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## The Scenic Regional Library

# NEWSLETTER



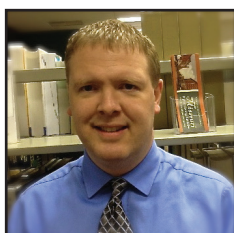
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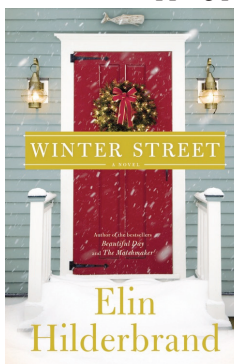
### Message from the Director

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and people all over the country are beginning to get into the spirit.



Director Steven Campbell

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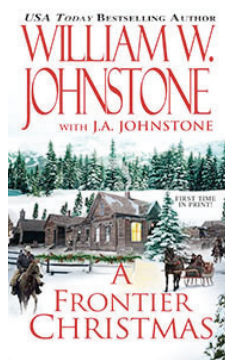
*Call Me Mrs. Miracle*, by Debbie Macomber  
This Christmas, Emily Merkle (call her Mrs. Miracle) is working in the toy department at Finey's.

*All Through the Night*, by Mary Higgins Clark  
Retired cleaning lady Alvira Meehan sets out to reunite a mother with a daughter who was stolen as a baby eight years earlier.

*Silver Bells: A Holiday Tale*, by Luanne Rice  
Christopher, grieving the son who's run away, and Catherine, grieving the husband who died, meet and find a second chance with each other.

*The Christmas Angel (Cape Light Series #6)*, by Thomas Kinkade and Katherine Spencer  
Town mayor Emily finds a baby girl tucked away outside the church with a note begging who discovers the child to take care of her.

*The Christmas Quilt*, by Jennifer Chiaverini  
Sarah discovers an unfinished quilt in



MacCallister and the Jensen family must

Christmas fabrics that Sylvia says was worked on by several quilters in her family.

*A Frontier Christmas* by William W. Johnstone  
When the outlaws responsible for brutally murdering the mayor's family escape the day before they are sentenced to hang, Duff

find and bring the criminals to bloody justice so that everyone can have a Merry Christmas.

*The Nightingale Before Christmas* by Donna Andrews  
Mother volunteers to take part in a big Christmas-themed decorator show house while Meg pitches in with the organization, but then the rooms start to be sabotaged, and an unfortunate designer turns up dead.

*Nora Bonesteel's Christmas Past* by Sharyn McCrumb

Summer people buy the old Honeycutt mansion but when they decide to stay through Christmas, they find more than old memories in the walls.

**All Branches will be closed on  
December 24th and  
25th for Christmas  
Eve & Christmas Day!**

**All Branches will be closed on  
December 31st and  
January 1st for New  
Year's Eve & New  
Year's Day!**

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## Library Consolidation Moves Forward

In September, the boards of the three county library districts that make up Scenic Regional Library approved resolutions to consolidate—combine into a single district.

Since 1959, the Franklin, Warren, and Gasconade County Library Districts have operated as a single entity, but were only held together by an agreement. From a legal standpoint, the district did not exist as a political subdivision. As a result, it could not obtain the bonds necessary to construct new buildings.

The next step in the consolidation process involved obtaining approval from each county's Commission. The Warren and Gasconade County Commissions approved the request in

late October, while the Franklin County Commission wanted to examine the measure more closely. In mid-November, the Franklin County Commissioners said that they will approve the request at some point in December.

The final steps in the process will be to place a legal notice in the newspapers announcing the consolidation and notify the Missouri State Library. Once completed, Scenic Regional Library will be a single district effective July 1, 2015.



Children made cow paper bag puppets in the craft area at the Union Branch's annual Family Reading Night event at Union High School on November 7.



Diane Kasperski presented a Beginning Crochet Workshop at the St. Clair Branch on November 8. Participants crocheted scarves.

## Ornament Decorating Programs

Make an ornament to take home and decorate your tree. The Scenic Regional Library has presented ornament-making programs each holiday season for the past 11 years. Join us this year at any Scenic Regional Library location. There will be ornaments for kids of all skill levels.

### Owensville

Saturday, November 29, 9 AM-Noon

### Hermann

Wednesday, December 3, 3-7 PM

### Pacific

Saturday, December 6, 10 AM-2 PM

### Warrenton

Saturday, December 13, 10 AM-2 PM

### Union

Saturday, December 13, 11 AM-3 PM

### New Haven

Friday, December 19, 1-5 PM and  
Saturday, December 20, 8:30 AM-Noon

### St. Clair

Saturday, December 20, 10 AM- 1 PM



## Santa is coming to the Library!

### Owensville

Saturday, November 29, 9 AM-Noon

### St. Clair

Saturday, December 20, 10 AM-Noon





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## Upcoming

## December

## Events

### UNION

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Storytime (preschool)

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 10 AM

##### Cedric Cedar's Christmas Wish

Wednesday, December 3, at 10 AM

Local author, Vallys Pilliod, will read her new book during storytime.

##### Ornament Making

Saturday, December 13, from 11 AM-3 PM

Drop in anytime for a make-and-take Christmas craft.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Cookie Exchange

Tuesday, December 2, from 6-7 PM

Bring 3 dozen of one kind of cookie. Submit your recipe by November 25 to be included in the take-home booklet.

##### Union Book Club

Thursday, December 18 at 7 PM

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie will be discussed.



The Warrenton Robotics Club met at the Warren County Branch on November 17.



Patrons browse materials on the bookmobile at Incline Village in Warren County.

### WARREN COUNTY

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)

Tuesdays at 10 AM

Theme: We will be reading about vegetables, fruits, meats/cheese, Santa, and sweets.

##### Robotics (Grades 5-12)

Monday, December 15, from 3-5 PM

Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

##### Teen Tuesday - Christmas Coasters

Tuesday, December 16, at 4 PM

#### FAMILY PROGRAM

##### Ornament Making

Saturday, December 13, from 10 AM-2 PM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

##### Holiday Movie Night with Hot Cocoa Bar

Tuesday, December 2, at 6 PM

##### Christmas Gift & Give

Tuesday, December 16, at 5 PM

##### Book Club

Wednesday, December 17, at 2 PM

We will be discussing *There's Something About Christmas* by Debbie Macomber.

##### It's a Stitch Sewing Club

Wednesday, December 17, at 4 PM



Participants at the St. Clair Branch play video games at the branch's International Games Day event on November 7.

### HERMANN

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Story Hour

Thursdays from 10-11 AM

##### After School Club

Wednesday, December 3, from 3-7 PM

Let's get crafty and make ornaments!

Everyone is invited to this drop-in activity!

##### Build It!

2nd Sat of each month, from 10-11 AM

Come in and build some HUGE inventions with our blocks!

##### Teen Advisory Board-T.A.B.

Last Sunday of each month, from 2-4 PM at the Hermann Branch. Craft blitz! If you have one ounce of holiday craftiness left, come on in and get messy!

##### Student Photo Bomb Art Show (TAB Sponsored)

Beginning November 30, take all of the family photobombs your family will tolerate! Bring 8x10 copies to SRL-Hermann Branch by December 28 for display beginning January, 2015.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Be Creative! Creative Writing Club

Every second Wednesday at 6 PM

##### Join us for Book Club

Every third Wednesday at 6 PM

##### Knit Too!

Every Wednesday of the month - Call for times!

##### Affordable Care Act

Tuesday, December 16, from 10 AM-3 PM

A representative from the Agency on Aging will be available to help you sign up or answer your questions. Please drop by for information.



Find us on:  
**facebook®**

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!

## Upcoming

### NEW HAVEN

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Storytime (for kids up to Kindergarten age)

Tuesdays at 10 AM

In December, we will enjoy holiday stories, along with songs, crafts, and finger plays.

##### Cedric Cedar's Christmas Wish

Tuesday, December 2, at 10 AM

Local author, Vallys Pilliod, will read her new book during storytime.

#### FAMILY PROGRAMS

##### Simple Craft Saturdays for School-Age Kids and Their Grown-Ups

Saturday, December 6, from 8:30 AM-1 PM

Stop by and make a Christmas-themed craft with your kids! Watch Facebook for pictures of these crafts.

##### 12th Annual Ornament Making

Friday, December 19, from 1-5 PM

Saturday, December 20, from 8:30 AM-NOON

Drop in and make an ornament to take home for your tree.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Yarn and Yak

Wednesday, December 3, from 6-8 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, December 17, at 5 PM

We are reading *Knit the Season* by Kate Jacobs. Stop by the Library and check out a copy of the book. Everyone is welcome. Book Club meets at the Library.



Tom Meisenheimer shared his enthusiasm for banjo music at the Pacific Branch on November 6. More than two dozen people listened to a variety of folk songs played on Mr. Meisenheimer's collection of banjos from different time periods.

## Events

### PACIFIC

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Storytime (Toddlers through Kindergarten)

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18 at 10 AM

##### Ornament Making

Saturday, December 6, from 10 AM-2 PM

##### Visit with Santa

Saturday, December 6, from 11 AM-2 PM

Bring your camera!

##### Read 'n Build (Ages 5 and up)

Saturday, December 20, at 11 AM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

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

##### Stained Glass

Wednesday, December 3, at 6 PM

Sherry Pate will be the host.

##### Crochet Club

Wednesday, December 17, at 6 PM

##### No Book Club Meeting in December.



Library Board member Jim Davis (left), Beaufort, participated in the Union Branch's International Games Day program on November 15.



Branch Manager Kate Keffer-Haynes read to children at A,B,C's and 1,2,3's Learning Center in New Haven on November 12.

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### ST. CLAIR

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Author Book Reading for Homeschool and Storytime

Thursday, December 4, at 10 AM & 11 AM

##### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 11 AM

##### Ornament Making

Saturday, December 20, from 10 AM - 1 PM

Santa here from 10 AM to 12 NOON!

##### Read-Build-Play Club

Saturday, December 27, at 10 AM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Jewelry Making Workshop

Saturday, December 13, at 11 AM

### OWENSVILLE

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 4:30 PM

Bring the kiddos for stories, songs, and crafts!

##### Teen Club

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 3:30 PM

Meets at OMS in room N12.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Knitwits

Wednesday, December 3, at 6:30 PM

Join us for fun, fellowship, and instruction!

Crocheters welcome too!

##### Movie Night at the Library

Friday, December 5, at 7 PM

Call 573-437-2188 for this month's classic holiday title!

##### We're Having a Pinterest Party!

Thursday, December 11, at 6:30 PM

We'll have crafts and snacks from Pinterest. Wear your UGLY Christmas sweater!

##### Book Club

Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30 PM

We will be discussing *Molly Brown from Hannibal, Missouri* by Lisa Marks.



## Hermann Branch Giving Tree on Display until December 15

This holiday season the Hermann Branch is participating in the local Giving Tree program.

Dawn Grosse, social worker with the Gasconade County R-1 school district, organized the program for Hermann's students and their families several years ago to provide winter supplies or Christmas presents to local residents who struggle financially.



The Hermann Branch staff has decorated their Giving Tree with ornaments. On the reverse side of each ornament is a number and three item list. As these items are purchased and returned to the Branch, the staff will affix the filled ornament list to the item, and then store the items for pickup by Ms. Grosse.

The items on the ornaments are primarily for children and include shoes, Barbie dolls, picture books, mittens, scarves, Legos, puzzles, and blankets. The tree will be on display at the library until December 15.

## Pacific Branch Wraps-up Successful Coat Drive

The Pacific Branch participated in the annual Warner's Warm-Up Coat Drive November 1-14. The Branch collected almost 50 coats during the two-week drive.

The Warners' Warm-Up Team has been able to provide warm winter outerwear to men, women, and children in need in the Bi-State area for thirteen years. The group has hundreds of drop off locations on both sides of the river resulting in approximately 15,000 coats collected each year. Operation Food Search, St. Louis's largest free food and personal care non-profit distribution center, distributes the coats collected to their network of schools, shelters and social service centers.



Pacific Branch patron Peggy Leslie, a member of the Branch's Crochet Club, crocheted eight pairs of matching scarves and hats for the clothing drive.

## The Library Welcomes New Staff



Brenda Allee-Bates (right) was hired as the Library's new Business and Human Resources Manager. Brenda was director of the Texas County Library in Houston, Missouri, for 8 years. She has been the Administration & Management Consultant for public libraries at the Missouri State Library since 2011.

Stacy Emerson (left) was hired as the Library's new Trainer/Adult Education Instructor. In addition to training staff, Stacy will be teaching computer-related classes to the public throughout the system beginning in January. Stacy was a corporate leadership trainer for Citicorp for twelve years. She recently relocated to St. Clair, Missouri. Stacy and Brenda began work at the library on November 3.

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Warrenton Branch staff member DeeDee Twiehaus participated in a skit called "Catch the Reading Bug" presented by the Butterfly House in Chesterfield at Rebecca Boone Elementary School.



The Hermann Branch celebrated International Games Day on November 7 all over town. Participants at Victorian Place played dominoes.



Movie Night at the Owensville Branch always draws a big crowd. On November 7, the movie was *Maleficent*.

## 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

