Scenic Regional Library has been awarded a prestigious NEA Big Read grant. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in partnership with Arts Midwest. The library is partnering with Washington Public Library, East Central College, East Central Area Literacy Council, and the Scenic Regional Library Foundation on the grant. The NEA awards only 78 Big Read grants to non-profit organizations and public libraries throughout the entire country each year. The NEA Big Read grant is Scenic Regional Library’s first federal grant and first community-wide read.

The objective of the NEA Big Read is to get as many people as possible in a community to read and discuss the same book. The NEA provides a list of 32 books from which applicants for the grant can choose. The library and its partners selected *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. The 2014 novel takes place in the Great Lakes region after a flu pandemic has devastated the world, killing most of the population. It won the Arthur C. Clarke Award, given for the best science fiction novel, in 2015.

The $15,000 grant will provide funds for a wide range of programming based on the themes of the book. During the six-week period between September 24 and November 5, the library and its partners will present 77 free programs and book discussions throughout the three-county area (Gasconade, Franklin, and Warren). The programming will culminate with a visit from *Station Eleven* author Emily St. John Mandel at the John Edson Anglin Performing Arts Center at East Central College on November 5. She will be interviewed by Mike Thomas, host of *Livewire* on KWRE 730 AM in Warrenton, followed by a book signing.

Scenic Regional Library’s Friends of the Library groups in Union, St. Clair, Warrenton, Pacific, and Owensville have agreed to purchase a total of 750 copies of the book for local high school English classes. Eight public and private high schools in the three-county area have agreed to participate in the NEA Big Read by incorporating *Station Eleven* into the curriculum of their senior English classes. The schools are Owensville High School, Pacific High School, St. Clair High School, St. Francis Borgia Regional High School, Union High School, Warrenton High School, Washington High School, and Wright City High School.

Scenic Regional Library will purchase an additional 1,000 paperback copies of *Station Eleven* for the high schools and public through Neighborhood Reads in Washington. Free copies of the book will be available at the library's branches, Washington Public Library, and other locations beginning September 3. E-book and e-audiobooks copies will also be available on the library’s website.

East Central College Library will purchase copies for their students; East Central Area Literacy Council will purchase copies for East Central College’s Adult Education & Literacy (AEL) students. Both organizations will also host book discussion groups.

All local media outlets in the library’s three-county district have agreed to be sponsors for the library’s NEA Big Read: Missourian, Warren County Record, Sullivan Independent News, New Haven Independent, Gasconade County Republican, Hermann Advertiser-Courier, KWRE (730AM), KLPW (1220AM), and KTUI (1560AM).

For more information about the NEA Big Read, including details about getting a free copy of *Station Eleven*, programming, and book discussion groups, visit www.scenicregional.org/bigread.
Friends Group Donates Digital Sign to Owensville Library

The Owensville Friends of the Library has donated a digital monument sign to their branch. The sign was installed on May 29 by Ziglin Signs in Washington in front of the library, along Highway 19. The branch will use the sign to publicize upcoming programs and events. The Owensville branch is the only Scenic Regional Library facility with a digital sign. It can be updated wirelessly by the branch staff.

The cost of the sign was $30,000. The Friends’ group contributed $22,500; the library, $7,500. The purchase represents the largest donation to the library by one of its Friends groups. The Owensville branch’s Friends of the Library has been the most successful Friends groups in the library system and until the purchase of the digital sign had the largest bank balance. The Friends of the Library’s funds are generated from annual membership dues, book sale proceeds, fundraising events, and donor wall “book” sales. All funds raised by the group remain earmarked for the Owensville branch.

Last summer, the group held an enormously-successful fundraiser to auction naming rights to different sections of the library. The auction event had a large turnout and raised $5,500, more than any other branch’s auction event throughout the system. The group also sold close to 100 donor wall “books”, more than any other Friends group in the library system. The wooden “books” are engraved with the name of an individual, organization, or business, and placed permanently in the branch’s entrance hallway. They were sold for $100, $200, or $300, depending on the size of the “book”. Owensville branch Friends of the Library members, along with Owensville representatives on the Scenic Regional Library Foundation Board of Directors Doug Dunlap and Diane Lairmore, sold the “books” over the past two years. One-third of all donor wall “books” sold throughout the library system were sold in Owensville. The concept of selling the donor wall “books” as a fundraiser was actually Ms. Lairmore’s idea.

Last year, the Owensville branch Friends of the Library group purchased the materials and volunteered their time to construct a butterfly garden, located adjacent the children’s area. The stone-framed raised bed contains plants and flowers which attract butterflies. The Owensville branch Friends of the Library group has thirty-five members. The current president is Trudy Oberbeck.

New Haven Friends Donate Raised Flower Bed

The New Haven branch Friends of the Library donated a prefabricated raised planter bed in June. The 3’ x 6’ x 16” bed was assembled adjacent the branch’s children’s patio.

On June 18, children at the branch’s storytime planted flowers in the raised bed along with some Friends members.

The project was funded through a $400 donation by the Friends group, combined with a $250 Thrivent grant. The Friends members applied for the grant.

The New Haven Friends of the Library has the largest active membership among the library’s nine Friends groups. Shari Althen is president of the group.

Several Sullivan patrons participated in “Pinterest Craft Night: Northern Lights Canvas Painting.” All the paintings were beautiful and unique!
Staff Spotlight: Linda
Library Assistant, Wright City Branch

How long have you worked for Scenic?
Four years.

Have you held any other positions at Scenic? I spent most of those four years as a Library Assistant at Warrenton. I transferred to Wright City last August.

What made you want to work in a library? The library was one of my favorite places when I was little, especially during the Summer Reading Program. I’d check out stacks and stacks of books, as many as my mom and I could carry.

What is your favorite part of the job? I love validating fellow nerds who hesitate to let their geek flag fly. They’ll visibly brighten up when I start talking anime, comics, Star Wars, or any of my other nerdy pursuits with them and it’s the best feeling.

What do you wish more people knew about the library? The library is a lot more than a building with books. We have public access computers, wifi, and so many other resources like free online tutoring and research databases for all ages.

What upcoming program at your branch are you most excited about and why? I really like our Out of This World Wednesdays that we’ve had going since June. Every Wednesday at 2 p.m. we show a family friendly sci-fi movie including two of my favorites, Galaxy Quest and The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy.

What are you currently reading? It’s hard to make time between work and grad school, but right now I’m reading all the manga I can get my hands on, especially Kimi Ni Todoke by Karuho Shiina.

What is your favorite book? Why? Choosing just one is impossible! A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett, Eight Days of Luke by Diana Wynne Jones, and Natsume’s Book of Friends by Yuki Midorikawa are some of the first titles that come to mind, but I could come up with so many more! These three are in my top because they have some of my favorite things: fairy tales, mythology, sympathetic protagonists, and found families.

The St. Clair branch hosted a Star Party and telescope training for their patrons, including star gazing with their new-found knowledge. They even got to see Jupiter and 4 of its moons!

Former Hermann Branch Manager Appointed to Library Foundation Board

The Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint former Hermann branch manager Sheri Hausman to the Library Foundation Board at their May 21 meeting. The three-year term will begin on July 1. Ms. Hausman retired from the library on March 29 after working at the Hermann branch since 1986.

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a twelve-member Board of Directors. The organization oversees the library’s nine Friends of the Library groups.

Former Hermann branch manager Sheri Hausman at her retirement reception in March with Hermann Mayor Robert Koerber.
Scenic Regional Represented at National Library Legislative Day

Nine librarians from Missouri attended Show-Me Library Legislative Day at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. on June 18. The Missouri delegation included Scenic Regional Library’s Assistant Director, Megan Maurer. Ms. Maurer visited with U.S. Representative Jason Smith, 8th congressional district; U.S. Representative Blaine Leutkemeyer, 3rd congressional district; and Missouri’s two U.S. Senators, Josh Hawley and Roy Blunt.

The key issue this year is Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funding. IMLS funds represent all federal funding for public libraries. The Missouri State Library utilizes IMLS funds for statewide courier service between public libraries for interlibrary loan, to subsidize Missouri Evergreen consortium fees, to offer competitive technology grants for public libraries, and other services.

President Trump has proposed completely eliminating IMLS funding from the federal budget on multiple occasions. The U.S. House of Representatives has approved maintaining IMLS funding at the same level as last year; the U.S. Senate has not yet approved their version of the budget.

WATER, FOOD, SHELTER, and FIRE!!!! The Hermann branch learned survival skills from the wonderful people of Earth’s Classroom.

We invite you to sign up for our upcoming Rock-A-Thon! All branches will start rocking July 8. Keep your chair rocking to win!

(pictured left to right) Former Scenic Regional Library Assistant Director Dan Brower, Michelle Ridlen, U.S. Congressman Blaine Leutkemeyer, Scenic Regional Library’s Assistant Director Megan Maurer, Christa Van Herreweghe, and Peggy Ridlen.

Local author from Hermann, John Sedivy, poses with his book The Mercury Formula: Three Steps to Self-transformation. Not only is it available to check out from our Hermann branch, it is also a recommended challenge book for our summer reading program!

EMT’s Kenneth & Julia brought an ambulance to storytime at the Owensville branch. Families had the opportunity to tour the vehicle and learn about the profession of an EMT.

St. Clair Kids Club made bracelets by spelling out their initials in binary code. There was a lot of creativity going on!

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HERMANN BRANCH
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Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Rock-A-Thon**
Starts Monday, July 8 at 10:00 am
Whichever branch can keep their rocking chair going the longest wins!

**Could You Recognize Domestic Abuse?**
Thursday, July 18 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Identify abusive behaviors and learn symptoms of abuse in victims.

**Library Star Party at the Branch**
Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 pm
Telescope training and sky viewing.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Twilight Zone Theater**
Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00 pm
Bring a friend and binge watch some of the all-time favorite Twilight Zone episodes!

**Glenn Foster Magic Show with BIG Illusion!**
Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 pm

**Build An Alien Workshop**
Wednesday, July 24 at 2:00 pm
Read about and build an alien to keep!

**Robot-Pirate-Dinosaur Tea Party from Outer Space!**
Wednesday, July 31 at 2:00 pm
RSVP for a super fun and slightly unusual tea party with friends.

**Storytime**
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

**Family Movie Night at the Hermann Show Boat Theater**
Friday, July 12 at 7:00 pm
“How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World”
Saturday, July 13 at 7:00 pm
“Green Book”

NEW HAVEN BRANCH
Call: 573-237-2189

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Rock-A-Thon**
Starts Monday, July 8 at 10:00 am
Whichever branch can keep their rocking chair going the longest wins!

**Glenn Foster Magic Show with BIG Illusion!**
Thursday, July 18 at 6:00 pm

**Friends of the Library-New Haven Annual Art Exhibit**
Sunday, July 23 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Book Club at the Branch**
Wednesday, July 24 at 5:00 pm
We will discuss The Printed Letter Bookshop by Katherine Reay.

**Solar System Beading**
Thursday, July 25 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Make a beaded necklace or bracelet using planet beads! Limit 15.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Pre-School Storytime**
Each Tuesday at 10:00 am

**Lil’ OWLs Storytime**
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

**Teen Club**
(Grades 6+)
Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 pm

**SRP-themed activities for K-5th grade.**
Saturday, July 13 at 10:30 am
Build a rocket! Please register.

**Dungeons & Dragons (13+ yrs.)**
Saturday, July 13 from 11:30-4:30 pm
Dungeon Master, Joe Branson, will guide participants through D&D.

OWENSVILLE BRANCH
Call: 573-437-2188

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Rock-A-Thon**
Starts Monday, July 8 at 10:00 am
Whichever branch can keep their rocking chair going the longest wins!

**Chat With An Astronaut**
Friday, July 12 at 6:30 pm
Have a space question? Ask an astronaut!

**Tea Time Travelers' Book Club**
Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 pm
We will discuss The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane.

**Fishing with the Anglers**
Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 pm
The Owensville Anglers will share tips and tricks on landing “The Big One”!

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Summer Reading Program Kid’s Club**
Every Tuesday at 10:30 am

**Lil’ OWLs Storytime**
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

**Teen Club**
(Grades 6+)
Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 pm

**Read, Build, & Play**
(Grades PK-5)
Saturday, July 13 at 10:30 am
Build a rocket! Please register.

**Glenn Foster Magic Show with BIG Illusion!**
Wednesday, July 24 at 5:00 pm
Please register.

The New Haven Teen Scene was all about creating paintings of the galaxy.

Wright City had State Representative Bryan Spencer read to our families at the branch!

Anne Sinnott was the Basket Raffle winner! Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Library Pacific Branch!

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ADULT PROGRAMS

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Starts Monday, July 8 at 10:00 am
Whichever branch can keep their rocking chair going the longest wins!

Mahjong & More
Every Monday at 10:00 am

Book Club
Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00 pm
We will be discussing Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg.

Apollo 11’s 50th Anniversary Live Webcast
Wednesday, July 15 at 3:00 pm

Library Star Party at the Branch
Tuesday, July 16 at 7:30 pm
Telescope training and sky viewing.

Let's Talk Derby
Thursday, July 18 at 6:00 pm
Learn about Women’s Roller Derby and see a demonstration.

Missouri’s Murderous Matrons
Thursday, July 25 at 6:00 pm
Visit from author Victoria Cosner.

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Rock-A-Thon
Starts Monday, July 8 at 10:00 am
Whichever branch can keep their rocking chair going the longest wins!

Book Bingo
Monday, July 8 at 11:00 am
All winners will receive book prizes.

Jumping From Helicopters
Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00 pm
Authors will discuss the book Jumping From Helicopters, detailing experiences during Vietnam.

Fishing 101 (Rods/Reels provided)
Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 pm
Basic equipment, fish identification, how to bait your hook and more!

Book-to-Movie Club
Thursday, July 18 at 5:00 pm
Discuss and watch The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes.

Adult Book Club
Thursday, July 25 at 2:00 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten)
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Kid’s Club (Grades 1-5)
Every Thursday at 1:00 pm
NO KIDS CLUB JULY 18

Night Sky Photography
Monday, July 8 at 6:00 pm
Bring your digital camera. Tripods OK. Teens and adults welcome.

Glenn Foster Magic Show with BIG Illusion!
Thursday, July 18 at 2:00 pm

Kids Club
Wednesdays during summer at 3:30 pm
July 3: Paper Airplane Competition
July 10: Stuffed Aliens
July 17: Jumbo Sorry!
July 24: Nebula-in-a-Bottle Necklace
July 31: Tie Dye (bring your own t-shirt)

Pre-School Storytime
Every Thursday at 11:00 am

Read, Build, & Play
1st Saturday each month at 11:00 am
July 6: Lincoln Logs.

TEENS! - Galaxy Glitter Mugs
Saturday, July 13 at 2:00 pm

Tales With A Tail: Therapy Dog “Bear”
Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00 pm

Glenn Foster Magic Show with BIG Illusion!
Wednesday, July 17 at 10:00 am

Dan Viets visited the Pacific branch to discuss his vast knowledge of Walt Disney. To say that Dan Viets is a Disney aficionado would be an understatement!

This family was excited to check out a telescope from our Warrenton branch.

Thanks to all who came out to make “Galaxy Alcohol Ink Jewelry Dishes” in Union. Beautiful!
UNION BRANCH
Call: 636-583-3224

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Rock-A-Thon
Starts Monday, July 8 at 10:00 am
Which branch can keep their rocking chair going the longest wins!

The Pardue Brothers: Bad to the Bone
Thursday, July 11 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Learn about the Franklin County Court House Bombing of 1969.

Hooked on Books-Book Club
Thursday, July 18 at 6:00 pm
All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven.

Book BINGO
Thursday, July 25 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Adult End of Summer Reading Program Party
Wednesday, July 31 at 6:00 pm
Discuss books past and future with the Missourian book editor.

Registration required. Limit 6. 18+ yrs.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS
Getting to Know Windows 10
Thursday, July 18 at 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Instruction & practice time on laptops.

Introduction to MS Publisher
Tuesday, July 30 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Instruction & practice time on laptops.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Baby Storytime (2yrs. and under)
Tuesday, July 16 at 9:30 am
Tummy play time to follow.

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am

Glenn Foster Magic Show with BIG Illusion!
Thursday, July 18 at 10:00 am

Kids Book Bingo
Tuesday, July 23 at 3:30 pm

Reading Rockin' (Therapy dogs)
Thursday, July 25 at 5:00 pm
RSVP required.

Happy Birthday, Harry Potter!
Tuesday, July 30 at 3:30 pm
Let's celebrate Harry Potter's 39th!

WARRENTON BRANCH
Call: 636-456-3321

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Rock-A-Thon
Starts Monday, July 8 at 10:00 am
Which branch can keep their rocking chair going the longest wins!

Chicks with Sticks (Crochet/Knitting)
Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

Intro to Sugar Flowers Demonstration
Tuesday, July 2 at 5:30 pm
Design beautiful watercolor flowers.

Galaxy Paint Night (Limit 60, 21+ yrs.)
Tuesday, July 16 at 5:30 pm
Sip some wine and paint the galaxy!

DIY: Wine Bottles (Limit 50)
Tuesday, July 23 at 5:30 pm
Re-purpose an old wine bottle into art!

A Novel Bunch Book Club
Wednesday, July 24 at 2:00 pm
Discuss The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris.

An Evening in Space Movie Night
Tuesday, July 30 at 5:30 pm
Watch Oscar winner “Cocoon” w/ snacks!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Kids Club (K- 5th grade)
Tuesdays in July at 2:00 pm

Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)
Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Out of This World Wednesday!
Wednesdays in June at 2:00 pm
Come watch a space-themed movie!

Teen Time During the Summer
Tuesdays, at 1:00 pm

Close Encounters of the Plushy Kind- Storytime
Friday, July 19 at 10:00 am
Read, sing, dance, and make an alien!

Teen Movie: “Guardians of the Galaxy”
Saturday, July 27 at 1:00 pm
Movie and snacks!

WRIGHT CITY BRANCH
Call: 636-944-6100

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Rock-A-Thon
Starts Monday, July 8 at 10:00 am
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Adult Book Club
Monday, July 8 at 6:00 pm
We will discuss Unbroken.

Galaxy Paint Night (Limit 60, 21+ yrs.)
Tuesday, July 16 at 5:30 pm
Sip some wine and paint the galaxy!

DIY: Wine Bottles (Limit 50)
Tuesday, July 23 at 5:30 pm
Re-purpose an old wine bottle into art!

Climate Control: Renewable Energy
Thursday, July 18 at 5:00 pm
Credit: Save money, save the planet!

Christmas in July: Holiday Cards
Saturday, July 20 at 12:00 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Baby Storytime (2yrs. and under)
Tuesday, July 16 at 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Tummy play time to follow.

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Wednesdays at 10:00 am

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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](http://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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