

# Area Scenic Regional Library Branches Receive State Grants

The Scenic Regional Library recently received a Technology Ladder Grant in the amount of \$17,863 from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, according to Jason Kander, secretary of state.

The funds will be used to purchase two digital microfilm scanners to replace three non-functional microfilm readers at branches of the Scenic Regional Library in Warrenton and Union.

The new machines will be easier to use and maintain, have improved clarity of image and allow output into multiple formats.

"We're lucky Missouri has such a rich network of local public libraries throughout the state," Kander said. "Strong local libraries provide Missourians access to new resources and information right in their own communities. With this federal grant funding, Scenic Regional Library will be able to provide Missourians with even better services and programs."

The secretary of state's Technology Ladder grants are funded by the Library Services and Technology Act through the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, which is the primary source of federal sup-

port for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas.

In the 2013 Fiscal Year, the Missouri State Library has approved a total of 127 grant applications, distributing \$711,225 in federal awards to libraries throughout Missouri.