CORRECTION: The March newsletter listed incorrect times for the St. Clair and Warrenton ground breaking ceremonies. The Warrenton branch event will be held on Saturday, April 1, 3 PM; the St. Clair branch event will be held on Saturday, April 1, 11 AM. Entire schedule for all branch ceremonies listed on pg. 3.

Library Director Steve Campbell read to Mrs. Gentry’s second grade class and Mrs. Young’s third grade class at the Daniel Boone Elementary School in Warrenton for Read Across America Week on March 2.
Join the Friends of the Library in 2017 and Receive an Exclusive, Private Tour of the New Buildings Prior to Their Opening to the Public

Friends of the Library annual memberships expired March 31. Along with regular membership perks, such as an invitation to Friends-only book sale previews, special book sale discounts, and an invitation to special Friends-only programs, 2017-2018 Friends of the Library members will receive an exclusive, private tour of the new buildings by the library’s director, Steve Campbell, prior to their opening to the public.

Membership dues are used to provide additional new materials, furniture, and equipment at the library’s branches. Friends’ membership dues are designated solely for a member’s local branch and are tax deductible. The renewal form can be found on the last page of the library’s e-newsletter. Currently, the library has 300 Friends of the Library members systemwide.

New Assistant Director Began March 13

Megan Maurer became the library’s new assistant director on March 13. She replaces Dan Brower, who had been assistant director since 2015. Mr. Brower was hired as assistant director of the Cass County Public Library in Harrisonville, Missouri.

Ms. Maurer has an MLS degree from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Formerly, she was a librarian with the Illinois Department of Corrections at a correctional facility in Robinson, Illinois. Prior to working at the correctional facility, Megan was a regional coordinator with the Indiana State Library for 5-1/2 years and a youth services outreach librarian at the Vigo County Public Library in Terre Haute, Indiana, for 3-1/2 years.
New Library Ground Breaking Ceremonies

Each event is only expected to last about 30 minutes. Construction on the new facilities is expected to begin in May. The general public is welcome to attend the events. The location, date, time, and speakers for each ground breaking ceremony are:

**St. Clair Branch**
**Date:** Saturday, April 1, 11 AM  
**Location:** 515 E. Springfield Rd., St. Clair, Missouri 63077 (The existing branch will be expanded and renovated.)

**Speakers:**
1. Sharon Mackay, President, St. Clair Branch Friends of the Library  
2. Nate Tate, State Representative, District 119  
3. Dave Hinson, District 2 Commissioner, Franklin County

**Warrenton Branch**
**Date:** Saturday, April 1, 3 PM  
**Location:** 912 S. Hwy. 47, Warrenton, Missouri 63383 (The existing branch will be expanded and renovated.)

**Speakers:**
1. Charlotte Bradshaw, President, Warrenton Branch Friends of the Library  
2. Eric Schleuter, Mayor, City of Warrenton  
3. Hubie Kluesner, Southern District Commissioner, Warren County

**Pacific Branch**
**Date:** Saturday, April 8, 11 AM  
**Location:** 111 Lamar Parkway, Pacific, MO 63069 (On the corner of Rose Ln. and Lamar Parkway, across the street from Bristol Manor.)

**Speakers:**
1. Alice Whalen, Trustee, Scenic Regional Library Foundation  
2. Kirk Mathews, State Representative, District 110  
3. Tim Brinker, District 1 Commissioner, Franklin County

**Wright City Branch**
**Date:** Saturday, April 8, 3 PM  
**Location:** 60 Wildcat Dr., Wright City, MO 63390 (Directly South of Wright City West Elementary School on Wildcat Dr.)

**Speakers:**
1. Michelle Heiliger, Trustee, Scenic Regional Library Foundation  
2. Bryan Spencer, State Representative, District 63  
3. Dan Hampson, Northern District Commissioner, Warren County

**Sullivan Branch**
**Date:** Saturday, April 15, 11 AM  
**Location:** 525 Cumberland Way, Sullivan, MO 63080 (Directly North of the First Presbyterian Church on Cumberland Way.)

**Speakers:**
1. Doug Dunlap, President, Scenic Regional Library Foundation  
2. Dennis Watz, Mayor, City of Sullivan  
3. Dave Hinson, District 2 Commissioner, Franklin County

**New Haven Branch**
**Date:** Saturday, April 15, 3 PM  
**Location:** 200 Douglas St., New Haven, MO 63068 (Directly North of Boondocker Inn on Douglas St.)

**Speakers:**
1. Ann Schwartzkopf, President, New Haven Branch Friends of the Library  
2. Justin Alferman, State Representative, District 61  
3. Tim Brinker, District 1 Commissioner, Franklin County

**Notes:** The New Haven Branch Friends of the Library will have a reception at the Old New Haven School at 810 Maupin Ave. immediately following the groundbreaking ceremony.
Library Draws Giant Crowds for Programs in Sullivan, Hermann, and Warren County

The library has experienced excellent turnout for its programs over the past few years. However, recent programs offered in Pacific, Sullivan, Hermann and Warren County recently drew enormous crowds.

The Hermann and Pacific branches each applied, and were selected, for special, free performances offered through the St. Louis Symphony. The Symphony presents approximately ten off-site concerts each year.

On March 6, over 300 people enjoyed the Symphony concert in Hermann at the high school auditorium. The Pacific event was presented on March 14 at the Pacific High School Auditorium and drew 265 people.

The middle and high school bands in Hermann and Pacific performed with the Symphony during the final half-hour of the concerts. Members of the symphony also practiced with the students prior to the events.

The Sullivan and Warrenton branches each presented a visit from the World Bird Sanctuary in their communities in February to giant crowds. On February 18, 228 adults and children attended the Sullivan branch’s Critters for Kids program, which was held at the Sullivan High School auditorium.

The Warrenton branch presented Critters for Kids on February 23 at the library to more than 250 attendees. A representative from the Sanctuary brought an armadillo, tarantula, boa constrictor, and an owl to each program. In addition to talking about the animals, those in attendance were actually able to touch the creatures.

Scenic Regional Director Appointed to Franklin County Bicentennial Planning Committee

Scenic Regional Library Director Steve Campbell has been appointed to the Franklin County Bicentennial Planning Committee. The organization was established by the Franklin County Commission and will plan events for the Franklin County bicentennial celebration. Franklin County was created in December 1818; as a result, the events will be planned for throughout 2019.

The committee’s co-chairs are local historian Sue Blesi and Washington Historical Society Museum director Marc Houseman. Terri Wilson, a former Franklin County Commissioner and current Washington Historical Society trustee, is also a member of the committee.

The library has already been working on a video oral history project over the past year for the bicentennial. Library staff member Heather Gerling has been interviewing local residents about their recollections of Franklin County and editing the videos by topic. The videos will eventually be posted on the library’s website.
Union High School and Foundations for Franklin County Sponsor Homelessness Awareness Event

The Union branch is participating in a community homelessness awareness event sponsored by Union High School and Foundations for Franklin County, Inc. During the month of April, patrons may bring to the library travel-size personal care items, pop-top canned food, and cash. All donations will be used to help Franklin County residents.

Franklin County high school students and adults are also invited to participate in an overnight event on Friday, April 21, where participants will eat in a mock soup kitchen and sleep on the Union High School football field. This event is the brainchild of high school senior, Josie Arens, the 2017 Union Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Student.

More information about The Road Home events can be found at http://theroadhomeevent.com/ (Please note that although large size hygiene items are less expensive than small size, large items are hard to handle when you have to carry everything you own everywhere you go and your method of travel is on foot.)

“Impressions of the Civil War in Missouri” Exhibit at Owensville and Pacific Branches

Over 40 drawings and oil paintings of the Civil War by Missouri artist Dan Woodward will be on display at the Owensville and Pacific branches in April and May. Mr. Woodward will also give a special presentation at the branches about the free exhibit. The exhibit was at the Union branch throughout March.

The drawings and paintings depict the home front, soldiers’ camps, and battles from the Trans-Mississippi Theater of the American Civil War. Visit www.woodwardartstudio.com for other information about the artist.

Space is limited for the presentations, so contact the branch or register online to reserve your seat.

Owensville Branch
Art Exhibition: April 5-29
Program Presentation:
Thursday, April 27, 6:30 PM

Pacific Branch
Art Exhibition: May 3-27
Program Presentation**:
Thursday, May 25, 6:30 PM
** Presentation will be held at the Tri-County Senior Center, 800 W. Union St., Pacific, MO 63069
**HERMANN BRANCH**

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Book Club - NEW time!**
Every 3rd Wednesday from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

**The Eclipse of a Generation**
*Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm*
Dr. Angela Speck, professor of astrophysics and director of astronomy at MU will explain why solar eclipses happen and how to observe them.

**Spring Bling Craft Night**
*Thursday, April 27 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm*
Make jewelry like the Victorians--craft beads from paper! Materials provided.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

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

**TiLT: Paint ‘N’ Sip with Artsy Friends**
*Wednesday, April 12 at 3:00 pm*

**Kids Club: Floating Chalk Prints**
*Tuesday, April 11 at 3:30 pm*

Please register for family programs.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Family Movie Night**
*Friday, April 7 & 8 at 7:00 pm*
**Pete’s Dragon**
Join us at the Hermann Show Boat Theater, sponsored by St. George Parish and School.

**NEW HAVEN BRANCH**

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Friends of the Library New Haven General Meeting & Election of Officers**
*Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm*
Everyone is welcome at this meeting.

**Ground Breaking and Reception**
*Saturday, April 15 at 3:00 pm*
At the new branch location: 200 Douglas St. (behind Boondocker). Reception to follow at Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave.

**Book Club at the Branch**
*Wednesday, April 19 at 5:00 pm*
Join us for a discussion of “Nine Women, One Dress” by Jane L. Rosen. Stop by and check out a copy today.

**Wild Edibles**
*Saturday, April 29 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm*
Learn to identify wild-growing edible plants at a presentation followed by a local field trip (weather permitting) with botanist Dr. Catrina Adams. Program held at the Old New Haven School.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Pre-School Storytime**
*Each Tuesday at 10:00 am & Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 am*
Up to Kindergarten age. Enjoy stories about weather along with songs, finger plays, & crafts.

**Read, Build & Play (Ages 4-12)**
*Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 am*
Stop by for a Lego building challenge.
APRIL 2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

An Evening With an Ozark Poet
Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 pm
Poet will read & discuss the creation process of writing poems.

I Dream of Genie-ology Club
Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 pm
We will "De-mystify the Census.

Tea Time Travelers’ Book Club
Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm
We will discuss "Eligible" by St. Louis author Curtis Sittenfeld.

Poetry Without Pretension
Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 pm
A local retired teacher will help you overcome your reluctance to read poetry and see the beauty in it.

Impressions of the Civil War in Missouri
April 5 - April 29: Art exhibition.
Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 pm
Dan Woodward tells of the Civil War west of the Mississippi.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Lil’ OWLs Storytime
Every Wednesday at 10:30 am

Read, Build, & Play: “Minute to Win It”
Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 am

Teen Time!
Owensville Middle School, 3340 MO-19
Wednesday, April 5 & 19 at 3:30 pm
Owensville Branch
Tuesday, April 11 at 5:30 pm

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Movie Night at the Library
Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm
We will be showing Fences starring Denzel Washington and Viola Davis.

PACIFIC BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Play Mahjong
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

Evening with a Medium
Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 pm
Ginger Justus will talk about her experiences as a medium.
Location: Tri-County Senior Center.

Penguin/Random House Book Talk
Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 pm
Brad Simpson will give a sneak peak of soon-to-be published books. Light refreshments will be served.

Friends of the Library Meeting
Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm

Take-A-Ticket Training
Wednesday, April 19 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Bring in your electronic device and get 1/2 hour of tech time with our trainer.

Make & Take: Flip Cards
Saturday, April 22 at 10:00 am
Card making at the branch.

Book Club
Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm
We will be discussing "Lost Lake" by Sarah Allen.

ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Ground Breaking Ceremony
Saturday, April 1 at 11:00 am
Location: 515 E. Springfield Rd., St. Clair

Understanding Constitutional Carry
Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 pm
Discussion / Q & A presented by Franklin County Sheriff’s Office Ages 21+ only.

National Scrabble® Day
Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm
Play and win prizes!

Photographs that Changed the World
Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 pm
Presented by Laurie Osseeck.

Mark “The Harp” LeClaire: Performing the Blues
Saturday, April 29 at 3:00 pm
Bring your instrument and jam along!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten)
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Read, Build & Play: "Minute to Win It" Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 am

Teen Time!
Owensville Middle School, 3340 MO-19
Wednesday, April 5 & 19 at 3:30 pm
Owensville Branch
Tuesday, April 11 at 5:30 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten)
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Kid’s Club (Grades 1-5)
Every Saturday at 1:00 pm
April 1: Colored Bubble Painting
April 8: Making Yarn Eggs
April 15: Read, Build, & Play w/Legos
April 22: Herb Garden Recycling Project
April 29: Games

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April 2017 Upcoming Events

SULLIVAN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Library Star Party at the Branch
Tuesday, April 4 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
FREE telescope viewing & training.

“As the Page Turns” Book Club
Tuesday, April 11 at 5:30 pm
We will be discussing “The 100-Year-Old-Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared” by Jonas Jonasson.

Experience the Titanic
Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm
Join us for a journey on the Titanic.

Ground Breaking Ceremony
Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 am
Location: 525 Cumberland Way, Sullivan

An Evening with Ozark Poet, Phillip Howerton
Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 pm
Poet Phillip Howerton will read his poems and talk about his process.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (preschool-age children)
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Special Saturday Storytime
Saturday, April 1 at 11:00 am

Teen Book Club!
Monday, April 3 at 4:00 pm

Teen Coloring & Pizza Night
Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 pm

Kids Club: Sock Bunnies
Monday, April 17 at 3:30 pm

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Earth Day for Kids!
Saturday, April 22 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Planting & making art out of recyclables!

Family Read Night at the Branch
Friday, April 28 at 5:00 pm
Read together and check out new books!

UNION BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Bourbeuse River Book Club
Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00 pm
will be discussing “The 100-Year-Old-Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared” by Jonas Jonasson.

Grant Writing 101
Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 pm
Learn to develop & write grant proposals.

An Evening with Ozark Poet, Phillip Howerton
Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 pm
Delight in poetry readings & discussions.

Craft That: T-Shirt Totes
Thursday, April 13 at 11:00 am
Transform old t-shirts into reusable bags.

Hooked on Books Book Club
Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 pm
Discuss “The Sparrow” by Mary Doria Russell.

Eat Local, Eat Fresh
Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm
Learn how community-supported agriculture benefits you & sample tasty treats.

Book Bingo
Thursday, April 27 at 11:00 am

Please register for computer programs.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Basic Computer Terminology
Tuesday, April 4 at 10:00 am

Take-A-Ticket Training
Wednesday, April 5 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Receive one-on-one help with any device during a 30-minute session.

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Wednesday, April 12 from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)
Every Monday at 6:30 pm, Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Read, Build, & Play (Grades K-5)
Monday, April 3 from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm
Lego’s or S.T.E.A.M. trunk: Coding.

Warren County First Responders Storytime
Tuesday, April 11 at 10:00 am
Tour their ambulance after storytime!

Robotics (Grades 5-12)
Monday, April 17 from 3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Pioneer Day!
Saturday, April 8 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Blacksmithing, live music, costume contest, food, and more!

WARREN COUNTY BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Eclipse of a Generation
Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 pm
Dr. Angela Speck, a professor of astrophysics, will discuss the solar eclipse and how to observe it safely.

Ground Breaking Ceremony
Saturday, April 1 at 3:00 pm
Location: 60 Wildcat Drive, Wright City

Adult Easter Egg Hunt (21+ yrs.)
Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 pm

An Evening in France Movie Night
Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 pm

Book Club
Wednesday, April 19 at 2:00 pm

Growing Up On the River
Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm
Dan & Connie Burkhardt will discuss/sign their new book, “Growing up on the River”. Held at the Warren County History Museum.

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Pioneer Day!
Saturday, April 8 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Blacksmithing, live music, costume contest, food, and more!
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