

# read, explore, grow The Scenic Regional Library



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#### 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.



On October 9, children at the Hermann Branch's storytime made apple artwork.

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/bookclubs. All you have to do is read the next book and show up!



On October 18, the Pacific Branch's Read 'N Build club built homes fit for their eight-legged pets for Halloween.



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!

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.



Youth Services Librarian Christy Schink (center) presents "Uke Can Do It!" at the Missouri Library Association Conference.



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.



All Scenic Regional Library branches will be hosting International Games Day this year on Saturday, November 15. You can drop in to play board games, card games, video games, and more! Thanks to donations from several game companies, we will have games to give away as door prizes.

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Gaming is yet another example of how libraries are becoming more than just educational resources for the communities that they serve. They are also places where users of all ages are welcome to have fun together. And if that fun exercises their brains, enables them to meet new people in a safe and enjoyable environment, and celebrates our community's connection to each other and to libraries on every continent on Earth... well, that's just the nature of games!

#### Hermann

9am to 3pm, featuring Wii and Giant Pick-Up Sticks! There will be places to play all over town in Hermann that day. Check in at the Branch for times and locations.

#### New Haven

8:30am to 1pm, featuring Big Checkers!

#### Owensville

9am to 12:30pm, featuring Wii and Giant Kerplunk!

#### Pacific

10am to 2pm, featuring Wii and Dominos!

#### St. Clair

9am to 1pm, featuring Giant Card Games!

#### Union

9am to 3pm, featuring Classic Atari, a Super Smash Bros. Brawl tournament and Unexploded Cow card game!

#### Warrenton

10am to 2pm, featuring Life-Size Sorry!

# Explore Upcoming

#### 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 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.

# November

#### 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.

#### 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.

# Explore

#### **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 Everyone is welcome to come in and build with our blocks!

#### **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.

# Upcoming

#### NEW HAVEN

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

#### Storytime (for kids up to Kindergarten age) Tuesdays at 10 AM

In November, we will vote for our favoite 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.



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

### Events

#### PACIFIC

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

**Storytime (Toddlers through Kindergarten)** Thursdays at 10 AM

#### Read with Max

Saturday, November 8, at 11 AM Come join us for a Storytime with Max.

#### Battle of the "Wimpy Kid" Books

Saturday, November 8, from 1-2 PM Get a team from your school and enter to win our trivia contest! For 4th and 5th graders!

#### **International Games Day**

Saturday, November 15, from 10 AM-2 PM Play games from around the world and collect "badges" to win prizes.

#### Read 'n Build (Ages 5 and up)

Saturday, Nobember 15, at 11 AM This month's Read 'n Build will be part of the International Games Day.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

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

#### Live Banjo Music

Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 PM Join Tom Meisenheimer for live banjo music and the history of banjos.

#### Card Making

Wednesday, November 12, at 6 PM Tanya Jones will be the host. All supplies are provided.

#### **Crochet Club**

Wednesday, November 19, at 6 PM

#### Adult Book Club

Wednesday, November 26, at 6:30 PM The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce.



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.

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#### 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 Sing songs, hear stories, do crafts, and have fun!

#### Teen Club

Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 3 PM Meets at OMS in room N12.

#### **International Games Day**

Saturday, November 15, from 9 AM-12 NOON

ADULT PROGRAMS

#### **Knifty Knitters**

Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 PM Everyone is welcome!

#### 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.

# 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.



Dawn Grosse, in-school social worker for the Gasconade County R-1 school district and organizer of the Hermann Giving Tree Project

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.

# 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.

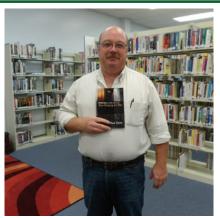
# The Scenic Regional Library



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.

#### **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

#### **Locations & Hours**

#### 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

