Message from the Director:
Stop the “Summer Slide”

Summer is the time for grilling, vacations, camping, or time at the pool. For kids, it’s also a break from school. While that means time away from tests and classrooms, it shouldn’t mean a break from learning.

By Director Steven Campbell

Researchers have known for over a century that children experience learning losses when they’re not in school during the summer. It’s called the “summer slide.” Children can lose as much as five to six months in reading level during the summer. When it comes to kids, it turns out that reading is just like any other skill—either use it or lose it.

The good news is that research also shows that reading as few as six books during the summer can keep a struggling reader from regressing. That’s where the library can help. Parents don’t need to spend a fortune on books to keep their children reading throughout the summer. Instead, they can prevent the “summer slide” by bringing their children to library storytimes and having them participate in the library’s summer reading program. Scenic Regional Library’s Summer Reading Program kicks off on June 3. You can find more information about the program in this newsletter, on our website, or at your local branch.

New Parking Lot in New Haven

Scenic Regional Library has opened a gravel parking lot behind the New Haven Branch. Parking has always been an issue at the branch. The new lot provides six additional parking spaces for library patrons. The lot contains crushed gravel, which is easier to walk on. While the parking lot doesn’t address the need for a larger library in New Haven, it does provide a short-term solution to the parking situation.
Cooperation with the Gerald Area Library

Scenic Regional Library began providing service to the Gerald Area Library on February 1.

Patrons can request items using Scenic Regional Library’s online catalog and pick them up at the Gerald Area Library. (They can also return Scenic Regional books and other material to the Gerald Area Library.) As a result, Gerald area residents have direct access to Scenic Regional Library’s collection, which includes 235,000 books and 19,300 CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks. The library’s courier service drops off and picks up books and other materials at the Gerald Area Library every Tuesday and Thursday. Scenic Regional Library also provides the Gerald Area Library with access to Ancestry.com. Ancestry.com is the popular genealogy database advertised on television that includes U.S. Census records from 1790 to 1930. In the past, this database could only be accessed from inside a Scenic Regional Library branch. Now, Gerald residents can search the database on computers in the Gerald Area Library. Scenic Regional’s thirty-eight other online databases, which provide everything from information about medical conditions and prescription medication to GED and ACT online practice tests, can already be accessed from any computer with a library card. Gerald residents can apply for a Scenic Regional card at the Gerald Area Library, although it takes a few days before the card can be processed and they can begin placing requests.

Gerald Area Library
Located at 357 South Main Street
Gerald, MO 63037

Digital Reader-Printers

Scenic Regional Library has been awarded an LSTA grant from the Missouri State Library to purchase two digital microfilm reader-printers. One of the machines will be placed in the Union Branch and the other at the Warren County Branch. The existing reader-printers at both branches are very old and no longer work.

The digital reader-printers are connected to a computer. In addition to being able to view and print an image from microfilm, the digital reader-printer allows patrons to save images to a flash drive as a PDF or email an image to themselves directly from the reader-printer.

Volunteer Spotlight

Mary Schoelich has volunteered ten hours each week for the past year at the library’s administrative offices in Union, helping unpack and process our new materials. Thank you, Mary! We appreciate you! Would you like to volunteer at the library? Contact your local branch for an application or more information.

Nick Michalas, an account manager with Tipton Systems, demonstrates the new digital microfilm reader-printer to Union branch manager Diane Disbro.

Maureen Willmann, Scenic Regional Library’s IT Supervisor, tests the Warren County Branch’s new digital microfilm reader-printer.
**UNION**

**KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Pre-school Storytimes**
Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10 AM

**Kid's Club: 1st-5th grade**
Wednesdays at 1 PM

**Teen Time: 6th grade and up**
Wednesdays at 3 PM

**Babaloo**
June 10 at 3 PM
Music, singing, dancing, bubbles, and confetti! You never know what new fun Babaloo will invent! You can be sure there will be noise and energy at his performance!

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Digital Microfilm Reader Training**
June 3 at 2 PM
Learn how to use our new digital microfilm reader/printer. Enhance, print, email, and save images to a flash drive. A researcher's dream come true!

**Leading the Way: Electronic Vehicles and Your Power**
June 11 at 6 PM
Maryellen Klithermes from Ameren UE will be discussing three types of electric cars and various models. Attendees will learn about battery life, charging and charging costs, types of electrical connections, and more.

**The Roots of Franklin County**
June 18 at 1 PM
George Bocklage with the Washington Historical Society will give a presentation on Rogerstown, the first town in Franklin County. He will talk about the Indians that were invited to live there, how they supported themselves, and what happened after they were moved to a reservation. The story will follow this acculturated band to Kansas where they became farmers and traders.

**B.A.C.H. Book Club**
June 20 at 7 PM
*The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline Cooney will be discussed. Fifteen-year-old Janie sees a photo of her four-year-old self on a milk carton. Were her parents really her parents?

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**WARREN COUNTY (WARRENTON)**

**KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Pre-school Storytimes**
Tuesdays at 10 AM
Join us, along with Tasha Mudd from Missouri Extension, for stories, games, crafts, and fun as we Dig into Reading with gardening, worms, bulldozers/excavation and dinosaurs/turtles!

**Kid's Club: 1st-5th grade**
Tuesdays at 1 PM
Join us, along with Tasha Mudd from Missouri Extension, for stories, games, crafts, and fun as we Dig into Reading with gardening, worms, bulldozers/excavation and dinosaurs/turtles!

**Teen Movie!**
June 18 at 3 PM
Come watch *City of Ember* with us and make your very own pet monster rock!

**Animal Tales presents Creepy Critters**
June 28 at 10 AM
Get up close and personal with a tarantula, scorpian, snakes, bugs and rats. Learn why these “creepy critters” are important to their environments.

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**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Journey to Africa with Flavia Everman**
June 21 at 7 PM
Listen to world traveler and storyteller, Flavia Everman, as she recounts her journeys to Rwanda and her interaction with the Batwa people. To register, call 486.2024 or stop by the library.

**Make an Altered Book Your Garden Journal: Chapter 2**
June 8 & 22 at 10:30 AM
An altered book is a form of mixed media artwork that changes a book from its original form, altering its appearance or meaning. This month we’ll continue making our personal journals with the help of mixed media artist Susan Penrod. Stop by the library and pick up a supply list.

**Book Discussion Group**
June 19 at 6 PM
Participants will choose their annual ‘summer read’ to be discussed over the summer months. Bring your suggestion and come be part of the process!
Upcoming

OWENSVILLE
KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS
Pre-school Storytimes
Every Thursday at 11 AM

Kid’s Club: 1st-5th grade
Every Thursday at 1:30 PM

Creepy Critters from Animal Tales
June 28 at 4 PM
In the basement of First State Community Bank, 308 W. Lincoln, Owensville

ADULT PROGRAMS
Job Readiness for Seniors
June 3 from 10 AM to 12 PM
Training for mature workers.

Knitting Circle
June 5 at 5:30 PM
This is open to everyone!

Book Club
June 19 at 6:30 PM
We are reading The Clover House and Skyping with the author Henriette L. Power.

Folk Harp Concert
June 25 from 1-3 PM
Harpist Lila Gehner will perform.

Pressing Flowers
June 26 from 2-4 PM
Learn the Victorian craft of pressing flowers.

FAMILY PROGRAMS
Family Movie Night!!
June 7 at 7 PM
Featuring: The Life of Pi.

On May 11th, the Hermann Branch hosted a trivia night. The event was a huge success with 44 participants. Hermann Branch manager Sheri Hausmann (standing) can be seen answering a participant’s question during the event.

Events

PACIFIC
KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS
Pre-school Storytimes
Thursdays at 10 AM
Kid’s Club: 1st-5th grade
Thursdays at 1 PM
Teen’s Club: 6th grade and up
Thursdays at 3 PM

June’s Theme is Underground:
Worms, Gardening, Caves, and Dinosaurs

Babaloo: June 11 at 3 PM
Babaloo will perform and announce the winner of the poetry contest and sing the winning poem.

Cave Program
June 20
ALL PROGRAMS will be held in a cave along Route 66 Business Loop.

ST. CLAIR
KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS
Pre-school Storytimes
Thursdays at 10 AM
Kid’s Club: 1st - 5th grade
Thursdays at 11 AM
Animal Tales presents Creepy Critters
June 26 at 9 AM

ADULT PROGRAMS
Poetry Class
June 14 from 3:30-5 PM
In this first class, Janie Moore will help poets learn how to think in poetic terms. Students will write poetry using the information learned in the class.

Genealogy Class
June 18 from 2-3:30 PM
In this introductory class, Ann Wideman will teach students how to use Ancestry.com, which is available at the library.

St. Clair Freedom Fest
June 22 from 1-7 PM
At Orchard Drive Park, Scenic Regional Library St. Clair Branch will be providing informational bookmarks to visitors of St. Clair’s Annual Freedom Fest.

Book Club
June 27 from 3-4 PM
Laura Hill will lead the discussion on The Help by Kathryn Stockett. This is a poignant yet humorous story about social change in a southern community during the early 1960s.

NEW HAVEN
KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS
Pre-school Storytimes
Every Tuesday at 10 AM
Kid’s Club: 1st-5th grade
Every Tuesday at 11 AM
Mark Twain Book Club: 4th-6th grade
June 25 at 5 PM
We will discuss Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick. Call the library to reserve your copy of the book.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Book Club
June 26 at 5 PM
We will be discussing Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. Everyone is welcome.

Continued...
Summer Reading Program

Summer is about experiences, going places, laughing, learning, and enjoying the weather. From June 3rd to July 27th, children can do just that during our Dig into Reading Summer Reading Program. Participants will be able to earn 12 badges. Next to each badge is a list of suggested experiences for earning it. After they’ve earned 8 badges, they can bring their reading log back to the library and get a free book. They will also have their name placed in a drawing for St. Louis Cardinals baseball tickets, Meramec Cavern cave passes, City Museum tickets and Six Flags tickets!

Visit scenicregional.org for more information!

Adult Summer Reading Program

Scenic Regional Library will be kicking off its adult summer reading program on June 3. Participants can read any three books to earn a Dig into Reading water bottle and have their name entered in a drawing for one of TEN Kindle Paperwhite eReaders! They can earn additional entries in the prize drawing for each additional book they read or when they submit a book review for one of the books they’ve read. Each review must be five to ten sentences in length. The reviews will be shared with other readers on the library’s website. Pick up your entries and book review forms at any Scenic Regional Library branch.

Visit scenicregional.org for more information!

Database in Focus

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.

In the photo to below, professional florist Kathy Kohensky, with a Moment of Grace Florist, presented Flower Arranging on April 23rd at the Warren County Branch.
In the photo above, Youth Services Librarian Christy Schink and Union Branch Children's Programmer Samantha Campbell are dressed as buccaneers to promote the Summer Reading Program (SRP) at schools. All the branches were busy visiting schools in May to Promote SRP.

In the photo below, Pete the Cat makes an appearance at the Wesleyan Kiddie Kollege in Warrenton.

Chiropractor Dr. Megan Goss presented Fitness for Seniors on April 16th at the Union Branch.

Administrative Office (ADMIN)
308 Hawthorne Drive
Union, Missouri 63084
Phone: 636-583-0652
Mon thru Fri: 8am - 5pm
Sun: Closed
Sat: 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

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

Owensville Branch (OW)
107 North First Street
Owensville, Missouri 65066
Phone: 573-437-2188
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

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 - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 5:30 pm
Wed: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 7 pm
Sat: 9 am - 1:30 pm
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

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