



# Explore This Weekend's Upcoming Events

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From engaging theatre performances to cozy reading retreats and lively music shows, this weekend is bursting with diverse activities suitable for all tastes and ages. Be sure to check out [www.riverbender.com/events/](http://www.riverbender.com/events/) for the complete list of events in the region!



ALTON LITTLE THEATER

Introduces

*the Actor's Studio Series*



January 11,  
12 & 13, 2024

**TWO  
ROOMS**

by Lee Blessing

January 18, 19,  
20 & 21, 2024

**RED  
JASPER**

by Michael Madden

January 26,  
27 & 28, 2024

**THE ELEPHANT'S  
GRAVEYARD**

by George Brant

\$10 each or \$25 for all three shows

Call 618-462-3205 or visit [www.altonlittletheater.org](http://www.altonlittletheater.org) for tickets

Alton Little Theater and Michael Madden are excited to bring to you [THE ACTOR'S STUDIO SERIES: Red Jasper](#), a compelling drama that tackles the sensitive theme of living with Cancer. This unique and heartfelt play will be showing from January 18-21st, offering a raw look into the struggles and courage of those affected. Don't miss this powerful theatrical experience that promises to enlighten and move audiences. The Actor's Studio Series will run through the end of the month with "An Elephant's Graveyard" January 26th -28th.



Join us at the Genealogy & Local History Library as we explore the rich tapestry of African American history in the Riverbend area. [Reimagining Places of the Past: Historic Preservation Lecture Series, Part I: Freedom to Equality: Black History in the Riverbend with Jared Hennings](#) takes place on January 20, 2024. Discover the pivotal role of Alton in the Underground Railroad, the courageous abolitionists, and the journey towards equality in this insightful presentation.

Aspiring artists can tap into their creativity at [Friday Paint Night](#) at Party on Broadway. Enjoy a fun-filled evening with special prices on select projects, ranging from wood designs to ceramics. Get ready to paint the town in all colors of joy and artistry!

If you're looking for a melody to your weekend, [The Graham Band at Bakers & Hale](#) offers a musical treat with sweet harmonies and acoustic favorites. The heated patio is the perfect setting to enjoy this live performance!

Book enthusiasts will find a cozy corner at the [Winter Reading Retreat](#) at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. It's a chance to mingle with fellow readers, sip hot cocoa, and get lost in the pages of a good book.

For a fun and educational family outing, don't miss [Alton Eagle Meet & Greet](#) at the Alton Visitor's Center, where you can witness the majesty of the American bald eagle up close and personal.

Ready to submit your own event or explore more? [Sign in](#) to our platform and become part of the vibrant community that makes weekends so exciting! This is just a taste of what is in store for this weekend! For this weekend's full lineup of events, visit the [Community Calendar!](#)