Union Branch Opens, Director Gives Friends Tour

Scenic Regional Library Director Steve Campbell gave a private tour of the new Union branch and administrative offices to members of the Union Friends of the Library, the Union women’s PEO group, and some city and county officials, the evening before the facility opened to the public. The Union PEO founded the first library in Union in the 1930’s. Over 70 people attended the August 20 tour.

The new library opened to the public on August 21. Over 470 people visited the branch and 1,100 items were checked out on opening day. The 17,200 square foot facility features three shaded patios with outdoor seating, three study rooms, a 1,900 square foot programming and public meeting room, dedicated teen area with gaming console, adult lounge with café, self-check system, and other amenities. The branch’s children’s area has LEGO® activity tables, a giant touch screen tablet with literacy games, magnet wall, reading cubbies, and other activities.
All Scenic Regional Library branches will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day

Union Grand Opening on September 14

The library will have a grand opening event for the new Union branch and administrative offices on Saturday, September 14, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event will have a bounce house, balloon artist, and air brush tattoos for kids, as well as free hot dogs, popcorn, potato chips, and drinks. C&R Sound will provide music and 99.9 KFAV-FM will do a remote broadcast from the event.

The dedication ceremony will be held at 11:30AM. Guest speakers will be Franklin County Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker, Missouri State Librarian Robin Westphal, and Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft. The Secretary of State oversees the Missouri State Library and has been a strong and vocal advocate for Missouri’s public libraries since being elected. The event will also include the naming of the branch’s public meeting room after Lucy Lomax, the library’s first director, as well as a ribbon cutting with the Union Area Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft will be the keynote speaker at the Union branch’s grand opening event.

New Branch Managers

On July 26, 2019, Georgia Mofield retired after seventeen years of service with the library, including fifteen years as the Pacific branch manager. Ms. Mofield did not want to have a retirement reception.

The library’s former Sullivan branch manager, Lori Jane Perdew, who has been a resident of Pacific since 2001, was transferred to the Pacific branch on August 26. Ms. Perdew began working for the library in March of 2015 at the Pacific branch and has been the Sullivan branch manager since August of 2016.

Kecia Philpot, who has been the Sullivan branch’s children’s programmer since June 2016, was promoted to branch manager on August 26. She is a resident of Sullivan. In 2018, Ms. Philpot was nominated for the Sullivan Area Chamber of Commerce’s Woman of the Year Award for her service work and contributions to the community.

Library’s NEA Big Read Kicks Off with Book Giveaway

The library will kick off its NEA Big Read on September 3 with a book giveaway. Anyone can stop by a Scenic Regional Library branch or the Washington Library and ask for a free paperback copy of Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel (while supplies last).

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 library and Friends of the Library groups purchased over 1,800 copies of the novel for schools and the public.

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.

During the six-week period between September 24 and November 5, the library and its partners will present 77 free programs and book discussions. 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.

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.

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).

Other sponsors include United Bank of Union, Bank of Washington, Bank of Franklin County, and Neighborhood Reads.

For more information about the NEA Big Read, including details about programming and book discussion groups, visit www.scenicregional.org/bigread.
A monthly publication from your local library!

**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:

- October 2nd or 8th in Union
- Call 636-584-6915 to register

Please call 636-584-6915 or email volunteer@ecaliteracy.org for more details and registration.

This young patron in Pacific needed a little bit of help making her dinosaur claws during storytime.

Yes, the rock-a-thon is still going. This St. Clair patron enjoyed rocking and reading out on the porch on a beautiful day!

Local author John Stillman presented about his book Jumping from Helicopters at the Sullivan branch in August.

Patrons at the Warrenton branch thumbed a ride with author, Bill Hart, as he gave us a wonderful road trip presentation through Missouri and all that our small towns have to offer!
Staff Spotlight: Rachel
Adult Programmer, New Haven

How long have you worked for Scenic? 3 ½ years.
Have you held any other positions at Scenic? I started as a part-time library assistant.
What made you want to work in a library? I love reading and the library is a fun and friendly place to be.
What is your favorite part of the job? When a program goes over really well and our patrons leave with big smiles on their faces.
What do you wish more people knew about the library? I wish people knew how many free resources, programs, and materials we have.
What are you currently reading? I am currently reading The Last Romantics by Tara Conklin.
What is your favorite book? Why? I never have been able to pick just one. My most recent favorite is Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. I loved the poetic way Owens wrote about nature.

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or Scenic Regional Library? We are now on Instagram! Follow us!
Library Foundation Sponsoring NEA Big Read Art Contest for Teens and Adults

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation is sponsoring an NEA Big Read art contest for teens and adults. Participants will submit a piece of artwork using any form of media that is related to the theme of Station Eleven, by Emily St. John Mandel. The Foundation is providing $500 in prize money for the event.

The contest has two age categories, ages 13-17 and 18 and older. Participants must live in Scenic Regional Library’s district and complete a contest entry form. Entrants for the ages 13-17 category must have a parent or guardian sign their contest entry form. There is a maximum of two entries per participant; a contest form for each entry is required. Participants must deliver entries to a Scenic Regional Library between Monday, October 7, and Saturday, October 12, 2019, at 5:00 PM.

All entries will be exhibited at Scenic Regional Library’s Union branch from October 15 through November 4. They will also be displayed at East Central College during “An Evening with Emily St. John Mandel” on Tuesday, November 5.

Awards will be given on Wednesday, October 30, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. A panel of judges from East Central College will select Best of Show in the youth and adult categories, as well as six Awards of Excellence overall.

A Best of Show prize, which will include a $100 gift card to an art and craft supply store, will be awarded for each age category. In addition, six Awards of Excellence will be given to other notable submissions among both age categories. The Awards of Excellence will include a $50 gift card to an art and craft supply store.

For more information, including an entry application and submission specifications, visit www.scenicregional.org/art.

Age categories: ages 13-17 and 18 and older

Prizes: Best of Show (2 prizes), $100 gift card; Awards of Excellence (6 prizes), $50 gift card

Submission deadline: Saturday, October 12, 2019 5:00 PM

Awards: Wednesday, October 30, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

More information: visit www.scenicregional.org/art

Credit: joelschoontanisart.com
september 2019 upcoming events

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Candy Corn Wreath
Tuesday, September 17 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Escape Room and Game Night
Thursday, September 26 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
STEAMTime Storytime
Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 am

Storytime
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Kids Club (RSVP for supplies)
Tuesday, September 3 at 3:30 pm

Project T.I.L.T. (RSVP for supplies)
Tuesday, September 10 at 3:30 pm

Homeschool Starts Here
Friday September 27 at 9:00 am

Family Movie Night at the Hermann Show Boat Theater
Friday, September 13 at 7:00 pm
“Wonder Park”
Saturday, September 14 at 7:00 pm
“Holmes and Watson”

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Maiden Voyage of the Titanic
Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 pm

Conversations on Climate
Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 pm

Book Club: Station Eleven
Wednesday, September 25 at 5:00 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Pre-School Storytime
Each Tuesday at 10:00 am

Storytime with Callie the Therapy Dog
Saturday, September 21 at 10:00 am

Kid’s Club - Fun With Things That Go
Saturday, September 21 at 1:00 pm

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Fire Safety
Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm

Tea Time Travelers’ Book Club
Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm

Bass Fishing 101
Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 pm

Bard in a Box
Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Lil’ OWLs Storytime
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

Read, Build, & Play (Grades PK-5)
Saturday, September 14 at 10:30 am

An astronaut in training at the New Haven branch, congratulations for being a great summer reader!

This family kept the rock-a-thon rocker rocking during the stuffed animal sleepover at the St. Clair branch.

This patron at the Union branch is carefully using a heat gun to make shrinky dink jewelry.

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September 2019 Upcoming Events

Pacific Branch
Call: 636-257-2712

Please register for adult programs.

Adult Programs
Mahjong & More
Every Monday at 10:00 am

Holiday Gift Cards: Limit 20
Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 pm

Book Club
Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00 pm

Let’s Chirp about It: Cricut Tutorial
Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm

Missouri Roadside Attractions
Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 pm

St. Clair Branch
Call: 636-629-2546

Please register for adult programs.

Adult Programs
Book Bingo
Monday, September 9 at 11:00 am

Book-to-Movie Club
Thursday, September 19 at 5:00 pm

Franklin County Poor Farm
Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm

Adult Book Club: Station Eleven
Thursday, September 26 at 2:00 pm

Sullivan Branch
Call: 573-468-4372

Please register for adult programs.

Adult Programs
Take-a-Ticket
Tuesday, September 10, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

As the Page Turns Book Club
Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 pm

Pinterest Craft Night:
Cross-Stitch Painting
Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm

Basic Survival Skills
Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 pm

Kid & Teen Programs

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

Kids Club (Grades 1-5)
1st & 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am

Soap Carving (Teens)
Monday, September 9 at 6:00 pm

Storytime (Preschool-Age Children)
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Read, Build, & Play
1st Saturday each month at 11:00 am

Chess 101
Saturday, September 14 at 2:00 pm

Look at the dinosaur I made in storytime at the Pacific branch!

Big thank you to the Wright City Cemetery Memorial Society for putting on the Voices of the Past program. Everyone enjoyed it very much!
UNION BRANCH  
Call: 636-583-3224

Please register for adult programs.  
ADULT PROGRAMS  
Quilting 101  
Thursday, September 5 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  

A Brighter Bolivia  
Thursday, September 12 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  

Union Branch Grand Opening  
Saturday, September 14 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  

Using Your Library Account Online (18+)  
Tuesday, September 17 from 10:00 am - 11:30 am  

Hooked on Books-Book Club  
Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 pm  

Movies and Music and More, Oh My! (18+)  
Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 pm  

Book BINGO  
Thursday, September 26 at 11:00 am  

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

Teen Game Day  
Tuesday, September 10 at 3:30 pm  

Check Out Big Machines  
Saturday, September 21 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  

Red Cross Pillowcase Program  
Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 pm  

Reading to Rover  
Thursday, September 26 at 5:00 pm  

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS  
Pre-School Storytime  
Tuesdays at 10:00 am  

Imagination Station (Grades K-5)  
Monday, September 9 at 3:15 pm  

Bedtime Storytime  
Monday, September 30 at 6:30 pm  

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  

An Evening in London: Limit 55  
Tuesday, September 3 at 5:30 pm  

Beyond the Gates: Bellefontaine Cemetery  
Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00 pm  

St. Louis Sound  
Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm  

A Novel Bunch Book Club  
Wednesday, September 25 at 2:00 pm  

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

Pirate Storytime  
Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 pm  

Teen Advisory Board  
Monday, September 23 at 10:00 am  

Escape Room/Game Night  
Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm  

Red Cross Pillow Case  
Monday, September 30 at 6:30 pm  

WRIGHT CITY BRANCH  
Call: 636-384-1136

Please register for adult programs.  
ADULT PROGRAMS  
Adult Book Bingo  
Thursday, September 5 at 1:00 pm  

Book Club  
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This great group of kiddos at the Warrenton branch are continuing to enjoy using the patio to hold their book club. Apples for snacks (just like in the Minecraft book that they are reading) and of course, a Minecraft costume!

Messy fun with dinosaurs during storytime out on the porch at the Sullivan branch.
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 1 ½” 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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Donor Wall “Book” Order Form

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