Message from the Director

Over the past thirty years, public libraries all over the country have gradually been moving from being warehouses of books to community centers.

While libraries are certainly still a place where people can check out materials, they’re becoming much more. Today, many libraries are places where people can get health screenings and help with their taxes. People can apply for jobs online using a library’s public computers, send a FAX, register to vote, attend a candidate’s forum, and, in some cases, even vote. Most libraries offer a wide range of programs for all ages. People can learn everything from watercolor painting and yoga to Microsoft Excel and financial planning. Libraries are comfortable, quiet places where friends can meet. Civic organizations hold meetings at libraries’ public meeting rooms.

Children and teens visit libraries to do homework and receive tutoring or play video games. Senior citizens can play Wii Sports and Wii Fit at many libraries. Libraries have also become community cultural centers where people can participate in open mic poetry readings and attend art exhibits.

While Scenic Regional Library’s can’t be considered a community center yet, we’ve been working to change that. If the library’s tax measure passes on April 8, it will allow our branches to truly become the center of their communities.

Scenic Regional Library has a proposed 10-cent levy increase on the April 8 ballot.

For more information, go to: scenicregional.org/levy

Voter Registration Deadline March 12

Are you registered to vote? Scenic Regional Library has a levy increase measure on the April 8 ballot. We encourage everyone to vote. If you want to vote in the April 8 election, the deadline to register is March 12. For information about registering and the forms you will need, visit http://scenicregional.org/register-to-vote. You can also register to vote at any Scenic Regional Library branch.

On February 7 at the Hermann Branch, Bernadine Oetterer taught attendees quilting tips and tricks.
Kindle Pilot Program Looking Successful

On February 1, Scenic Regional Library began offering Kindle e-readers for checkout to patrons at its Hermann and Owensville branches. All the e-readers were checked out within the first few days. The devices are pre-loaded with e-book versions of fifteen bestselling hardcover fiction novels. The list of titles will be updated periodically as the bestseller lists change. Patrons can be placed on the short waiting list for the next available device.

This is a pilot program. As a result, the devices are only available to Hermann and Owensville Branch patrons at this time. Some of the bestselling fiction titles on each device are The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd, The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt, DarkWolf by Christine Feehan, Standup Guy by Stuart Woods, Sycamore Row by John Grisham, River Road by Jayne Ann Krentz, and Cross My Heart by James Patterson.

Civil War Remembered at Scenic Regional Library

The entire country is in the midst of a 150th year remembrance of the American Civil War, 1861-1865. Scenic Regional Library has created a booklet listing nonfiction titles in its collection about a variety of Civil War subjects. The library has books with battle details and books about Civil War spies, books of Mathew Brady’s photographs, and books about women who disguised themselves as men so that they could fight. Stop by the Union branch for a free copy of the booklet.

The library will be hosting programs about the Civil War between now and April 2015. People may call 636-583-3224 for more information.

It’s Not too Late to Join the Friends of the Library

It’s not too late to become a founding member of your local branch’s Friends of the Library. An individual or family can join for as little as $10. 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. All membership dues and contributions are tax deductible and designated solely for use by your local branch’s Friends of the Library group.

Members in 2014 will have their name and contribution level engraved on a plaque which will be placed on permanent display in their local branch. In addition, members receive a 10% discount on books purchased at the library’s book sales and can attend special programs and events at any branch which are only open to Friends of the Library members.

Visit www.scenicregional.org/friends for more information or an application.
Upcoming Events

UNION
KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 AM

Teen Tuesday
March 11 from 4-6 PM
*The Princess Bride* interactive movie night. Celebrate this classic film by joining us for our audience participation version.

Family Fort Night/Stuffed Animal Sleepover
March 14 from 5:30-7 PM
Ask for details!

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Wild Mushroom
March 4 from 6-7 PM
Maxine Stone will teach attendees how to find, identify, and prepare wild mushroom. Sign up to attend.

21st Century Books Reading Group
March 6 at 10 AM
*Blessings* by Anna Quindlen will be discussed.

The Chain Gang
March 7 from 6-7:30 PM
Come crochet with us!

Starting Your Container Garden
March 11 from 6-7 PM
Platt Nursery will explain what containers and plants to use in your container garden. Open to adults. Sign up to attend.

B.A.CH. Book Club
March 20 at 7 PM
*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky will be discussed.

Bodyweight Fitness: Using Your Body to Get Fit
March 25 from 6-7 PM
Chiropractor Megan Goss will teach an in-home workout. Demonstration only. Sign up to attend.

WARREN COUNTY
KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10 AM
March’s theme is weather: Weather Watch, Cloudy, Rainy and Sunny, and Stormy.

Teen Tuesday Games
March 11 at 4 PM
Teens ages 12-18 are invited to play several board games. Sign up at the library or call 636-456-3321.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Live Irish Music
March 11 from 6:30-7:30 PM
Come listen to live Irish music performed by the local band, Blueberry Jam, and enjoy refreshments. Sign up at the library or call 636-456-3321.

New Truxton: Railroad Town to Ghost Town
March 25 from 6-7:30 PM
Bill Canelos will present a program about New Truxton, MO (only new town in Warren County to be built in the Twentieth Century). Learn about the people, trains, and events. Sign up at the library or call 636-456-3321.

Book Club
March 19 at 2 PM
We will be discussing *Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog* by Lisa Scottoline.

HERMANN
KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 10 AM

Teen Scene: DIY Crayon Candles
March 19 from 3-4:30 PM
Make your own colorful votive candle from crayons.

Homeschool Program: March toward Change
March 25 from 2-3:30 PM
Homeschoolers share their discoveries after researching an activist, movement, or any issue that needs attention and change. Check out their projects to see what they learned!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Be Creative! Creative Writing Club
Every 2nd Wednesday at 6 PM
Join us for Book Club
Every 3rd Wednesday at 6 PM

Women in History
March 13 at 7 PM
Join Scenic Regional Library’s Diane Disbro as she presents *Ads, Lawbreakers, and Home Cooking: Washington Missourian Stories from the 1940*s* in honor of Women’s History Month. For more information, call or come in to the library.

In honor of Valentine’s Day, hearts were the shape of the week at story hour. Children made heart-shaped sun catchers at the Hermann Branch storytime in February.

Warrenton staff member DeeDee Twiehaus reads to children at the Wesleyan Kiddie College on February 3.
**Upcoming**

**NEW HAVEN**

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

**Preschool Storytime**

Tuesdays at 10 AM

In March, we will enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and finger plays about weather, clouds, rain, and wind.

ADULT PROGRAMS

**Yarn & Yak**

March 5 from 6-8 PM

Yarn crafts group meets the first Monday of each month at New Haven Library. Bring your projects and ideas. Reservations are not needed.

**All Occasion Cards**

March 13 from 6-8 PM

Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Street

Make some gorgeous all-occasion cards with Barb Kandlbinder. Reservations are required and space is limited.

**Introduction to Tai Ji Quan or Tai Chi, the ancient Chinese martial art**

March 20 from 6:30-7 PM

Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Street

Bill Fields will demonstrate this way of moving, thinking, and meditating. Reservations are required.

**Book Club**

March 26 at 5 PM

We will discuss *Kabbalah: A Love Story* by Lawrence Kushner. Call or stop by to pick up a copy. Book Club meets at the library.

**Coming in April: Mason Jar Crafts.**

April Book Club selection is *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom.

**Events**

**PACIFIC**

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

**Preschool Storytime**

Thursdays at 10 AM

**Dr. Seuss Celebration**

March 1 from 10 AM-12 PM

**Crafty Kids Club**

March 8 from 10-11 AM

Ages 8 and up.

**Read with Max**

March 8 from 11 AM-12 PM

**Read ’n Build**

March 15 from 11 AM-12 PM

Ages 5 and up.

ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

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

**Native American Archeology**

March 5 at 6:30 PM

Jodi Harl, Vice President of the St. Louis Archaeological Research Center, will give a presentation on the Damper Site of Chesterfield, MO.

**Washington Missourian Stories from the 1940’s**

March 12 at 6:30 PM

Diane Disbro, Branch Manager of Union Library, will present “What the Washington Missourian reported about Women during WWII.”

**Adult Book Club**

March 26 at 6:30 PM

We will be reading *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker.

**Crochet Basics**

March 29 at 1 PM

With Ann Wideman.

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**ST. CLAIR**

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

**Preschool Storytime**

Thursdays from 11 AM to 12 PM

Also, Saturday, March 29, at 11 AM

**Read-Build-Play Club**

March 29 at 10 AM

**Teen Time**

March 19 from 3-5 PM

Marshmallow wars!

**Teen Book Club**

Date to be announced.

March book is *Ender’s Game* by Orson Scott Card.

ADULT PROGRAMS

**Tax & Estate Planning**

March 4 from 3-4 PM

Steve Broadbent, CPA, will provide useful information regarding tax and estate planning.

**Give Yourself a Facial at the Library!**

March 15 from 10 AM - Noon

Diane Overschmidt will provide skin care info, products, and instructions. Reservations required.

**Adult Book Club**

March 27 from 2-3 PM

Cross *Gardener* by Jason Wright.

**OWENSVILLE**

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

**Preschool Storytime**

Thursdays at 4:30 PM

Join the fun with stories, songs, crafts, and finger plays!!

**Beginning Genealogy**

March 13 at 6:30 PM

Pat Hale will show you how to begin researching your family tree.

**Book Club**

March 19 at 6:30 PM

We will be discussing *The Touch* by Colleen McCullough.

**Daffy for Daffodils?**

March 25 at 6:30 PM

Learn all about daffodils!
**Database Spotlight**

**Ancestry.com**

March has arrived, and with it has come the promise of spring.

It’s time to finally get out of the house after all that snow and pick up the projects we abandoned when the snow hit. Like that family tree you were working on, or maybe never even had the time to start. Lucky for you, you can use Ancestry.com for free at your local branch and get all the benefits of a subscription at none of the cost!

Ancestry.com is the world’s largest online resource for family history. It has 12 billion historical records and more than 200 million photographs, scanned documents, and written stories—appropriate resources whether you’re a master historian who has already dug back 200 years or you’re taking your first steps toward building a family tree. These resources include birth, marriage, and death records; military records; wills; city directories; immigration and travel records; school and church directories; newspapers; and 450 million indexed U.S. Census records from 1790 to 1930.

To get started, you can either search for your relative by their name, location, and birth year (if you know it), or click the “Learning Center” tab and click “Begin” underneath “Getting Started.” The “First Steps” section will guide you on your search.

From one of the library’s computers, navigate to [http://scenicregional.org/databases](http://scenicregional.org/databases), click on “Genealogy and Biography”, and click “Ancestry Library”.

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**Hermann Seed Library**

It’s almost spring again!

If you’re planning to grow a garden this year, don’t forget to stop by the Hermann branch and check out what’s available at the Seed Library. The Hermann Seed Library was created last April and is the first of its kind in Missouri. The Seed Library works very simply; patrons come into the library, check out seeds, grow their crop, and at the end of the growing season they harvest and return seeds for the coming year. In 2013, the Hermann Seed Library checked out 175 heirloom seed packets to 35 home gardeners. This year, the library already has 99 packets of various vegetable seed (some flowers) available for check out. For more information, call Brittany or Sheri at 573-486-2024 or visit the Hermann branch.

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**New Features on the Missouri Evergreen Catalog**

In response to patron requests, the library staff has recently added two new features to the Missouri Evergreen catalog: “New Titles” list and “Suggest a Purchase” online form. Similar options were available on the library’s old system. The “New Titles” list provides all the books added to our collection in the past six months with the most recently added titles listed first.

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**Knitting and Crocheting Groups Meet at the Library**

Library patrons in Owensville and Union come together once a month to knit and crochet. People who enjoy doing crafts know that crafting is a relaxing pastime. Our patrons bring their yarn, needles, and hooks and enjoy quiet conversation and music as they work on their projects and help each other decipher difficult patterns or learn new stitches. Both groups are free and open to the public. The Knitting Circle meets at the Owensville branch on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The Chain Gang crochet group meets at the Union branch on the first Friday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

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**Zumba instructor, Kami Farrell, taught participants Zumba at the Union Branch on February 18.**

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**A Scenic Regional Library patron grew these enormous sunflowers with seeds “borrowed” from the Hermann Branch’s Seed Library.**

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**The Owensville Branch Knitting Circle met on February 5 to work on their projects.**
Historian and author Sue Blesi visited the Pacific Branch on February 19 to talk about the botched Farmers and Merchants bank robbery of 1921 by the Feather Edge Gang of St. Louis.

Max and his owner, Amy Cronin, visit the Pacific Branch once a month for storytime.

On February 18, Union staff member Lauren Young helped Cub Scouts earn their Reading and Writing Belt Loop and Pin.

Young library patrons admire the artwork on display at the Union Branch from Clearview Elementary School.

### 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

**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

**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

**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

**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