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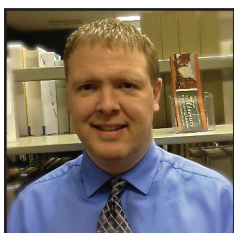
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## Message from the Director

The goal of outreach is to bring library resources to people who can't travel to the library.



**Director Steven Campbell**

In the past, most of the library's outreach was done by the bookmobile and our professional staff in Union. As a result, the library was limited in terms of how many places they could go. In the past year, we've hired some additional part-time staff at all our locations, which has allowed the library's branch staff to get out into their communities. It's made an enormous difference in the amount of outreach services we can provide. Our branch staff is presenting storytimes at day cares and

preschools; signing children up for new library cards at schools; delivering books and reading at nursing homes, adult day cares, and assisted living centers; working tables at fairs and expos; and many other outreach activities. In addition, our branch managers and other staff have been talking to organizations to get the word out about all the new and existing services offered by the library. In the coming year, we hope to extend our reach even further. If your organization would like to have the library visit and provide some type of service or speak to your members about the library and all the great services we offer, please contact your local branch or call our administrative offices at 636-583-0652.



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)

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

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Scenic Regional Library donated two desktop computers to the Gerald Area Library. These were old computers that were removed from branches and originally slated for recycling.



Author S. Kay Murphy, great-granddaughter of alleged local serial killer Bertha Gifford, visited the Pacific branch on June 26 to talk about her book about the case, "Tainted Legacy".



Karmen Rayburn from Blue Duck Cafe and Bakery taught a cookie decorating class at the Union branch on July 2.

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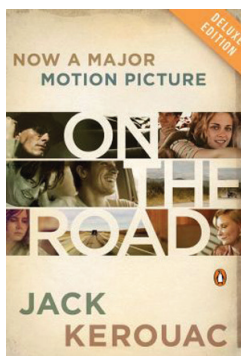
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## Join Scenic Regional Library's New Online Book Club!

The Scenic Regional Library has a new online book club. Members will read and discuss books from the Modern Library's 100 Best Novels of the past century. The titles include classic works like *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, *1984* by George Orwell, *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway, *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, and *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London.

An online book club is a great option for busy people who don't have time to show up at the library for a book club meeting. Members will discuss the books on a message board on the library's website. The August



book selection for the group will be *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac; *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner will be discussed in September. Participants can pick up copies of upcoming books at their local Scenic Regional branch. The book discussions begin on the 15th of each month. Library Director Steve Campbell will moderate the discussions.

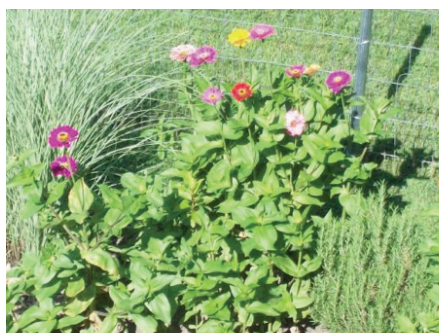
Anyone interested in joining the book club or wanting more information can visit [www.scenicregional.org/onlinebookclub](http://www.scenicregional.org/onlinebookclub). A full list of the Modern Library's titles is also available on the webpage.

## Missouri's First Seed Library Opens for Business at the Hermann Branch

If you're planning on making a stop at the Hermann Library to return books or pick up requests, don't leave without stopping to check out its newest addition - the Seed Library!



The Hermann branch's Seed Library.



A Scenic Regional Library patron recently posted this photo of flowers grown with seeds "borrowed" from the Hermann branch's Seed Library.

Currently the Library is offering more than 75 varieties of heirloom, organic seeds to patrons planning their gardens.

"Many of the seeds we offer come to us from Seed Savers Heritage Farm, a special not-for-profit program sponsored by Seed Savers Exchange," said Sheri Hausman, Hermann branch manager. "Others have come to us from area gardeners who can certify their seeds varieties are healthy, keeping genetic diversity and age-old gardening heritage alive."

The Seed Library works very simply; patrons come into the library, check out seeds, grow their crop, and at the end of the growing season they harvest and return seeds for the coming year. "There will be lots of help along the way,"

said Hausman. "We're already planning a series of gardening presentations to share what we learn with emphasis on different aspects of the growing season. At the moment we're simply checking out seeds. We have everything from Long Island Cheese Squash, introduced in 1807 and named for its resemblance to a wheel of cheese, to Ponderosa Red Tomatoes and Velvet Queen Sunflowers. We hope this becomes self-perpetuating."

Since its inception in April, a total of twenty-eight home gardeners have checked out a total of 173 packages of heirloom seeds. For more information, call Brittany or Sheri at 573-486-2024 or visit the Hermann branch.



Jeremiah Koch taught a Hapkido self-defense class on July 9 at the Warrenton branch.

## Volunteer Spotlight

Sabrina Hargis has volunteered about six hours each week at the library's Hermann branch for the past three years. Sabrina shelves and helps with children's programs.

Thank you, Sabrina! 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.**





Explore

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## Upcoming

### UNION

#### KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Pre-School Storytimes

Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 AM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Women in History

August 7 at 6 PM

Scenic Regional Library's Diane Disbro presents a program about how women were reported in the *Missourian* newspaper during the 1940s. She will be sharing over a dozen stories that are humorous, moving, and even shocking.

##### For the Love of Wine

August 13 at 6 PM

Mark Nienhueser, Cellar Master for the Augusta Wine Co., will be teaching participants how to get started in wine making. The program will cover wine products, handling, fermenting, and bottling. He will take everyone through the entire process from beginning to end.

##### Banned and Challenged Book Club

August 15 at 7 PM

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle will be discussed.



Scenic Regional Library's Bookmobile Librarian Connie Vest (far right) teaches "The Victorian Art of Pressed Flowers" at the Owensville branch on June 19.

## August

### WARREN COUNTY (WARRENTON)

#### KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Pre-School Storytimes

Tuesdays at 10 AM

Come listen, sing, make crafts, and have fun.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Photography Class

August 6 at 6:30 PM

Jessica Lauren Smith will provide her expertise in landscape photography. Bring your cameras and click away!

##### Movie Night

August 20 at 6 PM

*Under the Tuscan Sun* will be shown and Italian desserts and limoncello will be served while you watch the movie. Come enjoy yourselves Italian style!!

##### Book Club

August 21 at 2 PM

*The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery



The Pacific branch's Kids' Club attended a presentation by Jim Ruedin, with the Meramec Valley Grotto, and then got to dig for buried treasure. The program was held in a cave.

## Events

### HERMANN

#### KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Pre-School Storytimes

Thursdays at 10 AM

Join us for storytime featuring songs, rhymes, and crafts.

##### Teen Time

August 14 at 3 PM

##### Afternoon at the Movies

August 1 at 1 PM

*Fantastic Mr. Fox*

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Silver Sneakers Program

August 20 at 2 PM

Find ways to be healthy and fit in our specially designed "Silver Sneakers" program. Seniors welcome! Working together with Hermann Fitness Source, sponsored by Hermann Area District Hospital and Scenic Regional Library, explore ways to keep in shape.



The Owensville Knitting Circle met on July 9.



The Hermann branch's Kids' Club had a relay race, read "Fantastic Mr. Fox," and made a craft on June 27.

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## Upcoming

### NEW HAVEN

#### KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Pre-School Storytimes

Tuesdays at 10 AM

##### Pre-school Storytimes with Special Guest Pete the Cat

August 6 and 13 at 10 AM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Book Club

August 28 at 5 PM

*Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens



Youth Services Librarian Christy Schink reads from "Fantastic Mr. Fox" at the Union branch's Kids' Club on June 26. The group made origami sharks, shark jaws, and took pictures in a shark cutout.



Mindy Hawkins, youth services programmer at the St. Clair branch, presents a storytime to St. Clair Elementary School's summer school students.

## Events

### PACIFIC

#### KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Pre-School Storytimes

Thursdays at 10 AM

##### Special Storytime

August 10 at 10 AM

Meet Max from Therapy Dogs, Inc. Max will visit the library the second Saturday of each month to read with the kids.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Web Skills for Beginners

August 7 at 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn how to create an email account, web browsing, and other skills to get started with the Internet. This is a free program for adults. Space is limited to 6 computers. Registration is required. Please call 636-257-2712 or visit the library to sign up.

##### Book Club Meeting

August 28 at 6:30 PM

We will be discussing the book *The Light Between the Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. Please call 636-257-2712 or visit the library to sign up.

### OWENSVILLE

#### KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Pre-School Storytimes

Thursdays at 11 AM

##### Movie Night

August 1 at 1:30 PM

*Stuart Little*

##### Back to School Party

August 10 at 10 AM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Movie Night

August 2 at 7 PM

*Les Misérables*

##### Knitting Circle

August 7 at 6:30 PM

##### Book Club

August 28 at 6:30 PM

*Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini

##### Learn Fly Tying

August 21 at 6:30 PM

Our speaker will talk about fly fishing and tying flies.

## Continued...

### ST. CLAIR

#### KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Pre-School Storytimes

Thursdays at 10 AM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Beginning Knitting

August 8 at 2 PM

Learn stitch patterns, gauge, yarns, and what needles to use.

##### Beginning Computer Class

August 29 at 2 PM

Identify basic computer parts and learn how to access the Internet.

##### Adult Book Club

August 22 at 2 PM

*One Summer* by David Baldacci



Master Gardener Wanda Thomas taught a container gardening program on June 25 at the Warrenton branch.



## Database Spotlight LearningExpress

LearningExpress Library is a free database that can help people of all ages learn new skills, improve existing skills, and prepare for tests.

It features skill-building tutorials, as well as online practice tests, for a wide range of subjects. The database times the tests and scores your answers to provide immediate results. LearningExpress includes practice tests for popular standardized tests such as the ACT, PSAT, ASVAB, and SAT; tutorials and practice tests for math and reading skills are available for elementary school-age students; and preparation material and practice tests for the math, reading, and writing sections of the GED exam. However, LearningExpress isn't just for students.



People in the workforce will also find valuable resources in the database. It also provides practice tests and skill-building for vocational career certification such as Real Estate licensing, Commercial Driver's License, Electrician's License Test Preparation, State Trooper/Highway Patrol Exam Preparation, and many other fields. Additionally, it offers tutorials for popular software, such as Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and many more. Job seekers will even find resources to improve their business writing, job searching, resume-writing, and interviewing skills.

Learning Express Library can be accessed from our database page, [scenicregional.org/databases](http://scenicregional.org/databases). To log in, enter the first 9 digits of your library card number as your username, and 63084 plus the first 9 digits of your library card number as the password. Anyone with a valid Scenic Regional Library card can access this database 24/7 from anywhere with an internet connection. Library users who need assistance accessing any Scenic Regional online database can contact their local branch.

## Scenic Regional Library Creates Foundation; Friends' Groups to Follow

The Scenic Regional Library Board has established a foundation. The mission of the organization is "to support, enhance, and strengthen Scenic Regional Libraries." The Foundation's initial goals will be to obtain tax exempt 501(c)3 status and help establish Friends of the Library groups in all of the library's communities.

The organization's bylaws require that four Foundation Board members reside in each of Scenic Regional Library's three counties. At their June and July meetings, the Library Board approved the names of twelve individuals nominated to serve on the new foundation's Board of Directors:

### Franklin County

Chris Stuckenschneider (Washington)  
Jamie Keen (St. Clair)  
Alvera Heeger (Union)  
Debbie Maczuk (New Haven)

### Gasconade County

Linda Miskel (Hermann)  
Kathy Baumstar (Hermann)  
Doug Dunlap (Owensville)  
Diane Lairmore (Owensville)

### Warren County

Shirley Gassei (Lake Sherwood)  
John Deutch (Warrenton)  
Sharyn Rugh (Wright City)  
Kathy Engelage (Marthasville)

The Foundation Board will have their first meeting on August 27 in Union prior to the Library Board's regular August meeting.

## New Online Catalog Computers

Over the next few months, the library will be replacing its existing online catalog computers with all-in-one computers.



With the all-in-one computer, the hard drive is built into the monitors. In addition, the new online catalog computers will be mounted on the end panels in the shelving areas as seen in the photo. The main reason that the library decided to make the change is space; the library has several small branches and the all-in-one computers take up much less space. Patrons can also look additional items up without having to walk back up to the front of the building. These new computers have already been installed at the Union and St. Clair branches.

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The "Creepy Critters" program at the St. Clair branch. A naturalist from Animal Tales shows the crowd a bird-eating tarantula.



The New Haven Book Club discussed "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen on June 26.



Michael Opferman, a naturalist with Animal Tales in Mayfield, Kentucky, introduces Mogwa, a 55-pound Burmese python, during the "Creepy Critters" program on June 28 at the Warrenton branch.

## 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

