Message from the Director

On April 8, the citizens of Franklin, Warren, and Gasconade counties voted in favor of Scenic Regional Library’s first tax increase since 1959.

It was an incredible show of support and demonstrated the public’s belief in the importance of properly-funded libraries. We are eager to begin implementing all the wonderful improvements in library service for the residents of our three-county district. Scenic Regional Library’s staff and Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone in our communities who helped with the effort.

The library's proposition would not have been approved without all the people who placed yard signs on their lawns, convinced their friends and relatives to vote for the measure, and shared information about the measure with their Facebook friends. Some library patrons spoke to groups to which they belong about the measure entirely on their own. We thank everyone who did their part to get the word out and campaign for the library.

We thank all the great people we met at the service organizations and other groups throughout the campaign for allowing us to speak to their members about the ballot measure. Specifically, we would like to thank Pacific Board of Aldermen, Washington Lions Club, New Haven Lions Club, and St. Clair Mayor Ron Blum for their official or public endorsements of our ballot measure. We also thank the people who wrote letters to the editor in support of the measure.

Last, but not least, we thank our local newspapers. While they always provide generous publicity for the library’s programs and events, throughout the campaign they gave our ballot measure an incredible amount of coverage. Without their coverage and support, the measure would not have passed. We appreciate that the newspapers in our district value literacy and libraries. Thank you!

Library Awarded Second Historical Newspaper Digitization Grant

The Library, in cooperation with the State Historical Society of Missouri and other genealogical and historical societies in the area, has been awarded its second historical newspaper digitization grant to digitize its historical local newspapers on microfilm. The grant covers 100% of the $22,007 project. Once digitized, anyone will be able to search the newspapers online with a simple keyword search. The grant project is expected to be completed by December 2014. The library hopes to obtain additional grants to digitize the remainder of its collection over the next two years. The following newspapers are included in the current grant project:

- Bland Courier, 1926-1951
- Franklin County Tribune, 1887-1896; 1923-1966
- Gasconade County Republican, 1923-1966
- Marthasville Record, 1923-1966
- Pacific Transcript, 1923-1933
- Warrenton Banner, 1925-1966
- Warrenton Citizen, 1924-1946
- Der Missionar (Warren County), January 1881-June 1881
- Warrenton Volksfreund, 1902-1915
- Hermanner Volksblatt, 1845-1855
- Licht-Freund, 1842-1845

The newspapers digitized last year by the library’s previous grant can be found at the following link: www.scenicregional.org/historicalnewspapers

Find us on: Facebook

A great way to learn about upcoming programs and events at the library is to follow us on Facebook. “Like” your local branch’s Facebook page today!
Can you spare a few hours a month to help someone learn how to read?
Library Seeking Adult Literacy Tutors

Adult literacy is a growing problem in the United States. According to a recent U.S. Department of Education survey, 32 million U.S. adults—or 1 in 7—can’t read. That means they can’t read the menu at a restaurant or the instructions on a bottle of medication.

While most people think of a fitness center when they hear someone mention the YMCA, adult literacy has been a major initiative of the organization throughout its history. The Four Rivers YMCA in Washington, which serves Franklin, Gasconade, and southern Warren counties, has been recruiting volunteers to provide free one-on-one literacy tutoring for the adults. Currently, the organization has over 25 tutors working with adults in the area. They provide 30 adults with approximately 75 hours of tutoring each month. Half of the adult students are learning English as a second language.

Scenic Regional Library has been working with the YMCA to recruit tutors and provide locations for the tutoring sessions. Additional volunteers are needed in every community in the three-county area; however, the need is particularly great in Gasconade County. All tutors are required to complete six hours of training and complete a background check. The next tutor training session will be in January. Tutoring sessions are held once a week at a public place, such as a Scenic Regional Library branch, the YMCA, or senior citizen centers.

If you’re interested in being an adult literacy tutor, contact Steve Campbell at 636-583-0652 or swcampbell@scenicregional.org.

Many of the "bugs" patrons experienced with Missouri Evergreen during the first month or two have been resolved.
We continue to work on existing issues.

If you need assistance placing a request in Evergreen, please ask a staff member at your local branch.

Missouri Evergreen Requests Up 20% Over the Past Month
In March alone nearly 1,000 items were shipped to or from Scenic Regional Library by Missouri Evergreen member-libraries. This was a 20% increase from February. The consortium now has 18 member-libraries and over 305,000 items. The most recent library to join was the Sullivan Public Library, which went live on April 28.
**UNION**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Preschool Storytime**

Wednesdays & Saturdays @ 10 AM

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Rudolph & Collins Robbery**

May 6 from 6-7 PM

Sue Blesi will present the 1903 Union bank robbery. Call to register.

**B.A.CH. Book Club**

May 15 at 7 PM

*Killing Mr. Griffin* by Lois Duncan will be discussed.

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**WARREN COUNTY**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Preschool Storytime**

Tuesdays at 10 AM

May's theme is “All About Bugs/Insects”. All bugs are insects, but not all insects are bugs; creepy and crawly; flitter and flutter; spiders are not bugs.

**A-Mayzing Candles**

May 13 from 4-5 PM

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to create color block candles. Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Beginner’s Computer Class**

May 1 at 10:30 AM

An instructor will be on hand to help you get started with computer basics. Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**Dynamic Yoga**

May 6 from 6-7:30 PM

Janice Anderson from Hapkido Plus will be here to teach a yoga class. Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**Vegetable Gardening**

May 13 from 6-7 PM

Master Gardener Duane Ackerman will be giving a class on planting and growing veggies. Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**Soapmaking**

May 20 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Renee Berry will be presenting a class on cold process soapmaking with step-by-step instructions. Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**Book Club**

May 21 at 2 PM

We will be discussing *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez. Sign up at the Library or call 636.456.3321.

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**HERMANN**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Preschool Storytime**

Thursdays at 10 AM

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

May 4 from 2-4 PM

Share your ideas for teen programs and build a spaceship to decorate the Library. Grades 7 and up.

**Family Movie Matinee**

May 31 from 3-4:30 PM

Kick off the Summer Reading Program with a Disney movie. Call to find out the title and reserve your spot now!

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Be Creative! Creative Writing Club**

Every 2nd Wednesday at 6 PM

**Rudolph & Collins Robbery**

May 6 from 6-7 PM

Sue Blesi will present the 1903 Union bank robbery. Call to register.

**B.A.CH. Book Club**

May 15 at 7 PM

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**May**

The Warren County Branch had Jeremiah Koch from Hapkido Plus present self defense instruction at Teen Tuesday on April 15.

Patrons were invited to write poems on the sidewalk at the Union Branch throughout April to celebrate National Poetry Month.

The Warren County Branch’s Robotics Club held its first session with students from Warrenton High School on March 24.

Crochet enthusiast Ann Wideman presented Crochet For Beginners II at the Pacific Branch.
Upcoming

NEW HAVEN
KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10 AM
In May, we will enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and finger plays about insects.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Yarn & Yak
May 7 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.

Butterfly Gardening
May 22 from 6:30-7:30 PM
Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Street
Master Gardener Presentation. Reserve your seat today!

Book Club
May 28 at 5 PM
We will discuss Sarah’s Key by Tatiana de Rosnay. Call or stop by to pick up a copy. Everyone is welcome. Book Club meets at the Library.

Coming in June:
June Book Club selection is The Orchard by Adele C. Robertson.

Special Program - If It Looks Like a Man: Gender Identity, Female Soldiers, and “Lady Bushwackers” in the Civil War. This presentation by historian, Diane Eickhoff, will be held at Old New Haven School on June 19, at 7 PM.

Historian Charles Staats presented Civil War Medicine at the Pacific Branch about medical procedures during the Civil War. Mr. Staats was in an authentic Union army uniform and brought many interesting medical tools from the period.

Events

PACIFIC
KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 10 AM

Read with Max
May 10 from 11 AM-12 PM
And make a Mother’s Day Card!

Read 'n Build
May 17 from 11 AM-12 PM
Ages 5 and up. With books and Legos.

Crafty Kids Club
May 20 from 4-5 PM
Ages 8 and up.

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party with Pete the Cat and our Giant Maze
June 3 at 5 PM

ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)
Registration required for the following programs. Please call 636.257.2712 or visit the Library to sign up.

Afternoon Tea
May 3 from 1-2 PM
Natalie Laplante is hosting an afternoon tea party.

Stories of Stone
May 7 at 6:30 PM
Madonna Cieslak will give a talk over the history of the Old Rock Church.

Intro to Ink and Watercolors
May 14 from 6:30-8 PM
Charissa Coyle will be giving an introductory workshop to ink and watercolors.

Adult Book Club
May 28 at 6:30 PM
Tell the Wolves I’m Home by Carol Rifka Brunt.

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ST. CLAIR
KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 11 AM
Also, Saturday, May 31 at 11 AM

Read-Build-Play Club
May 31 at 10 AM

Teen Time
May 14 from 3-4:30 PM
Gardening!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Flower Arranging
May 10 from 10-1 PM

Adult Book Club
May 22 from 2-3 PM
Swine Not? by Jimmy Buffett.

Estate Planning
May 21 from 6-7 PM
Steve Broadbent presenting.

OWENSVILLE
KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 4:30 PM
Join the fun with stories, songs, and crafts!!

Teen Club
1st & 3rd Mondays at 3:30 PM
Owensville Middle School, Room N-12.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Movie Night
May 2 at 7 PM
Showing a movie with Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. Call for the title.

Eating for a Healthy Life
May 6 at 6:30 PM
With Master Herbalist, Deborah Wagmaner.

Nifty Knitters
May 7 at 6:30 PM
The Nifty Knitters meet to continue our knitting journey.

Book Club
May 21 at 6:30 PM
We will be discussing 1000 White Women by Jim Fergus.

Intermediate Genealogy
May 22 at 6:30 PM
The second of a three-part series. All are welcome.
E-reader Checkout Program Considered a Success

57 New Bestselling Fiction Titles Added
Scenic Regional Library began a pilot program on February 1 at its Hermann and Owensville Branches that allowed patrons to check out Kindle e-readers. The devices are pre-loaded with e-book versions of fifteen bestselling hardcover fiction novels. The program has been considered a success. The six e-readers were checked out a total of 27 times over a 12-week time period.

Patrons can request and check out the e-readers like they do a book; however, the devices are only available to Hermann and Owensville Branch patrons during the pilot program. Three Kindle e-readers are available for request and check out at each location.

The library plans to make Kindle e-readers available at all its branches in January 2015. These are some of the 57 new bestselling fiction titles which have been added to each device:

- Be Careful What You Wish For by Jeffrey Archer
- Blackberry Pie Murder by Joanne Fluke
- Blossom Street Brides by Debbie Macomber
- The Bootlegger by Clive Cussler
- Carnal Curiosity by Stuart Woods
- Cavendon Hall by Barbara Taylor Bradford
- Cell by Robin Cook
- The Chase by Jane Evanovich
- Concealed in Death by J. D. Robb
- Confessions of a Wild Child by Jackie Collins
- Destroyer Angel by Nevada Barr
- First Love by James Patterson
- Keep Quiet by Lisa Scottoline
- Killer by Jonathan Kellerman
- The King by J. R. Ward
- Missing You by Harlan Coben
- Moving Target by J. A. Jance
- Night Broken by Patricia Briggs
- Night of the Hunter by R. A. Salvatore
- Power Play by Danielle Steel
- Private L. A. by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan
- Ripper by Isabel Allende

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 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 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.

On April 10, the Hermann Branch's story time theme was gardens. Children made a bird nest craft.

The Owensville Branch had a local physician, Dr. Trevor King, visit and read to children at story time.

At the Owensville Branch's garden-theme story time, children created butterflies with "splat painting".
On March 29, the St. Clair Branch’s Read-BUILD-Play Club acted out the classic *Three Little Pigs* story on a felt board and then built some strong houses with Lego bricks.

On April 4, the Hermann Branch had The Prettiest Town in America Art Reception, which showcased the work of local photographers Bill Fields and Tony Carosella. The reception featured music by Don Huber, Linda Jo Huber, and Gregory Krone.

**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

**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