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**The Scenic Regional Library**  
**NEWSLETTER**



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YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

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### Message from the Director

Our Fall Book Sale was held on November 14-17 in all seven of the library's communities.



Director Steven Campbell

We delivered nearly 500 boxes of books to our sale locations for the event, which raised more than \$6,300 for the library. Most libraries have book sales. It's a way to get rid of old books that have been removed from the library's collection and donations while also making some money. In the past, the library would place their sale books on tables in the branches for two or three weeks. Staff would fill the tables with more books as they emptied and collect the money for the books that sold. Many of the library's branch buildings are very small, so not very many books could be displayed at a time. The last time the sale was held over a two-week period at all seven branches was in spring 2012 and the sale generated about \$3,800.

Last year, the library decided to change the way the book sale was organized. The sale was changed to a four-day event. Books from Union were shipped out to the branches to provide more sale items at every location. The sales were also moved to larger, off-site locations—except in Union and Warrenton, where the branches have their own meeting rooms. The Fall 2012 Book Sale was only held at three locations. In the spring of 2013, the sale was increased to five locations. The Fall Book Sale in November 2013 was held at seven locations.

Another big change was that volunteers were recruited to staff the book sales. For each hour an individual volunteered at the sale they

received a voucher for \$5 of free sale books. It has provided a great opportunity for the community to get more involved with the library. Over one hundred individuals throughout the three-county area volunteered to help setup

and staff the library's most recent book sale. Most of the off-site locations are within walking distance of the library's branch. In Gasconade County, the Gasconade County Historical Society has been a tremendous community partner with the library. In Owensville, the book sale is held at the organization's museum, which is located only a few blocks from the branch; in Hermann, the sale is held at the Historical Society's Community Room. In St. Clair, the City has allowed the library to use the gymnasium at City Hall for the sale. The Old New Haven School, located about a block from the branch, provides a beautiful facility for the community's sale. This year, the Pacific branch had their first book sale since the format was changed. The sale was held at the Lion's Club Hall.

*Union*  
**FURNITURE**

We would like to thank the great owners of Union Furniture for lending the library one of their trucks for our Fall Book Sale!

and staff the library's most recent book sale.

The new format for the book sale has been an

enormous success. Most significantly, there has been a 66% increase in revenue from the book sale's old format. However, it's also provided a great opportunity for the community to get more involved with the library. In addition to the incredible response from volunteers, Union Furniture donated the use of a truck to the library to move the books for the most recent sale.

Books that do not sell at the event are either given to community organizations, such as Goodwill, churches, and senior citizen centers, or recycled.



A great way to learn about upcoming programs and events at the library is to follow us on Facebook. "Like" your local branch's Facebook page today!

**Hermann Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/hermannlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/hermannlibrary)

**New Haven Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/newhavenlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/newhavenlibrary)

**Owensville Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/owensvillebranch](http://www.facebook.com/owensvillebranch)

**Pacific Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/pacificbranch](http://www.facebook.com/pacificbranch)

**St. Clair Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/stclairbranch](http://www.facebook.com/stclairbranch)

**Union Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/unionlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/unionlibrary)

**Warren County Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/warrentonbranch](http://www.facebook.com/warrentonbranch)

## Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutors Needed in Gasconade County

The Four Rivers YMCA in Washington, which serves Franklin, Gasconade, and southern Warren Counties, has been recruiting volunteers to provide free one-to-one literacy tutoring for adults.

Currently, the organization has over 31 tutors working with adults in the area. They provide 28 adults with approximately 120 hours of tutoring each month. In recent months, Scenic Regional Library has been working with the YMCA to recruit tutors and provide locations for the tutoring sessions.

Additional volunteers are needed in every community in the three-county area; however, the need is particularly great in Gasconade

County. All tutors are required to complete six hours of training and complete a background check. The next tutor training session will be in January. Tutoring sessions are held once a week at a public place, such as a Scenic Regional Library branch, the YMCA, or senior citizen centers. If you're interested in being an adult literacy tutor, contact Steve Campbell at 636-583-0652 or [swcampbell@scenicregional.org](mailto:swcampbell@scenicregional.org).



The Warrenton Branch had a huge turnout for its beekeeping program on November 14, presented by Charles and Mindy Hicks.

## Volunteer Spotlight

April Wilson has been volunteering at the Hermann branch for almost a year. She helps shelve, straighten, and label books, along with a variety of other jobs to help the branch run more efficiently. Thank you, April! We appreciate you!

**Volunteering at the library is a great way to give back to your community. It can also look great on a college application or resume. Would you like to volunteer at the library? Contact your local branch for an application or more information.**



## Basic Computer Classes at the Union Branch

With every passing day, the importance of good computer skills increases. People who have never used a computer are often required to do so to create a resume, apply for a job, or obtain a government form. All of Scenic Regional Library's branches have computers for public use. That is a big help to those who know how to use a computer, but what about those who have no idea where to begin?

Beginning December 6, the Union branch will hold monthly classes to teach people

computer basics. Included in this class will be learning how to use the mouse and keyboard, the function of icons and windows, and how to shut down a computer. The classes are free and will be hands-on. Class sizes will be small and registration is required. Call 636-583-3224 to reserve a place in the Basic Computer Class that will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 10:30 AM on Friday, December 6. Subsequent classes will be held on the first Friday morning of every month.

## Library Eliminating Paper Overdue Notices in January

When Scenic Regional Library migrates to Missouri Evergreen in mid-January, patrons will no longer receive paper overdue notices. Currently, patrons are mailed a paper notice when an item is two weeks overdue, a second notice when an item is four weeks overdue, and a final notice when the item is being billed to their account. Evergreen, the library's new automation system, can send overdue notices by text message or email. As a result, the library has decided to eliminate paper overdue notices. The change will save the library several thousand dollars a year in postage.

The library will continue to mail paper notices to patrons when an overdue item is being billed to their account. Only about half of the library's users have an email address on their account; patrons who want to continue receiving overdue notices are being encouraged to have a current email address added to their account. Patrons will be able to opt to receive overdue notices by text message beginning in mid-January.



Kim Lutz from The Fudge Shoppe in Washington taught attendees how to make homemade truffles at the Union Branch on November 5.

## Upcoming

## December

## Events

**UNION****KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS****Preschool Storytime**

Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10 AM

**Teen Tuesday**

December 10 at 4 PM  
Making "In-a-Jar" gifts.

**Ornament Making**

December 14 from 11 AM-3 PM  
Drop in and make an ornament!

**Storytime with Santa**

December 21 at 10 AM  
Santa will read a story!

**ADULT PROGRAMS****Cookies-in-a-Jar**

December 4 at 6 PM  
December 4 at 7 PM  
Join Paula Dunn to make a cookie mix in a jar.

**The 21st Century Books Reading Group**

December 5 at 10 AM  
*Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham will be discussed.

**Computers for Beginners**

December 6 at 9 AM  
Never touched a computer?  
Register for this class.

**The Chain Gang**

December 6 from 6-7:30 PM  
Crochet with us!

**Banned and Challenged Book Club**

December 19 at 7 PM  
*Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger will be discussed.



The Owensville Branch had a great turnout for its Scrapbooking Christmas Cards program presented by Pacific Branch staff member Barb Kandlbinder on November 12.

**WARREN COUNTY****KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS****Preschool Storytime**

Tuesdays at 10 AM  
December's themes are North Pole, Sweets, and Christmas.

**Teen Tuesday: Gift Making**

December 10 at 4 PM  
"Teens" ages 12-18, come join us to make a special gift for a loved one: Toffee Coffee in a Jar. Sign up at the library or give us a call.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS****Annual Ornament Making**

December 6 from 10 AM-5 PM  
Join us to make a special ornament for your tree or home or to give to a special someone!

**ADULT PROGRAMS****Gingerbread Sleigh Making**

December 3 from 6-8 PM  
Have fun decorating a gingerbread Christmas sleigh scene. Sign up at the library or give us a call.

**Christmas Centerpiece**

December 17 from 6:30-8 PM  
Enjoy making a centerpiece for your table or fireplace mantle with Cathy Kohensky. Sign up at the library or give us a call.

**Book Club**

December 18 at 2 PM  
We will be discussing *An Amish Christmas* by Cynthia Keller. Please join us!

**HERMANN****KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS****Preschool Storytime**

Thursdays at 10 AM

**Teen Scene Saturday:****Gift Mugs & Ornaments**

December 14 from 9 AM-3 PM  
Looking for a last-minute gift? Drop by the library to make ornaments, mug cake, and other simple treats to share! Please bring a mug; the rest is provided.

**A Holly, Jolly Teen Scene: Ornaments and Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer**

December 18 from 3-4:30 PM  
Watch Rudolph, make an ornament, sip cocoa, and catch up on your Smash book. Happy Holidays!

**Holiday Ornament Making**

December 21 from 1-3 PM  
Kids of all ages are invited to make an assortment of holiday ornaments. Join us!

**ADULT PROGRAMS****Creative Writing Club**

December 11 at 6 PM

**Family Movie Night: A Christmas Story**

October 16 from 6-8 PM  
Join us at the Hermann Branch to watch *A Christmas story*. There will be holiday treats and lots of good cheer! Please join us...call or come in to the library for more information.

**Book Discussion Group**

December 18 at 6 PM



Children stopped by the Owensville Branch to trick or treat on Halloween.

## Upcoming

### NEW HAVEN

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

#### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 AM

In December, we will enjoy stories about winter and Christmas.

#### FAMILY/ALL AGES PROGRAMS

#### Ornament Making

December 20 from 1-5 PM

December 21 from 9 AM-1 PM

Stop by the library and make an ornament to take home for your tree.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Book Club

We will not be meeting in December.

The January selection is *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. Call or stop by the library to reserve a copy. Everyone is welcome!



State Representative Dave Hinson read a book to children at the St. Clair Branch's storytime on November 7.



State Representative Paul Curtman read to children at the Union Branch's storytime on November 13.

## Events

### PACIFIC

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

#### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM

This month's theme is Holidays.

#### State Representative Tim Jones

will be our guest reader at Storytime

December 12 at 10 AM

#### Ornament Making

December 7 from 11 AM-12 PM

Ornament making, crafts, loom bracelets, and a visit from Santa!

#### ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

Registration required for the following programs.

Please call 636.257.2712 or visit the library to sign up.

#### Ladies Night Out

December 4 from 5-8 PM

#### Christmas Ornament DIY

December 4 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Create your own Santa ornaments from scratch with Carol Bennett.



State Representative Tom Hurst read to children at the Owensville Branch's storytime on October 17.



State Representative Bart Korman read at the Warrenton Branch's storytime on November 19.

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### ST. CLAIR

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

#### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays from 11 AM to 12 PM

#### Teen Book Club

December 6<sup>sat</sup> 3:45 PM

*If the Witness Lied* by Caroline B. Cooney.

#### Teen Time

December 18 from 4:30- 6:30 PM

Cookies-in-a-Jar gifts led by Mindy Hawkins

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Holiday Shopping Safety: Be Alert!

December 3 from 2-3 PM

Facilitator: Tom Yoder, St. Clair Chief of Police (Ret). Learn safety tips for your family when holiday shopping!

#### Christmas Cookie Exchange

December 20 from 2-5 PM

Hostess: Janie Moore. Bring cookies in zipper-type bags (6 cookies per bag) to our library cookie exchange!

#### Adult Book Club

December 19 from 2-3 PM

Our book is *Room* by Emma Donoghue. Laura Hill will be leading the discussion.

### OWENSVILLE

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

#### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 4:30 PM

Hear stories, sing songs, and make a craft.

#### Ornament Making

December 7 from 10 AM-12 PM

Drop in and make an ornament!

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Missouri Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Basics

December 3 at 4 & 6:30 PM

The Agency on Aging will be presenting information about the Marketplace.

#### Knitting Circle

December 4 at 6:30 PM

With Charlie Hada as our fearless leader.

#### Movie Night

December 6 at 7 PM

Showing *Man of Steel*.

**No Book Club this month.**

## Database Spotlight ReferenceUSA

ReferenceUSA is your one-stop shop for information on businesses.

As the leading provider in business and consumer information, it provides access to over 20 million businesses and 222 million consumers. Who would find this information helpful?

**Small-business owners:** Opening your own business? You can search within a specified radius to find the number of similar businesses when writing your business plan. You can even look up how long that business has been open and their credit rating to determine just how tough your competition will be.

**Job seekers:** Not only can you locate and research potential businesses to work for (when you look up a business, you can see what kinds of jobs are available)—you can now actually perform job searches on ReferenceUSA itself. Powered by Indeed.com, you can post your resume online, search for specific job types, or narrow your search by zip code.

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**Salespeople:** Nobody likes cold calls. To give yourself that extra edge, research the companies before you call to learn their sales volume, the types of products they purchase, or the names of people to contact. ReferenceUSA also has real-time results for contact information of CEOs, marketing directors, IT professionals, and more.

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**Students:** Studying business? It's easy to type in the name of a business and learn their contact information, location, sales volume, stock data, and more for that assignment you're doing. To access ReferenceUSA, go to [www.scenicregional.org/databases](http://www.scenicregional.org/databases), click "ReferenceUSA", and log in with your library card number.

## Teen Programming Expanding

Teen programs are springing up all over Scenic Regional Library.

About a year ago, the library began offering programs systemwide for adults. Now, many branches have begun offering a variety of programs for teens—12-18 year olds.

The Hermann branch has recently started a Teen Advisory Board with students from local high schools to help the library plan regular activities that appeal to local teens. On Saturday, December 14, between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM teens can drop by the branch and make ornaments, mug cake (bring your own festive mug; the rest is provided), and other simple treats in a jar to share. The Hermann branch will also show the movie Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and have teens make Christmas ornaments on Wednesday, December 18, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

On Tuesday, December 10, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, the Warrenton branch will present Teen Tuesday Gift Making, where teens will learn to make toffee coffee in a jar.

The Pacific branch has a teen book club that meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:15 PM.

The St. Clair branch has a teen book club that will meet on Thursday, December 5, and then on the third Thursday of each month at 3:45 PM beginning in January. The St. Clair branch also has a Teen Time program on the third

Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The branch's December 18th Teen Time program is about making cookies-in-a-jar gifts.

Preferred Family Healthcare approached the Union branch to find out about positive teen activities in the area. The branch was already planning to begin a monthly gaming program, but decided to add a second monthly teen program. Since October, the Union branch has had teen programs on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. In October, Steven LaChance spoke at the Union branch about his experience with ghosts. In November, skateboarders and law enforcement watched a skateboarding documentary and had a rousing discussion about local skateboarding ordinances. In December, teens will be making gifts-in-a-jar. On the 4th Tuesday of every month from 3:00 to 5:00 PM the Union branch will set up the Wii and put out board games and let teens play.

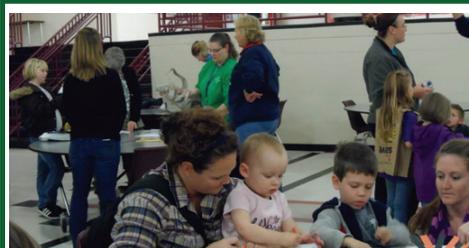
Positive activities like these help our communities provide teens with many of the 40 developmental assets that they need to grow into healthy, caring, and responsible adults (<http://www.search-institute.org/content/40-developmental-assets-adolescents-ages-12-18>). Visit the Upcoming Events section of the newsletter to see what's going on for teens at your local branch.



Zombie brain-eating contest at the St. Clair Branch's Teen Time on October 30.



St. Clair Branch staff member Mindy Hawkins handed out treats at Boo Bash in Orchard Park on October 26.



Over two-hundred people attended Family Reading Night on November 8 at Union High School. Students from the Union High School Drama Club read to children and presented plays the students had written and produced themselves. Children also made crafts with ECC students.

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Warrenton Branch staff member DeeDee Twiehaus reads to children at Wesleyan Kiddie College in November.



Children attend storytime at the Pacific Branch on Halloween.

## Locations & Hours

### Administrative Office (ADMIN)

308 Hawthorne Drive  
Union, Missouri 63084  
Phone: 636-583-0652

Mon thru Fri: 8am - 5pm  
Sat: Closed  
Sun: Closed

### Union Branch (UN)

308 Hawthorne Drive  
Union, Missouri 63084  
Phone: 636-583-3224

Mon & Fri: 9am - 6pm  
Tues, Wed, & Thurs: 9am - 8pm  
Sat: 9am - 3pm  
Sun: Closed

### Hermann Branch (HR)

601 Market Street  
Hermann, Missouri 65041  
Phone: 573-486-2024

Mon: Closed  
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 9 am - 6 pm  
Wed: 11 am - 8 pm  
Sat: 9 am - 3 pm  
Sun: Closed

### Owensville Branch (OW)

107 North First Street  
Owensville, Missouri 65066  
Phone: 573-437-2188

Mon: Closed  
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Wed: 8:30 am - 7 pm  
Sat: 8:30 am - 1 pm  
Sun: Closed

### Pacific Branch (PC)

119 West St. Louis Street  
Pacific, Missouri 63069  
Phone: 636-257-2712

Mon: Closed  
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 9 am - 6 pm  
Wed: 9 am - 8 pm  
Sat: 9 am - 3 pm  
Sun: Closed

### New Haven Branch (NH)

901 Maupin  
New Haven, Missouri 63068  
Phone: 573-237-2189

Mon: Closed  
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm;  
1 pm - 5:30 pm  
Wed: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 7 pm  
Sat: 8:30 am - 1 pm  
Sun: Closed

### St. Clair Branch (SC)

515 E Springfield  
St. Clair, Missouri 63077  
Phone: 636-629-2546

Mon: Closed  
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Wed: 8:30 am - 7 pm  
Sat: 9 am - 1:30 pm  
Sun: Closed

### Warren County Branch (WR)

912 South Hwy 47  
Warrenton, Missouri 63383  
Phone: 636-456-3321

Mon, Thurs, & Fri: 9am - 6pm  
Tues & Wed: 9am - 8pm  
Sat: 9am - 3pm  
Sun: Closed

