Most New Branches Get Big Internet Upgrades

The library’s new facilities have resulted in more traffic and more Internet usage, both through the desktop public computers and wireless network. In autumn, MOREnet* approached the library and recommended Internet upgrades at five of the seven new branches.

In late November, the Warrenton, Wright City, St. Clair, and Sullivan branches were upgraded to 50MB Internet lines. The Owensville branch’s line will be upgraded from 10 to 30 MB later this winter.

*MOREnet is a non-profit consortium through which the library receives Internet access.

New Haven and Gerald Historic Newspapers to be Digitized

Over the past five years, Scenic Regional Library has digitized almost 300,000 pages of local historical newspapers on microfilm through a partnership with the State Historical Society of Missouri. The cost of digitization was covered entirely by grants through the Missouri State Library. Digitizing the newspapers allows people to search the entire collection with a simple keyword search. The collection is free to search; searching doesn’t even require a library card.

The library had planned to apply for a fourth newspaper digitization grant in January 2019. However, the State Historical Society of Missouri has agreed to digitize the newspapers with remaining funds from their existing digitization projects. As a result, they will be able to digitize the New Haven Leader from 1918 to 1965 and Gerald Journal from 1916 to 1921 and 1928 to 1962. The project will encompass 51,800 pages of newspapers. The library has already digitized the Gerald Journal from 1922 to 1928 and from 1962 to 1965, as well as the New Haven Leader from 1903 to 1918.

Once the Gerald and New Haven newspapers are complete (end of April 2019), all the existing historical newspapers prior to 1965 in the library’s three counties will have been digitized.

According to The State Historical Society of Missouri, the library’s current collection is heavily used by both 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.
Winter Reading Program
12/1/18 to 2/1/19
For kids up to 3rd grade
Read 10 books from the Stories Matter reading log, get a free book, and be entered to win a gift card from Neighborhood Reads Bookstore in Washington, MO
Pick up a reading log at the front desk of your local branch!

Tristan from Animal Tales visited several branches for “Holiday Safari” to teach children about a variety of animals!

Our teen program Cookie In A Jar was a sweet success in Warrenton! Each patron brought home a jar of mix to gift out.

The St. Clair Book Club had a great discussion about the book Cold Shot by Dani Pettrey in December. Stop by your local branch to join a book club.

BECOME A TUTOR
HELP OTHERS LEARN
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:

January 24 and 28
February 21 and 26
We need volunteers in all of our classes.
Call 636-584-6915 to register

Please call 636-584-6915 or email volunteer@ecaliteracy.org for more details and registration.
St. Clair Friends Group Donates Display

The St. Clair 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 December. The display is 2’ by 2’ by 4-1/2’ and cost approximately $1,000, including shipping.

The Pacific, Warrenton, and Sullivan Friends of the Library groups donated identical displays to their branches in October and November 2018.

How long have you worked for Scenic? Two years and seven months.

Have you held any other positions at Scenic? If yes, what were those, and how long did you work in that position? Nope, just as a patron.

What made you want to work in a library? I retired from teaching English after 25 years, and I wanted to still be involved with literature and helping people.

What is your favorite part of the job? All the snacks the staff bring in (LOL). Seriously, though, I really enjoy the staff and patrons, and also I am always being introduced to new ideas.

What do you wish more people knew about the library? I wish they knew that we are not certified tax preparers! Once again, just slightly kidding. I would love for more people to know about all of the great digital resources that are available to them.

What upcoming program at your branch are you excited about and why? I like the “Take A Ticket” programs that Stacy offers. Technology is both a boon and a burden to me, so anything that solves a problem or makes life easier is welcomed.

What are you currently reading? Dreadful Company by Vivian Shaw is the sequel to Strange Practice, which was the first book in the Dr. Greta Helsing series.

What is your favorite book? In adult books, it's currently a tie between Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen or The Book of Joy by the 14th Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. In juvenile fiction, it is probably The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis or The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster.

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or your library branch? All three are fabulous.
UNION BRANCH:
Missouri’s Forgotten Heroes
Thursday, January 10 at 6:00 pm
Hear about some of the accomplishments and heroism of our Missouri heroes that have been all but forgotten.

PACIFIC BRANCH:
The Civil War-Price’s Raid
Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 pm
Walt Larson will tell the compelling story of how the Civil War came to Franklin County in 1864.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH:
Music of the Riverbanks, Exploring Songs of Franklin County
Saturday, March 23 at 1:30-3:00 pm
Local musicians share a sample of early American songs/tunes on period instruments.

FRANKLIN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL OPENING CEREMONY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, AT 2 P.M.
East Central College
John Anglin Performing Arts Center
1964 Prairie Dell Road, Union, Mo.
Admission free to the general public.

Come and help Franklin County celebrate 200 years of “Where the past and present meet”

Visit our website at franklinmo200.com for more information.
Be sure to follow us on Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/FranklinCountyBicentennial

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Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Take-a-Ticket Training (18+ yrs.)
Tuesday, January 8 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Get your technology questions answered during a 30-min. session.

Book Club
Wednesday, January 16 at 4:30 pm

Sushi Class (Limit 15)
Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 pm
Learn the basic sushi making techniques by making your own vegetarian sushi roll. All materials provided.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Stories Matter:
Winter Reading Program
December 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019
Grades PK – 3. See staff for details.

Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Thursday, January 4 at 10:00 am

Project T.I.L.T.
Tuesday, January 8 at 3:30 pm
Make Mod Podge magnets for your school lockers!

Kids Club
Thursday, January 10 at 3:30 pm
Think Spring! make a wiggly worm puppet! RSVP for supplies.

Please register for family programs.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Movie Night at the Hermann Show Boat Theater
Friday, January 11 at 7:00 pm
“Frozen”
Saturday, January 12 at 1:00 pm
“Mamma Mia, Here We Go Again”

NEW HAVEN BRANCH
Call: 573-237-2189

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Plants of the Bible
Thursday, January 10 at 6:00 pm
St. Louis Master Gardener John Hensley offers insights on the significance of plants referenced in the Bible.

Book Club at the Branch
Wednesday, January 23 at 5:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah. Pick up a copy today.

Phone Photography 101:
Optimize Your Cell Phone’s Camera
Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 pm
Improve your cell phone photography with tips from local photographer Tony Carosella.

OWENSVILLE BRANCH
Call: 573-437-2188

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tea Time Travelers’ Book Club
Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 pm
We will discuss Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery.

Climate Reality
Tuesday, January 22 at 6:00 pm
Gary Leabman will discuss the impact/solution and your personal response to climate change.

Science on Wheels
Thursday, January 31 at 6:00 pm
MU students present a science program about volcanoes to stardust.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

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Lil’ OWLs Storytime
Every Wednesday at our NEW TIME, 10:00 am

Bunco Party for HS Teens
Wednesday, January 2 at 6:00 pm
Pizza and fast-paced dice game.

Read, Build, & Play (Grades K-5)
Saturday, January 12 at 10:30 am
We’ll read a Stories Matter book and make a friendship bracelet.

The Hermann branch was packed with almost 60 people last night to hear our local author, Tammy Lane, talk about her new book, Aspen-Where Are You? All Roads Lead to Home. Aspen the dog was even there for pictures and pawtographs!

Santa joined us at Sullivan to hear some wishes from our young patrons during a special Bedtime Storytime.
January 2019 Upcoming Events

**PACIFIC BRANCH**
Call: 636-257-2712

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Mahjong & More**
Every Monday at 10:00 am

**Book Club**
Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 pm
We will be discussing *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.

**Game Night**
Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00 pm
Bring your own snacks and join us in a night of games.

**Take-a-Ticket Training (18+ yrs.)**
Thursday, January 17 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Get your technology questions answered during a 30-min. session.

**Yoga 101**
Wednesday, January 23 at 6:00 pm
For beginners and seniors. Bring your own mat; blocks are optional.

**Valentines for Vets**
Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 pm
Make Valentines for our local homebound vets.

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**ST. CLAIR BRANCH**
Call: 636-629-2546

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Book Bingo**
Monday, January 14 at 11:00 am
All winners will receive book prizes.

**Book-to-Movie Club**
Thursday, January 17 at 5:00 pm
We will be watching and discussing *The Stepford Wives* by Ira Levin.

**Vision Boards**
Saturday, January 19 at 2:00 pm
Come visualize your goals for the new year! All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own pictures.

**Adult Book Club**
Thursday, January 24 at 2:00 pm
We will discuss *Behind Closed Doors* by B.A. Paris.

**Banking 101**
Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 pm
Tracie Puffer, Banking Center Manager of Midland Bank, will discuss the fundamentals of banking.

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**SULLIVAN BRANCH**
Call: 573-468-4372

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**How to Find an Owl in Your Neighborhood**
Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 pm

**As the Page Turns Book Club**
Thursday, January 10 at 6:00 pm
We will discuss *Odd Thomas* by Maise Dobbs.

**Take-a-Ticket Technology Tutor**
Tuesday, January 15 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Get your technology questions answered during a 30-min. session.

**Pinterest Craft Night:**
**Essential Oil Diffuser Necklace**
Tuesday, January 22 at 6:00 pm

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**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Stories Matter:**
**Winter Reading Program**
December 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019
Grades PK – 3. See staff for details.

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

**Kid’s Club (Grades 1-5)**
1st & 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am
January 5: Baldi’s Basics Digital Game
January 19: Read, Build & Play w/Legos

**Bad Art Night**
Monday, January 7 at 6:00 pm
Explore your artistic expression using everyday items. Cookies and hot chocolate provided.

**Return to Hogwarts: FAMILY PROGRAM**
Saturday, January 5 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wizards and Muggles alike are invited to our Harry Potter-themed celebration. Includes costume contest for kids & teens.

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Laurie Osseck joined us at the Union branch to present “Name that Christmas Carol”. Everyone had a lot of fun.

Approx 30 kids and parents were on hand making ornaments to adorn their Christmas trees this season during the 16th Annual Ornament Making event at New Haven.
Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Could You Recognize Domestic Abuse?**
Thursday, January 3 at 6:00 pm
Learn the warning signs.

**Missouri’s Forgotten Heroes**
Thursday, January 10 at 6:00 pm
Genuine heroes from Missouri. Presented by local author Ross Malone.

**Hooked on Books**
Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 pm
We will discuss *Furiously Happy*.

**Zumba**
Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00 pm
Burn off holiday calories with Zumba instructor Sarah Ingle of Dance Fitness.

**Budgeting 101**
Tuesday, January 22 at 6:00 pm
Learn about getting out of debt, saving, and how to manage money before it manages you.

**A Novel Bunch Book Club**
Wednesday, January 23 at 2:00 pm
We will be discussing *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon.

**Charles Dickens Tea Party** (Limit 42)
Wednesday, January 29 at 5:30 pm
English tea service and a viewing of “Nicholas Nickleby” awaits you. Guests will need to bring a tea cup.

Please register for computer programs.

**COMPUTER PROGRAMS**

**Take-a-Ticket Training** (18+ yrs.)
Wednesday, January 9 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Get your technology questions answered during a 30-min. session.

**Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint** (18+ yrs. • Limit 6)
Thursday January 24 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Instruction and practice time on laptops.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Stories Matter:**

**Winter Reading Program**
December 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019
Grades PK – 3. See staff for details.

**Preschool Storytime**
Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am

**Creating Gargoyles for Kids** (Please RSVP)
Saturday, January 12 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Learn about and make your own gargoyle.

**Reading to Rover** (Therapy dogs)
Thursday, January 24 at 5:00 pm

**Fuzzy Sock Hop**
Tuesday, January 29 at 3:30 pm
Wear your fuzzy socks to the branch and twist and shout!

Owensville’s Branch Manager, Robin Schaefferkoeetter, visited a local school to teach the 6th grade about the library, how to use their new cards, and the databases available to the students.

Pacific Book Club wrapped up 2018 with their 2018 annual Christmas Party. Lots of food, presents, and laughter for all!
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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**Scenic Regional Library Foundation Donor Wall “Book” Order Form**

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- Hermann Branch
- New Haven Branch
- Owensville Branch
- Pacific Branch
- St. Clair Branch
- Sullivan Branch
- Union Branch
- Warrenton Branch
- Wright City Branch

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- 8” X 1-1/2” - $100
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