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## The Scenic Regional Library

# NEWSLETTER



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### Message from the Director

Some people think that public libraries are funded through overdue fines.



Director Steven Campbell

If that were the case, Scenic Regional Library would be in particularly desperate shape because we haven't collected overdue fines in a few years.

In reality, even at libraries which do collect overdue fines, that money only represents a small fraction of the budget.

In Missouri, public libraries are funded by local property taxes, just like school districts. When people pay property tax on their home each year, or personal property tax on their cars, we get a small share of that money—a very small share! While the average school tax in Missouri is \$4.03 for every \$100 you have of property, our library tax rate is still the original 10 cents for every \$100 of property that it was in 1959! And the

library actually collects even less than that amount. In 2011, Scenic Regional Library has the third lowest tax rate in the state—out of 133 public libraries.

How much does an individual actually pay for the library each year? Franklin County residents with a house assessed at \$110,000 pay about \$17.26 a year in taxes to the library; Gasconade County residents about \$20.17; and Warren County residents about \$14.30. And unlike schools, libraries don't receive any federal funds. In fact, 96% of our funding comes from local property taxes.

If you consider that a new hardcover fiction book costs \$28, the library is a great deal. If someone checks out one book a year they've made their money back. When you include adult and children's programming, the summer reading program, public computer access, Wi-Fi, eBooks, and all our other services, there's no doubt that public libraries provide taxpayers with the greatest value for their money.



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!

**Hermann Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/hermannlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/hermannlibrary)

**New Haven Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/newhavenlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/newhavenlibrary)

**Owensville Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/owensvillebranch](http://www.facebook.com/owensvillebranch)

**Pacific Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/pacificbranch](http://www.facebook.com/pacificbranch)

**St. Clair Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/stclairbranch](http://www.facebook.com/stclairbranch)

**Union Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/unionlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/unionlibrary)

**Warren County Branch:**

[www.facebook.com/warrentonbranch](http://www.facebook.com/warrentonbranch)

### Building Block Voting in November

The Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award is presented annually to the author and illustrator of the picture book voted most popular by preschool children in Missouri's public libraries. The award was first given in 1996.

Over the next few months we will be reading Building Block Nominee books at our storytimes and children will be voting for their favorites in November. Visit <http://molib.org/awards/buildingblock/nominees/nominees2013.html> for the list of nominees!



Children listen to staff member DeeDee Twiehaus read stories at the Warren County Branch's storytime on August 27.



The Warren County Branch Book Club met on August 21 to discuss "The Elegance of the Hedgehog" by Muriel Barberry.

## Register to Vote at the Library

Did you know that you can register to vote at any Scenic Regional Library branch? Registering to vote at the library is simple and convenient.

First, you must be eligible to vote. While someone must be 18 years old by Election Day to actually vote, they can register when they are 17 1/2 years old. You must also be a U.S. citizen and Missouri resident.

Once you've determined that you're eligible to vote, you will need to bring identification with you to the library. A driver's license is best, but another government-issued I.D. or United States passport is a good substitute. If your I.D. doesn't show your current address, you will also need to submit a photocopy of a recent utility bill or bank statement labeled with your current address. The library staff will provide you with a copy of the voter registration form to complete.

On the voter registration form, you will be asked for your name and current address, along with the last four digits of your Social Security number, your driver's license number, mother's maiden name, place of birth, occupation, and

daytime phone number. Once you've completed and signed the form, we'll send it off to the county clerk for processing. You should receive confirmation from the county within 7 business days.

While most people believe that you only have to register to vote once, you must re-register to vote if you've moved, changed your name, or if you've fallen off the voter registration rolls. To see if you are already registered to vote, visit the library's Register to Vote page at [www.scenicregional.org/register-to-vote](http://www.scenicregional.org/register-to-vote).

The deadline for this November's election is Wednesday, October 9. The voter registration deadlines for other upcoming elections can be found on the 2014 Missouri election calendar, which is also available on the library's Register to Vote page, [www.scenicregional.org/register-to-vote](http://www.scenicregional.org/register-to-vote), along with the Absentee Ballot Request Form and other voting information.



Branch Manager Kate Haynes reads to children at the New Haven Branch's storytime.

## Scenic Regional Library Foundation Elects Officers for 2013-2014

The new Scenic Regional Foundation elected its first officers at their August 27 meeting in Union. Alvera Heeger of Union was elected president; Jamie Keen of St. Clair, Vice-President; Kathy Baumstark of Hermann, Secretary; and Shirley Gassei of Lake Sherwood, Treasurer.



Staff member Shannon Seitz wore a cowboy hat and boots for Cowboy Story Time at the Hermann Branch on September 12. She read cowboy stories and the children made a horse craft.

## Art Displayed at the Union Branch

Clients of Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. (PFH) <[www.pfh.org](http://www.pfh.org)> had their art displayed at the Union Branch throughout the month of September. The non-profit organization provides substance abuse treatment, prevention, and mental health services throughout Missouri and Kansas. Through its Achieving Resiliency, Responsibility, and Recovery through Creativity (A.R.T.C.) program, PFH offers its clients with a wide range of creative opportunities.

Students at Central Elementary in Union will have their artwork on display at the branch throughout October. Artists or organizations wishing to display their art in the library should contact Union Branch Manager, Diane Disbro, at 636-583-3224 or [ddisbro@scenicregional.org](mailto:ddisbro@scenicregional.org). Artwork displayed in the library is not for sale.



## Volunteer Spotlight

Paul Pyatt began volunteering at the Hermann branch earlier this year. For a few hours each week, he helps with shelving, packing discarded books, and occasionally setting up for programs. Thank you, Paul! 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.**





Explore

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## Upcoming

### UNION

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 AM

##### Teen Tuesday

October 8 at 4 PM

Ghost stories with Steven LaChance.

##### Author Talk

October 12 at 1 PM

Children's author Meghan McCarthy will give a talk and sign books.

##### Teen Tuesday

October 22 at 3 PM

Gaming! Drop in for video, board, and card games!

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### The Life of Bertha Gifford

October 1 at 6 PM

Marc Houseman will present the story of Bertha Gifford, the Missouri farm wife that poisoned and killed many of her friends and relatives.

##### Haunted History

October 8 at 6 PM

Former resident of the Union Screaming House, Steven LaChance will relive the nightmare of the notorious haunting. Sign up to attend.

##### Banned and Challenged Book Club

October 17 at 7 PM

*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck will be discussed. The club is free and open to the public.



On September 5, the Hermann Branch held their first Tomato Fest, where attendees taste-tested 15 entries to vote for the winners.

## October

### WARREN COUNTY

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 AM

October's theme is Building Block Books--  
*Find a Cow Now!, I'm Bored, Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy, One Special Day, Who's Who*

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Breast Cancer Awareness

October 8 from 6-7:30 PM

Debra Menne will be talking about Breast Cancer Awareness and our very own Lorrie Goecker will be here to help make our own take-home pink beaded bracelets.

##### Book Club

October 16 at 2 PM

*The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom.

##### Wine Tasting

October 22 from 6:30-8 PM

Blumenhof Winery is providing six different wine samples for your tasting pleasure.



The Herman Branch's Teen Scene made SMASH books in August to capture their memories of the 2013-14 school year.



Hawkrigde Family Chiropractic presented Trigger Point Massage at the Warren County Branch on September 3.

## Events

### HERMANN

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM

##### Teen Read Week: Seek the Unknown

October 15 to October 19

Peruse the new Teen Reads section and tell us what sort of teen library space you'd like to create. While you're at it, try out spine and magnetic poetry and play some games.

##### Teen Scene: Fun and Games

October 16 from 3-4:30 PM

Seek the unknown, just like Frankenstein!

What will your gourd creation become? Find out at this Teen Scene! Also, continue school year memories in your SMASH book.

##### Teen Halloween

October 25 from 6-8 PM

Teens are invited to the library for frightfully good time creating zombie cookies, carving pumpkins, and noshing spooky snacks while watching a Tim Burton movie. Costumes encouraged!

##### Halloween Story Hour

October 31 at 10 AM

Come in costume for a special Halloween story hour, with gourd decorating & treats!

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Computer Basics Class

October 17 from 2-3 PM

Come learn computer basics at this class for beginners. Space will be limited, so sign up to reserve your spot today! For more information, call or come in to the Hermann Branch!

##### Book Discussion Group

October 16 from 6-8 PM

Read & discuss the latest page turner by J. K. Rowling. Written under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith, *The Cuckoo's Calling* will keep you guessing.



Calvin Brandt, president of the Missouri Valley Beekeeping Association, showed attendees at the Pacific Branch how to get started with beekeeping.

## Upcoming

### NEW HAVEN

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 AM

In October, we will read more Missouri Building Block Award books. Themes include owls, tigers, bedtime, and cats.

#### FAMILY PROGRAMS

##### Shyla, the Therapy Dog

October 12 from 10 AM - 12 PM

Stop by the library and meet Shyla the therapy dog and spend some time reading to her. Learn how Shyla made her way from a shelter to therapy dog. We will share favorite dog stories. Shyla will visit with Tammy Kuddes.

##### Meet Missouri Mammals

October 17 from 6:30-7:30 PM at

Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Street  
Meet Missouri mammals with Master Naturalist, Judy Kemp. Hands-on fun featuring pelts and skulls of Missouri's many furbearers. School age kids are invited and must be accompanied by an adult. Please stop by the library or call to register.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Book Club

October 23 at 5 PM

*Ape House* by Sara Gruen. Join us for the discussion at the library. Everyone is welcome. Stop by to check out a copy of the book.



Children make dog and cat puppets at a Warren County Branch storytime in September.

## Events

### PACIFIC

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM

October 3, 17, & 24: Missouri Building Block books

October 10: Pacific Fire Department

October 31: Halloween party

##### Reading with Max (from Therapy Dogs, Inc.)

October 12 from 11 AM-12 PM

Max is back for another hour of reading fun.

##### Teen Book Club Meeting

October 30 from 4:15-5 PM

Read any paranormal book. Please call 636-257-2712 or visit the library to sign up.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

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

##### Smart Phone Treasure Hunt Part I

October 9 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Meet at Shaw's Arboretum in Gray Summit. There will be a \$5 admission charge.

##### Smart Phone Treasure Hunt Part II

October 12 from 9 - 11 AM

Meet at Shaw's Arboretum in Gray Summit.  
There will be a \$5 admission charge.

##### Ghost Hunting with Local Author Dan Terry

October 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

##### Book Club Meeting

October 30 from 6:30-7:30 PM

We will be discussing the book *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin.



Children visiting with Max at the Pacific Branch's Reading with Max program on August 10.

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### ST. CLAIR

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays from 11 AM to 12 PM

Fall coloring contest. Pick up coloring sheet at St. Clair Branch and turn in by October 30, 2013. Winners will be chosen and phoned. Pick up prize at St. Clair Branch.

##### Teen Game Night

October 30 from 5-7 PM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Cooking with Spices

October 19 from 10-11 AM

Instructor Janie Moore.

##### Adult Book Club

October 24 from 2-3 PM

Laura Hill will be leading the discussion.

##### Halloween: Fun and Safe

October 29 from 4-5 PM

Instructor Janie Moore.

### OWENSVILLE

#### KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

##### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 11:15 AM

Bring the kiddos to hear stories, sing songs, and do a craft.

##### Fireman Storytime

October 26 at 10:30 AM

A member of the fire department will be here to read stories, talk, answer questions, and show the youngsters a fire truck.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Knitting Circle

October 2 at 6:30 PM

Join us for fun and creativity! Both beginning and experienced knitters are welcome!

##### Movie Night

October 4 at 7 PM

We will be showing *Hitchcock*. This is the story of the making of the movie *Psycho* and stars Anthony Hopkins and Helen Mirren.

##### Book Club

October 16 at 6:30 PM

We will be discussing *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt.

##### Ghost Stories/Book Signing

October 30 at 6:30 PM

Author Dan Terry will be here to talk about local ghosts and paranormal activities. He will also have his books available.



## Database Spotlight Academic Search Elite

Are you looking for articles for a high school, college, or graduate-level research paper?

Are you looking for articles for a high school, college, or graduate-level research paper? Not sure where to start? Academic Search Elite (ASE) may be the database you're looking for. Boasting over 13,600 titles, ASE is ideal for any student or researcher. The available journals span almost every academic subject possible, including science, engineering, technology, geography, law, mathematics, music, psychology, and theology. Out of those 13,600 journals, over 2,300 of them are full text, and many have PDF content dating as far back as 1985—meaning the article will appear exactly as it did in the original magazine or journal.



Sometimes searching the database can be just as intimidating (if not more) than finding it, but don't worry; ASE is user-friendly. Simply type in your question and ASE will pick out your keywords for you. From there, you may limit your search results using checkboxes on the left-hand side of the page, or use the "Advanced Search" option for even more choices. If you're looking for peer-reviewed or scholarly articles, there's a checkbox to only view those. Over 12,000 of ASE's journals fit the category, with over 1,800 journals in full text. For those not writing term papers, ASE may still hold some interesting content. Full text articles of both People and Consumer Reports are available, among many other mainstream titles. So whether you're a new or expert researcher, give ASE a try.

## Library Seeking Adult Literacy Tutors

Adult literacy is a growing problem in the United States.

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 a child's picture book 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-to-one literacy tutoring for the adults. Currently, the organization has over 25 tutors working with adults in the area. They provide 28 adults with approximately 75 hours of tutoring each month.

In recent months, 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](mailto:swcampbell@scenicregional.org).



Diane Schwab (fifth from left), the Four Rivers YMCA's Literacy Coordinator, and volunteers at a recent literacy tutor training session.

## Hands-on Learning for Children at the Library

Learning to read begins before your child starts school—as a matter of fact, it begins at birth! There are five early literacy practices that every child needs to get ready to read—talking, writing, reading, playing, and singing.

The library offers reading and singing opportunities to preschool children each week during storytime. As we read stories, sing songs, do rhymes and finger plays, and create art projects, we are modeling activities that parents

can do at home with their children to get them ready to read.

Play is one of the primary ways young children learn about how the world works and learn language. We offer opportunities for children to play, write, and talk with their parents in our libraries through Pre-Literacy Stations. These play spaces offer educational games that children and parents can play together, with suggestions to parents about how these activities contribute to learning to read.

Children can write on chalkboards, whiteboards, Magnadoodles, and learn letters with many different alphabet activities. Children can talk with their parents as they retell stories with felt pieces and puppets. And children can play with manipulatives like blocks to encourage creativity and imagination.

The library is here to help your child read, explore, and grow!



Two children play and learn at the Union Branch's pre-literacy station.

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At the Owensville Branch's fly-tying program on August 21, local expert Roger Stewart showed participants how to tie their own flies for fishing.



Artisan cheesemaker and author Janet Hurst shared her skills and knowledge on how to make fresh cheese at the Union Branch's Artisan Cheesemaking 101 on September 4.



New staff member Lauren Young reads to children at the Union Branch's Saturday storytime on August 31.

## 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

