

## LIBRARY

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that Friends of the Library helps fund programs.

The group will host a naming rights auction, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 8. The date will be finalized at its August meeting. There will be invitations sent out for the event.

Businesses and individuals will bid for a chance to sponsor designated areas of the library.

There also is a donor wall going up at the library. The donor wall will feature custom-made crafts that look like book-ends with an individual, family or business name. Donation forms can be filled out at the library.

### Programs

Bell discussed the library's programs. She said there are programs for everyone — adults, teens, families and children.

In particular, she pointed out the growth of the children's programming.

"At story time a week ago, there were 30 preschoolers," she said. "Can you imagine 30 preschoolers? It was a rousing hour."

Bell also told Chamber members about an upcoming children's event that will encourage kids to bring in stuffed animals to the library.

"We're going to read that stuffed animal a story, and they're going to get a picture taken with their stuffed animal," she said. "They're going to leave their stuffed animal here. When they're gone, the animals are going to get into shenanigans at the library. We're going to take pictures of those shenanigans."

Kids will pick up their stuffed animals in the morning with pictures of what they

did at night.

Bell also spoke about the 10 computers the library has for public use. Anyone can use them for research, but they also can be used for gaming.

"Yesterday, the internet went down for a couple minutes and I really thought we were going to have a riot," she joked. "I had to use my teaching skills for a few minutes to get them through it."

Although books are what libraries are known for, the St. Clair Branch even has telescopes and cake pans that can be checked out.

"The point is, we have a little bit of everything for everyone. We are open lots of hours and accessible to everyone," Bell said. "If you need it and we don't have it, we will try to help you find it. I think we have a very friendly staff. We aim to be friendly. We get along really well and I think that shows."

Bell then lead members on a tour of the library.

### Chamber Meeting

The Chamber is now at 181 current members, adding 20 new members this year.

A few upcoming events were highlighted.

"Chamber Coffee," a new event, is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 8 a.m. at Bushel and a Peck. Community members can drink coffee with Chamber members.

"Show Me Burnouts," a car show, will be held Saturday, Sept. 14. Registration will run from 8-11 a.m. There will be a \$20 entry fee. The event is in need of sponsors.

The St. Clair Branch of Scenic Regional Library will host "Boo and a Book" Friday, Oct. 25 from 4-6 p.m. Children will get to read Halloween-themed books.

## WASTEWATER

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new system in."

Wastewater treatment lagoons are designed and constructed for the purpose of providing the right environmental conditions for bacteriological processes to proceed.

Barry said the new system is referred to as a trip irrigation system. It will have seven pumps and holding tanks that will filter the water. Everything will pump into the sewer system.

A roadway will be constructed that leads to

souri Department of Natural Resources. Everything had to be through the DNR. That included having the system approved and its engineering."

Right now, it is just dirt. Grass will be planted on top of the lot.

"It's like a sprinkler system for your yard," Barry said. "It feeds the grass and then the sunlight dries it out so it will stay shallow. It will work really well."

The system will add a septic tank, pump and an extra drain field to the district's existing septic tank system.

current lagoon, and Casco Electric to install electric and waterlines.

In October 2018, the school district hired Cochran Engineering to help with the project. The amount of water used within the district has decreased over the years.

The current lagoon system was built for the use of 5,400 gallons of water a day. The past few years, the district has used between 2,400-2,600 gallons a day.

Now, the district is down to using 1,500 gallons a day. Water usage decreased