Library Going Out for Bid on Union Project

The library will be accepting bids from general contractors for the Union branch and administrative offices the second week of April. The new facility will be 23,000 square feet—17,200 square feet for the Union branch and 5,800 square feet for the administrative offices and bookmobile. The new building was designed by JEMA, an architectural firm in St. Louis. JEMA also designed the library’s first seven projects. Construction is expected to begin in May 2018 and be completed in March 2019.

Wright Construction, headquartered in St. Peters, is the general contractor for the library’s current seven building projects. They are expected to submit a bid on the Union project.

Union Groundbreaking in May

The groundbreaking for the library’s new Union branch and administrative offices will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 10:00 to 10:30 AM, at 251 Union Plaza Drive (directly north of Pasta House). Guest speakers will include Stephanie Norton, Secretary, Scenic Regional Library Foundation; Paul Curtman, Missouri State Representative, 109th District; and Dave Hinson, Franklin County Commissioner, First District.

Join us for a Construction Storytime

at 10:30am at the site of the new Union branch following the groundbreaking. Hear some construction stories and songs, then design your construction helmet and play in the dirt!
East Central College, Scenic Regional Library, Washington Public Library, East Central Area Literacy Council, and several other local businesses and organizations are partnering to apply for a National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Big Read grant in 2019.

The grant provides funds for a community-wide read which includes programming and book discussion groups about the novel in the fall of 2019, culminating with a visit by the author.

The partners have narrowed the NEA Big Read’s list of titles to three finalists. Please read the summaries below and vote for the title that you would like to see selected for our community’s Big Read. Submit your ballot at any Big Read partner location. You can also complete the ballot online by visiting https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BigRead2019.

☐ **Everything I Never Told You** by Celeste Ng
Lydia is the favorite child and middle daughter of Marilyn and James Lee, a Chinese American couple living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Her parents are determined that Lydia will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. When Lydia’s body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together tumbles into chaos, forcing them to confront the long-kept secrets that have been slowly pulling them apart. Each family member deals with Lydia’s death in a different way but it’s the youngest of the family—Hannah—who observes far more than anyone realizes and who may be the only one who knows the truth about what happened. A profoundly moving story of family, history, and the meaning of home, *Everything I Never Told You* explores the divisions between cultures and the rifts within a family, and uncovers the ways that families struggle, throughout their lives, to understand each other.

☐ **Into the Beautiful North** by Luis Alberto Urrea
Nineteen-year-old Nayeli works at a taco shop in her Mexican village and dreams about her father, who left the family to work in the United States. Recently, it has dawned on her that he isn’t the only man who has left town. In fact, there are almost no men in the village—they’ve all gone north. While watching *The Magnificent Seven*, Nayeli decides to go north herself and recruit seven men to repopulate her hometown and protect it from the bandidos who plan on taking it over. Filled with unforgettable characters and prose as radiant as the Sinaloan sun, *Into the Beautiful North* is the story of an irresistible young woman’s quest to find herself on both sides of the fence.

☐ **Station Eleven** by Emily St. John Mandel
After a devastating flu pandemic changes civilization as we know it, Kirsten Raymonde and a small troupe of actors and musicians travel between settlements, dedicated to keeping the remnants of art and humanity alive. They call themselves *The Traveling Symphony*. When they arrive in St. Deborah by the Water, they encounter a violent prophet who will threaten the tiny band’s existence. And as the dystopian story takes off, moving back and forth in time, and vividly depicting life before and after the pandemic, the strange twist of fate that connects them all will be revealed.
Staff Spotlight: Kathy

Getting the library’s books and other materials in just the right place and on the right shelf is a never-ending task that requires patience and attention to detail. Kathy has worked for nearly five years as a shelver making sure patrons find what they want when they’re searching the shelves at the Scenic Regional Library Warrenton Branch.

Kathy said she enjoys, “helping patrons and putting smiles on their faces.” She said she decided to take a job at the library based on her own experiences at the Warrenton branch. “(because of) the fun I had taking my kids to the library for storytime and I knew many of the girls that worked there.”

The Warrenton branch is currently expanding its facilities with an expected completion date of August 2018. The branch is open while under construction and Kathy is excited about the upcoming program, Last Dinner on the Titanic, scheduled for April 10 at 6 p.m. “It features our wonderfully talented Laurie Osseck. The food is prepared by our wonderfully talented Kerry and Lorrie,” Kathy said. Attendees will be treated to some of the dishes from that final dinner after receiving a ticket for their ill-fated voyage on the Titanic. Space is limited to 40 for this free program and a reservation is required.

Kathy said that she enjoys it when people realize everything that is available to them at the library. “I’ve had people walk into the library after a long absence and they are just amazed at how much the library has to offer,” she said. “I’m talking about adult and kids’ programs, computer access, technology access...” Kathy’s enthusiasm for her job is evident. “I love my job and I look forward to going to work because I work with an incredible group of gals,” she said. “I have gotten to know some pretty neat people that come to our branch.”

A homeschool group visited the St. Clair branch to learn about women who made a difference in our world. Then, the children had a chance to write a letter of gratitude to a special woman in their life.
Library Legislative Day

The Missouri Library Association’s annual Library Advocacy Day was held on March 13 in Jefferson City. Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft and Missouri Library Association President April Roy spoke at the orientation, which was held in the morning at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center. Representatives from libraries across the state encouraged legislators to support the Secretary of State’s recommendations to increase state library funding, which includes funding for MOREnet, state aid, and the Athletes & Entertainer’s Tax appropriation for libraries.

Assistant Director Megan Maurer, Union Branch Manager Diane Disbro, Director Steve Campbell, and Business Manager Kjersti Merseal represented Scenic Regional Library at the event. The group met with a dozen state representatives and state senators from the library district at the Missouri State Capitol to discuss state public library funding. The library has sent representatives to the event for many years.

Benefit for Sullivan Friends’ Group at Denny’s

Denny’s in Sullivan will be hosting a benefit for the Sullivan Friends of the Library on Monday, April 23, from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The restaurant will donate 10% of its sales during the benefit to the Sullivan Friends of the Library. Denny’s is located in the Flying J Travel Center at 825 N. Loop Dr. in Sullivan.

The Sullivan Friends’ group will also raffle an Italian-themed gift basket during the benefit. The basket will include two cookbooks, dish towels, small kitchen utensils, and other items. Denny’s will sell the raffle tickets during the week leading up to the benefit.

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State Representative Paul Curtman (left) and Scenic Regional Library Business Manager Kjersti Merseal (right).

Denny’s

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Storyteller, Rich Grelle spoke at the Warren County branch about “The Journey of the Oregon Trail”. He gave a compelling history lesson on the life families faced during their trip.

Youth Services Librarian Christy Schink read to students at Daniel Boone Elementary School in Warrenton on March 4 for Read Across America Day.

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Building Project Update

The library’s building project is continuing to progress rapidly, with every branch slated for completion in late spring or summer. Drywall and most of the exterior cladding has been installed at the New Haven, Owensville, and Wright City branches. The interior of the Wright City branch is being painted throughout mid-to late-March. In addition, the interior walls have been framed in Sullivan and in the St. Clair addition. The exterior walls have been framed for the Warrenton addition and in Pacific.

The wall between the St. Clair branch and the new addition has been demolished. In late-May, the addition is expected to be complete. The library staff will temporarily operate out of the addition while the existing library is renovated. In late March, the Warrenton branch’s main desk and staff work area will be temporarily relocated to the children’s area while renovations are underway. The branch will also operate with Port-a-Potties for staff and the public for approximately six weeks while the bathroom renovations are being completed.

Due to rain and other issues, completion of some of the new buildings has been delayed a few weeks. The current completion schedule for the new branches is:

- New Haven branch – mid-May
- Owensville branch – mid-May
- Wright City branch – mid-May
- St. Clair branch – late-June
- Sullivan branch – late-June
- Pacific branch – July
- Warrenton branch – mid-August

All the shelving in the new facilities will be new. Bradford Systems, located in Fenton, was selected as the shelving vendor. They are a re-seller for Spacesaver shelving, manufactured by the Spacesaver Corporation in Wisconsin. None of the shelving in the new branches will exceed 66” in height.

The furniture for the new branches has been selected and ordered through Color Art in St. Louis, Missouri. The St. Clair and Warrenton branches, which are both being expanded and renovated, will also be equipped with new shelving and furniture.

Cord Moving and Storage, located in Earth City, will move the library’s materials from the old branches to the new buildings. The company has moved all Scenic Regional Library branches since 1991, beginning with the Union branch when it moved from downtown to its existing location.
HERMANN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Presidential Marriages & Romances
Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm
Take a Look inside the marriages, romances & love lives of the Presidents. Presented by Tom Emery, a freelance writer from Carlinville, Illinois.

Coffee Klatsch and Coloring
Friday, April 27 at 10:00 am
Join us for coffee and casual conversation. Try out adult coloring and use the opportunity to chat with your neighbors or someone new!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

S.T.E.A.M. Time Storytime
Thursday, April 5 at 10:00 am

BFF a Girl Scout Program
Every Tuesday in April at 3:30 pm

Project T.i.L.T.: Paper Mache Photo Letters
Tuesday, April 10 at 3:30 pm
RSVP for supplies! Bring your favorite photos and plaster them into giant letter decor!

Kids Club: Glass Gem Magnets!
Thursday, April 12 at 3:30 pm

Story Night Poetry with the Library Bunny
Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 pm
Wear your jammies or favorite costume!

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Movie Night at the Hermann Show Boat Theater
Friday, April 13 at 7:00 pm
“Coco”
Saturday, April 14 at 7:00 pm:
“The Darkest Hour”
Sponsored by People’s Savings Bank.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Canning 101 (Adults 18+)
Thursday, April 12 at 6:00 pm
Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave.
Learn the basics of canning with Mary Schroepfer from the University of Missouri Extension Center. She will explain how to get started, what to can, what not to can, and safety do’s and don’ts.

Book Club at the Branch
Wednesday, April 25 at 5:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George.

Jessie Tarbox Beals and the 1904 World’s Fair
Monday, April 30 at 6:00 pm
Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave.
This portrayal of Beals, the first woman photojournalist, considers her frenetic professional and personal life in an era when men dominated the professions. Her images of the St. Louis World’s Fair are an enduring legacy of her career. Memorabilia from the 1904 World’s Fair will be on display.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-School Storytime
Each Tuesday at 10:00am & Saturday, April 21 at 10:00am
Up to Kindergarten age.

Rescuing Our World by Recycling!
Saturday, April 21
1:00-2:00pm (K-5th grade)
2:00-3:00pm (6th-12th grade)
Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave.
Celebrate Earth Day 2018! We will be doing our part by upcycling trash into treasure. Ages K-5th grade will create a fish mobile from a recycled water bottle, play a recycling relay and have a snowball fight! Ages 6th-12th grade will make cool bracelets from soda tabs and beehive homes for our honey bees.

OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Movie Night at the Library
Friday, April 6 at 6:30 pm
(Please note this program is 30 minutes earlier than usual!)
We will be showing “Victoria and Abdul” with Dame Judy Dench.

Hospice 101
Thursday, April 12 at 6:00 pm

Basic Fishing Skills
Thursday, April 19 at 6:00 pm
Conservation Dept. will offer basic instructions.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Earth Day Caterpillars
Saturday, April 14 at 11:00 am
Join us during Read, Build, & Play for an eco-friendly lesson about insects and recycling.

Our Library is Totes Cute (Teens)
Saturday April 21 at 4:00 pm
Design a tote bag to carry library books!

Union had an awesome Girl Scout Daisy Troop use the meeting room to make goodie bags for the on-site Little Free Pantry.
### PACIFIC BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

- **Play Mahjong**  
  *Every Wednesday at 10:00 am*

- **The Queens of Swing Friends of the Library Membership Drive**  
  *Monday, April 9 at 6:00 pm*  
  Program held at the Pacific Opera House.

- **Take-A-Ticket Technology Training**  
  *Wednesday, April 11 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm*  
  Sign up for 1/2 hr. of tech help from our own Scenic Regional Library trainer.

- **Pollinators: Helping the Eco System**  
  *Thursday, April 12 at 6:00 pm*  
  Hillermann’s Nursery will discuss how to plant a garden to attract butterflies and bees. Limit 30.

- **Graduation Cards**  
  *Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm*  
  Make cards to take home! Limit 20.

- **Book Club**  
  *Tuesday, April 24 at 6:00 pm*  
  We will be discussing *The Whole Town's Talking* by Fannie Flagg.

### ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

- **Coffee and Crayons**  
  *Tuesday, April 3 at 6:00 pm*  
  Come relax with us as we color our cares away and enjoy some delicious snacks and beverages. All materials will be provided! 18+.

- **DIY: Decorate Reusable Tote Bags**  
  *Saturday, April 14 at 2:00 pm*  
  In honor of Earth Day, come decorate reusable tote bags with us that you can use again and again! All materials will be provided! 18+.

- **Looking Back on Missouri Dance Halls**  
  *Thursday, April 19 at 6:00 pm*  
  Author Kenneth Johnson will present a look back at Missouri dance halls from the 1940s and 50s. He will share rare images of bands and orchestras, as well as play popular local music from the time period.

- **Adult Book Club**  
  *Thursday, April 26 at 2:00 pm*  
  We’ll discuss *Mission Hill* by Pamela Wechsler.

### SULLIVAN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

- **Hiking the Appalachian Trail**  
  *Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 pm*  
  Come join us as Dean Smith shares his journey of hiking the Appalachian Trail. He hiked 2,190 miles which took him nearly 6 months to complete. He walked through 14 states in all kinds of weather conditions.

- **“As the Page Turns” Book Club**  
  *Thursday, April 12 at 6:00 pm*  
  We will discuss the book *The Magicians* by Lev Grossman.

### KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

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

- **Kids Club Poetry Day**  
  *Monday, April 16 at 3:30 pm*

- **Preschool Movie Day**  
  *Friday, April 20 at 10:00 am*  
  Join us for “Happiness is a Warm Blanket, Charlie Brown”.

- **Homeschool Group Day**  
  *Thursday, April 26 at 10:30 am*  
  Please register for family programs.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

- **Family Movie Night**  
  *Thursday, April 5 at 5:30 pm*  
  Join us for “Cars 3”.

- **Superhero Day**  
  *Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm*  
  Join us for a special superhero storytime, followed by an hour of superhero activities!
Union Branch

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Chocolate Gardener
Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 pm
Betty Alexander will share tips on how to plant a “chocolate” garden.

Hooked on Books Book Club
Thursday, April 19 at 6:00 pm
We will be discussing The Color of Water: A Black Man’s Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride.

Paranormal Investigation
Tuesday, April 24 at 6:00 pm
Paranormal investigator, Dan Terry, shares some haunting stories!

Book Bingo (Take home a free book!)
Thursday, April 26 at 11:00 am

Please register for computer programs.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Introduction to Microsoft Word (Limit 6 people)
Wednesday, April 4 from 9:30 - 11:30 am
Basic formatting of text and paragraphs.

Basic Computer Terminology (Limit 10 people)
Thursday, April 12 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Learn essential computer terms.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Limit 6 people)
Tuesday, April 17 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Learn to format columns, rows, and cells.

Basic Computer Operation (Limit 6 people)
Wednesday, April 25 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Learn how to perform basic computer tasks. Instruction as well as practice.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am

Blackout and Collage Poetry (Teens)
Saturday, April 14 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Create a journal during Poetry Month!

Earth Day at the Library (Children)
Saturday, April 21 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Turn recyclables into a fun project!

Warren County Branch

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Financial Planning
Tuesday, April 3 at 6:00 pm
Prepare for the future with Financial Advisors, Michael Baryo & Matt Wilkinson.

Last Dinner on the Titanic (40 limit)
Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 pm
Join us on the heartbreaking journey of the Titanic’s maiden voyage. Taste some of the menu items that were served at the last dinner. OFFSITE at First State Community Bank.

Anti-Aging Workshop/Facial (25 limit)
Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm
Learn how to get younger-looking skin by preventing and reversing the signs of aging with presenter, Beth Moe, of Arbonne International.

Powered by Hope: The Teri Griege Story
Tuesday, April 24 at 6:00 pm
After being diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer, Teri responded by training for one of the most grueling endurance events in the world. OFFSITE at Warrenton Community Church, 33355 N. State Hwy 47.

Book Club
Wednesday, April 25 at 2:00 pm
We will be discussing Molly Brown from Hannibal, Missouri: Her Life in the Gilded Age by Ken Marks.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)
Mondays at 6:30 pm, Tuesdays at 10:00 am
NO STORYTIME: Monday, April 23.

Read, Build, & Play (Grades K-5)
Monday, April 2 from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm
Legos and Science!

Fire Safety for Preschoolers at the Warren County Fire House
Tuesday, April 24 at 10:00 am
OFFSITE at Station 2, 26625 South Hwy. 47. Get a tour and see a fire truck!
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.

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