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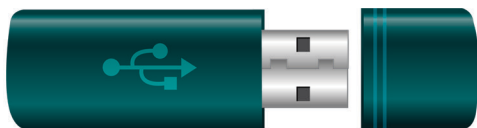
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Library Computer Users Must Use Flash Drive to Scan or Save Files

Due to computer security concerns, library computer users will need a flash drive to save documents or scan items. The new policy will begin December 15.

For only \$4, patrons can purchase an 8GB flash drive from staff at the circulation desk at any branch. Patrons may also bring their own flash drive from home.



Scenic Regional Library branches will be closed Thursday, December 24th & Friday, December 25th, in observance of Christmas.
Happy Holidays!



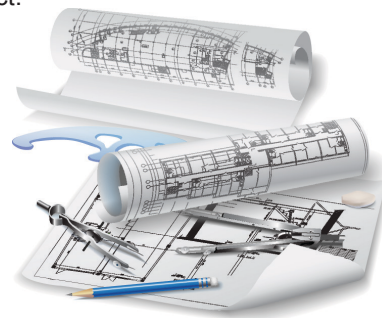
Library Begins Process to Select Architect

At their November 17 meeting, the Library Board voted to have the library's director prepare and send out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to architectural firms. The proposal deadline will be in mid-January. The Library Board will interview the three finalists and select a firm in early February. The firm that is selected by the Library Board will work on designing the new facilities throughout the spring and early summer of 2016.

The plan will result in new, significantly larger buildings in Owensville, New Haven, Wright City, Pacific and Sullivan. The library's existing facilities in Warrenton and St. Clair will be expanded and remodeled or renovated. The library plans to have the seven facilities completed within the next three years. Scenic Regional Library

has purchased commercially-zoned property for the new facilities in most of its communities over the past year. The library expects to finalize property purchases in Sullivan and Pacific over the next two months.

The Union and Hermann branches will be addressed as a separate building project.

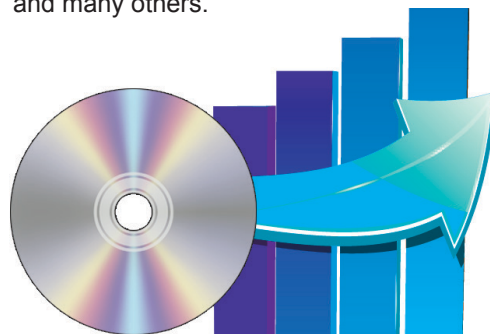


DVD Checkouts Soar with New Policy

In August 2015, the Library Board removed individual limits on DVDs (effective September 1). Previously, patrons were limited to four DVDs at a time. Without the limit, DVD checkouts have surged. In August, prior to the policy change, 4,177 DVDs were checked out. In September, checkouts increased 17.7% to 4,918 checkouts. In October, the surge continued with another 13.8% increase to 5,599 checkouts.

In the past, the library imposed a limit on DVD checkout to prevent a large portion of the collection at a branch from being checked out by a few patrons. However, the budget for new audiovisual materials tripled in 2015 due to the library's recent

tax increase. With the additional items, the library found that the limits were no longer necessary. The library has thousands of DVDs throughout the system, including popular, newly released movies, such as *Extinction*, *Magic Mike XXL*, *Paper Towns* and many others.



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Union Friends of the Library Committee Formed

The Union Friends of the Library committee formed on October 27. Ashley Campbell was elected chairman of the group; Melissa Bible, vice chairman; and Kelly Jones, secretary/treasurer. Members Aimee Frey and Nancy Landis will also serve on the committee.

The group will work on recruiting additional Friends members and book sale volunteers, help publicize the library and its services, and plan future fundraising events. Friends of the Library committees have already been operating in several other communities in the library's district over the past year. Union has the largest number of Friends members among the various branch groups with 41 individual family, or business memberships. All membership dues and funds raised by a Friends group are earmarked solely for their local branch.

There are four vacancies on the group's governing committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Steve Campbell at

swcampbell@scenicregional.org or 636-583-0652, extension 101.



JOIN TODAY!

Friends of the Library SULLIVAN Accepting Members

Scenic Regional Library is excited to announce that it is accepting memberships for the new Sullivan branch's Friends of the Library group. (The library's existing Friends groups continue to accept new member applications.)

The Friends of the Library groups have several purposes:

- Provide an opportunity to support the Scenic Regional Library branch located in your community
- Maintain an association of people interested in libraries
- Promote library resources and services
- Raise funds and encourage gifts to support the library
- Recruit volunteers to help with library operations
- Foster a positive relationship between the library and the community

An individual can join their local Friends group for as little as \$10. All membership dues and contributions are tax deductible and designated solely for use by the local branch's Friends of the Library group.

The annual membership dues are used to buy books, DVDs, CDs, computers, equipment, furnishings, and to support programming at the Library. An individual can help the Friends have a greater impact through making a larger contribution.

Each community's Friends of the Library group will be governed by a committee. Once the Sullivan group has enough members, the local committee will form and elect officers.

Friends' members reap rewards as patrons. Membership dues and contributions are used to make the library stronger. As a patron, they will gain a library with more high quality programming, faster computers, and a better quality selection of materials. In addition, Friends of the Library members receive the following benefits:

- Members receive a 10% discount on books purchased at the library's fall and spring book sales.
- Sullivan members who join in 2015 and 2016 will have their name and contribution level engraved on a plaque which will be placed on permanent display in the branch.
- Members can attend special programs and events at any branch which are only open to Friends of the Library members.

A membership application for the Friends of the Library can be found on the last page of the library's monthly newsletter.



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St. Clair Branch Wins Third Place in Chamber Contest

The St. Clair branch, along with help from their local Friends' group, participated in the St. Clair Area Chamber of Commerce's "Decorate the Scarecrow" event this year. Businesses from around town decorated scarecrows in a variety of ways. Thanks to the hard work of the staff and the Friends group, the St. Clair branch won 3rd place! The prize is \$50 worth of Chamber Bucks, which can be used at local merchants in St. Clair.



Three scarecrows enjoy storytime at the St. Clair branch as part of the Chamber of Commerce's "Decorate the Scarecrow" event held this year!



Adult Outreach Coordinator, Laurie Osseck, presents a program on Route 66 to residents at the Oak Pointe Assisted Living Facility. Osseck visits 30 facilities a month on average.



A couple young patrons get creative with foam squares at the Hermann branch. Children are welcome to play, read, and meet new friends at Scenic Regional Library!



Two gentlemen play the Nintendo Wii together at the Owensville branch during International Games Day. The event was held at all eight branches.



Fellow budding artists showcase their paintings at the Warren County branch. Patrons were invited to come learn from art teacher Carol Peper and enjoy refreshments.



Historical actor John Notgrass gave a wonderful portrayal of a soldier from the Civil War at the Warren County branch. He was very well-received and will be back in the Spring!

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The Hermann branch gave tribute to our veterans on Veteran's Day with a Fallen Comrade Table, in memory of fallen, missing, or imprisoned military service-members.



Several leaves were added to our Memories of Thanksgiving Tree at the Union branch. Each visitor was welcome to write their favorite memory of the holiday on a colored leaf and hang it up for all to see.

Changes at the New Sullivan Branch

In October, Scenic Regional Library increased the number of public computers at the Sullivan branch from three to six. In addition to Internet access, the computers now offer Microsoft Office 2010, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher; image editing software (GIMP and Picasa 3); desktop publishing software (Scribus 1.4.3); and audio editing software (Audacity). These programs can be found on all public computers in the system.

The new Sullivan branch will have new, extended service hours beginning on Monday, January 4, to accommodate people who work during the day time and want to use the library. The new hours will be:
 Sat: 9AM-5PM;
 Wed/Fri: 9AM-6PM;
 Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9AM-8PM.
 Other Scenic Regional Library branches had their hours expanded in February 2015.



Patrons at the Sullivan branch put the new computer stations to good use! The number of public computers has increased by 200% at the branch.

In addition to new service hours, adult and children's programming will begin at the branch in January. Due to the lack of space in the existing facility, the new adult and children's programming will be held at nearby off-site locations, such as the Sullivan Elementary School.



Families work hard creating turkey hats after storytime at the Hermann branch.



Fire fighters from Pacific brought their fire truck to the branch and talked about fire safety and prevention.

HERMANN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Discussion Group

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm

TED Talk Tuesdays

2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Walk In Weekend Theater

Every Saturday at 3:00 pm at the branch.

DIY: Della Robbia Holiday Wreath

Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm

Make wreaths using your memorabilia.

Put Some Pinterest in Your Holiday

Monday, December 14 at 6:00 pm

Make perfect stocking stuffers and gifts.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

G-Rated Movie Night

Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 pm

Hour of Code

Tuesday, December 8 at 2:00 pm

Come be a part of this national tech movement.

13th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

Monday, December 21 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Snow Day Fun Fest!

December 21 - 23 and December 28 - 30 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

- December 21: Duck Tape Crafts
- December 22: Winter Floral Design
- December 23: Cookie Decorating
- December 28: Tie Dye
- December 29: Puppet Clinic
- December 30: Sketch Lessons with Brenna Jones

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Yarn and Yak

Thursday, December 3, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

At the New Haven branch. Bring your projects and share ideas.

La Leche League of Franklin County

Wednesday, December 9 at 10:00 am

Nursing support for moms. Meetings held second Wednesday each month at the branch. **(Registration is not required for this program.)**

Discovering Mammals

Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00 pm

At the New Haven branch. A talk about native mammals, including pelts and skulls to see and touch.

Book Club

Wednesday, December 16 at 5:00 pm

We will be discussing "The Christmas Pearl" by Dorothea Benton Frank. We will meet at the branch.

"Fine Art Month" Continues!

Stop by the foyer to see our featured painting and collect free handouts.

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

13th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

Tuesday, December 22 from 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Drop in and make an ornament for your tree!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-School Storytime

Each Tuesday at 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

We will enjoy stories about the holidays.

Read, Build & Play (Ages 4-12)

Saturday, December 19 at 10:00 am

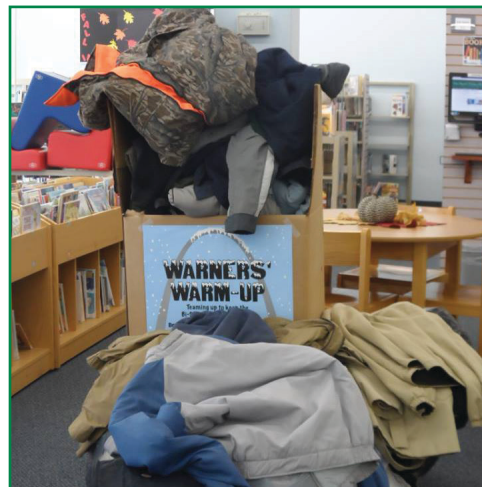
Hear a story and build with Legos.



Two young patrons at the St. Clair branch use their imagination to bring the story they just heard to life with Legos.



Come to the Union branch and meet the new Children's Programmer, Alyssa. Here she shows off the "No Shave November" display she created to showcase some fun YA books.



Kurt Warner's coat drive was very successful this year. Many people at the Pacific branch generously donated coats for the needy.

december 2015 upcoming events

OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Pinterest Club at the Library

Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 pm
 Bring your holiday spirit and make some crafts with us!

Movie Night at the Library

Friday, December 4 at 7:00 pm
 We will be showing *Ricki and the Flash*, starring Meryl Streep and Kevin Kline.

Basic Internet Skills

Tuesday, December 8 at 2:00 pm
 Learn what the internet is and how it works.

Knifty Knitters & Crafty Crocheters

Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm

I Dream of Genie-ology Club

Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 pm
 Join us for helpful support in your personal journey of discovery!

Tea Time Travelers' Book Club

Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm
 We will discuss "Moloka'i" by Alan Brennert.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Lil' OWLs Storytime

Every Thursday at 4:30 pm
 Stories, songs, crafts, and fun!

13th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

Saturday, December 5 from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm
 For kids of all ages!



The St. Clair branch had a great turnout for their International Games Day Program. The branch had a variety of board and video games for all ages.

PACIFIC BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 1 at 6:00 pm
 Caroling, crafts, and food.

Crochet Club

Tuesday, December 15 at 6:00 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:00 am
*Every Saturday at 11:00 am**
 Toddlers-Kindergarten.

Kid's Club (Grades 1-5)

*Every Saturday at 1:00 pm**
 Call to find out what activities are planned each week.

**(No Storytime or Kid's Club on Saturday, December 26)*

13th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

Saturday, December 5 at 1:00 pm
 Drop in and make an ornament for your tree! All ages welcome.

Holidays from Around the World (Grades 1-5)

Saturday, December 12 at 1:00 pm
 Learn about the customs, food and crafts of several different countries.

An Interactive Polar Express Party

Saturday, December 19 at 1:00 pm
 Crafts, holiday songs, hot chocolate, and a reading of "The Polar Express". All ages welcome.

Teen Holiday Craft Event

Saturday, December 12 at 3:00 pm
 Come and create unique holiday gifts and ornaments.

ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Crafter's Corner:

Recycled Holiday Crafts

Saturday, December 5 at 4:00 pm
 Learn to make recycled decorations for your Christmas tree or home.

Book Club

Thursday, December 17 at 2:00 pm
 We will be discussing "The Rich Part of Life" by Jim Kokoris.

Holiday Cookie Swap

Saturday, December 19 at 4:00 pm
 Bring home recipes and sample cookies for the holidays.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime

Every Thursday at 11:00 am
 For preschool-age children.

Read, Build & Play

Every Saturday at 11:00 am
 Listen to a story and build w/Legos!

13th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

Wednesday, December 23 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 For kids of all ages!



Facilities Manager, Bill Snow, delivers boxes to each of our branches in anticipation of the many donated books we receive for our bi-annual Book Sales.



december 2015 upcoming events

SULLIVAN BRANCH

•Join the Sullivan branch's Friends of the Library. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible and designated solely for use by your branch's Friends group. For more information about the Friends and an application visit scenicregional.org/friends

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Books-by-Mail

For certified homebound patrons. Call 636-583-0652, ext. 114 or visit www.scenicregional.org/booksbymail.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
 For preschool-age children.

13th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 For kids of all ages!

UNION BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Focus on Our Website

Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm
 Let us know how our website can be improved by joining our focus group!

Cookies-in-a-Jar

Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 pm
 Thursday, December 10 at 11:00 am

Please register for computer programs.
COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Introduction to Microsoft Excel
 Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 am

Basic Internet Skills
 Monday, December 7 at 10:30 am

Using Freegal Movies
 Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00 pm

Using Your Library Account Online
 Tuesday, December 15 at 10:00 am

Using Freegal Music
 Tuesday, December 17 at 5:30 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
 Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am

13th Annual Ornament Making at the Library
 Saturday, December 5 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Drop in and make an ornament for your tree!

Meet the Grinch
 Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 am
 Listen to a story, then meet the Grinch. Don't forget your camera!

WARREN COUNTY BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Focus on Our Website

Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm
 Let us know how our website can be improved by joining our focus group!

Holiday Movie Night

Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 pm
 Watch "Serendipity" and enjoy hot cocoa.

Pitch the Keys Performing at the Warren County branch!

Tuesday, December 15 at 6:00 pm
 Warrenton High School choir will be at the branch to sing Christmas carols.

Eat, Drink, and Be Crafty!

Tuesday, December 22 at 5:30 pm
 Make last-minute gifts for loved ones.

Book Club

Wednesday, December 16 at 2:00 pm
 We will be discussing "A Week in Winter" by Maeve Binchy.

Please register for family programs.
FAMILY PROGRAMS

Merry Grinchmas Family Fun Fest

Monday, December 14 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Come join us for an evening of ornament making, cookie decorating, a movie, and storytime! Meet the Grinch at 6:30 pm.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Read, Build & Play (1st-5th grade)
 Monday, December 7 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 Hear a story and build with Legos!

Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)
 Mondays at 6:30 pm, Tuesdays at 10:00 am
 Stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, and fun!



The Warren County branch had another successful Robotics Club for 5th-12th grade children. Everyone was able to participate in hands-on fun and learn from each other.



SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)		LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP	
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Friends of the Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Silver – \$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Warrenton Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Gold – \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Platinum – \$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Diamond* – \$500 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friends of the Sullivan Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friends of the New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		*Lifetime membership	
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Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale (May) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Volunteer at other events <input type="checkbox"/>			
Volunteer at my local branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Serve on the local Friends of the Library's Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>			

Mail this form (or drop it off at your local branch) with your personal check or money order to:
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