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# Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

read, explore, grow



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*A monthly publication from your local library!*

All Scenic Regional Library branches will be closed December 24, 25, 31, & January 1, in observance of Christmas & The New Year. Happy Holidays!



Warrenton patron built and donated a wooden train set to the library. The train set has been placed in the children's section, along with other trains, at the activity tables.

## Winter Reading Program

Scenic Regional Library is teaming up with the Stories Matter committee to offer a winter reading program starting on December 1st. The program is for kids up through 3rd grade. Just pick up a reading log at your local Scenic Regional branch or Washington Public Library, read 10 books from the Stories Matter list on the back, bring it back to the library by February 1st and you'll get a free book. You will also be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card to Neighborhood Reads bookstore in Washington, MO. Stories Matter is a local initiative designed to get families to read more diverse books in the hopes that this will facilitate conversations about race, ethnicity, and identity. You can find more information about Stories Matter including the full list of books with discussion questions on our website at [www.scenicregional.org/kids/stories-matter/](http://www.scenicregional.org/kids/stories-matter/).



## STORIES MATTER

## New Branches See Big Surge in Usage

October was the first full month that all seven new branches at the library were open. Compared to the previous October, check-out of print material was up an incredible 16.4%. Print materials include books, audiobooks on CD, DVDs, and music CDs.

The four branches which experienced the biggest surge in usage in their new facilities have been Sullivan, New Haven, Pacific, and Owensville. The Sullivan branch saw their checkouts in October increase 84.3% compared to the previous October (2017). The New Haven branch saw a 71.5% increase; Pacific branch, 32.5%; and Owensville branch, 29.2%.

Digital circulation, such as e-books, e-audiobooks, and digital music, is up 11.1% systemwide for the year.





## Hermann Friends' Group Holds Gala Event

On October 14, the Hermann branch Friends of the Library held a gala event at the Rotunda in the city park. The inaugural event, entitled "In the Spirit of the Art", featured ten local artists displaying their artwork, along with live music, a silent auction of original art, wine tasting, and catered food.

Over 200 people attended the enormously successful event which was a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. Tickets were \$25, but only \$15 for Friends members. Musician Barry Bierwirth played piano at the event and sponsors included Pinckney Bend, Fernweh Distilling Company, Hermannhof Winery, and Harvest Table.



To kick off November's "NaNoWriMo" (National Novel Writing Month), local author J.R. Sedivy gave an inspiring talk at the Hermann branch about his experience getting published.



This young patron enjoyed hanging out with Author Stephanie Paasch and hearing all about Sparklepants. Thanks for coming!



Our teens in Union painted bookends on November 8. Each teen was able to take home two sets for their home library. There was so much creativity in one room!





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## Staff Spotlight: Barb Adult Programmer, Pacific Branch



**How long have you worked for Scenic?** Eleven or twelve years.

**Have you held any other positions at Scenic? If yes, what were those, and how long did you work in that position?** I was also a Children's Programmer for several years.

**What made you want to work in a library?** I first worked in a parochial school library and liked it so much that I eventually started working in public libraries.

**What is your favorite part of the job?** My favorite part of the job is when I have a program that goes over better than expected. There's just no better feeling than that.

**What do you wish more people knew about the library?** I wish that everyone knew that the library has so much more to offer than just books.

**What upcoming program at your branch are you excited about and why?** December is a slow month for programs because of the holidays, but I am looking forward to Mike Rufkahr's music program on December 13. Mike has a beautiful voice and if he can't put you in the Christmas mood, then nobody can.

**What are you currently reading?** I just finished reading the first two books in Richard Paul Evans' Broken Road series and can't wait until he finishes the third. I am currently waiting for James Patterson's book The President Is Missing.

**What is your favorite book?** My favorite book is Fredrik Backman's A Man Called Ove. After I finished his book, I bought a package of individual Kleenexes and gave a packet to any patron that checked out his book. I'd just say, "You're going to need this."

**Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or your library branch?** Everyone at our branch works very hard to make your visit to the library an enjoyable one. I hope it shows.

## Library Annual Staff Development Day Held at ECC

The library was closed at all locations to hold its fourth annual staff development day at the East Central College Training Center on Friday, November 9. The library had approximately 65 staff attend the event, in addition to staff from the De Soto Public Library and Festus Public Library. Sessions included situational awareness, first aid, basic yoga, teen programming, and mandatory child abuse reporting.



*Union Ambulance District provided a session on first aid.*



*The Union Fire Protection District provided fire extinguisher training.*



*Library staff attend a session on teen and tween programming.*

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## Warrenton Friends Group Donates Display

The Warrenton branch Friends of the Library purchased a large-capacity display for the children's area of their branch to shelve their overflow board books. While some of the board books are shelved beneath padded benches in the children's area, the branch does not have enough space for their entire collection. The display was delivered to the branch in early November. The display is 2' by 2' by 4-1/2' and cost approximately \$1,000, including shipping.

The Pacific and Sullivan Friends of the Library groups donated identical displays to their branches in October.



*Several young patrons enjoyed a Hungry Caterpillar Themed storytime in Owensville.*

## Self-Check Use Growing Rapidly

The library purchased self-check systems for the new St. Clair, Warrenton, Wright City, Pacific, and Sullivan branches with a grant through the Missouri State Library.

Some people believe that self-check systems result in people losing their jobs. It's certainly not the case at the library. Self-check systems reduce the amount of time staff spend checking items out and allow them more time to perform other duties, such as program planning, outreach, helping patrons with computer issues, and shelving. In addition, self-check provides patrons with more privacy; or an option to check their own items out when there is a line of people at the circulation desk.

There is a learning curve involved with self-check, like any new technology. When patrons check out at the service desk, branch staff has been instructed to ask them if they would like to be shown how to use the self-check system.

The library's goal was to have 20-25% of each branch's check-outs being done through their self-check system by the spring of 2019. Most of the branches had about 8% of their checkouts being done through their self-check system in the first month. Now, some branches have doubled or tripled that figure. The library expects self-check usage to easily reach or exceed the 25% goal by the spring. In October, the branches had the following percentages of their total circulation being done through their self-check systems:

Pacific branch	23%
St. Clair branch	19%
Sullivan branch	24%
Warrenton branch	12%*
Wright City branch	16%

\*October was the first month that the Warrenton branch offered self-check.



The library will be applying for grants for self-check systems for the Owensville and Union branches in spring 2019.

## Library to Conduct Fire Drill

The library will conduct a systemwide fire drill on Tuesday, December 18 at 4:00 PM. The public will be asked to exit the buildings and remain in the parking lot until given the "all clear" signal. The mandatory drills are expected to last about 15 minutes and will include all branches and the administration building. This will be the first time the library has held a fire drill. Local fire districts will be involved in the drills.

**FIRE DRILL  
-ALL BRANCHES-**

**Tuesday,  
December 18 ,  
4:00 PM**



## HERMANN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Meet the Author: Tammy Lane

Friday, December 7 at 5:00 pm

Join local author, Tammy Lane as she discusses her new book, *Aspen-Where Are You?: All Roads Lead to Home*.

#### Book Club

Wednesday, December 12 at 4:30 pm

Bring your book suggestions for 2019!

### KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:00 am

#### S.T.E.A.M. Time Storytime:

#### Make it Snow with Fizzy Snowflakes!

Thursday, December 6 at 10:00 am

#### Project T.i.L.T.

Tuesday, December 11 at 3:30 pm

Join us and relax with a Christmas movie and a snack after school.

#### Kids Club

Thursday, December 13 at 3:30 pm

Come in from the cold and watch a Christmas movie!

#### Animal Tales Holiday Safari

Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm

Please register for family programs.

### FAMILY PROGRAMS

#### Christmas Extravaganza!

Thursday December 6 from 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

We will have drop-in ornament crafting, wreath making, cookie decorating, and a Christmas movie.

#### Family Movie Night at the Hermann Show Boat Theater

Friday, December 14 at 7:00 pm  
*"Elf"*

Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 pm  
*"The Polar Express"*

## NEW HAVEN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Winter Luminary Craft (Limit 15)

Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 pm

Warm a wintry night with this snow-capped luminary you create.

#### Book Bingo

Thursday, December 13 at 2:00 pm

Regular Bingo with books for prizes!

#### Book Club at the Branch

Wednesday, December 19 at 5:00 pm

Join us for a discussion of *The Noel Diary* by Richard Paul Evans.

### KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Pre-School Storytime

Each Tuesday at 10:00 am

Saturday, December 15 at 10:00

Up to Kindergarten age.

#### 16th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

Saturday, December 8 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

For kids of all ages! Stop by the New Haven branch to make an ornament to decorate your tree.

#### Animal Tales Holiday Safari Show

Tuesday, December 18 at 5:00 pm

Get up close and personal with some unique animals.

## OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Tea Time Travelers' Book Club

Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 pm

We will discuss *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larson.

### KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Lil' OWLs Storytime

Every Wednesday at our

NEW TIME, 10:00 am

#### 16th Annual Ornament Making at the Library (50 person limit)

Saturday, December 8 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Get in the spirit by crafting your own ornament! Two per person.



We had a nice size crowd at the New Haven branch on November 8 to celebrate Harry Potter turning 20! Fans dressed as their favorite character and enjoyed snacks, games, and giveaways.



We were so thankful we were able to share our Thanksgiving meal with some of our club's past Rotarians. A great meal was enjoyed with great company in Sullivan.



This young man wanted to visit the new Pacific branch for his birthday. Happy Birthday to you, and thank you!



## december 2018 upcoming events

### PACIFIC BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Mahjong & More

Every Monday at 10:00 am

##### Holiday Open House (Limit 20)

Thursday, December 6 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Crafts and cookie exchange.

##### Book Club: Christmas Party!

Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 pm

##### Christmas Music with Mike Rufkahr

Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 pm

#### FAMILY PROGRAMS

##### 16th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

Saturday, December 1 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

##### Animal Tales Holiday Safari

Monday, December 17 at 7:00 pm

#### KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten)

Thursdays at 10:00 am

##### Kid's Club (Grades 1-5)

1st & 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am

December 1: Ornament making

December 13: Read, Build & Play w/Legos

### ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Holiday Open House (No RSVP)

Tuesday, December 4 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Enjoy holiday coloring, ornament making, cookies, and cocoa. Bring a boxed gift(s) and have it wrapped at our gift wrapping station! Ages 18+.

##### Book Bingo

Monday, December 10 at 11:00 am

All winners will receive book prizes.

##### Adult Book Club

Thursday, December 27 at 2:00 pm

We will discuss *Duck the Halls* by Donna Andrews.

#### KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Read, Build, & Play: Legos

1st Saturday each month at 11:00 am

December 1: Tinker Toys

##### Homeschool Group

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 11:00 am

December 5: Holiday cards for local military members who are deployed.

December 19: Holiday paper plate crafts.

##### Pre-School Storytime

Every Thursday at 11:00 am

##### 16th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

Wednesday, December 12 from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

##### Holiday Paper Plate Crafts

Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 pm

Choose from a variety of paper plate crafts to help celebrate the holidays.

##### Animal Tales

Monday, December 17 at 5:00 pm

### SULLIVAN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### P.H.D.: Projects Half Done

##### Craft Night

Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 pm

Bring in any unfinished project and spend time making new friends and finishing old projects!

##### As the Page Turns Book Club

Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 pm

We will discuss *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear.

#### KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Storytime (preschool-age children)

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

##### Bedtime Storytime with Santa

Thursday, December 20 at 6:00 pm

Please register for family programs.

#### FAMILY PROGRAMS

##### 16th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

Saturday, December 8 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Get in the spirit by crafting your own ornament!

##### Animal Tales Holiday Safari

Tuesday, December 18 at 10:00 am

Come hear animal tales and interact with 6 live animals.



Warrenton patrons were taught how to navigate the new telescopes that are now available for checkout with your library card. Thank you to The Eastern Missouri Dark Sky Observers for such a wonderful presentation!



The St. Clair branch had fun doing CD scratch art with their Homeschool Group. Some kids even turned their project into Christmas gifts for loved ones.





december 2018 upcoming events

## UNION BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Introductory Yoga with Cheryl** (Limit 20)

*Thursday, December 6 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm*

Wear comfortable clothing. Bring water and a yoga mat if you have one.

### Name that Christmas Carol

*Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 pm*

Play games based on traditional Christmas carols. Presented by Laurie Osseck.

### Hooked on Books

*Thursday, December 20 at 6:00 pm*

We will discuss *Proof of Heaven* by Mary Curran Hackett.

### Book BINGO

*Thursday, December 27 at 11:00 am*

Every winner takes home a book.

Please register for computer programs.

### COMPUTER PROGRAMS

**Introduction to Microsoft Word** (18+ yrs.)

*Tuesday, December 18 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm*

6 person limit.

## KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

### Preschool Storytime

*Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am*

### Teen-DIY Glitter Tumblers

 (Please RSVP)

*Tuesday, December 4 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm*

All supplies will be provided, but are limited.

### Santa at the Library

*Friday, December 14 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm*

Santa will be visiting!!! Come listen to a story and bring your camera!

### 16th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

*Saturday, December 15 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm*

### Reading to Rover

*Thursday, December 27 from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm*

Come read to our visiting therapy dogs.

## WARRENTON BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Chicks with Sticks** (Crochet/Knitting)

*Tuesdays at 1:00 pm*

**Hatha Yoga** (Bring your own mat!)

*Thursday, December 6 & 27 at 5:30 pm*

Join certified yoga instructor, Brandy Gagliano.

### Holiday Movie Night

*Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 pm*

Join us for the holiday drama, "The Family Man". Enjoy hot cocoa & popcorn.

**Mistletoe & Margaritas** (Limit 60)

*Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 pm*

Deck your halls with a wooden Christmas pallet! Savor a spiced margarita. 21+ yrs. required.

**Christmas Centerpieces** (Limit 30)

*Tuesday, December 18 at 6:00 pm*

Make a simple yet stunning arrangement for the holidays provided by Moment of Grace Florist!

**Warrenton High School Choirs: A Cappella**

*Thursday, December 20 at 6:00 pm*

Pitch the Keys and Girls Night Out!

## KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

### Preschool Storytime

*Tuesdays at 10:00 am*

**Kid's Club Christmas Party** (Gr. K-5)

*Monday, December 3 at 3:15 pm, Limit 20.*

**Teen Cookie Mix-in-a-Jar** (Gr. 6-12)

*Monday, December 10 at 3:15 pm, Limit 12.*

Please register for family programs.

### FAMILY PROGRAMS

**2nd Annual Hot Chocolate Happy Hour**

*Wednesday, December 5, 12, 19, 26 at 5:00 pm*

**16th Annual Ornament Making at the Library**

*Wednesday, December 5 from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm*

**Polar Express Holiday Event**

*Monday, December 17 from 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm*

Meet Santa and Conductor Dan.

Limited supplies.

**Animal Tales Holiday Safari**

*Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm*

## WRIGHT CITY BRANCH

Please register for adult programs.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Adult Book Club**

*Monday, December 10 at 6:00 pm*

We will discuss *Station Eleven*.

**Meet the Author: Debbie Browdy**

*Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 pm*

Debbie Browdy will do a reading and host a brief discussion about her newest book, *The book of Inception*.

### Medicare 101

*Tuesday, December 18 at 6:00 pm*

Learn the basics of Medicare and what you need to do to make sure you are covered.

## KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

**Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)**

*Wednesdays at 10:00 am*

**Story Night (Evening Storytime)**

*Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 pm*

*Thursday, December 20 at 6:00 pm*

Preschool-Kindergarten.

### 16th Annual Ornament Making at the Library

*Friday, December 21 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm*

Drop in and make an ornament for your tree!

### Noon Years Eve Party!

*Saturday, December 29 at 11:00 am*

Ring in the new year early with music, dancing, crafts, and a countdown to a noon ball drop!

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

**All Aboard the Polar Express!** (100 limit)

*Saturday, December 8 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm*

Come in your pajamas for a trip to the North Pole!

**Animal Tales Holiday Safari**

*Wednesday, December 19 at 5:00 pm*



## 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.scenicregionallibraryfoundation.org](http://www.scenicregionallibraryfoundation.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

FIRST NAME		DATE	
MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME		
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY			
STATE	ZIP CODE		
PHONE NUMBER			
EMAIL ADDRESS			
NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION TO APPEAR ON BOOK			
BRANCH (Please select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/> St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Sullivan Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Warrenton Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Wright City Branch		SIZE OF BOOK <input type="checkbox"/> 8" X 1-1/2" - \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$300	
OFFICE USE ONLY Date received: _____ Amount received: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash			

Mail this form (or drop it off at your local branch) with your personal check or money order to:

Friends of the Library  
304 Hawthorne Drive  
Union, MO 63084





# SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 Membership Year

All information submitted is considered confidential and will never be given or sold to any other individual, company, or organization.

FIRST NAME		DATE	
MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME		
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY			
STATE		ZIP CODE	
PHONE NUMBER			
PHONE NUMBER			
EMAIL ADDRESS			
<b>BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)</b>		<b>LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP</b>	
Friends of the Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Bronze – \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Silver – \$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Ruby – \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Gold – \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Platinum – \$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Sullivan Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Diamond* – \$500 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friends of the Warrenton Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friends of the Wright City Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
		*Lifetime Membership	
<b>WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply)</b>		<b>Office Use Only</b>	
Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> New Application	
Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
Volunteer at other events <input type="checkbox"/>		Date Received:	
Volunteer at my local branch <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
Serve on the local Friends of the Library's <input type="checkbox"/>		Amount Received:	
Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>			

Mail this form (or drop it off at your local branch) with your personal check or money order to:

Friends of the Library, 304 Hawthorne Dr., Union, MO 63084

*Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.*