New Library Staff Looking Forward To New Building

With a sparkling new facility to look forward to early next summer, the new branch manager of the New Haven Scenic Regional Library is concentrating on increased programming and attracting more patrons to the existing library in the meantime.

"Obviously the biggest thing on the table right now is the new construction project," said Branch Manager Rachel Terbrock.

"It will begin, we hope, in the month of August. We should see our machines and our guys over there starting the process."

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Park Drive May Close During Solar Eclipse

If crowds for the upcoming solar eclipse are large in New Haven, police may elect to close Park Drive temporarily for safety reasons, Chief Dan Terry said.

After consulting with the EMA and city officials, police are keeping that option open. "We are going to have it available to close down Park Drive so kids can walk in safety back and forth and we don't have a problem there," Terry said.

Barricades will be moved to the park just in case, "If it comes to that, if it looks like it will be that crowded, we'll have the stuff there, and we'll make a decision that day whether to shut down the street," he added.

Terry told New Haven Chamber of Commerce members he has been contacted by the Missouri

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NEW LIBRARY STAFF MEMBERS are excited about the new building due to start construction next month. Rachel Terbrock, the new branch manager is at right. Also pictured are the new children’s and adult programmers, Jamie and Cindy Duncan. The library is remaining open during the reconstruction of Maupin Avenue.

Library Plans

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Ground was broke on Douglas Street for the new library April 15. The new 4,500-square-foot building will replace the existing 1,500-square-foot library housed in an old church at 901 Maupin. That building has been in use as a library since 1990.

The new library will include a 660-square-foot meeting room, areas for children and teens and outdoor patio seating, along with onsite parking, lacking at the current site. It also included a work room, break room, study our programming here, the adult programming especially, now that Cindy’s onboard,” Terbrock said.

“It’s important to know the people of your community, what their interests are and plan programs accordingly. But we also look at other programs we haven’t had in the past to see if that draws some attention as well.”

The library has seen an increase in story time participation in recent months. “It’s important to get those kids in here with their parents so they can Maupin. But with the new building on the horizon, it’s hard not to look ahead.

“It’s exciting for the community,” she said. “We have so many people that ask about it and are really looking forward to having a new space. It’s time for New Haven to have their own actual library.”

The old church where it’s located now is just too cramped. “It’s a cute place, it’s quaint,” she said. “It’s just not conducive to sitting around and reading, having a nice little lounge area. Or even for our work-
and storage areas and restrooms.

"We're looking forward to space that's more conducive to a library, and having more space for people to actually sit and enjoy the books, more so than what we have now, and also room for programming for kids and adults," Terbrook said.

The new site offers other advantages as well. "The proximity to Highway 100 and the school will be nice," she said. "One of our big hopes is attracting the teens. That's a harder group to get involved.

"So we'll be partnering with the school a little bit more. We already do story times with the daycares so we want to kind of focus on those older kids, getting them involved with library functions."

Until then, the goal is building the love of library and books in New Haven, she said. "We already have a lot of people who come in here, that frequent the library or at least order books." There also are online programs and databases that library patrons can use.

"There's a lot more out there than a lot of people know. It's not just walking in the library door. The key is getting that message out there to the young people and such, letting them know how library services can benefit their life," she said.

The library recently hired a new adult programmer, Cindy Duncan. "We're wanting to increase appreciate education overall, the love for books and the local library," she said.

She called it an ongoing goal to have children's programming in-house and to do outreach to the local daycare centers.

Terbrook joined Scenic Regional about a year ago as a circulation clerk. Her background is in early childhood education and social services. Most recently, she served as regional director for the Missouri Department of Education First Steps program.

"I just decided to do something a little different after my almost 20 years of that type of thing," she said. "I've always been involved in education in some aspect with little ones but this involves all age ranges."

The library is still attracting patrons despite the street reconstruction work currently under way on

Gun Stolen From Car Recovered

A gun stolen from an unlocked car in New Haven last month has been recovered in Florissant, police said.

The weapon, a 9mm Ruger pistol, was found in possession of a Florissant man during a traffic stop.

He told authorities he bought it from another man at a St. Louis city park.

"The suspect has a history of weapons charges," Police Chief Dan Terry said. "They're doing ballistics on it to see if it was used for anything there."

The gun was taken from a car parked on Melrose Street around June 16.

Police have suspects in the recent string of thefts from cars, Terry said.
New Haven Library Activities

In August 2017 the New Haven Library invites you to the following programs:

Yarn and Yak will be held on Thursday, August 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the library. If you knit, crochet, or enjoy yarn crafts of any kind, join our group on the first Thursday of each month. Bring your projects and ideas!

Eclipse Fest at the New Haven City Park takes place on Monday, August 21 from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The New Haven Library will be part of the town’s festivities on this special day. This is a family friendly event. Take part in our planet walk and eclipse storytelling. Watch video of the eclipse on our big TV.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, August 23 from 5-6 p.m. at the library. This month we are having a discussion about the book The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Stop by the library to check out a copy today. Everyone is invited to the discussion.

An Eclipse Journey Back In Time program will be held on Tuesday, August 29 at 6 p.m. 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. To register call the library at 573-237-2189 or online at scenicregional.org. Library is located at 901 Maupin Ave.

Pre-School Storytime is held at the library each Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Saturday, August 19 at 10 a.m. For kids birth to kindergarten age. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, crafts and fun!

On Saturday, August 19 at 11 a.m. stop by for Read, Build, and Play. Kids ages 4-12 are invited. Enjoy a story and use your imagination to build, play, and learn about a variety of fun topics.
Eclipse Magic Show at New Haven School

The New Haven Scenic Regional Library will host a magic show on July 28th at 1 p.m. at the old New Haven School. The magic show is designed to help people get ready for the total solar eclipse Aug. 21.

To RSVP, call the New Haven library at 573-237-2189 or go to www.scene-regional.org.

The old New Haven School is located at 810 Maupin Ave.

The Department of Homeland Security has granted extensions in the past to other states that are making progress toward becoming Real ID compliant. Globa said licenses should be renewed when they expire — even if it's before Real ID is put in place.

"Missouri residents should continue to treat renewals and new license requests as they have in the past," she said. "Assuming Missouri receives another extension, or certification from the DHS that compliant identification can be issued, the Department of Revenue will take steps to notify the public."

that is not compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005.

The new IDs would be valid for state purposes and for official federal purposes outlined in the REAL ID Act and would be acceptable for boarding an airplane and allow access to military bases and federal facilities.

Dine to Donate

A dine to donate event benefiting ALIVE will be held on July 27th, at the Sullivan Applebee's. Anyone eating at the restaurant between 4 and 9 p.m. can have 15 percent of their bill donated to ALIVE.

Nominate your FAVORITE teacher to WIN $100 backpack filled with back-to-school supplies

Time to give yourself or your special teacher a high five and grow young minds in the classroom this year! Nominate extraordinary service to their schools and community.

Nominate yourself or your teacher today! Visit the form. Educators must be nominated through the...