Library Seeking Help with Cost of Children’s Areas

The library would like to offer vibrant children’s areas filled with fun and educational features in its new facilities. The library’s staff has identified several features for the children’s areas which fit this description, including Lego tables, magnet walls, puppet theaters, and large touch-screen tablets loaded with educational games.

While the library has the funds to build and furnish the new buildings, it cannot afford to provide many features found in the children’s areas of new public libraries around the country, including Kirkwood Public Library and St. Louis Public Library.

While public schools have “booster clubs” to fundraise and assist with the cost of supplies and equipment, the library has Friends’ groups and a Foundation. The library is relying on its Friends’ groups and Foundation to help with the cost of the children’s areas. These groups will assist with funds generated through the sale of Friends of the Library membership dues and the proceeds from the sale of donor wall “books”.

So far, 73 donor wall “books” have been purchased by individuals and businesses; 46 have been sold in Owensville alone. The “books” will be placed permanently in the entryway of the new branches. In addition, across the library system, there are nearly 400 Friends of the Library members. All the funds generated through these sales are designated specifically for the local branch for which they’re purchased.

Forms to join the Friends of the Library or purchase a donor wall “book” can be found on the last two pages of this newsletter. These can be printed, completed, and either dropped off at your local branch or mailed to the library with a personal check. You can also join the Friends of the Library or purchase a donor wall “book” online with a debit or credit card by visiting www.scenicroginalfoundation.org.

46 donor wall “books” have been sold in Owensville, which has fundraised over $5,200 for their new library!

Purchase a Friends of the Library membership or donor wall “book” today to help with the cost of special features in the children’s area of your new library!

Visit www.scenicroginalfoundation.org today to join the Friends of the Library or purchase a donor wall “book” online with a debit or credit card!
Library Receives Probate Records from County

On December 5, the Franklin County Circuit Court donated Franklin County probate records on microfilm to the Four Rivers Genealogical Society in Washington and Scenic Regional Library. The records span from 1818 to 1900. Bill Miller, Franklin County Circuit Court clerk, presented the records to Steve Claggett, with the Genealogical Society, and Steve Campbell, with the library. The library’s set of the microfilm will be available at the Union branch, where the library has a digital microfilm reader-printer for the public. The library also has a comprehensive index to the records available, which was created by members of the Genealogical Society.

Probate records are a powerful resource for genealogists and researchers. They document how an individual’s estate was distributed to their heirs. They are often the only way of identifying an individual’s parents prior to official vital records being recorded. The records can also reveal important information about an ancestor’s personal life.

According to FamilySearch, “Estates were probated for approximately 25 percent of the heads of households in the United States before 1900, whether or not the individual left a will. The percentage was higher for rural areas than for urban areas because of the greater likelihood of land ownership for farmers. Because wills often list the names of many family members, as much as half the population either left a will or was mentioned in one.”

The Four Rivers Genealogical Society and Washington Historical Society’s entire print collections can also be searched in the Scenic Regional Library online catalog.
Construction Update

The library’s construction project is continuing to progress rapidly. The footings and concrete slabs have been poured at every site, except for Warrenton. The Warrenton project experienced a delay due to issues with the soil beneath the site. In addition, the internal walls have been framed and exterior cladding installed at the Owensville, New Haven, and Wright City sites. The steel frames were erected in Pacific and Sullivan in mid-December, followed by St. Clair branch.

The New Haven and Wright City branches are expected to be complete in late April, while Owensville will follow in May. The other new locations will open throughout the summer of 2018.

Photographs documenting the building project can be found at: https://scenicregional.org/new-library-construction-photos. The webpage is updated daily.

John Mueller, architect with JEMA, presented the design for the new Union Branch and administrative offices at a public forum on December 14. Construction on the new facility will begin in March or April of 2018 and complete by January 2019. The Union branch will be 17,200 square feet and administrative offices 5,800 square feet.
Missouri Evergreen Adds Two More Libraries

Wright County Public Library and Cass County Public Library have signed agreements to join Missouri Evergreen in October 2018 and February 2019, respectively. They will be the organization’s 40th and 41st members. Cass County is located south of Kansas City; Wright County is in south central Missouri.

The consortium has 35 member-libraries and 2,327,366 items. Once all 41 libraries have been migrated into Missouri Evergreen, the organization will have the second-largest public library collection in the state with only St. Louis County Public Library being larger.

Scenic Regional Library Director Steve Campbell has been chair of Missouri Evergreen since July 2016. On January 24, Campbell, along with the library’s Technical Services Manager Ruth Lord and Circulation Coordinator Diane Disbro, will present an Evergreen demo to seven public libraries in southwest Missouri in an effort to recruit them into the consortium.

New Titles Added to Zinio

The library added eight new titles to its collection of digital magazines, known as Zinio. The library has nearly ninety digital magazine titles available for people to download to their phones, tablets, and other devices. E-magazines provide the exact same content as the print version—in full color. They’re also released the same time as the print version. The magazine titles can be downloaded simultaneously by users, so they never have to wait for a title to become available. Once a magazine is downloaded from Zinio, the borrower can keep it forever. The new titles are:

- St. Louis Cardinals Gameday
- In Touch Weekly
- Woman’s Day
- Life & Style Weekly
- Taste of Home Holiday
- This Old House
- Missouri Game & Fish
- Shooting Times

Visit scenicregional.org/digital to begin using Zinio or any of the library’s other digital products.
Library Hires New Warrenton Branch Manager; Assistant Branch Manager for Union Branch

Stephanie Jackson was hired as the Warrenton branch manager and assumed her new duties on December 11. She had previously served as assistant branch manager at the Union branch since May 2017. Ms. Jackson was a part-time circulation clerk for the system at the Warrenton branch, and later the Union branch, since June 2015. She has a bachelor’s degree in English from Westminster College. Ms. Jackson replaces Madison Morris, who left Scenic Regional Library for a branch manager position at St. Charles City-County Library on December 8 after obtaining a master’s degree in library science.

Macee Jarvis was hired as the new assistant branch manager of the Union branch and began her duties on December 11. She began working at the library as a shelver in 2012 and has since been promoted to part-time circulation clerk and children’s services clerk. As children’s services clerk she presented storytimes at the Union branch and outreach to daycares and preschools in the community. Ms. Jarvis was named Scenic Regional Library’s Co-Employee of the Year in 2016. She is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in elementary education at Central Methodist University.
january 2018 upcoming events

Hermann Branch

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

DIY: Mason Jar Tissue Dispenser
Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 pm
Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own jar.

Coffee Klatsch and Coloring
Friday, January 26 at 10:00 am
Coffee, conversation, & adult coloring!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

S.T.E.A.M. Time Storytime
Thursday, January 4 at 10:00 am
We can build anything from what we have in the recycling bin!

Kid’s Club: Tie Dye!
Tuesday, January 9 at 3:30 pm
Bring a T-shirt and RSVP for supplies.

Teens: Take-A-Ticket
Tuesday, January 9 from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Bring your questions and electronic device. 30-min. appt. Please RSVP.

T.I.L.T. Project: Ribbon Corsages
Thursday, January 11 at 3:30 pm
Make a flower bouquet from paper.

Therapy Dogs with Ann Gafke’s Teacher’s Pet
Saturday, January 27 at 2:00 pm
Program held at Hermann Middle School gymnasium.

New Haven Branch

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Essential Oils 101: Healthy Days, Restful Nights
Thursday, January 11 at 6:00pm
Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave. Good sleep is as necessary as exercise and nutrition. Join Lori Bourgeois, RN, and find out why so many people are using essential oils to support healthy habits naturally.

Lost Treasures of St. Louis
Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00pm
Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave. Take a trip down memory lane with author/blogger, Cameron Collins. Lost Treasures of St. Louis is a kaleidoscope of bygone places, events, and items once identified with the Gateway City.

Book Club at the Branch
Wednesday, January 24 at 5:00pm
Join us for a discussion of A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Stop by the library to check out a copy today. Everyone is welcome!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-School Storytime
Each Tuesday at 10:00 am & Saturday, January 20 at 10:00am (NO STORYTIME January 2)
Up to Kindergarten age.
Preschool appropriate stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, & fun!

Read, Build & Play (Ages 4-12)
Saturday, January 20 at 1:00pm
Use your imagination to build, play, and learn about a variety of fun topics.

Patrons at the Hermann branch making Wood Slice Wreaths on December 7.

Miss Alesia taught kids at the St. Clair branch how to solve a Rubik’s Cube.

Miss Jamie enjoys storytime at the New Haven branch as much as the kids. Jamie is leaving Scenic Regional Library to pursue opportunities elsewhere, and we will miss her very much.

Patrons at the Hermann branch making Wood Slice Wreaths on December 7.

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January 2018 Upcoming Events

**Owensville Branch**

- **Adult Programs**
  - Please register for adult programs.
  - **Movie Night at the Library: Moana**
    - Friday, January 5 at 7:00 pm
  - **Understanding Hospice**
    - Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 pm
  - **Adult Fun & Games**
    - Fridays in January at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
  - **Tea Time Traveler's Book Club**
    - Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm
    - We will be discussing *Philomena* by Martin Sixpence.
  - **Presidential Love Letters**
    - Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 pm
  - **Take-A-Ticket**
    - **Computer Technology Help**
      - Friday, January 19 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
      - Sign up for a 30-min. appointment.

**Pacific Branch**

- **Adult Programs**
  - Please register for adult programs.
  - **Play Mahjong**
    - Every Wednesday at 10:00 am
  - **Meet the Author: Jim Merkel!**
    - Thursday, January 11 at 6:00 pm
    - Jim will autograph his book and tell some of his favorite stories of the more colorful character of St. Louis. 30 participant limit.
  - **Marc Houseman Presents the Story of Bertha Gifford**
    - Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 pm
    - Listen to the factual side of the Bertha Gifford story. 30 participant limit.
  - **Book Club**
    - Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00 pm
    - We will be discussing *Still Life* by Louise Penny.
  - **Alcohol Inks**
    - Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 pm
    - Make washer pendant with Alcohol Ink. 20 participant limit.
  - **Valentines for Vets**
    - Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
    - We'll have plenty of supplies to design a very deserving Valentine.

**St. Clair Branch**

- **Adult Programs**
  - Please register for adult programs.
  - **Puzzle Night**
    - Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 pm
    - Come relax with us as we have fun putting together puzzles! Feel free to bring your own.
  - **Vision Boards**
    - Saturday, January 13 at 2:00 pm
    - Come visualize your goals as we create vision boards! All materials will be provided. Bring your pictures to use.
  - **How to Evaluate News Sources in an Era of “Fake News”**
    - Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 pm
    - Learn how to evaluate news sources and their content in this program presented by Leigh Kolb.

**Kid & Teen Programs**

- **Lil’ OWLs Storytime**
  - Every Wednesday at 10:30 am
  - Friday, December 1 from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm
  - Special storytime!
  - **Read, Build, & Play**
    - with Frankie the Therapy Dog
    - Saturday, January 13 at 11:00 am
    - Visit with Frankie and read together.
  - **“Reel” Fun Movie Club**
    - Friday, January 26 at 6:30 pm
    - We will be showing “Sing”.
  - **Inspire Your Heart with Art**
    - Wednesday, January 31 at 4:30 pm

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

- **Kid’s Club (Grades 1-5)**
  - **1st & 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am**
  - January 6: Snow Day Fun!
  - January 20: Read, Build & Play with Legos!
january 2018 upcoming events

SULLIVAN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Photographs That Changed the World
Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 pm
Join Laurie Osseck as she shares photographs of pivotal moments throughout history.

“As the Page Turns” Book Club
Thursday, January 11 at 5:30 pm
We will discuss the book *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey.

Cocoa and Coloring
Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 pm
Come get creative with your coloring and hot cocoa creations. We will have a special guest from CAB.

UNION BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

PJ Bottoms Made by You!
Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 pm
Kathy Straatmann instructs on how to make PJ Bottoms. A sewing machine is required.

Hooked on Books Book Club
Thursday, January 18 at 6:00 pm
We will be discussing *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall.

Mamma Mia! & Mocktails
Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00 pm
Come sing to the movie and enjoy some refreshments.

Book Bingo
Thursday, January 25 at 11:00 am
Winners take home a free book!

Please register for computer programs.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Take-A-Ticket
Thursday, January 11 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Register for a 30 minute session with the SRL trainer. Get help with a device or one of the library’s digital services.

Movies, Music & More, Oh my!
Tuesday, January 16 at 10:00 am
This class is an overview of the library’s digital services and research databases that you can use for free with your library card. Class size limit of 15.

The Library Has That?
Wednesday, January 24, 2:00 pm
Take a virtual tour of the library’s website. Class size limit of 15.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Create Artist Trading Cards
Preschool Age Kids:
Friday, January 19 at 10:00 am
Kid’s Club:
Monday, January 22 at 3:30 pm
Want to participate in a community art project? Join the Community Art Bus and other fellow creatives to create a set of unique Artist Trading Cards that will be displayed and shared in our community.

Homeschool Group Day
Thursday, January 25 at 10:30 am

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Reading Night with Pete the Cat
Friday, January 26 at 5:00 pm

WARREN COUNTY BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Nutrition Workshop (48 participants)
Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 pm
Learn how to balance your daily meals with help from health and wellness coaches, Amy Vacek and Jill Crump!

Jane Austen Tea Party (26 participants)
Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30 pm
An unforgettable event that will delight any Janeite! English tea service featuring sandwiches, shortbread, and delicacies. White table linens, three-tier trays, and a viewing of “Becoming Jane” awaits you.

DIY: Laundry Care (40 participants)
Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00 pm
Make & take your own laundry soap, reusable dryer sheets, and fabric softener! Please bring along a 16 oz. jar and a 8 oz. jar with lid.

Hatha Yoga (20 participants)
Tuesday, January 30 at 6:00 pm
Join yoga teacher, Brandy Gagliano, as she guides beginners and advanced yogis through this practice. Attendees need to wear comfortable clothing and bring along a yoga mat.

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KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

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

NO STORYTIME: Jan. 1-2

Read, Build, & Play (Grades K-5)
Monday, January 8 from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm
Legos and Strawbees!

Robotics Club (Grades 5-12)
Monday, January 22 from 3:15 pm - 4:45 pm
Build robots with the WHS Robotics Club. Animate the robots using computer software.
Purchase a “Book” for the Donor Wall in Your Community’s New Library

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation and Friends of the Library groups are selling donor wall “books”, which will be placed in the entrance hallway of each new library building.

You can have your name, your family’s name, or your business’s name become a permanent part of the new library in your community. Donor wall “books” can also serve as a beautiful and long-lasting memorial for a loved one.

The cost of a donor wall “book” is based on the size of the book:
- 8” x 1½” book – $100
- 10” x 2” book – $200
- 9” x 3” book – $300

Visit www.scenicregionalfoundation.org or complete this form to place your order. The Foundation accepts debit and credit cards (online), checks, and cash (only for forms brought to the library) for donor wall “book” purchases.

Proceeds from the sale of the donor wall books are designated for the local Friends of the Library group and used to assist with the purchase of furnishings and equipment in their new building.

Purchases are tax deductible.

Donor wall “books” can be purchased throughout the construction project and will be unveiled at the grand opening of each new branch library.

Scenic Regional Library Foundation Donor Wall “Book” Order Form

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