

A Story Worth Reading

The Scenic Regional Library system that includes local outlets in Union, St. Clair, Pacific and New Haven in Franklin County as well as Warrenton, Owensville and Hermann, truly has improved opportunities and programming for children and adults this summer.

About 15 months ago, Franklin, Warren and Gasconade County voters approved a 10-cent tax levy increase to better fund the system.

Scenic Regional Library Director Steve Campbell has said the increased revenue is being used to update technology options and provide more services to library patrons. In addition, the extra dollars are allowing Scenic Regional to provide new and more materials, longer service hours and expanded programs.

And that's exactly what our library system has done.

All branches of the system have their doors open more often, including on evenings and weekends. In fact, all of our libraries are open for at least 57 hours a week, providing that expanded

opportunity to read, explore and grow not only during the day, but on evenings and Saturdays.

The expansion of programs is obvious, too.

With a summer theme of "Every Hero Has a Story," our library branches have provided excellent programs and opportunities for both youth and adults to experience different and exciting things. From Spider-Man to a didgeridoo and from various forms of dance to other "how-to" classes and reading clubs, Scenic Regional has, indeed, stepped up to the plate and hit a home run within our communities.

Its efforts are very noticeable — and appreciated.

We encourage everyone involved to keep up the good work.

A library is a staple in a city. It's a gathering point for fun and knowledge. And we're thankful that our system continues to be dedicated to serving us well.

Every hero does have a story.

Our local libraries, through its renewed efforts, continue to write theirs.