

## read, explore, grow The Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER



Issue 17

## A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

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#### Message from the Director

Did you find what you were looking for?



Many people visit the Library and browse the shelves for something to check out. Unfortunately, most bestsellers and other popular titles get checked out immediately and

Director Steven Campbell immediately and stay checked out until their popularity fades. And sometimes, your local branch doesn't own a particular title. The solution to this frustrating problem is simple: interlibrary loan.

What's interlibrary loan? It's when you request an item from another branch or library. You can request items from other Scenic Regional branches, other libraries around Missouri, and even libraries around the country. It's really easy to do and it's free. While it does often take several days to receive a requested item, sometimes it's the only way you're ever going to get the title.

Scenic Regional has seven branches. Sometimes the book you want is sitting



On August 30, the St. Clair Branch's Read-Build-Play Club built buses.

on a shelf at another branch. The only way you're going to get it is by placing a request. If you're not comfortable enough with computers or the Library's online catalog to place the request yourself, all you have to do is ask the staff to place it for you. You don't even need to know the title. You can simply say, "I want to request Janet Evanovich's latest book" or "Can you request the next book in the Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter series for me?"

Earlier this year, Scenic Regional also joined Missouri Evergreen. As a result, our patrons now have access to more than 1.35 million items at 22 members-libraries throughout the state. All the items can be searched and requested on the Scenic Regional online catalog from home with a simple mouse click, or ask a library staff member to do it for you. However, even if you can't find a title in Missouri Evergreen, it doesn't mean that you can't get the item. We can make a traditional interlibrary loan request for you from libraries all over the country.



Sherry Pate visited the Warrenton Branch on August 28 and taught participants how to make wine.



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!

#### Library Foundation Receives 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Status

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation was formed in August 2013 to serve as a support organization for the Library. After a lengthy application process, the IRS awarded the organization 501(c)3 tax exempt status on August 27, 2014. The status allows individuals and companies to receive a maximum tax deduction when making a donation to the foundation. In addition to receiving 501(c)3 status, the foundation's main goal over the past year has been to establish and oversee Friends of the Library groups in each of Scenic Regional Library's seven communities. So far, the Friends groups have over 60 Friends members throughout the three-county area. All funds received by the foundation and Friends groups are used to support the Library.

## 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.

### County Library Boards Vote to Consolidate, Seek Approval from County Commissions

Most people believe that Scenic Regional Library is a single district, like a school district.

However, the Library doesn't actually exist as a legal entity. Instead, it is a contractual agreement between the Franklin County, Warren County, and Gasconade County library districts which has existed since 1959. Each countyLibrary has its own 5-member board which meet together to form the 15-member Scenic Regional board.

There are some problems with Scenic Regional not being a single district. First, the district can't own property. Property must be placed in the county libraries' names. Secondly, three county library board members could decide at any time to vote and break up the entire system. If the system were to break up, its shared assets would have to be divided up between the three libraries. And finally, unlike a school district, Scenic Regional can't obtain no-tax increase bonds for construction projects. While the individual county libraries can obtain bonds, smaller entities would have to pay higher interest rates. In addition, there would be three times as many legal and sales commission fees (separate fees for each county).

If the Library can't obtain bonds for construction, they will have to "pay-as-they-go" to replace all their existing facilities, which could take fifteen years or more. Bonds would provide the funds "up front" to build new branches.

Over the past 60 years, many regional libraries like Scenic Regional have broken up. As a result, a state law was passed in 1972 to allow county libraries to join

together to create a single district. Today, there are five consolidated library districts in Missouri.

Scenic Regional hasn't been able to consolidate in the past because each county's collected tax rate has been different since the 1970's. The law requires that the libraries merging all have the same tax rate. When voters approved tax increases for the libraries in all three counties in April 2014, the rates all became the same. However, due to the Hancock Amendment the rates could change again slightly next August. As a result, there's a narrow window of time for the libraries to consolidate.

In May 2014, the Library board began discussing the possibility of "consolidating," or merging into a single district. Consolidation wouldn't change anything in terms of how Scenic Regional operates. The Library's name wouldn't change and it doesn't cost taxpayers anything. The county commissions would still appoint four library board members to represent each county. The Library would still spend the same amount of money in a county that it collects in taxes from that county.

In September 2014, all three county library boards voted unanimously to consolidate. The next step will be for the Library to approach the county commissions. Under the law, consolidation requires approval by the county commissions. If they approve the measure, the three county libraries will be a single district.



On September 19, the "It's A Stitch" sewing club met at the Warrenton Branch to work on their projects.



At the Warrenton Branch's Teen Tuesday on September 16, kids shared unique back-to-school items from Pinterest and made pencil bags, lanyards and covered composition books.



Officer Wilken from the St. Clair Police Department read to children at the St. Clair Branch on September 18.

## The Scenic Regional Library

# Explore Upcoming

#### UNION

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

#### Storytime (preschool)

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 10 AM

#### **Zombie Bash**

Wednesday, October 22, from 4-6 PM Teens, 6th grade and up, are welcome to join us for a Zombie Bash! There will be zombie related games, treats, crafts, and more.

#### Storytime at the Park

Saturday, October 25, at 10 AM Fall into Storytime at the park as we read about autumn. There will be stories, songs, crafts, and a hot chocolate bar! We'll be next to the Fire Department pavilion by the lake.

#### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

#### Resurrection Men: Body Snatching, Medicine, and Riot in 19th Century Missouri

Tuesday, October 7, from 6-7 PM Midnight raids of graveyards, doctor eccentricity, student high jinx, and intrigue. Call 636-583-3224 to reserve your spot.

#### **Star Wars Reads Day**

Saturday, October 11, from 9 AM- 3 PM Join forces and celebrate literacy during Star Wars Reads Day. There will be activities, a costume contest, crafts, food, and more!

#### Missouri Haunts

Tuesday, October 14, from 6-7 PM Paranormal investigator Dan Terry will share his haunting investigations including the investigation of the original John Busch Brewery and the Gasconade County Jail. Call 636-583-3224 to reserve your spot.

#### **DIY Beauty**

Tuesday, October 28, from 6-7 PM Learn how to make simple everyday beauty products from products you already have. Participants will make and take their own sample. Call 636-583-3224 to reserve your spot.

## October

#### WARREN COUNTY

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

#### Storytime (Preschool -Kindergarten)

Tuesdays at 10 AM

Theme: We will be reading the 2014 Missouri Building Block Award Nominees.

#### **Robotics (Grades 5-12)**

Monday, October 20, from 3-5 PM Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

#### Teen Tuesday - Pumpkin Painting & More (Grades 6-12, Ages 12-18)

Tuesday, October 21, at 4 PM Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

#### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

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#### Tales of a Ghost Hunter

Tuesday, October 7, from 6-7:30 PM Presented by Author Dan Terry.

#### **Book Club**

Wednesday, October 15, at 2 PM We will be discussing *The Friday Night* Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs.

#### Murder Mystery Night with Cathie Schoppenhorst

Tuesday, October 21, at 6 PM



Tawny Waldo from Blush Boutique in St. Clair presented "Accessorizing Your Wardrobe" on August 23 at the St. Clair Branch.

# 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 After school readers club.

#### **Build It!**

2nd Saturday of each month, at 10 AM

#### Teen Advisory Board-T.A.B.

Last Sunday of each month, from 2-4 PM

#### The Traveling Library

Need to explore storylines currently being studied? Look no further! Our Youth Services Coordinator will provide up to 15 books on just those subjects. Call the Library to reserve a time- the Traveling Library comes to you!

#### **Babysitter How To**

Saturday, October 25, from 9-11 AM Learn how to superise and coordinate care for the younger set from those who know. Caregivers and health care professionals provide what it takes to be the best. Call the Library to sign up now, 573-486-2040.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

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

#### Join us for Book Club

Every third Wednesday at 6 PM

#### **Senior Social Hour**

Tuesday, October 16, at 10:30 AM

#### **Knit Too**

Wednesday, October 22, at 11:30 AM Marsha Nyberg is back by popular demand with knitting patterns and advice. Bring your project with you.

#### **Tell Your Scariest Stories!**

Friday, October 24, from 6:30-8:30 PM JC Pavilion, Hermann City Park. Come to a storytelling festival and share your best story, from silly to scary-YOU are the storyteller! We provide the atmosphere, you bring the rest. S'mores provided. Families welcome.

## Upcoming

#### NEW HAVEN

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

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

In October, we will read more of the 2014 Building Block Award Nominees along with songs, crafts, and finger plays.

#### **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

#### Simple Craft Saturdays for School-Age Kids and Their Grown-Ups

Saturdays, October 4 & 18, from 8:30 AM-1 PM Stop by and make a fun pumpkin-themed craft with your kids! Watch Facebook for the October crafts.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Yarn and Yak

Wednesday, October 1, 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, October 22, at 5 PM We are reading *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* by Anne Tyler. Stop by the Library and check out a copy of the book. Everyone is welcome. Book Club meets at the Library.

#### Bertha Gifford, Alleged Serial Killer

Thursday, October 16, at 7 PM
At the Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave.
Marc Houseman, Washington Historical
Society, will present the chilling story of the
Franklin County resident who was charged with
the murders of three people by arsenic poisoning
in 1928. Stop by the Library or call 573-237-2189
to reserve your seat today.



St. Clair Branch staff member Mindy Hawkins presented preschool storytime on August 21.

## Events

#### **PACIFIC**

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

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

#### Read with Max

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

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

Saturday, October 18, at 11 AM

#### Halloween Fun

Saturday, October 25, at 11 AM Loom bracelets, pumpkin crafts, and more.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

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

#### Bad to the Bone

Wednesday, October 8, at 6 PM Marc Houseman will give a presentation on the Union courthouse bombing by the Pardue brothers.

#### **Crochet Club**

Wednesday, October 15, at 6 PM

#### Adult Book Club

Wednesday, October 22, at 6:30 PM *The Axe Factor* by Colin Cotterill.

#### **Star Gazing**

Wednesday, October 29, at 6:30 PM Eastern Missouri Dark Sky Observers will give a presentation.



Officer Steve Zapolski presented many helpful tips about stranger safety at the Pacific Branch on August 23.

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#### ST. CLAIR

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

#### **Preschool Storytime**

Thursdays at 11 ÅM

#### Star Wars Reads Day

Saturday, October 11, from 9 AM - 1 PM

#### Read-Build-Play Club

Saturday, October 25, at 10 AM

ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Adult Book Club

Thursday, October 23 from 2-3 PM Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom.

#### Celebrate Family History Month!

Thursday, October 30, at 4 PM Genealogy workshop presented by Ann Wideman.

#### **OWENSVILLE**

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

#### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 4:30 PM Sing songs, hear stories, do crafts, and have fun!

#### Special Storytime

Saturday, October 25, at 10 AM Earth's Classroom will be visiting.

ADULT PROGRAMS

#### **Knifty Knitters**

Wednesday, October 1, at 6:30 PM Anyone who knits or crochets is welcome!

#### Movie Night at the Library

Friday, October 3, at 7 PM Call 573-437-2188 for this month's action title!

#### I Dream of Geni-ology

Wednesday, October 8, at 5 PM

#### **Book Club**

Wednesday, October 15, at 6:30 PM We will be discussing *A Star for Mrs. Blake* by F. Smith.

#### To Hunt or Not to Hunt

Tuesday, October 21, at 6:30 PM Presented by the Conservation Department.

#### Resurrection Men: Body Snatching, Medicine, and Riot in 19th Century Missouri

Thursday, October 30, at 6:30 PM All about grave robbing by Kenneth Winn, former state archivist.

## Reading Tutors Available for Adults

Do you know an adult who can't read or has difficulty reading?

Adult illiteracy is more common than most people think—over 32 million adults can't read.

Basic reading skills are critical for someone to navigate through life. Can you imagine not being able to read a prescription bottle, job application, or menu? Fortunately, it's never too late in life to learn how to read or improve one's reading skills.

Free adult literacy tutoring is available to anyone 18 or older through the Four Rivers YMCA in cooperation with Scenic Regional Library. The one-on-one sessions are one hour each week, held at the Library, and can continue as long as the individual wishes.



If you know someone who can't read or has difficulty reading, please let them know about this great resource. Anyone who is interested in more information or would like to arrange a session with a literacy tutor should contact Steve Campbell at 636-583-0652 or

swcampbell@scenicregional.org.



On September 12, students displayed their work at the Hermann Branch's annual art reception.

### Accelerated Reader and Reading Counts Book Lists Available Online

Need to find a book on your school's Accelerated Reader or Reading Counts book lists? Just visit <a href="www.scenicregional.org/kids">www.scenicregional.org/kids</a> and click on the link for School Reading Lists. The website has updated reading lists for public and private schools in Hermann, New Haven, Warrenton, Pacific, Villa Ridge, Washington, Union, St. Clair, and Spring Bluff. The books can be sorted by title, author, reading level, Lexile Score, and points. You can also search by title or series. In addition, the titles are linked to the library's online catalog, so that you can check to see which are available.



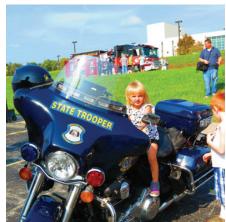
#### No Fall Book Sale this Year

The library will not be having a fall book sale this year. In the past, it has had a spring and fall book sale each year; however, the library has not received as many donations as usual. In addition, it has been adding more of the "like-new" donations to the collection than in the past. The book sales will resume in the spring.

## **Check Out Big Machines a Big Success**

On September 20, over two hundred children enjoyed seeing, sitting in, and honking the horns of an ambulance, fire truck, big rig, S.W.A.T. vehicle, and many other big machines. This event was co-sponsored by Scenic Regional Library and East Central College in honor of National Library Card Sign-Up Month.





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Authors Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart presented "If It Looks Like A Man" on August 21 at the Warrenton Branch. The program was about women in the Civil War.



Owensville Branch manager, Linda Little, leads residents in a book discussion at Gasconade Manor's "New Beginnings Book Club" on September 12.



On September 11 at the Pacific Branch, children read "Harold and the Purple Crayon" and colored their own poster.

#### 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

