

150 Things to Do at the Rock Island Public Library!



In honor of our 150th anniversary, try to check off as many of these library activities as you can throughout our yearlong celebration!

- 1. Download Libby, an app for eBooks and more
- 2. Check out a Playaway
- 3. Find the photo of our first librarian, Ellen Gale
- 4. Check out a board game
- 5. Find the cornerstone of the Downtown Library
- 6. Ask a librarian for book recommendations
- 7. Check out a pickleball paddle set
- 8. Sign up for one of our library newsletters
- 9. Place a hold on your library card
- 10. Check out one of our culture passes
- 11. Attend a storytime program
- 12. Read a book from our Graphic Novel collection
- 13. Find your next favorite book on *NoveList*
- 14. Check out your favorite magazine
- 15. Take up to five packets from our Seed Library
- 16. Check out an item from our Library of Things
- 17. Borrow a print newspaper from the desk
- 18. Check out a sewing machine
- 19. Research your family history with Ancestry.com
- 20. Check out your favorite TV show on DVD
- 21. Host a book club with one of our book club kits
- 22. Check out at one of our self-check machines
- 23. Visit our historical room
- 24. Use our *Consumer Reports* database
- 25. Use one of our public computers
- 26. Read a book from our Science Fiction collection
- 27. Connect your own devices to our free Wi-Fi
- 28. Check out a documentary
- 29. Schedule a "Book a Librarian" appointment
- 30. Read a book from our Biography collection
- 31. Check out a paper shredder
- 32. Use *Freemal* to download five free songs a month
- 33. Bring a friend to a library program
- 34. Check out a cookie cutter set
- 35. Read a book from our Mystery collection
- 36. Utilize one of our microfilm readers
- 37. Check out one of our mobile hotspots
- 38. Check out a book from our Bookmobile
- 39. Save seeds to donate back to the Seed Library
- 40. Check out a car jump starter
- 41. Give us a "like" on one of our social media pages
- 42. Update your resume with our *JobNow* database
- 43. Check out a video game
- 44. Attend one of our 150th anniversary programs
- 45. Use our catalog to find your next read
- 46. Visit our website for book recs from staff
- 47. Read a book with 150 pages or less
- 48. Read a book with 150 pages or more
- 49. Get homework help with our *HelpNow* database
- 50. Check out a badminton set
- 51. Sign up for our Bestsellers Club
- 52. Check out a metal stamping kit
- 53. Use our *Consumer Health Complete* database
- 54. Check out our *Kanopy* streaming service
- 55. Attend a movie program
- 56. Check out a jewelry making tool kit
- 57. Download the Beanstack app
- 58. Check out a cookbook
- 59. Explore ABCmouse.com on a library computer
- 60. Check out a fishing tackle box
- 61. Use our book scanner
- 62. Find legal forms in our *LawDepot* database
- 63. Check out a bike repair tool kit
- 64. Attend a book sale at the Southwest Branch
- 65. Visit the Children's Room
- 66. Check out a wreath making kit
- 67. Attend one of our "Tuneful Tuesday" events
- 68. Check out a crafting book
- 69. Find lesson plans in *Scholastic Teachables*
- 70. Read a book from our Western collection
- 71. Attend a book discussion/book club program
- 72. Check out a book from a display
- 73. Find the portrait of Frederick Weyerhaeuser, one of the library's biggest philanthropists

- 74.** Visit the Southwest Branch
- 75.** Attend an early learning program
- 76.** Visit the swan statue at the Downtown Library
- 77.** Read a book from our Young Adult collection
- 78.** Visit the Watts-Midtown Branch
- 79.** Check out our community bulletin boards
- 80.** Read a book by a local author
- 81.** Attend a program with the whole family
- 82.** Read a book from our Inspirational collection
- 83.** Check out a nonfiction book from the 000s
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- 85.** Check out a nonfiction book from the 200s
- 86.** Check out a nonfiction book from the 300s
- 87.** Check out a nonfiction book from the 400s
- 88.** Check out a nonfiction book from the 500s
- 89.** Check out a nonfiction book from the 600s
- 90.** Check out a nonfiction book from the 700s
- 91.** Check out a nonfiction book from the 800s
- 92.** Check out a nonfiction book from the 900s
- 93.** Apply for a 150th anniversary library card
- 94.** Charge your phone in our charging lockers
- 95.** Attend a Rock Island Arsenal history talk
- 96.** Read a book in one of our comfy chairs
- 97.** Check out an engraving pen
- 98.** Use your RIPL card at another local library
- 99.** Participate in a walking tour event
- 100.** Check out a round loom set
- 101.** Check out a long loom set
- 102.** Read a book from our Fiction collection
- 103.** Enjoy a read-along eBook from *BookFlix*
- 104.** Donate books to our book sale
- 105.** Visit the outdoor space at Watts-Midtown
- 106.** Check out a fishing pole
- 107.** Use *Hoopla* to check out a movie or TV show
- 108.** Check out a Roku premiere set
- 109.** Make a notary appointment
- 110.** Read a book from our Horror collection
- 111.** Download an eAudiobook
- 112.** Check out a cake pan
- 113.** Submit an ILL hold (interlibrary loan)
- 114.** Download the PrairieCat app
- 115.** Attend a board meeting
- 116.** Reserve the Downtown Community Room
- 117.** Visit the YMCA at the Watts-Midtown Branch
- 118.** Browse our calendar of events
- 119.** Check out a candy mold
- 120.** Check out a social media influencer kit
- 121.** Attend a craft/DIY program
- 122.** Read a banned book or author
- 123.** Check out a children's educational kit
- 124.** Look through old RIHS yearbooks online
- 125.** Check out a crochet hooks set
- 126.** Suggest a title to add to our collection
- 127.** Check out a lollipop mold
- 128.** Register to vote
- 129.** Read an autobiography
- 130.** Purchase a special 150th anniversary tote
- 131.** Pick up your holds via curbside
- 132.** Read a book from our New Books collection
- 133.** Check out a mini muffin pan
- 134.** Read a book from our Romance collection
- 135.** Download a copy of our strategic plan
- 136.** Complete our winter reading challenge
- 137.** Complete our summer reading challenge
- 138.** Check out a yard game
- 139.** Read a book from our Urban Fiction collection
- 140.** Use *Data Axle* to look up a phone number
- 141.** Follow one of our blogs on Tumblr
- 142.** Complete our 150th passport program
- 143.** Check out a rubber stamp set
- 144.** Read a book from our Large Print collection
- 145.** Check out a large chess set
- 146.** Check out a camera bot for hands-free videos and photos on your smartphone
- 147.** Use the new study carrels at the Downtown Library
- 148.** Find all 12 names on the Downtown Library frieze
- 149.** Read minutes from the latest Library Board meeting
- 150.** Tell your local library workers how much they mean to you!

We hope you enjoy learning about many of the resources, programs, and services we have to offer here at the Rock Island Public Library. We have loved serving you for the past 150 years and look forward to 150 more!

