

**CONSTRUCTION CREWS**, movers and electricians were hard at work last week, trying to ready the new Scenic Regional Library branch on Douglas Street for its opening. A decision was made Wednesday to delay the opening until this week.

# Library Opening Delayed

By Craig Montgomery  
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## New Start Date Was Tuesday

The opening of the new local branch of the Scenic Regional Library was delayed until Tuesday morning after last-minute preparations went slower than expected.

The New Haven location was slated to open last Thursday, but contractors remained on the job over

the weekend finishing up.

"It just took a little bit longer to get everything finished," said Scenic Assistant Director Megan Maurer.

"The electricians needed a few more days to finish up their work, so we're just pushing the opening back a little bit to accom-

modate what they need to do so the branch is ready for patrons when it opens."

Without all the electrical systems in place, no computers or internet service would be available for patrons. "So we wanted to make sure everything's ready whenever we open," Maurer said.

All of the existing books have been relocated to the new library, along with everything else from the old building on Maupin Avenue.

Branch Manager Rachel Terbrock said it took four average-size moving trucks to get the collection to the new facility at 200 Douglas. About 500 new

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items are being shipped there. Cord Moving & Storage was hired to move the books and put them on the shelves.

The new library features a 660-square-foot meeting room, areas for children and teens and outdoor patio seating, along with on-site parking lacking at the old site. It also includes a work room, break room, study and storage areas and restrooms.

The kids area includes a 55-inch "clever touch" TV. "It's basically a giant tablet that can handle ten simultaneous touches so multiple kids can play on there at the same time," Maurer said.

There are also cubbies where children can crawl inside and read, bench seating for families to sit and enjoy a book and a kids patio where they can play educational games.

"It has magnet walls and we'll have gears and letters and all kinds of magnetic things for them to play with out there," she said. "There will be a sunshade over that too, so they can enjoy it even when it's bright and sunny."

The library features a dramatic play center where children can pretend they're at a farmers market, pretend they're scientists or any number of roles. A train set, Tinker Toy and Lego table will be set up for use on a rotating basis.

A straight shot from the main entrance is the teen area, a dedicated space with furniture and other

teen-friendly features. The adjacent meeting room is equipped with an Xbox One game system for teens to use.

"Throughout the branch we'll have these digital sign displays, TVs on the wall," Maurer said. "Those will have our digital signage so everyone can find out what's going on at the library."

The library also has an adult reading lounge with comfortable furniture where adults can sit down, read a magazine, newspaper, or browse on a tablet. "We also have a fireplace and we have this beautiful, huge patio outside for people to enjoy, and we will have a shade structure over that," she said.

Also nearby is a first come, first serve study room equipped with furniture and a whiteboard. Patrons can use the room to study, collaborate, conduct interviews and so forth. Behind it is the staff area, including the branch manager's office, storage space and a break room.

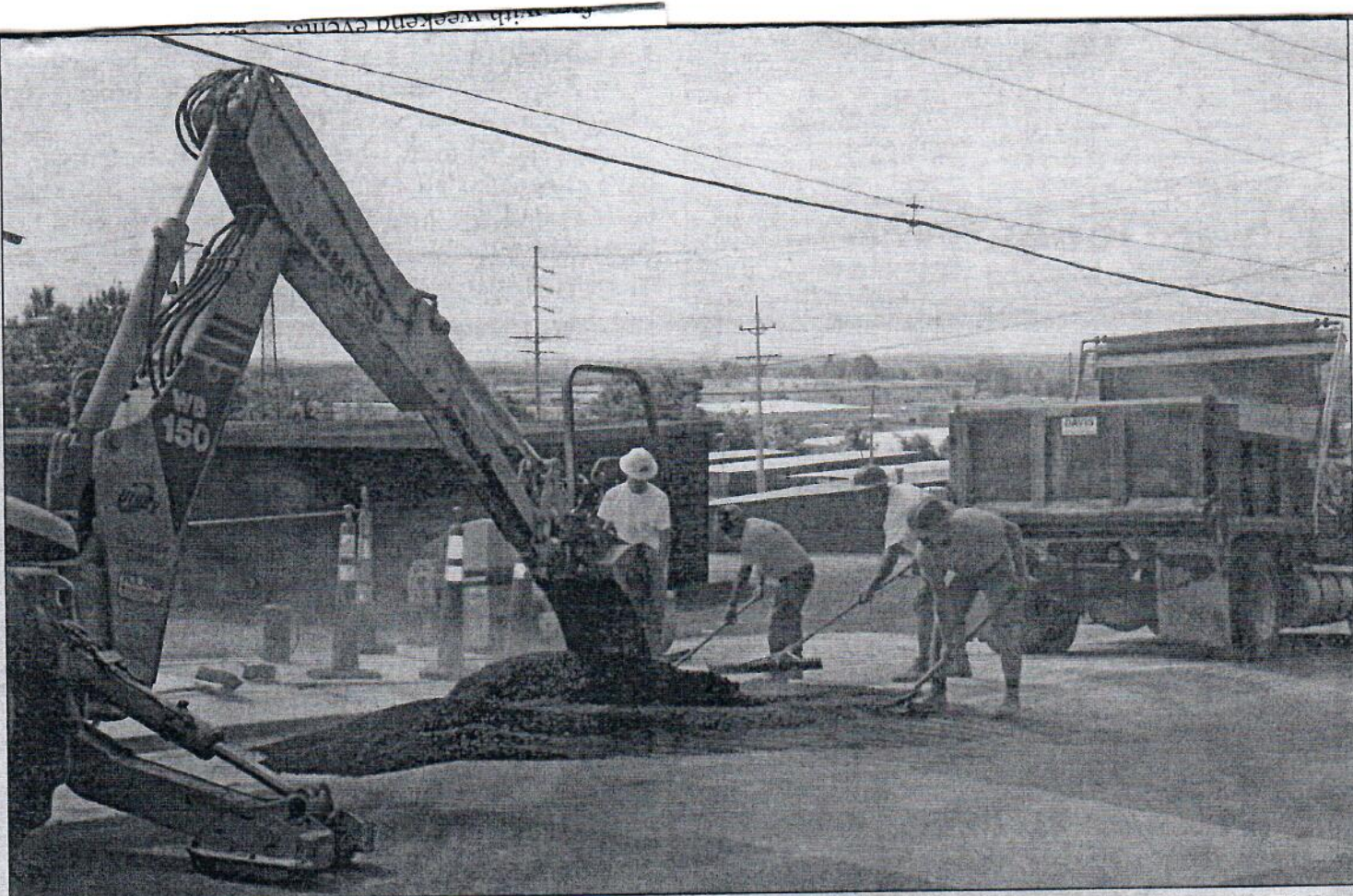
There's even a café where patrons can purchase coffee and tea to enjoy while they're in the library.

When interviewed last week, Maurer was surrounded by contractors scrambling to complete the project.

"We just have a little bit further to go," she said. "We're just waiting for some finishing touches here to make it beautiful and ready and cleaned up for the public."







**FINAL STREET WORK** by a city crew along the new sidewalk at the new Scenic Regional Library branch on Douglas Street was underway last week as preparations continued to the opening of the new facility.





**THE NEW LIBRARY** has plenty of room for its collection of books, audiobooks, CDs and other materials available for check out. This photo was taken Wednesday as books were still being moved in.



## 'Star Party' June 19 At Library


Check out a Missouri night sky at Scenic Regional Library's New Haven branch.

A Star Party, to be held Tuesday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. will train stargazers how to operate one of the branch's newer additions to its collection, an Orion StarBlast Reflector telescope.

Get free training and telescope viewing provided by amateur astronomers from East Missouri Dark Sky Observers and the St. Louis Astronomical Society.

Please RSVP by signing up online at scenicregional.org or call the library at its new number, 573-603-0466.

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# Scenic Regional Library New Haven Branch June 2018

**\*\*Opening day of the new building was delayed to June 5. Our new address is 200 Douglas St. Our new phone number is (573) 603-0466.\*\***

## *Family Programs*

**Rock Of Pages Summer Kick-Off-Saturday, June 9 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Come celebrate the opening of our new library and Libraries Rock summer reading program! Live rock band, kid and adult games, refreshments. Sign up for the 2018 summer reading program. Make library history as we begin filling our time capsule.

**Branch Grand Opening-Saturday, June 23 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Join us at the grand opening of our new branch! Family fun, refreshments. Ceremony and ribbon cutting at 11:30 a.m.

**3rd Annual Art Exhibit: Wood, Light, Clay-Sunday, June 24 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Friends of the Library New Haven branch invite everyone to the new library for this special one-day event! Three local artists - Randy Schwentker, Tony Carosella, and Alan Bell - will display their unique work. A free-will donation will be accepted to support library events, but there is no charge for admission.

## *Adult Programs*

**Library Star Party At The Branch-Tuesday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m.**

FREE telescope training and viewing. After a hands-on training we will go outside to find objects in the night sky! Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Book Club At The Branch-Wednesday, June 27 at 5 p.m.**

Join us for a discussion of *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. Stop by the library to check out a copy.

## *Kid Programs*

**Kid's Club-Every Thursday from 1 - 2 p.m. (during June & July).**

Summer fun for kids in K-5th grade featuring books, crafts, and games. A different theme each week.

**Pre-School Storytime At The Library-Each Tuesday at 10 a.m. & Saturday, June 16 at 10 a.m.**

Up to Kindergarten age. Preschool appropriate stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, and fun!

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**Rock Mandala Art For Teens**-Thursday, June 14 from 3 - 4 p.m.

For teens 6th grade and Up. Make mandala art on rocks. Supplies are limited so register today.

**Glen Foster Magic Show**-Tuesday, June 26 at 2 p.m.

Fun and entertaining comedy magic for all ages.

**Library STAR PARTY At the Branch**

**REGISTER AT YOUR BRANCH!**

Don't miss this opportunity for a FREE training and telescope viewing session provided by amateur astronomers from East Missouri Dark Sky Observers and the St. Louis Astronomical Society.

Hermann: Tuesday, May 8, 7:30pm	St. Clair: Tuesday, August 7, 7:30pm
Wright City: Tuesday, May 29, 7:30pm	Sullivan: Tuesday, August 21, 7:30pm
Owensville: Tuesday, June 5, 7:30pm	Pacific: Tuesday, August 28, 7:30pm
New Haven: Tuesday, June 19, 7:30pm	Warrenton: Thursday, September 6, 7:30pm
Union: Tuesday, July 10, 7:30pm	

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## McCoskie's 'Missouri's Strategic Importance In The Civil War' Presentation At Scenic Regional Library

A co-author of *The Civil War Compendium: Almost Unabridged*, Joseph "Whit" McCoskie, explained how Missouri's geography led to the state's 300 plus military engagements in his presentation for the Scenic Regional Library's New Haven branch on May 10.

The program, "Missouri's Strategic Importance in the Civil War," chronicled

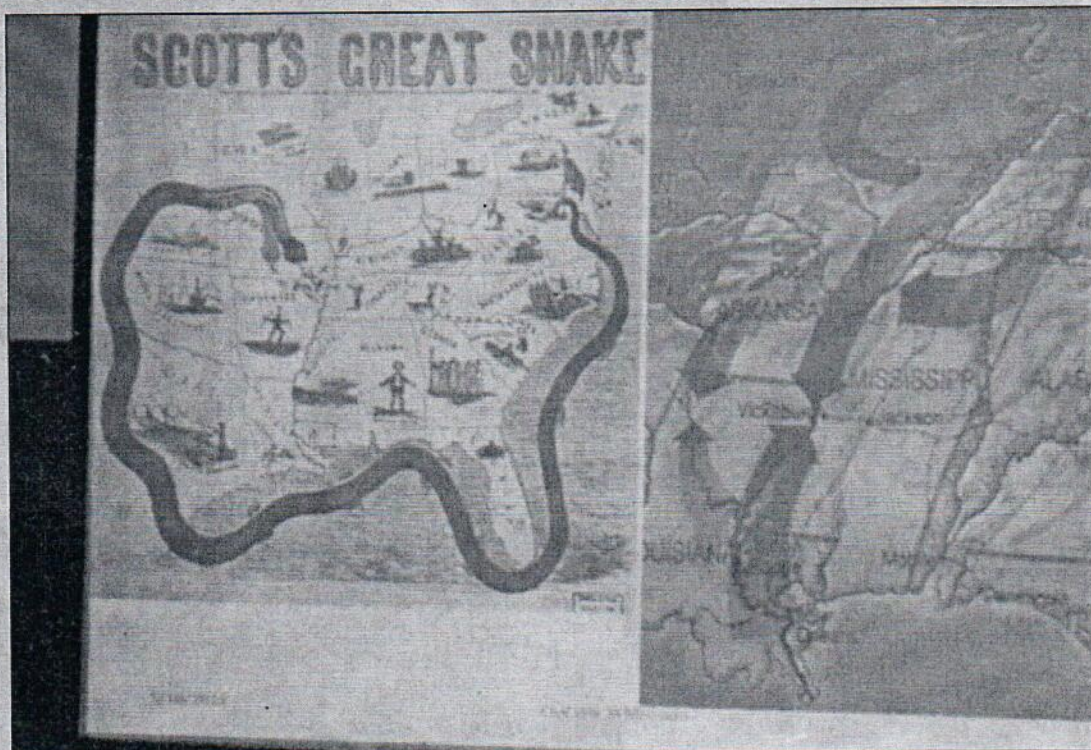
skirmishes and battles that destroyed communities and split Missourians.

Troops from both sides often fought to gain control of supply lines, particularly those dependent on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

McCoskie's research provided numerous pictures, statistics, and explanations indicating stagger-

ing numbers of casualties, enlistments, and firsts, such as the first battle involving African-American soldiers as well as the true first battle of the Civil War, the Battle of Booneville on June 17, 1861.

A copy of McCoskie's book is available for check out at the new Scenic Regional Library New Haven branch.



AN ILLUSTRATION OF Winfield Scott's "Anaconda Plan," so called for its appearance as a snake when mapped out.





**JOSEPH "WHIT" MCCOSKRIE** highlights Civil War military engagements near New Haven.

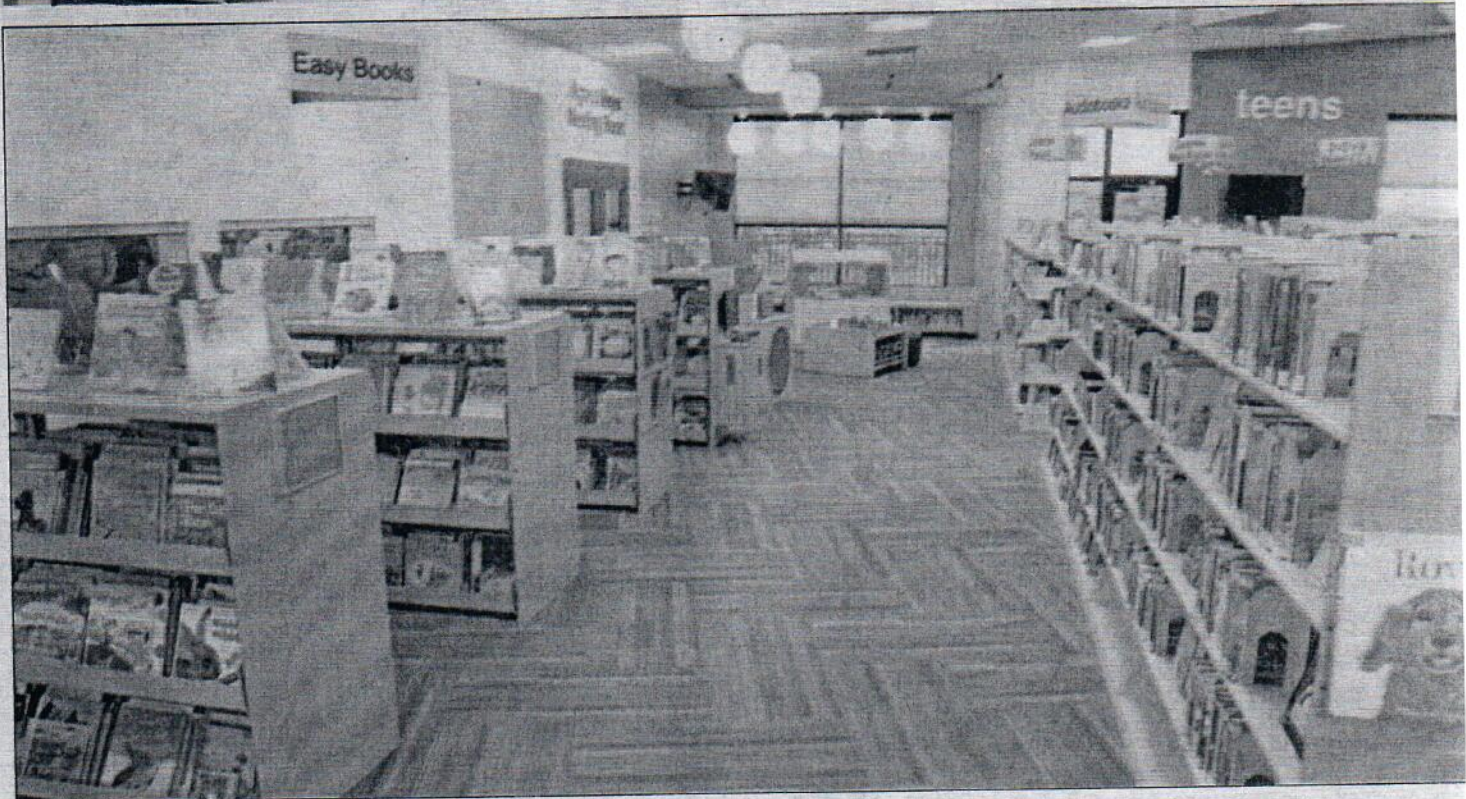




**THE NEW LIBRARY** was bustling with activity last week as contractors scrambled to complete final preparations for the facilities opening. In these photos, electrical work is taking place inside while outside, movers unload truckloads of books before placing them on the shelves.







## **New Library Opens at New Haven**

The new branch of Scenic Regional Library in New Haven opened to the public Tuesday, June 5. The new facility located at 200 Douglas St., is 5,000 square feet, or more than triple the size of the previous facility, and include a meeting room, coffee bar and fireplace. The library's new phone number is 573-603-0466.

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sday, June 5. The new facility,  
previous facility, and includes  
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Agnes Meyer, who donated the land at 200 Douglas St. on which Scenic Regional's new New Haven branch library was built, was pleased as she toured the completed project Monday, June 4, with her great-grandson, William Weidle. The new branch was built with funds from a tax levy increase approved in the April 2014 election. Missouriian Photo.



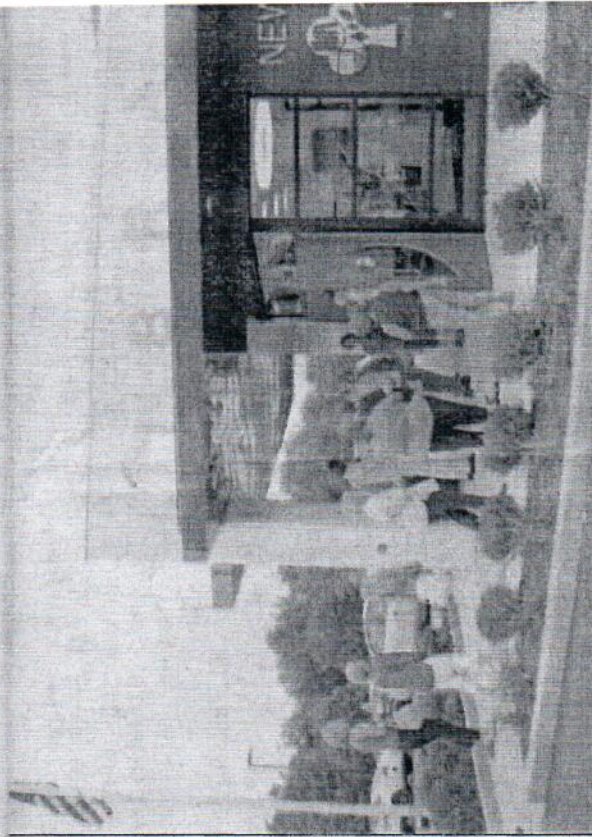




## Honoring Agnes

Agnes Meyer reacts Monday, June 4, as she sees that the meeting room in the new New Haven library was named after her. Meyer donated the land on which the library was built.

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## Checking Out the New Library

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## Free Music at Cedar Creek

The Bottlesnakes band will perform this Saturday, June 9, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Cedar Creek in New Haven.

On Sunday, Pik'n Lik'n will play from 3 to 7 p.m.

Admission is free for both

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