and your kiddo in
stitches. As the reader, you'll be "forced"
to read all sorts of silly things out loud.

Great for adults and new readers,
laughter will be guaranteed. This highly-
praised book is a great way to end the
day and leave everyone in a good mood.



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Available Kits for Checkout

The library has STEAM kits available
for checkout to keep children
continuing to learn over the
summer.

STEAM kits for grades 1 and above
include:

Building and Design, Math, Explore
the Outdoors, Circuits, Family
Games, Coding, Estimation and
Patterns, Energy, Science and
Machines.

STEAM kits for birth to kindergarten
include: Counting and Sorting,
Measurement, Kdg Reading
Readiness, Waterways, Early
Chapter books K-3rd grade, and
more!

Come see how we encourage
learning through play this summer!

