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

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.
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. 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!

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.

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.

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

A Scenic Regional Library patron recently posted this photo of flowers grown with seeds “borrowed” from the Hermann branch’s Seed Library.
Upcoming Events

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 Missouri 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.

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

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.
**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

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**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 Miserables*

**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.

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**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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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.

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.

LearningExpress Library can be accessed from our database page, 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 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.
The “Creepy Critters” program at the St. Clair branch. A naturalist from Animal Tales shows the crowd a bird-eating tarantula.


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

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

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