Scenic Regional Library Named Missouri’s Library of the Year for 2015

Steven Campbell, director of Scenic Regional Library, accepted the Missouri Library Association’s 2015 Library of the Year award on October 1 in Kansas City at the organization’s annual conference. The library earned this distinction by successfully passing a tax levy increase last April, consolidating into a single district, expanding services throughout this year, and its recent merger with the Sullivan Public Library. Scenic Regional Library serves over 142,000 residents in Warren, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties (excluding Washington), with branches in Hermann, Owensville, Warrenton, St. Clair, Pacific, New Haven, Sullivan, and Union. There are over 150 public libraries in Missouri. Last year’s winner was St. Louis County Library.

Library Purchases Land in Owensville

The library purchased a one-acre lot in Owensville on October 14. The lot, located on the corner of Madison Avenue and Highway 19 across from Save-A-Lot, will be the site of the future Owensville branch. The lot is a subdivision of the property on which the former Owensville 3-5 Center was located. Library Board member Bob Niebruegge (Owensville) was previously a principal at the school.

Over the past eight months, the library has purchased land for future expansion in Warrenton (adjacent the existing facility), St. Clair (adjacent the existing facility), and Wright City. Property was donated to the library in New Haven. The library expects to close on property in Pacific within the next few weeks.
Books by Mail

Are you or someone you know homebound? Did you know that patrons who cannot get to the library due to permanent or temporary incapacity can have books, audiobooks on CD, music on CD, and DVDs delivered to their homes for free?
Visit www.scenicregional.org/booksbymail for information about this new service.

Fall Book Sale Sets New Record

The library’s annual Fall Book Sale was an enormous success. The systemwide sale brought in over $8,000 in revenue for the first time. The previous high was $7,700. The Hermann and St. Clair branches each broke the $1,000 mark in sales for the first time.

The library would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the Fall Book Sale a big success!

Patrons glance through a selection of books offered at the Fall Book Sale.

Reading to Children Every Day Can Predict Future Learning

The first few years of life are critical to a child’s brain development. Children rapidly learn language, often quadrupling the number of words they know between the ages of 1 and 2. Studies have shown that the number of words a child knows prior to entering kindergarten is predictive of future learning success. Parents should read aloud 15 minutes each day to their child to grow vocabulary and knowledge. Read Aloud 15 MINUTES is a non-profit organization that is working to make reading aloud every day for at least 15 minutes the new standard in child care. Visit www.readaloud.org for more information about the importance and impact of reading aloud to children.

Check Out Limits Removed/ Limit on Overall Items Increased

The library has removed check out limits on audiobooks on CD, music CDs, DVDs, and books. Previously, patrons could only have seven (7) audiobooks on CD, seven (7) music CDs, four (4) DVDs, and fifty (50) books checked out at a time.
Patrons can now have 100 items checked out on their card at any given time, regardless of format. This is particularly helpful to parents of small children who may want to check out several dozen picture books at a time. The change in policy is effective immediately.

In the past, lower check out limits were necessary because the library’s new material budget was smaller. The library didn’t want a patron to wipe out an entire section of the library’s collection.
Guide to Children’s Books

Board – For infants and young toddlers, these books are often concept books (teaching colors, names of animals, identifying body parts, etc.), simple rhymes or counting games, very simple stories, or wordless books. They are printed on thick paperboard.

Easy – A picture book is a book in which the illustrations play a significant role in telling the story. Books average 32 pages with art on every page. Plots are simple and text is generally less than 1,000 words. The audience is kindergarteners, ages 5-6.

Easy Reader – These are for children just starting to read on their own in grades 1-2, ages 6-7. Most easy reader series are broken into several levels, starting in kindergarten and going through third grade, with text getting progressively more complex with each level. The books are smaller than Easy books, may have some illustrations, and may be broken into short chapters. They are approximately 32-64 pages long. Controlled vocabulary is used in grammatically simple sentences. Examples include Amelia Bedelia or other “I Can Read” books.

Chapter – These are for readers in grades 3-4, ages 8-9. The stories, sentence structure, and themes are more complex. The books are longer and can be up to 150 pages, broken into longer chapters. Examples are Amber Brown and Cam Jansen.

Juvenile Fiction – For readers in grades 5-6, ages 9-11. Stories, sentence structure, and themes become increasingly complex and sophisticated and can revolve around multiple characters. Books are generally 150 pages and up, broken into longer chapters. Examples are The Lightning Thief and Harry Potter.

Juvenile Nonfiction – Generally any book about a factual topic. Also included here are fairy tales, poetry, and graphic novels.

Young Adult – For readers in grades 7-12, ages 12-18. Stories and sentence structure are complex and sophisticated. Mature language and themes such as sex and violence are common. Examples are Twilight and The Fault in our Stars.
**HERMANN BRANCH**

Registration required for all programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Book Discussion Group**
3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm

**TED Talk Tuesdays**
2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm

**Knit Too!**
Every Tuesday, call for time.

**Walk In Weekend Theater**
Every Saturday at 3:00 pm at the branch.

**Pamper Yourself**
Friday, November 13 at 6:30 pm
Need to ease holiday stress?
Learn how with essential oils.

**DIY: Fresh Autumn Centerpiece**
Monday, November 23 at 6:30 pm
Design a Thanksgiving centerpiece for your table. Registrations are limited to 15 participants.

**NEW HAVEN BRANCH**

Registration required for all programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Yarn and Yak**
Thursday, November 5, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
At the New Haven branch. Bring your projects and share ideas.

**Book Club**
Wednesday, November 18 at 5:00 pm
We will be discussing “Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands” by Chris Bohjalian. We will meet at the branch. Stop by to borrow a copy of the book.

**November is “Fine Art Month”**
Stop by the foyer to see our featured painting of the week and collect free handouts.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**International Games Day**
Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Come out and play a variety of games, all day at the branch.

**Pre-School Storytime**
Each Tuesday at 10:00 am & 6:30 pm
We will vote for our favorite Building Block Books and enjoy stories about farms.

**Read, Build & Play (Ages 4-12)**
Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 am
Hear a story and build with Legos for International Games Day!
OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Registration required for all programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Movie Night at the Library
Friday, November 6 at 7:00 pm
We will be showing San Andreas, starring Dwayne Johnson.

Fancy Pants Table Topper
Saturday, November 7 at 11:00 am
Create your own centerpiece. Program held at First Community Bank.

Knifty Knitters & Crafty Crocheters
Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm
There will be no 4th Wednesday meeting this month.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel
Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 pm
Limited to 10 participants - RSVP soon!

Jessie Tarbox Beals & the 1904 World’s Fair
Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 pm
Hear about the 1st woman photojournalist and her coverage of the World’s Fair. Program held at the Gasconade County Historical Society Museum.

Tea Time Travelers’ Book Club
Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm
We will discuss “Go Set a Watchman” by Harper Lee.

ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Registration required for all programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Cocktails and Crayons
Monday, November 9 at 6:30 pm
At Blondie’s Bar & Grill on Main Street in St. Clair.

Putting Thanks Back in Thanksgiving
Starts November 9
Call the branch for more information.

Historic Route 66
Saturday, November 14 at 4:00 pm
Presented by Joe Sonderman.

Take A Break with the Wolfner Library
Wednesday, November 18 at 1:30 pm
Book Club
Thursday, November 19 at 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm
We will be discussing “Orphan Train” by Baker Kline.

Take-A-Ticket Computer Technology Training
Tuesday, November 24 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Get your computer technology questions answered in 30 minute sessions.

Registration suggested for all programs.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime
Every Thursday at 11:00 am
For preschool-age children.

Read, Build & Play
Every Saturday at 11:00 am
Listen to a story and build w/Legos!

International Games Day
Saturday, November 21 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Come out and play a variety of games. Bring the family!

PACIFIC BRANCH

Registration required for all programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Honoring Our Veterans
Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 pm
Presented by Steve Claggett, Jim Tayon and Laurie Osseck.

Take-A-Ticket Computer Technology Training
Monday, November 16 from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sign up for 30 minute sessions.

Crochet Club
Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00 pm

Take A Break with the Wolfner Library
Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm
“International Games Day” by Dave Berry.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel
Thursday, November 19 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Space is limited to 6 participants.

Book Club
Tuesday, November 24 at 6:30 pm
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KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am
Every Saturday at 11:00 am
Toddlers-Kindergarten.

Fire Prevention Storytime
Thursday, November 5 at 10:00 am

Kid’s Club (Grades 1-5)
Every Saturday at 1:00 pm
Call to find out what activities are planned each week.

International Games Day
Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Registration suggested for all programs.

Lil’ OWLs Storytime
Every Thursday at 3:30 pm
Stories, songs, crafts, and fun!

International Games Day
Saturday, November 21 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Come out and play a variety of board games, electronic games, and more! Fun for everyone!

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SULLIVAN BRANCH

Registration required for all programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Books-by-Mail
For certified homebound patrons. Call 636-583-0652, ext. 114 or visit www.scenicregional.org/booksbymail.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Herbal Remedies for Family Health
Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 pm

Vintage Movie Night
Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 pm

Registration suggested for all programs.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
For preschool-age children.

International Games Day
Saturday, November 21 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Come out and play a variety of games. Bring the family!

UNION BRANCH

Registration required for all programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Herbal Remedies for Family Health
Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 pm

Vintage Movie Night
Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 pm

Registration suggested for all programs.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Basic Computer Terminology
Tuesday, November 3 at 10:00 am

Basic Computer Operation
Thursday, November 5 at 5:30 pm

Using Hoopla
Saturday, November 7 at 10:30 am

Using Zinio
Monday, November 9 at 9:30 am

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Wednesday, November 11 at 5:00 pm

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Thanksgiving Family Fall Fest
Thursday, November 19 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Come join us for an evening of crafts, snacks, a movie, and FUN!

International Games Day
Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration suggested for all programs.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am

Family Reading Night
Friday, November 6 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Located at Union High School. Read this year’s Missouri Building Block nominees, crafts and activities, and a performance by the UHS Drama Club.

150 Years of Wonderland
Friday, November 20
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm: activities
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: interactive movie

International Games Day
Saturday, November 21 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Come play a variety of board and electronic games. All ages welcome.

Thankful for Storytime
Wednesday, November 25, at 10:00 am
Gobble up Thanksgiving stories and songs!

WARREN COUNTY BRANCH

Registration required for all programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Sit A Spell
Tuesday, November 3 at 5:30 pm
Artist Carol Peper will lead participants through creating an autumn landscape.

Stargazing
Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 pm
An evening of galaxies, constellations, and more! Event will be held at the Warrenton Golf Course.

The Civil War: Recollections of a Confederate Soldier
Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00 pm
Presented by John Notgrass.

Book Club
Wednesday, November 18 at 2:00 pm
We will be discussing “The Time Keeper” by Mitch Albom.

Registration suggested for all programs.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Read, Build & Play (1st-5th grade)
Monday, November 2 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Hear a story and build with Legos!

Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)
Mondays at 6:30 pm, Tuesdays at 10:00 am
Stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, and fun!

Robotics Class (5th-12th grade)
Monday, November 16 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

All the Scenic Regional Library branches were lucky to have The Singing Storyteller, Anthony Clark, tell tales of ghost and goblins for the Halloween Season.
SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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