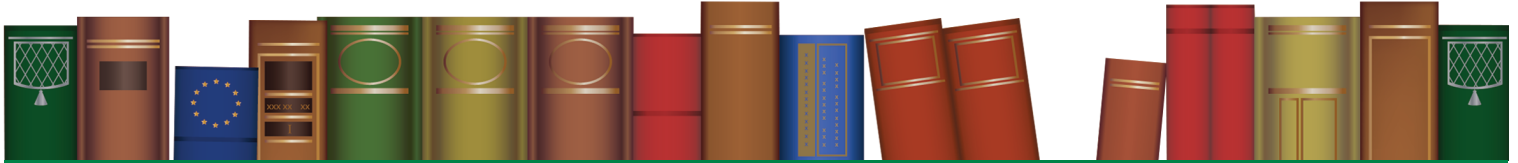




THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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Library Closes Due to Coronavirus



The library encouraged social distancing within the branches by shutting down every other computer.



The library initially placed signs on all the front entrances asking people with a fever or flu symptoms to avoid visiting the library.



Patrons at the Union branch stockpile books before the library closed on March 18.

Due to the rapid spread of coronavirus throughout the United States, the library joined thousands of libraries, businesses, senior citizen centers, schools, and other organizations across the country in closing to prevent the spread of the disease.

On March 12, the library announced that outreach, programs, and meeting room use would be suspended between March 14 and March 31 in an effort to curb the spread of coronavirus. Many libraries around Missouri were following a similar course of action to discourage people from congregating. Signs were also placed at the entrances of branches asking patrons who had a fever or flu-like symptoms not to visit.

The measures were only in effect for two days when the library administration announced that all branches would be closed from March 18 until April 6. In addition, outreach, programs, and meeting room use was suspended until May 13.

On the last day the library was open to the public prior to the closure, patrons stocked up on reading materials and DVDs. The library checked out 7,594 items systemwide on March 17. The same day in 2019, the library checked out 2,015 items systemwide!

The decision to close was difficult. While the library administration realizes that the library provides critical services to its communities, they believe that this is the most responsible course of action in order to protect the health of our residents at this time.

Due dates on all materials will be extended until the library reopens. All holds will remain in place, but be suspended until the library reopens. While branch book drops will remain open, patrons are strongly encouraged to keep items at home during the closure.

Patrons can access a variety of online resources remotely including eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming content such as movies and TV shows, digital magazines, digital music, and so much more, on the library website www.scenicregional.org.

All full- and part-time staff are being paid during the closure. Some staff brought laptops home to work, while others are working on projects at the library. The library is only allowing one staff member in each building at a time. The library's children's programmers have continued presenting their branch's weekly storytimes online using Facebook Live!

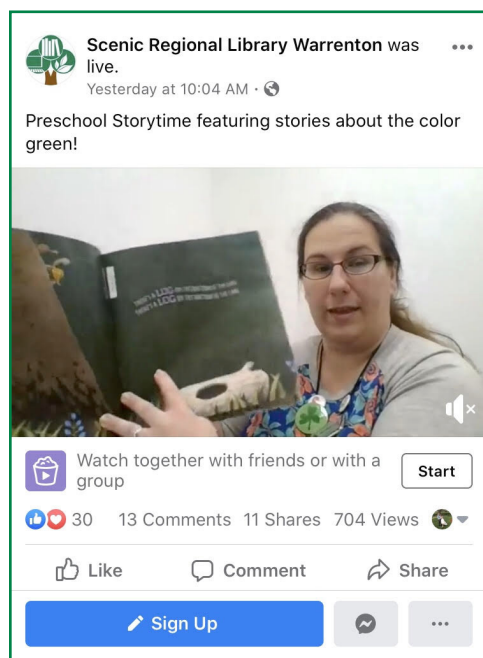
Please check the library website www.scenicregional.org and the branch Facebook and Instagram accounts for updated information. The library's administration will continue to monitor developments and respond accordingly.

All Library Programs, Meeting Room Use, and Outreach Canceled Until May 13.

- All checked out items will not be due until after the library re-opens.
- All holds will be suspended until the library reopens.
- Library cards will not expire while the library is closed.
- Please do not return items while the library is closed.

Branches Continue to Present Storytimes with Facebook Live!

While the library has been closed, the children's programmers have continued presenting their branch's weekly storytimes online using Facebook Live! on their branch Facebook pages. The online events drew hundreds of views at each location from when they began on March 18. During the fifteen- to twenty-minute streaming videos, the presenters read several picture books, demonstrate a craft, sing songs, and give parents literacy tips. The videos are archived on the branch Facebook pages and can be viewed afterwards, too.



Youth Services Programmer Katharine Renshaw presents virtual storytime from the Warrenton Branch on Facebook Live!

Parents Can Access Digital Picture Books While Library Closed

While the library is closed, parents still have free access to the TumbleBook Library deluxe collection for children in grades K-3. The collection includes more than 550 titles of animated talking picture books, books in English, French and Spanish, read-alongs, non-fiction books, and National Geographic Videos.



TumbleBook Library provides unlimited viewings, so multiple children can read the same book at the same time. The books are streamed through the web page, not downloaded, and the audio can be turned on or off so that children can practice reading. TumbleBook Library can be used at home by patrons with their library cards.

Visit <https://scenicregional.org/kids/tumblebook> on the library's website to access the TumbleBook Library.

Library Partners with Wolfner Library to Offer Digital Players

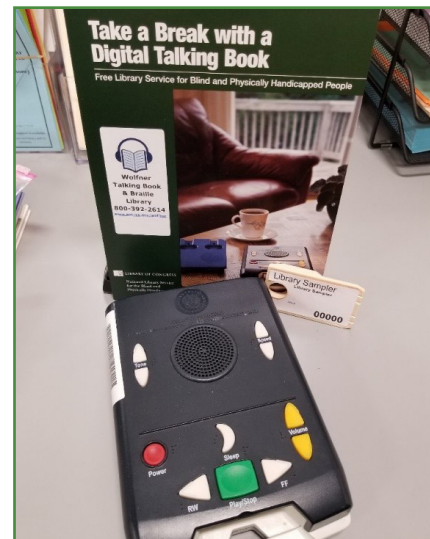
Scenic Regional Library has been invited by Wolfner Talking Book & Braille Library to partner in a campaign to put a digital player and talking book in every library in Missouri by the end of 2020. Wolfner Library serves all Missourians who are unable to read standard print due to blindness, visual impairment, or physical disability, either temporarily or permanently. All Scenic Regional branches have received a player and it is available for demonstrations.

The Wolfner Library lends material for all ages in various formats, including digital audio, braille, and large print. However, Wolfner Library services are not limited to books. They also offer films with descriptive narration, newspapers, as well as programming.

The Sullivan and Union branches recently hosted Lisa Hellman, Wolfner Library staff, at storytime. During the storytime, young patrons were able to experience books in braille, as well as modified coloring sheets with raised images. Scenic Regional staff also learned techniques and adaptations that can be made to programs to make them more welcoming for individuals with visual impairments.

Additionally, Wolfner Library staff is available to assist patrons in accessing the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) app. The BARD app provides electronic access to talking books, braille, magazines, and music through a phone application.

For more information about the digital player and talking books, as well as Wolfner Library services, please contact library staff.



Library's Digital Resources Still Available During Closure

While the library is closed, patrons continue to have access to tens of thousands of digital resources, such as e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, streaming video, and digital and streaming music. These can be checked out and downloaded for free with a library card and viewed or listened to on a Smartphone, tablet, desktop, and laptop. Step-by-step help guides on accessing these resources are available at <https://scenicregional.org/virtual-library/download-stream>. The library's digital titles can also be searched through its online catalog.



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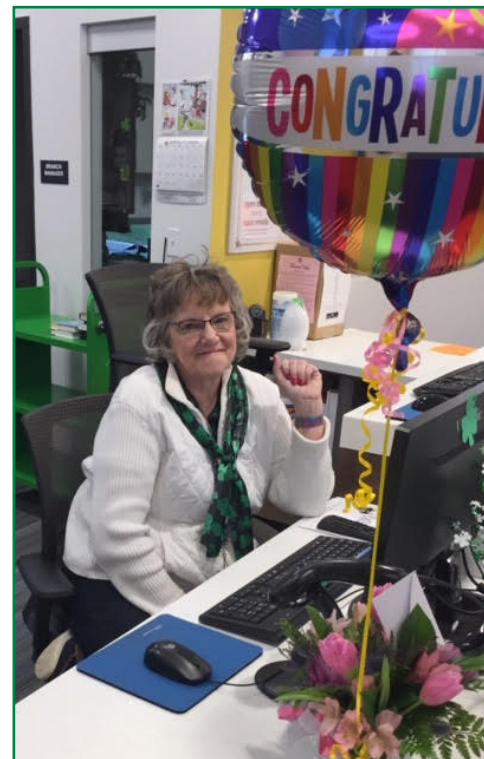


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While the library is closed, people can still access Wi-Fi in the branch parking lots. A password or library card is not needed.

Wanda Walkenhorst Retires



Wanda Walkenhorst retired from the library on March 20. She worked at the New Haven branch as a part-time library assistant for twelve years. During the first few years that she worked at the library she split time between the Hermann and New Haven branches. Ms. Walkenhorst was a teacher prior to working at the library.

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On March 12 patrons at the Hermann branch enjoyed learning about famous women in history, presented by our Adult Outreach Coordinator Laurie Osseck.



March 7 the Wright City branch celebrated Frozen 2 with snacks, songs, the new Frozen movie, and pictures with Elsa!



Scenic Regional Library Director Steve Campbell was a guest reader at Mrs. Adams' kindergarten class at Daniel Boone Elementary School in Warrenton on March 5 for Read Across America Week.

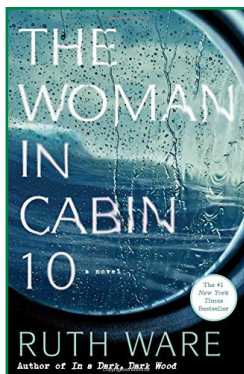
Staff Picks



"Harleen," by Stjepan Šejić

This isn't the Harley Quinn you think you know. The story line and writing...well you really just need to read it yourself to fully appreciate how clever Šejić is with such limited space, yet the descent into madness he weaves. This reads like how Harley Quinn was originally portrayed, her origin story if you will. We follow good doctor Harleen Quinzel as she starts her research at the infamous Arkham Asylum where she interviews some well known DC villains, including Joker. We already know how the story ends, Harley narrates her own descent into madness, guiding the reader through the many mistakes she made that turned her into Harley Quinn.

-Review by Becky at the Union Branch



"The Woman in Cabin 10," by Ruth Ware

I am a big fan of mysteries or a good "whodunnit" and Ruth Ware has delivered in this book! A journalist of a travel magazine goes on a lavish cruise on a small yacht that has just become available to the public. She enjoys meeting the handful of guests and the lush accommodations until she experiences something that leaves her shook one evening. She believes someone has been murdered, although everyone is accounted for! This book is full of twists and turns and I promise you will not figure out the ending.

-Review by Amanda in Administration

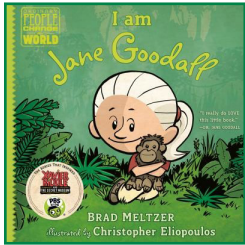


We had some super creative patrons in the Warrenton branch March 8. Look what they made with our Rigamajig set!



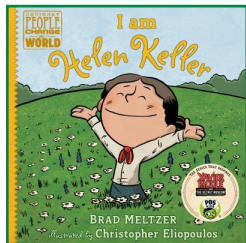
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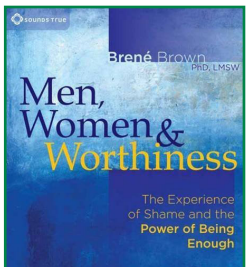


“Ordinary People Change the World,” by Brad Meltzer (series)

One of my very favorite series written by one of my favorite authors is “Ordinary People Change the World” by Brad Meltzer. Even though these are children’s books I have loved reading every one of them with my children. I have always been a fan of biographies and every book in the series is a gem. They help teach children that everyone starts as a child and can change the world by their choices and actions. He shows us how kindness, compassion, and standing up for what you believe can make a difference and effect the people around you. What a strong message to teach the next generation. I love that he gives details of each person’s life as a child before they became the grown-up hero we have come to know. My children LOVE them and have read every one. The illustrations are colorful and fun, I cannot say enough about how much I love this series. As an added bonus there is a hidden illustration of the author somewhere in every book which is fun to be on the lookout for.



-Review by Melissa at the Union Branch



“Men, Women & Worthiness: The Experience of Shame and the Power of Being Enough,” by Brene Brown

Brene Brown’s, “Men, Women & Worthiness: The Experience of Shame and the Power of Being Enough,” is an audiobook available on Hoopla. Brown, a professor, licensed social worker, researcher and lecturer, explains in layman’s terms how each of us is basically the product of how we were raised to deal with shame and guilt. And men and women were taught differently from each other. We’ve all had those moments in our childhood, teen years, adulthood where we questioned

our value because of the reaction we saw others had to us. How we were treated in the home, at school, in social situations, or at work, has shaped our self-perception. We made a mistake--how do we react or respond to this mistake? Do we say, “I am a complete idiot” or “That was not something I should have done.” Are we telling ourselves “I am of little or no value” or are we telling ourselves, “That was not a good choice. I don’t usually act like that or think that way.” Brown explains the difference between shame (I am worthless) and guilt (I messed up) and with this key information, we can learn how to take control of how we treat ourselves, and, consequently, improve not just our self perception but how we connect with and react to others. It’s a short book and in about an hour’s time, I changed how I think about others and their behaviors. Brown’s manner is humorous, intelligent, engaging, and, most of all, genuine. Her fascinating research results will captivate your interest as you learn more about this part of human nature which is often overlooked but critically vital.

-Review by Tina at the Hermann Branch



Thanks to all who came to the Union branch “String Art” program March 4. Everyone worked very hard on their project.

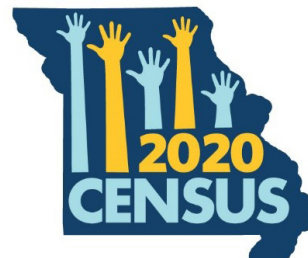


Diane Disbro entertained us with stories of women from The Missourian on March 12 at the New Haven branch.



March 2 branches celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday. The St. Clair branch had a display of books by the author available to check out.

Everybody Counts: Library Provides Public Assistance with U.S. Census



On March 12, households throughout the U.S. started to receive an invitation to complete the 2020 Census. A census is taken every ten years in the United States. It is not only a way to count the number of individuals in each state, but also allocate Congressional seats for each state and determine how many federal tax dollars are sent to Missouri for roads, bridges, hospitals, and schools. For each person, regardless of age, that is not counted in the census, Missouri loses \$1,300 in Federal funding.

This is the first time a U.S. census has been conducted mostly online, including mobile devices; however, individuals can also respond by mail or by phone. Once the library has resumed regular hours, patrons will be welcome to come into the library to complete the census using a library computer or Wi-Fi. As always, staff will be available to any person needing assistance.

U.S. Census completion and reporting will continue throughout the spring and summer, with a final count report due to the President on December 1, 2020.



March Storytime at the New Haven branch was all about the color red. We had fun reading lots of books with red characters or red things.



The Friends of the Library held an auction for naming rights to various areas in the new library building. Each area now displays the name of the person or company who sponsors that area. Here is the Union branch cafe, dedicated to Karen Hatcher Melton.

Staff Spotlight: Megan Assistant Director of Scenic Regional Library



How long have you worked for Scenic? Three years.

What made you want to work in a library? I have always enjoyed helping people and ensuring that patrons have access to information, no matter what the question; and at the heart of it, that is what working in a library is all about.

What is your favorite part of the job? I like collaborating with my colleagues to develop new services for our patrons. I am always working to figure out the next thing we can circulate.

What are you currently reading? As is typical for me, I am reading several things at once. I am listening to *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth. I am finishing up *A Girl's Guide to Missiles* by Karen Piper and have a couple books waiting on the nightstand.

What is your favorite book? Why? My favorite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. I have read this book so many times and at different times in my life. It is my favorite because of the writing style and characters. I also believe the themes throughout have importance at different times in life.

Parents are currently faced with helping their school-aged children with their academics while schools are closed. What library digital resource are you finding most helpful as a parent? I have an eight year old at home now. We are enjoying using *TumbleBookLibrary*. This is a resource anyone can access at home that has picture books, graphic novels, and chapter books.

During the library's closure because of the coronavirus outbreak, what library resource(s) are you most enjoying? My favorite app is Libby/Overdrive. I use this for audiobooks and occasionally ebooks. I also like RBDigital to access magazines. I promise there is a magazine on this app for everyone!

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your role at SRL, or the library in general? I love the census! It is census time right now, so while at home, it is a great opportunity to respond to the census, which can be done by phone, mail, or online.

Scenic Regional Staff Visit Jefferson City for Library Advocacy Day

On March 11, staff from Scenic Regional joined librarians from around the state for Library Advocacy Day in Jefferson City. This year, the annual event had its largest turnout ever. Director Steve Campbell, Sullivan Branch Manager Kecia Philpot, Union Branch Assistant Manager Macee Jarvis, and Assistant Director Megan Maurer, represented the library.

The group from Scenic Regional visited with the eleven state representatives and senators in the library's district. Librarians asked legislators to support a \$1.1 million increase in state library funding recommended by Governor Mike Parson and Secretary of State John Ashcroft. State funding for public libraries in Missouri is still lower than in 2010, during the height of the recession. State funding for libraries includes direct state aid, MOREnet funding (REAL program), and Athletes & Entertainers Tax funding.

The Secretary of State and Governor recommended a \$1.1 million increase to the REAL program, which subsidizes Internet costs for public libraries and provides technical support. The Missouri annual budget is usually approved by the legislature in early May.



ABOVE: (pictured left to right) State Representative Nate Tate, Union Branch Assistant Manager Macee Jarvis, and Assistant Director Megan Maurer, at Library Advocacy Day in Jefferson City.



LEFT: (pictured left to right) Washington Library Director Nelson Appell, Scenic Regional Library Director Steve Campbell, State Representative Aaron Griesheimer, Washington Library Assistant Director Kim Brumgard, and Sullivan Branch Manager Kecia Philpot, at Library Advocacy Day in Jefferson City.



Sullivan had a special guest reader from Wolfner Library March 11. Ms. Lisa Hellman visited and brought special books and activities demonstrating to our students what storytime would be like for the visually impaired.



Miss Roxanne visited Sheila's Daycare March 11. They talked about unicorns and hats then danced to a wiggle song and played the shape game.



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.



Scenic Regional Library Foundation Donor Wall "Book" Order Form

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