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Message from the Director
“When are we going to see the library deliver on its promises?”

In April, the residents of Franklin, Warren, and Gasconade counties approved an historic tax increase for Scenic Regional Library. During the campaign, the Library made many promises to voters about what would happen if the ballot measure was approved. In the months since the election, some people have asked “When are we going to see the library deliver on its promises?” It’s certainly a fair question. I thought that I would give everyone an update on what the Library has been working on since April.

It’s important to remember that the Library won’t receive any additional revenue from the tax increase until January. However, the Library Board and staff have been working very hard to begin offering new services as soon as the new year begins.

Over the past few months, the Library Board has been working on finding locations for new branches in Owensville and New Haven. They are the Library’s two branches in the most need of replacement. The Board has been looking into both vacant land and existing buildings as possible options. Ideally, we will be able to open new, significantly-larger facilities in both communities in 2015.

The Library Board also approved the expansion of the library’s service hours beginning in January 2015. The Library’s branches will all be open on Mondays and full days (9 AM to 5 PM) on Saturdays. Branches in all our smaller communities will be open two evenings each week until 8 PM, while the Union and Warrenton branches will be open until 8 PM Mondays through Thursdays.

In addition, beginning in January, the Library will begin purchasing twice as many new materials. This means that twice as many new books, DVDs, and CDs will be available immediately. The Library will also more-than-double its e-book and e-audiobook budgets beginning in January. Library patrons will also have access to dozens of downloadable magazines and thousands of songs and videos (movies and TV shows) beginning in January.

These are just some of the major changes that will begin in 2015. However, there will be many others. Stay tuned!

Kindles at Your Library
Interested in trying a Kindle, but not ready to purchase one? We have Kindle Paperwhites available for checkout at New Haven, Owensville, and Hermann. Give it a try while reading pre-loaded bestsellers by authors like David Baldacci, Janet Evanovich, Clive Cussler, and many more! Checkout periods are 2 weeks and include a charger. Available only at New Haven, Owensville, and Hermann.

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
New Haven Branch: www.facebook.com/newhavenlibrary
Owensville Branch: www.facebook.com/owensvillebranch
Pacific Branch: www.facebook.com/pacificbranch
St. Clair Branch: www.facebook.com/stclairbranch
Union Branch: www.facebook.com/unionlibrary
Warren County Branch: www.facebook.com/warrentonbranch
For Parents of Preschoolers!

Playing with letters is an important part of learning to read, and letters are just shapes! Anytime you play with matching shapes or puzzles you are helping your child get ready to read. Other ways to “play” with letters include scribbling, forming letters with play dough, and tracing letters in salt or sand on a tray. Read simple alphabet and shape books like: Alphabet Under Construction by Denise Fleming, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr., Mouse Shapes by Ellen Stoll Walsh.

And sing alphabet songs to help your child Race to Read!

Staff Picks

Not sure what to read? Or maybe just interested in what Library staff is reading? Be sure to check out our Staff Picks section at http://scenicregional.org/staff-picks.

Youth Services Librarian, Christy Schink, reviewed this book by local author, MG Buehrlen: The 57 Lives of Alex Wayfare.

For as long as Alex can remember, she’s had vivid visions of the past, where everything seems SO real. Then she learns that they aren’t visions at all. Alex is a Descender, capable of traveling back in time to her past lives. But the more she descends, the more apparent it becomes that someone doesn’t want Alex to travel again. Ever.

At first, this book made me think really hard about how Alex’s past lives could exist. Then, it all fell into place and I was like, Wow, that really works. This is an amazing book by a Union High School graduate! READ IT!

– Miss Christy

Volunteer Spotlight

Dylan Hill has volunteered at the Union Branch two hours a week for the past four months. He works hard to keep our children’s section neat and clean and completes special projects for the branch. Thank you, Dylan! 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.
**Upcoming Events**

**UNION**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Storytime (preschool)**
Every Wednesday and Saturday at 10 AM

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**College Planning: Preparing for Higher Education**
Tuesday, August 5, from 6-7 PM
Planning on attending college, but unsure where to start? Representatives from East Central College will be discussing the process and what you need to know to get started. Call to register.

**Banned and Challenged Book Club**
Thursday, August 21, at 7 PM
*As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner will be discussed.

**Soldiers in the Civil War: What They Did Not Tell You in School**
Tuesday, August 26, from 6-7 PM
There are many sides to the Civil War; some aren't well known. Historian Walt Larson will be covering aspects of the life of a Civil War soldier, including how they lived, what they ate, and why they joined. Call to register.

**WARREN COUNTY**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Storytime (Preschool - Kindergarten)**
Tuesday at 10 AM
Themes: Vacation, Beach, Swimming, and Campout/Sleepover.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Teen Tuesday - National Aviation Day (Grades 6-12, Ages 12-18)**
Tuesday, August 19, from 4-5 PM

**Join us for Book Club**
Wednesday, August 20, at 2 PM
We will be discussing *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

**HERMANN**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Story Hour**
Thursdays at 10 AM

**Pool Party at Hermann Pool**
Friday, August 1, from 7-9 PM
For Summer Reading Program participants and their parents. Free admission. Don't forget! Sign up to attend: 573-486-2024.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Save the Date!**
**Art Reception featuring Colorful Brushes Students**
Friday, September 12, at 6 PM
Mark your calendar! Don't miss this event. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 573-486-2024.

**Library Computer Software**

Have you ever wondered exactly what software we have on the library computers—or what that software does? Here’s a comprehensive list of the special software available on all our library computers. Library computers are free to use for anyone with a Scenic Regional Library card in good standing.

**Web Browsing:** Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome

**Word Processing:** Microsoft Word

**Spreadsheets:** Microsoft Excel

**Slideshows:** Microsoft PowerPoint

**Handouts:** Microsoft Publisher

**Image Editing:** Gimp2

**Media Player:** VLC Media Player

**Sound Editing:** Audacity

**Photo Editing:** Picasa3

**DVD Editing:** DVD Maker

**PDF viewer:** Adobe Reader

**Digital Maps:** GoogleEarth

**Desktop Publishing:** Scribus
Upcoming NEW HAVEN

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime (for kids up to Kindergarten age)
Tuesdays at 10 AM
In August, we will enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and finger plays about the beach and summer fun.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Yarn and Yak
Wednesday, August 6, from 6:30 PM
Yarn crafts group meets the first Wednesday of each month at New Haven Library. Bring your projects and ideas. Everyone is welcome. Reservations are not needed.

Book Club
Wednesday, August 27, at 6 PM
The New Haven and Hermann Book Clubs will meet at the Hermann Branch. We will discuss Game of Thrones, A Song of Ice and Fire, Book 1 by George R.R. Martin and watch part of the HBO series on DVD. Stop by the library and check out a copy of the book. Everyone is welcome.

Looking for something cool to do in August?
Choose a book from the “Books to Movies” list and read it with your kids. Request the DVD and end the summer with a family movie night.

Teens and grownups, don’t miss the “Read to Red Carpet” poster for books that will be released as movies later this year.

Events

PACIFIC

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime (Toddlers through Kindergarten)
Thursdays at 10 AM

After Summer Bash with Babaloo
Friday, August 8, at 5 PM

Max Returns from Summer Vacation!
Saturday, August 9, at 11 AM
Come join us for a Saturday Storytime with Max.

Read ‘n Build
Saturday, August 16, at 11 AM

Stranger Danger with Officer Steven Zapolski
Saturday, August 23, at 11 AM
This program is for adults as well as kids.

ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

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

Cheese Making
Wednesday, August 6, at 6:30 PM
Janet Hurst will be giving a demonstration on cheese making.

Beginning Scrapbooking
Wednesday, August 13, at 5:30 PM
Lea Saenger will show how to make themed pages for your scrapbooks. Patrons are encouraged to bring 5-10 photos.

Crochet Club
Wednesday, August 20, at 6 PM

Adult Book Club
Wednesday, August 27, at 6:30 PM
Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs.

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ST. CLAIR

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 11 AM

Kids Club Movie
Thursday, August 7, at 10 AM
Last Kids Club of the summer. Call 636-629-2546 for this fun-filled movie title!

Read-Build-Play Club
Saturday, August 30, at 10 AM

ADULT PROGRAMS

Blush Boutique
Saturday, August 23, from 11 AM-12 PM
Accessorizing workshop.

Adult Book Club
Thursday, August 28, from 2-3 PM
Defending Jacob by William Landay.

OWENSVILLE

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 4:30 PM

Sing songs, hear stories, do crafts, and have fun!

Special Saturday Storytime
Saturday, August 9, at 10 AM
Come by and meet Mr. Sherrow, the new OES Principal and hear him read stories!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Movie Night at the Library
Friday, August 1, at 7 PM
Call 573-437-2188 for this month’s action title!

Your Herbal Medicine Cabinet
Tuesday, August 5, at 6:30 PM
Deborah Waggoner will show you how to make simple herbal medicines.

Knifty Knitters
Wednesday, August 6, at 6:30 PM
Crocheters welcome too!

Old Time Schools
Thursday, August 14, at 2 PM
Reminiscing about the “old days” with the Gasconade Historical Society at Gasconade Manor. Everyone welcome!

Book Club
Wednesday, August 20, at 6:30 PM
We will be discussing Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons by Lorna Landvik.
Database Spotlight: Mango Languages

Who needs to spend hundreds of dollars on Rosetta Stone to learn a foreign language? You can use Mango Languages for free at home with your library card!

Mango Languages is an interactive online language learning system that teaches conversation skills for real-life situations. Through fun and engaging lessons, the database makes learning a new language fast and easy. Library users listen to actual conversations, sound out new words, and compare their pronunciation to that of native speakers. Mango focuses on practical skills, so users can start speaking after just one lesson. Courses include cultural insights so library users will understand the country’s customs and etiquette, too.

Mango Languages provides instruction in 45 foreign languages and 15 English as a Second Language (ESL) courses taught in a user’s native language. These languages include Spanish, French, Japanese, Brazilian Portuguese, German, Mandarin Chinese, Greek, and Italian.

Anyone with a valid Scenic Regional Library card can access these databases 24/7 from anywhere with an internet connection. Library users who need assistance accessing any Scenic Regional online database can contact their local branch.

Teen Advisory Board

Want to make your voice heard in the community, develop leadership skills, and have fun making new friends? Each Scenic Regional Library branch is seeking dedicated teens to share ideas about activities, materials, and changes to implement to make the Library a destination for teens.

The mission of the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is to help the Library better serve the needs and interests of local teens. TAB meets with the Youth Services provider to brainstorm ideas and provide feedback about teen library programs and materials. To get an idea of the kind of fun teen space you can create for your community, take a look at what Hermann Branch’s TAB created in their Library!

TAB is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in your community—and it looks great on a resume. If interested, contact your local library and ask how to sign up.

Design-a-Bookmark Contest Winners

The Union and Warrenton Branches held a design-a-bookmark contest. Here are our talented winners!

Stop by Union or Warrenton to pick up one of these bookmarks for yourself!
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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: 9am - 6pm
Wed: 11am - 8pm
Sat: 9am - 3pm
Sun: Closed

Owensville Branch (OW)
107 North First Street
Owensville, Missouri 65066
Phone: 573-437-2188
Mon: Closed
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30am - 5:30pm
Wed: 8:30am - 7pm
Sat: 8:30am - 1pm
Sun: Closed

Pacific Branch (PC)
119 West St. Louis Street
Pacific, Missouri 63069
Phone: 636-257-2712
Mon: Closed
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 9am - 6pm
Wed: 9am - 8pm
Sat: 9am - 3pm
Sun: Closed

St. Clair Branch (SC)
515 E Springfield
St. Clair, Missouri 63077
Phone: 636-629-2546
Mon: Closed
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30am - 5:30pm
Wed: 8:30am - 7pm
Sat: 9am - 1:30pm
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: 8:30am - 12:30pm; 1pm - 5:30pm
Wed: 8:30am - 12:30pm; 1pm - 7pm
Sat: 8:30am - 1pm
Sun: Closed

Nitro Joe blinded us with science at St. Clair Branch's storytime on Wednesday, July 16.

Hermann Branch had a “sense-sational” time at Story Hour and Kids Club on July 17. Kids and adults alike were engaged by the activity stations to explore each of the five senses. The Boo Bubbles (pictured above) were a big hit.

Terri Woodside of Terri’s Attic and Antiques came by the Warrenton Branch on Tuesday, July 15, to appraise a wide variety of wonderful items brought in by patrons. It was a fun and educational evening enjoyed by all.