Library’s Digitized Historical Newspaper Collection Sees High Traffic

Between 2012 and 2015, the library digitized 300,000 pages of local historical newspapers. The newspapers span time periods between 1843 and 1966 and originate from every community in the library’s district.

The project was completed in cooperation with The State Historical Society of Missouri with funds from Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The grants are administered by the Missouri State Library. According to The State Historical Society of Missouri, the library’s current collection is heavily used by local researchers, as well as those around the country. Google statistics show that in the past year the 13 online newspapers from Franklin County have been visited over 200,000 times. In the same time the five papers from Gasconade County have had over 101,000 visits and the four papers from Warren County almost 60,000 visits.

These can be accessed and searched for free without a library card at www.scenicregional.org/newspapers.

Donor Wall Books

As of early February, the Library Foundation and Friends groups had sold 105 donor wall “books” systemwide for their branches, grossing $17,700. Individuals, organizations, groups, or businesses can purchase the books, which will be placed in entryways of the new libraries.

Funds from the sales will be used to help with the cost of furniture and equipment in the new buildings. Examples of the donor wall “books” are now on display at every branch. A donor wall “book” can be purchased with a debit or credit card online at www.scenicregionalfoundation.org or using the order form on page 9 of this newsletter.
**Staff Spotlight: Roxanne**

Working with children and books is a natural fit for Roxanne, the children’s programmer at the Scenic Regional Library Hermann Branch. “When my family moved to Hermann 11 years ago, the library was one of the first places we added to a regular part of our day,” Roxanne said. “The staff was always welcoming and helpful. When a job opening presented itself, I knew I had to be a part of it.”  
Roxanne has been planning programs for Hermann’s children and teens for the last three and a half years. She’s especially excited about an upcoming program she’s planning in conjunction with TILT (Teens in the Library Team). Children’s author Chris Stuckenschneider will share her story of a horse rescue, Twist of Fate, Tuesday, March 6 from 3:30-4:30 PM. Roxanne said that after the author reads her story, talks about the origin of the book and answers questions, the attendees will make horse-themed treats.  

The avid reader said she struggled to find time to read for pleasure when she first started her job but now considers it an integral part of her work. Roxanne is currently doing a lot of school-related reading while she pursues an associate’s degree in communication. “Currently, I’m eyeball deep in an English Composition textbook; it’s not as thrilling as it sounds,” Roxanne said. “When my class is finished, I have a list of books I’d love to read. Leadership Secrets of Santa Claus is at the top.”  

As a student herself, Roxanne wants everyone to know that the library is a great resource for all students. “We have programs and events for every age and reading level,” she said.

*Staff Spotlight is written each month by St. Clair branch manager Kara Bell.*
Building Project Update

Most of the new buildings are progressing rapidly, with the exception of Pacific and Warrenton, which were delayed due to subcontractor schedules (Pacific), weather, and other issues.

The concrete slab for the Warrenton branch expansion was poured and steel frame erected in late February. The Warrenton branch expansion and renovation is still expected to be completed by mid-August. In mid-March, the interior of the branch will be significantly disrupted due to the renovations; the library will need to create a temporary service desk in another portion of the branch.

The general contractor built a temporary wall at the St. Clair branch and began demolishing part of the wall between the existing branch and expansion in late-February.

The interior walls have been framed at all the new branches except for Pacific and Warrenton. Interior drywall has been installed at the Wright City branch. Most of the brick exterior and some exterior concrete panel have been installed at the Wright City, New Haven, and Owensville locations.

The Wright City and New Haven branches are expected to open by May 1, followed by Owensville later in May. The Sullivan branch is expected to be complete in June.

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 March 22 in Wright City and March 27 in Union. Please call 636-584-6915 or email volunteer@ecaliteracy.org for more details and registration.
Library Provides Materials for English Language Classes in Wright City

In November 2017, English Language Acquisition (ELA) classes were launched in Wright City through a partnership between East Central College, the Church of Nazarene, Scenic Regional Library, and the East Central Area Literacy Council. The classes are free for those individuals seeking to learn or improve their English language skills.

The Church of Nazarene donates the classroom space, internet access, and other utilities. Scenic Regional Library purchased all the textbooks, workbooks, and testing materials for the program. The cost to open a classroom is approximately $10,000 for furniture, technology and curriculum. The library’s contribution was $4,900.

The Wright City ELA program currently has two instructors in the evening and eight students enrolled. The classes are held at the Church of the Nazarene (521 N. Service Rd.) in Wright City on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The next orientation session for new students is scheduled for March 7.

The program is seeking additional volunteers who each can contribute one or more hours per week to help students learn English. They will be trained in partnership with the East Central Area Literacy Council. The program is also seeking two or three additional instructors for day classes which will be added on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to noon. For more information, contact Alice Whalen at 636-584-6532 or Alice.Whalen@eastcentral.edu.

In 2015, Scenic Regional Library also purchased and donated the learning materials for the ELA classes offered in Washington. The classes were later moved to a classroom at East Central College in Union, where they continue to operate.
Internet Bandwidth Upgrades at Five Locations

Internet bandwidth upgrades are continuous for the library. Internet usage involves an increasing amount of streaming video, music, and gaming, which consume large amounts of bandwidth. In addition, several public schools have issued Chromebooks to their students, which has increased the libraries' wireless Internet usage. The library tracks hourly bandwidth use for each branch online to determine when there is a need for an upgrade. When a branch repeatedly reaches its maximum bandwidth capacity, the library requests an upgrade for the location. The Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet), a non-profit consortium which provides Internet connectivity for many public schools and libraries, coordinates the upgrades.

The following chart shows the upgrades the library will be making this year to its bandwidth at each branch:

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Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement with Crawford County Library Approved

On February 1, 2018, the Crawford County Library separated from Ozark Regional Library. The library’s new director is Elizabeth Outar. The county library had been part of the regional system since 1948.

Scenic Regional Library has had a reciprocal agreement with Ozark Regional Library since the 1970’s. This has allowed residents of Crawford County to obtain free library cards at Scenic Regional Library. However, once the Crawford County Library separated from Ozark Regional Library, their residents were no longer eligible for reciprocal cards. There were about 350 Crawford County residents with reciprocal cards through the agreement with Ozark Regional Library.

In January, Scenic Regional Library’s director Steve Campbell approached the Crawford County Library about a reciprocal agreement between their libraries. On February 2, the Crawford County Library Board of Trustees approved the reciprocal borrowing agreement. The Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees approved the agreement at their February 20 meeting. The 350 Crawford County residents with reciprocal cards through the agreement with Ozark Regional Library will automatically retain those cards under the new agreement.

Scenic Regional Library also has reciprocal agreements with the Washington County Library, Jefferson County Library, and Missouri River Regional Library (Osage and Cole Counties).
HERMANN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Lost Treasures of St. Louis
Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m
Cameron Collins will discuss iconic places, events and items of St. Louis. Mr Collins will have copies of his book available for purchase.

Master Gardener Q & A & Seed Library Launch
Thursday, March 15 at 6:00 pm
Borrow free seeds at our Seed Library and get tips on how to grow them from local Master Gardener, Mary Burson.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

S.T.E.A.M. Time Storytime
Thursday, March 1 at 10:00 am
We’ll talk about clouds and play with cloud dough!

Project T.I.L.T.: Meet the Author
Tuesday, March 6 at 3:30 pm
Chris Stuckenschneider, author of Twist of Fate, will read to us after school and we’ll make some fun horsey snacks!

Kid’s Club: Spring is Arriving!
Thursday, March 8 at 3:30 pm
Let’s get together and make some snacks to feed our feathered friends after their long journey!

Story Night
Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 pm
Everyone is welcome to join us for stories with one of Hermann’s Police Department Heroes!

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Movie Night at the Hermann Show Boat Theater
Friday, March 9 at 7:00 pm
“Despicable Me 3”
Saturday, March 10 at 7:00 pm:
“Dunkirk”
Sponsored by Wings A-Blazin’.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Famous Women in History
Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 pm
Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave. Celebrate International Women’s Day. Take a look into the fascinating lives of the women who made history.

Cans Rock: Building up the Pantry!
March 20-31, During Branch Hours
Friends of the Library-New Haven branch will build two structures entirely of cans. Vote by bringing non-perishable food items into the branch, to be donated to the New Haven Food Pantry.

The Battle of St. Louis & the Attack on Cahokia
Thursday, March 22 at 6:00 pm
Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave. Author Stephen L. Kling Jr. will speak about his book The Battle of St. Louis, the Attack on Cahokia, and the American Revolution in the West.

Book Club at the Branch
Wednesday, March 28 at 5:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of The Nest by Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-School Storytime
Each Tuesday at 10:00 am & Saturday, March 17 at 10:00 am
Up to Kindergarten age.

Shamrock Shindig
Saturday, March 10 from 11:00 am
Stories about music and instruments to play.

Celebrate Teen Tech Week
Saturday March 10 at 4:00 pm
We will be making an Instagram photo frame. Ages 10+ are welcome.

OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

For the Love of Birds
Thursday, March 1 at 1:00 pm
Program held at First State Community Bank, 308 W. Lincoln Ave. Bruce Panietz will showcase nature through his photographs.

Movie Night at the Library
Friday, March 2 at 7:00 pm
We will be showing “The Quiet Man” with John Wayne.

Take-A-Ticket Technology Training
Thursday, March 8 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sign up for a 30-min. training session for your device.

Fiddler’s Dream: Meet the Author
Thursday, March 15 at 2:00 pm
Program held at Gasconade Manor Nursing Home. Dr Howard Marshall will discuss fiddlers in Missouri. Live music event.

Tea Time Traveler’s Book Club
Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 pm
We will be discussing A Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Dr. Seuss’ Seuss-A-Palooza
Friday, March 2 at 4:00 pm
Dr. Seuss birthday party.

Read, Build, & Play: Musical March
Saturday, March 10 at 11:00 am
Stories about music and instruments to play.

Celebrate Teen Tech Week
Saturday March 10 at 4:00 pm
We will be making an Instagram photo frame. Ages 10+ are welcome.
Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Friends of the Library Fundraiser at Pacific Pizza Hut**

*Thursday, March 1 at 5:00 pm*

Come celebrate Dr. Seuss and read with Ms. Virginia. You must present the flyer to receive 20% off!

**Play Mahjong**

*Every Wednesday at 10:00 am*

**Friends of the Library Meeting**

*Wednesday, March 7 at 6:00 pm*

We will elect officers for Pacific!

**Marissa Harms Tribute to Famous Female Singers**

*Monday, March 12 at 6:00 pm*

Marissa will sing songs by female artists to celebrate Women's History Month. Program held at Tri-County Senior Center, 800 W. Union St.

**Cocktails & Crayons**

*Thursday, March 15 at 6:00 pm*

We'll supply the coloring, everything else is on you! Program to be held at The Brew Haus, 220 South 1st St.

**Historic Sites In & Around Franklin County**

*Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm*

Everything you wanted to know about Franklin County with Steve Claggett.

**Adult Book Club**

*Thursday, March 22 at 2:00 pm*

We'll discuss *What She Knew* by Gilly Macmillan.

**No-Sew Spring Wreaths**

*Saturday, March 24 at 2:00 pm*

Celebrate the beginning of spring with us as we create no-sew fabric wreaths! All materials provided!

**Pre-School Storytime**

*Every Thursday at 11:00 am*

*Thursday, March 8 at 11:00 am: Storytime with a Musician, Dan Breithaupt*

**Read, Build & Play**

*Every Saturday at 11:00 am*

**Homeschool Group**

*1st and 3rd Wednesday each month*

*March 7 at 11:00 am: Fuse Beads*

*March 21 at 11:00 am: Women That Changed the World* Write a heartfelt message of gratitude.

**Plant a Candy Terrarium**

*Wednesday, March 14 at 4:00 pm*

Fun with candy and creativity courtesy of Sugar Mommas. Registration is required for this event.

**Ventriloquism and Puppetry with Pat**

*Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 am*

Pat Breithaupt will join us for an interesting discussion on her profession as a ventriloquist.

Please register for family programs.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Party Celebration**

*Friday, March 2 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm*
Heart crafts were the theme during Storytimes at Owensville in February.

Miss Rachel from Hermann visited a local nursing home to read to the residents. They listened to excerpts from *Chicken Soup for the Soul: All In the Family*.

Great storytime in Warrenton with Conductor, Dan Hudson, of Operation Lifesaver, February 13. Afterward, children created a name train to take home.

Welcome to Ireland  
**Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00pm**  
Enjoy a slide show of Ireland and Celtic music. Presenter, Laurie Osseck.

Hooked on Books Book Club  
**Thursday, March 15 at 6:00 pm**  
We will be discussing *Circling the Moon* by Paula McLain.

Book Bingo  
**Thursday, March 22 at 11:00 am**  
Winners take home a free book!

Essential Oils for House Cleaning  
**Tuesday, March 27 at 6:00 pm**  
Lori Bougeois, RN will teach how to use essential oils for housecleaning and air purification.

Take-A-Ticket  
**Wednesday, March 7 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
Secure a thirty minute session with our Adult Education Trainer for help with your technology needs.

Genealogy, Iconography & History  
**Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00 pm**  
Learn how to ‘read’ your local cemetery. Presented by historical researcher, Victoria Cosner.

Spring Cleaning with Essential Oils  
**Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm**  
Kick off your spring cleaning toxin free! Presenter, Gayle Rust, will discuss the benefits of going ‘green’ and send home a sample with all attendees.

**DIY: Easter Bunny Pallet**  
**Tuesday, March 27 at 6:00 pm**  
Hop on over to the library and make a cute bunny pallet with your peeps!

Book Club  
**Wednesday, March 28 at 2:00 pm**  
We will be discussing *Don’t Let Me Go* by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

Preschool Storytime  
**Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am**  
Stories, songs, and crafts for our youngest patrons!

Family Fort Night and Stuffed Animal Sleepover  
**Friday, March 16 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Bring a blanket for fort building and a stuffed animal that can sleepover! Please register.

Surviving the Iditarod  
**Thursday, March 22 at 6:00 pm**  
Meet author, Nicki Jacobsmeyer, as she speaks about her book, *The Iditarod Dog Sled Race* and how one idea can be turned into a book!
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.

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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.
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