Beginning September 1, Scenic Regional Library will have 4.5mm Orion AstroBlast Reflector Telescopes available for checkout. The program has been made possible through a partnership with the St. Louis Astronomical Society and Eastern Missouri Dark Sky Observers. The Eastern Missouri Dark Sky Observers, which is located in Franklin County, will provide programming and perform repairs and maintenance on the telescopes. The St. Louis Astronomical Society provided the telescopes at a discounted price to the library and their members modified them for public use.

Many other public libraries in the St. Louis metropolitan area have been checking out telescopes for the past year or longer, including Kirkwood Library (1 telescope), St. Louis County (10 telescopes), St. Louis Public Library (5 telescopes) and University City Library (1 telescope). Scenic Regional will have nine telescopes available at the Pacific, St. Clair, Sullivan, and Union branches. If the pilot program at these branches proves successful, it will be expanded to the other branches in February 2017. To place a request on a telescope, please call your local branch.

The Orion telescopes have a tabletop base and include an 8-24mm zoom lens (attached to the telescope) and a camera bag. Each telescope weighs only 14 pounds. Inside the camera bag, there is a pocket guide, laminated instruction manual, quick start guide, and a headlamp so that the materials can be read after dark. The manual allows someone who has never operated a telescope the necessary information to make your first stargazing experience a success!

A valid library card and current, valid photo ID are required to check out a telescope. The telescopes can only be checked out on an adult’s card and the adult must be present. Telescopes can be checked out for 7 days, with no renewals. When a telescope is checked out, library staff will make sure everything is present and show the proper way to lift and transport the telescope. If the telescope is returned after the due date, an overdue fee of $5.00 per day will be charged. If any parts are damaged or missing, charges will be assessed.
Beginning September 1, Scenic Regional Library will allow patrons to checkout fishing poles and tackle. The Missouri Department of Conservation is providing 24 fishing poles to the library so that patrons can learn about, and enjoy, fishing without the expense of purchasing equipment. Fishing poles and tackle will be available at the Owensville, Pacific, Sullivan, Union, and Warrenton branches. They can be checked out for 3 days—perfect for a weekend getaway!

Patrons must present a valid library card and sign a use agreement to check out a fishing pole. The small tackle boxes include two different size hooks; five different size weights; two different color floaters; and clippers, which can be used to cut a hook from a line. Patrons must return the fishing pole and tackle to the branch from which they were checked out. If the new service proves successful, it will be expanded to other branches.

“Founding Members” Plaques for Friends Groups in Branches

Plaques with the names of each Friends of the Library group’s founding members were placed at each branch in August. Founding members were those individuals and businesses who joined the groups in 2014-2015. Systemwide, there were over 130 founding Friends of the Library members. A second plaque will be placed in each branch in September which will list the names of the current Friends of the Library members. The plaques will have the names printed on a paper insert which will allow the library to update the current members each year.
Library Receives Grant for Wireless Mobile Printing

Scenic Regional Library was awarded a grant by the Missouri State Library for $7,373 to upgrade its current print management software to include mobile printing. The library currently uses Envisionware, but will be switching to Cybrarian. Cybrarian will be installed at all the library’s branches by January 2017, allowing patrons to print from laptops, tablets, smart phones, or other mobile devices. A device must be connected to the library’s Wi-Fi network to print to public printers. The library’s Wi-Fi usage has increased 39% over the past year. Library staff will be available to answer any questions and help patrons with printing once the service goes live.

Library Adds OneClickDigital; Access to Over 6,500 eAudiobooks

Scenic Regional launched Recorded Books’ OneClickDigital in August. The digital collection provides simultaneous access to more than 5,000 adult e-audiobooks titles and 1,500 children and young adult e-audiobook titles. Simultaneous access means that an unlimited number of people can check out an e-audiobook at the same time. As a result, patrons will never have to place a request and wait for OneClickDigital e-audiobook titles. 50 new titles are added to the OneClickDigital collection each quarter. The titles include those by popular authors like Charlaine Harris, Jodi Picoult, Cormac McCarthy, John Sanford, and Alexander McCall Smith. OneClickDigital uses the same platform (webpage or software) as Zinio, which is the library’s access to downloadable e-magazines.

Friends of the Library Members-Only Book Sale Preview

For the first time, the library’s book sale at every location will include a special Friends of the Library member-only preview. The preview will take place on Wednesday, October 19, between 5:00-7:00 PM. Anyone who is a current Friends of the Library member can peruse and purchase items prior to the sale being opened to the general public. If someone is not a Friends’ member and would like to attend the special preview, they can purchase an annual Friends’ membership for $10 at the door.

Brandon Clark from Clark Brewing Innovations demonstrates the extract beer brewing process for the St. Clair branch.

Sullivan patrons were able to practice their telescope skills with trainers from the St. Louis Astronomical Society and the East Missouri Dark Sky Observers.
The Pacific branch read about farms and animals that live on a farm. Afterward, everyone painted muddy pigs, made fluffy sheep, and created lima bean gardens to take home.

Pacific Friends of the Library, Elects Officers

On Wednesday, August 10, the Pacific Friends of the Library group formed and elected officers for 2016-2017. Six Friends’ members attended the meeting. The slate of officers is:

- Susan Cunningham, Chair
- Sandra Klinger, Vice-Chair
- Barb Schweissguth, Secretary
- Connie Hartmann, Treasurer

The group will recruit new Friends’ members, help recruit additional volunteers for the library’s book sales, and possibly organize fundraisers to help with the cost of furniture and equipment for the new Pacific branch facility. All funds raised by the group will be used exclusively for the Pacific branch.

The group’s next meeting, which is open to the public, will be on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:00 PM at the Pacific branch.

HERMANN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Discussion Group
3rd Wednesday each month from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of the banned book “Persepolis” by Marjane Satrapi. Stop by and check out a copy today.

Colorful Brushes Art Reception
Friday, September 9 at 6:00 pm
Our annual Art Exhibit and Reception, featuring Colorful Brushes students. Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, September 22 at 5:30 pm
Lori Bourgeois (RN) will cover what essential oils are, why you would want to use them, and how to use them. She will also cover the importance of gut health.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am
Join us for stories, rhymes, and crafts!

Project TILT: Photography Basics
Wednesday, September 14 at 2:00 pm
Learn the basics from some local experts!

Anti-Bullying Techniques
Tuesday, September 20 at 3:30 pm
Learn about acceptance in our community and anti-bullying while playing games.

ACT Prep Party
Tuesday, September 20 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday, September 22 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
We’ve enlisted the help of tutors, teachers, and our own online services to prep you for the big day! We’ll have snacks and helpful-hints. Reservations required.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Club at the Branch
Wednesday, September 28 at 5:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of a book.

Reality, Risks, and Response to Climate Change
Thursday, September 29 at 6:00 pm
Larry Lazar will be here to talk about climate change and its potential impacts. Held at Old New Haven School.

La Leche League of Franklin County
Saturday, September 17 at 10:30 am
Its purpose is to support nursing moms. The group will meet the 3rd Saturday of each month. (Registration is not required.)

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Who Has a Clue?
Friday, September 9 from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Teens are invited to watch the movie, play the game, create snacks, and hang with friends! Held at Old New Haven School.

Pre-School Storytime
Each Tuesday at 10:00 am & Saturday, September 17 at 10:00 am
Up to Kindergarten age. Enjoy new Missouri Building Block books, songs, finger plays, crafts, and fun.

Read, Build & Play (Ages 4-12)
Saturday, September 17 at 11:00 am
Take the Lego challenge. We will learn about why leaves change color.

Photographer Jerry Poppenhouse came to Owensville to show pictures from his archaeological exploits and share some tips.
### September 2016 Upcoming Events

**Owensville Branch**

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Friends of the Library Meeting**
Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm
Everyone is invited!

**Jim the Wonder Dog**
Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 pm

**Movie Night at the Library**
Friday, September 9 at 7:00 pm
We will be showing *Me Before You* based on the book by Jo Jo Moyes.

**Tea Time Travelers' Book Club**
Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm
We will discuss "The Road" by Cormac McCarthy.

**Living Off the Grid**
Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 pm
Judith Huntley will discuss her Alaskan experiences with us.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Lil' OWLs Storytime**
Every Wednesday at 10:30 am
Stories, songs, crafts, and fun!

**Read, Build, & Play**
Saturday, September 10 at 11:00 am

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**Pacific Branch**

**Library Card Drive ALL MONTH!**
Let's Celebrate at Family Fun Day
Saturday, September 24 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Miniature horses, snacks, crafts, & more!

**Play Mahjong & Hand & Foot**
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

**Take-A-Ticket**
Wednesday, September 7 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sign up for a 30-minute session.

**Flower Pounding**
Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 pm

**Essential Oils 101: Women's Health**
Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 pm

**Card Making at the Branch**
Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 pm

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel**
Thursday, September 22 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Book Club**
Tuesday, September 27 at 6:00 pm

**Kid's Club (Grades 1-5)**
Every Saturday at 1:00 pm
September 3: Builder’s Club
September 10: Pioneer and Cowboy Rag Dolls
September 17: Chef and Child Cheese Making Class
September 24**: Family Fun Day & Library Card Drive

**For All ages! (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)**

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**St. Clair Branch**

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Library Star Party at the Branch**
Thursday, September 1 from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Free telescope training and viewing session with the East Missouri Dark Sky Observers and the St. Louis Astronomical Society.

**Essential Oils 101: Gut Health**
Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 pm

**Getting to Know Windows 10**
Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 pm
Class size limited to 6 participants.

**Book Club**
Thursday, September 22 at 2:00 pm
We will be reading "Emma is Missing: a Novel" by Emma Henley.

**DIY: Autumn Leaf Wall Art**
Saturday, September 24 at 2:00 pm

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**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

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

**Read, Build & Play**
Every Saturday at 11:00 am

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