BEGINNING on June 1, stop by your local branch and pick up a challenge form. The form lists multiple challenges to complete, and you will keep this all summer to track your progress.

There are many reading challenges, such as reading a book published over 50 years ago or reading a banned book. Back again, are outside of the box challenges, including grabbing a selfie with a librarian and visiting the bookmobile.

Once you have completed your first three challenges, bring your form into your local branch to receive your coloring journal. You will also receive your first entry into our end-of-summer prize drawing. Throughout the summer, complete additional challenges and earn additional entries into the drawing.

Your entry into the end-of-summer prize drawings will give you a chance to win a Kindle Fire, including a one-on-one session with the library technology trainer, local restaurant gift certificates and an Amazon gift card.

More information, including upcoming adult programs can be found at www.scenicregional.org/asrc.
Beat “Summer Slide” with the 2017 Summer Reading Program

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program starts June 1st at your local Scenic Regional Library branch. If you sign up by June 10th, you’ll be entered in the drawing for St. Louis Cardinals baseball tickets. Anyone can register to join in all the summer fun! Go to www.scenicregional.org for details about programs for all ages this June and July.

Books Beat Summer Slide

Children who are given access to books over the summer perform 35-40% better on reading achievement tests than those without access to books.

Literacy Council Seeking Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutors

The East Central Area Literacy Council, in partnership with East Central College, is seeking volunteers to become tutors in Adult Education and Literacy classrooms. Tutors may help students improve basic education and/or improve English skills. The training dates are set for May 11 and May 16, please call 636-584-6788 or email pamela.ruwe-kaiser@eastcentral.edu for more details and registration.

Over 100 people came out to hear Ginger Justus talk about her life as a medium on April 4. The program was held at the Tri-County Senior Center because the current Pacific branch can’t hold that many people! Ms. Justus will be returning June 15, 6pm for a second program about her life as a medium. Please join us at the Tri-County Senior Center, 800 W. Union St., Pacific, MO if you were unable to attend the first program!
President Trump Proposes the Elimination of IMLS; Library Supporters Asked to Contact their Representatives

IMLS (Institute of Museum & Library Services) is eliminated in President Trump’s 2017-2018 federal budget proposal. IMLS represents all federal funding for libraries. IMLS funds are distributed to states; the Missouri State Library uses IMLS funds for its LSTA grants.

If the federal budget is approved in its current form and IMLS eliminated, the library would no longer be able to apply for competitive LSTA grants. The library has received many of these grants over the past five years for a new server, time and print management software, and other items. The library planned to use LSTA grant funds to offset the cost of self-check systems and other equipment and services in its new branches.

In addition to the loss of competitive LSTA grants, the Missouri State Library would no longer be able to offer statewide courier service. Currently, the State Library provides two free days of courier service to all Missouri public libraries. Scenic Regional Library pays for an additional three days of service each week as do many other libraries in the state. If the statewide courier service is eliminated, Scenic Regional Library could most likely pay for courier. However, many other smaller Missouri Evergreen members cannot afford to pay for courier. As a result, the consortium will be in serious jeopardy. Scenic Regional would have no way to transfer items between other Evergreen members other than traditional mail, which is unaffordable.

In addition, Missouri Evergreen annual fees are subsidized through the State Library with LSTA funds. As a result, many members would not be able to afford the increased fees and be forced to leave the consortium. The library transfers over 5,500 requested items each month. Quality public library service is not a partisan issue. Scenic Regional Library encourages its patrons to contact their representatives in Congress as soon as possible and ask that IMLS funding be preserved in the federal budget. Congressional staff members keep track of calls from constituents on both sides of issues and pass the information along to the elected officials.

Contact your local representatives today and ask them to save IMLS:

Senator Roy Blunt (R)  
7700 Bonhomme Ave, #315  
Clayton, MO 63105  
(314) 725-4484

Senator Claire McCaskill (D)  
5850 Delmar Blvd., Ste. A  
St. Louis, MO 63112  
(314) 367-1364

Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer (R)  
516 Jefferson St.  
Washington, MO 63090  
(636) 239-2276
Library Staff to Appear on Local Radio Stations Every Month

Beginning in May, the library will be interviewed on two local radio shows each month. The library director and other staff have appeared for interviews on the stations multiple times over the past few years, but this is the first time they have been scheduled as regular monthly guests.

On the first Wednesday of each month from 8:30-9:00 AM library staff will appear as a regular guest on The Morning Show with Diane Jones. The show broadcasts on KLPW-AM 1220 AM. The station broadcasts from Union, Missouri, and also operates KLPW 92.7 FM.

On the fourth Thursday of each month the library staff will also appear on Livewire, hosted by Mike Thomas, on KWRE AM 73 (730 AM) from 9:30-10:00 AM. The station broadcasts from Warrenton, Missouri, and also operates KFAV 99.9 FM.

The library director and other staff will alternate appearing on the programs each month. In May, Assistant Director Megan Maurer and Youth Services Librarian Christy Schink will appear on both programs to talk about the library's summer reading program. Warren County branch manager Madison Morris will join them for the interview on KWRE AM 73.

Books Placed in Franklin County Judicial Center for Prospective Jurors

Scenic Regional Library provided three dozen paperback fiction books to the Franklin County Judicial Center on April 20. The books will be available for prospective jurors to read while awaiting trial. The books were selected from among items donated to the library for upcoming book sales. As a result, if a prospective juror is enjoying a book while waiting, they can take the book home and keep it. The library will visit the Judicial Center periodically to replenish the supply. People cannot bring their cell phones or other mobile devices into the Judicial Center. If the service proves to be successful, the library will offer it to Warren and Gasconade County courthouses later this year.
Franklin County Branches Designated as Safe Place Sites

The library’s branches in Franklin County will be designated as Safe Place sites beginning May 1. The program does not cover Warren or Gasconade Counties. Union branch manager Diane Disbro initiated the library’s involvement in the program. National Safe Place is a non-profit organization based out of Louisville, Kentucky. The organization provides immediate help and support for children and adolescents who are “at risk” or in crisis situations. The purpose is to defuse a potential crisis situation as well as provide immediate counsel and support so the child in crisis may be directed to an appropriate shelter or accredited care facility. Businesses and community buildings such as fire stations and libraries are designated as “Safe Place” sites. Any youth in crisis can walk into one of the nearly 20,000 Safe Places across the country and ask an employee for help. These locations display the yellow, diamond-shaped Safe Place sign on their location. Inside, employees are trained and prepared to assist any young person asking for help. Basically, there is a hotline number for the staff to call. Youth who go to a Safe Place location are quickly connected to the nearby youth shelter. The shelter then provides the counseling and support necessary to reunify family members and develop a plan to address the issues presented by the youth and family.

New Haven Branch Manager Retires

New Haven branch manager Kate Haynes retired from the library on April 28. Ms. Haynes has been branch manager at the New Haven branch since August 2013. She has worked for Scenic Regional Library since December 2007. Prior to her promotion to branch manager, she worked at the Union branch.

A retirement reception hosted by the New Haven Friends of the Library will be held at the New Haven branch on Monday, May 1, from 2:00-4:00 PM.

Rachel Terbrock, who has been the library’s St. Clair branch manager since January 2017, will transfer to New Haven. She will begin her duties as the new branch manager on May 1.

Library Accepting Construction Bids for the New Facilities

On April 17, the library began accepting bids from general contractors for construction of its seven new facilities. The construction documents have been placed on the library’s website at www.scenicregional.org/bidinfo. Bids are due May 13. The library’s administration and architects hope to interview the finalists the following week.

Contractors can bid on all seven projects, a single branch location, or only a few branch locations. The contractor or contractors which provide the best and lowest overall cost for the library will be selected for the project. The Library Board will approve the contractor or contractors recommended by the architects and administration at their meeting on May 23.

The library anticipates that construction will begin shortly after the contractors are selected and approved.

Retirement Reception for New Haven Branch Manager Kate Haynes

Monday, May 1, from 2:00-4:00 PM
New Haven Branch

The bookmobile staff gave out chocolate bookmobiles for National Bookmobile Day on April 12.
Library Ground Breaking Events a Big Success

Over a four-week span, the library held ground breaking ceremonies in seven communities. State legislators, county commissioners, city elected officials, and library foundation members were guest speakers at the events.

Attendance at the events varied from 27 at the St. Clair branch to 109 in New Haven. Despite rain, 48 people attended the ground breaking in Owensville. In Wright City, where the library does not currently have a branch, 43 attended the event. In Sullivan, which only joined Scenic Regional Library in 2015, 38 people attended the ground breaking.

The library received great coverage in the local newspapers, including the section front-page in St. Clair, Pacific, and other communities. The Owensville and New Haven branches’ Friends of the Library groups held receptions after the events in their communities.

Sullivan branch employee Lexi Hood, along with Bella Hood, Arya Philpott, and Jace Philpott at the Sullivan ground breaking.

Franklin County Commissioner Dave Hinson speaking at the St. Clair branch ground breaking.

Sullivan branch ground breaking: State Senator Dave Schatz; Scenic Regional Library Foundation Board President Doug Dunlap; State Representative Nate Tate; Scenic Regional Library Foundation Board member Blake Penberthy; Sullivan Mayor Dennis Watz; Scenic Regional Library Board member Leonard Butts; and Scenic Regional Director Steve Campbell.

The Pacific branch ground breaking: Kjersti Merseal, Scenic Regional’s Business & Human Resources Manager; State Representative Kirk Mathews; Sullivan Branch Manager and Pacific resident Lori Jane Perdew; Ken Rohrbach, former Scenic Regional Director and Assistant Director; Sue Reed, former branch manager for Pacific branch; Rick Presley, Vice President, Pacific Chamber of Commerce; Scenic Regional Board members for Franklin County Leonard Butts and John Cheatham; and Tim Brinker, Franklin County Commissioner.

New Haven ground breaking: John Mueller, architect with JEMA in St. Louis; State Representative Justin Alferman, Tim Brinker, Franklin County Commissioner; long-time New Haven resident Agnes Meyer; New Haven branch manager Rachel Terbrock; recently-retired New Haven branch manager Kate Keffler-Haynes; and New Haven branch staff member Wanda Walkenhorst.

The Wright City ground breaking: Scenic Regional Director Steve Campbell; Scenic Regional Board members Leonard Butts (Franklin County), Karen Holtmeyer (Warren County), and Carla Robertson (Warren County); Scenic Regional Foundation Board members for Warren County, Michele Heiliger, Karrie Fast, and Stephanie Norton; Dan Hampson, Warren County Commissioner; unidentified child; and State Representative Bryan Spencer.
May 2017 Upcoming Events

**Hermann Branch**

Please register for adult programs.

**Adult Programs**

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

**Route 66 Through Missouri**
Tuesday, May 16 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Explore Route 66’s past & present through pictures, history, and music!

**Beekeeping 101**
Thursday, May 11 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Beekeeping basics with Darryl Coates.

**Kid & Teen Programs**

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

**May the Fourth Be With You (RSVP please!)**
Thursday, May 4 at 3:30 pm
Come in and celebrate a Star Wars holiday on us! We’ll make a solar system mobile, serve galactic snacks, and play a game.

**Summer Reading Program: BIG Launch**
Tuesday, May 30 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Don’t miss the excitement of all the BIG machines that keep our community moving! Be a part of our GIGANTIC art project!

**Sammy J: Build it Better with Balloons Show**
Wednesday, May 31 at 2:00 pm
He will amaze and entertain you with a visually inviting, humorous, exciting show.

Please register for family programs.

**Family Programs**

**Family Movie Night**
Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6 at 7:00 pm
E.T. - The Extra-Terrestrial

**Maifest Parade and Volksplatz (Street Fair)**
Sunday, May 21 at 1:00 pm: Parade Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Booth at 11:00 am & 3:00 pm: Storytime
Crafts and games! Friends of the Library will be on hand to register new members!


**New Haven Branch**

Please register for adult programs.

**Adult Programs**

**Ghost Hunt with the Spookstalker!**
Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 pm
Join the search for ghosts at the branch library and the Old School. We will meet at the Old New Haven School. Reservations are a must.

**Book Club at the Branch**
Wednesday, May 24 at 5:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of “Prodigal Summer” by Barbara Kingsolver. Stop by and check out a copy today. Everyone is welcome.

**Kid & Teen Programs**

**Preschool Storytime**
Each Tuesday at 10:00 am & Saturday, May 20 at 10:00 am
Up to Kindergarten age.
Enjoy stories about nature and flowers along with songs, finger plays, & crafts.

**Read, Build & Play (Ages 4-12)**
Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 am
Stop by for a Lego building challenge.

**Sammy J: Build it Better with Balloons Show**
Tuesday, May 30 at 10:00 am
You’ll be amazed by what he can do with balloons. Preschool and school age kids will love this. Program held at the Old New Haven School.

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OWENSVILLE BRANCH

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Tea Time Travelers’ Book Club
Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm
We will discuss “The Girls” by Emma Cline.

Intro to Fishing
Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm
Presented by Jason Eikermann.
Learn about the fishing gear available at the library and other fishing tips.

Armed Forces Appreciation Day
Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 am
Meet local veterans and learn of their experiences and what it means to serve your country.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Lil’ OWLs Storytime
Every Wednesday at 10:30 am
Enjoy stories, songs, and crafts.

May the Fourth Be With You
Thursday, May 4 at 6:00 pm
Themed activities and family fun! Wear a costume to be entered in a drawing.

Read, Build, & Play
Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 am
All about Mother’s Day.

Teen Time!
Owensville Middle School, 3340 MO-19
Wednesday, May 3 at 3:30 pm
Owensville Branch
Tuesday, May 9 at 5:30 pm

PACIFIC BRANCH

Impressions of the Civil War in Missouri
May 3 - May 27: Art exhibition.
Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 pm
Dan Woodward tells of the Civil War west of the Mississippi.

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Play Mahjong
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Branch!
Thursday, May 4 at 6:00 pm
Play Mexican Sweat, enjoy Walking Tacos, and more.

Mother/Daughter Smashbooking
Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 am
You bring the basics - pictures, memorabilia, binder or smashbook - we will supply the rest.

Guitar by Mike Foristall
Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 pm
Location: Tri-County Senior Center, 800 W. Union St., Pacific, MO 63069.

Book Club
Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 pm
We will be discussing “Orphan Train” by Christina Baker Kline.

Summer Reading Program
Kick-off for Adults and Kids
Wednesday, May 31 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Build-A-Better Sundae, Build the Biggest Lego Tower, and more!
Sammy J: Build It Better with Balloons Show: 5:00 pm
Sign-ups/Social: 6:00 pm

ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Library Star Party at the Branch
Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 pm
Telescope training and viewing presented by East Missouri Dark Sky Observatory and St. Louis Astronomical Society.

DIY: Memorial Day Rag Wreath
Saturday, May 13 at 3:00 pm
All materials provided.

Summertime Essential Oils: Make It/Take It
Tuesday, May 16 at 6:00 pm
Presented by Lori Bourgeois, RN

Book Club
Thursday, May 25 at 2:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of “The Kite Runner” by Khaled Hosseini.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

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

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

Earth Day Every Day
Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 am
Nature storyline and gardening.

Robotics
Saturday, May 20 at 1:00 pm
Let’s have some fun learning about robotics.

Sammy J: Build it Better with Balloons Show
Wednesday, May 31 at 11:00 am
Different designs, styles, and structures - using BIG BALLOONS.
may 2017 upcoming events

**SULLIVAN BRANCH**

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

*Our Iconic Butterfly in Jeopardy*
Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00 pm
Regional Coordinator for the Missourians for Monarchs, Joyce Oberle will explain what is happening to the Monarchs and how we can help save them.

*“As the Page Turns” Book Club*
Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 pm
We will be discussing “Killing Floor” by Lee Child.

*The Eclipse of a Generation: Don’t Get Left Out of the Dark*
Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 pm
Dr. Angela Speck talks about the once-in-a-lifetime eclipse occurring in August.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

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

*Butterfly Storytime*
Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 am

*Kids Club Game Day*
Monday, May 22 from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

*Sammy J: Build it Better with Balloons Show*
Tuesday, May 30 at 1:00 pm

Please register for family programs.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

*May the Fourth Be With You*
Thursday, May 4 at 6:00 pm
Come join us for a night of all things Star Wars! We will be watching “Lego Star Wars: the Yoda Chronicles”.

*Family Reading Night*
Friday, May 26 at 5:00 pm
Read together and check out new books!

**UNION BRANCH**

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

*Amazing Mississippian Culture of 1,000 Years Ago*
Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00 pm
Discover Missouri’s prehistoric culture.

*Library Star Party at the Branch*
Tuesday, May 9 from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Free telescope training and viewing session.

*Hooked on Books Book Club*
Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 pm
We will be discussing “Absolution: A Bald Knobber Saga” by Vonda Wilson Sheets.

Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 pm
Discover the health benefits of essential oils.

*Book Bingo*
Thursday, May 25 at 11:00 am
Enjoy a morning of Bingo! Book prizes for all winners.

Please register for computer programs.

**COMPUTER PROGRAMS**

*Basic Computer Operation*
Tuesday, May 9 at 10:00 am
Learn basic computer navigation.

*Introduction to Microsoft Excel*
Wednesday, May 17 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Learn how to customize and format sheets.

*Inserting Pictures and Clip Art into MS Word Documents*
Thursday, May 25 at 2:00 pm

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

*Preschool Storytime*
Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am

*Dog Park Storytime*
Saturday, May 20 at 1:00 pm
Meet at the K9 and Kiddos Dog Park on North Christina Ave. Bring your dog or visit with someone else’s.

**WARREN COUNTY BRANCH**

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

*Mom’s Night Out*
Tuesday, May 9 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Enjoy a night out with paraffin wax treatments, massages, foot soaks, tips on jewelry, makeup and more! 30 participant limit. Bring an 8-quart plastic dish pan and a small towel.

*Charlotte Brontë Tea Party*
Tuesday, May 16 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
English tea service and a viewing of ‘Jane Eyre’ awaits you! 26 participant limit. Guests need to bring a teacup.

*Darlene’s Silver Streak & the Bradford Model T Girls*
Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 pm
Author John Butte will be talking about his book, and the car from this amazing story will be on display!

Please register for family programs.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

*2nd Annual Harry Potter Day!*
Tuesday, May 2 from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Attention all muggles! Watch Harry Potter movies, sip butter beer, make a wand, search for wizardry items, & more! All ages welcome!
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