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



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**A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY**

**January 2014**

### Message from the Director

You may have noticed that the shelves at your local branch library aren't nearly as crowded as they were last year.



**Director Steven Campbell**

Scenic Regional Library recently completed a huge "weeding" project at every branch. "Weeding" is librarian jargon for pulling unwanted books and other material from

a library's collection. Obviously, the term comes from gardening, where people "weed" to remove unwanted plants. I realize that most book lovers cringe at the idea of getting rid of books, but it's something that has to be done on a regular basis for several reasons.

First, library buildings have limited space. If you keep buying new books and never get rid of anything, there's going to be a problem. Most libraries weed items that haven't been checked out in a few years to free up space. When weeding a book that's several years old and still in almost-new condition, I've often heard people say, "Why are you getting rid of this book? It looks brand-new." My response is, "Of course it's in such good condition—no one has checked it out since it was added to our collection!"

Secondly, libraries weed due to condition. When a book is checked out and read twenty or thirty times, it's going to wear out. Studies have shown that old, worn out books don't check out very much. As a result, libraries usually remove them from their collection. If the book is still popular, libraries will buy a new copy.

The third reason that libraries weed their collection is that information gets outdated. Remember a few years ago when Pluto was still a planet? Or when Kampuchea was known as Cambodia? Medical, science, and computer books get outdated quickly. Most libraries don't keep them for more than five years. Travel books get updated with new price information every year or two.

Libraries don't want to provide the public with outdated information or material in poor condition. In addition, research shows that when a library weeds its collection, checkouts actually increase. It's definitely a situation of providing quality over quantity. Don't worry, book lovers! If there's a particular book in the library's collection that you've grown attached to over the years, everything we weed is available for purchase at our book sales.



Paula Dunn presented Cookies-in-a-Jar on December 3 at the Union Branch to a big crowd.



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!

**Friends of the Library groups are forming in all seven of our communities! Visit page 5 for more information and to join today.**

#### Missouri Evergreen Goes Live on January 13!

Patrons will be able to request materials from over 20 other Missouri public libraries using the Library's online catalog.



**All Scenic Regional Library branches will be closed on Saturday, January 11 as we migrate to Missouri Evergreen. We apologize for the inconvenience.**

Read

# The Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

Read

## Winter Reading Program Begins January 11

Once school starts, sometimes we forget to just read for fun.

Scenic Regional Library's Winter Reading Program for kids and teens begins on January 11 and continues until March 15. Visit your local branch to pick up a Winter Reading BINGO card and discover a new genre or two this winter. Each square on the BINGO card represents a different genre or subject of books. If you read 5 books at your reading level (or 4 if you use the free space), you get a BINGO. Bring the card back to the

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7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

library for a prize. Local area businesses, like Dominos, Casey's, McDonald's, and Sugar Mommas have donated free food coupons for prizes. Check with your local branch of Scenic Regional Library to see what you could win with a BINGO. And if you're feeling the need to read even more, read for all 25 squares and you'll be entered into a drawing for a giant chocolate bar!

## Staff Picks

Are you looking for a good book to read? Visit the Staff Picks section of the Library's website at [www.scenicregional.org/staff-picks](http://www.scenicregional.org/staff-picks) to get some great suggestions from Scenic Regional Library staff members. The page contains dozens of book reviews of both adult, young adult, and children's books. An example, a recent review posted about Bill Bryson's new book, *One Summer: America, 1927*:

Bill Bryson hits another one out of the ballpark with his recently published book, *One Summer*. In 2010, he gave us *A Short History of Nearly Everything*. Now he focuses on what happened in one short summer.

Charles Lindbergh made the first trans-Atlantic non-stop flight. Babe Ruth hit sixty homeruns. Al Capone reached the end of his career as mobster king-pin in Chicago. Herbert Hoover efficiently handled the relief work for the worst-ever flood of the Mississippi River. Eugenics had a wide following and thousands of people were involuntarily sterilized, though not all in the summer of 1927.

Bryson fans are no doubt queued up to read this book. Those who have never experienced Bryson could start with *One Summer*. His writing style is relaxed and conversational - with a dash of sly humor. With Bryson, the reader is the winner.

## Historical Newspaper Digitization Project

The first phase of the Library's historical newspaper digitization project is complete. The Library, in cooperation with the State Historical Society of Missouri and other genealogical and historical societies in the area, obtained a grant through the Missouri State Library to digitize its historical local newspapers. The grant covered 100% of the \$69,000 project and digitized 107,792 newspaper pages. Now that they have been digitized, anyone can search the newspapers online with a simple keyword search. The project represented about one-third of the Library's historical newspaper collection and was completed six months ahead of schedule. The Library hopes to obtain additional grants to digitize the remainder of its collection over the next two years, if possible. The digitized newspapers can be found at the following link:

[www.scenicregional.org/historicalnewspapers](http://www.scenicregional.org/historicalnewspapers)

The following newspapers are now digitized and available to be searched:

Bland Courier, 1914-1924  
Franklin County Observer, 1893-1926  
Franklin County Tribune, 1899-1916  
Gasconade County Republican, 1905-1922  
Hermann Advertiser and Advertiser-Courier, 1875-1922  
Marthasville Record, 1901-1922

New Haven Leader, 1903-1918  
Pacific Transcript, 1895-1921  
Sullivan News, 1910-1950  
Sullivan Sentinel, 1901-1914  
Union Republican Headlight, 1904-1919  
Union Republican Tribune, 1919-1922  
Warrenton Banner, 1902-1924  
Washington Citizen, 1905-1923

## 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.



Buyers at the Union Branch were eager to browse the tables on opening day of the Library's Fall Book Sale.

## Upcoming

## January

## Events

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

Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10 AM

**Teen Tuesday**

January 14 at 4 PM

Get YOUR face on a book jacket and play Lie-brary.

January 28, 3-5 PM

Come game with us!

**ADULT PROGRAMS****The 21st Century Books Reading Group**

January 2 at 10 AM

*The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold will be discussed.

**Basic Computer Class**

January 3 at 9 AM

Register to learn computer basics.

**The Chain Gang**

January 3 from 6-7:30 PM

Crochet with us!

**Health Insurance Education**

January 7 at 6 PM

Chris Merritt, UM Extension service, will answer questions about the new health care laws. Call to register.

**Fitness for Life: Beginning Yoga**

January 14

Session 1 at 6 PM

Session 2 at 7 PM

Cheryl Baumann will teach yoga moves and breathing. Call to register.

**Banned and Challenged Book Club**

January 16 at 7 PM

*Little Black Sambo*, *Super Diaper Baby*, and *And Tango Makes Three* will be discussed.

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

Tuesdays at 10 AM

January's themes are Snow Fun, Winter Sports, Winter Clothing, and Winter Weather.

**Teen Tuesday Movie**

January 14 at 4 PM

"Teens" ages 12-18 are invited to watch *MVP: Most Valuable Primate*, drink hot chocolate, and munch on popcorn. Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**ADULT PROGRAMS****Yoga**

January 7 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Barb Sheets will be here to teach gentle yoga. Please bring your own mat. Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**Medicine Cabinet Makeover**

January 21 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Come learn with Melanie Lewis and Britney Jensen how to use essential oils as a safe and natural medicine. Sign up at the Library or give us a call.

**Book Club**

January 15 at 2 PM

We will be discussing *The Walk* by Richard Paul Evans. Please join us!



Santa Claus visited children at the Owensville Branch for storytime on December 7.

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

Thursdays at 10 AM

**Teen Scene: Share how SMASHing you are!**

January 15 from 3-4:30 PM

Show off your SMASH book progress and get ideas for future pages. See and try different background techniques.

**Teen Scene: A Lewis Carroll Un-Birthday Bash**

January 17 from 5:30-8 PM

Don't be late for this very important date! Celebrate Lewis Carroll's un-birthday with games, tea party treats, and a showing of Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*. The Mad Hatter prize will be awarded to the person who arrives wearing the wackiest hat.

**Homeschool Program: A Very Merry Un-Birthday to Lewis Carroll**

January 28 from 2-3:30 PM

Take a trip with us to Wonderland! Engage in an assortment of activities to learn about the author, his works, and the art included within. Also celebrate Carroll's un-birthday with a tea party and games.

**ADULT PROGRAMS****How to Save a Life: Learn CPR**

January 22 at 5:30 PM

Hermann Area EMS will be at the Library teaching everyone how to perform CPR. Learning this skill could make a critical difference in someone's life. Call or come into the Library for more information.



State Representative Tim Jones read "Santa is Coming to Missouri" to the children at the Pacific Branch's storytime on December 12.



## Upcoming

### NEW HAVEN

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 AM

In January, we will enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and finger plays about winter weather, winter fun, and snow.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Basic Knitting with Carol Martin

January 21 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn basic stitches while you knit a cotton dishcloth. We're planning a cozy evening in the kitchen room at Old New Haven School. Call to reserve your place today. Knitters need to bring size 9 needles; we will supply the yarn.

##### Book Club

January 22 at 5 PM

We will be reading *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls. Call or stop by the library to reserve a copy. Everyone is welcome!

#### Coming in February

##### Basic Computer Skills

**The February Book Club** read is *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman.



The crew from the Owensville EMS read to children at the Owensville Branch storytime on November 23.

## Events

### PACIFIC

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM

This month's theme is Winter.

##### No Storytime on January 2

##### Read n' Build with Legos®

January 18 from 11 AM-12 PM

##### Read and Play Bingo with Max

January 25 from 11 AM-12 PM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

Registration required for the following programs. Please call 636.257.2712 or visit the Library to sign up.

##### Historian and Author, Sue Blesi

January 8 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Sue Blesi will be giving a humorous presentation on the botched Farmers & Merchants Bank Robbery of 1921.

##### Adult Book Club

January 29 from 6:30-7:30 PM

We will be reading *Vampires in Lemon Grove* by Karen Russell.

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### ST. CLAIR

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays from 11 AM to 12 PM

##### Teen Book Club

January 21 at 3:30 PM

*Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library* by Vicki Myron.

##### Teen Time

January 22 from 3-5 PM

Spa day.

##### Read - Build - Play Lego® Story Hour

January 25 from 10-11 AM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Healthcare Law & You

January 15 from 5:30-6:30 PM

##### Adult Book Club

January 23 from 2-3 PM

Our book is *Home Front* by Kristin Hannah.

##### Beginning Quilting Demonstration

January 28 from 2-3 PM

### OWENSVILLE

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 4:30 PM

Hear stories, sing songs, and make a craft.

##### Special Story Hour

January 25 at 10 AM

We will be showing the *Despicable Me 2* movie!

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Movie Night

January 3 at 7 PM

Showing *Red 2*.

##### Knitting Circle

January 8 at 6:30 PM

With Charlie Hada as our fearless leader.

##### Wine Tasting at The White Mule Winery

January 10 from 2-4 PM

Tour the winery and learn about the community of Charlotte. Get a coupon for 10% off dinner if you pre-register.

##### Book Club

January 15 at 6:30 PM

We're discussing *These Is My Words* by Nancy Turner.

The branches were decorated for the holiday season.



Union Branch above.  
Warren County Branch below.



## Database Spotlight

### Consumer Health Complete

Whether it is the new health care laws or New Year's resolutions to take better care of our bodies, health is on everyone's mind as we begin 2014.

Your doctor should always be your first choice for any medical concern, but we all know we sometimes Google our symptoms rather than making an appointment. Instead of trusting unreliable, uncredited sources on the web, consider turning to Consumer Health Complete with some of your medical questions.

To use Consumer Health Complete, simply enter your topic and click "search." Your results will be divided by different tabs: evidence-based reports, encyclopedias, fact sheets & pamphlets, news & magazines, drugs & herbs, and alternative sources. This may seem overwhelming, but searching will be easier when you know what you are looking for. For example, if you have been placed on a new medication or are wondering about the side effects of your current medications, you can enter the name in the "search" box and click "drugs & herbs." One of the results will be a fact sheet that includes the drug's brand name, generic name, side effects, special precautions, overdose instructions, and more.



"Evidence-based reports" is extremely useful for students writing reports, while "fact sheets and pamphlets" and "news & magazines" is more geared toward consumers who want an overview of a particular condition. A special feature linked at the top is the Medical Dictionary, where you can look up any confusing medical jargon used in articles.

To access Consumer Health Complete, go to <http://www.scenicregional.org/databases>, click "Health and Wellness", and click "Consumer Health Complete." To log in remotely, enter your library card number.

## Friends of the Library Groups Forming

Scenic Regional Library is excited to announce that it will be forming Friends of the Library groups in all seven of our communities.

The new Friends of the Library groups have several purposes:

- Provide an opportunity to support the Scenic Regional Library branch located in your community
- Maintain an association of people interested in libraries
- Promote library resources and services
- Raise funds and encourage gifts to support the library
- Recruit volunteers to help with library operations
- Foster a positive relationship between the library and the community

An individual can join their local Friends group for as little as \$10. The annual membership dues are used to buy books, DVDs, CDs, computers, equipment, furnishings, and to support programming at the Library. An individual can help the Friends have a greater impact through making a larger contribution.

**All membership dues and contributions are tax deductible and designated solely for use by your local branch's Friends of the Library group.**

While Scenic Regional Library is a tax-supported institution, it has the third-lowest collected tax rate among Missouri public libraries and has not had a tax increase since 1959.

Each community's Friends of the Library group will be governed by a committee. The local committee will meet to plan how to recruit new members, publicize the Library and its services, organize fundraising events, recruit volunteers, and other activities. The committee also decides how to donate their money to their local branch. Friends of the Library members will elect the committee at a meeting which will be held in early 2014.

Friends members reap rewards as patrons. Membership dues and contributions are used to make the Library stronger. As a patron, they will gain a library with more high quality programming, faster computers, and a better quality selection of materials.

In addition, Friends of the Library members receive the following benefits:

- Members receive a 10% discount on books purchased at the library's fall and spring book sales.
- Members in 2014 will have their name and contribution level engraved on a plaque which will be placed on permanent display in their local branch.
- Members can attend special programs and events at any branch which are only open to Friends of the Library members.

**A membership application for the Friends of the Library can be found on the last page of this newsletter or on the Library's website at [www.scenicregional.org/friends](http://www.scenicregional.org/friends).**



Warrenton Branch staff member Lorrie Goecker presented a Gingerbread Christmas Scene on December 3 to a packed house.

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Teens at the Warren County Branch's first Teen Tuesday made "Toffee Coffee in a Jar" on December 10.



Marsha Nyberg presented the first installment of her knitting class on November 15 at the Hermann Branch.



Santa Claus visited children at the Pacific Branch for storytime on December 5.

## 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



## SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All information submitted is considered confidential and will never be given or sold to any other individual, company, or organization.

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<b>BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)</b> Friends of the Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Warrenton Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP</b> Bronze – \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Silver – \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Gold – \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum – \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond* – \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> *Lifetime membership
<b>WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply)</b> Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale (November) <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale (May) <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at other events <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at my local branch <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the local Friends of the Library's Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>	

Mail this form (or drop it off at your local branch) with your personal check or money order to: Friends of the Library, 308 Hawthorne Dr., Union, MO 63084

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