



**Ripley County Reads**  
A Collaboration of  
*Batesville Memorial Public Library*  
*Osgood Public Library*  
*Tyson Library*  
*Ripley County Tourism Bureau*

January 2021,

Dear Local Community Business;

**We need your help!** Ripley County Reads is hosting the 2nd annual Ripley County Park Hop to families in our community. This program will help to support the education of natural resources and impact utilization of our parks and natural resources in our community. *Did you know there are 17 parks and nature areas in Ripley County?* We are looking for businesses to partner with us for the second annual Ripley County Park-Hop. This is a **free event** to the public which encourages individuals and families to get outside and explore the parks in our county. As this will be the second year for the Ripley County Reads Park Hop program, we are looking forward to including community members and businesses such as yourself, in our programming efforts. This year, we have added **SIX** story-walk locations to improve early childhood literacy AND we have added **FOUR** pop-up park events. These pop-up events will give families an option of a free local event to get into nature and participate in activities scheduled.

To add to the fun and create a sense of challenge, we would like to offer incentives and contest prizes at our ending program which is scheduled to take place on May 1st, 2021 at the Versailles State Park Shimmerhorn Shelter from 11 am — 1 pm. Everybody who is present at our ending program, will leave with a prize. Because of our limited budget, we cannot afford to offer this without some help, and hope that we can count on your support!

*Our committee has enclosed a return envelope pre-addressed to Tyson Library for your generous donation. This envelope includes a ticket to be completed with the sponsor level you would like to participate in and is to be returned with any monetary donation you are making to our cause. **We are asking for donations to be mailed to Tyson Library before February 16th, 2021 so we can ensure your business is included in our advertising.***

**Ripley County Reads appreciates any donation you care to make.** Please refer to the park hop sponsor level checklist to see level benefits. Each level gives you the opportunity to advertise your business as a sponsor in a variety of ways.

If you can help us in any way or have any questions, please contact **Sarah Bush at (812-689-5894, Sarahb@tysonlibrary.org)** OR **Terri Trowbridge at (812-689-7431, ripleycountytourism@gmail.com).**

We hope to include you in our Park Hop plans this year!

Sincerely,

The Ripley County Reads Committee

***\*There is no charge to exhibit at the finale but we are limited to the first ten businesses to commit to being at the event. You will be able to share your story and distribute information to those in attendance***

