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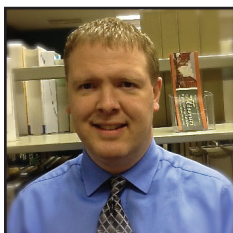


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Message from the Director



Director Steven Campbell In September, Scenic Regional Library mailed surveys to 4,500 residents of Franklin, Gasconade, and Warren counties. The purpose was to find out what people thought about the library. Are we doing a good job? What can we do better? We received 795 responses, almost twice the average rate.

The survey revealed that about three-fourths of the people surveyed had used Scenic Regional Library at least a few times in the past year and 37% use the library once or twice a month or more. The fact that so many people use the library might surprise some people who think that the Internet and e-books are making libraries obsolete. However, people who actually use libraries know better. With e-books, Wi-Fi, and high-speed Internet, libraries are keeping pace with changing times.

According to the survey results, the most common reasons people said they visited the library were to check out materials, pick up materials they had requested, ask a librarian a question, or read a newspaper or magazine. Other top reasons included attending an adult program, downloading an e-book, using a public computer, and researching genealogy.

The survey also showed that a little less than half of library users visit the library's website. The most common reasons people use the site is to renew materials, check to see if the library owns a particular item, and request materials.

The survey asked people to rate the library in 19 areas, including cleanliness/maintenance of facilities, up-to-date technology, courteousness of staff, knowledge of staff, accessibility for all patrons, and safety inside and outside the

building. The vast majority of respondents rated the library good or very good in every category.

The results also indicated that people would like to see the library focus its resources on more print materials, e-books and e-audiobooks, and programs for adults, children, and teens. The library already spends about fifteen percent of its annual budget on new materials, which is the mark at which most libraries aim. If you include our research databases in that figure, which libraries normally do, it's closer to eighteen percent. The library added almost 20,000 new items systemwide in 2012. Unfortunately, when you divide all those new items up among seven branches, and you have tens of thousands of people wanting to use them, it doesn't seem like very much.

One of the survey's open-ended questions asked people, "What do you like most about your library?" The most common response was "staff" or "friendly staff." We have a lot of great staff who work very hard. It was nice to hear that the public recognizes their efforts. Other questions were, "What do you like least about your library?" and "If the library could make one improvement, what should it be?" For both questions, over 60% of respondents said that they either wanted more new materials, longer service hours, or improved or larger facilities.

While it would be wonderful to provide the public with more new materials, better and bigger facilities, and longer hours, the library simply can't afford it. The schools, ambulance districts, and fire districts in the area have all receive multiple tax increases over the past fifty years. The library is still collecting its original tax rate from 1959—ten cents (per \$100 of assessed property value). The average school district's tax rate in Missouri has gone from \$2.37 to \$4.03 during that same time. We feel that we're providing the public with the best possible services we can with our limited resources.



The St. Clair Fire Department visited the St. Clair Branch's Homeschooler's Club on October 3.



The Union Branch had a big turnout on October 1 to hear Marc Houseman present the story of Bertha Gifford, the Missouri farm wife who poisoned and killed many of her friends and relatives.

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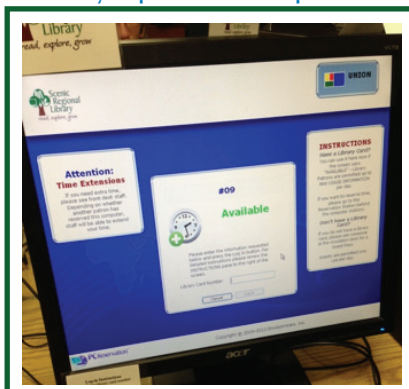
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New Software Installed on the Library's Public Computers

EnvisionWare, a type of time and print management software, has been installed on the library's public computers at every location.

The software is intended to reduce staff time and save paper. The software allows patrons to log-on to the library's public computers by simply entering their library card number into a field on the screen. Patrons will no longer need to sign-in at the front desk to use a public computer and new users will no longer have to sign an Internet agreement form. When patrons log-on, they will be asked to click "OK" indicating that they accept the library's Internet use policy. When all the public computers are being used at a location, patrons can get a reservation for the next available computer. The software automatically



limits a patron's computer session when other people are waiting.

In the past, library staff would have to ask a patron to finish their session. With all these tasks handled by EnvisionWare, library staff is free to help patrons in other ways. The software also has a "green" element. When a patron prints, the staff will only release the print job once the patron has paid for it. As a result, unwanted print jobs can be deleted. Most libraries utilize some type of time and print management software for their public computers. The software was purchased with an LSTA grant through the Missouri State Library.

New Library Cards Unveiled



The library recently had their library cards redesigned. The new design was created by the card company ID Cards and did not cost the library any additional money, even though the new cards include more color. The new cards (shown above) include a key chain card and became available to library patrons in early October.

Digital Projector Purchased for the Library

A new digital projector was purchased in October using donations made in memory of the late Lucie F. Rohrbach, mother of former Scenic Regional Library director Ken Rohrbach. Ms. Rohrbach retired from Mid-Century Public Library after working 17 years in their audiovisual department. The projector will be used for programs and by presenters throughout the library system.



Volunteer Spotlight

For the past few months, Kimberly Reed has volunteered at the Union Branch a couple hours each week. She checks-in magazines and files monthly updates for the Missouri Code of State Regulations.

Thank you, Kimberly! We appreciate you! **Volunteering at the library is a great way to give back to your community. It can also look great on a college application or resume. Would you like to volunteer at the library? Contact your local branch for an application or more information.**



New Furniture for the Union Branch

Two lounge chairs were purchased by the library for the Union branch with proceeds from a silent auction held on March 23. The event raised over \$1,700 for the branch.



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Upcoming

UNION

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10 AM

Teen Tuesday

November 12 at 4 PM
Skateboarding and law enforcement discussion!

Teen Tuesday

November 26 at 3 PM
Gaming! Drop in and play!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Sweet Treats

November 5 at 1 PM
Decorate truffles with Kim Lutz from The Fudge Shoppe.

Our Night Sky

November 12 at 6 PM
The Eastern Missouri Dark Sky Observers will explain what is currently visible in the night sky and attendees will look through a telescope.

Banned and Challenged Book Club

November 21 at 7 PM
The Agony of Alice by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor will be discussed. The club is free and open to the public.



The Warrenton Branch visited Wesleyan Kiddie Kollege to present a storytime on October 7.

November

WARREN COUNTY

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 AM

November's themes are Building Block book *Who's Who?*, voting for favorite Building Block books, and turkeys.

Guest Reader

November 19 at 10 AM
Representative Bart Korman will be reading *Little Hoot* to our storytime group!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Beekeeping

November 12 from 6:30-7:30 PM
Charles and Mindy Hicks will be here to talk about getting started and you will be able to try a sample of their delicious honey.

Movie Night: *The Christmas Card*

November 19 from 6-8 PM
Come get into the holiday spirit! Enjoy our hot cocoa bar along with buttered popcorn while watching this wonderful movie.

Book Club

November 20 at 2 PM
The Book Club will be discussing *Safe Haven* by Nicholas Sparks. Please join us.



The St. Clair Fire Department visited the St. Clair Branch for preschool storytime on October 3.

Events

HERMANN

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM (Closed November 28)

Teen Scene: Gift Mugs & SMASH Books

November 20 from 3-4:30 PM
Get a jump-start on the gift-giving season by learning how to make mug cake and other easy treats. Please bring a festive mug; the rest is provided. We'll also continue our SMASH books.

Gingerbread Storytime

November 23 from 10-11 AM
The Girl Scouts and Scenic Regional Library Hermann Branch invite you to kick off the holiday season at our very special storytime with games and crafts.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Discussion Group

November 20 from 6-8 PM

Knitting Class

November 14 at 3 PM
Marsha Nyberg will be at the Hermann Branch to teach us all about knitting! Please bring size 7 or 8 knitting needles and some smooth, light colored knitting yarn. For more information, call or come into the library. We hope you can come, sit, and knit with us!



The Warren County Branch made cow faces for their storytime craft on October 1st.

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NEW HAVEN

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 AM

We will vote for our favorite Building Block books and enjoy stories about the holidays.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Gifts in a Jar

November 5 from 6-7 PM

Make and take event with Mary Ann Burns at Old New Haven School. Sample some mixes and make gifts to share. Reservations required.

Book Club

November 20 from 5-6 PM

If the Witness Lied by Caroline Cooney.

Stop by the library to check out a copy. Everyone is welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

December program for all ages!

Ornament making at the library.

December 20 from 1-5 PM

December 21 from 9 AM-1 PM



Participants in a basic computer skills class at the St. Clair Branch.

Events

PACIFIC

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM

This month's theme is Missouri Building Block books.

Reading with Max (from Therapy Dogs, Inc.)

November 9 from 11 AM-12 PM

Max is back for another hour of reading fun.

First Read 'n Build

November 16 from 11 AM - 12 PM

Storytime with LEGO's. Ages 5+

Teen Book Club Meeting

November 20 from 4:15-5 PM

This month's author is Rick Riordan.

ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

Registration required for the following programs.

Please call 636.257.2712 or visit the library to sign up.

Computer Basics

November 6 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn the basics of computer use.

Space is limited to 6.

Greeting Card Workshop

November 13 from 6-7 PM

Make your own recycled cards and gift wrapping.

Book Club Meeting

November 20 from 6:30-7:30 PM

We will be discussing *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.



The St. Clair Fire Department visited the St. Clair Branch's Homeschooler's Club on October 3

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ST. CLAIR

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 11 AM

Teen Book Club

November 15 at 3:45 PM

If I Stay by Gayle Forman.

Discussion led by Karen Fogelbach.

Teen Time

November 20 from 5-7 PM

Games and fun led by Mindy Hawkins.

ADULT PROGRAMS

St. Clair History: Bank Robbery of 1921

November 19 from 2-3 PM

Facilitator Sue Blesi.

Adult Book Club

November 21 at 2 PM

Laura Hill will be leading the discussion.

Our book is *Between Sundays* by Karen Kingsbury. Laura Hill will be leading the discussion.

OWENSVILLE

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 4:30 PM

Hear stories, sing songs, and make a craft.

Special Saturday Storytime

November 23 at 10:30 AM

A member from the Owensville Area Ambulance District will be here to read a couple books, talk to the kids, and give a tour of an ambulance.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Movie Night

November 1 at 7 PM

Showing *The Great Gatsby* with Leonardo DiCaprio.

Knitting at the Library

November 6 at 6:30 PM

With Charlie Hada as our fearless leader.

Scrapbooking with Barb

November 12 from 2-4 PM

We will be making Christmas cards.

Safe Shopping

November 14 at 6 PM

Officer Robert Green will offer tips on keeping safe during this shopping season.

Book Club

November 20 at 6:30 PM

We will be discussing *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs.

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Database Spotlight LegalForms Library

LegalForms Library offers over 1,000 legal forms for Missouri residents to download, fill out, and print in a multitude of categories: Name Change, Power of Attorney, Real Estate, Wills & Estates, Landlord/Tenant, Divorce, Bankruptcy, and Incorporation.

Whether you want to find a form to change your name for a marriage, file for divorce, lease a house, rent a restaurant, or file a noise violation about your noisy neighbors, LegalForms Library has the form you're looking for.

LegalForms Library also offers a lot more than its name implies. A unique extra feature of Legal Forms Library is its collection of sample letters for business situations. Are you expecting a new baby and preparing for maternity or paternity leave? Need to send a letter to your credit card company informing them of identity theft? Or do you just need to write a disciplinary letter to an employee? LegalForms Library has a sample letter already written that you can download in Microsoft Word format, change to suit your personal situation, and send right away.



If you're a student, LegalForms Library has a comprehensive list of famous legal cases and legal definitions. On the left-hand side below the search bar, you can click "Definitions" to clear up any confusing legal jargon, or you can click "Law Digest" to search for legal cases. Revolutionary cases such as Roe V. Wade and Brown V. Board of Education are laid out with pictures, complete descriptions of court proceedings, and references for further reading.

To access this database, go to www.scenicregional.org/databases, click "Law and Criminal Justice," click "LegalForms," and enter your library card number.



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!

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1 PM TO 5 PM

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LOCATIONS:

UNION
at Union Branch
Public Meeting Room
308 Hawthorne Dr.

WARREN COUNTY
at Warren County Branch
Public Meeting Room
912 S. Hwy 47

NEW HAVEN
at Old New Haven School
810 Maupin Ave.

OWENSVILLE
at Gasconade County
Historical Society Museum
105 W. McFadden

HERMANN
at Gasconade County Historical
Society Community Room
315 Schiller St.

PACIFIC
at Pacific Lion's Club
319 W. Meramec

ST. CLAIR
at City Hall
#1 Paul Parks Dr.



The St. Clair Branch's Sewing Circle meets each Tuesday. Members work on a variety of projects, including crocheting, knitting, embroidery, and quilt blocks.



One of the many attractions at the Union branch's Big Machines event was a Life Flight helicopter.



Students from East Central College volunteered to provide free face painting at the Union Branch's Big Machines program.

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The Union Branch held its first Big Machines event on September 7 at East Central College for Library Card Registration Month.



Therapy Dogs, Inc. presented their popular Storytime with Max program on October 12 at the Pacific Branch.

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

