Message from the Director

Each February library supporters from around the state visit Jefferson City for Legislative Advocacy Day, where they meet with legislators and talk about issues important to libraries.

It's an important opportunity to educate legislators as to how certain proposed laws and budget decisions would impact libraries. Last year was a difficult year for public libraries. Governor Nixon withheld funding for MOREnet, which provides public libraries with Internet access and electronic resources. The cuts resulted in libraries Internet bills to increase up to 400%. Scenic Regional Library's MOREnet fees increased from $17,000 to $56,000. The governor also withheld state aid and equalization funds, except those for Missouri's smallest libraries—another $75,000 loss for our Library.

This year could be even worse for Missouri's public libraries. Governor Nixon has proposed a budget that would reduce funding for programs which directly serve public libraries from $11.5 million to $5.6 million—a $5.9 million or 51.3% reduction in funding! If the budget is approved, Scenic Regional Library will lose over $114,000 in state funding between state aid and MOREnet fees for the second consecutive year.

Secretary of State Kander has recommended that the legislature provide Missouri library programs with the full $11.5 million in funding that was approved in the 2014 budget prior to the governor’s withhold. If you would like to support Scenic Regional Library and Missouri's other public libraries, contact your local legislator this month and ask them to support the Secretary of State's budget recommendations for Missouri library programs and not those proposed by Governor Nixon.

You can look up your local legislators by visiting the websites below and simply entering your address:

Legislator Lookup - Missouri State Senate
http://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup

Legislator Lookup - Missouri House of Representatives
http://www.house.mo.gov/legislatorlookup.aspx

Library Hires New Librarian

Paul Schroeder was hired as the Library's Collection Development and Interlibrary Loan Librarian and began his new duties on January 2nd. He earned his master's degree in library science from Rutger's University and worked as a professional librarian for fourteen years in New Jersey before relocating to the St. Louis area. Mr. Schroeder will be purchasing all of the Library's new materials, including books, e-books, e-audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, magazines, and other resources. He will also be overseeing interlibrary loan between Scenic Regional Library and other libraries.
Hoopla Available on February 27!

Downloadable and streaming audiobooks, music, movies and television shows.

The Library will begin offering access to Hoopla on February 27. The digital media service allows patrons to stream and download audiobooks, music, movies and television shows. Hoopla provides access to over 100,000 CDs, 10,000 audiobooks, 3,000 movies; and 500 TV series—and continues to expand. Unlike the Library’s e-books, patrons never have to wait on any item through Hoopla, because more than one person can access the same movie, album or audiobook at the same time.

The free Hoopla mobile app can be downloaded for use on an Android, iOS or Kindle device. Hoopla items can also stream to your computer through your Web browser. Content begins streaming immediately, but users can also download most titles to listen to offline on a mobile device. Once a title is borrowed and downloaded to one device it is automatically available via all devices with the Hoopla app or on an individual’s computer, through their browser (Internet Explorer 8+, Firefox 12+, Safari 5+, Chrome 19+). Patrons can borrow 10 titles each calendar month. Movies and TV lend for 72 hours; music lends for 7 days; audiobooks lend for 21 days. Borrowed content can be viewed or listened to as often as the user wants during the check-out period.

Movie selections range from the classic To Kill a Mockingbird to 2013’s Parkland and Stuck in Love, television titles from NOVA to all 10 seasons of Stargate SG-1, music from Sinatra to Taylor Swift to Lorde, audiobook authors from Studs Terkel to Walter Isaacson to Suzanne Collins. Many of the video titles are not currently available on Netflix or Amazon Instant Video.

New Service Hours

As promised during the tax levy campaign last spring, the library will expand its service hours systemwide beginning on Monday, February 23. Every branch will see a significant change to its hours. The library hopes that the changes allow more people who work during the daytime to visit the library on weeknight evenings and weekends. The new service hours at each location will be:

Union Branch
Monday-Thursday - 9am-8pm
Friday - 9am-6pm
Saturday - 9am-5pm

Warren County Branch
Monday-Thursday - 9am-8pm
Friday - 9am-6pm
Saturday - 9am-5pm

Pacific Branch
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 9am-8pm
Wednesday & Friday - 9am-6pm
Saturday - 9am-5pm

St. Clair Branch
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 9am-8pm
Wednesday & Friday - 9am-6pm
Saturday - 9am-5pm

Owensville Branch
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9am-6pm
Tuesday & Thursday - 9am-8pm
Saturday - 9am-5pm

Hermann Branch
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9am-6pm
Tuesday & Thursday - 9am-8pm
Saturday - 9am-5pm

Courier Service Expanded

The Warrenton, New Haven, St. Clair, Pacific, Owensville, and Hermann Branches each began receiving an additional day of courier delivery service on January 5 through Delivery Express. The Warrenton Branch will receive a delivery four days each week, while the other branches will receive a delivery three days each week. The Union Branch has already been receiving the maximum five days of delivery services each week.

Scenic Regional Library also expanded its statewide courier service between other Missouri Evergreen members from three days each week to five days. Expanded courier service means that patrons will receive their requests from other branches and other Missouri Evergreen libraries faster.
**February Events**

**HERMANN**
**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**
**Curious George Will Be Here!**
Friday, February 6 at 10 AM
Tell your friends and make sure they join us!

**Just My Baby and Me Storytime**
Tuesdays, from 10-11 AM
Sing along songs and tickle games just for our 0-1 year-old friends.

**Preschool Story Hour**
Thursdays, from 10-11 AM
Every Thursday, we read and do fun crafts or play games.

**After School Kids Club**
Wednesday, February 4 at 3 PM
Build It!

**Wine 101: A Midwestern Perspective**
Friday, February 27 at 7 PM
Join us at our very first wine tasting! Bill Grace, from Hermannhof Winery, will talk about the history of the grape in Hermann, Missouri, with emphasis on wines with appropriate food pairings. Seating is limited, so call 573-486-2024 and reserve a space today.

**UNION**
**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**
**Storytime (preschool)**
Every Wednesday and Saturday at 10 AM

**February Food Drive**
Bring donations of non-perishable food items to the Union Branch throughout the month of February. Contributions benefit the Agape House food pantry.

**A Franklin County Gem**
Thursday, February 12 from 2-3 PM
General William S. Harney built his summer home in Sullivan in 1872. Learn the history of this gem of Franklin County. Call to sign up.

**Union Book Club**
Thursday, February 24 from 6-7 PM
*Elmer Gantry* by Sinclair Lewis will be discussed.

**Craft That: Rag Wreaths**
Tuesday, February 24 from 6-7 PM
Learn how to make simple fabric wreaths that can be tailored to fit any holiday or season. Reserve your spot by calling 636-583-3224. Space is limited.

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

**Chick Flick and Chocolate Bar**
Tuesday, February 3 from 6-8 PM

**An Evening with Holocaust Survivor, Ben Frainer**
Tuesday, February 10 at 5 PM

**Arm Knit Infinity Scarves**
Tuesday, February 17 from 6:30-7:30 PM

**It’s a Stitch Sewing Club**
Wednesday, February 18 at 4 PM

**Book Club**
Wednesday, February 18 at 2 PM
We will be discussing *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova.

**WARREN COUNTY**
**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**
**Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)**
Tuesdays at 10 AM
Themes: Animal Friends, Curious George, Presidents, Human Friends.

**Robotics (Grades 5-12)**
Monday, February 23 from 3-5 PM
Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**Teen Tuesday - Movie: Snow Dogs (Grades 6-12, Ages 12-18)**
Tuesday, February 24 from 4-5:30 PM
Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321. Space is limited!

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Even the youngest patrons enjoy the stories and crafts at the Union Branch storytime.
Upcoming

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime (for kids up to Kindergarten age)
Tuesdays at 10 AM
In February, we will read stories about winter weather, along with songs, finger plays, and crafts.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Racing to Read for Parents of Preschoolers from Birth to Age 5
Tuesday, February 3 from 5-7 PM
Drop in at Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Avenue. This program will feature five stations to show parents simple ways to help children be ready to learn to read when Kindergarten starts. Each family will receive a free book and skill cards with fun early literacy activities.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Yarn and Yak
Wednesday, February 4 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, February 25 at 5 PM
We are reading Prayers for Sale by Sandra Dallas. Stop by the Library and borrow a copy of the book. Everyone is welcome. Book Club meets at the Library.

Thinking about Presidents of the USA? Check out the Scenic Regional collection of books for readers of all ages, including books on CD, and downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks.

Events

PACIFIC

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime (Toddlers through Kindergarten)
Every Thursday at 10 AM

Special Storytime with Curious George
Thursday, February 12 at 10 AM

Read with Max!
Saturday, February 14 at 11 AM
Call to schedule a reading time!

Read ’n Build (Ages 3 and up)
Saturday, February 21 at 11 AM

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration
Saturday, February 28 from 10 AM-NOON
Celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday with lots of fun activities.

ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

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

Crochet Club
Wednesday, February 18 at 6 PM

Book Club
Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30 PM
We will be discussing The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out a Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson.

Author Visit with Ed Cieslak
Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 PM
We will be hosting Catawissa native Ed Cieslak. He will be discussing his new book The Locals.

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KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays, February 5, 19, & 26 at 11 AM

Special Story Time
Wednesday, February 11 at 11 AM
Curious George will be here!

Read-Build-Play Club
Saturday, February 28 at 10 AM

ADULT PROGRAMS

Card Making
Thursday, February 12 at 6 PM
Get ready for Valentine’s Day; Barb Kandlbinder presenting.

Downsizing/Organizing Your Life
Monday, February 23 at 6 PM
Lisa Gilliam presenting.

Adult Book Club
Thursday, February 26 from 2-3 PM
We are reading Cross Roads by William Paul Young.

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 in Room N12 at OMS.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Knitwits
Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 PM
Join us for fun, fellowship, and instruction!

Movie Night at the Library
Friday, February 6 at 7 PM
Call 573-437-2188 for this month’s exciting title!

Save a Book
Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 PM
We will repurpose an old book into a new personal book.

Affordable Care Act
Tuesday, February 17 at 6 PM
Come and learn all about health insurance and how to apply for Affordable Health Care Act plans.

Book Club
Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 PM
Discussing A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy.

Digital Newspapers
Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 PM
We will be teaching all about the digitization of newspapers and how to use digital newspaper formats.
On Order Titles Now Showing in Online Catalog

The Library began using Missouri Evergreen’s acquisitions module in January 2015. The software has many features, but the most exciting part about the acquisitions module is that new titles will appear in the online catalog as soon as they’re ordered. It will allow patrons to place requests on titles by their favorite authors months before they’re even released to the public. A title that is on order will show an ON ORDER status and call number in the online catalog, as shown with the red circle below. The Library will soon be adding the release date to each item’s record, too, which will be displayed in the Call number field.

Big Changes to the Online Catalog

Over the past several months, a committee worked on making recommendations to improve the Missouri Evergreen online catalog. In January, the recommendations were implemented and unveiled to patrons. The changes are drastic and involved both the usability and appearance. There are larger icons showing types of materials; less clutter, with only the important information showing for a title; large, colorful buttons replaced text; and different editions of the same title are grouped together to make placing requests much easier. The Missouri Evergreen members hope that the changes help patrons have a more enjoyable experience using the online catalog.
St. Clair patrons had an exciting time in the Crafters’ Corner making "Rag Wreaths".

The Library recently purchased six costumes (The Grinch hasn’t arrived yet!) for future children’s programs and events. Library staff poses in the costumes above—Curious George, Clifford, Tigger, Pete the Cat, and Winnie the Pooh.

Chet Gaugh and James Bull, owners of C & J Photography in Washington, stopped by the Pacific Branch January 14 to show patrons expert tips on how to get great photos.