



Reading Across Missouri 2010

Join young people inside their newspapers this January

Newspapers across Missouri are promoting reading and Missouri's rich history by publishing a serialized story for young readers beginning in January. This is the sixth year for this annual statewide reading campaign.

This year's story, "Colorful Characters," shares the life of George Caleb Bingham. Growing up along the Missouri River, this young boy's fascination with the colorful characters who were going West in the 1820s became his subjects on canvas. Years later, as a great American artist, he painted men and women of important stature, but he is best loved for painting many unnamed and colorful characters in and along this mighty river.

Read the 8-chapter story in your newspaper. Each chapter includes classroom activities correlated to Missouri's learning standards. A companion teacher guide can be found at www.mo-nie.com using download code: teachmo10.

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Read "Colorful Characters" beginning this January, only in your newspaper!

