Union Branch Set to Open on August 21

The library’s new Union branch and administrative offices will open to the public on August 21. The library’s space will increase from 7,000 sq. ft. in the old building to 17,200 sq. ft. at the new facility. The facility will have a dedicated teen area, adult lounge with fireplace and café, three outdoor patios with seating, drive-up book drop, 1,900 sq. ft. of public meeting space, three study rooms, and other amenities. The children’s area will feature a giant touch screen tablet, LEGO® tables, magnet walls, and other activities. A self-check system will be installed at the branch in mid-September. The Union location is the library’s eighth new facility to be completed in the three-county area in the past eighteen months. The $22 million building project, made possible by the library’s first-ever voter-approved tax increase in 2014, expanded the library’s overall square footage from 44,000 sq. ft. to 88,000 sq. ft.

A grand opening event will be held on Saturday, September 14 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event will feature a bounce house, face painting, balloon artist, music, and free hot dogs, popcorn, chips, and soda. There will be a dedication ceremony at 11:30 AM featuring guest speakers Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, Missouri State Librarian Robin Westphal, and Franklin County Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker. Union Area Chamber of Commerce Director Amanda Day will also have a ribbon cutting.

Franklin County Bicentennial Exhibit to Visit Branches

The library will be displaying the Franklin County Bicentennial Exhibit at its five Franklin County branches in late August and September. The Franklin County Bicentennial Committee had three, fifteen-panel exhibits created for display throughout the county in 2019. The panels chronicle many aspects of the county’s 200-year history, everything from farming to Route 66, and include many images. The library has also been having a program each month related to Franklin County history at its five branches throughout the county. All the programs, which will continue until December, have been enormously popular and produced high attendance.

Franklin County Bicentennial Exhibit

New Haven branch – August 24-30
Sullivan branch – September 9-14
Pacific branch – September 9-14
St. Clair branch – September 15-21
Union branch – September 15-21
Director to Give Union Friends of the Library Private Tour

Scenic Regional Library Director Steve Campbell will give the members of the Union Friends of the Library a private tour of the new Union branch and administrative offices on August 20 at 7:00 PM, prior to the facility opening to the public.

People can still join the Friends group for as little as $10 to attend the tour; visit www.scenicregionalfoundation.org to join.

Branches Launch Instagram Accounts

The library launched an Instagram account for each branch and its bookmobile in July. It will use the social media platform to publicize its services and programs, as well as post photographs from branch activities. The library has operated Facebook pages for each branch for the past few years. Many public libraries across the country use Facebook, Instagram, and other social media platforms to promote their services.

Instagram Handles:
- Union branch: unionbranch
- Sullivan branch: sullivanbranch
- Warrenton branch: warrentonbranch
- Wright City branch: wrightcitybranch
- Hermann branch: hermannbranch
- Owensville branch: owensvillebranch
- New Haven branch: newhavenbranch
- Pacific branch: scenicpacific
- St. Clair branch: stclairbranch
- Bookmobile: scenicbookmobile
In mid-July, 1,875 copies of *Station Eleven* arrived at the library. The library will be giving away the books to the public beginning on September 3 as part of its NEA Big Read grant. The goal of the NEA Big Read is to get as many people as possible in a community to read and discuss the same book. The library and its partners selected *Station Eleven*, an award-winning post-apocalyptic, science fiction novel by Emily St. John Mandel, as their book for the NEA Big Read. The book’s intended audience is teenagers and adults.

On September 3, patrons can walk into any Scenic Regional Library branch or the Washington Public Library and pick up a free paperback copy of *Station Eleven* to keep. Each branch will receive 50 to 75 copies; the Washington Public Library will receive 110 copies. The books will be distributed on a “first come, first serve” basis while supplies last.

From the delivery, 865 copies will be given to eight area high schools which have agreed to incorporate the book into their senior-level high school English class curriculum this fall. The Friends of the Library groups agreed to reimburse the library for 570 of the copies. The Warrenton branch Friends of the Library agreed to purchase 100 copies for Warrenton High School; Owensville branch Friends of the Library, 90 copies for Owensville High School; Pacific branch Friends of the Library, 100 copies for Pacific High School; St. Clair branch Friends of the Library, 60 copies for St. Clair High School; and Union branch Friends of the Library, 220 copies for Union High School. The Washington Public Library will provide books for St. Francis Borgia High School and Washington High School.

East Central College Library will also have 125 copies to distribute to their students. In addition, the East Central Literacy Council purchased 90 copies for East Central College’s Adult Education & Literacy students.

All the NEA Big Read titles were purchased through the Neighborhood Reads bookstore in Washington, Missouri.

Programming related to the themes of the novel, as well as book discussion groups, will be held throughout the three-county area between September 24 and November 5. The author, Emily St. John Mandel, will be interviewed, answer questions, and sign books at East Central College on November 5. For more information, visit www.scenicregional.org/bigread.
Library to Begin Checking Out Binoculars

Beginning August 1, each Scenic Regional Library branch will offer a set of Vortex Crossfire 8x42 binoculars for check out. The binoculars were purchased through the St. Louis Astronomical Society and can be used for bird watching or night sky viewing. The binoculars will check out in a small, hard case and include a Night Sky guide, a Backyard Bird guide, and laminated instruction manual.

The library already checks out some other popular specialty items, including telescopes, fishing poles, and cake pans. Patrons will be required to present their library card and an additional form of identification to check out a set of binoculars. The binoculars must be checked out on an adult card. Unlike most other library items, the binoculars will only have a 7-day checkout period and cannot be renewed. There is also a $5 per day overdue fine for the binoculars.

Books-By-Mail

Do you know someone who is home bound and unable to visit the library? Scenic Regional Library offers a completely free “books-by-mail” program. Home bound individuals who qualify can sign up to receive five items at a time through the library by mail, including books, audiobooks on CD, music on CD, and even DVDs. Visit: scenicregional.org/request-materials/booksbymail for more information and to sign up today!

“I have been getting the books since April, 2018. I am 93, live in Assisted Living and don’t have much to do and I really enjoy reading. To this date you have sent me 101 books and whoever picks them out is doing a wonderful job. Thanks so much.”
-Gladys Hauser

“I love this program. If not for Books-By-Mail I would have no way to get books. My life is so much richer because of Books-By-Mail.”
-Annette Jones
Pacific Friends Group Accepting Donations for Crocheted Bookmarks

The Pacific branch Friends of the Library are offering crocheted bookmarks in exchange for donations—while supplies last! Patron Frankie Brown crocheted several dozen of the beautiful bookmarks and donated them to the library to use as a fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Pacific branch Friends group and Pacific branch.

Eastern Missouri Dark Sky Observers taught Pacific patrons how to use the telescope and soon-to-be-circulated binoculars.

The St. Clair branch had a great turn out during their monthly Book Club. They discussed “Bring Me Back” by B.A. Paris.

Staff Spotlight: Ruth Technical Services Manager, Administration

At which location do you currently work? HQ (Headquarters in Union).

How long have you worked for Scenic? Seven years, but I’ve worked in libraries for almost 30 years.

What made you want to work in a library? My mother is a librarian so I practically grew up in libraries. Libraries have always been a second home for me.

What is your favorite part of the job? Figuring out better, more efficient, more effective ways of doing things.

What do you wish more people knew about the library? How much we have to offer. We aren’t just books anymore. In addition to the usual books, DVDs, magazines, audiobooks, and music CDs, we have telescopes, fishing poles, cake pans, and now binoculars.

What are you most excited about with the upcoming move to the new building and why? The location. It is so much more accessible. We will be easier to find and easier for people to get in and out. We will also have more parking.

What are you currently reading? I just finished Choosing Civility by P.M. Forni.

What is your favorite book? Why? I don’t have a favorite book. I read a lot of fiction, particularly mysteries but also enjoy history, and books on leadership and self-improvement.

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or Scenic Regional Library? I see Technical Services as the guts of the library. Every book, DVD, cake pan, etc. comes through us to be labeled and added to the catalog before it can go out into the system. I’ve worked for public libraries of all sizes, but I’ve never worked for one that cares as much about its employees and patrons as Scenic does.

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August 2019 Upcoming Events

**Hermann Branch**
Call: 573-486-2024

- Please register for adult programs.

**Adult Programs**

**Book Club**
Wednesday, August 21 at 4:30 pm
We will discuss *Once Upon a River* by Markus Zusak.

**Love Your Lymph**
Thursday, August 8 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm
Learn about how to take care of your lymphatic system.

**Finding Joy!**
Thursday, August 22 from 6 pm - 7:30 pm
Local author, Gina Prosch, will show us how to “find joy, even when you’re not feelin’ it”.

**Kid & Teen Programs**

**Dino O’Dell Music Show**
Friday, August 2 at 2:00 pm
Interactive music and storytelling show about outer space science.

**STEAMTime Storytime**
Tuesday, August 6 at 10:00 am
Preschool Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math!

**Storytime - NEW TIME!**
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

**Kids Club** (RSVP for supplies)
Tuesday, August 6 at 3:30 pm
Bring your art-sy friends and make some cool clay beads!

**Project T.I.L.T.** (RSVP for supplies)
Tuesday, August 13 at 3:30 pm
Learn to decorate a cake like a pro!

**Family Movie Night at the Hermann Show Boat Theater**
No Movie This Month

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**New Haven Branch**
Call: 573-237-2189

- Please register for adult programs.

**Adult Programs**

**Night with an Astronaut**
Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 pm
Join Dr. Linda Godwin, veteran astronaut of four spaceflights as she speaks about her NASA and space experience.

**Pioneer Day**
Saturday, August 24 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Celebrate the Franklin County Bicentennial as the Pioneers would have. Enjoy demonstrations, crafts, and games for the whole family.

**Book Club at the Branch**
Wednesday, August 28 at 5:00 pm
We will discuss *Enemy Women* by Paulette Jiles.

**Armchair Traveler - South Africa**
Thursday, August 29 at 6:00 pm
Experience South Africa from the comfort of the library. The Appell Family will regale us with their African travels.

**Kid & Teen Programs**

**Dino O’Dell Music Show**
Friday, August 2 at 6:00 pm
Interactive music and storytelling show about outer space science.

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

**Storytime with Callie**
Saturday, August 17 at 10:00 am
A special storytime with Callie the Therapy Dog!

**Creative Building Challenge**
Saturday, August 17 at 1:00 pm
Using Lego®’s, kids will be challenged to build a variety of objects and structures.

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**Owensville Branch**
Call: 573-437-2188

- Please register for adult programs.

**Adult Programs**

**Space Secrets**
Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 pm
Laurie Osseck presents the ‘dirty details’ of Neil Armstrong’s trip to the moon.

**Starry Night Luminary Craft**
Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 pm
Bring the galaxy indoors with this adult craft event.

**Tea Time Travelers’ Book Club**
Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 pm
We will discuss *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.

**Galaxy Shoes & Slime Craft**
Thursday, August 29 at 6:30 pm
Bring and decorate canvas sneakers, then make cleaning slime while they dry.

**Kid & Teen Programs**

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

**Teen Club:**

**Solar System Bracelet** (Grades 6+)
Thursday, August 1 at 6:00 pm
Take the universe in hand, make a solar system bracelet.
Please register, space is limited.

**Dino O’Dell Music Show**
Friday, August 2 at 10:00 am
Interactive music and storytelling show about outer space science.

**Read, Build, & Play** (Grades PK-5)
Saturday, August 10 at 10:30 am

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**Children in Hermann learned Yoga poses during Yoga Bees every Friday in July.**

**Cardinal’s tickets were won by these Owensville patrons as a blast off into the Summer Reading Program. Congratulations!**

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PACIFIC BRANCH
Call: 636-257-2712
Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS
Mahjong & More
Every Monday at 10:00 am
Everyone welcome!
Take-A-Ticket Technology Tutor
Thursday, August 8 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
30-min. sessions with Adult Education instructor Stacy Emerson.
Book Club
Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00 pm
We will be discussing Winter Sisters by Robin Oliveira.
Route 66
Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 pm
Tour Main Street America.
25 Greatest Unsolved Mysteries
Thursday, August 29 at 6:00 pm
Presented by Laurie Osseck.

ST. CLAIR BRANCH
Call: 636-629-2546
Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS
Book Bingo
Monday, August 12 at 11:00 am
All winners will receive book prizes.
Book-to-Movie Club
Thursday, August 15 at 5:00 pm
Discuss and watch The Crooked House by Agatha Christie.
Adult Book Club
Thursday, August 22 at 2:00 pm
Discuss When We Found Home by Susan Mallery.
DIY: Reusable Food Wraps
Saturday, August 31 at 2:00 pm
Learn how to make reusable food wraps using cloth and beeswax.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Pre-School Storytime
Every Thursday at 11:00 am
Read, Build, & Play
1st Saturday each month at 11:00 am
August 3: Strawbees.
Dino O’Dell Music Show
Saturday, August 3 at 1:00 pm
Interactive music and storytelling show about outer space science.
Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Friday, August 23 at 5:30 pm
Bring your stuffed animal for a special bedtime storytime, then leave them overnight at the branch for a sleepover. Pick up your stuffed friends the following day!

SULLIVAN BRANCH
Call: 573-468-4372
Please register for adult programs.
ADULT PROGRAMS
As the Page Turns Book Club
Thursday, August 8 at 6:00 pm
We will be discussing The Art Forger by B. A. Shapiro.
Pinterest Craft Night:
Clay Cactus Pot (Rescheduled)
Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00 pm
Make a cute potted clay cactus for your decor or as a gift!
Jumping From Helicopters
Book Discussion
Thursday, August 15 at 6:00 pm
Lori and John Stillman discuss their book about John’s service in the Vietnam War.
Looking Back on Missouri Dance Halls
Thursday August 29 at 6:00 pm
Author Ken Johnson presents a look back on local bands and dance halls of the 1940’s and 50’s.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Storytime (Preschool-age children)
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
Kids Club
Thursday, August 22 at 4:00 pm
Make It and Take It Craft Day.
Homeschool Group
Thursday, August 29 at 10:30 am
Make It and Take It Craft Day.
Teen Fandom Club, Mini Golf
Friday, August 30 at 6:00 pm

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UNION BRANCH
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August 9-20 due to the move!

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Shrinky Dink Jewelry
Thursday, August 1 at 6:00 pm
Make a beautiful pair or earrings out of a childhood favorite. Must be 18+ to attend.

Fishing 101
Thursday, August 8 at 6:00 pm
Learn the basics of fishing with Scenic’s own Fishing trainer Johnnalee. Family program open to all ages.

Hooked on Books-Book Club
No meeting this month due to our move.

Book BINGO
Thursday, August 22 at 11:00 am
Every winner takes home a book.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Dino O’Dell Music Show
Thursday, August 1 at 10:00 am
Interactive music and storytelling show about outer space science.

Mommy and Me Manicures
Tuesday, August 6 at 3:30 pm
Learn painting and nail art techniques. All children welcome.

Reading to Rover (Therapy dogs)
Thursday, August 22 at 5:00 pm
RSVP required.

Dino Dig for Kids
Tuesday, August 27 at 3:30 pm
Come dig up dinosaurs. RSVP today!

Thank you to Chef Lee of Blue Anchor Bistro for coming out and doing a delicious program. He taught Wright City patrons how to feed a family of four for under $10.

WARRENTON BRANCH
Call: 636-456-3321

Please register for adult programs.

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

Mat Pilates
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
Bring a mat and clean socks!

St. Louis Browns
Tuesday, August 6 at 6:00 pm
STL baseball history with Ed Wheatley.

Historic Missouri Roadsides
Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00 pm
“Road trip” with author Bill Hart.

Good Girls & Bad Girls from the Show-Me State
Tuesday, August 20 at 6:00 pm
Learn about 20 historic influential women from MO.

A Novel Bunch Book Club
Wednesday, August 28 at 2:00 pm
Reader’s Choice this month!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Dino O’Dell Music Show
Thursday, August 1 at 6:00 pm
Interactive music and storytelling show about outer space science.

Family Rocks: Rock Painting
Thursday, August 22 at 5:00 pm
Join us for family rock painting fun! Limit of 40.

Glen Foster visited all the branches during Summer Reading Program and amazed us with his magic! (Sullivan branch pictured)

WRIGHT CITY BRANCH
Call: 636-384-1136

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Adult Book Bingo
Thursday, August 1 at 1:00 pm
Win free books while playing Bingo!

Adult Book Club
Monday, August 12 at 6:00 pm
We will discuss The Mole People by Jennifer Toth.

Voices of the Past
Thursday, August 15 at 6:00 pm
Join the Wright City Memorial Cemetery Society and their costumed volunteers while they portray six individuals from Wright City history.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)
Wednesdays at 10:00 am

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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](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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