Message from the Director

When you finish reading a book, do you want to talk with someone about it?

If so, you’re not alone. The most difficult part is finding someone else who has also read the book. You could just tell someone about the book, but it’s not the same. That’s why libraries all over the country have book discussion groups. They’re a way to give people an opportunity get together and discuss books they’ve read. It’s also a chance to meet some new people.

When you discuss a book, you get a better understanding of it. Someone else can give you a different perspective. You may not have thought about a character or subplot in a certain way. The most important thing to remember is that you don’t have to be an English professor to attend a book group. Points aren’t given for the most intelligent observations about a book. Book groups are just regular people getting together to share their opinions about a book.

If you hated a particular book, it’s no reason to avoid the discussion. You’re probably not alone. In my experience, the worst books generate the most discussion among book groups. It’s probably going to be a short and boring discussion if everyone who read a particular book loved it. For some people, there’s nothing more uncomfortable, or even terrifying, than meeting a half-dozen or more strangers at the library. If you’re shy or an introvert, it’s okay! You don’t have to say anything. The first time you attend you may just want to sit and listen to what everyone else has to say, and that’s okay.

Scenic Regional has eight book clubs for adults or teens around our library system. The meetings are held once a month and last about an hour. You can see when all Scenic Regional Library’s book discussion groups meet, along with their upcoming book selections, by visiting the library’s website at http://scenicregional.org/book-clubs. All you have to do is read the next book and show up!

All Branches will be closed on November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving!

New Foundation Board Member Appointed

The Scenic Regional Library Board appointed Catherine Radtke to a three-year term on the Library Foundation Board of Directors. She replaced Linda Miskel, whose term expired in August. Ms. Radtke is a resident of Hermann, Missouri. John Deutch, of Warrenton, and Chris Stuckenschneider, of Washington, were also reappointed to three-year terms.
Friends of the Library Memberships Good through 2015

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation Board decided at its October meeting that Friends of the Library memberships purchased in 2014 will be valid until the end of 2015. Membership renewals will be mailed in December 2015 for 2016.

Individuals who join in 2014 and 2015 are inaugural members and will have their names engraved on a plaque that will be permanently displayed at their local branch. Individuals can purchase an annual Friends’ membership for as little as $10. All membership proceeds are designated for an individual’s local branch.

Library Staff Present at Library Conference

Scenic Regional Library’s Youth Services Librarian Christy Schink and Hermann Branch Manager Sheri Hausman each presented programs at the Missouri Library Association Conference on October 8 in Columbia, Missouri.

Christy Schink presented a pre-conference workshop called “Uke Can Do It!” Children’s librarians from all over Missouri were taught how to play the ukulele for storytime. A grant through the Missouri State Library allowed every participant to take home a free ukulele.

Sheri Hausman presented “Save Seeds, Save the World: Establishing a Seed Project at Your Library” with Karen Allen, Branch Manager with the Cass County Public Library. The program was about establishing a seed library at public libraries. Special emphasis was placed on community outreach and library programs that support the project. Scenic Regional Library’s Hermann Branch had the first registered seed library in Missouri.

Hermann Branch Manager Sheri Hausman (right) and Karen Allen (left), Branch Manager with the Cass County Public Library, present “Save Seeds, Save the World” at the Missouri Library Conference.
UNION

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime (preschool)
Every Wednesday and Saturday at 10 AM

Family Reading Night
Friday, November 7 at 6 PM
Families are invited to Union High School for a night of reading and fun! There will be crafts and activities, voting on your favorite book, and performances by the Drama Club.

International Games Day
Saturday, November 15, from 9 AM-3 PM
Families are welcome to drop in to play a variety of games!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Lake Placid: “A Recreational Center for Colored People in the Ozarks”
Tuesday, November 11, from 6-7 PM
Hear the story of Lake Placid, a racially segregated health-care facility for African Americans that thrived during the 1930s through the 1950s. Call 636-583-3224 to reserve your spot.

Banned and Challenged Book Club
Thursday, November 20 at 7 PM
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls will be discussed.

UNION

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime (Preschool - Kindergarten)
Tuesdays at 10 AM
Theme: We will be reading, reviewing, and voting on Missouri Building Block books, as well as reading about food and Thanksgiving.

Robotics (Grades 5-12)
Monday, November 17, from 3-5 PM
Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

International Games Day
Saturday, November 15, from 10 AM-2 PM
ADULT PROGRAMS

Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

Wine Making Part Deux
Tuesday, November 4, at 6 PM

Alzheimer’s - Know the 10 Signs
Tuesday, November 18, at 6 PM

Book Club
Wednesday, November 19, at 2 PM
We will be discussing Sarah's Key by Tatiana De Rosnay.

It's a Stitch Sewing Club
Wednesday, November 19, at 4 PM

On October 9, the Pacific Branch had a special Fire Prevention Story Time with the Pacific Fire Department as special guests. In addition to stories, the firemen showed the kids their special gear and gave a tour of their fire truck.

Union Branch staff members Cole Halfaker (left) and Laurie Osseck (right) dressed up for Star Wars Reads Day on October 11. There was movie watching, a costume contest, and many other activities.

HERMANN

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Story Hour
Thursdays at 10 AM

Tweens 2 Teens
First Wednesday of every month, from 3:30-4:30 PM
Middle Schoolers are welcome to come in and make cool crafts!

Build It!
2nd Sat of each month, from 10-11 AM

International Games Day
Saturday, November 15, from 9 AM-3 PM
Games played around town-come into the Library for your map and passport!

Gingerbread Story Time
Saturday, November 22, from 10 AM-Noon
Drop in event. Listen to wintery/Christmas stories, make some crafts, and get into the Lantern Parade spirit!

Teen Advisory Board-T.A.B.
Last Sunday of each month, from 2-4 PM
Let's get CRAFTY before the gift giving season!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Be Creative! Creative Writing Club
Every second Wednesday at 6 PM

Join us for Book Club
Every third Wednesday at 6 PM

DIY Della Robbia Wreath
Thursday, November 20, at 6:30 PM
Design your very own fresh holiday wreath accented with fruit and berries in the classic Williamsburg style known as Della Robbia. Fresh balsam fir wreaths are the base for this holiday decoration. Participants will create a wreath to take home and enjoy. For list of supplies and to reserve a spot, call 573-486-2024.

WARREN COUNTY

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime (Preschool - Kindergarten)
Tuesdays at 10 AM
Theme: We will be reading, reviewing, and voting on Missouri Building Block books, as well as reading about food and Thanksgiving.

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November Events

- **GET CRAFTY WITH US!**
  - **DIY Della Robbia Wreath**: Join us on Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 PM to create your very own fresh holiday wreath accented with fruit and berries in the classic Williamsburg style known as Della Robbia. Fresh balsam fir wreaths are the base for this holiday decoration. Participants will create a wreath to take home and enjoy. For list of supplies and to reserve a spot, call 573-486-2024.

- **FAMILY READING NIGHT**: Family Reading Night is back on Friday, November 7 at 6 PM. Families are invited to Union High School for a night of reading and fun! There will be crafts and activities, voting on your favorite book, and performances by the Drama Club.

- **INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY**: Treat yourself to a variety of games on Saturday, November 15 from 10 AM-2 PM.
**Upcoming Events**

**NEW HAVEN**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Storytime (for kids up to Kindergarten age)**
Tuesdays at 10 AM
In November, we will vote for our favorite Building Block Books and enjoy stories about food and Thanksgiving, along with songs, crafts, and finger plays.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Simple Craft Saturdays for School-Age Kids and Their Grown-Ups**
Saturdays, November 8 & 22, from 8:30 AM-1 PM
Stop by and make a Thanksgiving-themed craft with your kids! Watch Facebook for pictures of the November crafts.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Yarn and Yak**
Wednesday, November 5, from 6-8 PM
Yarn crafts group meets the first Wednesday of each month at New Haven Library. Bring your projects and ideas. Everyone is welcome. Reservations are not needed.

**Book Club**
Wednesday, November 19, at 5 PM
We are reading *The Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich. Stop by the Library and check out a copy of the book. Everyone is welcome. Book Club meets at the Library.

**ALL AGES PROGRAMS**

**Celebrate International Games Day**
Saturday, November 15, 8:30 AM-1 PM
Drop in and play games or learn Chicken Foot, a popular domino game that is fun for all ages.

**ST. CLAIR**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Preschool Storytime**
Thursdays at 11 AM

**International Games Day**
Saturday, November 15, from 9 AM - 1 PM

**Read-Build-Play Club**
Saturday, November 29, at 10 AM

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Beginning Basics of Crochet**
Saturday, November 8, at 10:30 AM
Presenter Diane Kasperski.

**Adult Book Club**
Thursday, November 20, from 2-3 PM
*Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog* by Lisa Scottoline.

**Thanksgiving**
Thursday, November 27
Have a great day!

**OWENSVILLE**

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Preschool Storytime**
Thursdays at 4:30 PM

**International Games Day**
Saturday, November 15, from 9 AM-12 NOON

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Knifty Knitters**
Wednesday, November 5, from 6-8 PM
Everyone is welcome. Reservations are not needed.

**Movie Night at the Library**
Friday, November 7, at 7 PM
Call 573-437-2188 for this month’s exciting title!

**They “Kept on Keeping on” to Avoid Going to the Poor Farm as told by Sue Blesi**
Tuesday, November 18, at 6:30 PM

**Book Club**
Wednesday, November 19, at 6:30 PM
We will be discussing *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

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Participants take part in activities at the St. Clair Branch for Star Wars Reads Day on October 11.

Firefighters with the St. Clair Fire Department were special guests at the St. Clair Branch storytime on October 17. Children were able to climb on board a fire truck after storytime.
The Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

Database of the Month: Novelist

Scenic Regional Library has many excellent databases available for patron use including those on readers’ advisory.

Discovering new book titles can be daunting, but Novelist makes the process easier and more enjoyable. It offers several features that provide readers with a personalized searching experience. Readers can search specific titles and authors or browse different genres and subgenres to narrow and tailor searches to specific needs. The book titles are listed with a popularity rating and a Goodreads rating that allows readers to see if others enjoyed the book. Along with ratings, a description of the book, reviews from major book journals and magazines, and similar book read-a-likes are also given. Not only can read-a-likes be found for book titles but also for authors, allowing readers to browse by author or genre.

Novelist encompasses readers of all types. For those that are looking for a more generic browsing experience or those looking to discover something new, Novelist offers lists of featured books in popular genres such as fantasy, romance, and mystery. Last minute school assignments are even covered with their Skinny Books list, a list of books containing fewer than 200 pages. Whatever the reading need, Novelist has a book waiting to be discovered.

The Hermann Branch to Participate in the Giving Tree Project

The Giving Tree program in Hermann benefits local residents who struggle financially day-to-day and may not be able to provide winter supplies or Christmas presents for their families. Dawn Grosse, social worker with the Gasconade County R-1 school district, organized the program for Hermann’s students and their families several years ago. Ms. Grosse keeps a detailed list of each family which includes their specific needs and wants, genders, and ages. She assigns a number to each individual benefiting from the program for privacy purposes. Ms. Grosse then distributes the numbers, along with the person's list, to local businesses interested in assisting these families. The businesses come up with a fun and creative way to display the numbers along with the appropriate lists. Then, patrons to the businesses purchase the listed items. The businesses store and organize the items. Once all of the items are collected, or the deadline arrives, the items are given to Ms. Grosse for distribution. The Hermann Library will be participating in the program this year.

The branch staff will cut out ornaments to decorate the Christmas tree. On the reverse side of each ornament will be a number and three item list. As these items are purchased and returned to the branch, the staff will affix the filled ornament list to the item, and then store the items for pick up by Ms. Grosse.

The Library Wants Your Gently-Used Books! (And DVDs and CDs, too!)

Are you cleaning out your basement or garage and have boxes of old books? Did you just finish reading a bestseller and place it on your shelves to collect dust? Donate them to the Library! We add the items in good condition to the Library’s collection and sell the others at the Library’s book sales. This year alone, the Library has added over 1,500 “like-new” donated items to its collection. It’s a great way to help the Library and free up some space at home.

The Owensville Branch sponsored an Afternoon Tea program at the Gasconade County Museum in Owensville on September 23.

Co-presenter Barbara Malte (standing) talked about the tradition of tea time.

Co-presenter Etta Daniels (pouring tea) talked about “Free Women of Color in Antebellum St. Louis”. Members of the Ladies Union Aid Society (seated) served as hostesses.

Dawn Grosse, in-school social worker for the Gasconade County R-1 school district and organizer of the Hermann Giving Tree Project.
The Warren County Branch is ready for autumn!

Paranormal Investigator and author Dan Terry always presents to a big crowd at the Scenic Regional Library. He shared his experiences and research with an eager crowd at the Union Branch on October 14.

Mr. Terry also presented Tales of a True Ghost Hunter at the Warren County Branch on October 9 where over 100 people were in attendance.

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

**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

**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

**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