



THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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A monthly publication from your local library!

2016 Summer Reading Program: On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!

EXERCISE
your mind.
READ!

GET IN THE GAME
READ

ON YOUR MARK,
GET SET...
READ!

2016

**SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY'S
SUMMER READING PROGRAM!
MAY 31ST TO JULY 30TH**

ADULTS | KIDS | TEENS

2016 Summer Reading Program sign-ups start May 31st! All ages are welcome to participate. Read some great books this summer!

Library Launches the New “Adult Summer Reading Challenge”

The adult summer reading program is changing, and there are even more ways to participate. Stop by your local branch and pick up a challenge form. The form lists multiple challenges to complete, and you'll keep this all summer to track your progress.

There are many reading challenges such as reading a book of poetry or reading a book that takes place in Missouri. This year, though, we have added other challenges like attending programs, writing book reviews, and even posting a photo of yourself reading.

Once you have completed your first 3

challenges, bring your form into your local branch so that you can receive a limited edition Gold Library Card. At that time, you'll receive your first entry into our end-of-summer prize drawing. For each additional challenge you complete, you earn an additional entry into the drawing. Be sure to turn in your form, no matter how many challenges you've completed, by July 30th to earn your entries.

This year, prizes include a Kindle Fire and a one-on-one session with the library trainer, restaurant gift certificates, Walmart gift cards, and an opportunity to be featured on a Scenic Regional Library

READ poster that will hang in your local branch! More information can be found at www.scenicregional.org/asrc.





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Parents, Help Your Children Avoid the “Summer Slide”

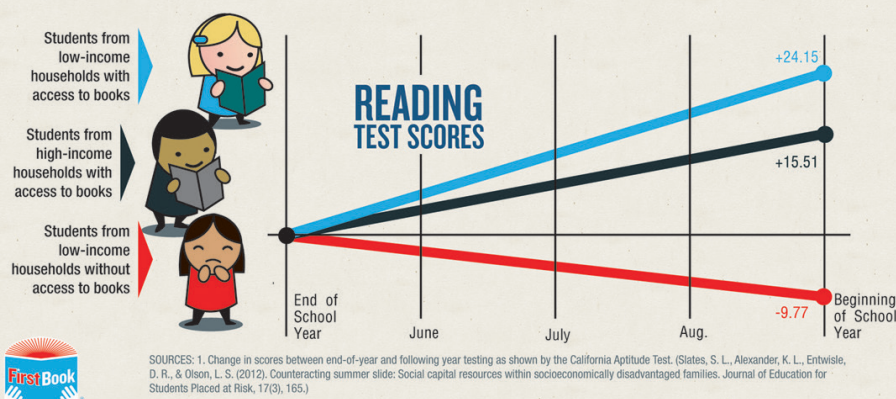
Summer is the time for grilling, vacations, camping, or time at the pool. For kids, it’s also a break from school. While that means time away from tests and classrooms, it shouldn’t mean a break from learning.

Researchers have known for over a century that children experience learning losses when they’re not in school during the summer. It’s called the “summer slide.” Children can lose as much as five to six months in reading level during the summer. When it comes to kids, it turns out that reading is just like any other skill—either “use it or lose it.”

The good news is that research also shows that reading as few as four to six books during the summer can keep a struggling reader from regressing. That’s where the library can help. Parents don’t need to spend a fortune on books to keep their children reading throughout the summer. Instead, they can prevent the “summer slide” by bringing their children to library storytimes and having them participate in the library’s summer reading program. Scenic Regional Library’s Summer Reading Program kicks off on May 31. You can find more information about the program in this newsletter, on our website, or at your local branch.

KIDS WHO READ BEAT SUMMER SLIDE

Studies show that access to books during the summer prevents a drastic loss in reading skill – especially for kids in need.



Here is what you can do to beat the “summer slide”:

- Giving children access to books is critical. The library is an excellent source of free books on a wide range of interests and reading levels. Librarians can also guide children and families in selecting great books.
- When children select books themselves and read for enjoyment, they receive the most gains in reading ability, including better reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, spelling, and grammar. By signing up for this year’s *On Your Mark, Get Set...Read* Summer Reading Program children get to choose what they read and get prizes for reading.
- Children and teens tend to read more when adults in their lives encourage them to read, and also when they see those adults reading often themselves. Adults can sign up for our *Exercise Your Mind* Adult Summer Reading Challenge.
- Children who feel that reading is fun tend to read more often, so summer programs that help make reading enjoyable and social are most successful. That is why we offer weekly programs at the library for children of all ages.
- Reading just 4 to 6 books over the summer can prevent a decline in reading scores from the spring to the fall.



Book Bingo at the Union Branch

The Union branch now has a morning of Book Bingo on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Everyone who reaches BINGO, earns a book. This is a great way to have fun with friends, old and new, and take home a new book to add to your personal library.



Library Board Approves St. Clair Community Garden Proposal



On April 20, the Library Board formally accepted land donations from the United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church for a community garden in St. Clair. The small tract of land is approximately 1/10 of an acre (38' x 112'). The community garden, which will be part of the branch renovation and expansion plans, will contain up to 30, 4' x 8' raised beds. The library will use the future garden as a potential site and focus of gardening programs, as well as educational partnerships with local schools.

The library has talked about incorporating unique features into the design of their new and expanded facilities. For the St. Clair branch, a community garden will fill that role. These types of gardens can be found all over the U.S., including at libraries. They usually involve small raised-bed plots that individuals, schools, groups or organizations can use for free to grow produce.

St. Clair's Route 66 Farmer's Market recently approached the library about placing a community garden on their property. The library's existing lot could not accommodate the garden, so they approached

the two churches who owned vacant land behind the library about acquiring some additional property. Cochran Engineering will be assisting the library in having the properties subdivided in the coming months. The library will design, construct and maintain the garden for the community.



Several patrons attended the Community Supported Agriculture event hosted by the New Haven branch. Local wine and food pairings and great music were some of the highlights of the evening.



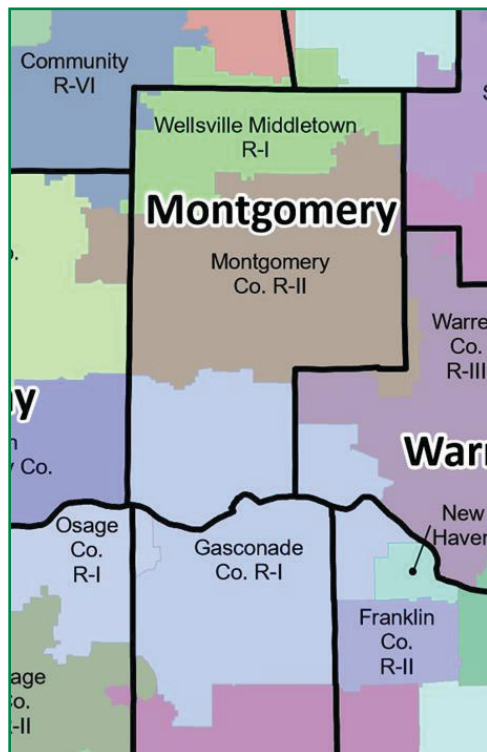
Mary Lou Melkowski came to the Pacific branch to share her talent for felted wool appliques. Everyone who attended made a small appliqué during the program for their own home display.



Local Missouri author, Byron von Rosenberg, was kind enough to make a trip to the Warren County branch to read for our Preschool Storytime. Byron read his own stories, spoke with patrons, and signed books.



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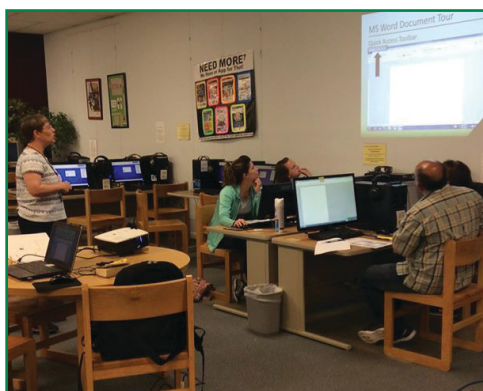
The library mailed the survey to residents in the portion of Montgomery County shown in light blue.

Library Explores Expanding into Montgomery County

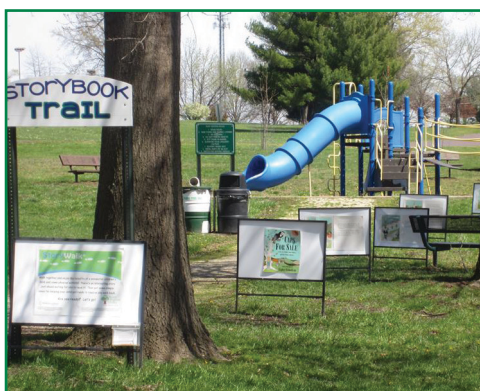
In April, Scenic Regional Library sent surveys to registered voters who live in the portion of the Gasconade County R-I School District in Montgomery County asking them if they would be interested in joining the library district. The school district covers the southern quarter of the county. The area has approximately 1,500 residents, including 934 registered voters and 15% of the students in the school district. The largest communities in the area are Rhineland and Big Spring. Many of these residents shop and use services in Hermann. Montgomery County does not have a county library.

Currently, Montgomery County residents must pay a \$25 annual non-resident fee to use the Scenic Regional Library. The library's administration has proposed to the Library Board that the fee be increased to \$60 to better reflect the cost of services. An average taxpayer in Scenic Regional Library's district pays about \$60 a year in taxes to the library.

If the survey results indicate an interest from the area in joining the library district, the measure will need to be placed on the ballot for voter approval. If approved, only the southern quarter of the county would be added to the Scenic Regional Library system. These residents would pay taxes to the library and be able to use the library's services for no additional cost.



"Introduction to MS Word" was recently taught at the Hermann branch by our trainer Stacy! If you are interested in computer classes contact your local branch to find out when the next class is happening.



"Caps for Sale" has just been installed at New Haven City Park. Read the story with your kids, then read the back of each page for a literacy tip about what reading to kids can do!



Some young visitors came to the St. Clair branch for storytime! To Celebrate National Library Week, everyone took library books outside & enjoyed the weather.



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Owensville Branch Care Package Program

The Owensville branch is partnering with the Owensville VFW to collect items to send to the troops in honor of Military Appreciation Month. The VFW will deliver the care packages to soldiers from the Owensville area so that they can have something from home. Donors can drop off items at Owensville branch throughout May.

DONATION LIST FOR THE CARE PACKAGES:

Toiletries	Razors	Beef Jerky
Body Powder	Mouthwash	Toothbrush
Insoles	Shampoo	Foot Spa
Toilet Paper	Foot Powder	Eyeglass Cleaner
Makeup	Chips	Loofah
Blush	Manicure Kit	Deodorant
Pretzels	Face Moisturizer	Food
Q-Tips	Hand Lotion	Salsa
Baby Wipes	Disposable Camera	Conditioner
Aromatherapy Oils	Hand warmers	Mascara
Jelly Beans	Eye Drops	

On May 14, children and adults can visit the Owensville branch to color a Thank You card and write a note to the troops. The notes read "Thanks for going the Extra mile" and include a pack of "Extra" gum, which has been donated by the Owensville Walmart.



Pete the Cat was a big hit at the St. Clair branch. Children had the opportunity to get their picture taken with Pete, made a Pete the Cat craft, and read a Pete story. How fun!



April 13th was National Bookmobile Day! Sullivan celebrated with a visit from the Bookmobile to the branch. Here, several young patrons take time choosing books to borrow.



The Brothers Kaputnik was an awesome show, with juggling, circus stunts, and a teeterboard! Thanks to all who came out to Owensville and congratulations to the ones who got to "perform" with the Brothers!

It's Time to Renew Your Friends of the Library Membership!

All current Friends of the Library memberships (except for the Diamond-level lifetime memberships) expired on March 31, 2016.

Patrons can purchase new memberships or renew their existing membership for April 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017 for as little as \$10.

A membership application for the Friends of the Library can be found on the last page of the library's monthly newsletter.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GROUPS HAVE SEVERAL PURPOSES:

- Provide an opportunity to support the Scenic Regional Library branch located in your community
- Maintain an association of people interested in libraries
- Promote library resources and services
- Raise funds and encourage gifts to support the library
- Recruit volunteers to help with library operations
- Foster a positive relationship between the library and the community

FRIENDS MEMBERS RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

- 10% discount on books purchased at the library's fall and spring book sales
- The opportunity to attend special programs and events at any branch which are only open to Friends of the Library members

JOIN TODAY! SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BRANCH!

ANNUAL FRIENDS DUES ARE USED SEVERAL WAYS:

To buy books, DVDs, CDs, computers, equipment, furnishings, and to support programming at the library. An individual can help the Friends have a greater impact through making a larger contribution.

Each community's Friends of the Library group will be governed by a committee that decides how their contributions are donated to their local branch.

Sullivan members who join in 2016 will have their name and contribution level engraved on a plaque which will be placed on permanent display in the branch.

All membership dues and contributions are tax deductible

and designated solely for use by the local branch's Friends of the Library group.



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Missouri River Relief came to the New Haven branch to talk about cleaning up the Missouri River. 145 volunteers cleaned up this stretch of the river and removed 5 tons of trash!



Container Gardening and Gardening Basics were taught to visitors at All Seasons Lawn & Garden. The program was hosted by the St. Clair branch.



These ladies made unique poetry coasters in celebration of National Poetry Month. Attendees at the Union branch recycled old poetry books for the project.



The Magazine Art program was enjoyed by several patron at the Sullivan branch. Pictured (inset) is one of the finished pieces. Check out the events section of the newsletter to see what other creative programs the branches have planned this month!



Lisa Marks gave an incredible portrayal as 'The Unsinkable Molly Brown'! Warren County patrons were transported back in time with wonderful stories about her amazing life.



Attendees at the Union and Warren County branches enjoyed an evening with Missouri's Poet Laureate. Mr. William Trowbridge gave readings and sold a few of his works.



Several individuals had fun creating vintage cards at the Pacific branch.



Hermann Youth Services Coordinator-Roxanne read to a local daycare about finding the right spot to read a book - then they all danced!

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In celebration of National Library Week, at Lil' Owls Storytime, the kids got to be librarians! They checked books in and out, stamped the due back date and even read a book to the parents!



Christine Miller and Louise Hermes from the Living History Company pose with some of the Victorian dresses they brought to the Warren County branch program "Victorian Fashion: Inside Out".



Our Spring Book Sale was a record-breaking success at all the branches! Thank you to all our volunteers for your hard work on the sale.

HERMANN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Discussion Group-New Time!
 3rd Wednesday each month from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Knit Too!
 Every Tuesday at 2:00 pm

Spring into New Life
 Tuesday, May 3 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 If you need a new direction or need to energize the path you are on, this is the first step! Presented by certified Life Coach Beverly Bloemke.

Antiques Road Show
 Wednesday, May 4 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 Bring in your small treasures and local experts will be available to share their knowledge and advice.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
 Every Thursday at 10:00 am
 Read, sing, play, and make friends!

May the Fourth Be With You
 Wednesday, May 4 from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Scavenger hunt in the library! Make your own Wookiee to love at home! Out of this galaxy snacks!

Camp In Storytime
 Wednesday, May 11 from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 Come to a special storytime about camping and bring your favorite stuffed animal campin' buddy to stay overnight in the library. Be sure to comeback Thursday, May 12, to pick them up and hear all about their crazy late-night adventures!

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Yarn and Yak at the Branch
 Thursday, May 5, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

La Leche League of Franklin County
NEW TIME: Every 3rd Saturday!
 Saturday, May 21 at 10:30 am
 Nursing support for moms at the branch. (Registration is not required.)

Special Book Club Event
 Wednesday, May 25 at 5:00 pm
 Meet author Katherine Reay. We will discuss her recent book, "The Bronte Plot" at 449 Vine St.

Celebrate Military Appreciation Month
 Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 pm
 Special screening of Drafted: The Veteran Interview project.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-School Storytime
 Each Tuesday at 10:00 am
 Third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am

Kid's Club (Grades 1-5)
 Tuesday, May 17 at 11:00 am
 Frisbee Day.
 Tuesday, May 24 at 11:00 am
 On your mark, get set, build with Strawbees.

Read, Build & Play (Ages 4-12)
 Saturday, May 21 at 11:00 am
 Hear a story and build with Legos.

Please register for family programs.
FAMILY PROGRAMS

Guitar for Beginners
 Every Wednesday starting May 11 at 6:00 pm
 Come and learn how to play chord guitar. Bring your own acoustic guitar, chord sheets/songs provided.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Dee Dan Art Exhibit
at Old New Haven School
 Sunday, June 26, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Sponsored by Friends of the Library, New Haven branch.



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OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Movie Night at the Library

Friday, May 6 at 7:00 pm
 We will be showing *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*.

A Colorful Tea Party

Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 am
 In honor of Mothers everywhere we will have a victorian-style tea and relax with adult coloring.

Knifty Knitters & Crafty Crocheters
 Wednesday, May 11 & 25 at 6:30 pm

Tea Time Travelers' Book Club

Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm
 "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Join us to find out which flavor tea goes with this story!

Honoring Our Veterans

Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 pm
 Join us to learn about the Honor Flight and talk to people who have been on it.

Bubble Soccer

Tuesday, May 24 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 6pm: 6th grade and up
 (with signed waiver by parent)
 7pm: adults 18+
 Held at the Owensville High School.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Lil' OWLs Storytime

Every Thursday at 4:30 pm

Read, Build, & Play

Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 am

Thanks to Troops!

Saturday, May 14, All Day
 Decorate a "Thanks for going the extra mile" note to send to our troops.

PACIFIC BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Play Mahjong & Hand & Foot

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

Intro to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, May 3 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Limited to 6 participants.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Thursday, May 5 at 6:00 pm

Celebrate the Kentucky Derby

Saturday, May 7 at 3:00 pm

Franklin County's Medal of Honor Recipients
 Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 pm

Sit-n-Stitch Club

Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 pm

Mandala Madness

Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 pm

Book Club

Tuesday, May 24 at 6:00 pm

Intro to Microsoft Excel

Tuesday, May 31 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Limited to 6 participants.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten)

Every Thursday at 10:00 am
 Every Saturday at 11:00 am

Tea Party Storytime

Thursday, May 12 at 10:00 am
 Read books, sing songs, and have a special tea party snack. RSVP to we can plan snacks accordingly.

Kid's Club (Grades 1-5)

Every Saturday at 1:00 pm
 Call to find out what activities are planned each week.

Young Builders Club (Toddlers-Kindergarten)

Saturday, May 21 at 11:00 am

ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS

DIY: Patriotic Clothes Pin Wreath

Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 pm

Cook the Book, Cookbook Club

Saturday, May 21 at 1:00 pm
 Theme: American Favorites

Memorial Day Celebration

Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 pm
 Presented by Laurie Osseck

Take-A-Ticket Computer Training

Wednesday, May 25 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Presented by trainer Stacy Emerson.

Book Club

Thursday, May 26 at 2:00 pm
 We will be reading "We Never Asked for Wings" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Read, Build & Play

Every Saturday at 11:00 am
 Listen to a story and build with Legos!

Storytime

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

Homeschool Program at the Branch

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday at 10:00 am
 Call to find out what activities are planned.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Saturday, May 28 at 11:00 am
 Activities and games for all ages!



Josh Higgins from Fahr's Greenhouse came to the Pacific branch to teach everything you ever wanted to know about organic gardening.



may 2016 upcoming events

SULLIVAN BRANCH

•Join the Sullivan branch's Friends of the Library. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible and designated solely for use by your branch's Friends group. For more information about the Friends and an application visit scenicregional.org/friends

Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Lynchings in Franklin County

Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 pm

Presenter Sue Blesi will share the stories of several lynchings that took place in Franklin County. Held at the branch

Beginning Crochet

Tuesday, May 17 from 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm

Bring a size J or larger crochet hook and one skein of worsted weight yarn. Held at Sullivan Elementary School.

Bubble Soccer

Tuesday, May 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

6pm: 6th grade and up

(with signed waiver by parent)

7pm: adults 18+

Held at the Sullivan branch.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

For preschool-age children.



"Oh My Gosh, Josh!" entertained children at several branches with his comedy, juggling, and magic.

UNION BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Herbal Tinctures for Family Health

Tuesday, May 3 at 6:00 pm

Military Appreciation Day

Thursday, May 5 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Film Festival Series: Mommy (R)

Tuesday, May 24 at 5:30 pm

Book Bingo

Thursday, May 26 at 11:00 am

Please register for computer programs.
COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30 pm

Basic Computer Terminology

Monday, May 9 at 10:00 am

Basic Computer Operation

Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00 am

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Thursday, May 26 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am

Read, Build, & Play (ages 4-12)

Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 am

Build simple machines with us!

Storytime with a State Trooper

Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 am

Write a Letter to our Servicemen

Saturday, May 21 at 11:00 am

WARREN COUNTY BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS

The Kathy & Kim Variety Hour

Tuesday, May 3 at 6:00 pm

Kathy & Kim are coming to your freezer meal rescue! Try great food, and take home recipes.

Jim the Wonder Dog

Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 pm

Presenter Larry Arrowood will be discussing the wonder dog who was featured on *Ripley's Believe It or Not!*

Mom's Night Out

Tuesday, May 17 at 5:30 pm

Enjoy a night out and pamper yourself! Relax with paraffin wax treatments, hand massages, hot facials, & more!

Book Club

Wednesday, May 18 at 2:00 pm

We will discuss "Seraphina" by Rachel Hartman.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Read, Build & Play (1st-5th grade)

Monday, May 2 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)

Mondays at 6:30 pm, Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Special Storytime Camping

Monday, May 16 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00 am

Bring your sleeping bags! Make some s'mores!

Special Storytime Featuring Representative Bryan Spencer

Tuesday, May 24 at 10:00 am

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Harry Potter Day!

Monday, May 2, All Day

Attention all muggles! We will be making wands, tasting butterbeer, creating potions, and more!



SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All information submitted is considered confidential and will never be given or sold to any other individual, company, or organization.

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STREET ADDRESS			
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STATE		ZIP CODE	
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SULLIVAN MEMBERS WHO JOIN IN 2016: NAME TO APPEAR ON PLAQUE <i>(Ex., William & Mary Smith or The Smith Family or Franklin County Hardware)</i>			
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Friends of the Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Silver – \$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Warren County Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Gold – \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Volunteer at other events <input type="checkbox"/>			
Volunteer at my local branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Serve on the local Friends of the Library's			
Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>			

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