Scenic Regional Library
ANNUAL REPORT

July 2021 - June 2022
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“Great library. Has good selection and seems to have quite a few classes as well.”
- Pacific branch patron

“Awesome thank you. We were in the Owensville location today and were helped greatly by the two ladies that were there. It’s such a nice library and we look forward to going there more!”
- Owensville branch patron

“Thank you so much for making my girl’s day!!”
- Warrenton branch patron
LOCATIONS

Administration
251 Union Plaza Dr.
636-583-0652
Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm
Sat/Sun: Closed
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Hermann
123-A Bavarian Hills Blvd.
573-486-2024
Sun: Closed
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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New Haven
200 Douglas St.
573-237-2189
Sun: Closed
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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Owensville
503 S. Olive St.
573-437-2188
Sun: Closed
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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Pacific
111 Lamar Parkway
636-257-2712
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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St. Clair
515 E. Springfield Rd.
636-629-2546
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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Sullivan
525 Cumberland Way
573-468-4372
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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Union
251 Union Plaza Dr.
636-583-3224
Sun: Closed
Mon-Thurs: 9am-8pm
Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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Warrenton
912 S. Hwy. 47
636-456-3321
Sun: Closed
Mon-Thurs: 9am-8pm
Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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Wright City
60 Wildcat Dr.
636-384-1136
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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“This is the best library I have ever been to and I’m 66. The ladies are so kind, professional and helpful.”
- Jeanne W., Owensville branch patron

“This place is magical!”
- 7 year-old Union branch patron
# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## 2021/2022 Officers

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**LIBRARY VISITS**

- **= 10,000 Visits**

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**We Answered:**

- **10,764** Reference Questions
- **11,232** Technology Questions!

**LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED**

- **# of New Cards Issued:** 5,233
- **# of Active Users:** 18,312
- **# of e-Card Holders:** 1,355

“Talk about a wonderful asset to the community! Fantastic space, great selection of materials, and an incredibly helpful staff.”

- Trudy J., Sullivan branch patron
In June, the library completed a five-year, $24 million building project with the opening of its new branch in Hermann. The project doubled the library’s square footage of public service space system-wide.

The new branch features a 1,000-square-foot public meeting room; two public study rooms; two shaded patios; a fireplace; a café; a self-check system; a teen area with an Xbox One for gaming; a children’s area with various activities, and a 2,000-square-foot community art gallery.

“It looks amazing!!! I remember how excited I was when the last new Hermann location opened, and this one looks absolutely fabulous.”
- Shaley N., Hermann branch patron

CURBSIDE SERVICE

Curbside Service Utilized:
345 Times
BORROWING AND LENDING

Borrowed from Evergreen Libraries: **44,706**
Lent to Evergreen Libraries: **35,931**
Internal Between Branches: **37,467**

“Hi, my name is Michelle, I live in Clinton, MO. You sent Daniel Silva’s book *The Cellist* (to) my library so I could read it. I just wanted to say Thank You! I really enjoyed reading it.”

- Michelle, Clinton, MO resident

CIRCULATION

“I love Libby. Glad you showed me how to use it.”

- Barb D., patron

Total Physical Item Circulation: **454,009**
6.35% increase from 2020-2021

Total E-circulation: **168,664**
6.38% increase from 2020-2021
NON-TRADITIONAL CIRCULATION

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<td>Chromebooks</td>
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“We visited the library to utilize their passport agent services. They were very professional, well-informed and friendly. Their knowledge and experience with the new passport requirements and application process saved us a lot of time and frustration.”
- Nick, Pacific branch patron

SELF-CHECK CIRCULATION

76,717 Items Checked Out Using Self-Check
(16.9% of all checkouts)

• Self-check machines at New Haven and Hermann went live in September, making self-check service available at all nine Scenic Regional Library branches!

“Huge selection...Even fishing poles and things you wouldn’t expect to be able to borrow from a library.”
- Zombie H.

PASSPORTS

We processed 671 passports
MOBILE HOTSPOTS AND CHROMEBOOKS

175 hotspots and 298 chromebooks were added to circulation thanks to a $246,498 Federal Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant.

“An overall amazing experience. The library has a fresh, modern look and feel with places to read and relax both indoors and outdoors, to include an outdoor patio area. There are also conveniences such as coffee, high-speed internet and meeting/study rooms available. The library staff are friendly and helpful. Highly recommended!”
- J.R.S., New Haven branch patron

MEETING ROOMS

Meeting Rooms used 1,072 times by:

- Healthcare groups
- Chambers of commerce
- Farmers’ markets committees
- Scout troops
- Government organizations
- Local charities
- Action groups
- Churches
- Blood drives
- Hobby groups

- St. Clair branch patron
**COMPUTER USAGE**

Computer Usage: 49,938  
10.4% increase

Wireless Usage: 57,954  
9.2% increase

“I just went to the library to use a computer to write up a document that I needed to print. My printer at home died, so this was quick and easy.”  
- Ron R., patron

**YOUTH OUTREACH**

“Franklin County 4-H is thankful for you! 4-H programming would not be possible without community partners like you! We are continually appreciative of our ability to use your fishing poles for programming. We look forward to impacting more youth lives in the coming year.”  
- Tanner A., patron

“The (third grade summer school) class that visited today stopped on their way out to thank us for letting them visit the library every week. Around half the class and teacher came up as they were leaving to say thank you.”  
- Doug W., St. Clair branch staff member

Daycare & School Outreach: 218 visits reaching 11,346 students and teachers.
DATABASE USAGE

Total: 144,237

“This is amazing. I am using again for sure.”
- 9th grader, re: Tutor.com

COLLECTIONS

Total Physical: 289,556 4.7% increase
Total Digital: 27,445 10.1% increase
ADULT PROGRAMMING

“"I love coming to the adult events on Tuesday evening and have made tons of new friends through that. I also enjoy being able to borrow books and magazines on my tablet from the comfort of my armchair. I love my library and all the ladies who work there!!”

- Linda D., Warrenton branch patron

In 2021-2022 we offered 512 programs reaching 7,285 adults.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

"Thanks so much. The boys had a blast today! This was an excellent program!"

- Virtual “How to Draw” Program Attendee

"Thanks for another great storytime Mrs. White! Jack had a roaring good time!"

- Owensville branch patron

In 2021-2022 we offered 782 programs reaching 16,935 children and teens.
2,427 items delivered, filling 139 teacher requests

“I’ve used this service a few times and they are AMAZING to work with.”
- Coleen Z., teacher

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Total Participants: 497
11 Children have completed the program by reading 1,000 books!
ADULT OUTREACH

- Staff facilitated 157 visits to 2,526 senior citizens at nursing homes and senior centers in all three counties.

BOOKS-BY-MAIL

- We currently have 73 Books-by-Mail patrons in all 3 counties!

SPANISH LANGUAGE MATERIALS

To better serve our Spanish speaking communities, we curated a collection of Spanish language materials.

Spanish books for adults: 161
Spanish books for children: 275
Spanish eBooks: 546

“Thank you for adding this new (Spanish Language) section. I’m sure I’ll enjoy each book.”
- Maria C., Wright City branch patron
Thank you to our Partners and Sponsors:

- Number of programs: 91
- Total attendance: 1,001
- Micro Ghost Story Writing Contest: 63 participants
- Books distributed to the public/schools: 1,300 free copies

“Love this book and love this idea!!! Thank you for the opportunity.”
- Jason H., patron

I’ve never read this, not sure how or why, it’s one of my favorite stories!! So excited about this!!
- Michelle M., patron
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**Oceans of Possibilities**

Participants in 2022

- 2,227 Children
- 321 Teens
- 1,036 Adults

“Thank you for the summer reading program! Our kids loved going to the Magic House and we loved saving the money!! AND the added bonus was all the time spent reading together to lead to the tickets.”

- Warrenton branch patron

“I just want to thank you so very much for providing the kids club today. My daughter and son are still talking about it. :) Ms Jenny did amazing with the story and crafts. It seriously blesses me so much that there are things like this for our kids. I will totally be doing as many as we can from here on out. Thank you again.”

- New Haven branch patron

COMMUNITY GARDEN

2022 Spring planting season:
14 garden beds checked out
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- Friends of the Library groups donated $15,670 for the purchase of musical instruments for the children’s patios at four branches. There are now 12 instruments system-wide.
Fall 2021 was Scenic’s second-largest ever Book Sale.

Each Friends of the Library group has the opportunity to run the book sale at its branch and receive revenue.

“I have never met more friendly, caring, kind, and generous people than the folks that work here at the library. God Bless every one of you! I will never forget the generosity I have received from all of them...One day I will pay that forward!!!”

- Shane L., patron
“This is the best use of (my) tax dollars ever spent.”
- Union branch patron

“We had another nice patron this morning. He used our notary services and after he came up to the desk and handed me $20.00. He said I know you don’t charge for notary services but I want to donate $20.00 to the library.”
- Union branch employee

**EXPENDITURES**

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- State Aid: 1.6%
- Interest Income: 0.5%
- Grants: 3.6%
- Miscellaneous: 1.6%
- Property Taxes: 92.7%
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