Message from the Director

I challenge everyone reading this column to read three books this summer. According to a Pew Research Center survey, 81% of Americans read at least one book a year. 46% read 6 or more books a year. While it’s great to hear that people are reading, libraries would like to see people reading even more. If you’re among the 54% of people who read fewer than 6 books a year, the library’s Adult Summer Reading Program may provide some incentive to pick up the pace a little. If you read three books this summer, you will earn a free tote bag. You will also be entered into a drawing for some great prizes, like MP3 players and gift cards to local restaurants.

I have two small children, so I understand how difficult it can be to get some quiet time to read. It may take some creativity to find the time in your busy schedule. You could set aside thirty minutes to read each night before you go to sleep. You could read during your breaks at work. You could listen to an audiobook on CD or MP3 while on the way to work, or even while you’re working out at the gym.

We’re not even picky about what you read to earn a tote bag and get your name in the prize drawing. It doesn’t matter if it’s a western, romance novel, or biography. How can you take advantage of this great opportunity? All you have to do is head over to the Library for an Adult Summer Reading Program brochure and reading log. Then, pick out a book that interests you and get started!

For more information, visit www.scenicregional.org/adult-srp

Missouri Evergreen
Nearly 1,400 items were borrowed and lent from Missouri Evergreen member-libraries in April. This was a 26% increase since March.

Spring Book Sale a Big Success
The library’s Spring Book Sale was held on May 8-11 at the Hermann, Warrenton, and Union branches. The Library sold over $4,600 of books and other materials at the event.

Union Furniture
We would like to thank the great owners of Union Furniture for lending the library one of their trucks for our Spring Book Sale!

St. Clair Branch Recognized as Business of the Month
The St. Clair Branch was recognized as the Business of the Month at the city’s May 5 City Council meeting. The award is given to a local business each month by the Chamber of Commerce and City Council. The award was presented to the Library for all the new programming and outreach it has offered over the past year. Steve Campbell, Library Director, and St. Clair Branch Manager Karen Fogelbach accepted the award.
Library Receives Grant for New Computers

The library recently received a Technology Ladder Grant in the amount of $14,087 from the Missouri State Library. The funds will be used to purchase new public laptops for the Union Branch and to replace old, slow computers at all other branches. The new computers will have more memory, faster speeds, and better graphics. They laptops are already available for checkout at the Union Branch (for use inside the branch), and the desktops are expected to be installed by August 2014.

Employee Appreciation Banquet

Scenic Regional Library had its first Employee Appreciation Banquet at the American Legion in Union on Saturday, April 26. Thirty-nine of the library system's fifty-five full- and part-time employees attended the event. Four employees were recognized for their years of distinguished service at the banquet: Warrenton Branch manager Marlys Mertens, 33 years of service; Owensville Branch manager Linda Little, 26 years of service; Hermann Branch manager Sheri Hausman, 28 years of service; and Sheryl Duffer, library associate at Administration, 21 years of service.

We thank all the local businesses that donated to the event:

- Platt Nursery
- Mad Buffalo Distributing
- Summit Distributing
- Horn Architects
- Glazer Distributing
- Johnnie's
- Dominie's
- Benson's Hard Eight
- Nothing Fancy Café
- Junie Moon
- Hagie's Nineteen
- Great 8 Cinema
- Meramec Caverns
- JnL2 Bistro
- Studio Delle Sorelle
- Hair Fashions by Ruth
- Hesemann Nursery
- Yesteryear
- The Bargain Barn
- Circle D Sports Locker
- Country Critters Plus
- All Seasons Lawn & Garden
- Lindsay Grus-Blades Salon
- Samantha Stolte-Blades Salon
- Bigley Family Trust
- Country Mart
- Dalton Eye Care
- Domino's
- Lynn Breitenstein-Great Cuts
- Jak's Tires
- Jim's Place
- John B. Lovelace, Attorney
- Lewis Café
- Michaels
- Napa Auto Parts
- Old Bus Stop Coffee Shop and Gallery
- St. Clair Package Liquor
- Subway Restaurant

Library Receives Racing to Read Grant: Pre-literacy Programs for Parents, Storytimes Go High Tech

The statewide early literacy effort, Racing to Read, has driven in to our branches. With a grant from the Missouri State Library, all seven Scenic Regional Library branches will be offering Racing to Read programs. These programs are designed to help parents make sure that their preschool children have the pre-literacy skills necessary to be ready to learn to read by Kindergarten.

The programs will be offered during June and July. Families who attend these one-hour programs will receive skill cards with practical suggestions of activities they can do at home to foster pre-reading. Each family will also receive a free picture book.

As part of the grant, the library will be adding more technology to storytime. Each branch will be receiving an iPad and a flat-screen TV monitor so that the songs and rhymes done in storytime can be projected for parent participation. In addition, everything done in storytimes will model pre-literacy activities. When parents participate, they can recreate these activities at home and every child will be ready to read!

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**Upcoming Events**

**UNION**

**Design-a-Bookmark Contest**  
June 2 through 30  
Kids, teens, adults! Design a bookmark that will be distributed to all Library patrons.

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

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

**Kids Club (grades 1-5)**  
Every Wednesday at 1 PM

**Teen Time (grades 6 and up)**  
Every Wednesday 3 PM

**Pete the Cat**  
Wednesday, June 4 & Saturday, June 7, at 10 AM  
Get your picture taken with Pete!

**Juggling Jeff**  
Wednesday, June 25, at 1 PM

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Late 1800s Fashion**  
Tuesday, June 3, at 6 PM  
The Ladies Union Aid Society will present a fashion show of styles from the Civil War era. Call to register.

**Internet 101**  
Friday, June 6, from 9-10:30 AM  
Learn how to navigate the Internet with this introductory class. Registration required.

**Self-Defense for Women**  
Tuesday, June 10, from 6-7 PM  
Learn basic practices for self-defense and rape prevention. Registration required.

**Banned and Challenged Book Club**  
Thursday, June 19, at 7 PM  
*A Thousand Splendid Suns* will be discussed.

**Let’s Talk Stocks: Risks and Rewards Exploration**  
Tuesday, June 24, at 6 PM  
Learn how to get started investing or come wanting to learn more. Call to register.

**Windows 8 Basics**  
Thursday, June 26, from 10-11 AM  
Explore Windows 8. Registration is required.

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**WARREN COUNTY**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Storytime (Preschool -Kindergarten)**  
Tuesdays at 10 AM  

**Kids Club (Grades 1-5, Ages 6-11)**  
Tuesdays at 1 PM  
June's themes are Fizz, Boom, Pop--Gloop!, R U Curious--Thaumatrope, Sharpie Tie Dye & ShrinkyDinks, and Fizz, Boom, Pop!--In Flight.

**Teen Tuesday-Thrill Builders (Grades 6-12, Ages 12-18)**  
Tuesday, June 10, at 4 PM  
Teens are invited to build a merry-go-round, beanbag toss, and a race car. Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Pinck Party**  
Tuesday, June 3, from 5-8 PM  
Come join a girl's night out and make lip gloss, sugar scrub, coasters, and more!

**Beginners Computer Class**  
Thursday, June 5, at 10:30 AM  
An instructor will be on hand to help you with computer basics. Space is limited!

**Book Signing**  
Tuesday, June 10, at 6:30 PM  
C. S. Hart will talk about her books, *Windstone: The Secrets Within* and *On Enemy Lines*.

**Stained Glass**  
Tuesday, June 24, at 6:30 PM  
Sherry Pate will demonstrate making suncatchers.

**Book Club**  
Wednesday, June 18, at 2 PM  
We will be discussing *Holes* by Louis Sachar.

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**HERMANN**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Teen Scene**  
Tuesdays at 2 PM

**Story Hour**  
Thursdays at 10 AM

**Kids Club**  
Thursdays at 1 PM

**Pete the Cat Story Hour**  
Wednesday, June 4, at 1 PM  
Meet Pete; bring a camera!

**Racing to Read**  
Saturday, June 21, at 10 AM  
Parents learn how to help their kids develop literacy skills.

**Juggling Jeff**  
Tuesday, June 24, at 10 AM  
Interactive comedy show for all ages.

**Teen Movie Night**  
Friday, June 27, from 5:30-8 PM  
Call the Library for the movie title; rated PG-13.

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**Dr. L. I. Brary (Owensville Branch staff member Kim Zweifel) talked to a pre-k class about the Summer Reading Program and conducted some fun science experiments.**

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**Saturday Storytime at the Union Branch was moved into the children's area during the book sale.**

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Upcoming
NEW HAVEN

Pete the Cat
Tuesday, June 3, at 10 AM

Juggling Jeff
Tuesday, June 24, at 1 PM
New Haven Elementary, 201 Elton Street
Free! Everyone is welcome!

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime (for kids up to Kindergarten age)
Tuesdays at 10 AM
In June, we will enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and finger plays about science.

Kid’s Club (Grades 1-5)
Tuesdays at 11 AM
Featuring stories, crafts, and science demonstrations. We will explore a different topic each week in June and July.

Teen Time (Grades 6-up)
Tuesday, June 17 at 1 PM
Eggs-Periments!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Yarn and Yak
Wednesday, June 4, from 6-8 PM
Yarn crafts group meets the first Wednesday of each month at New Haven Library. Bring your projects and ideas. Reservations are not needed.

Special Program – If It Looks Like a Man: Gender Identity, Female Soldiers, and “Lady Bushwackers” in the Civil War
Thursday, June 19, at 7 PM
Old New Haven School
Presentation by historian, Diane Eickhoff. Reserve your seat today.

Book Club
Wednesday, June 25, at 5 PM
We will discuss The Orchard by Adele C. Robertson. Stop by the Library to pick up a copy. Everyone is welcome. Book Club meets at the Library.

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KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime: (Toddlers through Kindergarten)
Thursdays at 10 AM

Kids Club (Grades 1-5)
Every Thursday at 1 PM

Teen Time: Engineers to the Rescue
Thursday, June 12, at 3 PM

Teen Time: Water Fights!
Wednesday, June 18, at 10 AM

Parenting Your Preschooler and Preschool Program
Tuesday, June 24, 10 AM

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

River Hills Traveler
John Robinson, Missouri Tourism Director
Thursday, June 5, at 4 PM

Bow Making & Package Wrapping
Saturday, June 21, at 11 AM

Adult Book Club
The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman
Thursday, June 26, at 2 PM

OWENSVILLE
KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Thursday, June 5, at 4:30 PM

Pete the Cat will be visiting Storytime
Thursday, June 5, at 4:30 PM

Kids Club
Each Thursday during June and July at 1:30 PM

Teen Time
Each Thursday during June and July at 12:30 PM

Racing to Read
This is an early lit class for parents.
Saturday, June 28, at 10 AM

ADULT PROGRAMS

Knifty Knitters
Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 PM
The Knifty Knitters meet to learn, laugh, and knit! Crocheters are welcome!

Summer Signing Club
Every Thursday, beginning June 5, at 6:30 PM
Learn sign language with instructor, Denise Greene.

Movie Night: Saving Mr. Banks
Friday, June 6, at 7 PM

Photography for Amateurs
Tuesday, June 17, at 6 PM
Learn photography basics. Bring your camera!

Book Club
Wednesday, June 18, at 6:30 PM
Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier.

On May 6 local author and historian Sue Blesi gave a presentation at the Union Branch about the bank robbery of the Bank of Union that led to a nationwide manhunt back in 1903.
Kindles will be available for checkout at the New Haven Branch

Scenic Regional Library will be making three Kindle e-book readers available for checkout at the New Haven Branch. The devices are pre-loaded with e-book versions of the 10 bestselling adult and young adult fiction titles. Kindles are also available for checkout for patrons at the Hermann and Owensville Branches. These are the titles available on each device:

**Adult Fiction Titles:**
1. *Unlucky 13*, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
2. *Field of Prey*, by John Sandford
3. *The Target*, by David Baldacci
4. *The Goldfinch*, by Donna Tartt
5. *Walking on Water*, by Richard Paul Evans
6. *Gone Girl*, by Gillian Flynn
7. *Giving In*, by Maya Banks
8. *Natchez Burning*, by Greg Iles
10. *Archer’s Voice*, by Mia Sheridan

**Young Adult Fiction Titles:**
1. *Fault in our Stars*, by John Green
2. *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak
3. *If I Stay*, by Gayle Forman
5. *Divergent*, by Veronica Roth
6. *The Finisher*, by David Baldacci
8. *57 Lives of Alex Wayfare*, by MG Buehrlen
10. *Eleanor and Park*, by Rainbow Rowell

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**Summer Reading Program**

*Summer is about experiences, going places, laughing, learning, and enjoying the weather.* From June 2nd to July 26th, children and teens can do just that during our Fizz, Boom, Read Summer Reading Program. Participants are invited to earn badges by reading, attending library programs, or having an experience related to the badge. Suggested books, programs and activities will be listed on our website. After participants have 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, Magic House passes, St. Louis Myseum passes, and much more! Visit [scenicregional.org](http://scenicregional.org) for more information.

**Adult Summer Reading Program**

Scenic Regional Library will be kicking off its adult summer reading program on June 2nd. Participants can read any three books to earn a Fizz, Boom, Read Summer Reading Program tote bag and have their name entered in a drawing for one of TEN $40 gift cards to local restaurants and 10 SanDisk Sansa Clip+ 4GB MP3 players. The MP3 players are recommended by Overdrive for e-audiobooks, but also can hold up to 1,000 songs! Pick up your entries at any Scenic Regional Library branch. Visit [www.scenicregional.org](http://www.scenicregional.org) for more information!

**Win a SanDisk Sansa Clip+ 4GB MP3 player by participating in the Adult Summer Reading Program!**

Participants in the Adult Summer Reading Program can read any three books to earn a Fizz, Boom, Read Summer Reading Program tote bag.

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**Children at the Pacific Branch recline and read on some new furniture. In May, the Children's Factory in Union donated several sets of vinyl padded furniture to the Library.**

**Scenic Regional Library thanks the Children's Factory in Union for their generous donation of children's furniture.**

**Warrenton staff member DeeDee Twiehaus reads Eric Carle's *The Tiny See* and other plant-related books to the children at Kids Under Construction on April 21.**

**Janet Hurst, author of *The Whole Goat Handbook* and other books, presented Intro to Cheesemaking at the Warrenton Branch on April 24.**
The Robotics Club met at the Warrenton Branch on April 28. Participants built four robots and programmed them to run by voice and computer commands.

The St. Clair Branch’s Homeschool Club read stories about wind and kites and then made their own kites at their May 15 meeting.

Charissa Coyle, a New Haven artist, taught patrons an introduction to ink drawing and watercolor painting at the Pacific Branch on May 16.

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**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