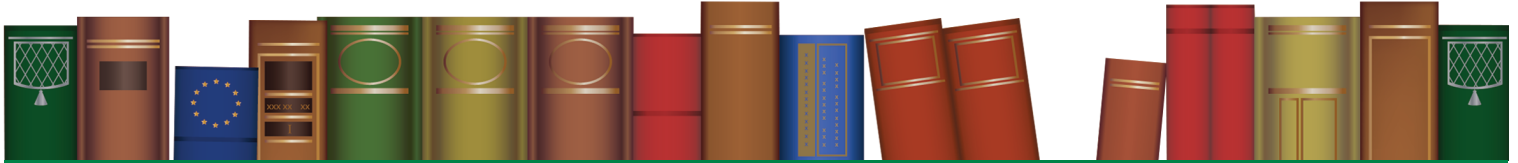




THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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Scenic Regional Library Board Awards Construction Contracts



At their July 18 meeting, the Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees awarded the construction contracts for all seven projects to Wright Construction in St. Peters, Missouri. The library received bids from eleven general contractors. Contractors could bid on either one, multiple, or all the branch projects. They received at least three bids on each branch.

Wright Construction was the lowest bidder on five of the seven facilities and second-lowest on the other two. Overall, the general contractor provided the lowest bid on all seven facilities combined. The Library Board also thought it would be beneficial to work with a single general contractor.

Wright Construction is a medium-sized construction firm with approximately \$50 million in annual revenue. They have successfully completed many public works projects, including multiple schools for the Kirkwood and Hazelwood school districts.

The construction bids were \$12,555,860,

excluding a \$627,000 contingency fund. These figures were \$1.3 million over budget—excluding the contingency fund. The overage wasn't due to the building designs being extravagant. Construction costs in the area have increased more than 20% over the past three years and continue to rise rapidly.

Originally, when the bids were received, the library's administration feared that square footage would need to be reduced and features such as the exterior patios removed from the designs due to the budget overage. However, other measures were utilized to get the project within budget. The library reduced construction costs approximately \$500,000 through value engineering. This process involved substituting materials in the original designs with less expensive materials or those produced by different manufacturers. The design changes achieved through value engineering will not be noticeable to the public. The buildings will still appear identical to those displayed on the library's website, at the groundbreakings, and in the branches.

The Library Board also agreed to stagger construction to reduce costs. Wright Construction will begin work on

two branches in August, followed by two branches each subsequent month. This will allow the general contractor to utilize the same subcontractors for all the facilities. The Library Board eliminated the remaining deficit by temporarily lowering the library's reserve requirement and transferring those funds to the building project fund.

The construction budget does not include the \$800,000 to \$1 million budget for equipment and furniture at the seven locations and \$971,000 for architectural and engineering fees. The library has been working with Color Art Integrated Interiors in St. Louis on the furniture and equipment selections for the new and expanded branches.

Construction on the New Haven and Owensville branches will begin in late August. The Warrenton and the Wright City branch projects will begin in September. The remainder of the staggered construction schedule has not yet been determined. Wright Construction has stated that while their goal is to complete each facility in eight months, the worst-case scenario would be nine months to complete the new buildings and ten months for the two branches involving additions and renovations.

All Scenic Regional Library branches will be closed from 1:00 to 1:30 PM on Monday, August 21 to allow staff to observe the solar eclipse.

Scenic Regional Director Receives Award

Scenic Regional Library Director Steve Campbell was selected as the winner of the Missouri Library Association's first annual "Outstanding Professional Librarian Award" for 2017. He will be presented with the award at the organization's annual conference in St. Louis in October.



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JEMA Retained by Library to Design Union Branch

At their July 18 meeting, the Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees voted to retain JEMA as their architect for the new Union branch and administrative offices. JEMA, located in St. Louis, Missouri, did the design work on the library's other seven branches.

The new facility will be built on a 2.93-acre lot along Highway 47 in Union adjacent the Pasta House. The combined facility will be approximately 23,000 square feet; the Union branch will be approximately 18,000 square feet and the administrative offices and bookmobile collection approximately 5,000 sq. ft. The square footage of the library's eight new branches has been determined based on the population within a ten minute driving radius of each community. Union is the largest community in Scenic Regional Library's district.

The Union branch will include all the features found in the library's other new facilities, such as exterior patios, large meeting and programming space, dedicated teen areas, ample comfortable seating, and small study rooms. The library plans to begin construction on the project in early 2018 and have the building open to the public by the end of the year.

JEMA



This lovely family of young people came all the way from Houston, TX to check out our bookmobile. They were visiting their mother/grandmother Mary Jo at the Peers stop.



Celia and Little Celia entertained kids from the New Haven branch on July 13.



Kids at the Hermann branch learn about the eclipse during Abra-Kid-Abra Magic of the Eclipse on July 24.

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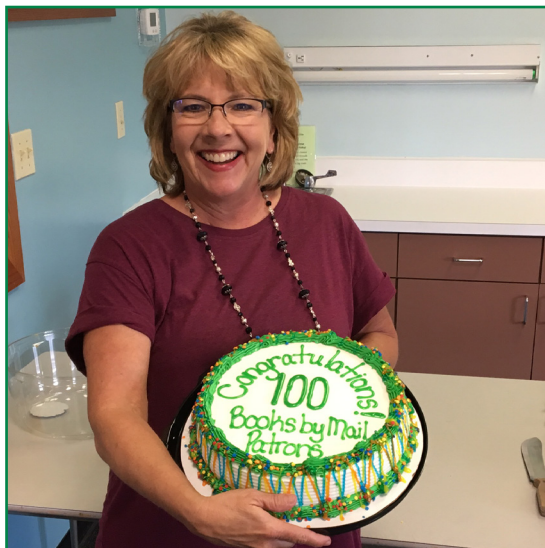
Books-by-Mail Program Reaches Milestone

The library's books-by-mail program reached a tremendous milestone in early July with 100 patrons enrolled in the program. St. Clair patron Anita Morrison was the program's one-hundredth participant. Over the past year, 3,444 books, DVDs, audiobooks on CD, and music CDs, were sent to books-by-mail patrons.

Individuals who are certified as homebound individuals by their can receive five items at a time from the library at no cost. The items can be books, DVDs, audiobooks on CD, and/or music CDs. The patron receives the items in a bag through the mail. They return the items by simply placing them back in the bag, flipping over the address label, and sending it back through the mail.

The program was started in October 2015. Adult Outreach Coordinator Laurie Osseck set up and operates the program. Since the milestone was reached three additional people joined the program, bringing the total enrollment to 103.

Adult Outreach Coordinator Laurie Osseck, who oversees Books-by-Mail, is recognized for the program reaching 100 patrons.



Need a Fishing Rod? Check out the Library's Rod and Reel Loaner Program

Public libraries across the country are checking out more than books. You can find musical instruments, wireless hotspots, and even power tools available at some libraries. Scenic Regional can be included in this trend, with e-readers and telescopes available for checkout. It also has offered a Rod and Reel Loaner program since last fall.

Anyone with a valid library card can check out a rod and reel and small tackle box from the Owensville, Warrenton, Sullivan, Pacific and Union branches for three days at a time. Multiple fishing rods are available at each location. The fishing equipment is provided and maintained by the Missouri Department of Conservation, which operates similar programs at public libraries across the state.



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What an interesting evening learning about the experiences of Medium Ginger Justus and how she talks to the dead at the Owensville branch on July 20.



Patrons made Little Dresses for Africa on July 8 at the St. Clair branch.



Kids learned to paint turtles on canvas at Kids Club at the Pacific branch on July 1.



Teens from the Union branch helped make their community a little cleaner during the Pride in Your Park program on July 6.

HERMANN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Club

Every 3rd Wednesday
 from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Eclipse Party

Monday, August 21 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
 Learn more about the eclipse, have some festive snacks and join us in viewing this celestial event of a lifetime! The library will be closed from 1:00 - 1:30 while we are outside.

Estate Planning

Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm
 Get advice from professionals about how to plan for your financial future.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Star Gazing

Thursday, August 3 at 8:00 pm
 Join us for an evening with the stars and telescopes!

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Movie Night at the Hermann Show Boat Theater

Friday, August 11 at 7:00 pm:
Beauty and the Beast

Saturday, August 12 at 7:00 pm:
La La Land

Sponsored by Laser Light Technologies.



Grand Master Rob Ward from the Sullivan Athletic Club gave a demonstration on different techniques you could use to protect yourself at the Sullivan branch on July 11.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Club at the Branch

Wednesday, August 23 at 5:00 pm
 Join us for a discussion of "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Stop by the library to check out a copy today. Everyone is welcome!

An Eclipse Journey Back in Time

Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 pm
 Program will be held at the Old New Haven School. Join us for a presentation of the 1959 solar eclipse as experienced by local Jack Hereford. Jack was a senior flight test engineer who captured aerial photographs of the October 2, 1959 eclipse while flying over the Canary Islands off the coast of Africa. Come hear his fascinating story!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-School Storytime

Each Tuesday at 10:00 am &
 Saturday, August 19 at 10:00 am
 Up to Kindergarten age.
 Preschool appropriate stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, & fun!

Read, Build & Play (Ages 4-12)

Saturday, August 19 at 11:00 am
 Use your imagination to build, play, and learn about a variety of fun topics.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Eclipse Fest at the New Haven City Park

Monday, August 21 from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm
 We are going to be part of the town of New Haven festivities on this special day. This is a family friendly event. Take part in our planet walk and eclipse storytelling.



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OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Basic Internet Skills

Tuesday, August 1 at 2:00 pm

Movie Night at the Library: The Zookeeper's Daughter

Friday, August 4 at 7:00 pm

Tea Time Traveler's Book Club

Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 pm

We will be discussing "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead.

Make a Mini Barn Quilt

Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 pm

Learn how to make your own quilt block to hang on a building.

Lewis & Clark & the Corps of Discovery

Thursday, August 24 at 6:30 pm

Storyteller Richard Grelle will tell us about Lewis & Clark's adventures with Sacagawea.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Lil' OWLs Storytime

Every Wednesday at 10:30 am
 Stories, songs, crafts, and a lot of fun!

Read, Build, & Play

Saturday, August 12 at 11:00 am

Party in Your PJs

Friday, August 25 at 6:00 pm

A Back to School PJ party! Stories, food, and a snuggle buddy craft.



Kids at the Warrenton branch bring in their recyclables to go to Mr. Steve at the recycling center in July.

PACIFIC BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Play Mahjong

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

Canning 101

Thursday, August 10 at 6:00 pm

Presented by Mary Schroeffer.
 Learn the basics of canning.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 pm

Take-A-Ticket

Computer Technology Training

Thursday, August 24 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Reserve a 30-minute session with Scenic Regional Library's trainer.

Wire Wrapping

Thursday, August 24 at 6:00 pm

Presented by Gerry Young. Make a pendant wrapped in wire and beads. 20 participant limit.

Book Club

Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 pm

We will be discussing "Kill Me If You Can" by James Patterson & Marshall Karp.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten)

Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Kid's Club (Grades 1-5)

1st & 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am

August 5: Back to School Blast

August 19: Read, Build and Play w/Legos

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

End of Summer Reading Program Party!

Tuesday, August 1 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Drawing winners announced!

Velcro wall and parachute games!

Popcorn and soda! Event to held at St. Bridgets School In Pacific.

ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

DIY: Wine Glass Candle Lamps

Saturday, August 5 at 2:00 pm.

All materials provided.

Evening with a Medium

Thursday, August 10 at 6:00 pm

Presented by Ginger Justus.

Location: St. Clair City Hall Gym. #1 Paul Parks Dr., St. Clair, MO

Pickle This!

Saturday, August 12 at 3:00 pm

Learn to make pickles. All materials provided. Class size is limited.

Book Club

Thursday, August 24 at 2:00 pm

We will discuss "Caught" by Harlen Coben.

End of Summer Party

Saturday, August 26 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Music, food, and a petting zoo! All ages welcome.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime

Every Thursday at 11:00 am

For preschool-age children.

Read, Build & Play

Every Saturday at 11:00 am

Books and Legos.

Special Storytime & Legos with a Police Officer

Saturday, August 19 at 11:00 am

A police officer will read about their profession and build Legos with the kids.

Marble Mazes

Saturday, August 26 at 2:00 pm

Have fun and play with marble mazes.



A full house for storytime with Miss Jamie on July 18 at the New Haven branch.



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SULLIVAN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

"As the Page Turns" Book Club

Thursday, August 10 at 5:30 pm
 We will discuss the books we read for the Summer Reading Program.

Coloring & Mocktails

Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00 pm
 Enjoy a fun evening of coloring and mocktails. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Murder Mystery Party

Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 pm
 Join us for the Stout Family Reunion Murder Mystery Game! Eight characters needed to play but everyone is welcome to come and figure out "whodunit!"

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (preschool-age children)

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Teen Time: T-Shirt Totes

Monday, August 7 at 4:00 pm
 Bring one or two t-shirts with you.

Kid's Club: Space Day

Monday, August 14 at 3:30 pm

S.T.E.A.M. Science Club

Saturday, August 26 at 11:00 am

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

End of Summer Reading Program Luau

Thursday, August 3 at 5:30 pm
 Join us for the movie, "Moana" and a luau at the branch.

Downtown Sullivan Block Party

Saturday, August 19
 Block Party: 4:00 pm
 Movie Night ("Sing"): 8:30 pm
 Location: 45 N. Clark St., Sullivan, MO

Family Reading Night

Friday, August 25 at 5:00 pm
 Bring your sleeping bags and flashlights for a camp out reading night at the branch!

UNION BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Evening with a Medium:

Annette Hatcher - 3 Dates Available!
Tuesday, August 1 & 8 at 6:00 pm
Thursday, August 3 at 10:30 am
 Paranormal questions answered and stories shared. 18+ years. Limited to 40 participants per session.

Hooked on Books Book Club

Thursday, August 17 at 6:00 pm
 We will be discussing "The Tenant of Wildfell Hall" by Anne Bronte.

Book Bingo

Thursday, August 24 at 11:00 am
 Winners take home a free book!

Coiled Yarn Project

Tuesday, August 29 at 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm
 14 participants per session. Bring your own yarn, all other materials provided.

Please register for computer programs.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Tuesday, August 15 from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 Learn to perform basic functions.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Wednesday, August 23 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Learn to perform basic functions.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am

DIY: Teen Time Capsules

Thursday, August 10 at 1:00 pm
 Bring your favorite memories small enough to fit in a shoe box.

Family Movie Night: Moana

Thursday, August 24 at 6:00 pm
 Snacks will be served. Fun for the whole family!



Patrons showed off the cupcakes they made with Russian piping tips at the Pacific branch on July 13.

WARREN COUNTY BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Jesse James, Jo Shelby and the War After the War

Tuesday, August 1 at 6:00 pm
 This lively and surprising presentation by journalist and author, Aaron Barnhart, shows how two native sons responded to changing times in volatile postwar Missouri.

Cooking with Essential Oils

Tuesday, August 8 at 6:00 pm
 Wellness educator Cindy Trotter will teach participants how to capture the essence of herbs and spices while cooking! Space is limited.

DIY: Deskscapes

Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00 pm
 Master Gardener Wanda Thomas, making a live terrarium using a Marimo Moss ball! *Participants need to bring along a glass bowl between the sizes of 3 to 3-½ inches. These can be found at Dollar Tree. Space is limited.

DIY: Customized Skin Care

Tuesday, August 22
1st session: 5:00 pm, 2nd session: 6:30 pm
 Customize a five step skin care routine! Take home a sample of each item, and step by step instructions. Participants will need to bring along two white washcloths and one hand towel. 25 participants per session.

Book Club

Wednesday, August 23 at 2:00 pm
 We will be discussing "Lily and the Octopus" by Steven Rowley.

An Evening in Alabama Movie Night

Tuesday, August 29 at 5:30 pm
 "Sweet Home Alabama" featuring Reese Witherspoon! Sip on sweet tea and munch on fried pickles, y-all!! Space is limited.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)

Mondays at 6:30 pm, Tuesdays at 10:00 am
 Stories, rhyming, singing, games, and crafts.



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